



2008

WEEK FIVE

October 26, 2008



Markham's Donte Stallworth lunges forward for a first down as Colorado's Domonique Foxworth tries to pull him back. Stallworth caught 7 passes, all for first downs, as the North Stars clobbered the Thundersnow, 24-0 in Week Five action.

MARKHAM STAYS IN EAST RACE WITH 24-0 WHITEWASH OF COLORADO!

North Stars grab early lead, defense holds as Thundersnow are shutout for 2nd straight game.



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MARKHAM – The Week 5 game between East Division rivals, **Markham North Stars** and the **Colorado Thundersnow** lived up to expectations, (unfortunately for the networks) as Markham improved to 2-3 by shutting out visiting **Colorado** 24-0 in a game that featured an early highlight-reel play, 4 turnovers, 12 punts, and 11 penalties.

Markham opened the game with a 12 play, 81 yard drive that culminated in 5-yard TD pass from **Matt Hasselbeck** to **Jeremy Shockey**. Colorado's first possession started promisingly but ended in disaster – they drove 56 yards down to Markham's 14 yard line only to have a 3rd down pass intercepted by **James Sanders** and returned 95 yards for a TD, giving Markham an early 14-0 lead. That would be more than enough offense for the North Stars on the day. Sander's lightning strike seemed to knock out what little fight the Colorado offense had brought to the contest, as the Thundersnow would not cross mid-field again. **Matt Hasselbeck** hooked up with backup tight end, **Billy Milner** for a 4 yard TD strike near the end of the first half to pad Markham's lead to 21-0 at halftime.

The second half saw many backups and offensive follies as the punting units for both teams featured prominently. **Ryan Lindell** accounted for the only second half score, nailing an easy 28-yard field goal in the third quarter to make the final count 24-0 for Markham. Coach **Kris Heaton**, showing little confidence in rookie, **Matt Ryan**, or perhaps wanting to protect him in a lost cause, called only 5 pass plays in the second half, four of them patterns of less than five yards from scrimmage.

Matt Hasselbeck finished 19 of 27 for 199 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT. **Donte' Stallworth** continued his torrid play, grabbing 7 catches for 97 yards. Stallworth stands at second in the league in receptions and holds the EFL single game catch record of 13, set against Anchorage last week and breaking **Mike Furrey's** record 11-catch performance of last year. On the defensive side of the ball for Markham, **James Sanders** had the big TD interception return but also was injured later in the game and is already listed as Out for Week 6. Colorado, having played stout defense for most of their games, showed the same fire at times in this one, but were inconsistent. Led by youngsters, **Corey Williams**, (4 tackles, a sack and two hurries); and **Jerod Mayo**, (8 tackles and one interception), this defense looks like a unit with a future. Unfortunately, that future is not close as they suffered a big blow to their defense with **Nathan Vasher** suffering a separated shoulder putting him out for 10 weeks.

10-23-2008 Cleveland Browns Stadium Temp: 56 Wind: 20-30 MVP: Stallworth			COL	MAR	
2007 Colorado (0-5)	0 0 0 0	- 0	First Downs	8	21
2007 Markham (2-3)	14 7 3 0	- 24	Rushes	28-80	31-151
			Passes	19-8-74	27-19-199
			Sacked	1-11	1-10
1 8:38 Markham	TD Hasselbeck 5 pass to Shockey (Lindell) (12-81-6:16)	0-7	Fumble	1	2
1 2:21 Markham	TD Sanders 95 interception return (Lindell) (0-0-0:00)	0-14	Penalties	5-35	6-40
2 1:04 Markham	TD Hasselbeck 4 pass to Milner (Lindell) (5-75-2:51)	0-21	Turnovers	2	2
3 7:17 Markham	FG Lindell 28 (12-52-6:16)	0-24	Time	28:01	31:59
			Third Down	6-13	3-9
			Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
			Net Offense	143	340



KUTZTOWN

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CHARLESWOOD

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BEARS TURN OVER GAME TO PATS

GAME POINTS: Assante Samuel intercepted the first two passes thrown by Tony Romo to set up two Stephen Gostkowski field goals and stake the Patriots to an early 6-0 lead. Kutztown struck back with a field goal of their own but Charleswood's Adrian Peterson ignored a key by the Bear's defense and dodged around left tackle for a 3-yard TD run to put the Pats up 13-3 at the half. The game-breaking score came in the 3rd quarter when Peterson ran 55 yards for his second TD of the game to give the Patriots a 20-3 lead.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Adrian Peterson rushed for 118 yards in 20 carries and 2 TDs. Kyle Vanden Bosch notched 2 sacks and 3 QB pressures in his first game with Charleswood. Assante Samuel had two INTs. Tony Romo had a dismal day, finishing 19 of 32 for 222 yards and 3 INTs.

