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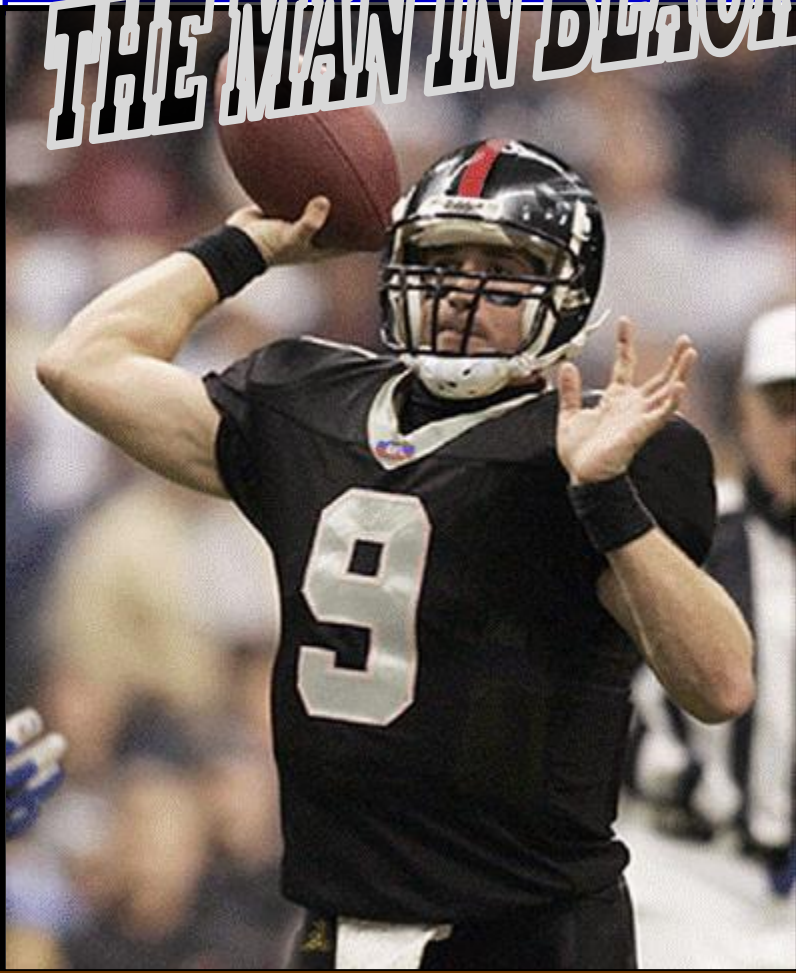
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WEEK THREE IN REVIEW

October 23, 2011



THE MAN IN BLACK!



Drew Brees is Death Valley's 'Man in Black' who shot down Cubs' hopes in Week Three. (STORY INSIDE)

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COMMENT

"The Legend of Death Valley," "WWF meets EFL," "Rivers Flowing up stream," "Wirden defies the odds," "Around the EFL." – Spats McChad

PREDICTIONS

Somebody will shock this week and another will surprise. The rest will do as they are told." – Jimmy the Geek



Who was slick in Week Three?

"BRYLCREEM" THE EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR



Adrian Peterson
RB
Charleswood
Patriots

210 yds rushing, 50 lg, 8 runs of 10+ yards, 1 TD in rout of York.

HOZZO



Tramon Williams
CB
Cowtown
Corn Kings

9 tackles, 3 deflections, 1 big "pick six" to spark upset of Durham.

HOZZO

CUBS TURNOVER IN THE GRAVEYARD!



**IOWA CITY
CUBS**

24

40

**DEATH VALLEY
UNDERTAKERS**



CUBS PLAYER OF THE GAME	Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	UNDERTAKER OF THE GAME
Mike Wallace 5-173 rec., 1-58 rushing, 3 TDs	IOWA CITY (1-2)	10	0	7	7	-	24	Drew Brees 32 of 40, 309 yds, 2 TDs.
	DEATH VALLEY (2-1)	0	20	3	17	-	40	

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Mike Wallace** had 231 total yards and scored all 3 Cubs' TDs; 2 receiving and the third on a 58-yard end around.

- **Drew Brees** threw for 309 yards, 2 TDs and 18 first downs without a pick to earn game MVP honours.
- **Andre Jonson** caught 9 passes in 10 targets for 82 yards and 1 TD.
- **Sam Bradford** completed 15 of 24 pass attempts to 282 yards, 2 TDs but also threw 2 costly picks.
- Undertakers' defensive end **Brett Keisel** made 3 tackles, 1 sack, and forced 2 fumbles.

GAME SUMMARY: **Brandon Tate** sparked a 20-point 2nd quarter rally for the Undertakers with a 73-yard kickoff return at the end of the 1st quarter. Trailing 10-0 to the Cubs after an opening drive turnover by **Ryan Matthews** – that set up a 22-yard TD strike from **Sam Bradford** to **Mike Wallace** – and a 77-yard Cubs field goal drive; **Drew Brees** took advantage of Tate's short field, finding **Aaron Hernandez** in the end zone from 13 yards out to get on the scoreboard. After an Iowa punt, Death Valley took over at their 8 yard line and methodically marched up the field, surviving a sack and forced fumble by **Corey Liuget** to face 3rd and 8 at the Cubs' 25 yard line. With 7 defensive backs in the game for the Cubs, the Undertakers crossed them up with Tate on the end-around – good for 25 yards and the go-ahead TD. Bradford and the Cubs seemed stunned after that, turning the ball over on consecutive possessions leading to a pair of Death Valley field goals before half time. Death Valley extended their lead to 23-10 on the opening drive of the second half by administering a heavy dose of **Rashard Mendenhall** in a 7 minute possession that ended in a 34-yard **John Kasay** field goal. But the Cubs struck back quickly with some razzle-dazzle, catching Death Valley in a blitz as Wallace broke free for 58 yards and a TD on the end-around. The Death Valley offence, in full steam, drove the Cubs back with a 76-yard drive ending with a 1-yard TD run by Mendenhall to give the home team a 30-17 lead at the start of the 4th quarter. When **Arian Foster** fumbled the ball away on Iowa's next possession and Brees found **Andre Johnson** for a 12-yard TD pass, it was all but over.



THE FANS LOVED
Offensive fireworks

THE FANS HATED
15 yellow flags



FAN RATING



10-20-2011 The Graveyard Temp: 101 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Drew Brees**

1 9:41	Iowa City	TD Bradford 22 pass to Wallace (Rackers) (4-41-2:10)	7-0
1 0:43	Iowa City	FG Rackers 36 (11-77-5:07)	10-0
2 14:52	Death Valley	TD Brees 13 pass to Hernandez (Kasay) (3-25-0:44)	10-7
2 4:00	Death Valley	TD Tate 25 run (Kasay) (14-92-8:42)	10-14
2 2:35	Death Valley	FG Kasay 24 (7-32-1:06)	10-17
2 0:00	Death Valley	FG Kasay 36 (8-42-1:30)	10-20
3 7:41	Death Valley	FG Kasay 34 (13-57-7:07)	10-23
3 4:41	Iowa City	TD Wallace 58 run (Rackers) (5-74-2:52)	17-23
4 13:33	Death Valley	TD Mendenhall 1 run (Kasay) (12-76-6:02)	17-30
4 12:28	Death Valley	TD Brees 12 pass to Johnson (Kasay) (3-17-0:51)	17-37
4 8:08	Death Valley	FG Kasay 40 (6-35-2:53)	17-40
4 3:54	Iowa City	TD Bradford 33 pass to Wallace (Rackers) (9-74-4:08)	24-40

	ICC	DVU
First Downs	18	30
Rushes	21-153	33-164
Passes	24-15-282	40-32-309
Sacked	2-16	1-5
Fumble	3	2
Penalties	8-43	7-41
Turnovers	4	1
Time	22:06	37:54
Third Down	4-9	7-12
Fourth Down	1-1	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/1	6/3/2
Net Offense	419	468



INJURIES

IOWA CITY – Mario Williams (4 games); Robert Quinn (1 Game-QUESTIONABLE).

DEATH VALLEY – Ryan Matthews (3 games).

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"This is the kind of victory that can raise the dead here in Death Valley. I mean that literally." – *Death Valley coach, Chris Worthley.*

HAPPY "TYNES" FOR VIRDEN!



**MOHAVE
HELLFIRE**

9

10

**VIRDEN
VIOLATORS**



HELL PLAYER OF THE GAME

Rob Bironas

3 of 3 field goals

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
MOHAVE (0-3)	3	3	3	0	-	9
VIRDEN (2-1)	0	0	7	3	-	10

VIOLATOR OF THE GAME

Mike Thomas

83-yd punt ret TD, 5-64 rec.

