

## **The Look Man Report 2009** **Week Nineteen: Who Dat Nation**

*"So much for being rusty." – Religious Icons head coach Sean Payton after a 45-14 blowout of Arizona*

Another weekend, another string of blowout wins. That's the story of the 2009/2010 season. It's been strange from the opening week, and the Divisional Playoffs were no exception. The good news is that the Look Man recovered to go 4-0 in his Week Nineteen picks.

The storyline of the week was defense. New Orleans did everything they could to retire Kurt Warner, battering him into next season with brutal hits. The Vikes broke out the Purple People Eaters, pounding poor Tony Romo and the Pokes. The Jets kept it close long enough to put up late scores and send Phillip Rivers and the Bolts on holiday to The Grand Del Mar Hotel. In the words of Broadway Joe Namath, "The name of the game is kill the quarterback."

So defense ruled the day, and this week, the Conference Champions will be decided with fierce games in Indy and New Orleans. The winners get an all-expense paid trip to South Beach, where the women are hot and the stone crabs are cold. What more could a football fan ask?

### **LAGNIAPPE**

#### *Who Dey vs. Who Dat?*

The Religious Icons have a slogan that is very similar to the Bengals Fan. "Who dat think dey gon' beat dem Saints?" rings out at every home game. For some reason, the Look Man actually enjoys the Big Easy version, while the Bengals "Who Dey" version stinks on ice.

Both teams have been using the slogan for around the same time, but the Icons have colorful fans like the Pope Guy, Bald Head Helmet Guy, and Saints Whistle Head Guy. The Bengals have only the Storm Trooper and a few guys in orange and black tuxedos. Last week, the Icons even had a guy dressed like the robot in the Fox Sports NFL opening.

On the coaching side you have Sean (Secret Squirrel) Payton versus Marvin (Jerry) Lewis. No contest there, as well as at QB Drew (Orleans La)Brees(iana) versus (Johnny) Carson Palmer. All in all, the Icons are America's Team, and the Bengals, well, they're the Bengals.



*Sean Payton with and without his costume...*

### Pro Bowl 2010 – South Beach Style

The Pro Bowl is going to be played between the conference championships and the Super Bowl for the first time ever. The game will be held in Miami, which takes the two week wait out of the equation. The divisional runners up will coach the game instead of the conference champ runners up based upon the logistics issues.

This season's game will not feature several key players, since they are playing this week. Peyton, Freeney, Mathis, Dallas Clark, Revis, Wayne, Faneca, Mangold, Harvin, Winfield, Jared Allen, Kevin Williams, Adrian Peterson, Sharper, and Brees will miss the game.

Since when does a trip to South Beach qualify as a true vacation? In Honolulu even Peyton Manning drinks. Peyton and the boys were teasing Adrian Peterson about drinking H2O poolside when they were getting their 'Goose on. The veterans implemented a new rule, saying everyone must drink this year.

Of course, they must also have a driver in order to avoid the disaster that befell Cleveland WR Donte Stallworth. Stallworth ran over a pedestrian on the way back from a South Beach bender last year.

### All Day Music

Adrian (All-Day) Peterson hasn't had a C-note rushing in the last eight games, largely due to the focus on keeping Favre perpendicular. The Look Man believes that you can't practice run blocking and pass blocking equally, and since they are opposites, the Pope gets more love.

But the bigger issue is the loss of veteran FB Tony Richardson. The Hornheads run more single back sets, and all Day is not getting that extra split second to read the lead block and cut back. His slashing style requires a FB to lead the way, allowing him to set up the cutback run.

Also, the Hornheads are running more four receiver sets, even incorporating TE Jimmy (The Wolfman) Kleinsasser (#40) with Visanthe Shiancoe. This is likely the Wolfman's last season, and he has a new movie coming out starring Anthony Hopkins.