10-21-2008 Patriot's Place Temp:75 Wind: MVP: Peterson			KUT	CHP	
2007 Kutztown (2-3)	0 3 0 3	- 6	First Downs	17	15
2007 Charleswood (5-0)	6 7 7 3	- 23	Rushes	23-94	32-140
			Passes	32-19-222	23-16-177
			Sacked	2-12	2-10
1 8:35 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 26 (9-35-4:37)	0-3	Fumble	0	1
1 7:08 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 31 (3--5-0:18)	0-6	Penalties	5-30	5-40
2 12:34 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 35 (4-60-2:21)	3-6	Turnovers	3	0
2 0:44 Charleswood	TD Peterson 3 run (Gostkowski) (13-75-5:02)	3-13	Time	26:56	32:56
3 8:54 Charleswood	TD Peterson 55 run (Gostkowski) (4-88-1:35)	3-20	Third Down	4-9	6-13
4 1:20 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 46 (3--3-2:07)	3-23	Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
4 0:05 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 21 (6-68-0:57)	6-23	Net Offense	304	307



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FLORIDA

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FLORIDA'S "FIREWALL" TORCHES HELLFIRE

GAME POINTS: The Dragons erupted for 24 points in the 2nd quarter to take a 24-10 half time lead over the Hellfire. Florida's defense played offense for the second straight week, scoring directly off of Mohave turnovers not once, but twice. Antonio Cromartie's 45-yard interception return for a TD stopped dead a Mohave attempt to tie the score before half time, giving Florida a 14-point cushion. Mohave narrowed the lead to 24-17 in the 3rd, but Darrelle Revis picked off Kurt Warner to set up a Tom Brady TD pass to Heath Miller half way through the 4th quarter to all but clinch the win.

KEY PERFORMANCES: The Florida defense forced 4 fumbles, recovering 3 of them, and made two interceptions to gain a +5 turnover edge. Tom Brady had his first 300-yard passing day, completing 23 of 35 for 301 yards and 2 TDs. Marshawn Lynch, replacing an injured Brian Westbrook, had a breakout day rushing for 125 yards and 2 TDs on 20 carries.

10-21-2008 Dragonmount Temp: 95 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Brady			MOH	FLD	
2007 Mohave (4-1)	3 7 7 7	-24	First Downs	14	22
2007 Florida (5-0)	0 24 3 7	-34	Rushes	22-133	27-98
			Passes	28-18-234	35-23-301
			Sacked	2-7	1-3
1 1:05 Mohave	FG Bironas 24 (5-59-2:24)	3-0	Fumble	4	2
2 13:23 Florida	TD Bodden 36 yd fumble recovery (Nugent) (0-0-0:00)	3-7	Penalties	5-26	9-57
2 10:18 Mohave	TD Warner 44 pass to McDonald (Bironas) (6-56-2:51)	10-7	Turnovers	5	0
2 5:33 Florida	FG Nugent 47 (6-11-1:40)	10-10	Time	25:04	34:48
2 1:15 Florida	TD Brady 16 pass to Houshmandzadeh (Nugent) (10-52-2:58)	10-17	Third Down	3-10	7-12
2 0:58 Florida	TD Cromartie 45 interception return (Nugent) (0-0-0:00)	10-24	Fourth Down	3-5	0-0
3 8:42 Mohave	TD Lynch 10 run (Bironas) (12-59-6:12)	17-24	Net Offense	360	396
3 0:04 Florida	FG Nugent 26 (15-71-8:38)	17-27			
4 6:59 Florida	TD Brady 11 pass to Miller (Nugent) (10-77-7:37)	17-34			
4 5:05 Mohave	TD Lynch 54 run (Bironas) (3-62-1:38)	24-34			

GLADS GET A KICK OUT OF BROWN!



GWINNETT



RINGGOLD

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GAME POINTS: Josh Brown kicked 5 field goals, including one from 52 yards out; to set the offensive pace for Gwinnett until a 4th quarter TD pass from Carson Palmer to Tony Gonzalez finally put the game away. The Crimson Hawks and the Gladiators traded light punches early, knotting the score at 6 apiece before Ty Law intercepted Ben Roethlisberger with 35 seconds remaining in the 1st half. That set up a 3-play, 46-yard sprint to field goal range for what would turn out to be the game-winning 45-yard three-pointer by Brown.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Carson Palmer was turnover-free, despite fumbling 3 times, and finished 15 of 22 for 182 yards and 1 TD. Willie Parker rushed for 105 yards on 21 carries. Ben Roethlisberger was an efficient 19 of 23 for 180 yards but threw a costly interception. Maurice Jones-Drew was bottled up, gaining only 28 yards on 10 carries and fumbling away the ball once.

10-23-2008 The Hawk's Nest Temp: 58 MVP: Brown			GWG	RCH	
2007 Gwinnett (2-3)	0 9 6 7	- 22	First Downs	17	10
2007 Ringgold (0-5)	3 3 0 0	- 6	Rushes	31-143	21-56
			Passes	22-15-182	23-19-180
			Sacked	2-10	1-5
1 4:26 Ringgold	FG Suisham 32 (8-51-4:24)	0-3	Fumble	3	1
2 14:54 Gwinnett	FG Brown 26 (8-70-4:20)	3-3	Penalties	6-50	5-30
2 11:56 Ringgold	FG Suisham 34 (5-63-2:55)	3-6	Turnovers	0	2
2 1:55 Gwinnett	FG Brown 52 (5-40-2:18)	6-6	Time	34:07	25:53
2 0:03 Gwinnett	FG Brown 45 (4-46-0:35)	9-6	Third Down	4-11	7-12
3 13:15 Gwinnett	FG Brown 45 (3-6-1:29)	12-6	Fourth Down	0-0	0-2
3 1:28 Gwinnett	FG Brown 33 (11-48-6:35)	15-6	Net Offense	315	231
4 7:42 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 1 pass to Gonzalez (Brown,J) (10-36-6:30)	22-6			



