

## LMR 03 - Week 10

### Pepto City

Each NFL season has one week where the unthinkable occurs. Several teams that seemingly have no business winning do just that. Week 10 of the NFL season was christened Upset Week as J-Squared, the Bolts, Dirty Birds and Genocide Victims beat division leaders in an attempt to salvage their seasons. In total, seven teams beat the spread, and shook the bedrock of the NFL. The Parity Party is going in full force, but like any party, it ain't really bumpin' until the cops show up.

For former Bears QB Jim McMahon, the cops showed up with a Breathalyzer on the Florida interstate. The Punky QB blew a 2.6 and admitted that he was too drunk to drive his pickup. Here's how the AP described the event:

*McMahon was stopped around 2 a.m. Sunday after police received two calls about a pickup that was recklessly going through traffic and nearly causing accidents, said Santa Rosa County sheriff's spokesman Jerry Henderson.*

*McMahon failed a field sobriety test and had a blood-alcohol level more than three times the legal limit in Florida, Henderson said. One Breathalyzer exam put McMahon's blood-alcohol level at 0.261 percent, another put it at 0.258 percent. The legal limit in Florida is 0.08 percent.*

*"During a sobriety test, Mr. McMahon looked at the officer and said, 'I'm too drunk. You got me,'" Henderson said. "He was pretty well wasted. He claimed that he couldn't touch his nose because of blindness in the one eye. Said some kid stuck a fork in it when he was young. Yeah, right."*

*McMahon posted \$500 bond and was released from Santa Rosa County Jail on Sunday morning. He is expected to make a court appearance Monday, when his Dream Team defense attorneys will use his Super Bowl Shuffle Video to show that McMahon has never been sober a day in his life, so this case should be thrown out. They also posit that other Florida retirees drive on the sidewalks, so what's the big deal?*

*McMahon threw for 18,148 yards in 119 NFL games. His best season was 1985, when he set career highs in yards (2,392) and touchdowns (15) for the Bears, who went 15-1 and beat New England in Super Bowl XX. That was McMahon's only Pro Bowl season.*

*The former Brigham Young star left Chicago in a 1989 trade with San Diego and also played for Philadelphia, Minnesota, Arizona, Cleveland and Green Bay.*

Unfortunately, Jimmy Mac also lost his job as a spokesperson for the Illinois DOT, where he was hired to do Public Service Announcements on the dangers of drunk driving. His days of uttering the I-DOT slogan, "Don't be a punk and drive drunk" are now over.

The Look Man's favorite Jimmy Mac story comes from his stint with the Browns. After injuries forced him to make unanticipated playing time incentives, McMahon requested his bonus check on the usual payday. When told by Browns' management that no money existed to pay him, McMahon cleaned out his locker and left the team before actually being placed on waivers. Green Bay picked him up the same day.

The Browns were forced to play untested players and ended up with a losing record before Baltimore called to bail out the notoriously poor businessman Modell had become. As it turns out, Modell's business sense is so bad, that his son now faces losing the team due to Modell's repeated borrowing from the NFL. McMahon is still being compensated by I-DOT for his PSAs, while enjoying retirement in F-Hell-A.

### V-Men @ Bolts:

The Minnesota Swedes days of beating opponents would seem to be at an end as well as the San Diego Bolts installed Doug (Magic) Flutie at QB to replace the stumbling Drew (Cool) Brees. The QB who was named "America's Midget" by Jimmy Mac, threw for 2 TDs and ran for 2 more against the V-Men on Sunday in sunny San Diego. Flutie went straight Zamfir, mastering the pan flute and the art of de-jocking Vikes linemen with his fabulous moves. That Vikes D-lineman is still looking for his jock strap after the move that Flutie Flakes put on him on the TD run. He also became the oldest NFL player to run for 2 TDs in a game, and the 5<sup>th</sup> oldest starting QB at age 42. Zamfir joins rocking chair hurlers Steve DeBerg, Warren Moon, Earl Morrall and George Blanda. "They said I was older than dirt, but at least I don't have any on my face like Drew Brees," said Flutie. When notified that Brees has a birthmark, not dirt on his face, Flutie replied, "Oh. Well I knew that. But let's get back to me."

