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# WEEK SEVEN

November 9, 2008



Kutztown's Brandon Stokley grasps the "Hail Mary" from Tony Romo while the Knight's Nnamdi Asomugha tries in vain to break it up. The catch won it with 1 second left.

## ROMO THE MAGICIAN PULLS RABBIT OUT OF HAT!

*42-YARD "HAIL MARY" TD WITH  
ONE SECOND LEFT WINS GAME  
FOR GOLDEN BEARS*



LOS ANGELES

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KUTZTOWN

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KUTZTOWN - As the Kutztown Coach, **Pete Katsafanas** sat, head in hands, on the sidelines (almost looking as if he were sleeping) pondering perhaps how his team had lost a 15-point lead and were about to lose the game because of it, his Golden Bears were about to pull off one of the greatest ever EFL comebacks.

The home tome Bears had been cruising along at one point – **Tony Romo** had thrown his third TD pass of the day, a 6-yard out pattern to **Aaron Stecker**, at the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to put Kutztown on top 21-6. The crowd had been roaring loudly and the Los Angeles offense had looked uncoordinated under the guidance of back up QB, **Brodie Croyle**. A comeback by the Knights had appeared very unlikely.

Perhaps due to complacency, or maybe cockiness, Romo followed up his great start with a careless mistake that got the Knights back in the game. Back-peddling to set up a screen pass, Romo faced pressure from a charging **Tamba Hali**. As he started to fall backwards he flung the ball wildly toward his line and into the arms of LA's **Charles Woodson**, who ran it back 27 yards untouched for a TD. The Knights added a chip shot field goal by Kris Brown soon after to close the gap to 21-16 for Kutztown, setting the table for an eventful final 3 minutes.

The Golden Bears missed a chance to ice the game when **Nate Kaeding** missed a 49-yard field goal attempt with a strong wind at his back. The Knights offense, sporadic for most of the day, pounced on the chance. Starting at their 39 yard line, with little more than one minute left, **Kevin Jones** burst off left tackle for a 32-yard run. Then **Brodie Croyle**, showing patience and poise, completed 4 of 5 passes in bringing his team the rest of the way, scoring on a 5-yard TD pass to **Steve Smith**. With 44 seconds left in the game, the Knights were doing their Happy Dance, in front for the first time that day, 23-21.

The Bears got the ball back at their own 24 yard line with a mere 30 seconds left on the clock. Looking to keep the pressure on Romo, LA sent only 5 defensive backs onto the field, and sent **Shawne Merriman** on the blitz. **Plaxico Burress** got free and made a tiptoe catch deep down the sideline for a 34-yard gain. Romo tried to find Burress again deep down the center of the field but the ball sailed incomplete. With 3 second left and the Knights 'D' frothing at the mouth, Romo took a deep drop and flung it high and long and into the arms of a leaping **Brandon Stokley**, who out-jumped track star **Nnamdi Asomugha** for the ball. It was Romo's 4<sup>th</sup> TD pass of the game and an unbelievable one at that, giving Kutztown their 4<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

11-08-2008 Lincoln Financial Field Temp: 69 Wind: 5-15 MVP: Romo			First Downs	LAK	KUT
2007 Los Angeles (3-4)	3	3 7 10 - 23	Rushes	35-220	14-77
2007 Kutztown (4-3)	7	7 7 7 - 28	Passes	31-18-152	54-32-388
			Sacked	1-5	3-15
1 14:31 Kutztown	TD Romo 25 pass to Clark (Kaeding) (2-25-0:14)	0-7	Fumble	2	2
1 9:18 Los Angeles	FG Brown 39 (9-46-4:58)	3-7	Penalties	8-61	2-23
2 2:22 Los Angeles	FG Brown 29 (5-29-1:26)	6-7	Turnovers	2	4
2 1:02 Kutztown	TD Romo 17 pass to Stokley (Kaeding) (8-78-1:07)	6-14	Time	33:02	26:54
3 9:12 Kutztown	TD Romo 6 pass to Stecker (Kaeding) (12-73-5:34)	6-21	Third Down	3-14	3-10
3 4:52 Los Angeles	TD Woodson 27 interception return (Brown,K) (0-0-0:00)	13-21	Fourth Down	2-3	0-1
4 5:59 Los Angeles	FG Brown 19 (13-77-7:38)	16-21	Net Offense	367	450
4 0:44 Los Angeles	TD Croyle 5 pass to Smith (Brown,K) (6-61-0:58)	23-21			
4 0:01 Kutztown	TD Romo 42 pass to Stokley (Kaeding) (3-76-0:29)	23-28			



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**CHARLESWOOD**



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**IOWA CITY**

**PETERSON BREAKS OUT IN PAT'S WIN**

**GAME POINTS:** Iowa City's secondary thought they had **Peyton Manning's** number with two interceptions in the Pat's first possessions, the second returned by **Antrel Rolle** for the game's first TD. However, Charleswood's leader recovered like a pro, throwing 2 TD passes on the Pat's next two possessions to stake the Patriots to a 14-13 half time lead. In a fair turnabout, **Jeff Garcia** was intercepted on the opening drive of the second half but the Pats failed to get into the end zone on 4<sup>th</sup> and goal from the 1 yard line. The Pats defense held off the Cub's offense in the second half while their offense chipped away with 3 **Stephen Gostkowski** field goals to extend their lead and stay undefeated.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 198 yards on 28 carries, setting up opportunities but failing to find the end zone. **Kyle Vanden Bosch** had 12 tackles and 1 sack. **Ronnie Brown** carried the ball 15 times for 139 yards but also did not score.