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Lawrence Tynes** booted a 58-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to provide the margin of victory for Virdean.

- **Mike Thomas** scored the game's only TD on an 83-yard punt return. He also added 5 receptions for 64 yards to earn game MVP.
- **Carlos Dunlap** starred for the Virdean defence with 7 tackles, 1 stuff, 1 forced fumble and 3 pass deflections.
- **LT** was a workhorse for the Virdean offence, carrying the ball 31 times for 87 yards.
- **Mohave defenders** deflected 6 passes and picked off **Eli Manning** 4 times while keeping the Virdean offence out of the end zone.
- **Rob Bironas** was a perfect three-for-three attempting field goals.

GAME SUMMARY: Virdean survived 4 first-half interceptions by **Eli Manning** to fall behind by just 6 points, 6-0, after 30 minutes of play. The Violators wiped that deficit out and took a 7-6 lead on **Mike Thomas'** second punt-return TD of season early in the third quarter, covering 83 yards. The Hellfire struck back with a 56-yard drive, their longest of the day, aided by a 15-yard facemask penalty against **LaRon Landry** that put them in range for a 34-yrd field goal by **Rob Bironas** to regain the lead, 9-7. But a 32-yard kick return by **Courtney Roby** and a 14-yard pass to tight end **Fred Davis** helped get **Lawrence Tynes** within the edge of his range and he boomed it straight and just over the crossbar from 58 yards away to give Virdean a one-point edge, 10-9. **Matt Schaub** struggled to move the offence all day, unable to capitalize on several golden opportunities after his defence intercepted Manning 3 times in Virdean territory early in the game. Schaub himself was picked off in the red zone trying to make the Violators pay the price for their miscues. The banged up Virdean defence hung on tenaciously as Schaub tried to organize a late rally. Unable to gain a 4th quarter first down, the Hellfire were forced to punt twice and turned the ball over on downs in their own end with less than two minutes remaining. Tynes missed from 50 yards, setting up one last gasp opportunity for Mohave with 55 seconds left in the game. But **Ray Mauluga** picked off Schaub's first pass of the attempted comeback to ice the game and improve Virdean to 2-1.



THE FANS LOVED
Longest FG of season

THE FANS HATED
No TDs by offences



FAN RATING



10-20-2011 **TERRORDOME** Temp: 65 Wind: Calm None MVP: Mike Thomas

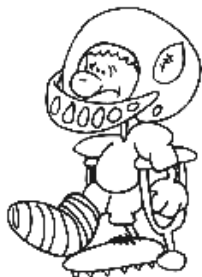
1 3:47	Mohave	FG Bironas 38 (4-1-1:48)	3-0
2 10:45	Mohave	FG Bironas 25 (4-5-1:22)	6-0
3 8:22	Virdean	TD Thomas 83 punt return (Tynes) (0-0-2:58)	6-7
3 0:12	Mohave	FG Bironas 34 (12-56-5:23)	9-7
4 12:59	Virdean	FG Tynes 58 (5-22-2:02)	9-10

	MOH	VV
First Downs	11	12
Rushes	28-95	35-92
Passes	34-17-110	24-14-172
Sacked	0-0	1-9
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	5-40	9-85
Turnovers	3	4
Time	27:55	32:05
Third Down	5-16	3-14
Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/0/3	0/0/0
Net Offense	205	255

INJURIES

MOHAVE – Eben Britton (11 games); Ryan Harris (5 games); Mike Tolbert (1 game-QUESTIONABLE).

VIRDEN – Nick Barnett (12 games); LaRon Landry (PG-2nd).



QUOTE OF THE GAME

"I think *%^\$ ^&***^ Schaub %^&\$%# # @%\$ %\$%&\$# in the first #@\$%## half %\$ & *% ^\$% interceptions %\$^#\$\$%@ pansy \$^# \$#%\$@#% idiots!" – *Mohave coach, Bobby Elder.*

KNIGHTS LOCK DOWN CONVICTS!



**LOS ANGELES
KNIGHTS**

27

13

**CHINO
CONVICTS**



LA PLAYER OF THE GAME

Josh Freeman

27-44-279 yards, 1 INT, 3 TDs

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
LOS ANGELES (3-0)	3	7	0	17	-	27
CHINO (0-3)	0	6	0	7	-	13

CONVICT OF THE GAME

Marcus Gilchrist

6 KR – 194 yards, 95 Lg, 1 TD

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Josh Freeman** continues his offensive MVP performance with 3 TD passes and 270+ yards of passing.

- **Roddy White** snared 11 catches for 123 yards and 1 TD, vaulting him into the league lead by a 8-catch margin.
- **Jamaal Charles** had his best game on the ground so far, rushing for 99 yards on 17 carries
- Rookie corner **Marcus Gilchrist** performed double duty returning kicks and punts and responded with a 95-yard TD for Chino.
- **Brian Orakpo** sacked Cutler in the first quarter, pressured him twice into bad throws and deflected a pass.
- **Jay Cutler** struggled in the passing game, completing 15 of 28 for just 128 yards and no TDs.

GAME SUMMARY: **Josh Freeman** hit **Roddy White** for a 33-yard pass on the game's first play from scrimmage and that set the tone for the afternoon. After notching a field goal on the team's opening drive, LA's **Tony Gonzalez** snared a short hitch pass and broke free from coverage to score a 29-yard TD on the first play of the 2nd quarter to increase an early Knights' lead to 10-0. Trailing by 4, 10-6, and struggling to move the ball against the Los Angeles defence, the Convicts gambled for a spark on 4th down and 1 at the Knights' 46 yard line late in the 3rd quarter. They came up short and the Knights answered with a 36-yard drive for a 36-yard **Dan Carpenter** field goal to give them a 13-6 lead less than one minute into the 4th quarter. But then **Marcus Gilchrist** took all by surprise with a 95-yard kickoff return for a Chino TD to even the score at 13-13. In reply, Los Angeles got a boost on the ensuing drive from their most explosive weapon as **Jamaal Charles** rushed the ball 5 times for 54 yards to bring the Knights within striking distance. Freeman found White in the end zone from 6 yards away to take back the lead, 20-13. **Jay Cutler** could not advance the ball in response and Chino was forced to punt with 6:56 remaining. The Knights put the game away with a dominating 81-yard TD drive concluding with an 8-yard pass from Freeman to White for their second scoring hook-up. Facing a 14-point deficit with less than a minute left, the Convicts no longer contested the result and surrendered with one minute remaining.



THE FANS LOVED

Free-throwing Freeman

THE FANS HATED

Jay Cutler



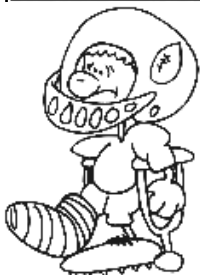
FAN RATING

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10-20-2011 The Big House Temp: 94 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Josh Freeman

1 9:50	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 35 (11-63-5:07)	3-0
2 14:51	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 29 pass to Gonzalez (Carpente,D) (7-64-3:45)	10-0
2 7:40	Chino	FG Cundiff 25 (14-71-7:01)	10-3
2 3:18	Chino	FG Cundiff 30 (8-41-3:13)	10-6
4 13:42	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 36 (8-36-4:58)	13-6
4 13:35	Chino	TD Gilchrist 95 kick return (Cundiff) (0-0-4:58)	13-13
4 7:36	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 6 pass to Smith (Carpente,D) (12-80-5:59)	20-13
4 1:18	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 8 pass to White (Carpente,D) (11-81-5:30)	27-13

	LAK	CHI
First Downs	20	9
Rushes	22-117	19-35
Passes	44-27-279	28-15-128
Sacked	0-0	2-10
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	11-85	8-56
Turnovers	1	0
Time	33:55	26:05
Third Down	7-15	5-13
Fourth Down	1-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	2/0/2
Net Offense	396	153



INJURIES

LOS ANGELES – Chris Kelsay (PG-3rd).

CHINO – Joshua Cribbs (1 game); Phil Loadholt (PG-2nd).

QUOTE OF THE GAME

“We kept it close for 3 quarters but couldn't move the ball. I don't think it's a question of just the quarterback, it's the whole offence. No, I'm not ready to make the switch to Cam, yet.” – Chino coach, **Rob Nazar**.

PETERSON RUNS WILD, BRADY BLANKED!



CHARLESWOOD PATRIOTS

31

0

YORK EXCALIBURS



PATS PLAYER OF THE GAME

Adrian Peterson

23-210 yds, 50 Long, 1 TD

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
CHARLESWOOD (3-0)	7	10	7	7	-	31
YORK (1-2)	0	0	0	0	-	0

YORK PLAYER OF THE GAME

Darren McFadden

15-73 rushing, 3-28 rec.

