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November 8th, 2009



LA's Steve Smith sits on the bench as his team tries to rally in the 4th quarter against Durham. They fell short without their injury-plagued star, losing 20-17.

TURNOVERS TOPPLE KNIGHTS IN TILT WITH DINOSAURS

ELLIS HOBBS' 4TH QUARTER INTERCEPTION SETS UP WINNING FIELD GOAL



DURHAM

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LOS ANGELES

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LOS ANGELES – The Knights performed as advertised – they frustrated the Durham offence and moved the ball with fair efficiency against the Durham defense. They built a 10-point lead and commanded the pace of play, holding the advantage in time of possession over the T-Lizards by more than 6 minutes. Unfortunately, when it came down to controlling the ball, they suffered a fatal flaw – they gave it away once too often, allowing Durham to score 10 points off turnovers and eke out an upset on the road.

With the score tied at 17 and 4 minutes remaining in the game Los Angeles took possession at their own 20 yard line with **Tarvaris Jackson** at the helm. Jackson had replaced an ineffective **Jason Campbell** in the second quarter and had led the Knights' two touchdown drives: completing a 2-yard TD pass to **Steve Smith** and running in another on a scramble from one yard away. Durham's defense had been bending all day and fans at Round Table Stadium expected them to continue to bend – at least enough to allow their beloved Knights to advance the ball inside **Kris Brown's** field goal range for the winning kick. With injury-plagued **Steve Smith** on the sideline stretching out a cramped muscle in his leg, the Knights' offence took the field without their principle quick-strike weapon. But that did not diminish the optimism of the crowd – lusty cheers swelled to a roar as “Sir Tarvaris” strode onto the battlefield.

In less than a minute there was a roaring silence as **Ellis Hobbs**, with pterodactyl-like stealth and precision, swooped down on a pass intended for **Roddy White** and fell to the turf with the ball secured beneath him at the Los Angeles 25 yard line. The sputtering, spasmodic Durham offence took over and moved the ball a mere 5 yards in 3 plays from scrimmage, but it was enough to give **Mason Crosby** an attainable field goal try. He did his part by knocking it through just inside the right upright to give Durham a 20-17 lead with a little more than 2 minutes remaining.

Now trailing, the LA offence embarked on the final drive to try and salvage the game they probably should have been winning. But Jackson looked tentative and the offence looked deflated as they tried to move the ball, employing the run and short passing plays against Durham's nickel defensive set. **Steve Smith**, who has been out of games more than he has been in games this season, sat on the sideline unable to help his team when they needed him the most.

In spite of Smith's absence, the Knights managed to cross midfield with 39 seconds left. But a holding penalty to tackle **Kareem McKenzie**, his second penalty of the drive, pushed them back to their own side of the 50 yard line and forced Jackson to the air with a little more urgency. With his receiving corps blanketed, he was forced to check down to **Todd Heap** on 4th & 14 and the tight end was tackled 7 yards short of the first down by Durham's defensive captain, **Adrian Wilson** to assure the win for Durham.

POST GAME: **Jason Campbell**, who started the game for Los Angeles, got the quick hook after being intercepted by Wilson in the second quarter. Jackson took over and was successful for most of the game until the critical interception by Hobbs. **Jeff Dohrn** seemed more upbeat than expected after a tough loss, defending Jackson and supporting his offence; "We did a lot of good things today and I am happy overall with the way we executed our game plan. We couldn't overcome the turnovers. You can't give the ball away three times against Durham and expect to win." An obviously relieved, **George Kaldis**, speaking after stemming a 2-game losing slide, was less complimentary of his team in victory; "We got a gift today and we'll take it," he said. "We did not turn the ball over and I was happy to see that, but we have to get more consistency on the attack. We have to convert third down more."

11-07-2009 Round Table Stadium. Temp: 88 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Rivers**

2008 Durham (4-2) 7 0 7 6 - 20
2008 Los Angeles (4-2) 3 7 7 0 - 17

1 11:50 Durham TD Rivers 10 pass to Bowe (Crosby) (7-29-2:36) 7-0
1 5:22 Los Angeles FG Brown 28 (13-68-6:28) 7-3
2 8:25 Los Angeles TD Jackson 2 pass to Smith (Brown,K) (8-71-4:15) 7-10
3 9:32 Los Angeles TD Jackson 1 run (Brown,K) (8-69-3:47) 7-17
3 3:05 Durham TD Rivers 18 pass to Johnson (Crosby) (7-62-2:33) 14-17
4 4:33 Durham FG Crosby 38 (9-59-5:19) 17-17
4 2:22 Durham FG Crosby 37 (3-5-2:01) 20-17

KEY PERFORMANCES: DUR – **Philip Rivers** completed 18 of 32 passes for 161 yards and 2 TDs; Dwayne Bowe caught 7 passes for 64 yards and 1 TD; Michael Turner rushed for 67 yards on 14 carries, Jared Allen had 1 Sacks and 3 Pressures. LA – **Tarvaris Jackson** completed 17 of 29 passes for 151 yards, 1 TD, and 1 INT; **Jamaal Charles** rushed for 145 yards on 18 carries; **Cedric Benson** rushed for 37 yards on 6 carries; **Steve Smith** caught 9 passes for 83 yards and 1 TD; **Jason Campbell** started the game and went 4 of 10 for 48 yards and 1 INT

	DTL	LAK
First Downs	11	25
Rushes	18-85	32-221
Passes	32-18-161	39-21-199
Sacked	1-4	1-5
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	8-60	8-75
Turnovers	0	3
Time	26:43	33:17
Third Down	2-11	1-10
Fourth Down	0-0	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	4/2/1
Net Offense	242	415



GWINNETT

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VIRDEN

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SECOND HALF SURGE SAVES GLADS

