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2017



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In our 11th season and still going strong!
January 7, 2018

SORRY GUYS!



Andy Dalton

LA Knights

LA QB, *Andy Dalton* (left) strolls nonchalantly to the Knights' sideline after throwing a "TD" to Charleswood safety *HaHa Clinton-Dix*. After passing his team to a 28-20 lead over the first two quarters, Dalton had a rough 2nd half, throwing 5 interceptions in a stunning 47-35 loss to the Patriots. Dalton also lost a fumble in the 1st quarter that led to the Pats' first TD.

In other EFL action the Bruxelles Bombers took one more step towards an improbable East Division title with a 24-17 win over rival Brooklin; and the Corn Kings snatched the first wildcard position and bumped down the Spartans with an impressive 42-27 comeback win over the Thunder Lizards.

Also inside this issue: **Spats McChad** comments on 'President Oprah;' and gets to the bottom of a strange sequence of punts by the Triumph in the 4th quarter of their 26-7 loss to the Cubs.

EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



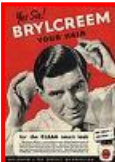
NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



Who was slick
in Week
Twelve?

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Jordy Nelson
WR
Erieau
Cadillac

6 catches, 140 yards, TD. 65-yard TD
and 140 yds key to his team's win.



Marcus Cooper
CB
Charleswood
Patriots

5 T, 1 PD, 2 INTs (58 yds - TD)
Pick-six in 3rd turned game around.



OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

4th Qtr 8:01 left, Pats trailing 28-26, **Jalen Richard** (CHP) runs 78-yards off tackle for go-ahead TD.



GAME CENTER 2017 Week Twelve

GAME BLITZ!

By Chris Sherman



DEFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

3rd Qtr, 28-20 for LA, **Marcus Cooper** (CHP) returns an INT 58-yard for a TD for the game's turning point.

	18	Andrew Luck went down on the game's 3 rd play but RBs Jay Ajayi and Tevin Coleman stepped up with TD runs of 59 and 67 yards respectively to prop up a shaky Connor Cook. The back-up fumbled five times but recovered all of them as the Chargers could not catch a break. A 17-yard TD pass to Roger Lewis pulled STC within 3, but the Mohave D controlled the final 8:54 to preserve the win.
	21	
	24	A 25-yard screen to Jonathan Stewart and a 22-yard pitch to Ryan Mathews counted for 2 TDs in the 2 nd as the Hawks took a 14-3 lead into half time. But Muhammad Wilkerson forced a fumble at the Hawks 25, leading to a 3-TD Bombers' flurry, including 25 and 46-yard TD passes from Foles to Terrelle Pryor. Stewart was stuffed for -3 on 4 th & 2 late in the 4 th to shutdown the Hawks comeback.
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	10	Derek Carr snapped a scoreless tie with a 17-yard TD pass to Michael Floyd to start the 2 nd but the Convicts evened the score on a 69-yard TD pass from Dak Prescott to Marvin Jones Jr. Carr went 5 of 5 on the ensuing drive then Ezekiel Elliott finished it off with an 8-yard TD run to put Virden in front to stay. Chino threatened at the Virden 7 with 0:47 left but Johnathan Hankins' 4 th down sack ended it.
	17	
	13	A defensive struggle turned into a 1 st half kicking duel with Cadillac kicker Stephen Gostkowski gaining the edge over Blair Walsh 6-3. The Pilots' kicker evened the score in the 3 rd before Cadillac punter Jon Ryan pinned the Pilots at their 1 setting up a safety for an 8-6 Erieau lead. After the free kick Jordy Nelson took a medium cross 65-yards for a TD to give Erieau a lead the Pilots couldn't overcome.
	15	
	27	The T-Lizards blasted out of the gate with a 91-yard TD bomb to TY Hilton to spark a 1 st half where they controlled the play and established a 20-7 lead. The Kings came back in the 3 rd with TD passes of 47 and 15 yards from two different QBs, but a Carlos Hyde TD run put Durham back on top to start the 4 th . LeGarrette Blount replied with a 10-yard TD run and 2 INTs led to 2 TDs in a 21-point 4 th qt for the Kings.
	42	
	7	D'Onta Foreman and Wendell Smallwood combined for 201 rushing yards and Jameis Winston passed for a TD and ran for another as the Swordfish dominated both sides of the ball to hand the Blue Eagles their 2 nd straight loss. The teams traded TDs before the Fish broke the tie with a 21-yard FG before the half. The Eagles could not generate offence in the 2 nd half and the Fish pulled away.
	20	
	28	The Wolverines got the better of a 35-point 2 nd quarter with Matt Moore throwing 3 TD passes to 3 different WRs while Tom Brady connected on two, including a 75-yard bomb to Kelvin Benjamin. York tied it up on its first series of the 3 rd quarter then took the lead after a 40-yard Brandon Flowers INT return set up Benjamin's 2 nd TD catch of the game. Toronto's final push failed on at the York 28.
	21	
	24	The Mustangs controlled the 1 st quarter and the Spartans controlled the 2 nd to finish the 1 st half deadlocked at 7. The teams traded TDs to start the 3 rd then Aurora WR Albert Wilson sprinted around the end for a 43-yard run to set up a Mike Tolbert dive for the go-ahead TD. The Spartans misfired on 4 th & 3 at the Aurora 34 leading to an Aurora FG. Aurora held Pickering to a FG in the 4 th for the win.
	17	
	20	The Wrecking Balls dominated defensively in the 1 st half but were forced to settle for 3 FGs on 3 trips to the Glads' red zone for a 9-0 lead. The Glads battled back in the 3 rd , scoring 17 points, including a 58-yard short slant to Jarvis Landry for a TD. NJ took an 18-17 lead with 3:46 left on an Isaiah Crowell 1-yard TD run, but Blaine Gabbert led a last-ditch drive and Cairo Santos won it on a 39-yard FG.
	18	
	7	A 15-yard sack of Carson Palmer at his 3-yard line set up field position for the game's 1 st score: a 53-yard Justin Tucker FG. The Cubs added a TD on a Joe Mixon 21-yard run then Tavon Austin's 52-yard catch-and-run set up a Russell Wilson sneak for another as the Cubs led 17-0 at half time. Charles Clay scored for TC on a 36-yard screen but the offence could go no further against a strong Cubs' D.
	26	
	30	This contest was not as competitive as the score suggests. Budapest jumped out to a 20-0 lead on a pair of Kai Forbath FGs and a couple of TD runs by David Johnson, the first set up by a Lavonte David pick of Kirk Cousins inside the Regs' red zone. Jeremy Kerley got the Regs on the board with a 5-yard TD catch but Johnson added a 3 rd TD run to make it 27-7 at halftime. The Regs never recovered.
	20	
	47	Andy Dalton was responsible for 6 turnovers – one fumble and 5 INTs – leading to 26 Pats' points in a wild game. The Knights looked to be in control and pulling away after Jordan Matthews scored on a 47-yard bomb to make it 28-20 LA at half time. But a 58-yard pick-six by Marcus Cooper sparked a 27-point Pats 2 nd half rally that included TDs runs of 78 & 28 yards by Jalen Richard and Alvin Kamara.
	35	

CHARGERS**18**

PASSING: Carson Wentz, 20 of 36, 234 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Dalvin Cook, 10C, 19yds, (1.9), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Thomas, 4 for 37 yds, 12LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Yannick Ngakoue, 4 T, 2 SK, 1 STF, 2 FF
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 4 Pts

HELLFIRE**21**

PASSING: Connor Cook, 13of 22, 120yds, 1TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Tevin Coleman 22C, 163yds, (7.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Julio Jones, 5 for 50 yds, 18LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Derek Barnett, 4T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 2 ST
KICKING: Sebastian Janikowski, 3of 3 XPA, 3 Pts

01-04-2018 The Fiery Depths Temp: 90 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Tevin Coleman**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 St. Charles (5-7)	0	7	3	8	18
2016 Mohave (7-5)	7	0	7	7	21

Scoring Summary

1 4:37 Mohave	TD Ajayi 59 run (Janikowski) (3-66-1:10)	0-7
2 14:13 St. Charles	TD Cook 1 run (Hauschka) (10-84-5:16)	7-7
3 8:15 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 20 (8-36-2:30)	10-7
3 3:36 Mohave	TD Coleman 67 run (Janikowski) (2-67-1:07)	10-14
4 12:35 Mohave	TD Cook 9 pass to Coleman (Janikowski) (7-70-3:41)	10-21
4 9:00 St. Charles	TD Wentz 17 pass to Lewis (2 - Wright) (8-75-3:35)	18-21

STC**MOH**

First Downs	16	20
Rushes	17-31	35-258
Passes	36-20-234	25-15-136
Sacked	8-62	3-20
Fumble	1	5
Penalties	4-20	7-68
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	8	2
Blitzes	41	21
Time	27:06	32:54
Third Down	4-15	4-12
Fourth Down	1-2	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	1/1/0
Net Offense	203	374

BOMBERS**24**

PASSING: Nick Foles, 18 of 32, 286yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Chris Thompson, 17C, 55yds, (3.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Travis Kelce, 7 for 107yds, 44LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Muhammad Wilkerson, 5 T, 1 HUR, 1 FF
KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro, 3 of 3 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 6pts

HAWKS**17**

PASSING: Alex Smith, 18 of 37, 237 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT,
RUSHING: Ryan Mathews, 10C, 87yds, (8.7), 1TD
RECEIVING: DeAndre Hopkins, 7 for 138yds, 40LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Stephon Tuitt, 6T
KICKING: Cody Parkey, 2 of 2 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 5 pts

01-03-2018 Optimist Park Temp: 39 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Nick Foles**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Bruxelles (10-2)	3	0	14	7	24
2016 Brooklin (8-4)	0	14	3	0	17

Scoring Summary

1 10:17 Bruxelles	FG Catanzaro 33 (8-60-4:40)	3-0
2 14:46 Brooklin	TD Smith 25 pass to Stewart (Parkey) (7-80-2:20)	3-7
2 0:28 Brooklin	TD Mathews 22 run (Parkey) (7-92-3:14)	3-14
3 9:01 Brooklin	FG Parkey 48 (10-30-5:54)	3-17
3 7:21 Bruxelles	TD Foles 25 pass to Pryor Sr. (Catanzaro) (1-25-0:11)	10-17
3 2:20 Bruxelles	TD Foles 1 run (Catanzaro) (6-72-3:19)	17-17
4 8:18 Bruxelles	TD Foles 46 pass to Pryor Sr. (Catanzaro) (9-80-5:19)	24-17

BRX**BRH**

First Downs	14	17
Rushes	21-58	32-164
Passes	32-18-286	37-18-237
Sacked	1-6	0-0
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	9-80	14-107
Turnovers	1	1
Missed Tackles	11	6
Blitzes	45	5
Time	27:51	32:09
Third Down	3-12	6-16
Fourth Down	0-0	0-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/1/1	1/0/0
Net Offense	338	401

CONVICTS**10**

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 27 of 44, 327 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Christian McCaffery, 7C, 22yds, (3.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: AJ Green, 11 for 144yds, 29LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Kiko Alonso, 7 T, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 INT (0yds)
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 4 Pts

VIOLATORS**17**

PASSING: Derek Carr, 18 of 27, 233 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Ezekiel Elliott, 23C, 79yds, (3.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Amari Cooper, 11 for 145, 23LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Melvin Ingram, 3 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 3 HUR, 1 FF
KICKING: Nick Folk, 2 of 2 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 5 Pts

01-04-2018 **TERRORDOME** Temp: 65 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Derek Carr**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Chino (6-6)	0	7	3	0	10
2016 Virden (8-4)	0	14	0	3	17

Scoring Summary

2 14:47 Virden	TD Carr 17 pass to Floyd (Folk) (15-90-6:44)	0-7
2 9:18 Chino	TD Prescott 69 pass to Jones Jr. (Bailey,D) (3-90-1:43)	7-7
2 3:10 Virden	TD Elliott 8 run (Folk) (9-86-6:02)	7-14
3 7:39 Chino	FG Bailey 23 (10-61-5:23)	10-14
4 5:43 Virden	FG Folk 33 (13-52-7:11)	10-17