IOWA CITY



ANCHORAGE

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CUBS KNOCK DOWN BUCS WITH BIG PLAYS

GAME POINTS: Antrel Rolle picked off Drew Brees and returned the ball 43 yards for a touchdown early in the 1st quarter to launch the Cubs to their fifth straight victory. The Buccaneers squandered a rare tough performance by their defense with an incompetent performance by their offense and a slackening on special teams that allowed Iowa's Roscoe Parrish to break free for a 99-yard punt return TD. The Cubs built slowly on their 1st quarter good fortune, posting 16 unanswered points throughout the rest of the game.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Jeff Garcia overcame a relatively slow start, finishing 18 of 27 for 271 yards and 1 TD. Larry Fitzgerald caught 8 passes for 137 yards and 1 TD. Drew Brees had his worst game of the year, throwing for only 149 yards, 2 interceptions, and finishing with a QB rating of 43.6. La'Roi Glover had 2 sacks, 1 QB pressure, and 1 forced fumble in a losing cause.

10-23-2008 Great Northern Sports Complex Temp: 70 MVP: Garcia					ICC	ANC		
2007 Iowa City (5-0)	14	3	3	10	- 30	First Downs	15	14
2007 Anchorage (2-3)	3	0	0	0	- 3	Rushes	20-58	25-91
1 10:14 Iowa City	TD Rolle	43	interception return (Feely)	(0-0-0:00)	7-0	Passes	27-18-274	35-19-149
1 3:36 Anchorage	FG Stover	29	(12-60-6:24)		7-3	Sacked	4-20	2-17
1 0:00 Iowa City	TD Parrish	99	punt return (Feely)	(0-0-0:00)	14-3	Fumble	2	1
2 0:03 Iowa City	FG Feely	21	(12-66-3:17)		17-3	Penalties	5-20	5-30
3 11:17 Iowa City	FG Feely	25	(6-72-3:43)		20-3	Turnovers	1	3
4 13:13 Iowa City	FG Feely	31	(8-60-4:07)		23-3	Time	26:24	33:36
4 5:49 Iowa City	TD Garcia	4	pass to Fitzgerald (Feely)	(7-80-4:31)	30-3	Third Down	2-9	7-17
						Fourth Down	0-0	1-1
						Net Offense	312	223



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DURHAM



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COWTOWN

LIZARDS AIR FORCE BOMBS KINGS

GAME POINTS: Big pass plays set up Durham's first two TDs and **Marion Barber's** fumble at the Corn Kings 25 yard line set up the third as the T-Lizards scored all they would need in the first half. A 40-yard "short" pass to **Calvin Johnson** led to a 16-yard TD pass from **Philip Rivers** to **Ronald Curry** to open the scoring. After falling behind 17-7, Rivers connected on a 28-yarder to **Antonio Gates** then followed that up with a 46-yard TD strike to **Jerry Porter**. After Barber's fumble, **Frank Gore** plunged in from the 1-yard line for the winning score with 2:18 remaining in the half.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Philip Rivers** completed 20 of 33 for 317 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT. **Antonio Gates** caught 6 passes, 4 for first downs, for 82 yards. **Marion Barber** rushed for 116 yards and 1 TD on 22 carries but turned the ball over twice on fumbles.

10-23-2008 Tillman Field Temp: 50 Wind: 5-15 MVP: Rivers					DTL	COW		
2007 Durham (2-3)	7	14	0	10	- 31	First Downs	22	22
2007 Cowtown (0-5)	3	17	0	0	- 20	Rushes	20-80	36-166
1 9:21 Durham	TD Rivers	16	pass to Curry (Crosby,M)	(4-70-1:52)	7-0	Passes	33-20-317	33-17-195
1 1:05 Cowtown	FG Hanson	24	(13-63-8:05)		7-3	Sacked	2-14	1-6
2 13:40 Cowtown	TD Pennington	4	pass to Moss (Hanson,J)	(5-21-2:10)	7-10	Fumble	2	3
2 5:20 Cowtown	TD Barber	2	run (Hanson,J)	(7-59-3:41)	7-17	Penalties	4-31	4-23
2 4:09 Durham	TD Rivers	46	pass to Porter (Crosby,M)	(2-74-0:58)	14-17	Turnovers	2	3
2 2:18 Durham	TD Gore	1	run (Crosby,M)	(4-25-1:41)	21-17	Time	28:44	31:16
2 0:02 Cowtown	FG Hanson	36	(2-12-0:18)		21-20	Third Down	3-9	7-14
4 14:02 Durham	TD Gore	12	run (Crosby,M)	(12-93-4:42)	28-20	Fourth Down	1-1	1-1
4 2:39 Durham	FG Crosby	39	(10-58-7:26)		31-20	Net Offense	383	355



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LOS ANGELES



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CHINO

BIG WIN AT THE BIG HOUSE FOR CHINO

GAME POINTS: **LaDainian Tomlinson** broke a 20-yard run around left end for a TD then **Luis Castillo** returned a fumbled snap by Knight's punter, **Steve Weatherford** 22 yards for another TD four plays later to propel the Convicts to a 31-10 third quarter lead and open the floodgates on a 48-24 Chino rout. It was a messy game, with lots of pretty scoring plays, as the teams combined for 20 penalties at a cost of 117 yards and 5 touchdowns from more than 20 yards out.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Jay Cutler** threw for 291 yards and 3 TDs while **LT** rushed for 106 yards on 23 carries and 2 TDs. Receiver, **Reggie Brown** guest-starred for an injured **Anquan Boldin**, making 11 catches for 138 yards and 2 TDs. The Knight's ground game was on track as **Najeh Davenport** and **Selvin Young** combined for 203 rushing yards, but it was not enough to keep pace with the high-flying Cutler-led Prisoners. The LA defense blitzed 32 times but managed only one sack on the day.

