

The Look Man Report 2003

Week 3: Where Am I and Where Are My Clothes?

The 2003 NFL season is racing along and some interesting developments have occurred. Most of the league is either 2-1 or 1-2, and many teams were eyeing the Panic Button going into Week 3. This thing has more ups and downs than the California gubernatorial recall election. Luckily, it won't be over after October 7th.

The Twin City Viqueens, Denver Donkeys, Indy Horsies, and Seattle SheHawks are all 3-0, and in position to play Go and Hide, leaving the competition in the dust. ESPN GameDay Analyst and noted knucklehead Rush Limburger stated that many teams are already "in trouble." The Look Man, who prefers the non-stinking variety of cheesy pseudo intellectual, says it ain't over until the Fat Lady hits the high note. This season will not be a runaway by anyone, but rather a Parity Party, featuring a long haul to the finish line, with several teams being eliminated by second- and third tiebreakers. Fans can take their heads out of the oven. As for the unbeaten, many have key injuries that will affect the future. Others have merely spit in the face of the Football Gods, and their comeuppance will be swift and capricious.

The week seemed to have some interesting matchups, but in the end, many were blowouts. The Bal'mer Fred Flintstone Lodge Brothers had a yabba dabba doo time at San Diego. Jamal (Bam Bam) Lewis had his way with Marty's Boys and it is starting to look like a season on ESPN's "Playmakers." The Look Man believes that a player revolt is brewing, and poor Marty (Home in the Shade) Schottenheimer is going to be shopping for another NFL job if he can't quell the uprising. Either that or Brian Billick(goat) really is a genius. The Look Man is going for the former.

Here's how it shaped up in Week 3:

Stillers at Bungals:

The Tissue Paper Curtain rolled into the Nati with about 10,000 of their closest friends dressed in black and gold last Sunday. Granted all the seats were sold, but the real sellouts were the Bungal Fans dressed in Ugly & Black. They sat while the Stiller Faithful took over the Pall Bearer Stadium and rooted the Stillers to victory. The game started on a high note for the Nati, with Jon Pickna marching the team crisply down the field in the first quarter after a couple of feeling out sessions by both teams. As the Bakers entered Marlboro Country (AKA the Red Zone) Pickna returned to form and baked up a tailor made turnover into triple coverage. The result was a pick by Jason (Halloween XVII) Gildon. The Bakers never regained the mo.

Now the Look Man would've benched Kantna right then and there. Marvin (Jerry) Lewis decided instead to go Nutty Professor on the home crowd, keeping the Pastry Chef at QB, and passing on several FG opportunities. The capper was a fake 50-yard FG attempt on which Tommy (That Deaf Dumb and Blind Kid) Maddox hit TE Jeremy (Not One but) Tuman to rumble, bumble and stumble to the 10. Not One But was wide-freaking open and only his lack of speed kept him out of the end zone. Bungals free agent LB pickup (and notable chump) Kevin Hard(l)y complained that the coaches called an all-out blitz, a fact that Jerry Lewis denies. "We don't air our dirty aprons in public. It doesn't help us, and it doesn't make the bread rise either", said Jerry.

After TDDABK got hot, and the Stillers parlayed a marginal lead into a slam fest starring Jerome (The Bust) Bettis. After sitting anxiously for the first half, The Bust ran over the Bakers like a rolling pin, creating a nice change of pace after (Famous) Amos Zeroue's nifty draw play speed. Jerry Lewis got badly outcoached by a slim and trim Bill (Iron Chin) Cowher. Iron Chin must be mixing in some SlimFast with his usual steroid regimen, because he was looking like Jack LaLane. Noticeably absent were IC's usual spit-shower rants at the officials. He didn't need them

as LB Joey (Lead Booty) Porter turned LT on the Bungals with a sack, several tackles and his customary Boot(y) Dance for the Black & Gold clad fans in the North end zone.