CHI**VV**

First Downs	16	20
Rushes	16-40	32-111
Passes	44-27-327	27-18-233
Sacked	3-29	0-0
Fumble	1	3
Penalties	8-74	5-38
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	2	3
Blitzes	4	18
Time	28:36	31:24
Third Down	4-15	4-11
Fourth Down	2-3	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/0/1	3/2/1
Net Offense	338	344


PILOTS



13

PASSING: Eli Manning, 19 of 26, 150 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 22C, 85yds, (3.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Phillip Dorsett, 5 for 59yds, 19LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Olivier Vernon, 6 T, 3 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Lambo, 1 of 1 XPA, 1pt / Walsh 2 of 3 FGA, 6pts

CADILLAC




15

PASSING: Matt Stafford, 16 of 29, 210 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Christine Michael, 14C, 35yds, (2.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jordy Nelson, 6 for 140yds, 65LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Myles Garrett, 9 T, 2 SK, 1 HUR
KICKING: Stephen Gostkowski, 1 of 1 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 7pts

01-04-2018 Kelly-Burke Field Temp: 30 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: Jordy Nelson		SEA	ERI
	1 2 3 4 Tot	First Downs	13 9
2016 Seattle (1-11)	0 3 3 7 13	Rushes	32-121 19-37
2017 Erieau (3-9)	3 3 9 0 15	Passes	26-19-150 29-16-210
Scoring Summary		Sacked	3-18 3-20
1 5:27 Erieau FG Gostkowski 33 (8-28-3:18)	0-3	Fumble	1 1
2 13:31 Erieau FG Gostkowski 35 (5-43-2:48)	0-6	Penalties	11-67 5-45
2 0:31 Seattle FG Walsh 50 (10-29-6:06)	3-6	Turnovers	1 1
3 5:20 Seattle FG Walsh 26 (11-55-4:55)	6-6	Missed Tackles	3 4
3 1:23 Erieau Safety Flowers	6-8	Blitzes	1 15
3 0:59 Erieau TD Stafford 65 pass to Nelson (Gostkowski) (1-65-0:18)	6-15	Time	34:18 25:42
4 0:17 Seattle TD Manning 12 pass to Huff (Lambo) (15-82-7:37)	13-15	Third Down	3-14 2-13
		Fourth Down	2-2 0-0
		Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1 2/0/2
		Net Offense	253 227


T-LIZARDS



27

PASSING: Drew Brees, 26 of 53, 344 yds, 2 TDs, 4 INTs
RUSHING: Carlos Hyde, 24C, 124yds, (5.2), 1 TD
RECEIVING: TY Hilton, 5 for 142 yds, 91LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Trent Murphy, 9T, 1 SK, 1 STF
KICKING: Phil Dawson, 3 of 3 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 9 Pts

CORN KINGS



42

PASSING: Joe Flacco, 16 of 23, 147 yds, 2 TDs, 2 INTs
RUSHING: LeGarrette Blount, 15C, 82yds, (5.2), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Mike Evans, 6 for 93yds, 27LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Jahleel Addae, 5 T, 1 PD, 1INT(39yds-TD)
KICKING: Nick Novak, 6 of 6 XPA, 6 Pts

01-04-2018 Tillman Field Temp: 43 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: Mike Evans		DTL	COW
	1 2 3 4 Tot	First Downs	25 18
2016 Durham (6-5-1)	14 6 0 7 27	Rushes	24-124 25-108
2016 Cowtown (7-5)	0 7 14 21 42	Passes	53-26-344 29-20-232
Scoring Summary		Sacked	1-10 1-10
1 7:34 Durham TD Brees 91 pass to Hilton (Dawson) (1-91-0:15)	7-0	Fumble	0 0
1 4:18 Durham TD Brees 7 pass to Hyde (Dawson) (2-17-0:53)	14-0	Penalties	7-59 4-25
2 10:42 Durham FG Dawson 21 (13-70-6:34)	17-0	Turnovers	4 2
2 6:24 Cowtown TD Flacco 27 pass to Evans (Novak) (1-27-0:10)	17-7	Missed Tackles	4 6
2 0:21 Durham FG Dawson 24 (14-69-5:58)	20-7	Blitzes	39 30
3 9:25 Cowtown TD Garoppolo 47 pass to Fitzgerald (Novak) (6-78-2:42)	20-14	Time	30:17 29:43
3 4:30 Cowtown TD Flacco 15 pass to Evans (Novak) (11-70-3:49)	20-21	Third Down	7-15 6-12
4 12:00 Durham TD Hyde 2 run (Dawson) (12-92-7:22)	27-21	Fourth Down	0-1 0-0
4 7:45 Cowtown TD Blount 10 run (Novak) (6-70-4:07)	27-28	Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/2 3/3/0
4 6:38 Cowtown TD Blount 11 run (Novak) (1-11-0:09)	27-35	Net Offense	458 330
4 6:26 Cowtown TD Addae 39 interception return (Novak)	27-42		

BLUE EAGLES



7

PASSING: Aaron Rodgers, 18 of 33, 238 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Aaron Rodgers, 2C, 20yds, (10.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DeSean Jackson, 6 for 72yds, 25 LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Derrick Morgan, 10 T, 1 SK, 2 STF, 1 HUR, 1 FF
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 Pt

SWORDFISH



20

PASSING: Jameis Winston, 14 of 26, 117 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: D'Onta Foreman, 21C, 126yds, (6.0) 0 TD
RECEIVING: Doug Baldwin, 5 for 31yds, 7LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jadeveon Clowney, 8 T, 3 SK, 1 STF
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 8 Pts

01-02-2018 The Fish Tank Temp: 76 Wind: MVP: D'Onta Foreman		SBE	SS
	1 2 3 4 Tot	First Downs	11 21
2016 Scarborough (8-3-1)	0 7 0 0 7	Rushes	13-40 39-212
2016 Sebastian (5-7)	7 3 7 3 20	Passes	33-18-238 26-14-117
Scoring Summary		Sacked	6-59 4-28
1 5:19 Sebastian TD Winston 6 pass to Beckham Jr. (Vinatieri) (10-62-5:48)	0-7	Fumble	2 1
2 13:47 Scarborough TD Rodgers 43 pass to Garcon (Crosby) (10-98-6:24)	7-7	Penalties	9-68 3-25
2 0:01 Sebastian FG Vinatieri 21 (7-57-2:22)	7-10	Turnovers	1 1
3 6:19 Sebastian TD Winston 1 run (Vinatieri) (5-51-2:46)	7-17	Missed Tackles	11 4
4 10:11 Sebastian FG Vinatieri 37 (9-29-4:41)	7-20	Blitzes	31 27
		Time	23:01 36:59
		Third Down	3-13 4-14
		Fourth Down	1-2 2-2
		Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0 4/2/2
		Net Offense	219 301

EXCALIBURS**28**

PASSING: Tom Brady, 22 of 32, 336 yds, 4TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Derrick Henry, 9C, 52yds, (5.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Kelvin Benjamin, 3 for 107yds, 75LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Lawrence Timmons, 11 T, 1 PD, 1 INT (0yds)
KICKING: Graham Gano, 4 of 4 XPA, 4 Pts

WOLVERINES**21**

PASSING: Matt Moore, 24 of 38, 361 yds, 3 TDs, 2 INTs
RUSHING: DeMarco Murray, 22C, 79yds, (3.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Tyreek Hill, 8 for 164yds, 59LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Su'a Cravens, 8T, 1 STF, 1 PD
KICKING: Zane Gonzalez, 3 of 3 XPA, 3 Pts

01-05-2018 The Wolverines Den Temp: 33 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Tom Brady**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 York (5-7)	0	14	7	7	28
2017 Toronto (2-10)	0	21	0	0	21

Scoring Summary

2 9:31 Toronto	TD Moore 22 pass to Thielen (Gonzalez) (8-86-3:44)	0-7
2 9:13 York	TD Brady 75 pass to Benjamin (Gano) (1-75-0:18)	7-7
2 7:22 Toronto	TD Moore 40 pass to Roberts (Gonzalez) (4-75-1:51)	7-14
2 6:11 York	TD Brady 22 pass to Ertz (Gano) (3-60-1:11)	14-14
2 0:20 Toronto	TD Moore 20 pass to LaFell (Gonzalez) (5-41-1:01)	14-21
3 6:46 York	TD Brady 3 pass to Amendola (Gano) (10-85-5:40)	21-21
4 11:03 York	TD Brady 9 pass to Benjamin (Gano) (8-51-4:26)	28-21

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First Downs	19	19
Rushes	28-102	23-89
Passes	32-21-336	38-24-361
Sacked	0-0	1-5
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	12-95	10-59
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	6	6
Blitzes	25	15
Time	30:56	29:04
Third Down	6-14	5-12
Fourth Down	1-1	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	7/2/0	3/1/0
Net Offense	438	445

MUSTANGS**24**

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 18 of 34, 236 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Wayne Gallman, 15C, 78yds, (5.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Julian Edelman, 8 for 80yds, 21LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Willie Young, 6 T, 1 SK, 1 PD, 1 HUR
KICKING: Wil Lutz, 3 of 3 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 6 pts

SPARTANS**17**

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 12 of 30, 154 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Devonta Freeman, 17C, 128yds, (7.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Willie Snead, 4f or 61yds, 19LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: DeForest Buckner, 7T, 2 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Caleb Sturgis, 2 of 2 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 5 Pts

01-06-2018 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 30 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Matt Ryan**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Aurora (12-0)	7	0	14	3	24
2016 Pickering (6-6)	0	7	7	3	17

Scoring Summary

1 0:53 Aurora	TD Ryan 19 pass to Adams (Lutz) (15-86-6:14)	7-0
2 6:09 Pickering	TD Rivers 19 pass to Snead (Sturgis) (12-71-3:56)	7-7
3 9:21 Aurora	TD Ryan 3 pass to Edelman (Lutz) (8-67-3:53)	14-7
3 4:23 Pickering	TD Montgomery 6 run (Sturgis) (7-75-4:58)	14-14
3 2:23 Aurora	TD Tolbert 1 run (Lutz) (5-75-2:00)	21-14
4 10:01 Aurora	FG Lutz 49 (8-35-3:17)	24-14
4 3:47 Pickering	FG Sturgis 25 (12-73-3:41)	24-17

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First Downs	28	19
Rushes	35-204	26-192
Passes	34-18-236	30-12-154
Sacked	3-18	3-23
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	7-60	8-75
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	11	7
Blitzes	9	18
Time	33:41	26:19
Third Down	5-12	2-11
Fourth Down	1-3	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/0	3/2/1
Net Offense	422	323

GLADIATORS**20**

PASSING: B. Roethlisberger, 13 of 24, 156yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 18C, 118yds, (6.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jarvis Landry, 9 for 122yds, 58LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jerrell Freeman, 13 T, 1 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Cairo Santos, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 of 4FGA, 8pts

WRECKING BALL**18**

PASSING: Sam Bradford, 25 of 37, 240yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Alfred Blue, 8C, 48yds, (6.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Crabtree, 11 for 144yds, 54LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Cameron Wake, 3T, 1SK, 1 HUR, 2 FF
KICKING: Chris Boswell, 4 of 4 FGA, 12 Pts

01-04-2018 Stone Pony Shore Temp: 52 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Jarvis Landry


	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Georgia (5-7)	0	0	17	3	20
2017 New Jersey (1-11)	6	3	0	9	18

Scoring Summary

1 8:27 New Jersey	FG Boswell 22 (15-83-6:26)	0-3
1 4:25 New Jersey	FG Boswell 23 (7-19-2:25)	0-6
2 9:12 New Jersey	FG Boswell 29 (14-61-8:26)	0-9
3 9:46 Georgia	TD Asiatu 4 run (Santos) (6-74-2:01)	7-9
3 7:51 Georgia	TD Roethlisberger 58 pass to Landry (Santos) (1-58-0:17)	14-9
3 0:25 Georgia	FG Santos 28 (15-52-6:51)	17-9
4 8:06 New Jersey	FG Boswell 48 (10-40-4:05)	17-12
4 3:46 New Jersey	TD Crowell 1 run (2 - failed) (5-62-2:26)	17-18
4 0:12 Georgia	FG Santos 39 (12-57-3:23)	20-18

