

The Look Man Report 2009

Week Twenty: Favre on the Ground - American Idiot

"This is not Detroit, man...it's the Super Bowl" - Vikes announcer Paul Allen commenting on Favre's game losing interception in regulation.

The story of Week Twenty was the defrocking of Brett (the Pope) Favre. While the Vikes made more mistakes in the NFC Championship than in their Love Boat debacle, his were the most glaring. The Look Man is not a Favre fan, but he got more exposed in this game than Taylor Swift on Grammy Night. It was the third time he lost an NFC Championship game with a pick.

Peyton Manning proved he is the best active QB in his game, but he might be the best of all time before he hangs up his cleats. There aren't three QBs in the league who could make the two throws he made to Austin (Lassie) Collie and Pierre (Waiter!) Garcon. Peyton hit them both in situations where they were well covered, making (Sexy) Rex(y) Ryan's defense look pedestrian. And that ain't easy.

It was a standoff between offense and defense in Championship Week. The Colts used superior offense to dominate the Jets, while the Religious Icons punched their way into the championship. It was like Hagler-Hearns; no matter who you liked, you know you got your money's worth.

Despite a fitting end to the penultimate week, and the Super Bowl could eclipse it. All the Look Man knows is that he can't lose irrespective of the victor on February 7. Either the Colts will seal their legacy behind one of the greatest rookie head coaching demonstrations in history, or the underdog Icons will claim a place in history. Get your popcorn ready.

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The Favre Face

In the postgame presser, Favre's face looked as if he was in the Thrilla in Manila. He had red blotches and welts on his grill, and he claimed that the purple bruises all over his body matched his uniform palette. That high low hit that sent him to the sidelines late was vicious, but it was only one of many hits that you could feel all the way back to Green Bay.

The Vikes radio announcer went postal on the Pope, and it was well deserved. It was just as big a slam on Brad (Mr. Potato Head) Childress, who obviously let his yakking wife drive the car in this version of the commercial. And the wife was Brett Freaking Favre.

Mr. Tony should've benched Adrian (All Day) Peterson, who couldn't find a handle on the rock all evening. Backup RB Chester Taylor is better in passing situations because he can catch better than All Day and he actually picks up the blitz instead of allowing the Pope to get punished.

But in the words of General George S. Patton, "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." The physical pounding by the Icons forced the errors. Favre was brutalized, showing every one of his 40 years on the big stage. Peterson absorbed three solid hits by Vilma and

Sharper, including a borderline roughing play in which Sharper spilled his biscuits on the sidelines.

Sharper had already broken down and challenged Peterson on another hit that stopped AP in his tracks. AP did a lot of talking after both of those, but he lost the battles big time.

Pants on the Ground

Most folks saw Brett Favre going viral media with his locker room rendition of American Idol's *Pants on the Ground*. But last week, the Hornheads tempted Fate by inviting 'General' Larry Platt to New Orleans for the NFC Championship.

Owner Ziggy Wilf paid for Platt to stay at the JW Marriott in the French Quarter, where he raised a biggest stir than any of the players. Favre knew that by doing a rendition of POTG, he would get publicity for Fox TV which sponsors both American Idol and the NFC on Fox. The Pope never saw a TV camera he didn't love.

The Football Gods hate ugly, but they hate hubris even more. The presence of this year's William Hung served only to anger them, resulting in Favre on the Ground. You may credit D-Coordinator Gregg Williams with the game plan, but the Icons may have retired Kurt Warner and the Pope in consecutive weeks. Not bad for the 26th rated pass defense in the NFL.



Shiancoe and Platt aren't wearing pants

Who Dats vs. Hoosiers

Super Bowl XLIV features the Who Dat Nation versus the Hoosiers, and the matchup should be epic. The Look Man was in South Beach the week before Indy's last appearance. One night at the Clevelander Hotel, some dude from Indy was telling his boys that he thought he could get some digits from this shorty. The Look Man couldn't help but burst out laughing, because she was a hooker.

Colts Fan may need some instructions on hanging out in the Land of Hedonism, but the Who Dat Nation helped write the book.

Tailpipe K-Gunn Parish intimated that his parish priest is the Colts Team Chaplin, at home and on the road. Father Pony wears his AFC championship ring on one hand and his Super Bowl ring on the other while giving Mass.

Further evidence is provided by the Cookie Man, who offered this Colts prayer:

*Our Peyton, Who art in Indy, hallowed be thy arm.
Thy Bowl will come; it will be won, in Miami as it was in '07.
Give us this Sunday our weekly win, and score many touchdowns,
But don't let the Icons score touchdowns against us,
Lead us often into the end zone, and deliver us the Lombardi. Amen.*

Apparently, God really is a Colts fan! Just don't tell the Fleur de Lis, who believe he's in their corner as well.

Pro Bowl 2010 – South Beach Style II

Genocide Vix LB London (Fletch) Fletcher finally made a Pro Bowl, but it took a new format to make it happen. Despite leading the league with an amazing 172 tackles, with nearly 1900 in ten seasons, he has never been invited.

Fletch has started 192 consecutive games, behind only a certain papal figure in Minnesota in that category. "He should've been a five time Pro Bowler, said McNabb. "I don't care that the Fletch movie franchise never took off. That guy had some great disguises." When informed that London Fletcher played linebacker for Washington, McNabb said only, "Oh, I knew that. And don't even get me started talking about overtime!"