10-25-2008	The big House	Temp: 78	Wind: Calm	MVP: Tomlinson		LAK	CHI	
2007 Los Angeles (3-2)	3	0	7	14	-24	First Downs	14	27
2007 Chino (4-1)	3	14	14	17	-48	Rushes	34-192	32-129
						Passes	17-8-178	31-25-291
1 10:55 Chino	FG Reed 34 (10-48-3:49)				0-3	Sacked	0-0	1-10
1 6:50 Los Angeles	FG Brown 22 (7-74-3:54)				3-3	Fumble	2	1
2 14:43 Chino	TD Tomlinson 1 run (Reed,J) (14-76-6:51)				3-10	Penalties	11-72	9-45
2 6:39 Chino	TD Cutler 4 pass to Brown (Reed,J) (1-4-0:08)				3-17	Turnovers	2	1
3 10:46 Los Angeles	TD Jackson 14 pass to Smith (Brown,K) (7-79-3:59)				10-17	Time	25:23	34:34
3 4:23 Chino	TD Tomlinson 20 run (Reed,J) (10-65-6:11)				10-24	Third Down	2-9	8-13
3 2:01 Chino	TD Castillo 22 yd fumble recovery (Reed,J) (0-0-0:00)				10-31	Fourth Down	2-2	1-1
4 11:25 Chino	TD Cutler 8 pass to Tomlinson (Reed,J) (9-73-4:42)				10-38	Net Offense	370	410
4 10:42 Los Angeles	TD Jackson 60 pass to Smith (Brown,K) (2-60-0:43)				17-38			
4 5:56 Chino	TD Cutler 23 pass to Brown (Reed,J) (9-65-4:32)				17-45			
4 3:31 Los Angeles	TD Davenport 41 run (Brown,K) (7-68-2:12)				24-45			
4 1:42 Chino	FG Reed 40 (5-16-1:42)				24-48			



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PICKERING



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WINNEMUCCA

McNABB LEADS SPARTANS TO VICTORY

GAME POINTS: After a scoreless 1st quarter, **Donovan McNabb** capped off a 13 play, 80 yard drive with an 8 yard touchdown pass to **Tony Richardson** to start the scoring in the 2nd quarter. A Winnemucca field goal narrowed the lead, but then McNabb drove the Spartans 83 yards for their second TD, a 19 yard TD pass to **Darrell Jackson** with 30 seconds left in the half to lead 14-3. The Outlaws hung tough defensively for most of the second half but could not generate any offense. Eventually, the Spartans iced the game on McNabb's second TD pass to Jackson with less than two minutes remaining.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Donovan McNabb** threw for 204 yards and 3 TD passes to win Game MVP. **Fred Taylor** gained 107 yards on the ground in 22 carries. **John Abraham** had 2 sacks and was a disruptive force in the Winnemucca backfield all day. **Hines Ward** caught 10 passes for the Outlaws, gaining 112 yards. Linebacker, **Zach Thomas** logged an astounding 20 tackles!

10-25-2008	Hole in the Wall	Temp: 50	Wind: 0-5	MVP: McNabb		PIC	WMO	
2007 Pickering (3-2)	0	14	0	7	- 21	First Downs	21	14
2007 Winnemucca (1-4)	0	3	0	0	- 3	Rushes	31-143	26-135
						Passes	32-21-204	37-19-175
2 8:50 Pickering	TD McNabb 8 pass to Richardson (Tynes) (13-80-6:30)				7-0	Sacked	1-12	2-18
2 4:53 Winnemucca	FG Vinatieri 40 (8-44-3:41)				7-3	Fumble	0	1
2 0:30 Pickering	TD McNabb 19 pass to Jackson (Tynes) (12-83-4:02)				14-3	Penalties	5-20	4-25
4 1:45 Pickering	TD McNabb 6 pass to Jackson (Tynes) (5-41-0:44)				21-3	Turnovers	1	1
						Time	30:46	29:06
						Third Down	4-10	5-15
						Fourth Down	0-0	2-4
						Net Offense	335	292

INJURY REPORT - Out this Week

ANCHORAGE – Fujita (arm); **CHARLESWOOD** – Seymour (arm), Keiaho (neck); **CHINO** – Boldin (arm); **COLORADO** – Pryce (hand), Vasher (shaken); **COWTOWN** – Hackett (knee), F. Brown (hamstring), T. Thomas (finger); **DURHAM** – A. Wilson (knee), Stroud (knee), Dansby (hamstring); **FLORIDA** – None; **GWINNETT** – Polamalu (knee); **IOWA CITY** – J.P. Losman (shaken); **KUTZTOWN** – Sheppard (knee), Dorsey (shaken), Winfield (neck), Jennings (shaken), L. Johnson (knee); **LOS ANGELES** – K. Jones (wrist), Woodson (wrist), Hope (shoulder); **MARKHAM** – C. Brown (shaken), Robinson (arm), Sanders (shaken); **MOHAVE** – J. Mathis (neck), Owens (ankle); **PICKERING** – S. Taylor (wrist), A. Branch (toe), Cartwright (wrist), Sensabaugh (hand); **RINGGOLD** – Holmes (toe); **WINNEMUCCA** – Leftwich (hamstring), M. Brown (shaken), J. Walker (elbow), W. Anderson (stinger), Jansen (knee), Tinoisamoia (knee).





AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – The economic crisis is hitting the Big Apple pretty hard. There are 7 % fewer limousines on Wall Street and Starbucks has halted expansion plans to open more shops in the Manhattan Theatre District.

THE VIEW FROM ABOVE.....AND THE VIEW FROM BELOW....

When things are going right, positive thinking turns every barrier into a challenge that can be overcome. When things are going wrong, negative thinking turns an open door into a trap designed to lure the eye away from the *real* entrance; the brick wall next to it. In the EFL, the view from above is from **Iowa City**, where Coach, **Deron Redding** seems to relish every opportunity to prove his team belongs in the top echelon of EFL teams. His enthusiasm is infectious, instilling confidence in his league-leading defense and patience in his young and promising offense. The Cubs walked into Anchorage facing their biggest challenge since Week One against Chino, promptly put the Bucs over their knee and spanked them silly. The view from below is from **Anchorage**, where a golden opportunity to shorten the race in the West Division was there for the taking. In spite of a rare top shelf performance by the Anchorage defense, **Drew Brees** and Co. walked out on the field at the Great Northern Sports Complex and choked, hitting the brick wall of reduced expectations in the Great White North.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE CHARLESWOOD!

New arrival, **Kyle Vanden Bosch**, playing his first game for **Charleswood**, wasted no time thanking GM and owner, **Jason Findlay** for rescuing him from Football Purgatory in **Ringgold**. “The Bosch” notched 2 sacks and was credited with 3 quarterback pressures of Kutztown’s Tony Romo, one of which contributed to an **Assante Samuel** interception early in the first quarter. Kutztown’s **Jon Stinchcomb** was plainly visible all day, which is never a good thing for a left tackle.

COACH COGHLIN SERVED NOTICE?

Rumours abound in **Cowtown** that Corn King Coach, **Jim Coghlin** has been served notice by the Clopper County Dairy and Seed Alliance, owners of a controlling interest in the team, that he will lose his job if the Corn Kings fall next week to the expansion **Winnemucca Outlaws**. An anonymous team insider told COW AM, the locals sports, weather and fertilizer talk radio station, that the only reason Coghlin still has a job is because his daughter, Mary Jane Hermione Sue Coghlin, won ‘Miss Butternut Squash’ last year in Cowtown’s annual Pumpkin Growers Festival. It would apparently offend her honour, and the propriety of the Festival, to fire her father before a new Squash Queen is named.

As this year’s pumpkin festival nears, time appears to be ticking down for the beleaguered Cowtown Coach. From 13-3 last season, to 0-5 so far this season, the Corn Kings have not even been a respectable 0-5, (if there is such a thing). Their offense has been slightly less anemic than Colorado’s and their defense plagued by injuries to the secondary. **Aaron Kampman** and **Aaron Schobel** have yet to register a sack between them, and **Chad Pennington’s** quarterback rating sits at an unaccountable 48.0. Even their offensive line, the jewel of the team, is not moving defenders off the line, or protecting Pennington at key moments in the game. About the only player getting it done is **Marion Barber**, and even he had a hand in Cowtown’s Week Five loss to Durham, fumbling the ball away twice.

Have the players stopped responding to Coghlin’s authoritarian regime? Is the vegan, organic, steroid-free diet of Homeopathic Trainer, **Klaus von Pflafplopff** the real culprit behind the rash of injuries to key players? Did replacing old-fashioned reps on the practice field with new ‘*Virtual Pre-Season*’ software by Nintendo Wii have a negative effect on the player’s muscle memory and conditioning? Will the Coach have a job after Week 6? For once, a game in Winnemucca will mean

WHERE'S THE SUNDAY DRAMA??

As a New Yorker I like it when there are a couple of truly dominant teams in a league. Like Coke and Pepsi, I like it when two giants beat up on each other after beating up on midgets. I can tolerate a third dominant team (Dr Pepper) as long as that team is not quite as dominant as the other two. In that respect, I have to be happy with the current situation in the EFL: two *Dominant Teams*; **Florida** and **Charleswood** (Coke and Pepsi) and one (lower case) dominant team; **Iowa City** (Dr Pepper).

So why am I unhappy? Because last week's games were all *terrible!* I pay a lot of money for EFL Sunday Ticket and when I have to switch to '*Land of the Lost*' to be entertained on a Sunday, then Armageddon cannot be far behind. Probably the best game of a poor lot was the **Durham – Cowtown** tussle at Tillman Field, but even that one sported the taint of an obviously sick Corn Kings team coughing up all over a bewildered Thunder Lizards squad shocked that they were winning.

