

The Look Man Report 2009 **Week Five: Puck You!**

“That’s just Dre being Dre.” – Niners CB Dre Bly after he was stripped while doing a Deion Sanders impression en route to a pick six

The Look Man is slammed this week with real work, so this one will be short and sweet. The only thing he wants to do is go third person just like the man with the shortest name in the NFL. Deion Sanders may have more negative impact on college and pro football than anyone other than Jerry Jones. It’s sad to see guys showboat, especially when their teams lose by double digits. Can’t play with ‘em. Can’t coach with ‘em.

One other thing: Peyton Manning is putting on a show like none we have ever seen in this league. No matter what superlatives you hear, this guy is unbelievable. We may be seeing the Manning Bowl in February.

On to the Plays of the Week....

PLAYS OF THE WEEK:

There’s really only one: Andre (the Giant) Johnson’s tour-de-force catch and run over three guys en route to the endzone. Andre the Giant may be the most underrated receiver in the league. Awesome.

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Carl Cheffers – New England at Denver

This guy got the vote from Chowds Fan Keef for the taunting call on New England S Brandon Merriweather in the Chowds at Broncos. The 15-yarder was huge, but what can you expect from a guy who assaulted another player with his helmet in college? Investigation Field has that name for a reason, and the Zebras certainly didn’t help Brady and Company.

Cheffers’ crew includes the oddly named Undrey Wash at umpire. The Look Man loves Wash, who is known for getting run over in the middle. Cheffers himself is a first year equine, so it’s odd that he got a game of this magnitude.

No winner declared in the Look Man’s **Zebra of the Week** in Week Five.

THE LOOK AHEAD

The Look Man has struggled with picks, and he’s not alone. Picking games this season is more difficult than winning a Nobel Prize.

The Look Man looks to rebound this week with a strong slate of picks as follows:

Baltimore at Minnesota (-3)

B-More has fallen on hard times of late with two consecutive losses. Of course, one of those losses was to the Zebras, who gave the game to Brady and the Chowds. That loss set up the Cincy last minute win, and hurt the fragile psyche of a young team.

The Dumpster Ducks now travel to Prince Country to take on the Minnesota Favres. The Ducks secondary has struggled against the pass, giving up crucial yardage even in the win over San Diego.

Worse yet, they gave up 100 plus yards to Cedric (the Butler) Benson, breaking a string of 39 consecutive games under a buck. Look for The Pope to light them up again this week, loosening up the D for Adrian (All Day) Peterson to run wild.

The Look Man likes B-More in big games, but the Hornhead D has too much. Vikes cover.

Tennessee at New England (-9)

Brady hasn't looked like Brady, largely due to the knee. The Chowds loss to Denver was aided by the Zebras at Investigation Field, but Tom Terrific missed several opportunities. The Chowds were one-dimensional with the loss of the running game, even though Denver looks for real.

Tennessee has been the biggest disappointment of the year, winless to date. Not only does Collins look over-the-hill at QB, but the defense is so vanilla that anyone can carve them up. The Look Man believes there is something rotten in the state of Tennessee, and it ain't the sour mash. It might be time for Jeff Fisher to move on.

Chowds rough up the Flaming Thumbtacks in Junior Seau's *Wheelchair Tour*. Chowds have had a tough couple of weeks against the physical defense of B-More and the speed D of Denver. They get healthy against a slow, aging D this week.

Houston at Cincy (-5.5):

The Nati is riding the wave after successive wins on the road, using a solid running game and opportunistic passing. (Johnny) Carson Palmer is making plays when it counts because teams are letting them hang around. The Look Man predicts they will win every game following the death of a coach's wife.

Houston is a riddle wrapped in an enigma. They have talent on both sides of the ball, winning a shootout at Tennessee a few weeks ago, and knocking off Buffalo on the road. QB Matt Schaub has all-world WR Andre (The Giant) Davis, and TE Owen (Jack) Daniels, who stretch the field and make you pay with YAC. These guys should already be a playoff team, but they can't put together performances on both sides of the rock in the same week.

