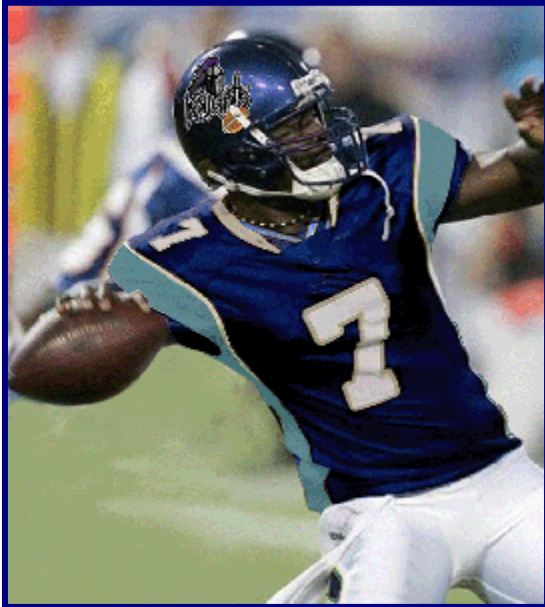




2008

# WEEK FOURTEEN

December 28, 2008



Tarvaris Jackson sets to throw in Week 14 action against the Cubs, The Knights won an upset, 23-7.

## TARVARIS AND 'D' IN PERFECT HARMONY AS KNIGHTS ROUT CUBS!

*Jackson throws 2 TD passes, Woodson grabs 2 picks as LA rocks to victory.*



IOWA CITY

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LOS ANGELES

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LOS ANGELES – In order to begin to understand the surprising success of Knights' quarterback, *Tarvaris Jackson* this season, you need look no farther than his work ethic. In preparation for this week's tilt against the hated Iowa City Cubs, Jackson stayed late everyday after practice to watch game film and study more on the West Coast Offense. It was not the first time this season he has done so. While certain, unnamed members of the defense have been suspected of spending too much time at Club 740 after hours, Jackson and his receivers have been drawing up plays on cocktail napkins during mealtime and going to bed early the night before games. The discipline and hard work appear to have paid off with rewards that include a clinched playoff berth in the quarter finals and, this week, a stunning upset of the Conference-leading Iowa City Cubs.

The highly criticized Knight's Defense, doormats for opposing offences for most of this season, held a closed door meeting with the veterans on Monday and challenged each other to finally become the defense that **Coach Dohrn** believed they could be when he hand picked them to be the dominant defensive force in the league. That too, appeared to have paid off with resounding success as the Knights' defense rose up and smothered the Cubs from start to finish.

The Cubs, with nothing to play for other than pride, decided to rest *Jeff Garcia* and start *JP Losman*, which got them into trouble immediately. JP would throw only two balls all game, both interceptions returned inside the Cubs' 10 yard line. The Knights capitalized on both of these turnovers, scoring 10 points while moving the ball only 6 yards.

**Coach Redding** would then betray that his team's pride counted more than a good rest, and *Jeff Garcia* was sent out to save the day. But Garcia seemed to be, in his mind, on a beach drinking Piña Coladas instead of in the huddle planning a counter-attack. He would be rushed - sacked - hurried - and bullied all day long. The Knights counted two more field goals before the half to take a 16-0 lead.

The Cubs' offense pulled it together for a 77 yard touchdown drive to open the second half, with *Brandon Jacobs* plunging in from one yard, but the Knights answered with a long drive of their own, finishing with Jackson finding *Roddy White* open across the middle from 14 yards out for "6." The LA defense would not let Iowa back in the game for a late come from behind win. They contained the Cubs bruising runners (Jacobs and Brown) and shut down Garcia and the passing game. For the Los Angeles Defense – led by veteran Charles Woodson, who had 2 interceptions and a 70-yard interception return – it was their finest hour. Finally, they had played a full game the way their Coaching staff and fans knew they could. As for *Tarvaris Jackson*, his 2 TD passes and efficient passing earned him another game MVP – something which is no longer a surprise to anyone.

12-27-2008 Round Table Stadium Temp: 56 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Jackson					ICC	LAK		
2007 Iowa City (11-3)	0	0	7	0	-7	First Downs	11	21
2007 Los Angeles (8-6)	10	6	7	0	-23	Rushes	22-116	40-134
1 9:01 Los Angeles	FG Brown	20	(3-1-1:26)		0-3	Passes	22-9-74	26-18-175
1 7:10 Los Angeles	TD Jackson	5	pass to Young (Brown,K) (3-7-1:30)		0-10	Sacked	2-10	1-5
2 13:39 Los Angeles	FG Brown	41	(13-56-6:33)		0-13	Fumble	1	1
2 0:08 Los Angeles	FG Brown	38	(10-36-2:01)		0-16	Penalties	9-58	8-82
3 9:50 Iowa City	TD Jacobs	1	run (Feely) (10-77-5:02)		7-16	Turnovers	3	1
3 0:55 Los Angeles	TD Jackson	14	pass to White (Brown,K) (15-80-8:55)		7-23	Time	21:03	38:49
<b>KEY PERFORMANCES:</b> LA- <b>T. Jackson</b> , 26-18-175, 2 TDs, 113.5 QB rating; <b>Merriman</b> , 2 sacks 3 deflections; <b>C. Woodson</b> 2 INTs, 83 return yards. IC- <b>Garcia</b> , 20-9-74, 1 INT, 34.2 QB rating; <b>Losman</b> 2-0-0, 2 INTs.						Third Down	1-12	7-13
						Fourth Down	4-4	0-2
						Net Offense	180	304