	GEO	NJ
First Downs	20	16
Rushes	27-156	30-77
Passes	35-20-194	37-25-240
Sacked	2-15	2-14
Fumble	3	0
Penalties	4-35	6-45
Turnovers	3	0
Missed Tackles	3	6
Blitzes	6	30
Time	27:49	32:11
Third Down	5-14	6-17
Fourth Down	1-1	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/1	5/1/4
Net Offense	335	303


TRIUMPH



7

PASSING: Carson Palmer, 12 of 21, 153 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Orleans Darkwa, 16C, 40yds, (2.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Charles Clay, 5 for 74 yds, 36 LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Nigel Bradham, 15 T, 1 STF
KICKING: Roberto Aguayo, 1 of 1 XPA 1 Pt

CUBS



26

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 24 of 36, 296yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jerick McKinnon, 13C, 62yds, (4.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Tavon Austin, 8 for 123yds, 52 LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jason Pierre-Paul, 3T, 2 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Justin Tucker, 2 of 2 XPA, 4 of 5 FGA, 14 Pts

01-03-2018 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 40 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Russell Wilson**


	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Twin Cities (5-7)	0	0	7	0	7
2016 Iowa City (9-3)	3	14	6	3	26

Scoring Summary

1 5:22 Iowa City	FG Tucker 53 (4-4-1:34)	0-3
2 12:27 Iowa City	TD Mixon 21 run (Tucker) (10-70-5:54)	0-10
2 5:56 Iowa City	TD Wilson 1 run (Tucker) (8-95-4:13)	0-17
3 6:28 Iowa City	FG Tucker 42 (8-42-4:21)	0-20
3 4:13 Twin Cities	TD Palmer 36 pass to Clay (Aguayo) (6-75-2:15)	7-20
3 0:13 Iowa City	FG Tucker 53 (7-40-3:55)	7-23
4 5:55 Iowa City	FG Tucker 50 (7-25-3:34)	7-26

	TCT	ICC
First Downs	9	21
Rushes	16-40	34-159
Passes	21-12-153	36-24-296
Sacked	4-40	2-18
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	4-24	8-60
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	7	0
Blitzes	10	5
Time	22:00	38:00
Third Down	3-11	7-17
Fourth Down	0-0	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0	1/1/0
Net Offense	153	437

NORTH STARS



30

PASSING: Brian Hoyer, 16 of 23, 177 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: David Johnson, 26 C, 120yds, (4.6), 3 TDs
RECEIVING: Stefan Diggs, 7 for 74yds, 14LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Lavonte David, 4T, 1 SK, 1 INT (9yds)
KICKING: Brown, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 6pts/ Forbath 2 of 2 FG, 6pts

REGULATORS



20

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 23 of 43, 240 yds, 3 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Samaje Perine, 4C, 49 yds, (12.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jeremy Kerley, 7 for 56yds, 12LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Luke Kuechly, 9T, 1 PD, 2 STF
KICKING: Jason Myers, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 pts

01-02-2018 Carolina Slammer Temp: -7 Wind: None MVP: **David Johnson**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Budapest (9-3)	13	14	3	0	30
2016 South Carolina (3-9)	0	7	0	13	20

Scoring Summary

1 8:22 Budapest	FG Forbath 33 (16-62-6:26)	3-0
1 3:36 Budapest	FG Forbath 36 (7-42-3:44)	6-0
1 1:30 Budapest	TD Johnson 7 run (Brown,J) (5-17-1:46)	13-0
2 9:45 Budapest	TD Johnson 14 run (Brown,J) (8-69-4:05)	20-0
2 7:49 South Carolina	TD Cousins 5 pass to Kerley (Myers,J) (5-65-1:50)	20-7
2 1:20 Budapest	TD Johnson 8 run (Brown,J) (11-69-6:21)	27-7
3 5:41 Budapest	FG Brown 25 (8-68-4:50)	30-7
4 13:24 South Carolina	TD Cousins 6 pass to Kerley (Myers,J) (14-93-7:10)	30-14
4 3:32 South Carolina	TD Cousins 14 pass to Davis (2 - failed) (14-95-3:41)	30-20

	BUD	SC
First Downs	25	22
Rushes	43-196	11-73
Passes	23-16-177	43-23-240
Sacked	1-9	2-13
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	10-86	10-73
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	2	9
Blitzes	19	0
Time	38:17	21:43
Third Down	4-12	4-11
Fourth Down	0-0	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	7/3/3	3/3/0
Net Offense	364	300

PATRIOTS



47

PASSING: DeShaun Watson, 7 of 18, 86 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Jalen Richard, 6C, 90yds, (15.0), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Duke Johnson Jr, 5 for 71yds, 37LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Marcus Cooper, 5T, 1 PD, 2 INTs (58yds-TD)
KICKING: Ryan Succop, 5 of 6 XPA, 5pts

KNIGHTS



35

PASSING: Andy Dalton, 32 of 50, 227 yds, 3 TDs, 5 INTs
RUSHING: Terrance West, 14C, 82yds, (5.9), 2 TDs
RECEIVING: Brandin Cooks, 11 for 165yds, 23LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Brian Orakpo, 5 T, 2 SK, 2 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 5 of 5 XPA, 5 Pts

01-05-2018 Round Table Stadium Temp: 57 Wind: 0-10 Light Rain MVP: **Jalen Richard**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Charleswood (5-7)	13	7	6	21	47
2016 Los Angeles (7-5)	7	21	0	7	35

Scoring Summary

1 10:45 Charleswood	TD Bortles 6 pass to Sanu (no good) (3-36-1:05)	6-0
1 8:55 Los Angeles	TD West 3 run (Zuerlein) (4-75-1:50)	6-7
1 1:31 Charleswood	TD Kamara 1 run (Succop) (16-77-7:18)	13-7
2 8:09 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 18 pass to Cooks (Zuerlein) (8-56-3:46)	13-14
2 2:36 Los Angeles	TD West 1 run (Zuerlein) (7-59-3:55)	13-21
2 0:27 Charleswood	TD Kamara 2 run (Succop) (9-75-2:09)	20-21
2 0:00 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 47 pass to Matthews (Zuerlein) (4-72-0:22)	20-28
3 7:02 Charleswood	TD Cooper 58 interception return (2 - failed)	26-28
4 7:37 Charleswood	TD Richard 78 run (Succop) (1-78-0:24)	33-28
4 7:14 Charleswood	TD Kamara 28 run (Succop) (1-28-0:16)	40-28
4 4:05 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 23 pass to Cooks (Zuerlein) (13-75-3:09)	40-35
4 1:43 Charleswood	TD Clinton-Dix 51 interception return (Succop)	47-35

	CHP	LAK
First Downs	17	31
Rushes	28-227	23-127
Passes	30-13-124	51-32-409
Sacked	4-24	2-15
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	2-10	6-33
Turnovers	1	6
Missed Tackles	7	7
Blitzes	24	17
Time	26:35	33:25
Third Down	4-15	4-11
Fourth Down	1-1	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	5/4/0
Net Offense	327	521

WEEK TWELVE

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Bruxelles	10	2	0	0.833	343	28.6	220	18.3	10.3	5 0 0	4 0 0	8 1 0
Brooklin	8	4	0	0.667	316	26.3	208	17.3	9	5 2 0	2 2 0	6 3 0
Mohave	7	5	0	0.583	223	18.6	243	20.3	-1.7	3 2 0	1 3 0	4 5 0
St. Charles	5	7	0	0.417	197	16.4	227	18.9	-2.5	4 1 0	1 3 0	4 5 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Viriden	8	4	0	0.667	256	21.3	218	18.2	3.2	5 2 0	3 1 0	5 4 0
Charleswood	5	7	0	0.417	274	22.8	266	22.2	0.7	2 3 0	2 2 0	4 5 0
Twin Cities	5	7	0	0.417	214	17.8	231	19.3	-1.4	4 1 0	2 2 0	4 5 0
Erieau	3	9	0	0.25	138	11.5	250	20.8	-9.3	2 5 0	1 3 0	3 6 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	9	3	0	0.75	292	24.3	214	17.8	6.5	4 1 0	3 0 0	8 1 0
Los Angeles	7	5	0	0.583	270	22.5	240	20	2.5	4 3 0	1 2 0	5 4 0
Chino	6	6	0	0.5	265	22.1	288	24	-1.9	3 3 0	2 1 0	3 6 0
Seattle	1	11	0	0.083	125	10.4	270	22.5	-12.1	1 5 0	0 3 0	0 9 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE												
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	8	3	1	0.708	195	16.3	166	13.8	2.4	4 2 0	2 1 1	7 1 1
Cowtown	7	5	0	0.583	261	21.8	217	18.1	3.7	5 0 0	1 3 0	4 5 0
Durham	6	5	1	0.542	291	24.3	271	22.6	1.7	4 1 1	2 1 1	4 4 1
Sebastian	5	7	0	0.417	237	19.8	283	23.6	-3.8	4 3 0	2 2 0	4 5 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	9	3	0	0.75	241	20.1	185	15.4	4.7	5 0 0	4 0 0	7 2 0
Pickering	6	6	0	0.5	264	22	240	20	2	3 3 0	3 1 0	4 5 0
York	5	7	0	0.417	176	14.7	202	16.8	-2.2	3 3 0	1 3 0	4 5 0
New Jersey	1	11	0	0.083	164	13.7	264	22	-8.3	1 6 0	0 4 0	1 8 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora (z)	12	0	0	1	419	34.9	230	19.2	15.8	7 0 0	3 0 0	9 0 0
Georgia	5	7	0	0.417	198	16.5	236	19.7	-3.2	3 3 0	2 1 0	5 4 0
South Carolina	3	9	0	0.25	173	14.4	267	22.3	-7.8	3 3 0	1 2 0	2 7 0
Toronto	2	10	0	0.167	194	16.2	290	24.2	-8	1 6 0	0 3 0	2 7 0

(z)-clinched division

(y)-clinched wildcard

TOP PASSERS

Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Ryan,M	AUR	407	260	63.9	3477	9	2.2	86	35	8.6	110.4
2	Mariota	BRX	289	156	54	2257	3	1	86	21	7.3	99.5
3	Smith,A	BRH	402	239	59.5	3060	5	1.2	58	19	4.7	93.9
4	Palmer,C	TCT	308	181	58.8	2209	6	1.9	72	19	6.2	93.4
5	Carr,D	VV	298	171	57.4	2070	2	0.7	64	13	4.4	90.6
6	Wilson,R	ICC	339	201	59.3	2468	5	1.5	54	13	3.8	88.5
7	Brady,T	YOR	260	144	55.4	1895	5	1.9	75	13	5	87.3
8	Prescott	CHI	434	271	62.4	2957	9	2.1	69	16	3.7	86.2
9	Luck	MOH	224	129	57.6	1538	7	3.1	75	10	4.5	80.5
10	Flacco	COW	287	177	61.7	1781	9	3.1	54	12	4.2	80.2
11	Tannehill	TOR	236	138	58.5	1598	8	3.4	56	10	4.2	79
12	Dalton	LAK	420	240	57.1	2752	16	3.8	79	22	5.2	78.6
13	Brees	DTL	431	240	55.7	3122	18	4.2	91	22	5.1	78.3
14	Taylor,T	BUD	267	149	55.8	1469	2	0.7	51	7	2.6	77.1
15	Winston,J	SS	404	204	50.5	2404	8	2	60	19	4.7	76.4
16	Rivers	PIC	345	184	53.3	2400	11	3.2	59	14	4.1	75.8
17	Bradford	NJ	457	291	63.7	2284	11	2.4	58	12	2.6	74.7
18	Wentz	STC	368	200	54.3	2208	7	1.9	57	11	3	74.4
19	Cousins	SC	442	249	56.3	2642	15	3.4	81	17	3.8	72.6
20	Rodgers,A	SBE	345	180	52.2	1975	8	2.3	57	12	3.5	71.3
21	Roethlisberger	GEO	390	211	54.1	2255	13	3.3	63	13	3.3	68.5
22	Watson,D	CHP	334	177	53	1894	13	3.9	82	12	3.6	65.6
23	Stafford	ERI	376	195	51.9	1880	11	2.9	65	10	2.7	62.8
24	Manning	SEA	290	155	53.4	1430	10	3.4	84	5	1.7	58.5
25	Foles	BRX	52	33	63.5	528	1	1.9	59	6	11.5	127.7

