

The Look Man Report 2006 **Week 4: Face Off**

OPENING

Week Four featured some great games including: Chowds at Bengals, the Battle of Undefeated Shehawks at Bears, and the Bolts at Flintstones. Unfortunately, a number of these games failed to live up to expectations due to bad coaching. The Bears destroyed the undefeated Seachickens, and the Chowds blasted the undefeated Tiggers and the Bolts played Martyball in B-More.

What did we learn from these matchups? To use the phrase of Keith Lindsay, the Official Cousin of the Look Man, "The Chowds ain't dead yet." In other words, the NFL season is indeed a marathon, and those who would place their home teams in the Super Bowl this early are simply absurd.

The Look Man noticed some other strange NFL factoids. Besides the bizarre fascination with Terrell Owens, the media seems fixated upon brutal behaviors by defensive linemen, who would attempt to obliterate their offensive counterparts using their feet. It was like the movie where John Travolta and Nicholas Cage exchange faces, except with only one guy getting a new face courtesy of cleats.

There were also an absurd number of pick plays involving WR screening (or blocking) defensive backs in order to open up the crossing routes. Normally, the back judge calls these penalties, but it could be due to an increased focus by the Umpire in looking for non-existent holding calls. The Look Man noted about three horrible holding calls on centers and guards in Week 4 that were called by the umpires.

Without further observations, the **Week in Review**:

Chowds at Beng:

The Bengals were looking to stay undefeated heading into their bye week, while Bill (Dr. Evil) Belichick and the Chowds wanted to avenge their stinker against Denver. As it turned out, the Chowds still have not lost 2 in a row since 2002 and the Ugly & Black's express train to Miami got derailed in a blowout loss.

Despite the playoff implications and the third largest home crowd in Bengals history, the Nati was pretty pedestrian. They drove deep into enemy territory on their first two drives, but had to settle for FGs both times. The Chowds woke up, and led 14-13 going into intermission, mainly on the strength of the Chowds running game. Dr. Evil out coached Marvin Lewis, disguising an injury depleted secondary that included future Hall of Fame DBs like Hank (The Little Mermaid) Poteat and Troy (Downtown Julie) Brown. Nati Fan actually booed their team at the half.

The game was a very close affair for three quarters as the Chowds held the Nati to two of eleven on 3rd down conversions. New England then proved that baked beans beat chili spaghetti with 236 rushing yards to finish the game. The outstanding rushing attack included a vicious Laurence Maroney stiff arm on safety Madiou Williams, and Corey Dillon end zone frog dance.

New England was forced to use spit and bailing wire in the secondary due to injuries to Randall (I'm So) Gay, Ralph Ellis(on) Hobbs and Eugene Wilson. When queried on

Downtown Julie Brown's performance, Belichick said, "Troy has bailed us out so many times, it's just amazing. We had in a couple new coverages and tried to make some adjustments to deal with Cincinnati's passing game, which we know is outstanding. Of course, we did what we always do: take over the world one game at a time."

The Chowds turned the game into a rout after a questionable roughness call on safety Kevin Kaesviharn. Special K decked WR Reche (Pieces) Caldwell just after the ball arrived, and the resulting penalty set up a 25 yard TD run by Boney Maroney.

"Who's this Maroney kid?" asked Longtime Suffering Bengals Fan Dave Sundin. "We all thought Corey was the workhouse, and out trots this guy. He gashed us for 125 yards on only 15 carries," said Sundin, who then issued his patented dismissive wave.

Dillon, an ex-Bengal, donated his cleats, helmet, and shoulder pads to the south end zone fans in his last home game at Paul Bearer Stadium. On Sunday, Corey celebrated by throwing those same fans the rock, who courteously returned the pass. The fans actually believed that they were watching baseball at Wrigley instead of a playoff preview.

The blowout loss sends the Ugly & Black into the bye week with quite a hangover. Marvin Lewis defended the benching of troubled WR Chirrs Henry, saying it had no impact on the outcome. "Well, Chris doesn't make many tackles, so I am not sure how he would've helped," said Lewis. "Of course, he could've capped their runners in the knee with his nine. But I'm pretty sure that the league frowns on that kind of thing. It's just not acceptable."

Browns @ Grayders:

The Commitment to Excrement continues after the Grayders blew an 18 point lead and the game to the Browns. Charlie (Biggie Size) Frye threw yet another late red zone INT, but the Barking Dawg D came up large in the last four minutes. That time allowed Grayders head coach Art Shell to practice his impression of a bronze statue on the sidelines.