11-04-2008 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 62 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Peterson			First Downs	CHP	ICC
2007 Charleswood (7-0)	7	7 3 6 - 23	Rushes	33-209	25-172
2007 Iowa City (5-2)	7	6 0 0 - 13	Passes	25-16-226	19-13-159
			Sacked	1-5	4-26
1 7:22 Iowa City	TD Rolle 37 interception return (Feely) (0-0-0:00)	0-7	Fumble	0	1
1 5:20 Charleswood	TD Manning 12 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (4-80-2:02)	7-7	Penalties	4-31	6-40
2 14:51 Charleswood	TD Manning 17 pass to Johnson (Gostkowski) (7-62-2:37)	14-7	Turnovers	2	2
2 10:01 Iowa City	FG Feely 24 (7-63-4:36)	14-10	Time	32:32	27:27
2 2:27 Iowa City	FG Feely 26 (8-86-5:12)	14-13	Third Down	3-9	6-12
3 6:13 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 48 (5-11-3:23)	17-13	Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
4 14:11 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 19 (12-73-5:48)	20-13	Net Offense	430	305
4 3:14 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 24 (9-58-5:50)	23-13			



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**WINNETT**



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**MARKHAM**

**GLADS SHUTOUT STARS TO WIN 4<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT**

**GAME POINTS:** A gritty goal line stand by the Gladiators turned the tables on a Markham drive in the first quarter and the North Stars were never the same again. **Jamal Lewis** was stopped just short of the goal line on 4<sup>th</sup> down and one, then the Glads went on a long 77-yard march, eating up almost 9 minutes of the clock, for a 39-yard **Josh Brown** field goal. **Carson Palmer** would look dominant to start the second half, throwing a 6-yard TD pass to **Braylon Edwards** after going 6 of 7 for 74 yards on the 80-yard drive. Markham's last red zone opportunity ended in disaster as **Mike McKenzie** returned a **Matt Hasselbeck** interception 99 yards for game's critical blow.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Carson Palmer** was efficient; completing 20 of 27 passes for 215 yards and 1 TD, while **Matt Hasselbeck** was the opposite; completing only 12 passes out of 25 attempts for 95 yards and 3 interceptions.

11-05-2008 The Dawg Pound Temp: 0 Wind: MVP: Palmer								
2007 Gwinnett (4-3)	0	6	14	3	-23	First Downs	17	13
2007 Markham (2-5)	0	0	0	0	-0	Rushes	28-105	27-120
						Passes	27-20-215	25-12-95
						Sacked	0-0	1-6
2 9:48 Gwinnett	FG Brown	39	(14-77-8:43)		3-0	Fumble	1	0
2 1:52 Gwinnett	FG Brown	40	(10-68-4:34)		6-0	Penalties	1-5	0-0
3 9:57 Gwinnett	TD Palmer	6	pass to Edwards (Brown,J) (9-80-4:50)		13-0	Turnovers	1	3
3 2:49 Gwinnett	TD McKenzie	99	interception return (Brown,J) (0-0-0:00)		20-0	Time	32:28	27:27
4 11:20 Gwinnett	FG Brown	25	(6-22-4:24)		23-0	Third Down	5-10	6-11
						Fourth Down	0-0	1-3
						Net Offense	320	209



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**WINNEMUCCA**



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**RINGGOLD**

### HAWKS SWOOP DOWN ON OUTLAWS

**GAME POINTS:** Maurice Jones-Drew gained 48 yards on 8 carries to power a key 68 yard Ringgold touchdown drive that put the Crimson Hawks in control. After a steady diet of the Ringgold running back, the Outlaws guessed pass and went after **Ben Roethlisberger** with a nasty blitz, but Big Ben dodged rookie **Keith Rivers** and found **Chris Chambers** open behind the line for an 8-yard TD pass to put the Hawks in the lead, 13-3 to close off the first half. The Outlaw's offence was derailed due to consistent penetration of Ringgold's defenders into the Winnemucca backfield. **David Garrard** was sacked 4 times and 8 plays from scrimmage went for negative yardage.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Maurice Jones-Drew was an all-purpose performer, gaining 85 yards on the ground, 21 through the air, and 58 yards on 2 punt returns. **Ben Roethlisberger** completed 14 of 22 passes for 155 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT. **Julius Jones** typified the overall performance of the Winnemucca offence, gaining a paltry 39 yards on 14 carries.

11-07-2008 The Hawk's Nest Temp: 57 Wind: 5-15 MVP: Jones-Drew								
2007 Winnemucca (1-6)	3	0	3	0	-6	First Downs	6	16
2007 Ringgold (2-5)	3	10	0	7	-20	Rushes	22-49	32-122
						Passes	21-14-97	27-14-155
						Sacked	4-21	3-19
1 10:24 Winnemucca	FG Vinatieri	37	(6-27-2:38)		3-0	Fumble	0	1
1 3:28 Ringgold	FG Suisham	31	(13-66-6:53)		3-3	Penalties	7-44	5-32
2 8:33 Ringgold	FG Suisham	26	(4-38-1:41)		3-6	Turnovers	1	1
2 0:13 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger	8	pass to Chambers (Suisham) (13-68-6:0)		3-13	Time	25:47	34:13
3 3:18 Winnemucca	FG Vinatieri	43	(10-48-6:22)		6-13	Third Down	3-13	4-14
4 8:10 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger	19	pass to Royal (Suisham) (4-30-2:57)		6-20	Fourth Down	0-1	2-2
						Net Offense	125	258