KICKOFF RETURNERS

Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Drake	AUR	13	530	40.8	99	2
2	Lee,M	ICC	20	670	33.5	101	2
3	Patterson	MOH	37	1107	29.9	44	0
4	Erickson	CHI	38	1109	29.2	77	0
5	Langley	DTL	13	340	26.2	44	0
6	Huff	SEA	39	1010	25.9	109	3
7	Thompson,D	GEO	28	689	24.6	62	0
8	Richard	CHP	30	737	24.6	54	0
9	Smith-Schu	VV	14	341	24.4	34	0
10	Thomas,D	YOR	20	485	24.3	34	0
11	Weems,E	NJ	27	634	23.5	40	0
12	Harris,D	TOR	23	538	23.4	36	0
13	Peppers,J	ERI	31	722	23.3	40	0
14	Whitehead	COW	15	347	23.1	38	0
15	Tate,B	BUD	21	476	22.7	47	0
16	Roberts,A	LAK	21	476	22.7	60	0
17	Hill,T	TOR	14	312	22.3	38	0
18	Shepherd	BRH	15	333	22.2	44	0
19	Switzer	PIC	16	346	21.6	50	0
20	Smallwood	SS	27	560	20.7	101	1

PUNT RETURNERS

Rk	Player	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Roberts,A	LAK	26	30	333	12.8	90	2
2	Jackson,A	STC	19	6	206	10.8	87	1
3	Lockett	ICC	28	12	274	9.8	71	0
4	Richard	CHP	36	12	343	9.5	53	1
5	Crowder	SBE	35	21	328	9.4	82	1
6	Peppers,J	ERI	34	10	308	9.1	74	1
7	Tate,B	BUD	23	11	205	8.9	41	0
8	Humphries	COW	22	19	195	8.9	18	0
9	Ervin	VV	22	10	179	8.1	18	0
10	Landry	GEO	23	18	184	8	16	0
11	Sherels	BUD	14	2	110	7.9	63	1
12	Weems,E	NJ	13	14	101	7.8	14	0
13	Hester	MOH	23	9	178	7.7	19	0
14	Hill,T	TOR	25	5	185	7.4	19	0
15	Ginn Jr.	SC	22	12	157	7.1	18	0
16	Brown,A	TCT	30	17	213	7.1	27	0
17	Edelman	AUR	17	5	112	6.6	13	0
18	Rogers,C	BRX	28	15	176	6.3	17	0
19	Royal	BRH	27	7	165	6.1	83	1
20	Amendola	YOR	33	12	199	6	15	0

RUSHING LEADERS								RECEIVING LEADERS							
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Elliott,E	VV	289	1269	4.4	95	11	1	Crabtree	NJ	100	1005	10.1	58	2
2	Johnson,D	BUD	258	1191	4.6	36	5	2	Hilton	DTL	84	1565	18.6	91	15
3	Howard,J	SBE	237	1171	4.9	50	6	3	Edelman	AUR	73	998	13.7	86	15
4	Freeman,D	PIC	206	1145	5.6	62	8	4	Landry	GEO	72	825	11.5	63	6
5	Ajayi	MOH	229	1115	4.9	59	4	5	Cooper,A	VV	71	1026	14.5	64	8
6	Crowell	NJ	252	1113	4.4	31	6	6	Hopkins,D	BRH	70	1142	16.3	58	6
7	Bell,L	LAK	213	1001	4.7	54	3	7	Diggs	BUD	69	719	10.4	33	2
8	Hyde,C	DTL	199	977	4.9	39	7	8	Brown,A	TCT	64	912	14.3	58	10
9	Hunt,K	SEA	241	960	4	58	2	9	Evans,M	COW	63	862	13.7	54	8
10	Blount	COW	191	955	5	43	14	10	Jeffery	BRH	63	909	14.4	46	6
11	Murray,D	TOR	254	915	3.6	39	5	11	Adams,D	AUR	63	1207	19.2	53	11
12	McCoy,L	GEO	201	836	4.2	50	7	12	Baldwin	SS	63	806	12.8	60	5
13	Fournette	BRX	165	794	4.8	24	9	13	Jones,J	MOH	59	956	16.2	75	9
14	Cook,D	STC	168	739	4.4	32	6	14	Beckham Jr	SS	59	841	14.3	50	7
15	Miller,L	CHP	188	738	3.9	55	2	15	Kerley	SC	58	648	11.2	39	4
16	Stewart	BRH	157	703	4.5	22	4	16	Fitzgerald	COW	57	573	10.1	47	3
17	Mathews,R	BRH	116	690	5.9	37	9	17	Davis,C	SC	57	771	13.5	81	5
18	McCaffrey	CHI	158	660	4.2	34	1	18	Cooks	LAK	57	844	14.8	40	9
19	Foreman,D	SS	127	654	5.1	40	1	19	Thomas,D	BUD	56	639	11.4	39	3
20	Gordon,M	TCT	134	637	4.8	53	5	20	Nelson,J	ERI	54	665	12.3	65	6
21	Ingram,M	VV	120	605	5	55	5	21	Beasley,C	GEO	53	556	10.5	48	5
22	Coleman,T	MOH	99	549	5.5	67	8	22	Olsen	CHI	52	577	11.1	63	4
23	Dixon,K	SS	99	529	5.3	24	1	23	Matthews,J	LAK	52	622	12	47	4
24	Henry,D	YOR	132	527	4	22	3	24	McCaffrey	CHI	52	376	7.2	42	0
25	Michael	ERI	133	516	3.9	32	1	25	Ertz	YOR	50	573	11.5	32	3

INTERCEPTION LEADERS								SACK LEADERS				TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Rodgers-Cr	DTL	6	46	7.7	34	0	1	Miller,V	YOR	16	1	Ogletree	ICC	109
2	Peters,M	SBE	6	76	12.7	31	0	2	Ingram,M	VV	15	2	Mack	SEA	106
3	Jackson,A	STC	4	95	23.8	48	1	3	Morgan,D	SBE	13	3	Timmons	YOR	93
4	Quin	COW	4	86	21.5	30	0	4	Young,W	AUR	12	4	Brown,Z	ERI	89
5	Jenkins,J	BRH	4	41	10.3	21	0	5	Hunter,D	TCT	11	5	Wagner,B	TCT	86
6	Collins,L	SBE	4	56	14	51	1	6	Harrison,J	NJ	11	6	Lee,S	LAK	84
7	Burns,A	BRX	4	60	15	37	0	7	Murphy,T	DTL	10	7	Posluszny	SS	81
8	Worley	SS	4	100	25	61	1	8	Kerrigan	COW	10	8	Alexander	TCT	76
9	Collins,J	CHP	4	46	11.5	21	1	9	Flowers,T	ERI	10	9	Murphy,T	DTL	76
10	Brown,Z	ERI	4	19	4.8	13	0	10	Garrett,M	ERI	10	10	Alonso	CHI	75
11	Timmons	YOR	4	44	11	43	0	11	Orakpo	LAK	10	11	Harrison,J	NJ	75
12	Smith,S	GEO	4	52	13	27	0	12	Bosa	ERI	10	12	Bradham	TCT	73
13	Newman	COW	3	31	10.3	18	0	13	Beasley Jr	GEO	10	13	Dansby	AUR	73
14	Watt,T	COW	3	116	38.7	53	1	14	Griffen	PIC	9	14	Orr,Z	AUR	73
15	Demps	BRH	3	31	10.3	14	0	15	Atkins	YOR	9	15	Kendricks	PIC	71
16	Berry,E	VV	3	53	17.7	53	0	16	Donald	MOH	9	16	Woodyard	ERI	71
17	David	BUD	3	36	12	27	0	17	Peppers	LAK	9	17	Vernon	SEA	70
18	Tabor	BUD	3	39	13	35	1	18	Casey	TCT	9	18	Shaw,J	BRX	70
19	Bradberry	NJ	3	18	6	18	0	19	Ogbah	BRX	9	19	Foster,M	BRH	70
20	Gay,W	YOR	3	81	27	42	0	20	Dunlap,C	SS	9	20	Kirkpatric	SBE	70

SCORING LEADERS													
Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Tucker	ICC	23	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
2	Lutz	AUR	15	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
3	Edelman	AUR	0	0	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	92
4	Hilton	DTL	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	90
5	Succop	CHP	19	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
6	Catanzaro	BRX	15	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
7	Sturgis	PIC	18	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
8	Blount	COW	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
9	Folk	VV	15	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
10	Elliott,E	VV	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	72
11	Bailey,D	CHI	15	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
12	Gonzalez	TOR	17	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
13	Dawson	DTL	11	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
14	Mathews,R	BRH	0	0	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	68
15	Adams,D	AUR	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	66
16	Zuerlein	LAK	10	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
17	Crosby	SBE	14	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
18	Novak	COW	11	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
19	Janikowski	MOH	12	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
20	Hyde,C	DTL	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	60
21	Sanders,E	BRX	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
22	Fournette	BRX	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	60
23	Gano	YOR	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
24	Brown,A	TCT	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
25	Jones Jr.	CHI	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
26	Santos	GEO	13	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
27	Vinatieri	SS	11	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
28	Parkey	BRH	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
29	Coleman,T	MOH	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
30	Lee,M	ICC	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	54

KICKING LEADERS										PUNTING LEADERS									
Rk	Player	Team	FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yards	Tb	20	Lg	Bk	Ave
1	Tucker	ICC	29	23	79.3	16	7	56	100	1	McAfee	BRX	54	2681	9	21	58	0	49.6
2	Lutz	AUR	18	15	83.3	6	0	49	97	2	Lee,A	MOH	57	2800	8	17	79	0	49.1
3	Succop	CHP	21	19	90.5	4	1	51	86	3	Morstead	DTL	45	2165	4	18	57	0	48.1
4	Catanzaro	BRX	18	15	83.3	2	0	44	85	4	King,M	TOR	66	3151	6	24	60	0	47.7
5	Sturgis	PIC	21	18	85.7	6	1	51	84	5	Hekker	COW	56	2649	0	26	65	0	47.3
6	Folk	VV	18	15	83.3	5	1	50	74	6	Lechler	STC	68	3213	3	29	56	0	47.3
7	Bailey,D	CHI	18	15	83.3	4	2	50	71	7	Martin,S	LAK	55	2596	10	25	60	0	47.2
8	Gonzalez	TOR	24	17	70.8	6	2	54	70	8	Nortman	BRH	57	2668	6	17	64	0	46.8
9	Dawson	DTL	18	11	61.1	1	0	45	69	9	Jones,D	YOR	61	2850	4	24	60	0	46.7
10	Zuerlein	LAK	16	10	62.5	4	1	54	64	10	Bosher	VV	50	2327	1	22	57	0	46.5
11	Novak	COW	14	11	78.6	4	2	52	63	11	Huber	CHP	61	2835	2	23	57	0	46.5
12	Crosby	SBE	17	14	82.4	4	2	54	63	12	Anger	ICC	52	2410	3	27	57	0	46.3
13	Janikowski	MOH	17	12	70.6	3	1	51	61	13	Jones,C	TCT	78	3601	2	18	56	1	46.2
14	Gano	YOR	22	14	63.6	0	0	38	60	14	Colquitt,D	SBE	82	3760	11	37	72	0	45.9
15	Santos	GEO	19	13	68.4	4	0	46	58	15	Berry,J	SS	58	2648	0	18	55	0	45.7



FANTASY FREAKZ!

with
Arpin Plunderflunder

Week 12 Analysis

They gave up 35 and 27 points respectively but the **Charleswood Defence** (22FP) and the **Cowtown Defence** (15FP) were one-two in the rankings this week thanks to a combined 9 INTs and 3TDs.

My Smart Play for Week 12, **Devonta Freeman** (14FP), did not get the 20+ carries I was hoping for but was effective when he did get the ball, even with the lone Spartan rushing TD going to **Ty Montgomery** (12FP).