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**DURHAM**



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**KUTZTOWN**

**GOLDEN BEARS WIN BY DEFAULT**

**GAME POINTS:** Five Durham turnovers led to 13 Kutztown points – more than enough to make the difference in a lackluster, mistake-filled contest at Lincoln Financial Field. **Tony Romo** connected on a 19-yard hook up with **Desmond Clark** following a **Frank Gore** fumble in Durham territory for the game’s only touchdown early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and a 13-3 Bears lead. Kutztown would capitalize on Lizards miscues and cover up their own to grind out 3 more field goals in the second half to complete a string of 22 unanswered points.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Nate Kaeding** was a perfect 5 for 5 in field goals, hitting his longest from 48 yards. **E.J. Henderson** recorded 14 tackles and forced a fumble. **Plaxico Burress** had 5 catches for 67 yards. **Philip Rivers** finished a dismal 13 of 28 for 136 yards and 2 INTs. **Frank Gore** rushed for 60 yards on 19 carries and fumbled twice.

12-23-2008 Lincoln Financial Field Temp: 52 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: Kaeding					DTL	KUT		
2007 Durham (6-8)	3	0	0	0	-3	First Downs	14	12
2007 Kutztown (8-6)	3	10	3	6	-22	Rushes	32-123	30-96
1 9:43 Durham	FG Crosby	43	(5-15-3:07)		3-0	Passes	30-13-136	29-17-168
1 5:04 Kutztown	FG Kaeding	45	(9-53-4:28)		3-3	Sacked	1-3	0-0
2 14:08 Kutztown	FG Kaeding	48	(7-38-2:28)		3-6	Fumble	3	3
2 12:46 Kutztown	TD Romo	19	pass to Clark (Kaeding) (3-21-1:02)		3-13	Penalties	5-35	6-40
3 6:36 Kutztown	FG Kaeding	30	(3-7-2:05)		3-16	Turnovers	5	1
4 11:04 Kutztown	FG Kaeding	25	(5-20-3:47)		3-19	Time	26:14	33:46
4 4:02 Kutztown	FG Kaeding	24	(5-34-4:33)		3-22	Third Down	5-14	3-13
						Fourth Down	1-3	0-0
						Net Offense	256	264



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**RINGGOLD**



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**FLORIDA**

**DRAGONS DISPATCH HAWKS**

**GAME POINTS:** **Leigh Bodden** intercepted **Ben Roethlisberger** on the game’s opening drive to give the Florida good field position. Three plays later, **Tom Brady** found **Brandon Marshall** for a 45-yard TD pass, the first of 2 TD receptions Marshall would have in the game, and an early 7-0 Florida lead. The Hawks struggled to move the ball early but held Florida to a 10-3 half time lead before collapsing early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. **Ken Hamlin’s** 16-yard interception return for a TD late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter put a lock on the game for Florida.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Tom Brady** completed 15 of 22 for 260 yards and 2 TD passes. **Brandon Marshall** caught 4 passes for 122 yards and 2 TDs. **Osi Umenyiora** had 7 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 Deflection and 2 Pressures. **“Big Ben”** had his worst outing of the season, finishing 10 of 20 for 100 yards and 2 INTs. **Santonio Holmes** caught 6 passes for 76 yards and 1 TD.

12-26-2008 Dragonmount Temp: 76 Wind: 0-5 Light Rain MVP: Brady				RCH	FLD
2007 Ringgold (5-9)	0 3 0 9	- 12	First Downs	16	16
2007 Florida (13-1)	7 3 14 3	- 27	Rushes	25-81	29-109
			Passes	28-16-186	22-15-260
1 9:48 Florida	TD Brady 45 pass to Marshall (Nugent) (3-59-1:37)	0-7	Sacked	5-30	1-7
2 12:37 Florida	FG Nugent 25 (10-67-5:41)	0-10	Fumble	1	1
2 1:10 Ringgold	FG Suisham 52 (5-5-1:25)	3-10	Penalties	5-31	6-20
3 11:07 Florida	TD Brady 37 pass to Marshall (Nugent) (7-79-3:47)	3-17	Turnovers	3	1
3 0:37 Florida	TD Hamlin 16 interception return (Nugent) (0-0-0:00)	3-24	Time	30:00	30:00
4 8:13 Ringgold	FG Suisham 42 (9-55-7:16)	6-24	Third Down	4-12	4-9
4 4:15 Florida	FG Nugent 45 (6-12-3:46)	6-27	Fourth Down	1-2	0-0
4 0:44 Ringgold	TD Young 18 pass to Holmes (2 - failed) (10-60-3:26)	12-27	Net Offense	237	362