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**ANCHORAGE**



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**COWTOWN**

### COWTOWN RAINS ON BUCS

**GAME POINTS:** Chad Pennington caught the Bucs defense crowding the line and connected with **Kevin Walter** on the fly for a 22-yard TD pass that opened the scoring for the Corn Kings. Cowtown dominated the first half but was ahead only 14-0 heading into the locker room after two turnovers inside the Anchorage 10 yard line prevented an early blowout. The balance did not change much in the second half – the best scoring opportunity for Anchorage ending on the Cowtown 33 yard line after a 4<sup>th</sup> down incomplection. The disoriented Bucs offense had poor field position all day and failed to enter the Cowtown red zone.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** It was a miserable day in the rain for **Drew Brees**. The Anchorage pivot threw 3 picks, two to corner, **Walt Harris**, and completed only 41% of his passes for a game day QB rating of 26.9. **Marion Barber** rushed for 103 yards and a TD on 18 carries and **Laurence Maroney** added another 86 yards on 13 carries to lead a 210-yard Cowtown rushing attack.

11-07-2008 Tillman Field Temp: 61 Wind: 0-5 Rain MVP: Harris					ANC	COW	
2007 Anchorage (2-5)	0	0	0	- 0	First Downs	9	17
2007 Cowtown (2-5)	7	7	3	- 20	Rushes	12-31	44-210
					Passes	46-19-194	19-13-153
					Sacked	1-4	0-0
1 9:39 Cowtown	TD Pennington	22 pass to Walter (Hanson,J)	(9-72-5:08)	0-7	Fumble	1	3
2 7:52 Cowtown	TD Barber	11 run (Hanson,J)	(1-11-0:13)	0-14	Penalties	6-30	2-15
3 12:53 Cowtown	FG Hanson	26 (3-9-2:02)		0-17	Turnovers	4	3
4 1:57 Cowtown	FG Hanson	21 (3-2-0:27)		0-20	Challenges	0-0	0-1
					Time	22:04	37:56
					Third Down	2-14	5-14
					Fourth Down	1-5	0-0
					Net Offense	221	363



DURHAM

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CHINO

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### CONVICTS HANDCUFF LIZARDS

**GAME POINTS:** Jay Cutler tossed an 11-yard TD pass to **Reggie Brown** to give Chino a 17-3 lead over the Thunder Lizards at half time. Durham gave up 2 turnovers on the day; both costly. In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, **Philip Rivers** fumbled on the Chino 8 yard line after being sacked by **James Harrison**, squandering an early opportunity to tie the game. The Convicts then broke the game open early in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when linebacker **D'Qwell Jackson** picked up a **Frank Gore** fumble and carried it 36 yards to the end zone to extend the lead to 24-3.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Jay Cutler was ultra-efficient; completing 17 of 21 pass attempts for 220 yards and 2 TDs. **LaDainian Tomlinson** rushed for 88 yards and scored a TD to give him a league-leading 13 on the season. **Reggie Brown** caught 7 passes for 88 yards and 2 TDs. **Philip Rivers** was 12 of 16 for 182 yards and 1 TD. **Frank Gore** was held to just 36 yards on 9 carries.

11-08-2008 The Big House Temp: 71 Wind: 5-15 MVP: Cutler					DTL	CHI	
2007 Durham (3-4)	0	3	7	- 10	First Downs	15	21
2007 Chino (5-2)	7	10	14	- 31	Rushes	27-67	32-131
					Passes	26-19-247	21-17-220
					Sacked	2-8	0-0
1 6:14 Chino	TD Tomlinson	6 run (Reed,J)	(8-62-3:26)	0-7	Fumble	2	2
2 9:36 Durham	FG Crosby	31 (10-47-5:26)		3-7	Penalties	6-55	4-35
2 2:35 Chino	FG Reed	46 (11-33-6:41)		3-10	Turnovers	2	1
2 0:43 Chino	TD Cutler	11 pass to Brown (Reed,J)	(5-58-0:55)	3-17	Time	27:38	32:15
3 14:42 Chino	TD Jackson	36 yd fumble recovery (Reed,J)	(0-0-0:00)	3-24	Third Down	3-13	4-9
3 9:09 Durham	TD Rivers	12 pass to Portis (Crosby,M)	(10-73-5:20)	10-24	Fourth Down	2-3	0-0
3 6:00 Chino	TD Cutler	14 pass to Brown (Reed,J)	(5-65-2:55)	10-31	Net Offense	306	351



FLORIDA

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PICKERING

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### BRADY HAS BANNER DAY

**GAME POINTS:** The Dragons got a virtuoso performance from their QB, **Tom Brady** and another interception return for a TD from their secondary, to romp to their seventh straight win and remain undefeated. Trailing 7-0, the Spartans fell into hot water when **Osi Umenyiora** pressured **Donovan McNabb** into a poor throw that landed in the arms of safety, **Ken Hamlin** and was returned the distance for a major. They were as good as cooked when **Brandon Marshall** caught a 22-yard TD pass from Brady to make the score 28-3 with 36 seconds left in the first half.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Tom Brady had his best game of the year; completing 19 of 22 passes for 242 yards and 4 TDs. **Osi Umenyiora** had 5 tackles, 3 sacks and 4 pressures to dominate the line of scrimmage. **Lofa Tatupu** had 7 tackles and 4 run stuffs. **Donovan McNabb** struggled, finishing with just 111 yards passing and a QB rating of 50.2.