Kutztown at **Charleswood** was like watching a crapping contest between two bunged-up cheese-eating Swiss Mountaineers. **Mohave** at **Florida** appeared to be close on the scoreboard, but anybody who actually sat through it could see how badly the Hellfire were rattled by the predatory Florida defense and that terror, rather than proper execution, propelled **Marshawn Lynch** on his 54-yard touchdown run that narrowed the differential to 10 points near the end. **LA** at **Chino** appeared exciting if all you saw of the game were the highlights on ESPN, but most of those scores were built on sloppy play and, besides, the outcome was never in doubt. I am not even going to mention the rest of the slate except to say that they were all low-scoring blowouts, which have to be the most boring type of games on Earth to watch.

The midget teams in the EFL have to do better when they play each other to build up drama on Sunday. Style points count in the battle for audience share in the post-NFL era. It is no coincidence that SFL ratings were up 4 points last week and the Tex-Mex League ratings were up 1 point.

NEW YORK GRIPES

Million dollar **Anchorage** long-snapper, **Bryan Pittman**, has reportedly tested positive for steroids in a random spot check conducted by the EFL last week. League officials, who have always claimed that the EFL is steroid-free, were apparently aghast at the results. (Cynics claim that the league tests punters and other low impact positions in order to maintain the fiction of a steroid-free environment). Pittman refused comment, but an anonymous team insider says Pittman has been experimenting lately with techniques to increase his league-leading snap velocity.

NINE MILLION DOLLAR MAN INDEX

DeMeco Ryans has been tackling at a rate of \$53,066.03 a tackle, up \$4,851.75 from two weeks ago and equivalent to a 9% increase in cost per tackle. That's good news for sellers of NMDM tackle stock, but not good news for buyers, who have had to look for tackles at NMDM due to a dip in PWI (Patrick Willis Industries) output. Take it from a New Yorker, Ryans stock is a bargain right now. PWI has the production capacity to overtake NMDM and when it happens, NMDM tackle costs will rise dramatically. Buy now!

WEEK TWO LEADERS

Passing Yards

Rivers,P (DTL)	33-20-317
Brady,T (FLD)	35-23-301
Cutler (CHI)	31-25-291
Garcia,J (ICC)	27-18-274
Warner,K (MOH)	28-18-234

Rushing Yards

Lynch,M (MOH)	20-125
Peterson,A (CHP)	20-118
Barber,M (COW)	22-116
Taylor,F (PIC)	22-107
Tomlinson (CHI)	23-106

Receiving Yards

Brown,R (CHI)	11-138
Fitzgerald (ICC)	8-137
Smith,S (LAK)	6-123
Ward,H (WMO)	10-112
Bowe (RCH)	8-100

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

PACIFIC - ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	3	2	0	0.6	103	20.6	82	16.4	4.2	2 0 0	3 0 0	3 2 0
Markham	2	3	0	0.4	101	20.2	96	19.2	1	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Winnemucca	1	4	0	0.2	42	8.4	97	19.4	-11	0 3 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
Colorado	0	5	0	0	13	2.6	116	23.2	-20.6	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	5	0	0	1	130	26	58	11.6	14.4	3 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Chino	4	1	0	0.8	162	32.4	75	15	17.4	2 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Los Angeles	3	2	0	0.6	137	27.4	125	25	2.4	2 0 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Anchorage	2	3	0	0.4	85	17	124	24.8	-7.8	1 2 0	0 3 0	2 3 0

CAN - AM CONFERENCE

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	5	0	0	1	121	24.2	38	7.6	16.6	2 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Durham	2	3	0	0.4	102	20.4	106	21.2	-0.8	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Kutztown	2	3	0	0.4	100	20	104	20.8	-0.8	2 1 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Cowtown	0	5	0	0	53	10.6	118	23.6	-13	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	5	0	0	1	142	28.4	75	15	13.4	2 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Mohave	4	1	0	0.8	145	29	111	22.2	6.8	2 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Gwinnett	2	3	0	0.4	100	20	108	21.6	-1.6	1 2 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Ringgold	0	5	0	0	66	13.2	169	33.8	-20.6	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Garcia,J	ICC	74	54	73	773	1	1.4	51	6	8.1	127.8
2	Jackson,T	LAK	77	49	63.6	664	2	2.6	60	5	6.5	101.9
3	Warner,K	MOH	126	81	64.3	1050	3	2.4	48	8	6.3	101.6
4	Manning,P	CHP	133	86	64.7	1137	4	3	48	8	6	99.1
5	Cutler	CHI	129	90	69.8	1021	5	3.9	34	7	5.4	95.1
6	Brady,T	FLD	138	81	58.7	940	2	1.4	37	8	5.8	92.7
7	McNabb	PIC	157	98	62.4	1003	2	1.3	32	7	4.5	90.3
8	Garrard	WMO	105	64	61	642	0	0	29	3	2.9	87.9
9	Rivers,P	DTL	161	97	60.2	1159	5	3.1	46	7	4.3	83.8
10	Hasselbeck	MAR	135	86	63.7	863	5	3.7	34	6	4.4	81.2
11	Brees	ANC	157	103	65.6	1072	8	5.1	50	7	4.5	78.8
12	Romo	KUT	175	101	57.7	1142	8	4.6	51	5	2.9	67.8
13	Palmer,C	GWG	162	86	53.1	1017	8	4.9	75	5	3.1	62.2
14	Roethlisberger	RCH	114	66	57.9	755	8	7	52	4	3.5	60.4
15	Ryan,M	COL	123	61	49.6	647	5	4.1	42	1	0.8	51.1