Perhaps there is more to the string of losses than meets the eye as the Vikes continue to lose, this time in Sunnydale Heights. Noted demon and sometime TE Jimmy Kleinsasser entered the Witness Protection Program while trying to avoid Buffy, Xander and the rest of the Gang. Daunte (Stuffed) Culpepper put together a late drive, but ended up throwing a key pick in the endzone to end the threat. Looks like the Vikes lost it about the same time as owner Red McCombs postgame locker room blast. Or maybe everybody just figured out how to outcoach Mike (Fried) Tice. It may have been as simple as stealing the lucky pencil he likes to hold behind his ear.

### Cleveland at KC:

The Buffy the Vampire Slayer finale revealed that there is another Hellmouth near Cleveland and the events of the last few weeks would seem to support the theory. Head Coach Butch (Hurricane Boy) Davis has suffered 3 consecutive losses, his star running back became a member of the celebrity drug bus, and he canned his leading WR Kevin Johnson, all in the last month.

Last week's episode featured a key matchup with the KC Baby Backs at Agarn Stadium. The Browns hung tough for most of the first half until a few bizarre calls derailed them. KC QB Trent (Long) Green threw to his O-linemen twice in the half, and although that action carries a penalty, both plays ended positively for the Baby Backs. On the first, DT Gerard (Big Money Wasted) Warren speared the receiver, an OG, resulting in a TD drive-saving 3<sup>rd</sup> down conversion. BMW flashed back to the fateful Helmet Throw Game, when Long Green's lateral to OT (Big) John Tait resulted in enough yardage for a game-winning FG due to Dwayne (Harcourt Fenton) Rudd's helmet toss. On the second, Long Green's illegal forward pass resulted in a clock stoppage despite KC's lack of timeouts. Referee Morelli refused to call the requisite 10-second runoff on the offense and the Baby Backs kicked a FG to take a 10-point lead into the locker room. KC Coach Dick (The Crying Man) Vermeil had little to weep about, and the Chefs went on to chiffonade the upset minded Browns 41-20.

The only other action of note was CB Chris (Betty) Crocker's TD saving tackle of Dante (Let's Make a Deal) Hall to save him from a record breaking 6<sup>th</sup> kick return for six. Betty Crocker baked up the tackle after Chefs' LB Gary (Crosby)Stills(Nash & Young) forget to block with no other Browns in front. Apparently, he was getting all geared up for his close-up on SportsCenter and didn't realize he had a job to do. LMAD now has a damaged clavicle that may have gotten a lot healthier when he saw the special teams challenged Bungals on next week's menu.

### Slim Shadies @ Bungals

Houston came into the Nati strapped after last seasons 34-3 whoopin' at the hands of the Bakers. WR Chad Johnson guaranteed a win in that one, and the refs decided to wear orange and black for the occasion, granting CB Artrell(is) Hawkins a 102 yard interception return despite the fact that he obviously stepped on the chalk.

So David (U Can Drive My) Carr obviously wanted to kick some Baker butt in Week 10. Carr threw a sweet slant that traveled 35 yards on a rope to WR Corey Bradford, who burned 5 would-be Baker tacklers en route to a 73 yard TD. Unfortunately that would account for half of Carr's passing yards on the day.

The Bungals responded by handing the ball to super sub RB Rudi (Ray Moore) Johnson 43 times for the W. FORTY-THREE TIMES???! Marvin (Jerry) Lewis was taking no chances on Jon Pickna living up to his name in this one. The "crowd" of 50,000 was the lowest of the 2003 season, possibly in response to Jerry 's comments last week. Those in attendance did get to see Woody Hayes football as the Bungals held the rock for 41 minutes of possession in a laughter.

#### SheHawks @ Genocide Victims:

Steve (I've got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle) Spurrier and the Capitol City Genocide Victims circled the teepees to do battle with NFC West power Seattle. The 'Hawks have been Jeckyll and Hyde this season, reeling off consecutive wins, then swallowing the tassel against the Bungals and narrowly beating the Niners.

Jingle Jangle's defense got offensive with some sweet picks, and a nice strip by Lefturneus Coles on a 'Hawks pick. Jingle Jangle did give up the play calling but came back with some nice leger de main and key fourth down conversions to win the game.

For some reason the Sea Raptors chose not to blitz QB Patrick (Warburton) Ramsey, who took zero sacks and delivered the ball accurately to a host of GVs. Puddy will be a great one if he gets the right talent around him. Maybe Jingle Jangle will be back in '04 after all. And the 15 mil in guaranteed salary may be a big reason why.