11-08-2008 Thermopylae Stadium					MVP: Brady	FLD	PIC	
2007 Florida (7-0)	14	14	3	14	- 45	First Downs	23	12
2007 Pickering (3-4)	0	6	0	0	- 6	Rushes	31-135	25-64
						Passes	22-19-242	24-14-139
						Sacked	1-4	3-23
1 8:23 Florida	TD Brady 11 pass to Marshall (Nugent) (13-68-6:26)	7-0				Fumble	1	0
1 5:12 Florida	TD Hamlin 44 interception return (Nugent) (0-0-0:00)	14-0				Penalties	3-30	4-30
2 10:56 Florida	TD Brady 20 pass to Miller (Nugent) (8-61-4:38)	21-0				Turnovers	0	2
2 6:56 Pickering	FG Tynes 30 (8-54-3:49)	21-3				Time	31:26	28:32
2 0:36 Florida	TD Brady 22 pass to Marshall (Nugent) (5-79-1:18)	28-3				Third Down	8-10	8-13
2 0:09 Pickering	FG Tynes 48 (3-17-0:21)	28-6				Fourth Down	0-0	0-1
3 8:16 Florida	FG Nugent 33 (8-39-5:00)	31-6				Net Offense	373	180
4 12:21 Florida	TD Brady 3 pass to Houshmandzadeh (Nugent) (10-64-5:39)	38-6						
4 2:46 Florida	TD Rice 3 run (Nugent) (3-18-1:30)	45-6						



COLORADO



MOHAVE

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### THUNDERSNOW MELT IN MOHAVE DESSERT

**GAME POINTS:** Terrell Owens bowled over Kelly Jennings after snagging a short pass from Kurt Warner and charged into the end zone for a 9-yard TD pass, capping off an epic 19-play, 97 yard Mohave drive that drained the will of the Colorado defense. The Hellfire would go on to score 23 more points while the Thundersnow melted in the 111 degree Mohave heat. After carrying the load for the offense, Brian Westbrook would finally hit pay dirt himself, catching a 6-yard TD pass from Warner in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to make it 27-3.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Brian Westbrook rushed for 128 yards on 18 carries and caught 4 passes for 29 yards and a TD. Terrell Owens caught 7 passes for 101 yards and a TD. Kurt Warner threw 3 TD passes. Mohave controlled the ball for 40:49 minutes. John Beck, in his first start, completed 14 of 29 for 129 yards and 1 INT. Colorado gained only 8 yards on the ground.

11-08-2008 The Fiery Depths Temp: 111 Wind: Calm None					MVP: Westbrook	COL	MOH	
2007 Colorado (0-7)	0	3	0	14	- 17	First Downs	11	26
2007 Mohave (6-1)	10	10	10	10	- 40	Rushes	11-8	41-229
						Passes	38-18-162	31-22-239
						Sacked	2-14	3-14
1 8:52 Mohave	TD Warner 6 pass to Daniels (Bironas) (7-80-2:26)	0-7				Fumble	1	3
1 0:42 Mohave	FG Bironas 38 (11-51-6:39)	0-10				Penalties	5-48	4-35
2 3:51 Mohave	TD Warner 9 pass to Owens (Bironas) (19-97-9:23)	0-17				Turnovers	2	2
2 2:39 Colorado	FG Gould 48 (4-15-0:59)	3-17				Time	19:02	40:49
2 0:27 Mohave	FG Bironas 31 (6-46-1:51)	3-20				Third Down	3-12	6-15
3 7:06 Mohave	TD Warner 6 pass to Westbrook (Bironas) (3-15-1:21)	3-27				Fourth Down	1-2	3-3
3 2:53 Mohave	FG Bironas 43 (5-28-3:21)	3-30				Net Offense	156	454
4 11:38 Colorado	TD Ryan 6 pass to Johnson (Gould) (14-80-6:10)	10-30						
4 6:28 Colorado	TD Rossum blk punt ret -3 (Gould) (0-0-0:00)	17-30						
4 2:22 Mohave	FG Bironas 38 (4-44-3:52)	17-33						
4 0:51 Mohave	TD Mendenhall 8 run (Bironas) (2-12-0:16)	17-40						

### INJURY REPORT - Out this Week

**ANCHORAGE** – Ogden (finger), Jeanty (finger); **CHARLESWOOD** – Norwood (shaken); **CHINO** – Newman (knee); **COLORADO** – Pryce (hand), Vasher (shaken), Kevin Smith (shaken); **COWTOWN** – Hackett (knee); **DURHAM** – Stroud (knee), W. Jones (neck); **FLORIDA** – None; **GWINNETT** – None; **IOWA CITY** – J.P. Losman (shaken), Washington (knee); **KUTZTOWN** – M. Harrison (elbow), Winfield (neck), L. Johnson (knee); **LOS ANGELES** – Hope (shoulder); **MARKHAM** – C. Brown (shaken), Robinson (arm); **MOHAVE** – J. Mathis (neck), Ellison (eye); **PICKERING** – S. Taylor (wrist), Wrihster (shaken), Sensabaugh (hand); **RINGGOLD** – Holmes (toe); **WINNEMUCCA** – Leftwich (hamstring), M. Brown (shaken), J. Walker (elbow), W. Anderson (stinger), Jansen (knee), Tinoisamoia (knee), P. Thomas (elbow), T. Kelly (shaken), M. Smith (knee).





# AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Voters in Harlem spilled out into the streets to celebrate Barack Obama’s election victory while voters on Wall Street...the few left who still have work, or the balls to show up for work...well who cares what they did. They did their damage already and now we have *this* – an over-excited, starry-eyed neophyte in the White House! It figures that the one election I did not vote in is the one with the biggest voter turnout in a century. Am I out of touch, or just *really in touch*? The only thing worse than Obama as President would have been that Hockey Mom with the Amex Gold Card, Sarah Palin stepping in for a creaky-boned John McCain. Where’s Barry Goldwater when you need him?