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Adrian Peterson** had runs of 50 and 30 yards on the Pats' opening drive and scored a TD to open the scoring.

- **Peyton Manning** was efficient in limited action, completing 15 of 21 for 162 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT.
- Patriots' linebacker, **Jon Beason** made 11 tackles, deflected a pass and stuffed a run.
- **Darren McFadden** carried the ball 15 times for 73 yards and caught 3 passes for 28 yards to account for over half the York offence.
- **Marques Colston** caught 3 passes for 63 yards.
- **York** was flagged 10 times for a total of 82 yards compared with just 4 penalties for Charleswood.

GAME SUMMARY: **Adrian Peterson** had a sensational day rushing the football against a team that had game-planned to stop the Patriots' star running back. On his first carry of the game, Peterson broke through an 8-man box to rumble 50 yards to the York 39 yard line. Three plays later, with 9-men in the box keying on him, he shook off a pair of tackles and broke free for a 30-yard TD run to open the scoring for Charleswood. Peterson jump-started the Pats' next possession with a 15-yard dash stopped suddenly in its tracks when **Lawrence Timmons** brought him down by the facemask. That infraction earned a 15-yard flag. Eight plays later, **Peyton Manning** found **Jason Witten** double-covered in the end zone but threaded the needle for a 9-yard TD pass to make it 14-0. Despite early injuries to Pats' corners, **Jeraud Powers** and **Marcus Trufant**, **Tom Brady** had great difficulty all day trying to find an open receiver. Although he was not sacked, Brady felt the pressure and was knocked down several times. **Darren McFadden** and **Brandon Jacobs** tried to take off the heat but there were no big plays to be made on the ground and the offence inevitably sputtered to a stop when York tried to play smash-mouth football against a good front seven of the Patriots. Peterson finished with 8 rushes of 10 yards or more and 210 in total to lead Charleswood to a surprisingly easy road win over York.



THE FANS LOVED

Peterson's 200+ rushing yards

THE FANS HATED

Horrible York passing



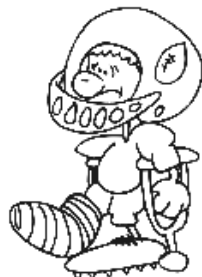
FAN RATING



10-21-2011 Camelot Temp: 68 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Adrian Peterson**

1 5:36	Charleswood	TD Peterson 30 run (Rayner) (6-98-3:00)	7-0
2 14:42	Charleswood	TD Manning 9 pass to Witten (Rayner) (10-73-4:19)	14-0
2 7:32	Charleswood	FG Rayner 25 (8-32-3:50)	17-0
3 11:47	Charleswood	TD Manning 4 pass to Holmes (Rayner) (5-76-3:06)	24-0
4 11:48	Charleswood	TD Goodson 3 run (Rayner) (9-66-5:55)	31-0

	CHP	YOR
First Downs	18	11
Rushes	34-217	28-102
Passes	21-15-162	31-13-84
Sacked	0-0	0-0
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	4-25	10-82
Turnovers	1	1
Time	30:37	29:23
Third Down	5-11	4-18
Fourth Down	1-2	1-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/1	0/0/0
Net Offense	379	186



INJURIES

CHARLESWOOD – Jeraud Powers (PG-1st); Marcus Trufant (PG-1st).

YORK – Da'Quan Bowers (3 games); Jason Peters (4 games)

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We just did not step up as a defence and challenge like we have to against a player like Peterson. He made us look like kids. We knew he was coming and still couldn't stop him." – York coach, **Jay Hammond**.

QB CAROUSEL IN DAWG POUND!



**PICKERING
SPARTANS**

13

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**MARKHAM NORTH
STARS**



SPARTAN OF THE GAME

Percy Harvin

2-78 receiving, 69-yard TD catch

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
PICKERING (2-1)	7	3	3	0	-	13
MARKHAM (1-2)	3	7	0	0	-	10

STAR PLAYER OF THE GAME

Josh Johnson

12 of 20, 113 yds, 1 INT, 1 TD

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Matt Cassel** saw limited action but connected with **Percy Harvin** for a 69-yard TD on his second pass of the day.

- **Joe Webb**, the emergency Pickering quarterback, was pressed into action due to injuries and completed 5 of 8 for 43 yards.
- **Josh Johnson** came on in relief of ineffective **Mark Sanchez** and went 12 of 20 for 113 yards, a TD pass and 24 yards rushing.
- **Joseph Addai** rushed for 51 yards on 11 carries
- **Chris Johnson** was held to just 55 yards on 20 carries with a long gain of 7.
- Pickering rookie defensive end **Jabaal Sheard** made 6 tackles, 2 sacks and pressured the QB 3 times.

GAME SUMMARY: Pickering's first possession held the threat of a long afternoon for Markham when **Matt Cassel** connected with **Percy Harvin** for a 69-yard TD pass on the second play from scrimmage to give the Spartans a quick 7-0 lead. But the complexion of the game changed drastically when Cassel was knocked out of the game on Pickering's second offensive series. **Tarvaris Jackson** came in for Cassel and was promptly picked off by rookie **Akeem Ayers** at the Spartans' 8 yard line. The North Stars went backwards due to penalties but not far enough for the Spartans to escape the range of **David Akers**, who drilled home a 32-yard field goal to make the score 7-3. Pickering went to the ground game and Markham set to stop it. A grinding 14-play drive of over 8 minutes, covered only 46 yards but got the Spartans close enough for a 36-yard **Josh Scobee** field goal to regain their 7-point lead, 10-3. Markham tied it up before the half when back-up QB, **Josh Johnson** found **Titus Young** open for a 35-yard pass play to penetrate the Pickering red zone. Two plays later, Johnson found **Jared Cook** open just inside the goal line for a 4-yard TD pass. With 3rd-stringer **Joe Webb** in at QB, Pickering took their opening possession of the 2nd half down to the Markham 2, where they were stopped and forced to settle for a 20-yard Scobee chip shot. That turned out to be the game-winner in the end.



THE FANS LOVED

69-yard TD pass to Harvin

THE FANS HATED

On the job training at QB



FAN RATING



10-20-2011 The Dawg Pound Temp: 62 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Percy Harvin**

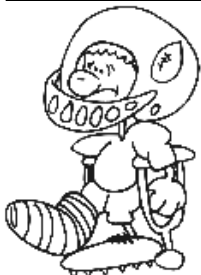
1 13:59 Pickering	TD Cassel 69 pass to Harvin (Scobee) (2-79-0:55)	7-0
1 5:20 Markham	FG Akers 32 (5--1-1:37)	7-3
2 11:39 Pickering	FG Scobee 36 (14-46-8:31)	10-3
2 0:47 Markham	TD Johnson 4 pass to Cook (Akers) (5-55-0:57)	10-10
3 6:45 Pickering	FG Scobee 20 (10-41-5:55)	13-10

	PIC	MAR
First Downs	14	16
Rushes	41-120	27-102
Passes	16-9-145	34-19-168
Sacked	0-0	2-9
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	6-38	9-80
Turnovers	1	1
Time	30:07	29:53
Third Down	3-13	3-14
Fourth Down	0-0	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/0/2	2/1/1
Net Offense	265	261

INJURIES

PICKERING – Matt Cassel (1 game-PROBABLE);
Tarvaris Jackson (11 games); Percy Harvin (3 games).

MARKHAM – Charles Tillman (PG-2nd).



QUOTE OF THE GAME

"I had to take him out. I won't say why, other than Mark's head wasn't in the game at that point. Josh did well for us but his arm suddenly got tired and I had to send Mark back in." – *Markham coach, Darrin Jones, commenting on his handling of the QBs.*

CORN KINGS PICK APART LIZARDS!



**DURHAM THUNDER
LIZARDS**

18

28

**COWTOWN
CORN KINGS**



LIZARD OF THE GAME

Jared Allen

3 T, 2 sacks, 3 pressures, 1 FF.

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
DURHAM (1-2)	7	3	0	8	-	18
COWTOWN (2-1)	7	0	7	14	-	28

COWPLAYER OF THE GAME

Tramon Williams

9 T, 3 PDs, 1 INT for TD

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Tramon Williams** had a "pick six," made 9 tackles and deflected 3 passes to win game MVP honours.

- **Joe Flacco** completed 22 of 37 for 248 yards, 1 INT and 1 TD.
- Cowtown's back-up running back, **Brandon Jackson**, rushed for 81 yards and 1 TD on 11 carries.
- Lizard's defensive end **Jared Allen** recorded 3 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 QB pressures and 1 forced fumble.
- **Santana Moss** caught 7 passes for 117 yards including a long of 43 yards.
- **Danny Amendola** caught 7 passes for 83 yards and a long of 38 yards.