Pro Bowl 2010 – South Beach Style III

NFL rules state that a player must show up for the Pro Bowl or forfeit his game check (\$45K for winners and \$35K for losers). Because of their involvement in Super Bowl XLIV, Peyton Manning and his fellow Indy PBers are forced to leave Naptown early, show up for the Pro Bowl, and then join their team at the hotel.

Peyton owns a home in the area, and has invited some of Tiger Woods' exes. "I know I have a reputation for being square, but the ladies keep me in practice for the Double Stuff Oreo Racing League."

Manning continued, "Me and Eli used to go cruising for quadroons when we lived in New Orleans, so you could say we've been eating Oreos for a long time. In point of fact, I consider the plaçage system to be the real root of my success. Daddy used to go down to the 9th Ward so often at night we thought he worked there. We had to impress him by playing QB, just to get as much attention as his courtesans."

"That's why Eli used to call me *Monsieur de Pompadour*, because of my haircut and Dad's favoritism to me. I think Conan O'Brien ought to be paying me royalties for his hair-do."



Peyton or Conan? You be the judge...

Mermaids Found Dead in FL

Over 100 manatees were killed by the recent Florida cold snap. Marine biologist George Costanza was interviewed by the Look Man, and had this to say, "The sea was very angry that week my friends. Like an old man trying to send soup back at a deli."

The inclement weather also killed coral, oranges and a lot of old people. At least now folks can walk the sidewalks in Miami without worrying about automobiles. You're taking your life in your own hands when you do that in the retirement Mecca.

One reported manatee death did prove false. As it turns out, it was just Jessica Simpson, sunning herself. Tony Romo could not be reached for comment.



"Chicken of the Sea"

Greg Oden – Exposed*

Portland Trailblazer Greg Oden has now joined TE Visanthe Shiancoe, TE Chris Cooley, WR Santonio Holmes, and CLE Indians OF Grady Sizemore as having their junk exposed on the Net. Oden appeared courtesy of an old girlfriend who posted his nude photos after a breakup.

At least Oden apologized profusely, something he doesn't have in common with Shiancoe, who intentionally exposed his manhood by conveniently pulling his towel back in a locker room local TV interview. With Hornheads owner Ziggy Wilf in the foreground, it was difficult to tell who the bigger dick was.

**This lagniappe brought to you by Abe Froman, the Sausage King of Chicago.*

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Vikes at Religious Icons – Pete Morelli (Mushroom)

Morelli called a whopping fourteen penalties in the contest, not including those that were declined. The final tally was New Orleans 9 for 88 yards and Minny 5 for 32 yards, including 3 and four for first downs respectively. As you know, the Look Man is suspicious if the total first downs by penalty exceed three, so this was outrageous.

Jets at Indy – Tony Corrente

Corrente and crew missed a blatant QB roughing following a Mark Sanchez pass. The score was 20-17 Indy when a safety came off the corner and nailed Sanchez a full two beats after the throw. Head coach Rex Ryan nearly blew a gasket but to no avail.

Corrente also called a cheap defensive holding call on a Peyton Manning overthrow. QBs used to attempt to draw calls by throwing the ball in the area of holding, but it hasn't been called much in recent memory, largely because it is chicken-bleep.

Despite the final score, this game was only a few plays away from being extremely close. The Reggie Wayne fumble recovery or a key first down on a single drive could've changed the outcome.

NFL Head of Officials Mike (Pariah) Pereira came out this week to indicate the zebras should've called roughing on the high-low hit on Favre. Apparently, it's illegal to do that to a guy who rides in the Pope-mobile and engages in self-flagellation.

The award isn't really even close this week. Mushroom Morelli and Crew were doing psilocybin before, during and after the game. Pete Morelli (Mushroom), you are the Look Man **Zebra of the Week!**

EPILOGUE

The Lombardi combatants have been finalized, and the NFL has rearranged its schedule to conduct the Pro Bowl at the same venue as the Super Bowl for the first time since 1967. Super Bowl I was held in Los Angeles in front of a lot of empty seats, so the league needed some way to boost attendance. In those days, the Pro Bowl was still a big deal, and there weren't 33 no shows as there will be on Sunday.

Many players cite the move from a special venue like Honolulu, to a place where games are contested each week of the regular season. Still, the season is long enough that there were 22 replacements even last season in Hawaii.

The Pro Bowl returns to Honolulu in 2011 and 2012, but the NFL has made no long term commitment there. Despite selling out in Miami, the NFL needs to look long and hard at the game and the logistics.

The favorite for the Pro Bowl is the NFC, giving 2.5 to an AFC squad helmed by QB Matt Schaub. Schaub tore up the stats in 2009, and he is opposed by fellow stat stuffer Aaron Rodgers for the NFC. All in all, it should be an entertaining contest, but it's a shame that many first time Pro Bowlers can't participate because of the Super Bowl conflict. Typically, some of these guys would show up if only to play a limited role in Honolulu.

The Look Man will hold his Bowl predictions until next week. It is unlikely that any real information will emerge between now and then, but it's clear the spread will migrate. The opening spread of 4 is now 5.5, and if Brees did hurt his throwing shoulder as the Look Man believes, it'll get larger by game day.

Peace,

The Look Man