GAME POINTS: **Matt Cassel** fumbled away the ball on his own 9 yard line to start the second half and the Violators took advantage when **Drew Brees** connected with **Devin Hester** two plays later for a 10-yard TD pass to give Virden a 14-6 lead. That set the stage for a clutch comeback by Gwinnett starting with Cassel going a perfect 5 of 5 for 45 yards and an 8-yard TD pass to **Reggie Wayne** on their next possession. Near the end of the 3rd quarter, **Leon Washington** broke a short hitch pass for 32 yards to stab deep into Virden territory, then finished the drive off with a 14-yard TD run and a 2-point conversion to put Gwinnett ahead to stay. It was all over when **Gibril Wilson** picked off Brees with 4 minutes left in the game.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Matt Cassel** completed 18 of 29 passes for 184 yards and 1 TD; **Leon Washington** rushed for 18 yards and the game-winning TD on 5 carries and caught 1 pass for 32 yards; **Reggie Wayne** caught 6 passes for 45 yards and 1 TD. **Drew Brees** completed 12 of 20 passes for 104 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs; **Clinton Portis** rushed for 59 yards on 16 carries.

11-04-2009 TERRORDOME. Temp: 74 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Leon Washington**

2008 Gwinnett (4-2) 3 3 7 11 - 24
2008 Virden (2-4) 7 0 7 0 - 14

1 10:05 Virden TD Brees 17 pass to Royal (Vinatieri) (9-58-4:55) 0-7
1 4:49 Gwinnett FG Brown 39 (8-39-5:16) 3-7
2 6:26 Gwinnett FG Brown 19 (9-33-4:48) 6-7
3 13:51 Virden TD Brees 10 pass to Hester (Vinatieri) (2-9-0:50) 6-14
3 8:42 Gwinnett TD Cassel 8 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (10-61-5:09) 13-14
4 13:27 Gwinnett TD Washington 14 run (2 - Washington) (11-60-4:41) 21-14
4 1:16 Gwinnett FG Brown 34 (3-3-0:29) 24-14

	GWG	VV
First Downs	16	11
Rushes	32-73	26-96
Passes	29-18-184	20-12-104
Sacked	1-4	2-13
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	9-71	8-61
Turnovers	1	2
Time	33:50	26:10
Third Down	7-15	2-12
Fourth Down	2-2	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/2	2/2/0
Net Offense	253	187



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CHARLESWOOD



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RINGGOLD

HIGH-FLYING HAWKS CRASH ON LANDING

GAME POINTS: Riding the arm of rookie **Matt Stafford**, the Crimson Hawks overcame an early 14-point deficit to soar to a 24-14 lead in the 4th quarter after **Santonio Holmes** turned a short dump-off pass into a 22-yard TD. It all unraveled in a hurry as Charleswood charged back to score on a 9-yard TD pass from **Peyton Manning** to **Tony Gonzalez**, then **Brandon Flowers** picked off a screen pass by Stafford and ran it back 42 yards for the go-ahead TD. With time ticking away, Ringgold gambled and lost on 4th down at their 32 yard line, opening the door for a late insurance TD pass from Manning to Gonzalez.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Peyton Manning** completed 22 of 29 passes for 212 yards and 3 TDs; **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 108 yards and 1 TD on 19 carries; **Tony Gonzalez** caught 7 passes for 62 yards and 2 TDs. **Matt Stafford** completed 26 of 38 passes for 197 yards, 2 TDs and 3 INTs; **Andre Johnson** caught 6 passes for 72 yards; **Shaun Rogers** had 7 tackles and 3 sacks.

11-04-2009 The Hawk's Nest. Temp: 45 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Peyton Manning					CHP	RCH		
2008 Charleswood (5-1)	7	7	0	21	-35	First Downs	21	15
2008 Ringgold (1-5)	0	10	7	7	-24	Rushes	25-107	14-44
1 5:05 Charleswood	TD Peterson	35 run (Gostkowski)	(4-74-2:27)	7-0		Passes	29-22-212	47-28-216
2 12:53 Charleswood	TD Manning	8 pass to Colston (Gostkowski)	(5-34-1:57)	14-0		Sacked	5-35	2-16
2 5:54 Ringgold	TD Stafford	21 pass to Jones-Drew (Suisham)	(13-60-6:59)	14-7		Fumble	2	1
2 0:08 Ringgold	FG Suisham	27 (7-36-1:52)		14-10		Penalties	6-40	6-48
3 12:32 Ringgold	TD Pool	49 yd fumble recovery (Suisham)	(0-0-0:00)	14-17		Turnovers	2	3
4 11:24 Ringgold	TD Stafford	22 pass to Holmes (Suisham)	(4-39-2:15)	14-24		Time	29:49	30:11
4 7:53 Charleswood	TD Manning	9 pass to Gonzalez (Gostkowski)	(11-72-3:31)	21-24		Third Down	3-9	8-15
4 6:50 Charleswood	TD Flowers	42 interception return (Gostkowski)	(0-0-0:00)	28-24		Fourth Down	0-2	1-2
4 1:01 Charleswood	TD Manning	6 pass to Gonzalez (Gostkowski)	(7-28-3:29)	35-24		Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	1/0/1
						Net Offense	284	244

SHOOTOUT AT THE CORRAL!

GAME POINTS: The Mustangs converted 3 third downs on the opening drive of the game, the final one a 16-yard TD pass from **Matt Ryan** to **John Carlson**, to strike first in a see-saw struggle with Mohave at The Corral. **Kurt Warner** went to the air in reply on Mohave's first possession, completing 6 of 7 for 73 yards including a 12-yard TD to **Terrell Owens**, and the race was on to see which team would score last. Garland got that last word in at the 8:19 mark of the 4th quarter when **Kevin Smith** pounded the ball into the end zone from 1 yard to make it 31-28. **Rob Bironas** missed a 48-yard field goal attempt with 2 minutes left that would have tied the game. Garland wins their third straight.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Matt Ryan** completed 22 of 27 for 277 yards and 3 TDs; **Mark Clayton** caught 6 for 114 yards and 1 TD. **Kurt Warner** completed 32 of 40 for 304 yards and 4 TDs; **Terrell Owens** caught 10 for 111 yards, 1 TD; **Jerome Harrison** rushed for 114 yards on 14 carries.



