The Look Man Report 2004 Week 5: The Magnificent Seven (Minus Four)

The ranks of the unbeaten fell to 3 in Week Five of the NFL season. The New England Chowds, New York Jets and Philly Iggles all remain perfect, while the Seattle Seahags and ATL Dirty Birds fell short of the Glory. Perhaps it's an East Coast thang.

Irrespective of geography, the Chowds set an NFL record for consecutive wins at nineteen by dusting off the woeful Miami Marine Mammals. The Chowds were heard singing the Steely Dan tune, *Hey Nineteen,* afterwards, led by Head Coach Bill (Dr. Evil) Belichick. It was a fitting tune since they were actually using the device on the Mammals during the game.

Week 5 also featured several Alcoa Fantastic Finishes as 3 games went to overtime, where Seattle, Houston and Arizona pulled defeat from the jaws of victory. Denver tried to follow suit, but the Zebras got in the mix and denied Carolina a game tying FG at Investigation Field at Mile High. The only thing Week 5 was missing was Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen flashing fingers each time an undefeated team got knocked out. Injuries to key players contributed mightily to the drama, as the fun just keeps on leaving for several NFL teams.

Jynts @ Pokes:

Dallas was coming off of a much-needed Bye Week, facing a surprising Jynts team in its second week away from the Meadowlands. The Look Man bet the hoose of the Pokes in his King of the Hill pool, figuring that Tuna would dismantle his former disciple Tom (Turn Your Head &) Coughlin in a division game. The Look Man is now looking for a suitable dwelling not comprised of cardboard.

The long and short of it is that the Pokes couldn't mount any sustained drives in the game. Tuna went Mike Martz on not one, but two 4th down calls, failing to convert on either. His vaunted Doomsday Lite defense got shaved by Tiki (The) Barber (of Seville) to the tune of nearly two hundred yards. And of course, as suggested here, Vinnie Testaverde showed signs of the wear and tear of a long season by stinking up Texas Stadium with his garlic laden passes. An injury to WR Antonio Bryant ended up being the trifecta, unless you count Meshawn Johnson actually throwing an incomplete pass. Meshawn has now attempted to punt, pass and kick his way into favor in Big D. So far, no dice for the Me-Meister.

Tuna is said to be disappointed in his squad. Coughlin's Crew has shown resilience, as they surprised the naysaysers in NYC and beyond. The G-Men did lose WR Tim Carter for the year, but based on the success of QB Kurt Warner, they may have enough to hold serve in the NFC Least.

St Louise at Seattle:

The Seahags looked to secure a substantial lead in the NFC West by knocking off the Greatest Show on Turf in Coffeetown. The Look Man erred last week in indicating that Seattle featured grass. In point of fact, the Seahags have FieldTurf, and the GSOT took full advantage of the fast track.

The Hags jumped out to a 17-point lead and began to look ahead to a battle of undefeated teams in Beantown. Unfortunately, they didn't count of Marc (The

Scarecrow) Bulger getting white hot down the stretch. Although they were down 17 points, the GSOT climbed back into the game by running the ball 9 straight times on their opening 3rd quarter drive. They then tied the score with an acrobatic (and lucky) grab by 300-pound TE Brandon (Mannie) Manumaleuna. The Hags came close to getting a league-leading 14th turnover when the Scarecrow bounced a high one off of 3 DBs in coverage. Mannie caught the deflection, and the GSOT was in business.

The Scarecrow tore through the NFL's top ranked defense for 202 yards in only 10 minute. He paved the Yellow Brick Road with some sweet passes once he got a brain transplant at the half. The Hags gave up the second largest comeback since the Colts knocked of the Bucs last season on MNF.

Mike (The Walrus) Holmgren helped their cause with some bad clock management down the stretch. As usual, Mike (Megalomaniac) Martz went Joe Gibbs with the timeouts, but the Walrus bailed him out by passing on 1st down just outside of the 2:00 warning. When the Hags were forced to punt, the Mouflons tied the score, and went on to steal a win in OT. Martz was dancing around like Seinfeld's Elaine Benes, and is likely facing a "Sweet Fancy Moses" fine by the league office for unnecessary kick dancing.

So Seattle loses its bid to run and hide in the NFC West standings, and now faces Dr. Evil at Gillette next week. Holmgren had better bone up on his coaching skills because Belichick won't be playing around when it comes to a consecutive win streak at home.