WINNEMUCCA

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MARKHAM

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### SPROLES ROLLS IN MARKHAM VICTORY

**GAME POINTS:** Darren Sproles made most of his 8 touches by scoring 4 TDs, 2 on the ground and 2 thru the air, in Markham's 28-7 win over divisional opponent Winnemucca. With the score still close at 14-7 for Markham, **Matt Hasselbeck** hit **Deion Branch** for a 40-yard pass play to set up Sproles' 3<sup>rd</sup> TD, a 7-yard run sweep to the right for a 21-7 Markham lead at the half. The only scoring in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was Sproles' 4<sup>th</sup> TD, an 11-yard pass from Hasselbeck.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Matt Hasselbeck** was 20-25 for 199 yards and 2 TD's. **Deion Branch** had a season high 89 receiving yards on 6 receptions. **Justin Fargas** went over the 100 yard mark rushing for the 1st time this season. **David Garrard** only threw 15 times in the game, completing 9 for 90 yards and was picked off twice.

12-26-2008 The Dawg Pound Temp: 26 Wind: 10-20 None MVP: Sproles				WMO	MAR
2007 Winnemucca (1-13)	0 7 0 0	- 7	First Downs	14	20
2007 Markham (4-10)	7 14 7 0	- 28	Rushes	38-163	26-96
			Passes	15-9-90	25-20-199
1 5:04 Markham	TD Sproles 5 run (Lindell) (10-49-4:24)	0-7	Sacked	0-0	0-0
2 11:31 Markham	TD Hasselbeck 6 pass to Sproles (Lindell) (9-45-4:42)	0-14	Fumble	1	1
2 3:28 Winnemucca	TD Garrard 17 pass to Ward (Vinatieri) (13-81-7:52)	7-14	Penalties	3-15	0-0
2 0:32 Markham	TD Sproles 7 run (Lindell) (7-80-2:56)	7-21	Turnovers	2	0
3 6:12 Markham	TD Hasselbeck 11 pass to Sproles (Lindell) (8-57-4:15)	7-28	Time	32:47	27:12
			Third Down	4-10	6-10
			Fourth Down	2-5	1-1
			Net Offense	253	295



PICKERING

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COLORADO

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### SPARTANS LAY SIEGE TO THUNDERDOME

**GAME POINTS:** The opening drive gave the Spartans the only points they would need as **Donovan McNabb** threw complete, 17 yards, to **Darrell Jackson** for an early 7-0 lead. A 36-yard completion from **Matt Ryan** to **Mark Clayton** on the Thundersnow's first possession helped set up a 31-yard missed FG attempt by **Robbie Gould**, squandering Colorado's best chance for a score in the game. The Snow have been shutout 5 times this season. Pickering would go on to dominate the line of scrimmage and slowly pull away, finishing off the scoring with McNabb's 2<sup>nd</sup> TD pass to **Darrell Jackson**, a 14-yard fade route to the corner of the end zone.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Donovan McNabb** earned Game MVP with 2 TD passes. He was also efficient, completing 19 of 25 for 199 yards and 0 INTs. **Darrell Jackson** caught 7 passes for 71 yards and 2 TDs. 5 different running backs carried the ball for Pickering, gaining 111 yards. **Matt Ryan** completed 9 of 15 passes for 118 yards. **Kevin Smith** rushed for 96 yards on 21 carries.

12-26-2008 Toyota Thunderdome Temp: 28 Wind: 5-15 Light Snow MVP: McNabb					PIC	COL		
2007 Pickering (6-8)	7	6	7	0	-20	First Downs	18	11
2007 Colorado (1-13)	0	0	0	0	-0	Rushes	29-116	32-104
						Passes	25-19-199	15-9-118
						Sacked	1-4	1-3
1 10:27 Pickering	TD McNabb 17 pass to Jackson (Tynes) (7-70-4:18)				7-0	Fumble	1	2
2 8:23 Pickering	FG Tynes 47 (6-49-2:58)				10-0	Penalties	4-25	5-25
2 2:00 Pickering	FG Tynes 41 (10-31-4:44)				13-0	Turnovers	0	0
3 7:02 Pickering	TD McNabb 14 pass to Jackson (Tynes) (10-79-5:01)				20-0	Time	30:57	29:03
						Third Down	5-13	2-11
						Fourth Down	0-0	0-1
						Net Offense	311	219

**MOHAVE CLINCHES WILDCARD BERTH**



**GWINNETT**



**MOHAVE**

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**GAME POINTS:** Trent Cole forced his way thru to sack Carson Palmer and strip the ball at the Gwinnett 6 yard line. 4 plays later, Rashard Mendenhall dove in to the end zone from one yard out to give the Hellfire an early 14-0 lead. That score capped a frustrating 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for the Glads where they forced 2 turnovers only to give the ball right back, and took some bad penalties. Mohave scorched Gwinnett's comeback hopes when Terrell Owens turned a short hitch into a 48-yard TD play, to start the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, making it 27-7 Mohave. The win assures the Hellfire of a wildcard playoff berth.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Terrell Owens caught 4 passes for 131 yards and 2 TDs. Brian Westbrook gained 145 total yards, 89 rushing and 56 receiving. Kurt Warner completed 17 of 21 for 257 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT. Carson Palmer went 21 of 39 for 164 yards and 2 TDs. Darnell Dockett had 2 sacks, 1 forced fumbles and 7 tackles. Willie Parker gained 64 yards on 14 carries.