Tevin Coleman (31FP), **Alvin Kamara** (26FP) and **Terrance West** (23FP) were no.2 RBs who upstaged their no.1s in Week 12.

Back-up QBs forced into action in Week 12 had mixed results: **Nick Foles** (24FP) and **Matt Moore** (22FP) finished in the top 3; **Connor Cook** (5FP) and **Blaine Gabbert** (3FP) finished in the bottom 3 of QBs with at least 10 pass attempts.

Kelvin Benjamin (23FP), **Jordy Nelson** (20FP) and **Terrelle Pryor Sr** (19FP) were the forgotten stars who rose from the dead in Week 12. **Julio Jones** (5FP) and **Doug Baldwin** (3FP) were the falling stars.

Week 13 Forecast

Who's Hot?

Justin Tucker (ICC)

2XP, 3FGs, 350+ **20FP**

Criticized for not being perfect he was perfect from 50+ yards and that is perfectly fine.

Carlos Hyde (DTL)

24 – 124yds, 2TDs **28FP**

The "TY Effect" is in play. More room for this under-the-radar back the past 3 weeks.

David Johnson (BUD)

26 - 120, 3 TDs, **31FP**

5 TDs and 274 yards makes him the hottest RB over the past two weeks.

Who's Cold?

Gary Barnidge (LAK)

1-11yds, 0TDs **1FP**

Remember him? Last year's 70-catch go-to-guy has been hardly visible all year.

Mike Wallace (ICC)

1-23yds, 5 targets, **0 TDs 3 FP**

The Cubs' scheme is not ideal for a deep threat but he is also losing a step as he turns 30.

Isaiah Crowell (NJ)

21 – 39, 1 TD, **11FP**

A 1-yard TD run saved his fantasy day, but fatigue is creeping into his game.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there value to picking up Connor Cook or Blaine Gabbert this week to replace Sam Bradford? – Chris (Truro)

It's a risk. It depends on what else you have. If you have impact players at RB and WR, you probably don't need big numbers from your QB. If you are relying on any of those three to win your week, good luck to you. I'd stick with Bradford – less chance of stinking.

SMART
PLAY

Le'Veon Bell, RB (LAK). Some may be wary after he went MIA against the Pats last week. He's not injured. After Dalton's Week 12 meltdown, expect him to see lots of action against the Convicts.





AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – So **Oprah Winfrey** is planning to run for President in 2020! Why not? **Donald Trump** ran for President. **Ronald Reagan** ran for President. There are no technical job qualifications for President that I am aware of, apart from being a citizen of the United States; being at least 35 years of age; and having been a resident here for at least 14 years. That's it! Not a literacy test, or a psychological exam, or even a criminal record check. Almost anybody can become President...*if* 'The People' choose. Nice idea in theory, but of course impossible in reality.

Oprah denies she plans to run, but I know better. My good friend and colleague, LA Knights correspondent **Gabrielle Laurent-Vainluven**, contacted me from Beverly Hills immediately after the Golden Globe Awards.

"*Spats! Exciting news! Oprah is going to be our President!*" she blurted out breathlessly.

"*Does that mean we all get a new car?*" I croaked without missing a beat. Gabby had roused me from a deepening slumber, but my wit never sleeps.

The chattering classes among LA's jet set, many of whom are friends with the erstwhile gossip columnist turned football writer, assured Gabby that Oprah would be a lock to win the Democratic nomination. "*The Committee will make sure it happens,*" she bubbled, blissfully unaware of the ethical and legal concerns around fixing a nomination. She announced it unabashedly as if it was a good thing.

That rendered me speechless. Gabby took my silence as a desire on my part to hear more about the "exciting news." I won't get into everything she said. I only reveal what I have about our conversation because she is already on the record in the *LA Daily News* as being in full support of President Oprah and even suggested, in writing, that a "DNC Acclamation" (don't know where she got that term from) would be appropriate to avoid "divisive infighting" in the Democratic Party. The bottom line is that she wanted me to use my journalistic forum to support '*Oprah in 2020.*'

I will, of course, do no such thing. In fact, I think Oprah as President would not only ruin her brand but would put more stress on the social fabric of the country. Oprah's pet issues are not the issues most Americans want to focus on. If they were, Hilary would have been elected President – she, ostensibly, stood for "social justice," without ever articulating her vision of it or how she would achieve it. I'm not sure any of us would truly know what "social justice" looked like if it sat on our lap and begged for cookies. The incessant call for it is a distraction from the failing economy and the country's record and probably unpayable debt. That's why Trump won. It's not that his voters do not care about social justice; it's that the people who lost their jobs to China and Thailand to support corporate parasites had had enough.

Anyway, while I am not ready to support Oprah in 2020, I don't think another round of Trump is the answer either based on what I've seen so far. It's time for a third party – one that actually listens to its electors. Somebody should organize it.

THEY TOO SPOKE

The Triumph Mantra – which must be memorized by the players and recited on coach's demand – includes "triumph" over many things. Those things include, among others: enemies; fear; evil; demons; laziness; disrespect; fast food; ego; and racism. But the most important one of all – stressed at all times – is *Adversity*. Triumphant over adversity is 'The Triumph Way.'

The truth is that, in the first five years of their existence, the Triumph never faced true adversity. They faced challenges – the kind that every expansion team faces – but as a natural process of building a team from scratch, as opposed to *re*-building, adversity would not be the best word to describe it.

As it happened, the Triumph always exceeded expectations anyway. They even competed with **Jay Cutler** at quarterback – a triumph in its own right. In 2016, they vastly exceeded their own expectations (although **Guy Williams** won't admit that publicly) by completing a perfect season – the second in EFL history and just the third in professional football history. There would be no improving on that in 2017. But a return to the big game and successful defence of their 2016 Championship seemed well within their reach at the start of the season.

Things have not worked out well for the Triumph this year. They have been hobbled by injuries, and poor play while facing intense competition from riled up teams eager to bump them off. All of it is happening under the harsh spotlight of a rabid media looking for any "inside" story as to why they are slumping. The team is now facing "adversity" in the classic football sense of the term – a crisis of confidence that has the players and coaching staff second-guessing themselves. And now they are in danger of missing the playoffs entirely after dropping a 26-7 decision this week to the Cubs at Joe Ferguson Stadium.



Captain “Wee Willie” Williams (left) poses with members of the ‘Devil’s Own Squadron’ in Villey-Sainte-Étienne, France, in 1917. **Guy Williams’** ancestor appears in a recent best-selling book about WWI.

The Cubs came into this contest without having to game plan for a running threat. **Orleans Darkwa**, a grocery-bagger who played some football at Tulane, was signed for one week to start at running back in place of injured **Melvin Gordon** and **Doug Martin**. The Cubs also did not have to game plan for **Antonio Brown**, who was also injured. To picture the home team losing under these circumstances required a vivid imagination indeed.

But, in a season such as this one, nobody on the Cubs’ sideline was taking anything for granted. They went at the Triumph with a few slight wrinkles to their typical straight-up defensive game plan. They ran a season-high 5 blitzes and doubled pairs of receivers at a time, creating significant mismatches on 3rd down and long that Carson Palmer could not solve.

While the Triumph offence bucked in futility against the Cubs’ defence, the Cubs’ offence gradually built up a lead on the long leg of **Justin Tucker**, big runs by **Jerick McKinnon** and **Joe Mixon**, and some nice “chunk” plays in the passing game, including a 52-yard catch-and-run by **Tavon Austin**.

Guy Williams, who has actively sought therapy after a post-game meltdown in Week Seven, visibly struggled to handle his emotions on the sideline. Pacing back-and-forth and muttering to himself as his team fell further behind, the signs that Coach Guy was under inordinate stress were obvious to all. But a forced, toothy smile, comparable to that of a hyena, kept concerned staff

who dared to approach him at bay.

By the 4th quarter, with the Cubs leading 23-7 and the only sign of life for the Triumph to that point an unlikely-to-be-repeated 36-yard screen for a TD to **Charles Clay**, the outlook was grim for Twin Cities: They had the ball at their 18-yard line with 11:36 left.

On a normal day, the situation would have called for **Antonio Brown**, but their hero was not available. So, in place of the 2016 MVP, wide receiver **Rishard Matthews** was called on to save the day. Palmer faded back to pass and looked deep for Matthews, who was nowhere to be seen amongst the cloud of Cubs DBs in deep zone. Taking more time than he could afford, Palmer felt the pocket collapsing around him and chucked the ball toward Clay, who dropped it after a nasty hit by **Alec Ogletree**. Palmer would have been sacked, but **Russell Okung** had put **Fletcher Cox** in a headlock on the play, a breach of the rules that did not escape the notice of the referee. A holding penalty put the Triumph back on their 9, facing 1st & 19.

At that point in the game, video footage shows Williams making a repeated violent kicking motion with his right leg. He was grumbling something under his breath that was captured by a parabolic mike. “*Kick-m-indbllz! Kick-m-indbllz!*” he chanted, his leg thrusting forward with the word “kick.”

Davy Seal, offensive coordinator, was nearest to him. “*Say what, Boss?*” he asked.

“*Kick-m-indbllz! Kick-m-indbllz!*” Williams hissed more emphatically.

Seal, a good soldier in the Triumph mold, did not question further. “*Chris!*” he barked, motioning toward punter **Chris Jones**. “*Punt the ball!*”

Jones, being a lowly punter – the one position Coach Williams held in disdain as a necessary evil – did not dare question Guy’s faithful lieutenant, Coach Seal. He hastily donned his helmet and jogged on to the field. The special teams unit followed. Only wide receiver **Kenny Golladay**, empowered by a full week of the coaching staff pumping up his ego in the hope that he would turn into **Antonio Brown** for one week, voiced anything close to disapproval.

“*Say what?*” he shouted as his teammates on the offensive unit jogged off the field. “*You shitting me?*”

The Cubs were caught off guard as well. The regular defensive unit stayed on the field, with **Tyler Lockett** taking the place of safety **Malcolm Jenkins** in case the laughably obvious “fake punt” turned into an actual kick. In the confusion Okung jumped early, putting the ball half way to the goal line, at the 4. On the next try, Jones actually punted. A surprised Lockett called for a fair catch at the Cubs’ 42-yard line. The crowd at Joe Ferguson Stadium also reacted with confusion. Many assumed they had somehow missed some action. Some laughed. A few booed, but whether those were Triumph fans or drunken Cubs’ fans who resented being deprived of a safety opportunity was not clear.

While the Cubs went back to work on offence, Williams continued his bizarre ritual dance on the sideline. “*Kick-m-indbllz!*” he

grumbled with each thrust of his right leg. He was still going at it when the Triumph regained possession and, loyal as the day is long, **Davy Seal** again sent out the punting unit on first down. By now the Iowa crowd was catching on that something was not right. The boos became more plentiful, peppered by shouts and jeers. The Cubs drove without much gusto to a third **Justin Tucker** field goal to make the score 26-7.

As the Cubs lined up to kick off, Triumph Defensive Coordinator, **Jack Lumber**, alarmed that his defence was getting overworked unnecessarily, approached Seal and Coach Williams and asked, with pronounced exasperation in his voice, what the H*ll was going on.

“Coach says to kick the ball,” Seal said feistily, sensing a confrontation was brewing. *“We kick the ball!”*

“It looks like ‘coach’ has lost his marbles!” Lumber growled defiantly. *“Run some plays, god damn it, so my guys can get some rest!”*

Seal turned to his coach for direction.

“Kick-m-indbllz! Kick-m-indbllz!” Williams continued, while pacing in a semi-circle jabbing his right leg up at regular intervals. If he heard Seal at all he gave no indication. He wasn’t even looking at him, his eyes instead fixed in front of him on nothing in particular.

Reluctantly, Seal turned to **Carson Palmer** and shouted, *“Blue-Left-20-Drive then go East Coast wide eye! Got it?”* Palmer looked confused. *“Just do it!”* Seal snapped.

The Triumph ran three running plays with the enthusiasm of a kid eating broccoli and promptly punted on 4th & 4.