GAME SUMMARY: The Corn Kings jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead when corner **Tramon Williams** picked off **Philip Rivers** on Durham's opening drive and ran it back 30 yards for a TD. The Thunder Lizards recovered at the end of the 1st quarter with a TD drive keyed by a 38-yard pass from Rivers to **Danny Amendola** and ending with **Tim Tebow** sneaking the ball across the goal line on 1st and inches. On their next possession, Durham marched into field goal range to grab the lead on a 33-yard field goal by **Adam Vinatieri**. The Corn Kings' offence appeared stuck in the mud for the remainder of the first half but their defence held off further damage by Durham before heading to the lockers. On Cowtown's second possession of the 3rd quarter a punting situation became the turning point of the game when Lizards linebacker, **Curtis Lofton** was sent in to block the punt and ended up running into **Mike Scifres** for a 15-yard personal foul penalty. **Joe Flacco** took advantage of the second opportunity and moved his team to the Durham 2 yard line where fullback, **Earnest Graham** darted through the line for the go-ahead TD. With the start of the 4th quarter the Corn Kings' running game finally started to click with back-ups **Brandon Jackson** and **Bernard Scott** tearing off runs of 17 and 14 yards in a drive that ended with Jackson busting around left tackles for a 1-yard TD run and a 21-10 lead. The Lizards marched back on a brilliantly executed long drive ending with a **Toby Gerhart** 5-yard TD run and successful 2-point conversion. But **Sean Jones** intercepted Rivers at the Durham 35 yard to set up the final blow, a 20-yard TD pass to **Kevin Walter** to seal the upset.



THE FANS LOVED

Exciting upset

THE FANS HATED

9 Corn Kings penalties



FAN RATING



10-21-2011 Tillman Field Temp: 71 Wind: 0-5 MVP: **Tramon Williams**

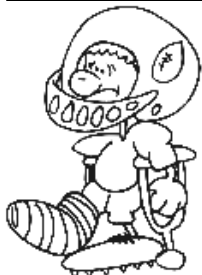
1 13:52 Cowtown	TD Williams 30 interception return (Mare) (0-0-1:01)	0-7
1 0:53 Durham	TD Tebow 1 run (Vinatieri) (9-85-5:46)	7-7
2 10:05 Durham	FG Vinatieri 33 (9-37-3:56)	10-7
3 5:50 Cowtown	TD Graham 2 run (Mare) (9-67-3:36)	10-14
4 9:59 Cowtown	TD Jackson 1 run (Mare) (12-79-4:55)	10-21
4 5:06 Durham	TD Gerhart 5 run (2 - Tebow) (13-72-4:47)	18-21
4 2:04 Cowtown	TD Flacco 20 pass to Walter (Mare) (3-35-0:44)	18-28

	DTL	COW
First Downs	18	21
Rushes	18-81	23-143
Passes	48-24-224	37-22-248
Sacked	1-11	4-25
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	6-64	9-74
Turnovers	2	1
Challenges	0-0	1-2
Time	27:38	32:22
Third Down	5-14	7-14
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	4/3/0
Net Offense	294	366

INJURIES

DURHAM – Antonio Gates (7 games); Eugene Monroe (1 game-DOUBTFUL); Reggie Bush (9 games)

COWTOWN – Zach Miller (PG-4th).



QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We saw that on film. I recognized the look so I made the jump at the last second and got a hand on it. Lucky I got a bounce and it came back into my hands for the pick. It's better than you-know-what!" – **Tramon Williams**.

RODGERS GALLOPS OVER 'STANGS!



**SCARBOROUGH
BLUE EAGLES**

24

12

**GARLAND
MUSTANGS**



EAGLE OF THE GAME
Aaron Rodgers
16 of 23 for 164 yards

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
SCARBOROUGH (3-0)	7	10	7	0	-	24
GARLAND (1-2)	3	6	3	0	-	12

MUSTANG OF THE GAME
Matt Forte
10-73 rushing, 3-28 receiving

HIGHLIGHT REEL: **Aaron Rodgers** rushed for 2 TDs and was an efficient 16 of 23 passing without a pick to lead his team.

- Garland's starting QB **Matt Ryan** went 21 of 37 for 208 yards but was sacked 5 times.
- **Dustin Keller** caught 8 passes for 90 yards and 4 first downs to move into second place among reception leaders.
- **Terrell Suggs** and **Justin Tuck** had two sacks each for Scarborough.
- **DeSean Jackson** made a pivotal play, returning a punt 85 yards for a TD before half time and adding 2 receptions for 32 and 27 yards.
- **Matt Forte** was steady in a losing cause, rushing 73 yards in 10 carries including a 30-yarder.

GAME SUMMARY: After spotting Garland an early field goal, the Blue Eagles' offence got down to business on its second possession. Aided by a pass interference penalty on 3rd and long against Mustangs' corner, **Ike Taylor**, **Aaron Rodgers** generated momentum with a 27-yard pass to **DeSean Jackson** to gain the Garland red zone. Soon after, Scarborough faced 3rd and goal at the 1 yard line. Rodgers sprinted right on the bootleg and outran **Anthony Spencer** to the pylon for six. The teams traded field goals – Garland's set up after **CJ Spiller** fumbled away the kick return at the Scarborough 29 – before the game-breaking play of the day. With 1:10 remaining in the half, Jackson returned a **Sam Koch** punt 85 yards for an exhilarating TD to give the visitors a 17-6 lead. The Mustangs bounced back before half time with a frantic 60-yard drive for a field goal, sparked by **Matt Ryan's** 25-yard scramble and a 23-yard pass to **Dustin Keller**, to make the score 17-9, Blue Eagles. Garland was unable to ride the wave of their late push in the 1st half, going three-and-out to start the second half. With the ball at their 24, Scarborough shot up the field with the help of a 22-yard pass interference flag on rookie corner, **Patrick Peterson** and a 38-run by **Ray Rice**. On 2nd and goal at the 2 with his receivers well-covered, Rodgers saw an opening, tucked the ball in and burst across the goal line for his second rushing TD of the game. Protecting a 15-point lead, the Eagles' defence held the Mustangs' offence in check to secure their 3rd win.



THE FANS LOVED
Nimble feet of Rodgers

THE FANS HATED
Garland red zone futility



FAN RATING



10-21-2011 The Corral Temp: 85 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Aaron Rodgers

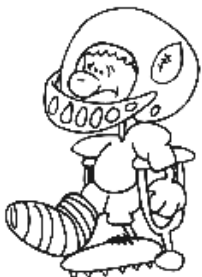
1 9:13	Garland	FG Gould 38 (8-39-4:03)	0-3
1 2:54	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 1 run (Janikowski) (13-70-6:13)	7-3
2 8:54	Scarborough	FG Janikowski 43 (10-52-4:57)	10-3
2 5:31	Garland	FG Gould 32 (8-39-3:14)	10-6
2 1:10	Scarborough	TD Jackson 85 punt return (Janikowski) (0-0-0:24)	17-6
2 0:00	Garland	FG Gould 29 (6-60-1:01)	17-9
3 10:28	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 2 run (Janikowski) (6-76-3:02)	24-9
3 0:34	Garland	FG Gould 40 (11-30-5:14)	24-12

	SBE	GDM
First Downs	15	17
Rushes	26-79	26-131
Passes	23-16-164	37-21-208
Sacked	1-3	5-24
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	4-31	9-83
Turnovers	1	0
Time	26:18	33:42
Third Down	3-11	5-17
Fourth Down	0-0	2-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/0	4/0/1
Net Offense	240	315

INJURIES

SCARBOROUGH – Jonathan Stewart (PG-1st); Lofa Tatupu (PG-1st);

GARLAND – Will Smith (2 games); Quinn Johnson (6 games).



QUOTE OF THE GAME

"Hey, this football game is actually pretty cool. I like the way we win all the time." – *New Scarborough owner, Chris Dickinson.*

GLADS' 2ND HALF RALLY ROLLS UP REGS!



**GWINNETT
GLADIATORS**

31

21

**SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULATORS**



GLAD PLAYER OF THE GAME

Reggie Wayne

4 – 60 yards, 2 TDs

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
GWINNETT (2-1)	0	10	7	14	-	31
SOUTH CAROLINA (0-3)	7	7	0	7	-	21

REGULATOR OF THE GAME

Jason Campbell

17 of 27, 218 yds, 2 INTs, 2 TDs

HIGHLIGHT REEL:

Vince Young went 17 of 24 for 165 yards and 2 TDs filling in for the absent Big Ben.