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GARLAND

11-07-2009 The Corral. Temp: 70 Wind: Calm None MVP: Ryan					MOH	GDM		
2008 Mohave (2-4)	7	7	7	7	-28	First Downs	25	20
2008 Garland (4-2)	7	10	7	7	-31	Rushes	15-117	24-86
1 7:44 Garland	TD Ryan	16 pass to Carlson (Gould)	(13-77-7:16)	0-7		Passes	40-32-304	27-22-277
1 2:36 Mohave	TD Warner	12 pass to Owens (Bironas)	(10-83-5:08)	7-7		Sacked	2-10	1-11
2 10:05 Garland	TD Ryan	1 pass to Welker (Gould)	(9-44-4:04)	7-14		Fumble	1	0
2 5:41 Mohave	TD Warner	12 pass to Driver (Bironas)	(9-75-4:24)	14-14		Penalties	10-59	8-63
2 2:26 Garland	FG Gould	41 (6-56-3:15)		14-17		Turnovers	0	0
3 11:17 Mohave	TD Warner	19 pass to Daniels (Bironas)	(6-77-3:43)	21-17		Time	30:26	29:34
3 5:39 Garland	TD Ryan	34 pass to Clayton (Gould)	(9-80-5:38)	21-24		Third Down	4-8	3-8
4 13:35 Mohave	TD Warner	1 pass to Daniels (Bironas)	(13-84-7:04)	28-24		Fourth Down	0-2	1-1
4 8:19 Garland	TD Smith	1 run (Gould)	(10-75-5:16)	28-31		Red Att/Td/Fg	4/4/0	3/3/0
						Net Offense	411	352



FLORIDA

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KUTZTOWN

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FLORIDA THUMPS BEARS TO STAY UNBEATEN

GAME POINTS: The highlight of the game for Kutztown came when **Justin Miller** returned the opening kickoff 88 yards for a TD. It was a dismal day for the Bears after that. **Tony Romo** fumbled at his 42 yard line, setting up a 17-yard TD run by **DeAngelo Williams** to tie the game. Miller would then go from hero to goat, fumbling away the ensuing kickoff to set up the go ahead, and eventual game-winning, 4-yard TD run by Williams. Florida coasted after posting a 21-10 lead at the half, holding the Bears offence to just one first down in the 2nd half. Kutztown turned the ball over 6 times against the league's top takeaway team.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Aaron Rodgers** completed 16 of 28 for 185 yards and 1 TD; **Jonathan Stewart** rushed for 143 yards on 20 carries; **DeAngelo Williams** rushed for 45 yards and 2 TDs on 7 carries; **Brandon Marshall** caught 9 passes for 120 yards; **Terrell Suggs** bagged 1 Sack and 2 Forced Fumbles. **Tony Romo** completed 8 of 14 for 70 yards, 1 INT and 3 fumbles; **Le'Ron McClain** rushed for 64 yards on 11 carries.

11-07-2009 Lincoln Financial. Temp: 75 Wind: Calm None MVP: Aaron Rodgers					FLD	KUT		
2008 Florida (6-0)	14	7	3	3	-27	First Downs	21	10
2008 Kutztown (2-4)	7	3	0	0	-10	Rushes	39-239	21-88
						Passes	28-16-185	15-9-132
1 14:47 Kutztown	TD Miller	88	kick return (Kaeding)	(0-0-0:13)	0-7	Sacked	0-0	2-11
1 9:25 Florida	TD Williams	17	run (Elam,J)	(5-42-2:29)	7-7	Fumble	1	6
1 7:43 Florida	TD Williams	4	run (Elam,J)	(3-31-1:42)	14-7	Penalties	2-15	0-0
2 11:52 Kutztown	FG Kaeding	33	(7-83-3:41)		14-10	Turnovers	1	6
2 6:26 Florida	TD Rodgers	30	pass to Marshall (Elam,J)	(10-65-5:21)	21-10	Time	39:18	20:42
3 5:42 Florida	FG Elam	49	(6-13-2:31)		24-10	Third Down	8-14	3-7
4 14:09 Florida	FG Elam	32	(8-44-4:41)		27-10	Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
						Red Att/Td/Fg	6/2/1	1/0/1
						Net Offense	424	209

QUICK START CARRIES CORN KINGS

GAME POINTS: Two TD passes in the first quarter from **Chad Pennington** – 33 yards to **Kevin Walter** and 27 yards to **Donnie Avery** – put the Corn Kings in the driver's seat and helped them overcome 4 turnovers to pull out the victory on the road at 'Hole in the Wall.' The Outlaws followed a field goal with a surprise onside kick in the 2nd quarter, but **Shayne Graham**, with the wind at his back, kicked it too far and **Ryan Fowler** recovered for Cowtown. The Kings used the shortened field to score a third TD and take a 21-3 lead. Two red zone interceptions of Pennington kept the game within reach for Winnemucca. **Sabby Piscitelli** returned a pick 95 yards to the Cowtown 3 to set up the Outlaws' first TD, but failure to sustain long drives eventually caught up with them.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Chad Pennington** completed 19 of 36 for 292 yards, 2 TDs and 3 INTs; **Kevin Walter** caught 7 for 145 yards and 1 TD; **Marion Barber** rushed for 68 yards and 1 TD on 19 carries. **David Garrard** completed 15 of 28 for 119 yards and 2 INTs, and rushed for 45 yards.