NE over Miami:

Belichick and his Boys win ugly but big at Foxborough. The defense knocked both Jay Fiedler (On the Roof) and AJ (Touchy) Feely out of the game, forcing the Fish to go with (Parsley,) Sage (Rosemary, and Thyme) Rosenfels in Week 6. Fiedler is now on his pre-Hanukkah injury vacation, and the Fish are floundering big time. Meanwhile, Bill (Dr. Evil) Belichick got a Gatorade shower and earned a trip to Murderer's Row the next few weeks facing Seattle, the NY Aeronauticals and Pittsburgh.

Minnesota over Houston:

The offensive trains were on the tracks for these two teams, where both cities feature a light rail system. Houston's version has been responsible for several deaths, as denizens and their sleds get nailed by mass transportation. No such problem in St. Paul, where Daunte (Baby Huey) Culpepper avoided collisions and threw 4 TD's in regulation and 1 in overtime.

The Vikes went into the game very thin at RB, with Onterrio (Canada) Smith on drug suspension and Michael Bennett still out with a knee injury. No problema, as rookie (Tuesday) Mewelde Moore proved he could function on Sunday as well. Moore had 180 all-purpose yards to go with Randy (Mouth) Moss' 2 TD catches.

The Vikings nearly blew this one on two occasions. After leading 21-0 in and 28-14, they allowed the Slim Shadies to send it to extra innings. David (You Can Drive My) Carr threw 2 TDs to WR Andre (Magic) Johnson, including one acrobatic number.

Carr and the Slim Shadies are developing into quite a threat down in the AFC Souse Division. Their near knockout of the Vikes would surely have caused Swedes owner Red McCombs to deliver another alcohol-induced team ream job. The 2003 Vikes drove their ship into an iceberg after a similar blast in Week 7 after going 6-1. Unfortunately, the 1 was a loss on national TV. Apparently, McCombs was upset by the number of rune stones he doled out for his defense.

Nonetheless, this year's product is superior, and the Vikes marched downfield for the win in OT. Baby Huey drilled a sweet TD pass to WR Marcus Robinson who dropped it. Undeterred, Mr. Huey went back to Mr. Robinson, who went to the House, making Reliant Field his new neighborhood.

"I was still upset about the drop, Neighbor" Robinson said. "When it was still in the air, all I was thinking was 'catch this ball' and then whatever happens, happens. I didn't want today's Word of the Day to be 'choke'." Culpepper, who threw for nearly 4 bills on the day, had an easy choice, with Mouth Moss in double coverage. "Nobody's perfect," said the cartoon character. "Everybody's going to make mistakes. What's important is what you do after you make mistakes. You either laugh a goofy laugh, or you suck it up and take it to the House." Huey added, "And I even got to do my little arm roll dance and everything!"

Huey is now mentioned in the same breath as MVP candidates Donovan McNabb(sty), Peyless (Dogboy) Manning, and Huckleberry Hound. Well, the Look Man made up that last one, but that's still rare air for the massive ex-Central Florida QB.

The Vikes have two very unusual stats this season. The Purple Helmet Wearers have not picked a pass yet this season after lighting it up in 2003. They have dropped 5 picks to date while the offense has a streak of 32 consecutive games with at least 300 yards of production. The Vikes are not even all rowing in the same direction, and still have been putting up scary numbers. The 32 game streak is a league record, and when the D starts clicking, look out.

Browns @ Stillers:

The Browns looked to roll the ugly Genocide Victims win into a 2-team parlay by beating the Blitzburgh Stillers at Ketchup Field. Hopes for a condiment embargo were dashed early, when (Big) Ben Roethlisberger hamburgered his way into the endzone on the first possession. Big Ben got clocked after delivering a sweet 50-yard pass to Plexiglass Burress on the scramble. Former Stiller Orpheus (My Boy) Roye drilled the Hamburger Kid right in the teeth, and it took a while for Ben to figure out if he still had the lettuce and tomatoes on his bun. Shortly thereafter, he rumbled into the endzone on a 6-yard run, proving that Big Ben may be ugly but he still knew what time it was.

For those who are fans of the TV series Buffy the Vampire Slayer, it was like when Angel and Buffy broke up, and they had to introduce Buffy's little sister Dawn. Dawn got all sexual tension-ish with Xander and Spike, because they were like, all rejected after Willow and Buffy went steady with new guys.