The Cubs got the ball back and nearly ran out the clock. But on 4th & 2, with 0:39 left, **Bryan Anger** jogged on to the field to punt the ball away for what everyone assumed would be the final time. The Triumph let the punt roll until it died on their 1-yard line with just 0:07 left. Seal turned one last time to Williams see if his coach had any instruction.

“KICK-M-INDBLLZ! KICK-M-INDBLLZ!” The pitch and volume had risen along with the tempo. Coach Williams’ eyes were as wide and deep as bone china tea cups. Flecks of foam appeared at the corners of his mouth.

“You heard him!” Seal turned to the punter Jones, who shrugged his shoulders and strode on to the field to make a punt from the very back of his end zone.

For some reason, **Tyler Lockett** elected to attempt a return but was swarmed under for a loss by a frustrated and angry Triumph special teams unit. They were getting a workout for no apparent reason and Lockett had challenged them in a game that had been decided long ago. Reserve linebacker **Stephone Anthony** was slow to get off of the Cubs’ punt returner and said something that the referee appeared to hear but ignore. The time on the game clock read 0:02.

Now it was Coach Redding’s turn. While all this theatre had been playing out in front of him he had been stewing on the sidelines. It was one thing for an opponent to gracefully bow out of the competition by running stock plays or having his back-ups put in some work in a blowout. That happened frequently. But punting on 1st down came across as a big ‘F-U.’ It felt unsportsmanlike and, in a curious way, deprived the Cubs of full battle honours. Their opponent had not fought to the end, but instead mocked the contest.

As **Russell Wilson** prepared to walk on the field to lead the so-called ‘victory formation’ Redding called him back. *“Punt it down their darn throats!”* Redding, his voice cracking slightly, ordered his punter. Even in fury, the straight-laced Redding could not bring himself to utter the word “damn” or summon up a stern baritone.

Anger took to the field and dutifully punted the ball through the end zone. The gun sounded, masked by the loud cheers and jeers of the disconcerted Iowa City crowd. The game was officially and mercifully over.

The teams immediately took to the center of the field to shake hands and exchange pleasantries. His anger dissipated somewhat after “getting it off his chest” with that last punt, Coach Redding sought out his counterpart to make peace. But **Guy Williams** was unable to reciprocate. **Jack Lumber** and a team of trainers guided Williams off the field as fast as they could manage with him kicking out violently the entire way. They brought him inside the training room where he spent over a half hour before re-emerging, looking marginally normal but very tired.

A crowded press gallery peppered **Guy Williams** with questions after the game. Bleary-eyed and possibly drugged, the hard-pressed Triumph coach did his best to answer the main question about his decision to punt on 1st down in a game that, theoretically at least, was far from over at the time. Citing protection of his three quarterbacks as the main reason (Palmer had been hit hard in the game; **Jay Cutler** had the “flu”, and **Mitch Trubisky** was apparently not ready, even for garbage time) he likened his decision to something that Yankees manager **Billy Martin**, a maverick in baseball, might have done in the same situation. When asked to clarify, Williams dissembled in a way that had reporters from across the Continent scratching their heads:

“Those last plays were a transcendental experience for me,” he pronounced, not a hint of irony visible on his face. *“I had an epiphany. I no longer hated my opponent for throttling my team in a hostile environment. I recognized their right to compete and win!”* he continued, flashing that hyena smile. *“Competition is not a matter of good versus evil. It simply is! Exhausted and bruised and beaten down by fate I felt we were disappearing. So, I affirmed our existence and resolutely continued to move forward to the next plane of competitive existence. I chose our ending! A far cry from the humiliation and victimized destruction we are used to seeing. Hence, through choice, there is no destruction, only transcendence. If one does as one is enough times, then one will become as is.”*

While the mainstream sports media endeavours to dissect and interpret this post-game epiphany, let me cut through the bullshit for you and explain what really happened.

Guy Williams, a great coach, faithful husband, loving dad and true patriot, is also one brutally competitive son-of-a-bitch in the mold of his great, great grandfather, WWI ace fighter pilot **Captain William “Wee Willie” Williams**. I need not retell what I have already revealed in these pages about Guy’s infamous ancestor; regular readers will recall his exploits. But it so happens that the irrepressible WWI hero has resurfaced recently in the mainstream media and it is, apparently, a source of renewed pride for the Triumph coach, who has recently displayed a new book on his office coffee table:

‘*They Too Spoke – Comedy and Tragedy in the Trenches of the Great War*’ is a book that is gaining attention on the New York Times bestseller list. It is a compilation of letters, diary entries, news stories and anecdotes about life in the trenches during WWI. Edited by **J. Irwin Rudolph**, great, great grandson of Squadron Major **Walter F. J. Q. Rudolph** of the ‘Devil’s Own Squadron,’ it contains a section dedicated to the Air Service of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF). In that section, a familiar character appears without fanfare in the quoted memoirs of one Captain **Benjamin D. May**, of the 19th Aero Squadron. I quote (bold & italics added):

‘On May 24th our squadron adjutant, Lieutenant Bolt, had the good fortune to meet in Meurthe-et-Moselle the two Harris sisters of the good old U.S.A., who were at the front giving entertainments to our soldiers in France under the auspices of the Red Cross organization. Lt. Bolt immediately called upon the young ladies to come out to Villey-Sainte-Étienne to give us a performance at our aerodrome. They kindly agreed to come the very next afternoon. Upon receipt of the news, word spread to the squadrons that were billeted close to the hangar of the 19th. **Captain ‘Wee Willie’ Williams** of the Signal Corps, a man of small stature and mighty temper declared his intentions to all the airmen present prior to the arrival of the sisters. He proclaimed that he would bed both sisters before twelve bells and would broke no challenge. This raised the ire of our officer corps of the 19th Squadron, since we were the sponsors of the entertainments. Captain Theodore “Bucky” Buchanan likened ‘Wee Willie’ to the Hun, due to his proclivity to defile women of honour, and did send forth a challenge in defence of the honour of the Harris sisters. Captain Buchanan was a man of stature, over six feet tall and brawny due to his upbringing on a farm in Nebraska. It was agreed that he would pose a formidable obstacle to the dishonourable intentions of Captain Williams. On May 25th the Misses Harris arrived in the afternoon and all the officers and men were impatiently awaiting them. Captain Williams took a place near the front of the stage with two NCOs of the Signal Corps and openly consumed spirits from a flask while addressing those nearby in an ill-tempered manner. Captain Buchanan approached Captain Williams and, out of respect for his heroic deeds on the Western Front against Fritz [*Germans*], requested with all manner of politeness that he withdraw from his location and renounce his intentions toward the sisters. Captain Williams responded with a swift kick to Captain Buchanan’s groin that caused him to bow forward in distress. He repeated this action several times until one Lieutenant Charles intervened with medical officers to retrieve the insensate frame of Captain Buchanan from the pile. Captain Williams remained where he had situated himself and sang raucous songs until the start of the show. The Harris sisters provided a wonderful entertainment for all of us. I remained in the vicinity of Captain Williams and overheard him telling his fellows that **if they thought they were going to lose a fight to “kick him in the balls again and again.”** I was perturbed that a Captain would speak in such a familiar manner to an NCO, but the front caused many to forget the ways of discipline and civil society. Captain Williams abruptly excused himself following the conclusion of the show and disappeared behind the stage. I imagine he had his way with the two Harris sisters as nobody was ready to oppose him that night.’

Although the spirit of “Wee Willie” does not usually emerge from inside the Triumph coach without the assistance of a stiff shot of *Maker’s Mark*, it appears that on this occasion it did. Or, at least it struggled mightily to emerge under the stress of another futile performance by the Triumph. Knowing he was about to lose, and hating to lose with every fibre of his being, the spirit of Captain **William “Wee Willie” Williams**, buried deep within Guy’s DNA, reacted in the only way it knew – to kick his adversary in the balls. Fortunately, enough of Coach **Guy Williams** remained in control of his body that the result was merely a kicking of the ball. As embarrassing and as difficult to justify as that turned out to be, it was preferable to the fate that had befallen Captain Buchanan.

Unfortunately, the Triumph remain in dire straits. They will be hard-pressed to turn things around. The team is not just losing on the football field – they are losing the battle with adversity, starting with their coach.

AROUND THE EFL

Week Twelve was a vast improvement over recent football offerings during the holidays. There were a few really exciting games and a couple that were not, but that nevertheless carried interesting implications for the quickening playoff race. However, it appeared that a few quarterbacks were still digesting turkey leftovers on Sunday as their dulled senses doomed their teams in the end:

At Round Table Stadium in LA, the ‘complete’ **Andy Dalton** was on display, in all of his majesty, modesty and, sadly in the end for Knights fans; misery. After a modest start, the “Red Rifle” started knocking down targets in the 2nd quarter, throwing for over 200 yards and a pair of touchdowns to build up a 28-20 half time lead over the Patriots. The half ended on a truly majestic note for the home team, with Dalton connecting on a bomb to **Jordan Matthews** for a 47-yard score with no time left on the clock. Round Table rocked in jubilation – it was a rare day when a Knights QB struck so dramatically through the air. But the Dalton Spectacle was far from over. On the Knights’ second possession of the third, Charleswood corner **Marcus Cooper** stepped in front of a slightly underthrown ball intended for **Brandin Cooks** and picked it clean. With an open field in front of him Cooper dodged a couple of

tackles and sprinted 58 yards to the Knights' end zone for a score. It was the turning point of the game. Cooper picked Dalton off again on the next series; and although that turnover eventually amounted to nothing on the scoreboard, it frayed the red head's nerves and set the table for a miserable finish. Dalton went on to throw three more interceptions, making a total of five on the day, while the Patriots' running game sprung to life, with unlikely contributions from **Jalen Richard** (78-yard TD run) and **Alvin Kamara** (28-yard TD run), to completely turn the tables on the Knights in a 27-point second half. The final score: Patriots 47, Knights 35. Suddenly, Charleswood is back in the hunt for a wildcard spot while LA is checked, in humbling fashion, in its challenge to Iowa for the West Division.

At Tillman Field in Cowtown, a future Hall-of-Famer endured a similar crash landing after flying high for part of a game. Durham's **Drew Brees** brushed aside a first-series interception to connect on a 91-yard bomb to his favourite target, **TY Hilton** on the first play of their second possession, giving his team an early 7-0 lead. The big play – impressive enough to be a highlight reel staple for the remainder of the season, I predict – pumped up Brees a little *too* much. With memories of his 73-TD season of glory replaying inside his head, an over-inflated Brees felt empowered to take more chances. You see, the downside of having experienced the high of a record-setting season is that one longs to experience those highs again. And, like an addict, one will go to extraordinary lengths to renew the feeling. Sensing that his quarterback had “that look” in his eye, Coach **George Kaldis** reined him in for a series, electing to run with **Carlos Hyde** for most of a 2nd quarter field goal drive that made it 17-0 for Durham. But the Lizards had to pass eventually. And when Brees finally got the call to find TY down the seam he whizzed the ball with force into a tight window, only to get picked off by safety **Rodney McLeod** at the Durham 27. The Corn Kings' offence under **Joe Flacco** had looked wobbly to that point, with ‘Old Joe’ (he is looking old these days) having already thrown two interceptions with no TDs to his credit. But as often happens when a turnover abruptly changes the momentum, a shot of adrenaline in the right measure can turn fortunes around. On the next play, Flacco did not hesitate and his aim was true as he hit **Mike Evans** in stride down the seam (the same play the Lizards had just run that resulted in the interception) for a 27-yard TD pass. The Corn Kings were back in it. The second half played out like a horror show for Durham. **Jimmy Garoppolo** started the 3rd quarter and drew Cowtown closer with a 47-yard TD pass to **Larry Fitzgerald** before he was knocked out of the game. A completely new **Joe Flacco** returned under center for Cowtown. He converted back-to-back third downs on his next series and finished off a 70-yard drive with his second TD pass of the day to Evans to give Cowtown its first lead of the game, 21-20. The Lizards regained the lead on a Hyde dive to make it 27-21, but a relentless Flacco drove his team back up the field 70 yards again to set up a 10-yard TD run by **LeGarrette Blount** to make it 28-27. The game was shaping up to be a classic, if unexpected, quarterback duel. But with the suddenness of a mudslide the Lizards collapsed in a span of just 21 seconds as their quarterback threw back-to-back interceptions – one of those a pick-six and the other one setting up Blount's second TD – to make the score a laughable 42-27. There would be no Hilton Heroics this week. The Corn Kings stuck to him like glue for the remainder of the game while the rest of the receiving corps showed just how unlike **TY Hilton** they all are. Durham fans better hope that Hilton is able to stay healthy for the stretch run – Brees is not the uplifting force he once was and the rest of the team is riding TY's coattails.