"We were up 21-3 and you've got to close the game out," coach Art Shell said. "Just like you finish plays, you've got to finish the game, and we didn't do that. When we had to stop them we didn't do it. When we had to make plays on the offensive side, we didn't do it. And on special teams, when we kicked off and punted, there were times we didn't stop them. So we when I had to coach, I didn't do it. I just stood there doing my mannequin impression."

Grayders rookie Andrew Walter (Brennan) took over at QB for Aaron Brooks (Brothers), but anybody can hand the football off. Despite over 200 rushing yards against a Cleveland secondary missing two starters, Art Shell decided to continue to run the ball. Who is this guy – Sam Wyche?

The Grayders broke out to a big lead on a questionable defensive fumble return touchdown. Defensive lapses allowed long runs by RBs LaMont Jordan, and Justin (Huggy Bear II) Fargas. On the defensive side, pressure by DE Derrick Burgess set up the first two interceptions of CB Nnamdi Asomugha's career.

Biggie Size threw nice TDs to Kellen (The Solider) Winslow and newly activated Joe (Sid) Jurevicius. The latter toe-tap TD won the game and nearly caused the Look Man to crown Ed (Hulk) Hochuli with the Zebra of the Week award. The Hulk avoided getting very angry and overruled the back judge, correctly awarding the TD catch to the Punk Rocker.

Bolts at B-More:

The Look Man predicted Marty Schottenheimer and the Bolts would leave Baltimore with a W in Week Four, but who knew Marty would go more conservative than Pat Robertson? The Bolts allowed Steve (Air) McNair to use his legs and his arm to snatch another last second victory. The Flintstones are beginning to get on a roll, and with their defense, the last thing you want to do is play a nail biter.

After missing the 2005 postseason by one game, Marty simply couldn't risk losing a key AFC game with tie-break implications. One has to wonder why Marty would throw only 8 times in the second half while LEADING the ball game. The result was another ignominious loss via their final possession, leaving Marty to give yet another "We're all in the boat now men; everyone has to grab an oar" speech.

Of course, Marty has choked away more big games than most coaches. He was single-handedly responsible for holding LaDanian Tomlinson to under 100 yards rushing. Marty must have been reading the spurious stats correlating number of rushing attempts and wins over Baltimore. Marty, you actually have to throw the thing sometimes, or you are just Woody Hayes with better eyeglasses.

Seattle Shehawks at Chicago Bears

Just as the Look Man predicted, this was not a preview of the NFC Championship. (T-) Rex Grossman devoured the Shehawks defense and Chicago even got their running game going. Matt (Hair Club for Men) Hasselback absorbed punishment early and often and the Bears cruised to a blowout win.

Bears Fan is already buying tickets to Miami, and it may be with good reason. Their remaining schedule includes daunting matchups against Crapchester, BYE, the Niners, Deadbirds, and Marine Mammals. It's enough to make you wonder if Lovie has compromising photos of Commissioner Goodell!

Still, it's not over until Lee Corso takes his mascot head off in the Nike Briscoe High commercial. While no one expected (T-)Rex Grossman and the words "league-leading QB" in the same sentence, there is still plenty of time for a meteor to cause a nuclear winter in Chicago. The good news is that Grossman's body parts will help prevent future oil shortages.

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

The award for Week Four goes to Zebra Bill (the Czech Winemaker) Vinovich for Chowds at Bengals. The Canceled Czech's unnecessary roughness allowed New England to turn a key possession into a touchdown, setting up the blowout in what had been a close game. Fans could see the deflation of the Bengals in their body language after that hit.

The game was well played, and the Kaesviharn hit could easily have swung the balance to the Nati. Instead, it allowed the Chowds confidence to soar as epitomized in the stiff

arm on the very next play, a 25 yard TD run. Madiou Williams, the Bengals most physical player, was the victim.

Vinovich and crew then called several meaningless penalties on New England during mop up time, making the final penalty totals close. In truth, the roughness call changed the game and allowed Vinovich to garner the Zebra of the Week award.

Honorable mention to rookie Zebra Jerome (Bogomil) Boger. Bogomil's lack of attention allowed Fat Albert's frustration to turn into an assault that nearly cost one player his eye. Unless Boger aspires to be the next Beanbag Tripplette by reffing a game where a player goes blind.

On the positive side, Zebra Ed (the Hulk) Hochuli overruled a bad call that would have changed the outcome of the game. The Hulk overruled Back Judge Scott Helverson's no catch call on Browns WR Joe (Sid) Jurevicius' TD. The Hulk instead ruled Sid had a TD catch in the dirty dirt end zone of Oakland's Alameda County Stadium.