Porter's job was made easier by the fact that Bungals back Corky Dildo failed to return in the 2nd half, citing the bad field conditions. "I got a boo-boo on my groin because of the Sandbox", said Dildo, as he took his marbles and went home. In his defense, Blades of Grass was credited with 11 tackles on the day, including one on Peter (P-Dub) Warrick, who fell down in the open field on a punt return. Ironically, the field is in much better shape than when Dildo ran for a then-record 278 against Denver, which couldn't even stand up in the quicksand. When Dildo left, he let the air out of the Bakers' soufflé, and Pickna couldn't bake up a win.

Jerry Lewis had better get Dean Martin back, or he is going to end up like his namesake. The Bungals roll into Cleveland on Sunday looking for win number one. Unfortunately, the Browns got tenderized in a physical game against the Niners, and with da Burgh up next on their schedule, they might get the rolling pin upside the head in C-town on Sunday.

After the less than Titanic struggle, one overweight female Stiller fan flashed a few loaded Baker Faithful on the way out. The irony of her tiger-skin bra was not lost on the Look Man, but the harpoon marks that adorned her skin are permanently etched in his brain. Most of the Stiller fans sported mustaches and goatees, a classic look. Unfortunately, some of them were women.

As the downtrodden Nati-ans made their way to Oktoberfest to drown their sorrows, Stiller Slut Randy (Roy Boy) Young was accosted by a man masquerading as a fishwrap hack. The hack asked whether Roy was headed to eat brats and drink beer, as well as several other impertinent inquiries. "Y'uns gaht quite a football team", said Young. "The only thing yer missing is a QB, and a defense. Other than that, y'uns gaht quite the team" uttered the Scotch impaired Burgher. "These Stiller fans come down here every year wearing their babushkas" piped in the Look Man. "It's like the classic paper-rock-scissors. I guess the babushkas beat the rolling pins every time", he intoned. The hack published his article the next day in the local fishwrap, but it was absent any reference to babushkas.

Browns at Niners:

After a first half that featured some SERIOUS crack-a-lackin by both defenses, the Browns executed a scintillating comeback over the Niners in Candlestick Park last week. Niners Terrell (TO) Owens and Jeff (Jerry) Garcia were muttering to themselves after some of the Browns punishing hits. Of course, Browns RB Jamel (Mr.) White also got decleated in an equal opportunity stick-fest. After letting Bal'mer run roughshod in Week 2, the Barking Dawg D shut down Niners RBs by Committee Harrison (Ford) Gearst and Kevan (Christopher) Barlow.

After looking pedestrian for most of the game, Browns QB Kelly (Tires) Holcomb engineered two nice TD drives including a sweet 11-yard TD to Andre Davis for the win. Tires was so excited that he forgot that up 13-12 with 29 seconds left, the two-point conversion was automatic. Instead, he allowed the K-ball the Zebras inserted to slip out of his hand. The Look Man is curious whether K-balls are routinely inserted for 2-point tries, or whether the "over" was in jeopardy. At any rate, it seems like a stupid move to hand QBs oblique spheroids that still have the factory coating. Typically, those are reserved for kickers, who also hate them.

Nonetheless, the D held, and the Browns had a nice plane ride home. The only downer was that Tires blew a valve stem after getting punished on a QB sneak. He now has his annual broken tibia and faces the loss of his starting job to Tim (Sofa Boy) Couch against the Bungals. No wonder they call him Kelly Temporaries in C-town. Now the Drizzling Davenport will have to step it up until KT can get re-treaded. At \$800K a year KT is a great tire at a fair price. The same cannot be said of the \$6 million Furniture Kid.

Kelly showed some true grit, forcing Butch (Hurricane Boy) Davis to come up with his usual hilarious quotes. "Kelly's performance was John Wayneesque. He showed that he could win

despite looking like crap for 2 quarters. And that's bold talk for a one-eyed thin man.", said HB. When reminded that the line was "one-eyed fat man" HB said, "Oh, I was thinking back to Baltimore tackle Orlando Brown."

Grayders @ Donkeys:

The Monday Nighter promised a grudge match between the AFC Champion Grayders and the Denver Donkeys. In an unlikely surprise, only the Donkeys showed up and they brayed their way to a serious kicking of the AFC Super Bowl reps. Jake (The Fake) Plummer pulled his game out of the toilet, including an unlikely 40-yard scramble. Fake followed up his Elway impression by passing to wide open receivers after Clinton Portis softened up the zones by sucking in the LBs with his slashing runs.