12-26-2008 The Fiery Depths Temp: 99 Wind: Calm None MVP: Owens					GWG	MOH		
2007 Gwinnett (7-7)	0	0	7	7	-14	First Downs	14	19
2007 Mohave (10-4)	14	6	0	7	-27	Rushes	22-93	32-128
						Passes	39-21-164	21-17-257
						Sacked	4-34	3-15
1 9:53 Mohave	TD Warner 32 pass to Owens (Bironas) (8-63-4:53)				0-7	Fumble	4	4
1 2:04 Mohave	TD Mendenhall 1 run (Bironas) (5-6-1:35)				0-14	Penalties	7-40	4-48
2 4:21 Mohave	FG Bironas 41 (12-71-7:10)				0-17	Turnovers	2	3
2 0:06 Mohave	FG Bironas 33 (7-32-1:20)				0-20	Time	27:11	32:42
3 0:40 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 10 pass to Gonzalez (Brown,J) (13-60-7:08)				7-20	Third Down	5-16	4-10
4 13:31 Mohave	TD Warner 48 pass to Owens (Bironas) (5-83-2:02)				7-27	Fourth Down	3-8	1-1
4 7:17 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 22 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (4-37-1:19)				14-27	Net Offense	223	370

**"UDDER" DESTRUCTION IN CHARLESWOOD**



**COWTOWN**



**CHARLESWOOD**

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**GAME POINTS:** Peyton Manning completed his first 8 passes, one of them a 15-yard TD strike to Chad Johnson to open the scoring, to set the tone for an almost effortless day for the Charleswood offense. The Corn Kings 'D' looked helpless as the Pats posted 17 points by early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Cowtown offense responded with a push into scoring position while the game was still within reach, but Shaun Phillips came up with a big interception on a 4<sup>th</sup> down pass by Chad Pennington to snuff out the early comeback attempt. The Pats had no problem hanging on in the 2nd half, adding 16 more points and holding the visitors to a FG and a meaningless late TD.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Peyton Manning finished 22 of 30 for 273 yards and 2 TD passes. Chad Johnson caught 6 passes for 103 yards and 2 TDs. Stephen Gostkowski booted 4 field goals in 4 tries. Chad Pennington completed 19 of 27 for 133 yards and 1 INT. Laurence Maroney rushed for 61 yards on 13 carries. Cowtown's longest play from scrimmage was 11 yards.





# AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – One of the best things about New York is that it is not LA. See below.

## ***“SIR” TARVARIS TO BE KNIGHTED FOLLOWING UPSET OF CUBS***

The sycophantic fawning of the effete LA Media over Knights’ quarterback, **Tarvaris Jackson** has reached typically extravagant levels of excitement as Tinseltown celebrates an 8-6 team as if it was a 13-1 team that had also solved World Hunger and the AIDS epidemic. You’d think that **Tarvaris Jackson** was some kind of Bono in LA these days. The Knights have gone from back page news, behind the Los Angeles Sparks of the WNBA, to headlining the Sports and Fashion sections of the LA Times ever since scandal-dogged Hollywood Society Columnist, **Gabrielle Laurent-Vainluven** was assigned to cover the Knights pending a lawsuit that temporarily pushed her away from her regular gossip column. Gabrielle has “discovered” the Knights and in the process is changing the way football is being covered west of the Rockies. While she has certainly raised the level of awareness and support for the Knights in Hollywood circles, attracting more A-List Stars to Knights games (**Jack Nicholson** was seen at last week’s game against Iowa City), she is also turning the image of football athletes in LA away from the “battle-hardened warrior” and closer toward the “rugged, socially responsible, environmentally conscious, fashion model.” Yes, Gabrielle has created her own “A List” of Football Celebrities, who make the grade based on their ability to scoff down a cocktail weenie without making a mess on their shirts, the charities they support (if any), and how well they fill out a tight pair of Hugo Boss slacks. On-field accomplishments are incidental, but they can help. In recognition of Jackson’s success on the field, and his “cute butt,” **Laurent-Vainluven** is planning a modern “Knighting Ceremony” for him this week at *Smashbox Studios* in Culver City where she plans to unveil new Knights uniforms she purportedly designed herself after consultations with **Oscar De La Renta**. Even while all of this makes me want to throw up at a deep, visceral level; the side of me that stares at bad car accidents is actually curious to see what she has in store for Football Fashion in LA.