The Zebras had already had a field day with Cleveland, calling KR Joshua (Tree) Cribbs out at the 32 yard line despite video evidence to the contrary, and calling a fumble return for a TD on Reuben (Sandwich) Droughns earlier in the game. The Hulk had simply had enough, and went Dr. David Banner on his colleagues, overruling the bogus call. Perhaps he simply wanted to avoid the Look Man Zebra of the Week Award. Who knows?

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Graphics Night in America

The Bears have won double digit games and choked in the playoffs before, but the difference might be that their running game looked like it was starting to go on Sunday night. Of course, that might have just been a mirage created by too much alcohol. Hell, The Look Man was so drunk that even Pink was looking good singing the worst pre-game theme song ever. What, did NBC and ESPN have a bet to see who could make the most awful pre-game song and graphics?

Wait'll we get our Haynes(worth) on You:

The Pokes blowout win had the Thumbtacks seeing red, as (Fat) Albert Haynesworth got caught on film stomping the head of Starhead center Andre Gurode. Fat Albert was heard to say, "Hey, hey, hey" during the play, which netted him five games at home and a free Sunday Ticket subscription.

When Head of NFL Officials Gene Washington asked Zebra Jerome (Bogomil) Boger to verify the identity of Albert Haynesworth in New York, Look Man Correspondent GB Shaw got the following audio from a secret hidden microphone:

Washington: Is this man?

Bogomil: Yes sir!

Washington: Is this the gentleman who stomped the head of a defenseless lineman? Is this the gentleman who ruined the buffet at the Harrow Club this morning?

Bogomil: Yes sir!

Washington: Who lured Thurman and Henry into a gross drunkenness at a vehicle checkpoint in Cincinnati?

Bogomil: Yes sir!

Washington: Who disabled an unmarked unit with a banana?

Bogomil: Yes sir!

Washington: I just bet he is the pride of the Flaming Thumbtacks in Nashville. What does he think this is? Did you tell him he doesn't play in Cincinnati, he plays in Nashville????!!

Irrespective of whether the penalty was too little or too much, Fat Albert got more time off than Orlando Brown when he pushed Zebra Jeff (Beanbag) Tripplette to the ground. All Beanbag did was to go Red Ryder BB Gun on Orlando's eye.

The Day the Music Died

The Ponies at Aeronauticals was a great back and forth affair, ending with Eric Mangini calling Stanford Band Right. The multiple lateral play was working well until Jersey center Nick (Barry)Man(i)gold got his paws on the rock. The play then fell apart, resulting in two fumbles and the tuba player breathing a sigh of relief. Actually, if Manigold performs a kick-out block earlier instead of singing *I Write the Songs*, they might've scored.

CELEBRITY OBIT OF THE WEEK:

Tamara Dobson, stunning 6'2" model-turned-actress and star of "blaxploitation" films, has died at the age of 59. Ms. Dobson played a strong female government agent in the Cleopatra Jones franchise, kung fu kicking her way to semi-stardom. She later had TV roles in the sci-fi series, *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*. Most recently, she was a defensive line coach for the Tennessee Flaming Thumbtacks, teaching footwork techniques.

Dobson was one of the first women to play a strong lead role, which was very uncommon in the 70s. Her work helped spawn the Equal Rights Amendment, giving women equal pay for equal work. The ERA was defeated in 1976, largely based upon the fear that women would have to serve in the military.

"She was not afraid to start a trend," said her brother, Peter Dobson. "She designed a lot of the clothing that so many women emulated. She was just like her movie character in real life, too. She used to beat up all the boys in school. One time, she kicked me in the crotch so hard that my erections caused my tongue to swell."



Miss Cleo

Dobson was diagnosed six years ago with multiple sclerosis, dying of pneumonia complications. She is survived by Jessica Lynch and Lynndie England.

THE LOOK AHEAD:

Dallas at Philly:

This game has enough media hype to compete with the Coronation Bowl in New Orleans earlier this season. The Return of Terrell Owens to the City of Brotherly Love could force the Iggles to re-establish the jail and courthouse from Veterans Stadium. The locals hate TO with a passion, and if these guys cheered when Michael (The Playmaker) Irvin donated his neck to science, imagine the cacophony if TO goes down.

Unfortunately, the Iggles are in no shape to win this one. Perhaps the Iggles were simply resting their injuries against the Pack in order to be prepared for Big D next week. Last year's 14-13 loss to the Pokes will be additional fodder, but RB Brian Westbrook, WR Donte Stallworth, and CBs Roderick Hood and Lito Shepherd are bigger factors.