Referee Larry Nemmers(kull) put in his bid for **Zebra of the Week** by calling phantom roughing the kicker calls as well as several ill-timed holding calls on the Grayders. These actions after several uncalled 'bows. His offerings were not needed as the Donkeys won easily. The Donkeys reciprocated by having WR Rod Smith ejected. While it looked like Smith was swinging at DT Chris Cooper, any football fan knows a WR would never risk breaking his hand on a helmet. The air punch landed squarely on the jaw of umpire Undry Wash (no joke; his real name!). Nemmerskull then called an offsetting unsportsmanlike penalty on the Faiders and nearly forgot to eject Smith.

Former Grayders head coach and ABC analyst John (Ace Hardware) Madden could scarcely hide his disappointment, saying he felt the team still has a Super Bowl hangover courtesy of the Expensive Corn Kings whoopin. Ace Hardware went on to say that the absence of DT Dana Stubblefield's was immaterial. The Look Man (and anyone who is not a devout Grayders fan) disagrees, citing the play of #91, DT Drake Drayton, who lost containment several times and got used like tissues at a peep show. The Look Man thinks rather that Oaktown was exposed in the Bowl, and absent Jerry (the IceMan) Porter's speedy seam routes, Rich (Loose) Gannon's lack of arm strength is a liability. Further, the presence of C Barrett (The Loon) Robbins is hurting team chemistry. Whatever the problem, the Oakies have about 2 weeks to fix it before they get left in the AFC West dust.

ABC also showed a grating piece on Donkeys Mascot Shannon Sharpe. The Mascot was asked whether Oaktown LB (and noted cheap shot artist) Bill (Romo) Romanowski injured him on purpose last season. "Certainly, Romo is Romo. He's on TV more time than Leave it to Beavuh reruns, but I don't think he did it on purpose. He's just a sadist, and you can't hold that against anyone. Now, let's get back to me... ", said the megalomaniac Mascot.

The Look Man also spotted a couple of unusual items Monday night. First, Mike (The Rat) Shanahan pulled an AI (The Godmother) Davis psyche-out by having the players change from white uniform pants to monochrome blue. After his fineable moves in the Bolts game the previous week, the Rat is begging for the league to fine him. Not only did he "fail" to bring his team's light colored jerseys in Saint Don, he lied about the Fake having a concussion rather than a shoulder separation.

The league's response will most certainly come (think James Earl Jones in "Field of Dreams"), but the Football Gods' wrath will be more painful. One does not take on the persona of the other team in football. Rather, one outclasses the opponent, making him see the error of his ways. The Look Man predicts a swift reversal for the undefeated Donkeys, perhaps as soon as this weekend in Detroit. With all of the Motor City DBs busted up, it should be an easy win for the Rat, but something tells the Look Man that Mooch & Company may rev up and defeat the most hated team on the planet. If not this week, then soon, as the Football Gods do not smile upon nonsense in the National...Football...League.

The Week Ahead:

The Battle of Ohio Part 1, the Packers-Bears and KC-Bal'mer games will be just a few of the great games ahead. Many will remember that RB Priest Holmes was cut by noted genius (in his own mind) Brian Billick(goat) in favor of Bam Bam Lewis. Both RBs have gone on to succeed with their respective teams, but Holmes will likely take it out on the Flintstones in a major way. The Flintstones are a contestant for ESPN's Contender or Pretender series. The Chefs are the real deal and likely AFC rep for the Big Game in 2004.

In the BOH Part 1, Bakers WR Chad (The Dentist) Johnson said he won't guarantee a victory over the Browns like he did last year before the 27-20 whoopin. "No guarantees until after the bye week," said the Veisse Angel. Asked why, he said, "I don't know." He said he meant nothing personal last season. "I was just trying to stir things up a little bit," he said. The Bengals were 1-8 when he made the guarantee.