- **Reggie Wayne** caught the go-ahead TD pass and added a second one late to earn game MVP honours.
- Glads' running back, **Ahmad Bradshaw** rushed for 118 yards on 19 carries and added a TD.
- Regulator QB **Jason Campbell** completed 17 of 27 for 208 yards and 2 TDs but also threw 2 interceptions.
- SC wide receiver **Greg Jennings** caught 4 passes for 65 yards, including a 32-yarder for a TD.
- **Lance Briggs** led the Gwinnett defence with 9 tackles and an interception.

GAME SUMMARY: Trailing 14-10 in the 3rd quarter to a team few expected to compete against them, Gwinnett's star receiver **Reggie Wayne** broke free across the middle of the field and snatched a 15-yard TD pass from **Vince Young** to erase that deficit and grab the lead for good. The Regulators struck first early after Gwinnett punter **Andy Lee** was tackled for a 10-yard loss at the Gwinnett 43 following a bad snap. Two plays later, **Jason Campbell** connected with the explosive **Greg Jennings** for a 32-yard TD pass, bringing a roar of approval from the home crowd and stoking thoughts of an upset. The Glads tied it up at the start of the 2nd quarter after **Lance Briggs** set it up with an interception at the Regulators' 43 yard line. A 15-yard facemask penalty against **Glenn Dorsey** and a 13-yard bootleg by Young got them close then **LeSean McCoy** finished it off with 5-yard draw for a TD. South Carolina responded quickly through the air, Campbell hitting **Chris Cooley** for a 34-yard pass to set up a red zone TD-strike of 6 yards to running back, **Felix Jones**. But the Glads' offence, even without Big Ben, proved too much for the South Carolina defence to hold off indefinitely. Following the go-ahead TD pass to Wayne, Gwinnett added another TD at the start of the 4th quarter and thwarted the Regulators' plans comeback with another TD pass to Wayne late in the 4th to cement their second win of the year.



THE FANS LOVED
Vince Young's relief effort

THE FANS HATED
Injury to Frank Gore



FAN RATING



10-20-2011 Williams-Brice Stad. Temp: 86 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Reggie Wayne**

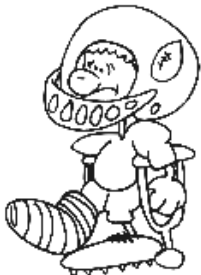
1 5:59	South Carolina	TD Campbell 32 pass to Jennings (Buehler) (2-43-1:03)	0-7
2 12:57	Gwinnett	TD McCoy 5 run (Brown, J) (6-43-1:10)	7-7
2 8:30	South Carolina	TD Campbell 6 pass to Jones (Buehler) (8-79-4:22)	7-14
2 0:23	Gwinnett	FG Brown 24 (14-74-8:04)	10-14
3 6:03	Gwinnett	TD Young 15 pass to Wayne (Brown, J) (6-48-3:42)	17-14
4 13:32	Gwinnett	TD Bradshaw 5 run (Brown, J) (11-60-6:24)	24-14
4 5:28	South Carolina	TD Campbell 9 run (Buehler) (15-72-7:56)	24-21
4 1:52	Gwinnett	TD Young 7 pass to Wayne (Brown, J) (9-57-3:30)	31-21

	GWG	SC
First Downs	24	15
Rushes	41-167	22-78
Passes	24-17-165	27-17-208
Sacked	0-0	1-6
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	4-20	3-25
Turnovers	0	2
Time	33:13	26:47
Third Down	7-12	2-9
Fourth Down	1-2	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	7/4/1	2/2/0
Net Offense	332	280

INJURIES

GWINNETT – Patrick Robinson (4 games).

SOUTH CAROLINA – Dekoda Watson (1 game-DOUBTFUL); Le’Ron McClain (1 game-PROBABLE); Frank Gore (6 games).



QUOTE OF THE GAME

“That’s what coach expects of me: to be ready at all times to get in the game. I don’t know where Ben is but if he forgets he has a game that week or something, I’ll be here to back him up.” – *Glad’s* QB, **Vince Young**.

EFL STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	3	0	0	1.000	68	22.7	16	5.3	17.3	1 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0
Virden	2	1	0	0.667	30	10	28	9.3	0.7	2 0 0	2 1 0	2 1 0
York	1	2	0	0.333	37	12.3	51	17	-4.7	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
Mohave	0	3	0	0.000	25	8.3	65	21.7	-13.3	0 1 0	0 3 0	0 3 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Los Angeles	3	0	0	1.000	85	28.3	49	16.3	12	1 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0
Death Valley	2	1	0	0.667	71	23.7	67	22.3	1.3	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 1 0
Iowa City	1	2	0	0.333	61	20.3	76	25.3	-5	1 0 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
Chino	0	3	0	0.000	34	11.3	59	19.7	-8.3	0 2 0	0 3 0	0 3 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	2	1	0	0.667	58	19.3	41	13.7	5.7	2 0 0	2 1 0	2 1 0
Pickering	2	1	0	0.667	43	14.3	42	14	0.3	1 0 0	2 1 0	2 1 0
Durham	1	2	0	0.333	47	15.7	61	20.3	-4.7	1 0 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
Markham	1	2	0	0.333	36	12	40	13.3	-1.3	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	3	0	0	1.000	78	26	37	12.3	13.7	1 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0
Gwinnett	2	1	0	0.667	66	22	51	17	5	0 1 0	2 1 0	2 1 0
Garland	1	2	0	0.333	38	12.7	55	18.3	-5.7	0 2 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
South Carolina	0	3	0	0.000	42	14	81	27	-13	0 2 0	0 3 0	0 3 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Freeman	LAK	126	85	67.5	895	2	1.6	65	7	5.6	99.8
2	Brees	DVU	99	66	66.7	762	1	1	81	4	4	99
3	Manning, P	CHP	87	61	70.1	610	1	1.1	38	3	3.4	96.4
4	Young, V	GWG	53	32	60.4	324	1	1.9	25	3	5.7	88.9
5	Campbell, J	SC	65	41	63.1	446	2	3.1	34	3	4.6	85.8
6	Rodgers	SBE	81	50	61.7	500	1	1.2	40	1	1.2	78.2
7	Flacco	COW	117	72	61.5	703	4	3.4	43	4	3.4	75.6
8	Ryan, M	GDM	116	69	59.5	666	1	0.9	48	1	0.9	74.9
9	Brady, T	YOR	81	46	56.8	363	0	0	29	1	1.2	72.2
10	Bradford	ICC	99	57	57.6	765	4	4	49	2	2	72.2
11	Cassel	PIC	71	31	43.7	399	1	1.4	69	2	2.8	65.4
12	Schaub	MOH	96	53	55.2	455	2	2.1	42	1	1	62.6
13	Rivers, P	DTL	126	76	60.3	765	6	4.8	62	1	0.8	60.4
14	Cutler	CHI	94	62	66	512	5	5.3	73	0	0	57.6
15	Manning, E	VV	90	53	58.9	684	7	7.8	42	1	1.1	54.1
16	Sanchez	MAR	53	22	41.5	265	2	3.8	45	0	0	41.8
17	Dalton	ICC	3	2	66.7	25	0	0	26	0	0	92.4
18	Losman	YOR	1	1	100	6	0	0	6	0	0	91.7
19	Romo	SC	20	13	65	154	1	5	28	1	5	84.2
20	Roethlisberger	GWG	29	18	62.1	211	0	0	30	0	0	84.1

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Peterson, A	CHP	75	424	5.7	50	4	11	Gore	SC	36	165	4.6	11	0
2	Foster, A	ICC	60	322	5.4	72	2	12	Tomlinson	VV	49	157	3.2	17	0
3	Ivory	MOH	51	290	5.7	39	0	13	Best	MAR	41	134	3.3	14	1
4	Charles	LAK	55	260	4.7	19	2	14	Jackson, B	COW	26	129	5	33	1
5	McCoy, L	GWG	50	222	4.4	18	3	15	Tolbert	MOH	28	129	4.6	31	0
6	Rice, R	SBE	58	203	3.5	38	0	16	Mendenhall	DVU	38	127	3.3	20	2
7	Forte	GDM	35	194	5.5	59	1	17	Turner, M	DTL	34	124	3.6	19	0
8	McFadden, D	YOR	37	193	5.2	39	0	18	Addai	MAR	37	120	3.2	14	0
9	Bradshaw	GWG	39	184	4.7	18	1	19	Jacobs, B	YOR	25	116	4.6	24	3
10	Johnson, C	PIC	58	179	3.1	12	0	20	Jackson, S	CHI	39	114	2.9	30	0