BTW, what is up with Matt (Hair Club for Men) Hasselback and the Hawks? They win at home, and lose on the road to inferior teams. And must HCFM throw a pick to end it when the Hawks are in position to win? He did the same thing while in position to beat the Ugly & Black and he may have a hairball in his throat. Or maybe just the manmade microfibers from the Miller Lite salute to "Mr. Really Bad Toupee Wearer." This time, Sea Raptor Darrell Jackson was responsible for a drop that ended up in Fred Smoot's hands for a toe tap INT. Next week, it will be Koren Robinson's turn.

At any rate, Mike (The Walrus) Holmgren is starting to get that "I hate you worse than Jon Pickna" look in his eye. HCFM had better start winning some close ones, or both he and the Walrus will be calling Courtney Love to see if they can borrow Cobain's shotgun.

#### B-More @ Mouflons:

If you missed this one, you missed the most bizarre game of the [pick one: day, month, year, century] with a record 11 turnovers. Both defenses played out of their minds, but the Look Man must recognize the Mouflons D, which played with a 2-1 Time of Possession disadvantage and still forced turnovers and scored the ball. They also did it without 2 defensive starters.

The game started with the Flintstones rolling like a bedrock bowling ball over the Lambs defense. The Lambs came up with a strip of Jamal (Bam Bam) Lewis deep in their own territory, and followed with some big defensive stops to force B-More into FGs instead of TDs on several drives. Then, just when it seemed like QB Kyle Boller (Hat) was getting hot, he banged knees with his own RB, and had to leave. For the rest of the season.

Bam Bam put the rock on the ground twice and had the temerity to also knock the ball out of Boller Hat's hands on a blitz pickup of Adam (Ant) Archuleta. Backup hurler Chris Redman came in and promptly got stripped for a TD as well.

The Mouflons are starting to look interesting. Adam Ant was "up and at 'em", drilling folks left and right, including a vicious hit on TE Todd (Uriah) Heap, that left ribs all over the field. Adam Ant

scored on the strip of Boller Hat, and runs like someone has a can of Raid or something. WR Dane Looker is a comer, scooping up a punt that bounced backwards, returning it to the Flintstones 1-yard line. PK Jeff (Principal) Wilkins kicked a number of FGs when he wasn't eating spiders or plotting to open up a Hellmouth Hamburger chain, and the Lambs rolled the Flintstones on ESPN.

Even with all of these plays the Greatest Show on Turf could manage only a buck forty in offense. The Look Man is getting an inkling that something is wrong with Marc (Scarecrow) Bulger. He hasn't looked the same since Blitzburgh busted him a few times and the GSOT offense has sputtered. Of course it could be the Mike (Megalomania) Martz is simply struggling with getting Marshall Faulk back. M-Cubed is the Wicky Wacky of the new era, wanting to throw with one of the best O-lines this side of the '66 Packers. It may also have something to do with WRs like Bruce and Torry Holt showing major fear vs. the Flintstones D. The fear was so palpable that it caused at least 2 drops. The GSOT is still good on turf, but on grass they haven't proven a thing. Look for the Browns to maul them on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> in C-Town.

#### Cheesesteaks vs. Cheeseheads:

Broken thumb, no problem for Brett Favre (Bean) who threw like the guy in the Levitra commercial 2 weeks ago. Of course, with the Cheeseheads at Lambeau, the Iggles didn't stand a chance on the soggy tundra. Unless Filthy McNabb(sty) was hotter than a Pat's cheesesteak sandwich, and led a game winning drive late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Ahman (Hallelujah) Green's rolled up 192 rushing yards on Monday Night as the Pack was off and running. Of course, he also borrowed Pickna's Easy Bake Oven and put the rock on the ground twice to go with Favre Bean testing the "empty hand" rule several times. D-Coordinator had the answer for the Iggles offense until late in the game, when Filthy put together a TD drive that was, well, filthy. His one TD pass of the night was the game winner with 27 seconds left in the cold rain, and the Iggles look respectable while the Pack prepares for the Expensive Corn Kings rematch next Sunday.

Folks keep saying the AFC North is the worst division in football but the Look Man isn't so sure it's not the NFC Norse. Chicago and Detroit are the two worst teams in the NFL, and the Pack is too inconsistent. The Vikes have been exposed and it is a matter of time before this division comes back to its usual 8-8 form.

#### Looking Ahead:

Jerry Lewis challenged Nati "Fans" last week, then apologized. After beating the Texans in front of a less than sellout crowd, the Bungals are on of the best middle of the road teams that no one has even seen. The Look Man wonders whether they will sell out Sunday's home game vs. the undefeated Baby Backs. The Baby Backs are straight off a laugh vs. the Browns, but they got a little tenderized, as KR extraordinaire Dante (Inferno/LMAD) Hall got a knee tweak and a clavicle. All he needs now is a harpsichord and he could do some chamber music.