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Barber,M	COW	101	527	5.2	56	3	8	Westbrook	MOH	55	284	5.2	24	1
2	Tomlinson	CHI	98	508	5.2	20	10	9	Young,S	LAK	58	260	4.5	44	0
3	Williams,D	FLD	68	401	5.9	53	3	10	Gore	DTL	45	240	5.3	21	3
4	Taylor,F	PIC	73	370	5.1	18	1	11	Jones-Drew	RCH	47	237	5	59	0
5	McGahee	ANC	73	335	4.6	16	1	12	Taylor,C	PIC	33	236	7.2	75	1
6	Brown,C	MAR	67	307	4.6	42	2	13	James,E	RCH	69	236	3.4	27	1
7	Peterson,A	CHP	63	286	4.5	55	4	14	Jacobs,B	ICC	55	235	4.3	35	0
8	Westbrook	MOH	55	284	5.2	24	1	15	Davenport	LAK	33	231	7	41	3

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Ward,H	WMO	33	353	10.7	24	0	8	Witten	CHP	25	351	14	48	3
2	Stallworth	MAR	29	334	11.5	29	2	9	Boldin	CHI	24	291	12.1	30	1
3	Gates,A	DTL	28	410	14.6	35	1	10	Johnson,C	CHP	23	356	15.5	35	3
4	Welker	CHP	27	337	12.5	33	2	11	Smith,S	LAK	23	350	15.2	60	3
5	Wayne,R	GWG	26	397	15.3	55	0	12	Burruss	KUT	23	306	13.3	46	1
6	Colston	ANC	25	229	9.2	15	2	13	Winslow	ICC	22	247	11.2	33	0
7	Fitzgerald	ICC	25	368	14.7	42	3	14	Jackson,D	PIC	22	240	10.9	26	3
8	Witten	CHP	25	351	14	48	3	15	Curtis,K	ANC	22	225	10.2	44	2



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OFFENSE



RB – L.T., Chino Convicts

25 Car., 106 yds, 2 TDs; 6 Rec., 66 yds, 1 TD
3 TDs and 172 all-purpose yards led Convicts past Knights.

DEFENSE



CB –Antonio Cromartie, Florida Dragons

3 Tackles, 1 Pass Def, 1 INT, 1 TD.
Returned his 5th pick of the year 45 yards for a TD vs Hellfire.

SPECIAL TEAMS



K –Josh Brown, Gwinnett Gladiators

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JIMMY'S WEEK SIX PICKS

PICKERING @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 9.5)

The unbeaten Patriots face the East Division leading Spartans in the first week of inter-conference match ups. Pickering has emerged as the most consistent of the expansion teams and Charleswood has emerged as one of favourites to win the Championship following the acquisition of Kyle Vanden Bosch and Shawn Phillips from Ringgold at the trade deadline. “The Bosch” paid immediate dividends last week with 2 sacks against Kutztown, tying him for the league lead. The Pat’s revamped pass rush and elite secondary will create havoc even for a savvy vet like Donovan McNabb. The Spartans will call on Fred Taylor and their league-leading running game to blaze a trail for the offense against a Patriot’s defense ranked second overall, but only 11th in average yards per rush surrendered. On offense, Peyton Manning leads the most disciplined offensive unit in the league and is making big plays when he needs them. Adrian Peterson finally broke out last week with a big 55-yard TD run and his first 100-yard game, but strangely the team had to wait five weeks for him to do it. The Spartans are the most penalized defense in the EFL and look for them to lose their cool this week trying to keep the Patriots out of the end zone.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

MARKHAM @ DURHAM (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 4)

The Thunder Lizards have been moving the ball down the field all year and are second only to Mohave in total net yards of offense. Surprisingly, they lead the league in total passing yards in spite of obvious weakness at the wide receiver position and a perception of weakness at quarterback. The problem with Philip Rivers has been lack of consistency – flirting with greatness one week and looking lost the next. He comes off a nice performance against Cowtown in Week Five and look for him to add to his list of good games this week against the North Stars, who are missing their top corner, Dunta Robinson, and their top safety, James Sanders. Markham brings a balanced and moderately efficient offence into Durham to face one of the league’s least efficient defenses. On paper, the Durham ‘D’ has the talent, but so far they have been less effective than predicted and nobody is sure exactly why. Certainly, the pass rush has been almost invisible, with stud pass-rushing end, Patrick Kerney, limited to just one sack so far this year. Matt Hasselbeck could find time to throw and if he does, the Stars could make a game of it.

PICK: DURHAM

COWTOWN @ WINNEMUCCA (LINE – OUTLAWS BY 3)

Both of these teams sit near the bottom of the league in total offense, supported only by the chronic feebleness of Colorado. Winnemucca’s attack has been kept alive by the gutsiness of quarterback, David Garrard, who has done a fine job with little help from his friends on the line or the other skill positions. Laveranues Coles returns to action this week, which will give Garrard another weapon on the outside. The Corn Kings are in disarray and fans are screaming for Chad Pennington to be benched. Coach Coghlin’s job is in jeopardy and he may decide to make the switch to Chris Redman this week to save his own skin, if not the season. Winnemucca’s ‘Hole in the Wall’ is a miserable place to play. So miserable that television crews bring their own power generators and extra ground cables just to ensure picture and sound feed to the network. How the weather will affect the game is anyone’s guess, but if left only to the players, expect Cowtown to take out their frustrations on the favoured Outlaws and win outright.