COWTOWN

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WINNEMUCCA

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11-07-2009 Hole in the Wall. Temp: 47 Wind: 20-30 None MVP: Walter					COW	WMO		
2008 Cowtown (3-3)	14	7	0	7	-28	First Downs	24	12
2008 Winnemucca (1-5)	0	10	3	6	-19	Rushes	29-106	27-110
						Passes	36-19-292	28-15-119
1 9:00 Cowtown	TD Pennington	33	pass to Walter (Hanson,J)	(3-53-1:02)	7-0	Sacked	1-7	2-17
1 0:18 Cowtown	TD Pennington	27	pass to Avery (Hanson,J)	(8-76-4:18)	14-0	Fumble	1	0
2 11:26 Winnemucca	FG Graham	36	(8-16-3:52)		14-3	Penalties	3-25	7-63
2 5:36 Cowtown	TD Barber	1	run (Hanson,J)	(10-47-5:46)	21-3	Turnovers	4	2
2 1:10 Winnemucca	TD Garrard	3	run (Graham,S)	(1-3-0:10)	21-10	Time	30:10	29:50
3 2:25 Winnemucca	FG Graham	20	(7-12-3:05)		21-13	Third Down	9-12	5-15
4 12:48 Cowtown	TD Moore	1	run (Hanson,J)	(9-77-4:33)	28-13	Fourth Down	1-1	2-3
4 7:16 Winnemucca	TD Thomas	1	run (2 - failed)	(11-65-5:32)	28-19	Red Att/Td/Fg	6/3/0	5/2/2
						Net Offense	391	212



IOWA CITY

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PICKERING

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CUBS TURN INTO BEARS IN 4TH QUARTER BURST

GAME POINTS: A 22-yard end-around by **Lee Evans** set up a 1-yard TD run by **Brandon Jacobs** to give Iowa City an early 7-3 lead. Neil **Rackers** made good from 49 yards out to extend the lead to 10-3 before Pickering scraped back into the game with 3 consecutive **John Kasay** field goals to make it 12-10 for the Spartans heading into the 4th quarter. **Ronnie Brown** broke the seal on the Cubs' bottled up attack with a 33-yard TD run to give Iowa City the lead for good. The Cubs' defense held off **Eli Manning** with a timely sack by **Mario Williams** and an interception by **DeAngelo Hall** while Jacobs added 2 more 1-yard TD runs.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Trent Edwards** completed 22 of 30 passes for 247 yards; **Brandon Jacobs** rushed for 55 yards and 3 TDs on 16 carries; **Ronnie Brown** rushed for 73 yards and 1 TD on 9 carries; **Larry Fitzgerald** caught 9 passes for 114 yards. **Eli Manning** completed 11 of 23 for 119 yards and 1 INT; **Chris Johnson** rushed for 42 yards on 13 carries; **John Kasay** was a perfect 4 of 4 for field goals, with a long of 48 yards, to score all Spartans points.

11-04-2009 Temp: 51 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Jacobs			ICC	PIC
2008 Iowa City (2-4)	0 10 0 21	- 31	First Downs	27
2008 Pickering (2-4)	3 3 6 0	- 12	Rushes	35-166
			Passes	30-22-247
1 5:27 Pickering	FG Kasay 43 (4-15-1:37)	0-3	Sacked	2-16
2 12:33 Iowa City	TD Jacobs 1 run (Rackers) (14-80-7:50)	7-3	Fumble	2
2 4:37 Iowa City	FG Rackers 49 (10-52-5:37)	10-3	Penalties	7-55
2 0:12 Pickering	FG Kasay 24 (11-75-4:19)	10-6	Turnovers	0
3 10:27 Pickering	FG Kasay 25 (8-60-4:33)	10-9	Time	38:41
3 4:13 Pickering	FG Kasay 48 (6-10-2:28)	10-12	Third Down	7-13
4 14:46 Iowa City	TD Brown 33 run (Rackers) (8-66-4:22)	17-12	Fourth Down	1-2
4 4:16 Iowa City	TD Jacobs 1 run (Rackers) (12-82-8:12)	24-12	Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0
4 2:02 Iowa City	TD Jacobs 1 run (Rackers) (3-31-1:25)	31-12	Net Offense	397
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MARKHAM "WHITE-WASHED" IN LOSS!

GAME POINTS: Consecutive 33-yard passes from **Jay Cutler** to **Hines Ward** and **Anquan Boldin** were the offensive highlights of the game and set up a 14-yard TD run by **LenDale White** to give Chino a 10-0 lead in the 2nd quarter. White added a second TD on a 16-yard run to cap off the Convicts' opening drive of the second half, making the score 17-3, where it would stay. A grueling 22-play drive by Markham to the Chino 1 yard line came up empty after a holding call on **Tyson Clabo** nullified a TD and Markham failed to convert on 4th and goal at the 11. **Donovan McNabb** was picked by **Aqib Talib** and White helped grind away the final minutes to boost Chino's record to 5-1.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Jay Cutler** completed 18 of 22 for 202 yards; **LenDale White** carried 18 times for 66 yards and 2 TDs; **Anquan Boldin** had 9 catches for 105 yards; **Jeff Reed** hit a 51-yard FG. **Donovan McNabb** was 15 of 25 for 140 yards and 2 INTs; **Jamal Lewis** rushed for 59 yards on 16 carries; **Devery Henderson** caught 3 passes for 39 yards.



CHINO

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11-07-2009 The Dawg Pound. Temp: 55 Wind: 10-20 None MVP: LenDale White			CHI	MAR
2008 Chino (5-1)	3 7 7 0	- 17	First Downs	15
2008 Markham (1-5)	0 3 0 0	- 3	Rushes	30-102
			Passes	22-18-202
1 4:47 Chino	FG Reed 51 (8-22-4:13)	3-0	Sacked	1-8
2 6:22 Chino	TD White 14 run (Reed,J) (6-98-3:12)	10-0	Fumble	1
2 0:11 Markham	FG Longwell 20 (13-65-6:11)	10-3	Penalties	3-25
3 7:20 Chino	TD White 16 run (Reed,J) (13-66-7:40)	17-3	Turnovers	1
			Time	30:40
			Third Down	2-10
			Fourth Down	3-4
			Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/0
			Net Offense	296
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AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – The Yankees won the World Series for the 27th time in their long history. I am happy, of course, but less proud than I would have been when I was a boy. I am an unfettered Free Enterprise supporter in everything except for professional sports. The Yankees, as they do these days, bought their win. If baseball finances do not change, teams like Pittsburgh and Kansas City will never see a Championship again.