The Iggles are too banged up to hang with the suddenly offensive Starheads. Dallas wins and gets on a roll by using TO as a decoy to allow TE Jason Witten and WR Terry (She) Glenn to blow up. Big D also unveils secret weapon LB Bobby (Close to You) Carpenter on special teams, and they end up On Top of the World at least for this week. Dallas, baby, Dallas.

Miami @ New England:

Daunte may be fine physically, but it's tough when you have 300 pound linemen dancing around you. The Look Man noticed Pep is reading his blocking instead of looking downfield. Either the O-line is voting with their blocks in this midterm election year or the locals are hoping to re-sign Jay Fiedler (on the Roof). Either way, the Marine Mammals are in typical post-Hanukkah swoon just after Rosh Hashanah.

Dr. Evil had the Chowds hitting on all cylinders in the Queen City last week, and will now attempt to coast until he can get his starting corners back. In the interim, look for part-timer Troy (Downtown Julie) Brown to man the position against the struggling Mammals. Chowds win, offsetting a disappointing season by the BoSox.

Cleveland @ Carolina:

Browns in for a tough matchup with their second road game in two weeks. The Browns turned the corner versus the Flintstones, and notched a comeback win last week. This week, they face a vicious D-line which includes monster DE Julius (Cayenne) Peppers. Either Mo Carthon gets a clue, or the Browns get pounded. Carolina will be a handful with backup CBs Ralph (Kramden) Brown and Daven Holly vs. Steve (John Jacob Jingleheimer) Smith and Keyshawn (Throw Me the Damn Ball) Johnson. The Browns should have signed Pack CB Ahmad (Toast) Carroll to shore up an injury depleted D-backfield. Even crispy Toast would be an upgrade in C-Town.

If Frye can avoid his recent penchant for red zone picks, the Browns get another ugly win over the Black Cats, who will be looking ahead to Baltimore next week. Even an ugly W counts as a quality win in Cleveland, which climbs to 2-3 on Sunday.

Washington @ New York Jynts:

Former Genocide Victim Lavar (Roots) Arrington faces his former team for the first time in this big NFC Least matchup. Roots had to go when he and Associate to the Associate Head Coach Gregg Williams didn't see eye to facemask. The Genocide Vix

have climbed back to mediocrity with an OT win at J-Ville last week, and this game represents an important battle for an NFC Wild Card.

The Jynts have been team turmoil, but the physical nature of the GV overtime win last week takes its toll in the Big Apple. Team turmoil beats Old DC in a rock 'em sock 'em affair.

Blitzburgh @ San Diego:

The Stillers are coming off of their bye week with the hopes that Fathead Big Ben has figured out their offensive personality. Their hopes will be dashed unless they have gotten healthy. WR Hines (57) Ward and SS Troy Polamalu are more injured than they have let on and downhill runner Najeh (Dump Truck) Davenport needs to get into the mix, because (Fast) Willie Parker cannot absorb the pounding.

Head coach Marty Schottenheimer needs to allow his QB some room to throw. The Bolts will have a tough time running against the Stillers, so look for Philip (Muddy) Rivers to put it up more often than he has. Marty has gotten harsh criticism for the loss at Baltimore, where he refused to allow Muddy to lose the game.

San Diego owes Blitzburgh a beating after losing to them on MNF in 2005. The game was physical then, and promises to be more of the same this year. The Look Man likes the Stillers in this one because Iron Chin Cowher has had a week to game plan against his former mentor. He is going to need it, but the Bolts win anyway.

Baltimore @ Denver:

On the Donkey side of the rock, Mike (The Rat) Shanahan needs to get Jake (the Fake) Plummer on track because running the ball against the Flintstones will be tough. Look for Fred and Barney to try to force Jake to stay in the pocket, where his accuracy is questionable.

Baltimore picked up former Donkey RB Mike (Gunny) Anderson, who knows the Denver offense better than Jake the Fake. The Donkeys win this one courtesy of the Zebras, knocking B-More from the ranks of the unbeaten.

EPILOGUE

The Bengals face Tampa, Carolina, ATL, and Baltimore coming out of this bye week. It gets easier thereafter, with only Indy, B-More (again), at Denver, and finishing with a New Year's Eve matchup against Blitzburgh.

The Look Man Psychic Network predicts the Ugly & Black are headed back to 9-7 and out of the playoffs. In fact, one more injury to the depleted O-line, and they won't even finish at .500.

Look for Marvin Lewis to come to his senses and reinstall WR Chris Henry, as well as getting back injured players like Dexter Jackson. With this tough schedule, the Bengals may need gunplay in order to post victories, forcing Commissioner Roger (Rabbit) Goodell to ask, "Eh, what's up Doc?"