## ***THE SECRET OF DURHAM’S FAILURE***

The **Thunder Lizards** eliminated themselves from playoff contention with a shudderingly bad outing in Kutztown in Week 14 in which they committed five turnovers – 3 of them on fumbles. The **Golden Bears**, by the way, also committed 3 fumbles. The difference is, they recovered their own while Durham gave away theirs. It’s been a season-long trend for the Dinosaurs. They have forced 21 fumbles by their opponents but have recovered only 5, for a league-low 24% opponent recovery rate. They lose their own fumbles 43% of the time, placing them in the bottom third of the league. In a game where turnovers can literally mean the difference between winning and losing, the Lizards are losing the battle for the loose ball 59% of the time, fourth worst in the league. As a result, they stand at -8 overall in turnover ratio.

But wait that’s not all! (or even the worst part) While owner, **George Kaldis** claims a “league conspiracy” is responsible for his teams’ woes (despite being Chairman of EFL Board of Governors, meaning that he Chairs the body that is allegedly responsible for conspiring against his team and therefore in the uncomfortable position of having to support and defend himself and his Board from his own allegations and possibly sue himself for slander), and the Media heaps scorn on the offensive line and the running game, a significant piece of evidence has slipped through the cracks. Durham wide receivers have caught 67 passes this year – *combined!* Yes, that is correct, not a typo...67! **Steve Smith**, 10<sup>th</sup> in the league in individual receptions, has as many catches as the entire Durham wide-receiving corps.

The weakness of the Durham wide-outs gets talked about casually, thrown in by commentator’s pre-game analyses almost as an aside, but its significance is being overlooked. In a league where passing is the number one quick strike weapon of any offense, and wide receivers are generally the fastest and

most dangerous targets in the passing game, such poor output from such a key position has to be dragging down the entire offense. It means that opposing defenses can wait on the run, even when they are ostensibly in pass defenses, because the safeties can focus on run support or tight end, **Antonio Gates**, rather than the wide receivers. Chalk one up for McChad: another mystery of football solved!

### **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

The New Year, like God's forgiveness, or a really good morning bowel movement, offers us an opportunity to start fresh. Psychologically, the idea of a "new year" makes us think of a new beginning – a chance to right the listing ship of our lives with vows to overcome the challenges that drag us down. New Year's is the perfect time for smokers and drinkers to fool themselves into thinking they can purge the urge to indulge. It is also the perfect time for EFL teams to ponder their own imperfections and set on changing them for the better. Hmmm....if I were GM of each EFL team, what would I resolve to do in 2009 to make my team better? As (insert team name here), I resolve to.....

Anchorage – hire a sports psychologist and therapist to begin the emotional healing of my team.

Charleswood – do *exactly* what I did in 2008...and also acquire a big fat defensive tackle.

Chino – make a budget before I spend money on Free Agents.

Colorado – find a stud left tackle to protect my Franchise, Matt Ryan.

Cowtown – do whatever it takes to sign Chad Pennington.

Durham – before I do *anything* else, sign, trade for, or draft a good wide receiver.

Florida – keep Tom Brady, no matter how much I want to spend half of his \$12 million salary.

Gwinnet – find a quarterback to get me through the 2009 season.

Iowa City – get rid of JP Losman and give Ronnie Brown all the cabbage he wants to stay put.

Kutztown – take a valium before bidding on any Unrestricted Free Agent.

Los Angeles – blitz half as much as I did in 2008.

Markham – sign Matt Cassel to whatever he wants.

Mohave – build my offensive line starting with a good tackle.

Pickering – use my ample cap room to plug the holes that are appearing all over the place.

Ringgold – build my offensive line beginning with a good guard.

Winnemucca – focus on defense in the upcoming College Draft.

### **MOHAVE PUNTER MAKES MIRACULOUS RECOVERY**

A week after **Mike Barr** was wheeled out on a stretcher from the Mohave locker room, the punter is back with the team in what Doctors are calling a "miraculous" recovery. Barr would not comment on the circumstances of his injury and has declined to talk about charges. He "simply wants his job back." According to insiders, Barr's job is the price of silence concerning the actions of Coach "Generalissimo" Elder two weeks ago when Barr was hurt in a locker room "incident."

### **NEW YORK GRIPES**

**J.P. Losman's** days in Iowa City appear to be numbered, and rightfully so. This week he betrayed the faith shown in him by a supportive coach by embarrassing his decision to start him in a technically meaningless game against the Los Angeles Knights. Having said that, it was curious that **Coach Redding** elected to yank him early in favour of **Jeff Garcia** after his poor start. If the purpose of starting Losman was to rest Garcia in a meaningless game, at what point did the game suddenly become meaningful enough to put Garcia in? Is the bad blood so great between LA and Iowa City that the hint of a Knights' advantage was enough to give Redding a fit? I hope so – it's good fodder for sports writers.