GARLAND REAPS REWARDS OF SMART DRAFT, FREE AGENT ACQUISITIONS

The surprising Garland Gladiators are showing that a team can be made from scratch through expansion and become competitive in short order. Garland's sophomore season is turning into the early chapters of a Cinderella story. At 4-2 after winning a wild one this week against Mohave, they sit in a tie with Gwinnett for second place in the South Division. If they continue at this pace, and the North Division remains stalled at the side of the road, they will make it into the playoffs as a Wildcard team. In the unlikely event of a Florida collapse, they could actually steal the Division. How are they doing it?

While fellow expansion classmates built for the present (Pickering), built for Pickering (Markham), or simply did not build at all (Winnemucca), Garland, as the Colorado Thundersnow, built for the future, starting with a smart expansion draft. The jewel in the Garland draft crown is quarterback, **Matt Ryan**, who is hands down the early favourite for league Offensive MVP. Other standouts from that original draft are middle linebacker, **Jerod Mayo** and running back, **Matt Forte**, each of whom has contributed to their team's early success.

This year they traded for tight end **John Carlson**, signed **Frank Gore** away from Durham, signed **Wes Welker** and drafted **Brian Cushing**, all of which are turning into good moves. The one deal that they may regret down the road is the trading of **Andre Johnson** to Ringgold for Charleswood's first round pick. That pick translated into wide receiver **Darrius Heyward-Bey**. The Maryland product is undeniably fast but slow to pick up the complicated professional playbook. He looks lost on the field. Who knows if Garland's run of good fortune and clutch play from their quarterback will continue, but for now all is good in Garland.

CRAZY FANS INSPIRE, AMUSE, REPULSE

You won't find them listed on the Program. You will rarely know who they are. They don't get paid. But for 8 days of the regular season they will garner local notoriety – sometimes even stardom – subsequently disappearing from the public view when the season is over to perform whatever duties their mundane regular jobs require. They may inspire, amuse, or repulse you, but you will never be indifferent to their antics. They are the "crazy" fans; the fanatics; the lunatics; the nut-jobs; and they come with every team.

The 'Fat Lady in Row 54' grabs most of the media attention, often for the wrong reasons, but she is only one – albeit a very large one – of dozens of deranged "Super Fans" on display in EFL stadiums on game day. This week a national television audience caught a snippet of Los Angeles' "Sir Dancealot" as he performed a hip hop routine and rode a kite shield down a flight of stairs to celebrate a touchdown pass from Tarvaris Jackson to Steve Smith. They also saw the Black & White Knights, a duo consisting of an African-American male wearing white armour and a Caucasian male wearing black armour who collect women's scarves from the crowd and duel with plastic swords during commercial breaks.

If you have EFL Sunday Ticket you may have caught a glimpse of Virden's "Hooded Hangman," who ritually executes bobble head dolls of opposing players, or Pickering's "Spartacus," who strides about proudly in nothing but a leather skirt and plumed helmet knocking fans wearing opponent's paraphernalia on their heads with a giant inflatable bat. You would not, however, have seen Kutztown's "Bear-naked Guy," the streaker who sneaks into every game in disguise and at the appointed time – usually during a prolonged commercial break or at half time – strips naked, dons his Yogi Bear mask, and runs across the field of play

carrying a banner that says something different every week. This week, according to a contact in Kutztown, the banner read, "I AM TONY ROMO'S LOVE CHILD." Crazy, yes, but at least he's not throwing around poop underwear.

RAUCOUS RALLY IN MARKHAM RAISES "BIGGER" ISSUES

The Ontario chapter of the League of Large Ladies (LLL) spearheaded a rally on Wednesday in support of Gretta Clapper, better known as "the Fat Lady in Row 54." Large women from across Ontario and as far abroad as Manitoba, Michigan and Western New York converged on the City of Markham and gathered in the parking lot of 'The Kennel,' a popular sports bar three blocks away from 'The Dawg Pound.' They were joined by approximately 1,000 local North Stars fans. Together they marched on the stadium to demand justice for the Fat Lady.

It was less of a "march" and more of a "waddle." The throng had to pause after two blocks while some of the more ample demonstrators, who could no longer continue, were loaded by forklift onto flatbed trucks to be transported to the stadium rally point. There they chanted slogans, listened to speeches, snacked on pastries, and burned Calista Flockhart in effigy. The whalelike President of the LLL, Barbara Brandt, (who, according to her website bio weighs in at 310 lbs but actually looks much larger) demanded not only that the charges against the Fat Lady be dropped, but that she be financially compensated for her trauma and an apology issued to "Grand Women" everywhere. She vowed that the LLL would provide financial support for her court case through proceeds from the sale of butter tarts and honeyed hams donated by Friends of Fat, a newly formed local support group.

The argument being made by the LLL is that security, police and several fans at the stadium who tried to help them, discriminated against Clapper because of her size; specifically, that they "overreacted" because they were unduly intimidated by her girth and that she was acting in self-defense when *they* attacked *her*. Private videos made at the scene are making the rounds on 'YouTube' and the some of the scenes are supportive of the contention that the Fat Lady was somehow beset upon. In one clear shot you can see an orange-clad security guard approach Clapper from behind, grab her arm, and in a flash she reaches over with her other hand and places the struggling guard in her mouth. It has the appearance of an automatic response triggered unconsciously by the surprise contact and, indeed, the guard came at her from her "hot dog side" where she keeps her hay boxes.