### ***MISSING: THE SFL***

There is still no official word on the status of the SFL, but the rumours are flying. They range from the plausible – the remaining teams are reorganizing the schedule and will restart play soon; to the unlikely – the SFL will merge with the **Tex-Mex football League** or the **Canadian Football League**; to the ridiculous – the SFL is remodeling itself as a pick-up Flag Football League playing all of it’s games in New York’s Central Park while Mimes, Acrobats and Clowns entertain the children of families out for a Sunday stroll so their parents can watch the games.

While flipping through satellite TV’s thousand-channel universe, however, I did stumble upon a **Tiny Football League** game on the Women’s Network between the **Driftwood Bullies** and the **Big Pond Pandas**. I checked the guide and it looks like the TFL has scheduled a full slate of games for the winter with playoffs scheduled for mid-January. Of course, all the games are between the Bullies and the Pandas so by the time the season is over the rivalry will either be really intense or really boring.

### ***QUOTE OF THE DAY***

I like **Pickering Spartan’s** coach, **Gus Konstantakos**. In the media scrum after the Spartan’s humbling 45-6 loss to the **Florida Dragons**, Konstantakos looked straight at the throng of reporters and pronounced, “gentlemen, before you start asking me questions let me tell you what I think. *This was an ass-kicking of the highest magnitude.*” Now that’s something I might have said about the game but Gus beat me to it. You have to respect a coach who takes the fun out of being a Media Sniper.

### ***THE PLAY WHEN TIME STOOD STILL***

Did anybody else notice the weird clock shenanigans in **Kutztown’s** “miracle” comeback win against the Knights? When **Tony Romo** set under center immediately prior to his now famous “Hail Mary,” there were 3 seconds remaining on the clock. After **Brandon Stokley** ran the 40-yard dash towards the end zone and made that heroic leap to glory, there was one second left on the clock. Now somebody please tell me how that is possible! Did the intensity of the on-field drama cause a temporary warp in the space/time continuum that caused seconds to expand in duration and the field to shrink in size? Is Brandon Stokley the “Fastest Man on Earth?” Or did the clock operator at Lincoln Financial Field get so caught up in the game that he forgot to press the switch when the play started? In any case, nobody, including the referees, seemed to notice at the time as Kutztown fans went berserk and **Los Angeles** fans gaped in horror. As if the play was so improbable that anything was believable, nobody said anything about it until much later when the excitement had died down and the stats were being reviewed. In the ensuing conspiracy to keep fans focused on the amazing play and away from the amateurishness of the officials, the topic was not covered on ESPN highlight segments or in other mainstream media. But since I am such an ass I am bringing it up here and am asking you to sign my online petition at [EFLRefssuck.org](http://EFLRefssuck.org) to have the clock guy in Kutztown and the Head Referee fired.

### **UNIFORM NAZIS STRIKE A BLOW FOR CAPITALISM**

Rules pertaining to uniforms in professional sports are supposed to be strict and clear. Otherwise who knows what stunts teams would pull to gain an edge. The rules are for both practical and stylistic reasons: a solid colour jersey and a white jersey to differentiate the teams easily on the field; and no dresses, to keep the weirdoes and the Scots away! Restricting endorsements to league-sanctioned decals also helps reduce the visual clutter. But the recent decree from the EFL Head Office mandating so-called “special,” or third, jerseys reeks of the kind of rule a whimsical dictatorship might make. I love it! Since the idea of throw-back uniforms, two years into a league’s existence, is silly on its face, the EFL has directed each team to create a “special” uniform, like a ceremonial uniform, for use by home teams on certain special days as decreed by the EFL. **Cowtown**, home of the grumpy old men of the EFL Establishment, unveiled its special uniform at a Press Conference yesterday – a nauseatingly bright solid yellow/gold jersey with green numbers. All teams have been directed to have a third jersey designed, approved, and *marketed* no later than Week Ten. Notice how I italicized “marketed?” That is the key, of course! The league gets a cut from the sale of all official EFL merchandise. A third jersey will expand the league’s revenue once the jersey has been worn at least once in a game. Obsessive fans will not be able to resist buying a third jersey to pay homage to a favourite player. Sources at the league tell me that the EFL has tentatively designated the week of Christmas as the week when all home teams will be required to wear their third jersey. I can’t wait to see this!

### **NEW YORK GRIPES**

The **Mohave Hellfire** ran up the score on the helpless **Thundersnow** after **Colorado** accidentally scored 17 points. Although the outcome of the game was never in doubt, 17 points by the hapless Thundersnow was nothing less than a sharp blow to the honour of the Hellfire. While teams like **Markham** and **Anchorage** were able to shutout Colorado in earlier games, Mohave, one of the league’s top performing teams, actually surrendered a touchdown to the Colorado offense after an 80 yard drive. In a desperate attempt to save face, Mohave ran actual running plays while up 33-17 with less than one minute remaining in the game against a red-faced and exhausted Colorado ‘D.’ The resulting TD pushed the Mohave point total to 40; an acceptable amount of offence against the league’s worst team and almost enough to erase the disgrace of giving up 17 points to them.

A reader e-mailed me to ask me what EFL team I cheer for. I answered that I do not “cheer” for any team. Cheering is for women and young boys. Men *support* their teams. As for which team I support, my team is the New York team that does not exist yet. When it arrives, sign me up for the booster club. Until that day I support the front-runner which, this year, is **Florida**. Although I must admit that I admire the **Patriot’s** commitment to winning, and the **Cub’s** grit, Florida is a head above both and, therefore, the team I like.