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	White, R	LAK	31	348	11.2	33	2	11	Bryant, D	VV	15	252	16.8	42	1
2	Keller	GDM	23	262	11.4	48	1	12	Owens, T	MOH	15	121	8.1	14	1
3	Gonzalez	LAK	20	199	10	29	2	13	McCoy, L	GWG	15	118	7.9	15	0
4	Amendola	DTL	18	192	10.7	38	0	14	Smith, S	LAK	14	121	8.6	23	2
5	Colston	CHP	18	206	11.4	38	0	15	Jennings, G	SC	14	220	15.7	32	3
6	Moss, S	COW	17	199	11.7	43	0	16	Fitzgerald	ICC	13	131	10.1	18	0
7	Bowe	DTL	17	168	9.9	27	0	17	Boldin	PIC	13	128	9.8	22	1
8	Wallace, M	ICC	17	417	24.5	49	2	18	Moreno	CHI	13	69	5.3	10	0
9	Thomas, M	VV	16	224	14	29	0	19	Manningham	DVU	13	188	14.5	52	0
10	Miller, Z	COW	16	153	9.6	21	1	20	Welker	GDM	13	142	10.9	23	0

TACKLES

1	Henders, EJ	SC	35	8	Timmons	YOR	27	15	Cole, T	MAR	21
2	Lewis, R	DVU	33	9	Williams, D	GWG	25	16	Weddle	GDM	21
3	Mayo	DVU	33	10	Johnson, C	DVU	24	17	Beason	CHP	20
4	Barber, R	PIC	32	11	Landry, L	VV	23	18	Porter, T	SC	19
5	Willis, P	ICC	32	12	Atogwe	PIC	23	19	Flowers, B	VV	19
6	Urlacher	YOR	29	13	Scott, B	SBE	22	20	Brackett	VV	19
7	Whitner	ICC	29	14	Johnson, D	COW	22	21	Ayers	MOH	19

KICKING

			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Rackers	ICC	12	9	75	4	3	55	31
2	Gould	GDM	10	8	80	2	1	53	26
3	Carpenter, D	LAK	6	5	83.3	2	1	55	25
4	Janikowski	SBE	6	5	83.3	3	1	55	24
5	Brown, J	GWG	7	6	85.7	1	0	41	24
6	Kasay	DVU	5	5	100	2	0	49	23
7	Cundiff	CHI	7	7	100	2	0	44	22
8	Vinatieri	DTL	8	6	75	3	0	43	21
9	Rayner	CHP	4	4	100	0	0	30	20
10	Bironas	MOH	6	6	100	0	0	38	19
11	Scobee	PIC	7	5	71.4	1	0	42	19
12	Akers	MAR	5	5	100	1	0	46	18
13	Mare	COW	5	3	60	1	0	49	16
14	Gano	YOR	4	3	75	0	0	37	13
15	Tynes	VV	7	3	42.9	1	1	58	12
16	Kaeding	SC	3	2	66.7	0	0	33	6
17	Buehler	SC	1	0	0	0	0	0	4

INTERCEPTIONS

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Florence	YOR	2	20	10	20	0	11	Jones, S	COW	1	0	0	0
2	Williams, T	COW	2	30	15	30	1	12	Houston, C	MOH	1	5	5	0
3	McCourty	DTL	2	14	7	14	0	13	Black, Q	DTL	1	3	3	0
4	Tillman	MAR	2	27	13.5	26	0	14	Hawthorne	MOH	1	0	0	0
5	Winfield	MAR	2	37	18.5	34	1	15	Delmas	MAR	1	4	4	0
6	Whitner	ICC	2	4	2	4	0	16	Spikes, T	MAR	1	9	9	0
7	Cox, D	VV	1	0	0	0	0	17	Hayden	MOH	1	12	12	0
8	Carr, C	YOR	1	3	3	3	0	18	Ayers	MAR	1	3	3	0
9	Phillips, S	CHP	1	17	17	17	0	19	Atogwe	PIC	1	0	0	0
10	Mikell	MOH	1	16	16	16	0	20	Haden	PIC	1	52	52	1

SACKS

1	Allen, J	DTL	4	8	Wilkerson	ICC	2	15	Smith, W	GDM	2
2	Woodley	SBE	4	9	Williams, M	ICC	2	16	Mathis, R	GWG	2
3	Cole, T	MAR	3	10	Orakpo	LAK	2	17	Vanden Bos	PIC	1
4	Sheard	PIC	2	11	Tuck	SBE	2	18	Edwards, R	PIC	1
5	Ware, D	DVU	2	12	Suggs	SBE	2	19	Bowers	YOR	1
6	Fairley	DVU	2	13	Abraham	CHP	2	20	Boley	CHI	1
7	Matthews, C	DVU	2	14	Freenev	SBE	2	21	Peppers	CHI	1



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

DEATH VALLEY – I had had enough of the Greater Toronto Area and was looking forward to returning to my Manhattan condo when I got that dreaded text message from my editor, Mr. Finchley: CALL ME. With a gnawing feeling in the pit of my stomach I reluctantly dialled his office line and hoped that he would not be at his desk.

Half a ring later (if that) Mr. Finchley answered – his smoke-ravaged, high-pitched voice grating in my ear, “Spats! Get out to Death Valley right away and interview that crazy Worthley! There’s a plane ticket at the airport with your name on it. But hurry; it leaves in 3 hours!”

THE SHADOW OF THE VALLEY OF DEATH

I arrived in north-western Michigan annoyed and tired. But had it been otherwise, I would have been so anyway after visiting ‘The Graveyard,’ home of the Death Valley Undertakers. The Anishnabe called this little patch of Hell on Earth, ‘*basadina nibowin*’ or Valley of Death. Oral native tradition maintains that it used to be an ancient burial ground for the *Ojibwe*, the *Menominee*, and the long-forgotten, historically un-recorded, *Upawassnimeebwaningaagaabwaagaagaa-ssississuroneemooplappatalamu* tribe; a people said to be the size of giants with six fingers on each hand and a third eye on their foreheads who had a fifteen-letter word for “the.”

Unlike other traditional Native burial grounds, this one is not coveted by what remains of the Anishnabe people. Apart from having no redeeming features, such as precious natural resources, fresh water or even modestly arable farm land, the land is believed to be cursed.

Anishnabe legend holds that the land was once fertile and the climate like an “eternal spring.” It was the home of native kings and its waters were said to hold the secret of eternal life. Of course, that meant endless war between the tribes for the right to control this little patch of Eden. The “Land of Peace” exchanged hands dozens of times through conquest over the course of millennia as an equal number of Great Chiefs were made and unmade at its bloody doorstep.

The legend tells of how *Zedan* (Satan) came to hear about this wondrous land from the lips of thousands of warrior souls who had fallen to Hades after being slain in battle. As King of the World, Satan was angry, thinking God had tried to sneak a piece of Heaven on Earth under his long, red nose. So Satan disguised himself as a giant condor and flew over the land in order to survey its beauty.

The local Great Chief at the time was *Ma’Ingaan Zazegaawendaagozi*, or “Worthy Wolf” who interpreted the appearance of the giant black condor as a sign that war was coming from the north. He sought advice from his medicine man, *Beeteet Bootoot’anganawasa*, who consulted the sacred squirrel droppings. After a long silence, *Beeteet* finally raised his face from the pile and said: “to drive war from this land you must attempt to slay the bird.”

So *Ma’Ingaan Zazegaawendaagozi* took his knife and badly wounded a buffalo. He set the buffalo out on the plain and filled its open wounds with sacks of the most deadly poisons known to his tribe. He then hid behind a hill and watched. Satan saw the Great Chief lay out the buffalo on the plain and look skyward. Unable, in his bird form, to penetrate the thoughts of man, Satan did not divine the Chief’s evil purpose and thought he was making an offering of respect. In order to properly maintain his disguise, Satan flew down and feasted on the buffalo, ingesting all of the sacks of poison in the process.

Thinking he had succeeded in his task, “Worthy Wolf” jumped up from behind the hill and taunted the condor. “I have foiled your curse, evil bird! Now go back to hell where you belong!” Upon hearing this, Satan realized that he had mistaken the motive behind the Chief’s offering. But being a magical bird, as well as the immortal King of Hell, the poison did not work as Chief Worthy Wolf had intended. Instead of killing him, it simply gave Satan a horrible stomach ache and severe diarrhea. In agony, the giant condor flew high above the land and dropped the foulest excrement onto the fields of corn, on top of the bountiful orchards, and into the crystal clear water springs. The land itself sank under the weight of its black foulness until it became like a steaming pit, or a black valley.