Talk of ‘*The Curse*’ is back on in the Media after the Swordfish victimized the Blue Eagles 20-7 at the Fish Tank. If the Swordfish had not sold out to stop the run on a Scarborough 1st and 20 at the Sebastian 43, this would certainly have been another shutout of the lifeless **Aaron Rodgers**-led Scarborough offence. With extra pass blockers for protection and 10 of the 11 Sebastian defenders seeking to bury the not-normally dangerous **TJ Yeldon**, **Pierre Garcon** caught **Tramaine Brock** flat-footed and got as wide open as a wide receiver is likely to ever get for an easy 43-yard TD pass that, at the time, tied the game. That is the kind of set-up necessary for Rodgers to achieve any success these days. The Fish did not repeat their mistake and Rodgers did not make another play until it was too late. Sebastian went on to ignore the formidable Blue Eagle secondary and ride the legs of **D'Onta Foreman** and **Wendell Smallwood** for 201 yards on the ground and 37 minutes of possession, something that never would have happened if the Blue Eagles had not deployed their nickel package for almost the entire game. Although I have reason to believe there may be something real behind ‘*The Curse*,’ there was nothing supernatural about the pig-headedness and stupidity of the Scarborough defensive game plan on this day. The grumblings in Scarborough are getting louder and even the fawning MSM is becoming critical. Watch this column for a full analysis of the strange Blue Eagles' season coming up next week.

At Optimist Field in Brooklin, the visiting Bombers put to rest any doubt that they are the team to beat in the East Division by taking out the Hawks 24-17. In the process they also made a case for being the no.1 prospect in the Pacific Conference (although the Cubs will have something to say about that). Bruxelles went into the Hawks' house and trashed it with back-up **Nick Foles** leading the way. It did not start well for the man wearing **Marcus Mariota**'s shoes for a day. He was unable to get much going in a first half that saw the Hawks leading 17-3 by the end of it. But when **Tashaun Gipson** pounced on a **Ryan Mathews** fumble mid-way through the 3rd quarter, Foles jumped to life. He threw two TD passes, both long shots to **Terrelle Pryor Sr.**, and ran for another to blow up Brooklin's hopes of a Division title. While Bruxelles has not clinched the division, it would take a serious collapse at this point to give it up.

The idea that the Hellfire could make a serious run at a playoff spot became more reality than fantasy this week as they overcame another injury to **Andrew Luck**, as well as two turnovers, to outscore the Chargers 21-18 at The Fiery Depths and rise to 7-5. Back-up **Connor Cook** was not good, but he did not need to be. **Jay Ajayi** scored on a 59-yard TD run and **Tevin Coleman** broke loose for a 67-yard TD run and added a TD catch on a 9-yard check down to account for all the scoring Mohave would require. The Mohave run game compiled 258 yards and the defence sacked **Carson Wentz** 8 times in an overall team performance that had those few fans left in Mohave who care about the team staying chanting, ‘*HELL NO, WE WON'T GO!*’

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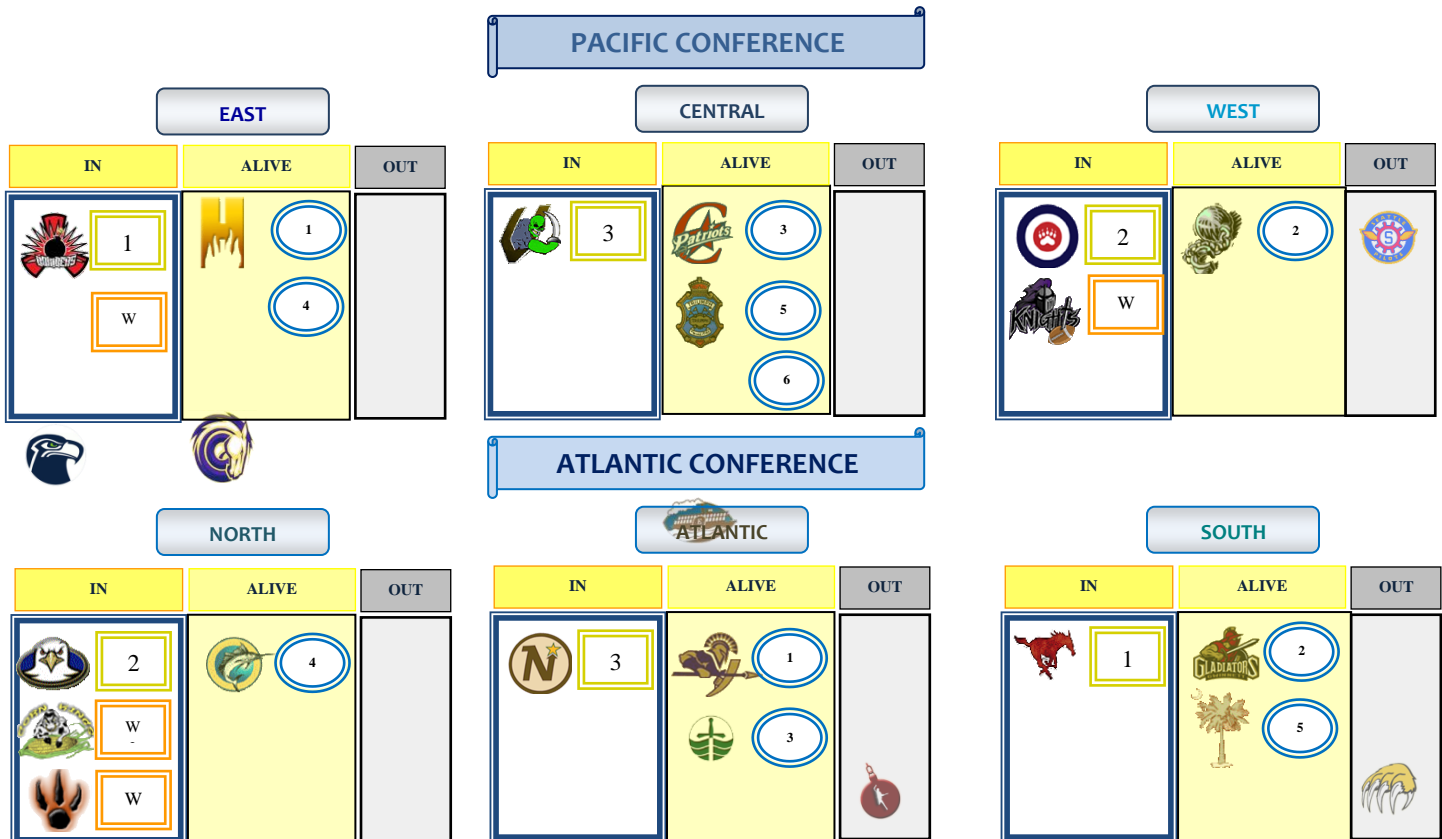
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GAMES TO WATCH

LOS ANGELES @ CHINO (line – KNIGHTS by 2)

INJURIES: Los Angeles – Michael Bennett (DOUBTFUL); Chino – Johnathan Joseph (QUESTIONABLE), Takkarist McKinley (OUT).

The Andy Dalton 4th quarter meltdown last week against the Pats was frightening to behold for Knights fans who harbour hopes of a deep post-season run. The 'Red Rifle' has a history of forgetting to adjust his sights from time-to-time, but five interceptions are a lot even for him. Perhaps more worrying is the fact that the 'Blue Shield' was gashed for 228 yards on the ground – a traditional area of strength. With their quarterback a turnover risk and their defence showing cracks; teams that are hanging around, like Chino, could not ask for a better time to knock the Knights off of their playoff steed and force them to fight it out in the mud. At home and licking their wounds after coming up 7 yards and 7 points short against Virden, the Convicts can draw even and secure the critical tie-breaker over LA with a win here. A loss and they remain alive, but trailing with a pack of longshots. Both teams are relatively healthy but likely missing their top edge rushers on the line – Michael Bennett for LA and rookie, Takkarist McKinley for Chino. This is good news for the passing games on both sides. When these teams met in Week One a banal offensive game plan by the

Knights was handled well by the 'Lockdown Crew.' Despite getting burned while playing with fire last week, expect LA to be very active through the air against a so-so Chino cornerback corps. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

COWTOWN @ PICKERING (line – CORN KINGS by 2)

INJURIES: **Cowtown** – Robert Ayers Jr (PROBABLE), Cedric Ogbuehi (DOUBTFUL), Aaron Colvin (OUT), Jimmy Garoppolo (OUT), Cre'von LeBlanc (OUT), Benson Mayowa (OUT), Patrick Omoreh (OUT); **Pickering** – Tyvon Branch (OUT), Jacquizz Rodgers (OUT).

In an inter-division battle for a wildcard spot it doesn't get much more critical than this. The Corn Kings can gain an extra game and secure the tie-breaker against one of their two main rivals with a win. But a loss will even their records and hand the Spartans the tie-breaker. These teams typically play each other close but the Kings enjoy a 3-game winning streak against the Spartans and carry momentum into this game, having rallied late against Durham last week. The Spartans have been a volatile 6-6 – difficult to predict and, often as not, difficult to watch. But this is a game that should probably go in their favour, despite being Vegas underdogs, due to advantageous key match-ups and injuries to depth of the Cowtown secondary and interior offensive line. There are, of course, roads to victory for the visitors, but most are windy and dependent on Joe Flacco's driving skills to stay out of the ditch. Much will depend on who gets the early upper hand. Neither team wants their pick-prone QBs to have to pass from behind. **PICK: PICKERING**

VIRDEN @ MOHAVE (line – VIOLATORS by 1)

INJURIES: **Virden** – Lane Johnson (DOUBTFUL), Eric Ebron (OUT), Dexter McCluster (OUT), Caraun Reid (OUT), Chance Warmack (OUT); **Mohave** – Andrew Luck (QUESTIONABLE), Vladimir Ducasse (OUT), Kevin Johnson (OUT), Kendall Reyes (OUT), Daryl Williams (OUT), Robert Woods (OUT).

The Hellfire have won six of their last seven and are shattering the conventions of the modern era by building a winner from the ground up. Jay Ajayi and Tevin Coleman have carried a heavy load during their winning run, providing opportunities in the passing game that were not available early in the season, but fatigue will soon become a factor. Here they face another run-first team with a fragile passing game to protect. Derek Carr has the arm, but his target selection is slim after Amari Cooper and Eric Ebron; and Ebron is out. These teams look evenly matched until one considers the possibility that Andrew Luck will not dress for the game. Back-up Connor Cook has seen too much action already and most of it has not been pretty. If Cook starts, the Hellfire will look to its defence to position them for victory; something they haven't done since the Seattle game – and that doesn't count. The Violators – winners of 3 in a row – can clinch the division with a win here and a Twin Cities loss. Expect them to do their part. **PICK: VIRDEN**

GAMES OF NOTE

BROOKLIN @ TWIN CITIES (line – HAWKS by 4)

INJURIES: **Brooklin** – Rob Gronkowski (OUT), Alshon Jeffery (OUT), Charles Johnson (OUT), Quintin Demps (OUT), Randall Cobb (OUT), Manti Te'o (IR); **Twin Cities** – Clint Boling (QUESTIONABLE), Joel Bitonio (OUT), Phillip Gaines (OUT), Doug Martin (OUT), Byron Maxwell (OUT).