Dawn replaced Buffy as a central player, who despite her insecurities, ended up being the Key to fighting Evil. And she, like, kicked some major A when it came time to keep the Hellmouth from digesting Sunnydale, while Buffy kept getting her teeth kicked in. Of course, Xander got his eye put out for trying to get some young strange, but that really had nothing to do with the plot. It was just karma. It's like that with Big Ben. The Stillers drafted The Hamburger Kid with the idea of supplanting Tommy (That Deaf Dumb and Blind Kid) Maddox at QB in a couple of years. TDDABK hasn't been the same since suffering a Buffy Summers-type decapitation a couple of years ago. When TDDABK could not regenerate his arm after getting it torn from the socket this season, the Kid was pressed into service. He is now on pace to smash rookie records for performance by a MAC QB in the NFL.

For some odd reason, Browns D-Coordinator Dave (Papa Smurf) Campo decided not to blitz versus the rookie QB. The strategy seemed to work early as Chris (Betty) Crocker returned a deflected pass into the endzone for Cleveland's first score. Betty Crocker cooked the Rook, who was blameless for the pick.

Afterwards, it was ineptitude on all fronts. The Browns were never really in it after Stillers second TD. The Browns offense needs to step up, as it was able to score only 16 points against the Tissue Paper Curtain. QB Jeff Garcia starred as Ben Gazarra, running for his life every time he got the rock. RB Lee Suggs and the O-line threw some great "LOOK OUT!" blocks on the day, and Garcia took his lumps. He seemed to be the only one showing any heart on offense at all. WRs Denny Northcutt, Quincy Morgan and Andre Davis all treated the rock like unstable TNT, failing to move to the QB in a basic scramble drill. As a result, Garcia was unable to make any magic happen, and was beat to a pulp.

Afterwards, Coach Butch (Hurricane Boy) Davis called his QB "skittish", saying the Browns need to "just chill." Garcia responded curtly, and there is now obvious trouble in Browns Town. Look for Hurricane Boy to be shown the door if he can't win one of the next two games against the Bungals and Iggles. Ironically, HB could have a soft landing with a cushy job in Austin when the University of Texas fires Mack (The Knife) Brown at season's end.

Detroit @ ATL:

The Etroit (no D) Motor Vehicles, coached by Steve (Mooch) Mariucci have now doubled their road win total by beating Atlanta at the Georgia Dome. The Dirty Birds became the second road kill for the Motor City in a decade, as the defense roared to life on all cylinders.

While many are crediting Joey (Blake) Harrington with the success, the truth is that the defense put the "D" back in Detroit, courtesy of DTs Shaun Rogers and (Big Daddy) Dan Wilkinson. Rogers is developing as a superstud in the middle, and their speed on defense is surprising teams. The concept that Mike (Slick) Vick and the West Coast Offense is a bad fit is premature, because this aggressive, speed D will cause folks a lot of problems all season.

The injury to rookie phenom WR Roy (Tarheel) Williams is not as serious as previously thought, so the Motor Vehicles should be fine. More importantly, they now face the suddenly pathetic Pack in the Dome, where Brett Favre (Bean) is suspect.

Tennessee at Green Bay:

The Flaming Thumbtacks have smoldered all year, unable to stop the run after losing key defensive linemen in the offseason. The Pack has not looked much better after an impressive season opening win over the Carolina Black Cats. This Monday Nighter had the makings of a shoot-out of 1-3 squads.

The shoot-out turned into a torching as the suddenly white-hot Tacks scored early and often on the Gouda Group. The Zebras, headed by rookie referee Bill (Sonofa) Vinivich, tried to keep viewers away from the MLB playoffs on another network. Sonofa made calls that defied logic, including: (1) a no-call after a D-lineman clearly hit McNair upside the head, (2) two phantom holding calls and (3) the overturn of a clear INT by Samari (Esther) Rolle. On the latter, commentators Al Michael and John Madden were incredulous, wondering aloud how Sonofa could make the call.

The Tacks calmly turned the bad calls into Good Times, overcoming a 3rd and 23 reminiscent of the Iggles playoff uber play. They built an insurmountable lead off of interceptions, and a nice strip of Donald (Minnie) Driver. Brett Favre (Bean) kept forcing the ball into crowds in hopes of recreating his MNF win over the Grayders, but the Tacks would have none of it.

What was amazing were the contributions by Tacks rookies Troy Fleming and Jacob Bell. Bell, one of Big Ben's former blockers at Miami of Ohio, pulled well and threw crushing blocks to spring RB Chris Brown. Fleming picked up the blitz and refused to be stopped short of the goal on a key TD. With these kinds of rookie contributions, the Tacks may not be done yet in the AFC Souse.