Worthy Wolf watched in horror as the bird’s discharge laid waste to his village and all of his wealth. He cursed the bird and shook his fist with rage. Hearing the curse, and feeling much better after relieving himself, Satan flew down to



Fans line up on game day to buy “Dead Zone” tickets for Death Valley’s Week Three contest against Iowa City. The fans in the cheap seats give new meaning to the term, “deadbeats.”

the ground and transformed back into the Devil. *“Puny King!”* he bellowed as Worthy Wolf cringed in terror. *“Who are you to curse the Devil? You are evil but I will not have you in Hell. From this day forward you are doomed to live as a corpse on the earth you covet – your soul trapped in your earthly frame as it rots around you. All who dare to occupy the land shall share your fate!”*

And with those words, Satan laid a curse upon the land and vanished in an explosion of black smoke. Since that day, say the Anishnabe, Death Valley has been a forbidden and most inhospitable place.

On the bright side, it became the perfect setting for entrepreneur Chris Worthley’s ‘Halloween World’ amusement park and

‘Graveyard’ stadium and yes, like the medicine man said; there would be no more war on that land again.

DERON “THE HULK” REDDING VS. CHRIS “HIT MAN” WORTHLEY

The hype leading up to the game between Death Valley and Iowa City took on WWF-style intensity as a provocative **Chris Worthley**, in an ESPN interview on Wednesday, referred to the Cubs players as “talented but soft” and suggested that coach **Deron Redding** was to blame. “What I’m saying is: this isn’t a house league – not everybody’s a winner. I don’t tolerate losing and I let my players know it. Nobody is untouchable on my team!” Worthley said, apparently making an oblique reference to CD#8, *‘We are All Winners!’* in Redding’s motivational video series, *‘Be the Game, Boys!’*

When told of Worthley’s comments, Redding shot back, “when I made that CD I wasn’t including the Underwears, or whatever they call themselves. Let him [Worthley] say what he wants – we’ll do our talking on the field.”

The Cubs did that – and one can only imagine what they said to each other as they were in the process of blowing their early lead. In hotter-than-hell-heat, the Undertakers buried the Cubs, a team fast becoming their most bitter rival.

It is no secret that Deron Redding and **Chris Worthley** are not what one would call, “friends.” But are they *really* enemies, or just trying to generate interest in their teams? It certainly looked like they were enemies after Worthley’s Undertakers took apart the Cubs at the Graveyard on Sunday. In a game that stood out for its 887 total yards of offence and 64 total points in a year when (so far) teams are too often struggling to find one TD between them in any given game; a violent post-game incident drew attention away from the fireworks on the field and onto the fireworks that erupted as both teams left the field.

As soon as the final gun sounded, as is the custom, both coaches made their way onto the field for the post-game handshake. An excited Worthley, pumping his fist in the air and shouting to his players, ran up to Redding and administered what looked like a karate chop to the hand of the Cubs’ coach. Redding recoiled instantly and snapped angrily at Worthley, who abruptly turned away and started half jogging, half-leaping toward the tunnel. Redding followed, barking in fury at Worthley and actually managed to clasp a hand on his shoulder before the media swarm around the two coaches jostled him away.

Realizing the situation was about to get out of hand, assistant coaches from both teams formed protective rings around their respective head coaches and pushed them off in different directions. This initially defused the situation until both coaches realized they were heading into the other team’s tunnel, forcing another showdown as they collided trying to correct their paths. A camera operator was knocked over and one of the Cubs’ trainers started grabbing his own neck and turning blue after a touch from the finger of Undertakers’ defensive coordinator, **Darth Vader**. A general melee ensued with zombie security and police intervening to break up the fight.

In the post-game press scrum, the normally upbeat Redding remained obviously angry – both about his team’s collapse and Worthley’s behaviour during and after the game.

“I consider myself passionate about this game and I try to bring energy to the sideline so that my players can draw from it,” a red-faced Redding seethed. “So I can understand how you can get caught up in it, to a point. I understand he [Worthley] wants to motivate his players. But don’t make faces at the opposing bench and go *‘nya nya nya nya’* when you score a touchdown or force a fumble. And when the battle’s over, win or lose, never lose respect for the other team or its

coach. When that happens, it's bad for the game. You ask me what I think of that performance by the Death Valley coach? Well, I think he got too carried away with the celebration aspect. It's childish and it's disrespectful to the other team and to the other coach. Am I going to forget it? No way! Are my players going to forget it? Wait and see what happens when we're defending *our* house!"

After the game, a still charged up Worthley tried to be repentant but fell short of an apology. "I gave him a really hard handshake. I guess that might have thrown him off. He probably wasn't expecting it and he reacted the way he did. It was a pretty hard handshake, maybe too hard a handshake. I'm going to have to work on that....my handshake."

I admit: I'm taking the bait. I'll be letting Mr. Finchley know that there's a ticket to Joe Ferguson Stadium with my name on it for Week 15 when these two teams face each other once more.

RIVERS ON THE BLOCK?

According to my sources, the Thunder Lizards are discreetly shopping *Philip Rivers* around. Discreetly at least, until now that I have revealed it to the pro football world. **George Kaldis** will deny it but watch his nose grow as he does. The final straw for the Durham brain trust came this week at Tillman Field. Rivers opened the game with an underthrown ball to **Antonio Gates** that **Tramon Williams** tipped and snatched out of the air, running it back 30 yards for a touchdown. Rivers was picked off again late in the game with Durham trailing by a mere 3 points and a comeback looking possible. The problem for Durham, in addition to having Rivers as their starting quarterback, is that there is a very small market for 'nervous Nellies' who collapse under pressure among the league's most competitive teams; and the teams that are not competitive don't need a player who might disrupt their shot at winning the "Andrew Luck Sweepstakes."

VIRDEN DEFIES THE ODDS

The Violators are violating all the rules of conventional analysis. At 2-1, they are one of the league's big surprises early in the season but it is how they are doing it that is even more baffling. With a -4 turnover ratio, they are certainly not feasting on opponent's mistakes. At 5.4 yards per play they are the fifth most efficient offence yet they have scored just 1 TD from scrimmage and have only managed one score, a single field goal, in 4 sporadic trips to the red zone. Their kicker, the hero in Week 3, has missed more than half of his 7 field goal attempts. A big chunk of their offence has come from Mike Thomas, whose 2 punt returns for TDs lead the league.

Although they are not taking the ball away, their defence - porous in the pre-season and rated last by most agencies - is somehow stopping both the run and the pass and sits a #2 in the league in yards per play and points allowed. How they are doing *this* is the biggest mystery of all. It is not as if they have faced poor offensive opponents in the East Division. Virden has already shut down some big names in **Peyton Manning**, **Tom Brady** and, yes, even **Matt Schaub**. They do not look over-powering but they are scrappy and stubborn. How long it will continue, nobody dares to guess. But I think it has to end very soon. The Violators are leading the league in injuries, most of them on the defensive side and they face a big test at home against Death Valley this week. A market correction is coming in Week Four so dump Virden stock while you still can!

AROUND THE EFL - COMPETITION HAS ITS PRICE

What is shaping up to be a more competitive regular season is carrying a price tag in excitement and a heavy tax on offence. Quarterbacks around the league, with few exceptions, appear confused by defences. Running backs hit the holes tentatively, as if not believing there is room to run. Defences smell blood but often fail to make that aggressive leap for the interception. Week Three had more sparks than Week Two, but not many. Here's how it looked to me.

One running back who is not hesitating to hit the holes is **Adrian Peterson**. He tore up the Yorkies with 210 yards rushing, including a 50-yarder, to star in the Patriots' 31-0 pasting of their under-achieving Division rival. His counterpart on the opposite sideline, **Darren McFadden** accounted for 101 total yards, 73 on the ground and 28 through the air, to carry the lightweight York offence. The glassy-eyed **Tom Brady** is now suspected of abusing solvents and this latest performance against the wounded Charleswood secondary only lends credibility to the rumour.

RIDDLE OF THE DAY: How many Pickering and Markham quarterbacks does it take to score 23 points? The answer: five! Yes, that is how many QBs lined up behind center at the Dawg Pound on Sunday in a 13-10 Pickering win. The QB carousel was the most entertaining feature of another boring game involving the North Stars. The fans at the Dawg Pound are either the most fanatically loyal fans on earth or the most thick; or possibly both. **Mark Sanchez** is like a high school quarterback who has spent more time trying to look good for the fillies off the field instead of practicing on it. After his second saunter away from the bench to flirt with "The Puppies," Markham's jean jacket-wearing cheerleaders, **Darrin Jones** yanked him for **Josh Johnson**. The youngster played well but suddenly got "tired," forcing Sanchez back into the game where he did nothing to distinguish himself or begin to justify his high standing in the draft. The Spartans had a more conventional reason for turning to their back-ups. **Matt Cassel** was knocked out of the game on the second series by **Shaun Ellis**, bringing **Tarvaris Jackson** in. He, in turn, suffered a severe hamstring injury which brought **Joe Webb** out from under the headset and clipboard. Webb wasn't that bad, but it still gave the game a fourth-game-of-the-pre-season feel that made me want to change the channel.