The surprising backlash momentarily turned authorities in Markham to a more conciliatory position as they tried to placate the massive mob and avoid the Sit-in and Eating Strike being threatened by a dozen of the heftier LLL members. "We are prepared to eat until we burst if Justice is not done," said one of the protestors, as a palate of hot cross buns was dropped off behind her. It did not appear to be an idle threat as many of them had already started gorging on everything from cookies to pork rinds. The result was a postponement of Markham's Week Six game versus Chino while lawyers attempted to work out a compromise that would allow the Fat Lady to remain in her row for the game. North Stars beat writer, Lanny McDonald reported that as part of the deal, the Fat Lady agreed to be air-lifted out of her seat on Monday, which, as this goes to Press, has not yet transpired.

To her credit, the Fat Lady was comparatively mellow during most of the humdrum contest between the North Stars and the Convicts. But the holding penalty against **Tyson Clabo** at the Chino one-yard line that nullified a Markham touchdown in the fourth quarter was too much for her excitable nerves. She exploded with pent up fury, roaring so loudly that she drowned out the referee and caused several dozen fans to faint in terror. A cordon of security, led by a tactical police weapons team, converged immediately on Clapper and rendered her temporarily mute through application of a Court-sanctioned elephant tranquilizer. As I write this, internet blogs maintained by the LLL (cutely known as "Blobs") are alive with outrage at this treatment. It is going to be a long week for the Markham Police Crowd Control Unit.

HAWKS HAVE BIRD FLU

It has to be an illness...and it's contagious. Just when I was about to lay all of Ringgold's troubles at Big Ben's lap, Week Six against Charleswood happened. If you have the game taped, go back and watch this fascinating study in collapse. All the normal rules of momentum, so critical to success in regular football, suddenly fly out the window over an eight-minute span in the fourth quarter of this game.

The Hawks, trailing 14-0 early and en route to being blown out yet again, yanked **Ben Roethlisberger** in favour of rookie **Matt Stafford**. I watched in amazement as the rookie led his team to 24 unanswered points, the last touchdown coming on a snazzy 22-yard pass to **Santonio Holmes** in the fourth quarter that had a visibly deflating effect in the visiting Patriots. At that point I started writing my article about Stafford, preparing to gush with praise at his poise and skill in leading his team to a dramatic and improbable come-

from-behind victory. But **Peyton Manning** waved his magic wand and brought the Pats' offense down the field in a hurry for a touchdown that narrowed Ringgold's lead to a mere 3 points with 7:53 remaining. The Hawks opted to continue attacking rather than attempt to run out the clock against a line that overmatched them, and that's when disaster struck. Looking very much like a Ringgold quarterback, the rookie Stafford suddenly lost his nerve and tossed a lollipop into the eager arms of **Brandon Flowers**, who ran it back untouched 42 yards for the go-ahead and winning touchdown. The collapse was complete when Charleswood marched in for an easy touchdown after **Maurice Jones-Drew** went backwards on 4th and 4 at his 28 yard line.

NEW YORK GRIPES

Kurt Warner lost a gun fight with **Matt Ryan** at the Corral. The quarterback who had attempted only 11 passes in his two previous games was let loose against the feisty but undermanned Garland secondary and responded with 4 TD passes and no interceptions. But before he could escape with the loot, Ryan "the Kid" shot the old vet's gun out of his hand, leaving him alive but with his pride severely wounded. It looks like a new sheriff's in town. The Mohave dynasty – such as it was – is fading fast.

Chad Pennington survived the whacky Winnemucca wind, throwing for 292 yards and 2 TDs to lead the Corn Kings to a 28-19 victory. He also threw 3 interceptions and made a half dozen other horrible throws. Pennington is the EFL's only knuckleball pitcher. His ball has the speed of a Graff Zeppelin and the trajectory of a mortar shell. He keeps his career alive with savvy decisions and pin point control, but he suffers more than most when faced with 20-30 mph winds. With the wind at his back in the first quarter, Pennington looked like Dan Marino. In the third quarter against the wind he looked like Rick Mirer. Performances like this make to jittery Sundays for Coach **Jim Coghlin**.

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PLAY OF THE WEEK

SITUATION

Viriden 14, Gwinnett 13, 3rd Quarter, 0:08 remaining
 Gladiators in possession, 2nd down & 19 at own 42 yard line.
 3 WR/1 RB set vs. 4-1-6 Dime package, normal MAN coverage, PASS defense.

RESULT

Leon Washington takes a short hitch pass from Cassel, ducks a hit, turns around and finds room to run , 32 yards of it, before he is taken down at the Viriden 26.

ANALYSIS

The biggest play from scrimmage was a self-generated effort and set up the eventual game-winning TD.

WEEK SIX LEADERS

PASSING

RUSHING

RECEIVING

Warner (MOH)	40-32-304
Pennington (COW)	36-19-292
Ryan, M. (GDM)	27-22-277
Edwards (ICC)	30-22-247
Manning, P. (CHP)	29-22-212

Charles, J. (LAK)	18-145
Stewart, J. (FLA)	20-143
Harrison, J. (MOH)	14-114
Peterson, A. (CHP)	19-108
Brown, R. (ICC)	9-73

Walter, K. (COW)	7-145
Marshall, B. (FLA)	9-120
Clayton, M. (GDM)	6-114
Fitzgerald (ICC)	9-114
Owens, T. (MOH)	10-111

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	5	1	0	0.833	170	28.3	93	15.5	12.8	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Kutztown	2	4	0	0.333	109	18.2	144	24	-5.8	1 2 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Mohave	2	4	0	0.333	111	18.5	137	22.8	-4.3	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Virden	2	4	0	0.333	100	16.7	128	21.3	-4.7	1 3 0	0 3 0	2 3 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	5	1	0	0.833	141	23.5	63	10.5	13	2 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Los Angeles	4	2	0	0.667	135	22.5	89	14.8	7.7	2 1 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Iowa City	2	4	0	0.333	96	16	128	21.3	-5.3	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
Winnemucca	1	5	0	0.167	69	11.5	147	24.5	-13	0 4 0	1 2 0	1 4 0

CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	4	2	0	0.667	130	21.7	112	18.7	3	2 1 0	3 0 0	3 2 0
Cowtown	3	3	0	0.500	144	24	127	21.2	2.8	1 1 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Pickering	2	4	0	0.333	111	18.5	156	26	-7.5	1 2 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Markham	1	5	0	0.167	72	12	140	23.3	-11.3	1 3 0	1 2 0	1 4 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	6	0	0	1.000	180	30	59	9.8	20.2	3 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Garland	4	2	0	0.667	138	23	141	23.5	-0.5	3 1 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Gwinnett	4	2	0	0.667	133	22.2	105	17.5	4.7	1 1 0	2 1 0	3 2 0
Ringgold	1	5	0	0.167	89	14.8	159	26.5	-11.7	1 2 0	0 3 0	1 4 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Manning, P	CHP	172	120	69.8	1396	5	2.9	34	12	7	105.2
2	Ryan, M	GDM	162	105	64.8	1384	5	3.1	52	12	7.4	103.5
3	Cassel	GWG	141	96	68.1	1019	2	1.4	41	8	5.7	101.9
4	Warner	MOH	143	99	69.2	1007	3	2.1	34	8	5.6	99
5	Rivers, P	DTL	172	107	62.2	1522	4	2.3	80	8	4.7	96.6
6	Rodgers	FLD	145	94	64.8	1075	3	2.1	46	6	4.1	92.2
7	Campbell, J	LAK	135	88	65.2	974	4	3	47	6	4.4	88.9
8	Cutler	CHI	168	112	66.7	1177	4	2.4	63	5	3	86.8
9	Pennington	COW	207	128	61.8	1418	7	3.4	37	8	3.9	80.9
10	Manning, E	PIC	171	101	59.1	1320	8	4.7	74	8	4.7	79.6
11	Brees	VV	166	94	56.6	1173	6	3.6	51	6	3.6	75.7
12	Edwards, T	ICC	137	85	62	841	4	2.9	23	1	0.7	69.6
13	Roethlisberger	RCH	141	72	51.1	803	5	3.5	33	6	4.3	67.8
14	Romo	KUT	177	101	57.1	986	6	3.4	23	4	2.3	66.3
15	McNabb	MAR	165	90	54.5	962	5	3	67	3	1.8	65.3

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Jones, T	GWG	114	521	4.6	69	6	8	Charles, J	LAK	55	388	7.1	34	1
2	Williams, D	FLD	92	514	5.6	48	9	9	Harrison, J	MOH	37	354	9.6	31	0
3	Turner, M	DTL	111	485	4.4	85	3	10	Barber, M	COW	81	330	4.1	14	5
4	Peterson, A	CHP	107	455	4.3	35	3	11	Brown, R	ICC	74	320	4.3	53	2
5	Portis	VV	126	445	3.5	29	0	12	Slaton	MOH	95	317	3.3	80	3
6	Lewis, J	MAR	100	430	4.3	16	1	13	Jacobs, B	ICC	71	312	4.4	23	5
7	Johnson, C	PIC	77	405	5.3	69	3	14	Stewart, J	FLD	59	287	4.9	46	1
8	Charles, J	LAK	55	388	7.1	34	1	15	Gore	GDM	60	268	4.5	46	0

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Boldin	CHI	41	481	11.7	63	3	8	Owens, T	MOH	29	352	12.1	28	3
2	Gonzalez, T	CHP	39	429	11	34	5	9	Fitzgerald	ICC	28	329	11.8	31	1
3	White, R	LAK	38	388	10.2	27	4	10	Ward, H	CHI	28	349	12.5	33	1
4	Jennings, G	KUT	37	461	12.5	62	2	11	Marshall, B	FLD	28	380	13.6	31	2
5	Johnson, A	RCH	35	409	11.7	27	2	12	Royal, E	RCH	28	244	8.7	33	1
6	Evans, L	ICC	34	395	11.6	44	0	13	Walter, K	COW	28	442	15.8	37	4
7	Hester, D	VV	30	472	15.7	35	2	14	Witten	CHP	26	347	13.3	28	5
8	Owens, T	MOH	29	352	12.1	28	3	15	Moss, S	COW	26	260	10	15	1



BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK *WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK SIX?*