HB notified the press that Sofa Boy would be the starter on Thursday in a press conference, stating that KT had failed to prove to him that he's able to "move around, throw, plant, see the delivery of the ball . . . Kelly's no different than anybody else. They have to be able to perform the duties they're going to have to do on Sunday. His broken leg is the injury du jour of the week."

HB would not speculate whether KT could serve as the backup if he is not able to start. If he can't, former Oklahoma QB Nate (Can I buy a Vowel) Hybl would have to be promoted from the practice squad. The Browns cut QB Josh (Loose) Booty last week in a move that irritated the former LSU 2-sport star. "Where's the loyalty? Where's the love?", said Loose Booty.

Holcomb has a 50-50 chance of playing. Sofa Boy has a 50-50 chance of playing well. Corky Dildo has a 50-50 chance of making it to the end of the contest. In other words, it's a coin flip, and the Look Man is hoping former referee Phil Luckett isn't doing the flipping. Luckett is best remembered for failing to hear the Bust call "heads" on an overtime coin toss. The league summarily terminated Luckett.

If you are not playing for Amusement Purposes Only, you might think about taking the Pack over da Bears on MNF. Every team that has unveiled a new stadium has stumbled badly. Since da Bears spent \$650 million for the new Spaceship Field in the Windy City, expect Kordell (The Crying Man) Stewart and Company to follow suit. LB Brian (No Brain) Urlacher has been exposed as a fraud since DT (Big) Ted Washington and LB Ro Colvin left for greener pastures in Beantown. No Brain has been stinking up the joint every since, and his Pro Bowl selections have more to do with his TV commercials than his talent.

The Philly Iggles and New England Chowds are in must-win situations this week. Donovan McNabb(sty) hasn't recovered psychologically from his broken leg last season, and the Chowds have been offering up broken bones like beers at a BoSox game. The 3 Teds, Big Ted, LB Teddy (Lingerie) Bruschi and Ted Johnson, are all on the shelf, and WR David Patten (Leather) is nicked up. Despite good (but not great) coaching, look for both teams to struggle this season and perhaps miss the playoffs. The Look Man is still ticked off about Herm (Miracle in the Meadowlands) Edwards getting shafted for Coach of the Year last season, and Bill Bellicose never met a player he didn't hate. Bellicose underestimated the impact of cutting S Lawyer (The Attorney) Milloy on the psyche of his team. The move was reminiscent of his release of Bernie Kosar in Cleveland. Kosar became a martyr and went on to get his ring with the Cowpokes and the move cost Bellicose his job. Can you say Foreshadowing Effect?

Speaking of broken bones, Daunte (Stuffed) Culpepper has a broken transverse process bone in his back, and is doubtful this week. This same injury ended Rashad (MJ Jock) Ahmad's career with the Vikes, relegating him to performing oral sex on Michael Jordan as an NBA sideline reporter. Let's hope Stuffed won't suffer the same fate. He would look pretty silly wearing an undersized Allen Iverson jersey. The Viqueens have looked great in 2003. Their D has left the Witness Protection Program it entered during the Enny (no "D") Green era. has shown some excellent leadership and Randy (Mouth) Moss has put a sock in it.

The 2003 season is rife with players who have gotten big paydays, only to suffer season-ending injuries. The Look Man asks if this is a trend, or simply the Football Gods showing their sense of humor? At any rate, it's simply another reason why the Look Man doesn't believe these fast starts spell disaster for the 1-2 teams out there.

Celebrity Obit:

For those of you who wondered whatever became of him, noted actor Gordon Jump passed away this week at the age of 74. Jump is best remembered for his roles as the Maytag Repair Man and Arthur Carlson of the TV series WKRP in Cincinnati. Jump's classic line, "With God as my witness, I swear I thought turkeys could fly" is in the Transcendent Humor Hall of Fame. He will be missed by his surviving family, fans everywhere and Loni Anderson, with whom he had a secret love child during her marriage to Burt (Maaco) Reynolds. "I always wondered why that kid had a love affair with kitchen appliances", said Reynolds. "I guess now we know." Andy Travis had no comment on the story.

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