Vince Young was back under center for Gwinnett's 31-21 win over the Regulators in place of the absent **Ben Roethlisberger**. This time there was no detailed explanation by coach, **Dave Birdsall**. Having made his public stand against the undisciplined behaviour of his signal caller in Week One, it would have been an embarrassment for the coach to have had to face questions about it again a mere two weeks later. So Big Ben was nowhere to be found and nobody in the media is certain why, although that lack of information has not stopped speculation and rumours, only made them worse. Among one of the juicier ones is that Big Ben had busted **Lindsay Lohan** out of rehab and had overslept (code for "hangover") in their Los Angeles hotel room and missed his flight to Columbia. How he ended up on the West Coast is not explained. Another rumour had him passed out in the stall of the women's washroom in a Columbia night club, resulting in his arrest the morning of game day after being found by a horrified cleaner. The team has only said he is "not injured" but was "unavailable" for the game. It will be one hell of a tabloid atmosphere in the Gwinnett press gallery when he resurfaces.

Visiting the Corral this week the Blue Eagles won again, which is not news. If there was any news to be found in their routine victory over Garland it would be that **Aaron Rodgers** went a second game without a TD pass. After 3 weeks, Rodgers has just one TD pass in 3 victories, but has already rushed for 3. It is still early in the season and, at 3-0, it is not time to panic; but the early signs indicate that the Blue Eagles' receivers are not getting open in the red zone. Luckily, Rodgers has the presence of mind, the nimble footwork and the deceptive speed to improvise his way into the end zone when nobody is open. However, he does not want to make a habit of this. Mobile quarterbacks often become banged up/injured ones when forced to run too often. Scarborough coach, "Jonesey" will have to dust off his old high school playbook and devise a scheme to get the emotionally disturbed **Brandon Marshall** and his colleagues open in tight spaces.

I round off this week's column on a down note: **Jay Cutler** and the Convicts have to be the saddest song of the season so far. The once proud Chino franchise looked seriously over-matched for the third straight week in getting pushed around by Los Angeles. This time it was a total team collapse, with the defence joining the offence to line up against the wall of shame. The Knights are playing championship football at the moment, but that does not excuse the lack of motivation and effort that seemed to permeate the Chino sideline. Could it be time for **Cam Newton**? Not yet, perhaps, but soon....very soon.

BUG THE BOOKIE!

JIMMY THE GEEK GIVES YOU HIS PICKS
FOR WEEK FOUR EFL ACTION



JIMMY'S WEEK FOUR PICKS

CHINO @ CHARLESWOOD (line – PATRIOTS by 12)

After a 0-3 whitewash against their brothers in the West, the Convicts are happy to travel east to escape the toughest Division in the league. Unfortunately their first stop is a most inhospitable one. The Convicts need a win to stop the bleeding but they are unlikely to find it at Patriot Place. Charleswood is playing solid football on both sides of the field and have to be happy with the play of their offence and the emergence of Adrian Peterson as a true dominator in the running game. They are missing a big piece on defence in Ed Reed, but that means less against a Chino offence which, after three games, has still not scored a touchdown from scrimmage. The law of averages says that the offence has to score some time and I think they will manage at least one TD this week. Add a proud and still strong Chino defence and I think they keep the margin of loss to less than 12 points.

PICK: CHINO

LOS ANGELES @ MOHAVE (line –KNIGHTS by 9)

The Hellfire adopted a conventional game plan last week against Virden, avoiding the maverick fourth down gambles, and it bought them a closer loss and a paltry 9 points against a defence that nobody knows. Regardless of how they approach the Knights this week it will be a long afternoon for the Hellfire. Both starting offensive tackles

are injured and Hakeem Nicks, their top wide receiver, is still out. But let's not quibble about such nuances. Looking at the big picture, Mohave is simply out-classed in every aspect of this match-up. Unless it rains in the desert and Josh Freeman wears a straightjacket on the field, the Knights will cover with ease.

Pick: LOS ANGELES

DEATH VALLEY @ VIRDEN (line – UNDERTAKERS by 5)

I am not going to pretend to understand how the Violators are 2-1 after touring the East Division. There is simply no rational explanation other than star alignment and voodoo. I am going to resist the visceral gut feeling that Virden has been chosen by a cabal of witches as the test subject for a powerful Black Magic ritual and go with my head here. Death Valley will expose the illusion of the Virden defence with at least 400 yards of offence and not allow the offence into double digits. And if there actually is a supernatural cabal pulling the invisible strings of reality in favour of the Violators, I am crossing my fingers that the Grim Reaper has some pull and will cut a path for the Undertakers with his magic scythe. **Pick: DEATH VALLEY**

IOWA CITY @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 5)

Both teams lost big chunks of their pass rushes last week with key injuries to their defensive ends. Mario Williams is out for the Cubs and Robert Quinn is questionable while Da'Quan Bowers and Cullen Jenkins will not play for the Swords. The losses virtually cancel each other out, as do Darren McFadden and Arian Foster, leaving me with the basic equation balancing Sam Bradford on one side and Tom Brady on the other. On the face of it, this would seem like a mismatch. But compare Bradford with a *glue-sniffing* Brady and the 5-point spread becomes a classic "pick-em." Is Brady really abusing substances or is he just suffering from a horrendous wide-receiving corps? I gotta believe Brady will sober up for this one. **Pick: YORK**

SOUTH CAROLINA @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 1)

The key to this game hinges on the status of Matt Cassel. Injured in Week Three against Markham, the Pickering starter is listed as probable for this week, but coaches may hold him out as a precaution. If Cassel can go, he must go. The Regulators are winless and weakened by injuries but they can still score and that is something the Spartans have struggled to do even with Cassel in the line-up. If Joe Webb has to play, then the burden will fall on Chris Johnson, who has been a mere shadow of last year's runaway MVP. The Spartans barely squeaked by Markham last week while the Regulators showed respectably against the Gladiators. Every now and then you have to take a leap. **Pick: SOUTH CAROLINA**

GARLAND @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 6)

The Thunder Lizards fell to Cowtown last week and, to add insult to injury, also lost Reggie Bush and Antonio Gates for at least a couple of months. Those are not trifling disadvantages for the Durham passing game, which has been plagued by turnovers in 2 losses this season. Philip Rivers is clearly playing for his job these days and Tim Tebow is waiting, and praying, in the wings. So where is Garland in all this? They are where they always are – near the bottom of the Division and looking for small victories within the larger losses. This game could garner one of those small victories if Earl Thomas studies the film well and learns Rivers' tendencies, which include throwing to the wrong jersey. If Thomas can keep his jersey on, the Mustangs may get a boost from their star safety and pull off an upset. On the other hand, the Lizards might wake up and play the way they should.

Pick: DURHAM

MARKHAM @ GWINNETT (line – GLADIATORS by 12)

The North Stars are down to three healthy wide receivers and none of those are better than mediocre. With Mark Sanchez throwing to them they become less than that, pushing the over/under 'Markham Wide Receiver Catches' (MWRC) line down to 4. In this regard, I think the loss of the Glads' Asante Samuel is significant since it will probably translate into 5 or 6 catches by the wide-outs, a number that will increase in garbage time – something there will be plenty of by the start of the second half at the Coliseum. So take the 'over' on the MWRC and take the Glads less 12 points on the game. **Pick: GWINNETT**

COWTOWN @ SCARBOROUGH (line – BLUE EAGLES by 2)

I thought the odds-makers were smoking crack when they posted this line on Tuesday, but it has held throughout the week, which means enough people are seeing something worrying about the Blue Eagles or encouraging about the Corn Kings that I do not. I see problems for the Scarborough offence, even at home, due to a deceptively strong Cowtown pass defence that is quite capable of holding on to a lead. On the other hand, I see bigger problems for the Cowtown offence – which has not exactly been explosive – against an aggressive and brutal Scarborough defence at windy Bluffs Stadium. Maurice Jones-Drew is listed as 'probable' for this game and his presence on the field is critical to avoiding the necessity of a one-dimensional attack. The bottom line is: Cowtown may not move the ball at all while Scarborough will probably move it a little more. Will that add-up to a field goal difference in favour of the home team? I think it will. **Pick: SCARBOROUGH**

