The Look Man Report 2009 Week Six: Fitty Burger

"If it doesn't have to be a basketball player, George W. Bush. I would dunk on him, break the rim, and shatter the glass." -- Cavs F LeBron James on who he would like to dunk on in Maxim magazine.

Week Six featured the Return of Tom Terrific as Tom Brady set a NFL record with 5 TD passes in the 2nd quarter. The sequel ended up revolving around the meeting of a superior AFC power against a former AFC power. In the end, we witnessed an incredible display on a snow-covered field at the Blade, and the knowledge that the Flaming Thumbtacks of Tennessee have officially given up.

The Look Man's radar went off regarding the Tacks after the blowout loss to Indy, but somehow, this seems linked to the Air McNair death. Many folks in Nash-Vegas believe McNair's death was not a murder-suicide, but something more sinister. The implosion of the Tacks a season after going 13-3 is the most tumultuous fall in recent NFL history.

Not saying the Chowds ain't 59-0 better than Tennessee, but really, no one is that much better than the next team in today's NFL. Head coach Jeff Fisher knows something about the McNair homicide, and the players, sensing the cover-up, have gone into turtle mode. You know you've been pimped when a team drops a fifty burger on your ass.



"Never get a fitty burger at the Drive Thru!"

Week Six also featured a record 3 special teams TDs in the first half of Monday Night Football for the first time ever. The Denver at San Diego game was as entertaining as it was revealing. This just in: The Donkeys are doing it with D, following up an emotional tour-de-force win over the Chowds, with an important division win over the nemesis Bolts. Denver stopped Phillip Rivers from going all PHILIP RIVERS!, turning him over several times and generally pounding the rest of the Bolts. Brian (Hawk) Dawkins strained a hammy after some first quarter tenderizing of the Bolts receivers. Hawk returned for the second half, but the die had already been cast. Like the Bengals game in Week One, Dawkins' physical play set the tone for the game, forcing the team into one-dimensional offense. If he is out for a prolonged period, Denver could lose a couple.

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Walt Disney Anderson - Browns at Stillers:

Ketchup Field was subdued as the Browns and Stillers hovered near a tie in the 3rd period. That's when Walt Anderson went Phantasia, giving Big Ben an incredible spot on a 4th down QB sneak. Ben was not even close, and the measurement clearly indicated Ben was a foot short. No matter, as Goofy gave them a first down reminiscent of the infamous Wes Welker Chowds fourth down from the preseason.

The spread for the game was 14 with the final margin 27-14, so someone got paid. The game included an overturned TD catch by Hines (57) Ward, and a missed holding call on the Cribbs KR TD.

Walt Anderson, you are the Look Man's Zebra of the Week!

PLAYS OF THE WEEK:

Browns at Stillers: KR Josh Cribbs – KR TD to bring the Browns within 3 points at the beginning of the 3rd quarter. The TD made it 17-14, in a game the Browns eventually lost 27-14. Cribbs is better than Devin Hester, and needs a new contract.

Denver at San Diego: WR Royal breaks not one, but two kicks for TDs IN THE FIRST HALF as the Donkeys nearly rout the Bolts in their own crib. RB Darren Sproles answered with a return TD of his own for San Diego, setting a new NFL record for special teams TDs in a half.

Iggles at Oakland: TE Zach Miller - YAC resulting in an 86-yard catch and run TD following two blocks by WR Louis Murphy. Murphy's first block opened it up, and his second sprang Miller for a slow gallop to the Hizzie. Coaches used a calendar to time Miller's speed for the only TD in a surprise 13-9 Oaktown win.

THE LOOK AHEAD

Minnesota at Blitzburgh (-4)

The Pope and his congregation travel to the Still City and maintain their perfect record. Unfortunately, the Stillers have other ideas after losses by B-More and the Nati put the AFC Asgard division up for grabs.

Big Ben has been sharp, but the defense missed Troy Polamalu. Head and Shoulders is back, but he tweaked the knee in the C-town game. He still doesn't look right, and the defense reflects his personality. By the way, Bob Sanders returns this week for Indy. Not saying, just saying.

The Vikes defense is solid against the run, but vulnerable to the pass. B-More carved them for 21 second half points last week, mostly through the air. Look for Ben to do more of the same.

The Look Man likes the Stillers in this one. The Pope will be looking ahead to the Green Bay game in Week Seven. Stillers win in the Game of the Week.

Green Bay at Cleveland (+6.5):

Speaking of Green Bay, the Browns get some cheese for their dawgs in the Pound. Aaron Rodgers and the potent passing offense take on the Stinking Dawg D that gave up 417 to Big Ben in Week Five.

Further, the Browns had 12 guys come down with the flu this week, with five confirmed H1N1 infections. It gets ugly as the Browns young receiving corps can't match up with AI Harris and Charles Woodson at the corners.

Teams typically follow big stinking outings against the run or the pass by stopping whichever hurt them previously. The Look Man figures the Pack to win but not cover as they look ahead to the Favre Bowl, Part II in Week Seven. Browns cover.

Atlanta at Dallas (-3) (Game of the Week II)

The Pokes are coming off the bye week healthy and motivated to win in the new Jones Mahal. RBs Marion Barber, Felix Jones, and Tashard Choice make the Slash, Dash and Tash backfield healthy again for a change. The Pokes need to run the ball effectively in order to win this game.

The Dirty Birds looked solid last week versus the Monsters of the Furniture Mart. They turned Jay Cutler(y) over twice, and used two goal line stands to take out Chicago. It's tough to know whether they can do the same to the road graders of Dallas.

Atlanta is better at home than on the road. The Look Man likes Big D to cover here as they unveil their Counter Trey Poke pounder offense. Pokes.

Chicago at Chi-Nati (-3) (Game of the Week III)

(Johnny) Carson Palmer's late pick at crunch time cost Cincy the game, but how does a legitimate playoff contender give up 400 passing yards to Matt Schaub? Houston barely won despite TE Owen Daniels 7-78 with 2 TDs, Andre the Giant's 8-135 yards, and Slaton tossing in 6-102 for good measure.

The Bengals lose DE Antwan Odom for the year to an Achilles, further hurting their pass rush. Jay the Knife will be salivating at the chance to burn the Bengals with a solid TE, and speed receiver Johnny Knox(ville).

Look for the Bears to put the playoff talk back on the shelf despite a rough and tumble game. Bears cover in a game that was moved from a 1:00 o'clock kickoff to a 4:05 start.

Arizona at NY Jynts (-6.5) Football Night in America

The Jynts got stomped by the Religious Icons 48-27 in Week Five. The Look Man couldn't have been more wrong about New Orleans, as they demolished Big Blue. The only possible answer is that Jeremy Shockey gave away the farm with regard to their schemes, because Brees was white hot.

Look for the G-Men to rebound this week against the defending NFC champs. Arizona looks better now that Kurt Warner's hip is healing. Warner has a bone to pick with New York after they sent him packing as a free agent. The bigger issue might be the health of WR Anguan Boldin. Jynt's win but don't cover on Football Night in America.

EPILOGUE

The season has taken some strange turns, and there are several good matchups in Week Six. Look for the wheat and chaff to go their separate ways in the coming weeks. Indy and New Orleans are legitimately undefeated, and that will continue. Minnesota was exposed by B-More, and they fall in the next three weeks.

One thing is for sure: Eric Mangina can't coach his way out of a wet paper sack. His failure to call time-outs or do any other significant in-game management was directly responsible for the Browns' tenth consecutive loss to the Stillers.



Why is this man smiling?

Peace,

The Look Man