PICK: COWTOWN

KUTZTOWN @ COLORADO (LINE – GOLDEN BEARS BY 5)

When I saw this line I almost fell off my chair. After recovering my composure, I did a little research and found that bettors are betting on a surprise starter at QB for Colorado this week. John Beck made a cameo appearance last week against Markham and completed both of his passes. Rumours are swirling in Colorado that team officials now think that the decision to throw Matt Ryan straight into the fray may be hurting his development as well as the team's chances of scoring. Beck is apparently being phased into the game plan. How much difference Beck will make, when the line can't block and the receivers can't catch, is a matter of pure conjecture. It could be the difference between scoring '0' and scoring '10.' Don't be fooled, my friends. This is the most guaranteed pick of the year!

PICK: KUTZTOWN

IOWA CITY @ FLORIDA (LINE – DRAGONS BY 4)

This match-up has the hallmark of a regular season classic and, many fans think, a possible preview of this year's EFL Championship game. The Cubs have brought their game to another level with the emergence of a dominating defense that leads the league in overall efficiency. The Nine Million Dollar Man and Patrick Willis are the scariest line-backing duo in sports, and the inside-out combo of Vince Wilfork and Mario Williams leave offences with few viable options in the running game. The offense has been underperforming slightly due to experiments at QB, but with Garcia under center they are arguably one of the most dangerous units when healthy. The only offense more dangerous, in theory, belongs to Florida. So far, they have done what needs to be done to win, but nothing more. Do not expect Tom Brady to have a breakout day against the Cubs, but expect him to put the Cub's defense to the test. The reason Florida has been winning is the defense, which leads the league in takeaways with 17. This year's top corner, Antonio Cromartie may be the only player with a good chance of shutting down the Cub's, Larry Fitzgerald, leaving Roy Williams to find room against underrated, Leigh Bodden and Darrelle Revis. The Cubs will have to get Brandon Jacobs on track if they are going to pass effectively. This is a game that Florida should win, but the Cubs have a history of bringing their 'A' Game to the Big Game. A voice whispers in my ear, "upset."

PICK: IOWA CITY

CHINO @ GWINNETT (LINE – CONVICTS BY 6)

The Gladiators have not looked much like the favourite to challenge Florida and Charleswood for Can-Am Conference dominance this year, as some predicted at the start of the season. Jittery offence and rickety defense have characterized the team's performance to date. This week they are at home to an explosive Chino squad that smells an opportunity to pull into a tie for first in the West Division with a win and a Cubs loss on the road to powerhouse, Florida. The Convicts lead the league in points scored and move the ball well, both through the air with Jay Cutler, and on the ground with LT. Anquan Boldin is still out, but the team did not miss a beat against Los Angeles last week with Reggie Brown snagging 11 catches in his place. With Troy Polamalu out, the Gwinnett secondary is vulnerable. The Convicts can also put a stop to opponent's running game, which could hurt the Gladiators, who really need to get Willie Parker into the game to relieve some pressure off of Carson Palmer. These teams appear to be going in different directions, but don't count the Gladiators out of it yet. The home field will help and keep the game close.

PICK: GWINNETT

RINGGOLD @ ANCHORAGE (LINE – BUCCANEERS BY 8)

In this match up of 'All Overrated' teams I am hard pressed to come down in favour of either one. Regardless of who I pick, the favourite will almost certainly under perform. Bucs Coach, Tony Fenton, took the unusual step of addressing the media after last week's loss to Iowa City, asking reporters to stop predicting victories for his team. Apparently, playing the underdog is Anchorage's favourite position. But if you always see yourself as an underdog, eventually you will play like one, which is exactly what a promising Bucs squad has played itself into – a perennial underdog. Unfortunately, this week they face the All Time King of Underdogs, the Ringgold Crimson Hawks, who are even greater underdogs now that they have traded away two big pieces of their defense. So which team is the biggest Underdog of all?

There is no escaping history here: Ringgold is 1-20 as a franchise while the Bucs have won more games this season alone. A tradition of losing weighs heavily on the Crimson Hawk's wings, which should be good news for those Ringgold fans who see an advantage in the underdog role.

PICK: ANCHORAGE

MOHAVE @ LOS ANGELES (LINE - KNIGHTS BY 2)

Both of these teams have been surprising for different reasons: Mohave's offensive dominance (they lead the league in net yards gained) and the Knight's defensive decline (they have surrendered more yards than any other team). Pleasant surprises for LA have been the play of quarterback, Tavaris Jackson, who is ranked second in QB rating amongst all starters, and the play of the LA offense, which leads the league in offensive efficiency at 6.0 yards per play. The Knight's world of defense first and offense second is upside down, but they are well in the race for the West Division crown. The Hellfire received a rude wake up call at Florida last week, giving up 5 turnovers to end their perfect season. Look for Kurt Warner and Co. to be wary of the most aggressive (and thus far most incompetent) defense in the league and focus on ball control. Terrell Owens is out for Mohave, but so is Charles Woodson for Los Angeles, so it will be a test of the back-ups. Give a slight edge to Mohave's Roydell Williams over Los Angeles' Ron Bartell and while you're at it, give the Hellfire a slight edge overall to win on the road.

PICK: MOHAVE

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

LAST WEEK: 6-2-0

OVERALL: 26-6-0