A game that would have been seen at the start of the season as a possible Conference Final preview is, in Week Thirteen, a battle for survival for both teams. While the Hawks are not in dire playoff peril here, if they lose they can likely kiss the East Division title goodbye and expect to be in a dog fight for a wildcard spot. The Triumph can stay alive in the Central Division hunt with a win, but a loss could eliminate them while crippling their wildcard hopes. The Triumph are 4-1 at home and feed off a loyal fanbase that has been surprisingly patient while riding a turbulent emotional roller coaster in 2017. Some are expecting a fan backlash over the three 1st down punts in the 4th quarter of last week's open-and-shut loss to the Cubs. But if love is still in the air at Wilhalla Stadium, expect the Triumph to take advantage of some key Hawks injuries to limit their opponent's options on both sides of the ball. Also expect a much more balanced and effective attack with Melvin Gordon and Antonio Brown healthy again. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

ST CHARLES @ CHARLESWOOD (line – PATRIOTS by 6)

INJURIES: **St. Charles** – Dalvin Cook (QUESTIONABLE), Adoree' Jackson (DOUBTFUL), Bryce Callahan (OUT), Jordan Jenkins (OUT); **Charleswood** – Marcus Gilbert (PROBABLE), Lamar Miller (PROBABLE), Rob Ninkovich (QUESTIONABLE), Leon Hall (OUT), Leonard Johnson (OUT), Harlan Miller (OUT), Aqib Talib (OUT).

One of these teams will be all but mathematically eliminated from the playoff race with a loss. I say "all but" because, believe it or not, 8-8 could still win a spot in the post-season if all the right stars are aligned correctly by the end of Week 16. But the Chargers might not wish to prolong the agony after falling to Connor Cook and the Hellfire last week and generally stinking it up on offence over the past four weeks. The Pat's 'D' is not in the giving mood these days – just ask Andy Dalton about it – and a successful relief appearance by Blake Bortles last week might auger a welcome change in leadership down the stretch for the Pats' offence. Dalvin Cook will be missed in the Chargers' offensive scheme if he cannot play, as will top CB Adoree' Jackson – listed as 'questionable' –

be missed in both the Chargers' secondary and special teams. It's not looking good for the visitors. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

SEBASTIAN @ BUDAPEST (line – NORTH STARS by 9)

INJURIES: Sebastian – Arik Armstead (QUESTIONABLE), Kenneth Dixon (OUT), Delvin Breaux (IR), Shariff Floyd (IR); **Budapest** – Ryan Ramczyk (PROBABLE), Orlando Scandrick (OUT).

The North Stars can clinch the Coastal Division with a win or a Pickering loss to Cowtown. The Fish cannot be eliminated this week, but a win could allow them to leap frog over as many as three of their fellow wildcard trailers and improve their position down the stretch. The injury to Orlando Scandrick could be influential in this game, as the North Stars have no man-to-man answer at corner for Doug Baldwin, one of Sebastian's two principal offensive weapons. The twin edge threat of Calais Campbell and Cameron Jordan could end up being pivotal in frustrating Sebastian's downfield passing game. On the other side, Brian Hoyer looked comfortable against the Regs last week, but he had a lot of help from David Johnson. The Swordfish run defence is stout so the passing game will have to click if Budapest hopes to cover. This will likely be a Stars' win, but expect it to be a nail-biter. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

YORK @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 6)

INJURIES: York – Eddie Lacy (PROBABLE), Josh Doctson (OUT), Denzelle Good (OUT), Quinton Patton (OUT), Mike Williams (OUT); **Durham** – Elvis Dumervil (DOUBTFUL), Eric Decker (OUT), Eddie Goldman (OUT), Austin Hooper (OUT), Theo Riddick (OUT), Eric Rowe (OUT), Geno Smith (OUT), Kevin White (OUT);

What the past two weeks have shown is that no lead is safe, for either team, when Durham is involved. After storming back to an improbable victory over the Pats in Week Eleven, the Lizards squandered a 17-point lead to fall to the Corn Kings last week. Interceptions, both for and against, played a central role in these 60-minute dramas, as did long touchdown passes. While Durham is the most exciting team to watch these days, they are also the most unpredictable. Drew Brees' 18 interceptions are cited as a factor in rising pepto bismol sales in Durham Region and profit losses in some Vegas bookmaking firms. The Durham game plan consists of Brees-to-Hilton target practice with 20-odd Carlos Hyde runs thrown in as breathers. This makes the top CB of Durham's opponent the focus of much pre-game attention. William Gay is in the spotlight this week as is pick-off artist Kurt Coleman. The rest is a sideshow. Yes, Tom Brady is out there too. But if Kelvin Benjamin goes back to sleep again, it will not matter. **PICK: DURHAM**

HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS

ERIEAU @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 14)

INJURIES: Eriean – Niles Paul (DOUBTFUL), John Greco (OUT), Daniel Kilgore (OUT); **Bruxelles** – Leonard Fournette (PROBABLE), Terrell Suggs (PROBABLE), Dede Westbrook (QUESTIONABLE), Bud Dupree (OUT), Cory Harkey (OUT), Matt Kalil (OUT), Josh Kline (OUT), Donte Moncrief (OUT), Jason Verrett (OUT).

Eriean bought another week on playoff death row by grinding down the woeful Pilots last week. The defence would probably tell you it was not satisfied with its performance in holding the worst offence in the league to 13 points; but the offence can put a feather in its cap for springing free Jordy Nelson for 140 yards and big touchdown catch against a respectable Seattle defence. So, the Caddies still have a drop of fuel in the tank and the Bombers have a division to clinch, making this game technically meaningful. But we all know that, with Marcus Mariota back, the real question is not who will win, but whether or not Eriean can crack the double-digit spread. For that to happen, the pass rush will have to go "week one" on the Bruxelles o-line. But Mariota is no Carson Palmer – if somehow Joey Bosa gets around Joe Thomas, he still has to catch the elusive Hawaiian. Good luck! Eliminating the Cadillac from the playoffs is a mere formality at this point. Expect it to happen here, in somewhat emphatic style. **PICK: BRUXELLES**

IOWA CITY @ SEATTLE (line – CUBS by 7)

INJURIES: Iowa City – CJ Prosise (PROBABLE), Lee Smith (PROBABLE), Jared Veldheer (DOUBTFUL); **Seattle** – Luke Willson (DOUBTFUL), Dakota Dozier (OUT), Allen Hurns (OUT), Luke Joeckel (OUT), DJ White (OUT), Scooby Wright III (IR).

While the Pilots, at 3.8 yards per play, are on track to be the least efficient offence of all time, their performance has picked up enough of late that it is unlikely they will set new lows in total yards or points scored. This week, at home, against a defence they have already shown they can handle, they hope to improve on that average by pulling off a few "chunk plays" against the EFL's most passive defensive scheme. The Cubs play defence straight up and challenge their opponents to beat their personnel. That strategy probably should have worked when these teams faced each other back in Week One, but an unpressured Eli Manning eventually found his receivers for a pair of long TD strikes to make that game uncomfortably close for the Cubbies. Eli is capable of that when he has time and I expect he will get time to throw again this week. Whether he wants to, with top target Phillip Dorsett showing signs of fatigue and ballhawk Casey Hayward covering him like a blanket, is a different story. Probably safer to task Kareem Hunt and Bilal Powell with the job of moving the offence and keeping the ball out of Russell Wilson's hands. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

NEW JERSEY @ SCARBOROUGH (line – BLUE EAGLES by 13)

INJURIES: **New Jersey** – Roger Saffold (QUESTIONABLE), DeMarcus Ware (DOUBTFUL), James Bradberry (OUT), Adrian Clayborn (OUT), Antonio Gates (OUT); **Scarborough** – La'el Collins (OUT), Cordy Glenn (OUT), Cam Robinson (OUT), Charles Sims (OUT), Solomon Thomas (OUT).

The Eagles lost two straight with Jordan Howard out of the line-up and scored a measly 7 points total in those two games. Not even their vaunted secondary was able to save the team and Aaron Rodgers from looking and performing like a total train wreck. This week they face a terrifying opponent in the Wrecking Balls – terrifying, because: the NJ defence is playing at a high level at a time when the Scarborough offence is in retrograde; and a loss to the unluckiest/worst team in the league would certainly break the Eagles' frail psyche and cause a riot in the stadium. The return of Howard has to help things, but don't expect him alone to save the Bluebirds. They will need lots of help from their gang of thieves in the secondary, their pass rush and... is it too much to ask Aaron Rodgers to throw a friggin' touchdown? Expecting the cloud over Scarborough to start raining locusts and frogs.... **PICK: NEW JERSEY**

TORONTO @ AURORA (line – MUSTANGS by 20)

INJURIES: **Toronto** – Eric Wood (QUESTIONABLE), Corey Linsley (OUT), John Simon (OUT), Ryan Tannehill (OUT), Trent Cole (IR); **Aurora** – Trent Williams (PROBABLE), NaVorro Bowman (DOUBTFUL), JJ Watt (OUT).

Back-up QB, Matt Moore offers a different look behind center for Toronto – more seasoned, less prone to panic – but there is a reason he is a back-up. He has already been sacked 10 times and picked off 3 in limited action. He also has 4 touchdown passes; a testament to his ability to make plays. He will need to make a lot of them if he hopes to keep up with a Mustangs offence at full sprint. It indeed appears that Aurora is on its way to another perfect regular season. A win here is as locked in as it gets and the remaining challengers are not overly threatening. The Toronto offensive line, not strong at the best of times, is feeling the loss of center Corey Linsley and guard Eric Wood. This will make everything more difficult for Moore and the offence. On the other side, the only thing that stands against Matt Ryan is Jalen Ramsey. Still, the spread is huge in a season of randomness. Expect a few wrinkles. **PICK: TORONTO**

GEORGIA @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – GLADIATORS by 1)

INJURIES: **Georgia** – Darius Butler (OUT), Reuben Foster (OUT), DJ Hayden (OUT), Ben Roethlisberger (OUT), Jimmy Smith (OUT), Nick Vannett (OUT); **South Carolina** – Joe Haden (PROBABLE), Cameron Brate (DOUBTFUL), Brandon Brooks (DOUBTFUL), Ameer Abdullah (OUT), Keenan Allen (OUT), Sterling Moore (OUT).

Disappointment abounds around both of these teams as they hobble down the stretch. The Glads are still alive in the wildcard race, despite the generally atrocious play of the offence, but optimism is at a low point with Blaine Gabbert and his 36.1 QB rating slated to start. The Regulators, losers of seven straight, will probably be eliminated from post-season play this week even if they win – a good possibility given the state of the Glads' secondary, with Darius Butler joining the injury list. The tenderness of the Regulator running-back committee is the Achilles Heel of this offence. With teams sitting on the pass, Kirk Cousins is always battling and usually losing. This week he has a good shot at winning if the running game can muster more than 10 carries. **PICK: SOUTH CAROLINA**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – In Week Twelve of the 2011 EFL Season, the league announced the award of two expansion franchises for the 2012 season. Of the eventual four teams that would be incorporated into the league in 2012, the Commonwealth Colonials and the Twin Cities Triumph were the first two franchises to receive their licences. At the time of the announcement the league was only authorized to award two, but the membership was expected to ratify an additional two in the coming weeks. Interestingly, the Colonials, although based in Virginia, are considered by league historians to be the first attempt by the

EFL to establish a presence across the Atlantic. The principal financier of the team was British billionaire, **Richard Branson**. He was said to be planning for a Colonials game to be played in London in the 2013 season.

Week 12 was one of those weeks where the best match-ups were not ones likely to dramatically impact the playoff races. The Blue Eagles (8-4) rebounded from their Week 11 loss to Pickering with a 24-17 comeback win over the Patriots (8-4). For those who can't remember the last time **Aaron Rodgers** won a game for his team, check out his line: 21 of 32, 160 yards and 3 TDs to rally the Eagles in the 2nd half. Neither team moved in the standings

The Spartans (11-1) won 10-9 over the Convicts (5-7) on a 32-yard **Josh Scobee** FG as time expired. Fans were eager to see how Matt Cassel handled the championship grade Chino defence (if only they had a QB!). The win allowed Pickering to stay ahead of a Cowtown (10-2) squad that survived a 17-16 thriller over the Knights (9-3). **Joe Flacco** hit **Santana Moss** for a 48-yard TD pass with 0:20 left and a holding penalty on LA nullified a 103-yard kick return for a TD by **Eric Weems** in the dying seconds. Cowtown led a charmed existence.