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OFFENSE



QB – Matt Ryan, Garland Gladiators

27 Att., 22 Comp., 277 yards, 3 TDs, 0 INT, 146.5 QB Rating
Led Mustangs to 31-28 shootout win over Mohave.

DEFENSE



CB – Brandon Flowers, Charleswood Pats

8 Tackles, 1 Interception, 1 TD.
His 42-yard interception return for a TD in 4th won the game.

SPECIAL TEAMS



KR – Justin Miller, Kutztown Golden Bears

5 KR, 203 yards, 40.6 Avg., 88 Long, 1 TD.
His 88-yard TD: the only bright spot of a dark day for the Bears.

INJURY REPORT - *Week Seven*

CHARLESWOOD – Samuels (OUT), A. Thomas (OUT); **CHINO** – McKinnie (OUT), Newman (OUT), Cribbs (PROBABLE); **COWTOWN** – Schobel (OUT), Saturday (DOUBTFUL), S. Jones (OUT), Chatman (OUT); **DURHAM** – None; **FLORIDA** – Tatupu (OUT), Miller (OUT); **GARLAND** – Foxworth (OUT), J. Bell (OUT); **GWINNETT** – D.J. Williams (OUT), English (OUT); **IOWA CITY** – J. Peters (QUESTIONABLE), Winslow (OUT), Whitner (OUT), Podlesh (DOUBTFUL), A. Curry (OUT); **KUTZTOWN** – T. Porter (OUT), L. Hill (OUT), F. Jones (OUT), J. Miller (OUT), Okoye (OUT); **LOS ANGELES** – S. Young (OUT); **MARKHAM** – Engram (OUT), Furrey (OUT), Askew (OUT), A. Hall (OUT), C. Tillman (DOUBTFUL); **MOHAVE** – Sims (OUT), C. Bailey (OUT); **PICKERING** – J. Phillips (OUT), M. Jackson (OUT), B. Jackson (OUT), F. Davis (OUT), Scheffler (OUT), Vanden Bosch (OUT); **RINGGOLD** – M. Jenkins (OUT); **VIRDEN** – J. Thompson (DOUBTFUL), M. Harrison (DOUBTFUL); **WINNEMUCCA** – Harvin (QUESTIONABLE), Washington (OUT), L. Smith (OUT), J. Walker (OUT), D. Manning (OUT), J. Griffith (OUT), P. Thomas (OUT).



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JIMMY'S WEEK SEVEN PICKS

MOHAVE @ FLORIDA (LINE – DRAGONS BY 14)

The Hellfire defense is struggling mightily without Champ Bailey in the line-up. They could not stop Matt Ryan and the Mustangs last week and don't expect them to go into Dragonmount and tether Aaron Rodgers or DeAngelo Williams to the post this week. The only hope for Mohave is to get a repeat of Kurt Warner's performance against Garland and pray it holds up; but in the attempt they will play right into the hands of the turnover-hungry Florida "Firewall." This rout will not be pretty – for Adult Audiences only.

PICK: FLORIDA

CHARLESWOOD @ GWINNETT (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 1)

As a team, the Pats are just above the Glads in every facet of the game, but the gap is not cavernous. The Gladiators like some of their individual match-ups on defense in the passing game and the injury to Chris Samuels makes the Pats' running game, even with Adrian Peterson, less viable. The Gladiators have the home field advantage, which could tip the balance in their favour if they can mix it up on offense and get the vaunted Charleswood defense guessing. If they get locked into the passing game they are toast.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

RINGGOLD @ VIRDEN (LINE – VIOLATORS BY 5)

The Violators are out-performing expectations and have been playing everybody close while Ringgold has been under-performing and giving lots of room to their opponents. Will both teams continue along their current trend lines or will something finally break? I look at the Hawks and I see a team that *should* be where Garland is and I look at the Violators and see a team that should be getting violated more than they are doing the violating. Virden's individual stats aren't impressive but they have been getting the job done when it matters with the Brees-to-Hester/Harrison combo. Harrison is out this week, which means Hester will have no room to move. Ringgold will finally have their way with somebody.

PICK: RINGGOLD

GARLAND @ KUTZTOWN (LINE – PICK ‘EM)

The Kutztown defense is missing three starters, weakening an already suspect crew. The middle of the defensive line is particularly vulnerable and has had trouble stopping the run. Garland’s struggles in the running game are deceptive – they have been passing so well that they have been using it mainly as a change of pace. With Frank Gore in the backfield they can turn to that part of their game whenever they choose this week. But they may not need to – Matt Ryan is sizzling hot and there is little standing in his way. Despite some big runs by LeSean McCoy the Kutztown running game is not a threat, leaving Tony Romo standing on his own to carry the offense. The Mustangs will gallop to victory.

PICK: GARLAND

CHINO @ DURHAM (LINE – CONVICTS BY 2)

Expect a defensive struggle. Neither team will be able to move the ball consistently against the other in the Jurassic Park swamp: Durham, because they have been sporadic all year and the Convicts’ defense is built to make the big play; Chino, because their running game has not been giving Jay Cutler enough support and the young QB is mistake-prone. So who will come out on top in this sentinel slugfest? Durham should have the ball longer and control the pace of play because of their offensive line. If they can avoid turning it over they will grind out a ‘W’ and hand Chino their second loss of the season.

PICK: DURHAM

IOWA CITY @ COWTOWN (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 8)

The Cubs finally came alive last week against the Spartans, getting solid play from the quarterback position and rushing for 166 yards. Are they back to 2008 form after a nightmarish start? They lost Aaron Curry last week to injury, meaning they will have to rely on their line exclusively to generate pressure on Pennington. The Corn Kings took care of business in Winnemucca, making some big plays but also experiencing some disturbing lapses. The Corn Kings need to take some pressure off their pivot with a better running game than they have been getting, but the Cubs have held opponent’s to a league best 2.8 yards a carry. This will be a close game, with the Corn Kings squeaking out a win under the generous 8-point spread.

PICK: IOWA CITY

PICKERING @ WINNEMUCCA (LINE – OUTLAWS BY 2)

The odds-makers in Vegas do this occasionally – they throw out a line based on the fashion and not on the fundamentals. Although Pickering struggled badly last week, they are clearly a better team than Winnemucca. The problem is that they have some critical injuries to their defensive secondary and nobody knows who will line up at tight end this week with both Tony Scheffler and Fred Davis out of action. The Outlaws are similarly hurt but can still field most of their starting defense. In windy Winnemucca, strange things happen – so an Outlaw win is not of the question. But Pickering’s impact players, Chris Johnson, Vincent Jackson and Eli Manning, will find a way to pull it out for Pickering.

PICK: PICKERING

MARKHAM @ LOS ANGELES (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 10)

Both Los Angeles losses this year have been close affairs they should probably have won. They have been full value for their four victories, meaning that they are the unluckiest 4-2 team in the league. The Markham offence is sliding backwards because Donovan McNabb has not posted a QB rating higher than 42.1 in the last three weeks. This week they face the highest rated defense in the league, on the road, and the prospect of actually gaining less than 100 yards of total offence has to be part of the discussion. They will get no relief from their defense as they aren’t sacking anybody and their top corner, Charles Tillman, is doubtful.

PICK: LOS ANGELES

SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????

HOW I’M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD

LAST WEEK: 6-2-0

OVERALL: 29-18-1