Bungle in the Jungle 101:

Bengals head coach Marvin (Jerry) Lewis took the Bye Week to invite 400 of his closest female friends to Pall Bearer Stadium. The comedic coach of the Bungals conducted his second annual Football 101 course for women to learn the finer points of the game.

The night included Xs and Os, coffee and desert, courtesy of Easy Bake Oven QB Jon Pickna. "I baked these up myself, with some help from Mr. Tonight Show", said Pickna. "Johnny Carson Palmer needs to learn on the job, so here we are."

The women received a crash course in NFL football via video and coaching staff. Coaches also conducted a tour of the locker room and team facilities, as well as having the women try on actual football equipment. "Someone thought we were trying out for new defensive players, based on the size of some of the attendees, but that's just not true", said Jerry. "We get all of our walk-ons from high school teams."

No such evening would be complete without a raffle and door prizes. Lewis gave away an evening with Rudi (Ray Moore) Johnson, whose blue humor thinned out the crowd. "I never liked to do blue humor back in the Martin-Lewis days", said Jerry. "But Rudi has a different following, and we have to respect that."

The event raised \$40K for the Marvin (Jerry) Lewis Community Telethon, a charity group affectionately known as 'Jerry's Kids'. The money will likely go to fund new uniforms to replace the cat vomit currently worn by the Bungals. Next years coursework is expected to include actual Bungals players who also need to bone up on Xs and Os.



Marvin and his pupils

Weird and Wild Stuff:

DE Julius (Cayenne) Peppers picked off a Jake (the Fake) Plummer pass in the endzone, and returned it 101-yards to his own 2-yard line before being tackled. The INT return is the longest in the history of the league not resulting in a TD. What ticked off Donkeys' coach Mike (The Rat) Shanahan was not that WR Rod (Serling) Smith caught the DE from behind, but that The Fake threw into a zone blitz coverage in the first place. "He needs to worry more about his reads and less about that stupid Tillman tribute on his helmet", said the Rat. "That's the second time this season he pulled that crap. One more time, and his career really will be in the toilet."

At Foxborough, Marine Mammals WR Wesley (Crusher) Welker subbed for injured PK Olindo (Volare) Mare. The Texas Tech rookie returned punts and kicks, and kicked a midrange FG for the Fish. He also made popcorn and parked cars prior to the game with the Chowds. "I believe in earning my money", said Mr. Crusher. "Besides, we can't let MeShawn Johnson be the only WR who kicks." No comment from Me on the success of the Next Generation kicker.

Year of the TE:

The Look Man's prognostication on the Year of the TE may be coming true. So far this season the following guys are having career years:

Bolts - Antonio (Bill) Gates Niners - Eric(a) Johnson Dirty Birds - (Blue Green) Alge Crumpler Chowds - Daniel Graham (Cracker) J-Squareds - George (If loving you is wrong, I don't wanna be) Wrighster Pokes - Jason (No Quit in) Witten

Of these guys, Graham and Johnson stand out. Graham Cracker has 4 TD catches already this young season, projecting to a whopping 15 TDs for the year. Erica Johnson's projected catch totals of 131 for nearly 1,500 yards would smash the record for TE receptions in a season. Not too bad for an ex-Yale wideout.

Birthday of the Week:

Henry Wilkins - Official Father Of The Look Man celebrated a birthday this week. Dad shares a birthday with the following celebrities:

Comedian Nipsey Russell, Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister, and singermusician Paul Simon. In terms of NFL fame, both Jerry Rice(a-Roni) and Jerry (Buddy Lee) Jones were born on October 13th.

While Henry shares little in common with these celebrities, he did something much greater. He laid the foundation for the young Look Man by underscoring the importance of sportsmanship, brains and brawn. By playing ball with his sons, and insuring that the Look Man had male siblings to beat his head in, Henry fostered a love of sports in the Look Man.

One of the Look Man's favorite Henry Wilkins stories was going to see the Browns and Genocide Victims as a yute. The GVs won the game handily, and afterwards their fans were rubbing it in pretty good. Suddenly, as if by karmic force, Like to Fight Guy descended on the assembled GV Nation, beating them down in classic Cleveland fashion. Henry turned to the young Look Man and said, "Let that be a lesson to you, son. You can win the game, and still lose the fight." The Look Man never forgot that lesson. Or the taste of gameday Budweiser with a hint of salt in it.