## **WEEK FOURTEEN LEADERS**

### **Passing Yards**

Manning,P (CHP)	30-22-273
Brady,T (FLD)	22-15-260
Warner,K (MOH)	21-17-257
Cutler (CHI)	27-19-232
Brees (ANC)	36-24-223

### **Rushing Yards**

Fargas (WMO)	21-105
Tomlinson (CHI)	20-103
Smith,K (COL)	21-96
Westbrook (MOH)	20-89
Jackson,S (FLD)	19-88

### **Receiving Yards**

Owens,T (MOH)	4-131
Marshall,B (FLD)	4-122
Johnson,C (CHP)	6-103
Holt,T (CHI)	6-100
Boldin (CHI)	8-91

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

### PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering (z)	6	8	0	0.429	250	17.9	317	22.6	-4.8	4 2 0	4 1 0	6 3 0
Markham	4	10	0	0.286	191	13.6	312	22.3	-8.6	3 4 0	4 1 0	4 5 0
Colorado	1	13	0	0.071	112	8	372	26.6	-18.6	0 7 0	1 4 0	1 8 0
Winnemucca	1	13	0	0.071	154	11	410	29.3	-18.3	0 8 0	1 4 0	1 8 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City (z)	11	3	0	0.786	372	26.6	244	17.4	9.1	5 1 0	4 1 0	8 1 0
Chino (y)	8	6	0	0.571	398	28.4	267	19.1	9.4	6 1 0	3 2 0	6 3 0
Los Angeles (y)	8	6	0	0.571	337	24.1	293	20.9	3.1	4 2 0	3 2 0	7 2 0
Anchorage	4	10	0	0.286	277	19.8	341	24.4	-4.6	3 4 0	0 5 0	3 6 0

### CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood (z)	13	1	0	0.929	378	27	166	11.9	15.1	8 0 0	5 0 0	8 1 0
Kutztown	8	6	0	0.571	297	21.2	265	18.9	2.3	4 2 0	3 2 0	5 4 0
Cowtown	7	7	0	0.500	265	18.9	284	20.3	-1.4	3 4 0	0 5 0	2 7 0
Durham	6	8	0	0.429	239	17.1	283	20.2	-3.1	4 3 0	2 3 0	3 6 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida (z)	13	1	0	0.929	446	31.9	209	14.9	16.9	8 0 0	5 0 0	9 0 0
Mohave (y)	10	4	0	0.714	379	27.1	327	23.4	3.7	6 1 0	3 2 0	5 4 0
Gwinnett	7	7	0	0.500	318	22.7	263	18.8	3.9	5 2 0	1 4 0	3 6 0
Ringgold	5	9	0	0.357	252	18	312	22.3	-4.3	3 5 0	1 4 0	1 8 0

z- Clinched Division

y- Clinched Wildcard

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Brady,T	FLD	394	258	65.5	3171	5	1.3	59	30	7.6	110.3
2	Garcia,J	ICC	289	189	65.4	2421	5	1.7	54	15	5.2	101.6
3	Manning,P	CHP	441	283	64.2	3525	13	2.9	52	32	7.3	100.8
4	Jackson,T	LAK	176	111	63.1	1380	5	2.8	71	13	7.4	100.1
5	Croyle	LAK	151	95	62.9	1092	2	1.3	46	9	6	99
6	Warner,K	MOH	359	223	62.1	3032	17	4.7	51	30	8.4	97.2
7	Cutler	CHI	313	202	64.5	2285	14	4.5	35	17	5.4	85.7
8	Garrard	WMO	294	177	60.2	1899	7	2.4	48	14	4.8	85.1
9	Palmer,C	GWG	422	246	58.3	2800	15	3.6	75	24	5.7	82.5
10	Rivers,P	DTL	372	221	59.4	2640	11	3	48	15	4	82.3
11	McNabb	PIC	405	235	58	2511	10	2.5	50	19	4.7	81.6
12	Roethlisberger	RCH	316	186	58.9	2282	15	4.7	55	19	6	81.5
13	Pennington	COW	283	179	63.3	1961	11	3.9	40	10	3.5	79.2
14	Romo	KUT	460	258	56.1	3085	20	4.3	72	24	5.2	76
15	Brees	ANC	471	283	60.1	2882	23	4.9	67	21	4.5	72.2



## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Tomlinson	CHI	286	1561	5.5	49	14	8	Jackson,S	FLD	206	911	4.4	26	8
2	Westbrook	MOH	234	1142	4.9	36	2	9	Brown,R	ICC	122	854	7	66	5
3	Barber,M	COW	235	1140	4.9	56	11	10	Maroney	COW	145	831	5.7	64	3
4	Taylor,F	PIC	178	986	5.5	83	2	11	Lewis,J	MAR	172	762	4.4	54	1
5	McGahee	ANC	211	968	4.6	44	4	12	Gore	DTL	182	743	4.1	43	7
6	Peterson,A	CHP	196	955	4.9	72	6	13	Young,S	LAK	144	727	5	44	0
7	Parker,W	GWG	236	918	3.9	32	1	14	Jones-Drew	RCH	145	625	4.3	59	0
8	Jackson,S	FLD	206	911	4.4	26	8	15	Davenport	LAK	108	572	5.3	41	4