*"I will kill ALL OF YOU!"*

Tony (Stark) Richardson is now with the Jets, opening holes for RBs Shonn Greene and Thomas Jones. It's no coincidence that the Jets now have the best running game of any team remaining in the playoffs, as Iron Man Tony takes over for perennial all-star FB Lorenzo Neal as the best in the bi'nness.

## **ZEBRA OF THE WEEK**

### Cardinals at Religious Icons – Ron (a Lyin' in) Winter

Winter called a decent game, but nearly derailed the entire contest with a roughing call. Safety Darren Sharper picked off the pass and nearly took it to the house before the chicken call overturned the pick.

Winter then called several ticky-tack fouls on the Icons on a red zone possession that threatened to ice the contest. Luckily, the Icons regained their offensive rhythm, and put the game away, no thanks to Ron's lying ass.

### Pokes at Vikes – Walt (Disney) Anderson

Walt called a decent game, but allowed a borderline facemask on Favre to slide. The result was a TD pass anyway, so it wouldn't have mattered.

The bigger issue was the holding that Dallas was perpetrating on the Vikes D-line. Vikes head coach Mr. Potato Head was incensed when they failed to get pressure on Tony Romo early.

The Pokes were using the classic 'fall on their legs if you're beat' move on the Vikes. Once a pass rusher gets the edge, the O-lineman simply tackles them by falling on the back of their legs. This approach worked for a while, until the Hornheads began using the classic line stunt. The DE twisted under the DT, and Romo had to count his ribs after numerous hits.

The Look Man doesn't mind if the Zebras call both sides equally and eschew holding calls. It actually helps the flow of the game as long as no fights break out.

Therefore, the Look Man is going with Ron Winter this week. Ron Winter, you are the Look Man **Zebra of the Week!**

## **THE LOOK AHEAD**

### Jets at Indy (-7.5)

This game has epic written all over it. A team that could've knocked its opponent out of the postseason now faces them at home. That self same team spit on an opportunity for an undefeated season in the process. It's wily veteran Peyton Manning versus young Turk Mark (Entourage) Sanchez, for all the AFC marbles and a trip to Miami.

Well, that's the media line. The real story will be the Jets defense versus the Colts offense. Earlier this year, the Colts beat the Marine Mammals after only possessing the rock for 15 minutes. The news: the Jets D ain't as bad as Miami's.

While they don't have an outstanding pass rush, the Jets DBs are seriously underrated. CB Darrelle Revis has his own island, and former Iggle Lito (O-ooooohhh) Shepherd ain't chopped liver on the other side. Former Raven Jim Leonhard plays a rangy safety, and he is supported by big-hitting Kerry Rhodes on the strong side.

Even the backups have some skills, including Eric Smith, the safety who broke Anquan Bolden's grill on that sick hit last season. You have to watch your ass around these guys, because they can knock it clean off.

The Look Man has already chronicled the receivers for the Colts, young guns who have been tutored by WR Reggie (Millionaire Playboy Bruce) Wayne. Austin (Lassie) Collie and Pierre (Waiter!) Garcon team with uber TE Dallas Clark and hard running Donald Brown. Peyton is the conductor, orchestrating the high flying offense of OC Tom Moore.

The Jets will counter with blitzes on Manning, who beats the blitz like he's having tea and crumpets. But unlike other teams, the Jets can force Peyton to go to one side by locking down Reggie Wayne with Revis. Once he's on Revis Island, Bart (Simpson) Scott and the LBs can go to work on zone covering Clark and company.

As far as the Jets, they will need to throw on first down, get into second and short and run the football. First quarter runs yield fourth quarter rushing yardage. It's imperative to push the run in order to wear down your opponent.

Like a heavyweight fight, holding up your opponent early means fatigue late. The Jets O-line is seriously underrated. Everyone talks about Faneca and Mangold, but the RG is formidable as well. The guy you need to look out for is number 65, Brandon Moore. Moore knocked pieces off the helmet of a Bengals LB (Rivers) three weeks ago, and he might do the same to Colts LBs Clint Sessions, Gary Brackett and Phillip Wheeler. Just do yourselves a favor and look for number 65 on your program.