How does **Adrian Peterson** rush for 198 yards and *not* receive Offensive Player of the Week honours? Because **Tony Romo** got wildly lucky and threw a fourth TD pass with one second left to win the game, that’s why! You can’t really argue with it. I see a new **Brett Favre** emerging in Kutztown.

## **WEEK SEVEN LEADERS**

### **Passing Yards**

Romo (KUT)	54-32-388
Brady,T (FLD)	22-19-242
Warner,K (MOH)	31-22-239
Manning,P (CHP)	25-16-226
Cutler (CHI)	21-17-220

### **Rushing Yards**

Peterson,A (CHP)	28-198
Brown,R (ICC)	15-139
Westbrook (MOH)	18-128
Young,S (LAK)	18-114
Barber,M (COW)	18-103

### **Receiving Yards**

Holt,T (CHI)	8-105
Owens,T (MOH)	7-101
Johnson, C (CHP)	5-95
Moss, R (ANC)	6-93
Brown,R (CHI)	7-88

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

### PACIFIC - ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	3	4	0	0.429	119	17	161	23	-6	2 1 0	3 0 0	3 2 0
Markham	2	5	0	0.286	108	15.4	140	20	-4.6	1 2 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Winnemucca	1	6	0	0.143	76	10.9	151	21.6	-10.7	0 4 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
Colorado	0	7	0	0.000	40	5.7	190	27.1	-21.4	0 4 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	5	2	0	0.714	206	29.4	120	17.1	12.3	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Iowa City	5	2	0	0.714	166	23.7	119	17	6.7	3 1 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Los Angeles	3	4	0	0.429	183	26.1	191	27.3	-1.1	2 1 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Anchorage	2	5	0	0.286	106	15.1	171	24.4	-9.3	1 3 0	0 3 0	2 3 0

### CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	7	0	0	1.000	178	25.4	61	8.7	16.7	3 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Kutztown	4	3	0	0.571	162	23.1	137	19.6	3.6	3 1 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Durham	3	4	0	0.429	133	19	144	20.6	-1.6	2 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Cowtown	2	5	0	0.286	107	15.3	146	20.9	-5.6	1 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	7	0	0	1.000	225	32.1	104	14.9	17.3	3 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Mohave	6	1	0	0.857	223	31.9	151	21.6	10.3	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Gwinnett	4	3	0	0.571	158	22.6	121	17.3	5.3	2 2 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Ringgold	2	5	0	0.286	113	16.1	196	28	-11.9	1 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Warner,K	MOH	182	120	65.9	1553	4	2.2	48	15	8.2	110.9
2	Brady,T	FLD	190	122	64.2	1468	2	1.1	56	14	7.4	108.0
3	Garcia,J	ICC	124	85	68.5	1124	3	2.4	51	7	5.6	105.7
4	Jackson,T	LAK	99	64	64.6	815	3	3.0	60	7	7.1	101.2
5	Garrard	WMO	145	93	64.1	931	1	0.7	29	7	4.8	95.5
6	Cutler	CHI	170	120	70.6	1343	8	4.7	34	9	5.3	91.9
7	Manning,P	CHP	185	116	62.7	1518	8	4.3	48	11	5.9	90.3
8	Rivers,P	DTL	198	123	62.1	1505	5	2.5	46	9	4.5	90.2
9	Romo	KUT	253	150	59.3	1755	10	4.0	51	12	4.7	79.7
10	McNabb	PIC	196	116	59.2	1216	5	2.6	50	7	3.6	78.5
11	Roethlisberger	RCH	163	97	59.5	1227	10	6.1	54	9	5.5	75.9
12	Palmer,C	GWG	217	128	59.0	1480	9	4.1	75	8	3.7	74.7
13	Hasselbeck	MAR	197	119	60.4	1175	9	4.6	46	7	3.6	70.1
14	Pennington	COW	165	94	57.0	1031	8	4.8	30	6	3.6	67.5
15	Brees	ANC	246	145	58.9	1505	14	5.7	50	10	4.1	66.5



## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Tomlinson	CHI	136	726	5.3	20	11	8	Williams,D	FLD	75	418	5.6	53	3
2	Barber,M	COW	135	693	5.1	56	4	9	Davenport	LAK	67	379	5.7	41	3
3	Peterson,A	CHP	111	579	5.2	72	5	10	Jones-Drew	RCH	82	379	4.6	59	0
4	Taylor,F	PIC	104	565	5.4	83	2	11	Gore	DTL	77	374	4.9	21	5
5	Westbrook	MOH	90	472	5.2	36	1	12	Parker,W	GWG	98	355	3.6	32	0
6	McGahee	ANC	105	461	4.4	16	1	13	Brown,R	ICC	42	320	7.6	60	0
7	Young,S	LAK	88	419	4.8	44	0	14	Brown,C	MAR	67	307	4.6	42	2
8	Williams,D	FLD	75	418	5.6	53	3	15	Lewis,J	MAR	71	306	4.3	54	1

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Ward,H	WMO	45	495	11	24	1	8	Gates,A	DTL	33	479	14.5	35	1
2	Holt,T	CHI	37	450	12.2	34	1	9	Fitzgerald	ICC	32	497	15.5	42	4
3	Smith,S	LAK	37	462	12.5	60	4	10	Stallworth	MAR	32	375	11.7	29	2
4	Gonzalez,T	GWG	37	318	8.6	21	3	11	Houshmandz	FLD	32	415	13	37	4
5	Wayne,R	GWG	35	527	15.1	55	0	12	Moss,R	ANC	32	464	14.5	44	3
6	Welker	CHP	34	425	12.5	33	2	13	Colston	ANC	32	299	9.3	24	2
7	Edwards,B	GWG	34	460	13.5	75	5	14	Johnson,C	CHP	32	497	15.5	35	4
8	Gates,A	DTL	33	479	14.5	35	1	15	Witten	CHP	30	408	13.6	48	4



### BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK SEVEN? Brylcreem continues to be a proud sponsor of the EFL

#### OFFENSE



**QB – Tony Romo, Kutztown G. Bears**  
54 Att., 32 Comp., 388 yds, 4 TDs, 2 INTs, 90.7 Rating  
Led amazing rally in final seconds to beat the Knights.