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Welker	CHP	86	952	11	33	5	8	Colston	ANC	68	692	10	34	6
2	Witten	CHP	74	957	13	52	11	9	Gonzalez,T	GWG	68	594	8.7	21	9
3	Wayne,R	GWG	74	1082	15	55	3	10	Smith,S	LAK	67	866	13	71	7
4	Holt,T	CHI	72	969	14	35	3	11	Marshall,B	FLD	65	1091	17	59	11
5	Johnson,C	CHP	71	1098	16	47	13	12	Burruss	KUT	64	823	13	46	5
6	Moss,R	ANC	71	890	13	67	7	13	Houshmandz	FLD	63	728	12	37	8
7	Ward,H	WMO	69	758	11	24	4	14	Edwards,B	GWG	63	763	12	75	11
8	Colston	ANC	68	692	10	34	6	15	Fitzgerald	ICC	60	866	14	42	5



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

#### OFFENSE



#### WR – Terrell Owens, Mohave Hellfire

**4 Rec., 131 yards, 48 Long, 2 TDs.**

Vintage T.O. – turned 2 short passes into long gainers for TDs.

#### DEFENSE



#### CB – Charles Woodson, L.A. Knights

**1 Tackle, 2 Interceptions, 83 Return Yards.**

70-yard pick return set up LA's opening score in upset of Cubs.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS



#### KR – Joshua Cribbs, Chino Convicts

**4 KR, 181 yards, 45.3 avg., 89 yd long, 1 TD.**

His TD to open 2<sup>nd</sup> half was decisive in Chino win over Bucs.

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### JIMMY'S WEEK FIFTEEN PICKS

#### CHARLESWOOD @ MARKHAM (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 8)

I could go 8-0 against the spread this week, starting with this mismatch at The Dawg Pound. Both of these teams may be playing in the same league but they are not close to *being* in the same league. Charleswood is much better than most of the teams that are much better than Markham. So, what does that mean for the hapless North Stars? They are going to get their asses kicked on their home turf unless, and it is a big “unless,” the Patriots.....die. Yes, after much thought, that is what it will take – a plane crash on the ‘Jazz Airlines’ flight to Markham or a suicide bombing in the Pats’ locker room by Markham’s *biggest* fan, the Fat Lady in Row 54. Instead of wasting my time trying to explain the obvious – why the Pats will win this one handily – I think my time is better spent trying to understand how the odds-makers arrived at an 8-point spread. Perhaps it is the home field, where the Stars have three of their four wins? Perhaps it is the “gustiness” they showed against Florida, holding them to 9 points in a quarter-and-a-half? Or perhaps the weather forecast is calling for the great natural equalizer, wind and rain? I don’t know, but who is betting on the North Stars? Not me, I can tell you that for sure!

**PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

### **DURHAM @ PICKERING (LINE – SPARTANS BY 3)**

In a game that means nothing except in the statistical record, the recently anemic Thunder Lizards visit the still thriving Pickering Spartans, who come into Week 15 fresh off clinching the East Division last week in the snow in Colorado. The Thunder Lizards burned me last week when they pooped their pants against Kutztown, taking themselves out of the playoff hunt in the process. Will they burn me again? I ask that because, against my better judgment, I am about to pick them once more this week. The reason has more to do with stubbornness than sense, but originally it was sense. On paper, Durham should be vying for a playoff spot in the Can-Am Conference. While I am aware of the underperformance of their wide receivers, I still cannot believe they are *that* bad. Perhaps a play-calling adjustment is in order – playing to weakness instead of strength. The Spartans' secondary, with its strong pair of safeties, is better positioned to stop the interior passing game. Their corners, while decent, can be beat. Pickering's running game continues to impress, riding the legs of veteran Fred Taylor, but in so many ways they resemble the Lizards – good QB, strong running game, but relatively weak wide receivers. Durham's defense is stronger in star power and this will be the difference in the game.

**PICK: DURHAM**

### **COLORADO @ COWTOWN (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 11)**

The Corn Kings cling to slim playoff hopes and need a win to stay alive. They will also need some help from Winnemucca, but that should not distract them from taking care of their own business first. The fat 11-point line in favour of the Kings suggests they should blow away the Thundersnow on an average day. Yes, they should. However, the Thundersnow have been defiantly difficult on defense for most of the season and the Corn Kings have been anything but consistent on offense. Expect Cowtown to score, but don't expect offensive fireworks from the home team. With the return of Andre Johnson, the improving Colorado offense has their main offensive weapon back and Matt Ryan will give him plenty of looks this week. Cowtown has been vulnerable to the pass and has not been getting consistent pressure on the quarterback, so Colorado's hopes rest in their air attack. But those hopes, although better than last week, are still faint. At home, with the season on the line, there is no way the Corn Kings will be caught napping, even against the doormats of the league.