QB Mark Sanchez looks a lot like Adrian Grenier of HBO's *Entourage*. Like Grenier, he's also getting more ass than a canine with multiple sex organs. If he's Vince Chase, that makes Braylon Edwards his brother Drama, and OC Brian Schottenheimer is Ari Gold.

Sanchez needs to treat the Colts DBs to massive amounts of TE Dustin Keller and WR Jeremiah Cotchery, leading the Colts D-Coordinator to yell, "Hug it out, bitches!" after they get burned.



*"Got any hot dogs?"*

The Look Man is going to ride this Jets team for yet another week. It may be suicide to go against Peyton in a big game, but something tells me the ball possession game can work this week. Jets cover the ridiculous 7.5 points, and perhaps win outright in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AFL. J-E-T-S.

#### Minnesota at New Orleans (-3.5)

Drew (Cool) Brees and Company flattened the high-flying Cardinals offense last week in the Big Easy, 45-14. Unlike the Vikes, the Icons didn't even attempt to run up the score.

They simply took what the defense provided. TE Jeremy Shockey scored a TD, but re-injured his turf toe in the process.

The Big Story was Reggie Bush (43). Bush finally lived up to the hype, scoring on long runs and punt returns. Bush provided the lagniappe for the Icons, who punished the Deadbirds.

The Vikes looked solid in destroying the Pokes, largely based upon their defensive pass rush. Jared (Subway) Allen got double teamed, leaving DE Ray Edwards a lot of five dollar foot longs. Edwards digested Tony Romo, but ended up leaving with a knee late in the game. If he can play this week, they hope to turn those foot longs into po' boy sandwich with Drew Brees in the middle.

The Who Dat Nation will dial up the volume, turning the Superdome up to jet engine volume. Their noise didn't allow Warner to call any audibles, and their defense capitalized upon the confusion. If they get a lead, they can pin back their ears, forcing Favre to throw early and often.

When that happens, the ball will be up for grabs, and the Icons defense is opportunistic. More importantly, the offense has a potent, but unheralded running attack. Pierre Thomas, Mike Bell and Lynell Hamilton are the best running backs you've never heard of, and they can crease the Hornheads. Dallas didn't run the ball nearly enough, and it was their undoing. New Orleans won't make that mistake.

The Vikes scored a late TD in the Dallas game, when they should have just done a kneel down. The Football Gods hate ugly, and this was bad. Not only is Favre chasing Joe Montana's TD pass record, he was trying to scare the Icons.

Look for the Icons to take it to the Pope, pounding him, picking him and applying 'The Shocker' in the process (see [urbandictionary.com](http://urbandictionary.com) for details). Former Hornhead Darren Sharper picks at least one and All Day puts it on the ground. The Icons win the turnover battle and the game, covering the spread in the process. Who Dat??!!



*The Shocker...*

## **EPILOGUE**

The Conference Championship matchups look solid. Of course, that didn't help last week, as we were treated to another round of blowouts. Still, we have a chance for the two best records in the NFL to meet in the Super Bowl. The Colts and Religious Icons would be an epic matchup in Miami.

It's a matter of record that no team has ever played the Super Bowl in its home stadium. The closest was Super Bowl featuring the Niners at Pasadena, but next season the game will be held in Big D. The Pokes have a legitimate chance to play at home for the biggest game in their franchise history.

The Look Man is pulling for a Jets-Icons game in South Beach. Not only would that mean a lot of folks traveling from the Big Easy, but there are boatloads of transplanted New Yorkers in Miami. More importantly, the matchup of Brees versus Sanchez would be a dream matchup. You just know that Vinnie Chase will be out on Ocean Drive getting his schwerve on while Brees is camped out near Aventura Mall watching film.

It's cliché, but defense wins championships. And the Jets have it in spades with Sexy Remy. Look for him in a Speedo at a beach near The Cleveland Hotel sometime soon.

Peace,

The Look Man