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Further, the Browns showed that the KC Masterpiece is vulnerable to the running game. RB James (Dyno-mite!) Jackson ran well to the outside in his replacement of William (Redbud) Green. If the Bungals runs the football and keeps the defense off the field, they have a good shot at beating the Baby Backs.

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Brian Billick(goat) had to add a QB when Boller's knee injury forced him to the brink of IR. Former Cowpoke QB Anthony (If Loving U is Wrong I Don't Wanna B) Wright becomes the starter, and Chris Redman drops to number 2. The Flintstones went down to the Quarry and picked up former Marine Mammal Ray Lucas (McCain) for insurance. Interestingly, the Flintstones play the Fish on Sunday. With the way their defense is playing, they could almost win with the single wing.

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The Browns waited until after Halloween to pick up former Cowpoke DT Michael Myers. In addition to cutting KJ, they placed ineffective TE Steve Heiden on IR, elevated TE Chad (Bad) Mustard, and added the Kid from Haddonfield. Look for a rash of stabbings to occur in the Hellmouth over the next few weeks of the season unless the Browns pick up D-line coach Donald Pleasance.

### **Zebra of the Week:**

Referee Peter Morelli in the CLE @ KC game. Two passes to O-linemen. No 10-second runoff. Long Green eating sandwiches and drinking coffee in the pocket. No holding calls. Gerard Warren drilling an OG still on his feet. Personal foul. You have just won the **Zebra of the Week** award in back to back weeks.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Tiki Barber fumbled twice as Dan (Zocor) Reeves (finally) wins number 200. LMR Reader Dangerous Dave Wilkins picked this one "for amusement purposes only", along with the Bolts, J-Squared and Bungals. In fact DD is a man without fear, and he rolled on Upset Sunday. The resultant hole in the Karmic Stream can be directly attributable to the Browns' loss at Agarn. Meanwhile Double D is laughing all the way to the bank. Of course, the Look Man tried to warn him about the Pack-Iggles outcome, but that is another story.

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Browns Head Coach Butch Davis is on the hotseat in Week 11. The Browns will either take the waiving of KJ in stride, suck it up and get on a roll, or completely collapse. The next two are the Deadbirds and the Stillers at home. If the Browns win these 2, and get on a roll, they have a shot at the AFC North. If not, Hurricane Boy is headed for South Beach wearing tar and feathers.

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Both of last year's Super Bowl teams are below .500. If both miss the postseason, it would mark the third time in five years both Super teams missed the playoffs (it happened just once in the first 32 years).

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With 7 weeks left we are on track to set a new NFL record for overtime games. This season has had comeback thrillers, upsets, defensive battles, and front-running teams. In short, 2003 is a GREAT season.

### **Celebrity Obit of the Week:**

The Look Man gave serious consideration to naming James Miller aka the Fan Man of Bowe-Holyfield I fame, as the COBTW. The creator of some bizarre circumstances in life had similar ones in death as his body was found on a mountain trail in Alaska last week. ESPN did a lengthy look back on the strange phenomenon, so the Look Man will instead focus on actor and comedian Art Carney.

Art Carney was a distinguished actor who began as a sidekick for Fred Allen and Edgar Bergen. Carney's trademark limp was caused by an Omaha Beach shrapnel hit. He became a dramatic and comic actor following WWII, but he is best known for his role as Ed Norton, Jackie Gleason's pal *The Honeymooners*. The show went on to serve as the basis for the animated series, *The Flintstones* (That Barney Rubble; what an actor!). It also reappeared on *Saturday Night Live* and Eddie Murphy's *Raw*. If you haven't heard the Eddie Murphy *Honeymooners* sketch, you are missing a treat.

Carney's porkie hat portrayal of Ralph Kramden's bowling buddy was an instant classic. He won 3 Emmys for the role, and caused Gleason to say, "The first time I saw the guy act, I knew I would have to work twice as hard for my laughs. He was funny as hell." Carney's success after the show waned, but he did win an Oscar for his performance in *Harry and Tonto* in 1974.

In a little known fact, Carney went on to play professional football as a placekicker for many teams, including the Sunnydale Lightning Bolts. Although his kicks rarely did, he will be missed.

“Hey, Ralphie boy!”

Out. The Look Man