**PICK: COWTOWN**

### **WINEMUCCA @ KUTZTOWN (LINE – GOLDEN BEARS BY 12)**

Mismatch Week continues in Kutztown as the fragile Outlaws take on the opportunistic Golden Bears. 8-6 Kutztown can eliminate Division rival, Cowtown with a victory and there is no reason to believe they will not win this game easily. Winnemucca is dead last in most defensive categories and their offense has been under-performing all season. Kutztown may have some exploitable weaknesses by regular standards, but against the Outlaws these weaknesses are actually strengths. Streaky, Tony Romo will have to have a complete mental breakdown to give this game away against the perennially injured Winnemucca secondary. In order for the Outlaws to pull off an upset here they will need a *great* game from David Garrard and an ingenious game plan from the Defensive Coordinator, and even that might not be enough.

**PICK: KUTZTOWN**

### **FLORIDA @ ANCHORAGE (LINE – DRAGONS BY 7)**

The Buccaneers continue to play without pressure while the Florida Dragons continue to vie for home field advantage in the playoffs. With Charleswood as their main Conference rival, home field is a prize Florida feels is worth strenuously reaching for, so expect them to deploy the big guns against Anchorage in order to keep pace with the Pats. This game could be closer than many think, due to the possibilities offered by the Anchorage running game, under-utilized all season, combined with the quick strike capability of Drew Brees to Randy Moss and Marques Colston. Yes, Florida can match and surpass the Bucs in every area, but if momentum starts to swing the Bucs' way, they have the firepower to shock anybody, even the Dragons. The forgotten weapon, Devon Hester, is forgotten for a reason – he has one lonely kick return for a touchdown and has been stifled all year in the punt return game. Still, he waits for the moment to break out. If he can, it may be enough to tilt the balance in favour of an improbable upset in favour of Lady Luck's most hated

team. Coach Heaton, conservative by nature, will try to slowly smother the Bucs with a ball control strategy on offense and sit back and watch his ball-hawking secondary lurk in wait for an errant Brees missile. But if needed, he has a veritable nuclear arsenal of air weapons to call upon if the situation unexpectedly deteriorates. Plan 'B' may be superior to Plan 'A' in that case, so despite all fantasies of an upset, the prudent course is to go with the Fire-Breathers.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

### **GWINNETT @ LOS ANGELES (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 3)**

The high-flying Knights kept pace with third seed Chino with a convincing upset of the Iowa City Cubs last week. They did it offensively the same way they have been doing it all year – with “Tarvaris Power.” The big surprise was the dominating performance of the LA defense, which shut down the best offense in the Pacific-Atlantic Conference. The Knights are the “in thing” in Los Angeles right now and many sports writers outside that silly city are starting to pay attention as well. How long they can stay on top of the news will depend on how long they can prop up the “Tarvaris Croyle” illusion. Coach Dohrn’s “system,” modeled on the West Coast offense, depends on strict timing and control in the short to middle portions of the field. They have *attempted* only 6 long passes all season. This has worked well as long as the Knights have been in control of the game, but it has not worked well when forced to come from behind. The Gladiators have solid defensive talent but are inexplicably last in the league in run defense. This record of underachievement against the run could play against them when matched against the LA nickel-and-dime show, but a different defensive strategy could turn results in their favour. Carson Palmer brings big game experience and top notch talent to the Glads’ offense, and he is in a virtual must-win situation, needing a win to keep pace with Kutztown in the race for the final wild card slot in the Can-Am Conference. The better team overall will win outright, and by “better team” I mean the Gladiators.

**PICK: GWINNETT**

### **RINGGOLD @ CHINO (LINE – CONVICTS BY 9)**

With a playoff berth clinched, Chino is playing for seeding – the right to play Pickering over Iowa City in the quarter finals. While the Convicts are capable of defeating either team, they would prefer the expansion Spartans over the established Cubbies with their season on the line. The Crimson Hawks are playing for nothing apart from a franchise-high number of regular season wins; a record they already set when they won their second game of the year. At the “Big House” the Convicts are dominant, and should be able to beat the pesky Hawks with their first string team. Whether they will cover the 9-point spread will depend on the Hawks’ performance, which is uncertain from week to week. Ringgold’s finest hour was a 34-9 upset of Mohave in Week 12. Their losses have been close to all but the highest ranking teams in the league. An upset would not be totally surprising, but it would be unlikely against the Convicts on the road.

**PICK: CHINO**

### **MOHAVE @ IOWA CITY (LINE – CUBS BY 6)**

Finally, a game with guts! Alas, both teams have qualified for the post-season and cannot improve their seeding with a win. So, two good teams could be testing their back-ups against each other in Week 15! Shades of exhibition play! Word is that Matt Schaub will start for Mohave and Trent Edwards for the Cubs. Nothing is confirmed, but both players have been getting more reps with their respective first teams in practice this week. I like Schaub right now, but Edwards is shaping up to be the franchise in Iowa City. The problem with predicting a game like this is that you never know which coach will decide to take the game really seriously and throw their first stringers into the fray. Both teams are proud and likely to give way to petty jealousies at the drop of a hat. If Mohave’s top dogs play, I say they beat the spread.

**PICK: MOHAVE**

**SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????**  
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**LAST WEEK: 5-3-0**

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