#### DEFENSE



**DE –Kyle Vanden Bosch, Charleswood Pats**  
12 Tackles, 1 Sack, 1 QB Pressure.  
Dominated the line of scrimmage against tough Cubs squad.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS



**Ret –Allen Rossum, Colorado ThndrSnow**  
3 KR, 86 yards, 28.7 avg., 57 yd long, 1 Fumble Return TD.  
Set up 3 points with KO return and scored 7 on Fumble recovery.

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### **JIMMY'S WEEK EIGHT PICKS**

#### **ANCHORAGE @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 15)**

The Buccaneers have turned the ball over 21 times, more than any other team, and are tied for last in the league in turnover differential at -8. The Patriots have turned the ball over only 8 times and are tied for the league lead in turnover differential at +13. On top of those telling stats, Charleswood has a record of 7-0 and Anchorage has a record of 2-5. The Bucs have to be the league's most disappointing team and the Pats one of the more dominant. So what more needs to be asked, other than, "is it possible for Anchorage to win, on the road, against the undefeated Patriots?" They can win if they run the ball more than 25 times, pass less than 40 times, turn the ball over 0 times, and.....get *really, really lucky!* Is it likely to all come together? No.

**PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

#### **LOS ANGELES @ DURHAM (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 1)**

This is one of those road games against a tough opponent that an aggressive team like the Knights could steal. The Lizards have been going to the air a lot, banking on the respect that opposing defenses must show to the running tandem of Frank Gore and Clinton Portis. The Knights have a very good secondary and a strong pass rush, which could spell trouble for young Philip Rivers except that the Knights have been giving up a lot of yards through the air due to their aggressive blitz scheme, designed to create the all-important turnover. The problem is the Knights have not been creating enough turnovers to make up the difference for the yards and scores they are surrendering through the air to the better offences. The personnel match-ups when Durham has the ball favour the Knights, but the opposing game plans favour Durham. The T-Lizards have one of the better front fives in the league – they respect, but do not fear, the LA blitz. When LA has the ball, they face a daunting challenge in the Durham defense. Marcus Stroud is out, but Dewayne Robertson is almost as serviceable in the interior of the line. Adrian Wilson is back from injury and he is a spark plug at safety. LA will have to use guile and deception against a sturdy Durham 'D' and hope that their own 'D' can rattle Durham's young pivot enough to score some takeaway points.

**PICK: DURHAM**

#### **CHINO @ COWTOWN (LINE – CONVICTS BY 4)**

Chino has the best run defense in the EFL and Cowtown's offense is built around the run. Although the Convicts have been vulnerable to the pass, the Corn Kings have struggled mightily in the passing game; ranked 15th in the league in combined passer rating. This match-up sets up a test of strength vs. strength and weakness vs. weakness when Cowtown has the ball. When Chino has the ball, the Convicts have a complete set of offensive weapons to throw at a Corn King's defense. That defense, although never dominant, has been containing the run well but underperforming against the pass. The King's front four are stout enough, but the linebackers and the secondary have been mediocre at best. The absence of last year's strong pass rush is putting pressure on the passing 'D' and injuries have been making the situation worse. The stars are aligned for passing opportunities for Jay Culter when LT is not called to duty. The Corn Kings have the home field, but it is unlikely to make much difference unless Cowtown brings their 'A' game to Tillman Field. While I would have picked Cowtown in a heartbeat last year, this year's version is a shadow of its former self while the Convicts are still near the top of the league.

**PICK: CHINO**

### **IOWA CITY @ KUTZTOWN (LINE – GOLDEN BEARS BY 1)**

The only team more magical than the Cubs is the Golden Bears. An in-your-face and critically successful passing game appears to be mostly responsible for the general mystique surrounding the unlikely 4-3 team with no running game. A bend-but-don't break defense with a flair for the key turnover appears to be responsible for the other part of their success. At home they are dominant – their only loss coming against the Florida Dragons, a team they pushed to the wall. Coming off of last week's incredible last second victory over Los Angeles, I am not ready to predict they will *not* beat the West Division leading Iowa City Cubs in an equally unpredictable fashion. However, the Cubs are a very good team with their own share of intangibles. In terms of real numbers they are 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league in pass defense and their run defense is more than adequate against the Golden Bear's occasional running game. Iowa City typically has exceptionally astute game day coaching to boost their performance. This one is tough to call, but my gut tells me that the Iowa offense will combine with Demeco Ryans and Patrick Willis to edge past the Bears.