Henry Wilkins set a fine example of manly leadership, personal integrity and above all, a hatred of men in black and white uniforms. Well, all except that last part. At any rate, Henry Wilkins is very deserving of a Birthday of the Week tribute by the Look Man.



Happy Birthday Henry! Love, Jerry Jones

Rice-a-Roni:

Jerry Rice(a-Roni) claims he is on the trading block and would like to go to Detroit to rejoin Mooch and the suddenly WR-thin Motor Vehicles. Rice is sick of not seeing balls

thrown his way by QB Kerry (Tom) Collins. I still have some rice left in the tank. I can help someone, but only if they throw it my way, said the Hall of Famer.

Grayders team spokesperson Erica Davis said, "I was afraid Norv would pull something like this." The Jersey Girl went on to say, "First, Loose Gannon almost went Christopher Reeve, now Turner turns into Lex Luthor with the offense. It makes me wanner drive my caw ovah the cliff!" Turner claims Rice will not be released before the trading deadline on 10.19.04.

Brown Rice:

Ohio is a swing state in Decision 2004, so National Security Adviser Condi Rice showed up at Browns practice on Thursday. Dr. (Brown) Rice is a former AD at Stanford, and makes no secret of her desire to become Commissioner of the NFL. "But I have to make clear not until Paul Tagliabue is ready to step down," she said. "He's done a fine job as Commissioner. It's a great league, and the wonderful thing about football is I think it's a unifying force in our country. Plus, the Commissioner is behind our program to make steroids the number one campaign issue."

Brown Rice spoke to the Browns after practice, telling them "to go beat the Bengals." She grew up rooting for the Browns in rural Alabama and maintains her love to this day. She spent a lot of time watching Jeff Garcia when she was at Stanford, and she likes him as a quarterback and beyond. "I know Jeff is dating that Penthouse chick right now, but after November 2nd my dance card is wide open. I am hoping he will throw the ball through my tire, just like on the Viagra commercials."



Commissioner Rice likes Jeffy

CDC MMWR:

In a bizarre move that has been condemned by most of Washington DC, Genocide Victims head coach Joe Gibbs has closed the offices of the team through Election Day at a time when all other NFL teams continued business as usual. Gibbs sent his staff home and cautioned people against visiting Washington DC.

The surprising move by the freshman coach is in response to a series of warnings by the Transportation Safety Administration regarding possible terrorist attacks that could debilitate the government's ability to hold a presidential election. Other NFL head coaches, staff and teams have called the move "reckless." Gibbs is now being compared to "the boy who cried wolf."

"I don't care what anyone says. I will not expose my coaches and players to a threat that I myself am unwilling to face", said Gibbs. "There is a real danger here, and I did not bring by sons Coy and Gregg to this town in order to die." When asked if defensive coordinator Gregg Williams is really his son, Gibbs would only shrug and mumble expletives.

The NFL league office is expected to act swiftly to the speculation that Gibbs is doing this to avoid a losing record on his Hall of Fame credentials. The move prompted ridicule from others, especially former GVs coach Marty Schottenheimer. "There's a gleam, men. A gleam that you only get when weapons of mass destruction are present", said Marty. Schottenheimer then broke into tears when asked to elucidate.

Coaches both within and without the NFC Least Division whispered "paranoid" when told of Gibbs' actions. A full investigation by John Ashcroft is expected. Since there was no nudity involved, no action is expected from the alcoholic Attorney General.

Zebra of the Week:

While Bill (Sonofa) Vinivich was clearly the winner this week, he faced some serious competition. Larry Nemmers(kull) called a boneheaded game at Investigation Field, stealing a win from the Black Cats with a 15-yard unsportsmanlike call on LT Matt Willig.

Willig was called for throwing the flag after an official hit him in the chest with the beanbag. Willig claimed he could have suffered Orlando Brown complications, but the 15 yarder moved Carolina out of range for a game tying FG. They ended up losing by only 3 points despite giving up 193 rushing yards to Donkeys RB of the Week Reuben Droughns (on and on).

Over in San Fran, Walt (Richard) Anderson called a very late roughing the passer penalty, allowing Tim Rattay and the Niners to come back and defeat a plucky Arizona squad. The Look Man has no qualms with Zebras making calls, but the game should be decided on the field. The Deadbirds might be the best 1-3 squad West of the Mississippi.