**PICK: IOWA CITY**

### **WINNEMUCCA @ FLORIDA (LINE – DRAGONS BY 16)**

The 16-point line may not be enough to induce bettors to pick the Outlaws. It's certainly not enough for me. Give me 24 points and I might....I repeat, *might*....think about it. The child in me clings tenaciously to the belief that any EFL team can beat any other EFL on any given day, but that child no longer believes in Santa Claus. It would take Santa, twelve rabid reindeer, a sleigh equipped with two mounted heat-seeking missiles, a platoon of Elf Marines, and a well-aimed cluster bomb to blow a big enough hole in the Dragon's defense to allow David Garrard and Co. into the end zone. As for the other side....I am just glad I am not a Winnemucca defensive coach.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

### **COLORADO @ GWINNETT (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 14)**

The Gladiators have what amounts to a free pass to stay in the Can-Am Conference Wild Card race as they host the Colorado Thundersnow. Questions turn from who will win, to who will play well. Personally, I think the Gladiators are going to take out a lot of early-season anger on Colorado and win by 30 or more points. How can the Thundersnow prevent this? They can start by scoring some points. Then they can blitz like hell to put pressure on Carson Palmer. Blitz, blitz, blitz, is the answer. With Nathan Vasher still shaken and out for the game, there is nobody in the secondary capable of covering the tandem of Reggie Wayne and Braylon Edwards, so why bother? Stop the pass at its source – the quarterback. On the other side, the goal of the Colorado offense is to move the ball any way they can. Without a running game it will not matter which QB, John Beck or Matt Ryan, takes the field. So the Colorado offense has to develop a ground game or remain impotent.

**PICK: GWINNETT**

### **MARKHAM @ RINGGOLD (LINE – CRIMSON HAWKS BY 1)**

The North Stars need this game to keep pace with the Pickering Spartans in the East Division of the Pacific-Atlantic Conference. The Crimson Hawks are still dangerous after trading two of their top defenders, but this game is all about attitude more than talent. Markham is still in the Division race and has the attitude while the Hawks are sitting on the sidelines of theirs and are getting depressed. The Stars have been performing better than Ringgold defensively, while the Hawks have been marginally better offensively, but prone to turnovers. Markham is missing corner, Dunta Robinson, opening up room in the passing game for Dwayne Bowe and Chris Chambers, but a suspect Hawk's offensive line makes everything more difficult for the Ringgold offence even if it looks easy at first. Markham could actually win with a little luck, but they will need to bring everything to the table offensively to do it, and get a good game from linebacker, Mike Vrabel to boot. My heart, as cold as it is, says Markham, but my head, as big as it is, says Ringgold.

**PICK: RINGGOLD**

## **PICKERING @ MOHAVE (LINE – HELLFIRE BY 9)**

The Pickering tour of the top teams in the Can-Am Conference is not going as well as hoped. In the past two weeks, Charleswood and Florida have outscored the Spartans by a combined score of 79-16. It is not about to get better as Pickering travels to the blistering hot Mohave dessert in Week Eight to face the red hot Hellfire. Donovan McNabb is, as always, the wild card, who can lift his team to improbable heights or sink them all by himself, depending on the day. I guess we'll have to wait and see which McNabb shows up next week. He will have to be really good to keep pace with the EFL's top offense.

**PICK: MOHAVE**

### **SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY?????? HOW I'M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD**

**LAST WEEK: 8-0-0**

**OVERALL: 45-11-0**

## **EFL FOCUS**

A weekly tour of Media from around the EFL. This week we focus on.....

### **GWINNETT**



## **Gwinnett Gazette** *Marcus Aurelius (Maximus)*

### **News and Notes from Gwinnett** **By Marcus Aurelius**

Its been a few weeks since my last column when I wrote that Carson Palmer should be thrown to the Lions in a special promotion of "Gladiator Night". Well, I guess that must have inspired the lad as he has been on a tear with a 4-game winning streak to lead the Glads back to life and put them back in the playoff hunt. Of course, Florida has been too dominant to even think of a division title but a wild card spot is certainly in the cards. And did you hear about the new meditation specialist the Glads hired? When asked about it, Coach Birdsall said, I have not "bleeping" idea how it works, all I now is my wife said this guy hellped Sally down the street when she was having migraines and he got rid of them. So I said WTF, I'll give it a shot and see if he can help my guys. You saw the reports, I was losing two/three guys every frigging game. I hired him to put the guys in the zone. I have no idea how it works, only that we are getting results. We have now had back to back weeks with no injuries.

Who made the EFL schedule??? After last year's crucifixion of 8 straight road games, this year Gwinnett starts off with three games against who are arguably the top three teams in the EFL in Florida, Charleswood and Mohave. No wonder the Glads lost their first three! With as bad as Carson played, it was a miracle that Gwinnett actually led two of those games until late. Well, that same schedule maker has now graced the Glads with back to back games against expansion teams allowing the Glads to work in some rookies for the 2nd half. Of course, when "the man giveth, he taketh" as the Glads leave the warm Georgia fall/winter to play 5 of their last 7 on the road. Gwinnett must win these next two home games to have any hope.

Speaking of expansion, Gwinnett had an impressive win this past week over the expansion Markham North Stars with their first shutout in team history. Of course it took a missed 45-yard field goal, a goalline stance on 4th down from the Gald 1 plus a Mike McKenzie 99-yard interception return for 6 to keep it in tact, but it was impressive. Kudos to the opposing QB Matt Hasselbeck on his brain farts of thinking he was on the road as he threw 3 picks ( 1 other negated by a Gwinnett offsides) when having difficulty remembering the VISITORS had the brown on white jerseys while HIS team had white on brown. Luckily for him that Gaines Adams was a little anxious or a fourth pick would have been thrown as it was negated on the offsides. When asked after the game about it, he dropped a few F-Bombs and stormed off. Till next time, folks!