Bill Leavy put his bid in by awarding the Jynts 4 first downs by penalty in the game at Dallas. Doomsday Lite finally wore down, giving up the go-ahead score and the award for dirtiest uniform pants to the G-Men.

For sheer gall, Bill (Sonofa) Vinivich wins the prize. The calls he made in front of a national TV audience were so calculated that the Look Man was yelling at this television. What he did was an insult to the intelligence of NFL Fans, and this rookie should be summarily terminated. It was the first time the Look Man has seen the rookie ref, and hopefully the last. Sonofa, you are the Look Man's **Zebra of the Week**.

The Look Ahead:

The Battle of Ohio, Part 1:

The Bungals head into Cleveland after a week to mull over their 1-3 record. The Browns, at 2-3, with a 1-1 AFC North record, need this win, especially with the Iggles rolling into town next week. The Bungals are in similar shape, and face the Donkeys on MNF next week.

Look for a knock down, drag out battle to ensue. Bungals WR Chad (The Dentist) Johnson added to the suspense by sending bottles of Pepto-Bismol to the Browns defensive backfield, saying he plans to make them sick to their stomachs while covering him on Sunday. The Dentist also added personalized notes for each. Johnson is well known for making predictions "Just add a little spice to the game," he said on Wednesday. "I've been going against the same dudes for the last four years. This will make it a little more fun."

Johnson has had plenty of the latter while forging a 17.1-yard average on 15 catches with 4 TDs in the past four games. "I think some of the guys are taking it personal," said Browns DB Daylon McCutcheon. "But I think, for the most part, he is not an in-your-face guy. He just likes to have fun. He enjoys playing football. He's a jokester. And don't forget about his DDS degree. Holy Good Dental Health Batman!"

Pepto-Bismol is manufactured by Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co., which is donating money to the National Breast Cancer Foundation for each touchdown the Dentist scores in October. P&G rejected an offer from Janet Jackson to act as their spokesperson, citing her negative exposure.



Chad Johnson stole my job!

Bungals WR Peter (P-Dubya) Warrick is expected to miss this week's tilt at the Dawg Pound due to a nagging knee injury. The lack of production by the President of the Wide Receivers seems to be related to less deep balls for Chad (The Dentist) Johnson. Johnson has only one catch greater than 40 yards on the year.

The Bungals also miss P-Dubya's TD production in the red zone. "How are we supposed to terrorize defenses without Weapons of Mass Destruction?" asked Mr. Tonight Show. "Based on reconnaissance photos, we believe Daunte Culpepper and Company might be hiding the Browns' offense. We are now thinking about invading the Minneapolis in hopes of beating Cleveland this week."

When asked why he would go to Minnesota to try to beat Cleveland, Palmer said only, "Either you're with us or against us. Don't denigrate the efforts of our allies, who played and won against our common enemies. We have reason to believe Mike (Fried) Tice is harboring, aiding and beletting other offenses that are enemies of the Bungals." One reporter corrected Palmer's terminology, offering that it was "abetting" not "beletting." Palmer scowled and turned around, revealing an electronic prompting device between his shoulder blades.

Seattle @ New England:

The Hags need to bounce back after an emotional @ss-kicking at the hands of nutty Mike Martz and the GSOT. The Chowds are always tough at the Blade, and LMR correspondent Chris Reh will likely be at the game. The Look Man sees the Hags as having the Right Stuff to beat the Chowds. While the Hags always struggle East of the

Continental Divide, the Chowds are ripe for culling. Will it be Bluto's Revenge or Olive Oyl gets Implants at Foxborough? You make the call.

Houston @ Tennessee:

The Look Man like the Slim Shadies in the preseason, and this one should be a battle. Since the Horsies are getting every imaginable call by the Zebras, the AFC Souse crown is likely out of reach for either of these teams. Still, the division is tough from 1 through 4, and this one should be a crack-a-lackin' special at (ill)Adelphia. We have not heard the last of Air McNair and the Tacks.

Stillers @ Cowpokes:

The Stillers and Pokes have met many times in the Superbowl, so this is always an attractive battle. Big Ben has gotten the coronation as the Next Big Thing, even having a hamburger named in his honor at TGIFriday's. The Pokes are salty after stinking up Texas Stadium, and Tuna was likely pretty hard on them this week. Bill (Iron Chin) Cowher has coached way above his head this season, so something says the Stillers will be BBQd like brisket in the Lone Star State.

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The Look Man