The Bengos have not sold out Pall Bearer Field as the writing of this column, but it's possible the game will be blacked out. Good thing, too, because the Slim Shadies' big wideouts match up extremely well with the Ugly and Black defense. Look for (Jack) Daniels to have double digit catches in the seam while the Bengals double cover Andre the Giant.

Slim Shadies shock the world by beating the Nati in their Jungle, sending Marvin Lewis back to Cliché-ville ["I told these guys we hadn't won anything yet, but they didn't believe me!!"].

Cleveland at Blitzburgh (-14)

The national media killed Derek (DA) Anderson for going 2 for 17 for 23 yards last week in Crapchester. The Look Man watched that game, and he counted nine dropped passes, including a sweet rainbow to TE Robert Royal. The Cleveland receivers are not used to the ball coming on time and with zip after fielding Brady Quinn (Medicine Woman) slowballs. Jane Seymour put his house on the market this week, a sure sign that DA is the Man for now.

The Stillers looked pedestrian in Detroit last Sunday, eking out a win with defense. Big Ben was sharp, but WR Mike Wallace didn't go 60 Minutes. Wallace dropped at least 2-3 catchable balls and Detroit just ran out of gas on offense after their All Star WR left the game due to injury.

The Look Man believes the Browns are poised to have their signature game of the year. With Quinn out of the healing business, Neo is ready to step up and knock off the unwitting Still Curtain, which lost starting DE Aaron Smith this week. The injuries are mounting, and the Stillers will need to do it on offense.

The Browns have given up only one TD to a TE this season. If they can hold off power runner Rashard Mendenhall and TE Heath Miller, they can get a Stillers team that is bound to be looking ahead to Minnesota in Week Seven. Browns, baby, Browns cover and win a shocker. KR/PR Josh Cribbs goes nuts, virtually assuring a contract extension.

Chicago at ATL (-3)

The media has a man crush on Jay Cutler(y) and the Monsters of the Furniture Mart. Chicago's running game has done nothing to date, and the Dirty Birds match up very well with their secondary. Matt(y Ice) Ryan turns the ATL Dome into a rude awakening for the Man from Santa Claus, Indiana. Dirty Birds cover.

Denver at San Diego (-3.5)

San Diego nearly came back against the Stillers with a fantastic passing game. The Look Man doesn't care for QB Philip Rivers, but he is talented. Unfortunately, he's also a class-A A-hole.

Head coach Josh (Mickey D) McDaniels went all Kanye West following the win last week over the Chowds. Mickey D will learn that you can't get too high or too low in the NFL. His team learns the hard way by losing to the Bolts, who own the AFC West. Bolts knock Denver from the ranks, and Rivers starts a new rivalry with Kyle (Foo Fighters) Orton. Bolts.

Jynts at New Orleans (-3)

Two undefeated squads face off at the Superdome and it should be epic. Drew (Cool) Brees should be white hot coming off the bye week, and Eli Manning has a self-inflicted foot injury.

The hidden factor: the Jynts oversized D-line makes it tough for the diminutive Brees to get passing lanes. Look for Humanurine and the rest of Big Blue to put serious pressure on the Religious Icons O-line, making the adequate secondary look better than they are. Jynts cover, sending the Icons into the Quarter with the stench of defeat. It smells just like the week-old vomit on the sidewalks.

EPILOGUE

We're never seen a year in which so many teams were undefeated, while so many others were winless. The upcoming work stoppage may have had implications to free agency, and injuries eliminate depth and exacerbate team weakness. Whatever the reason, it's hurting the product.

A lot of teams come back to Earth this week, setting up drama in the mid-season. Like Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the media has sprinkled magic elixir on our eyes, making us fall in love with flawed teams.

Wins in this season have had a certain Puckish quality, and that love has a dark side. Teams will begin to demonstrate sexual ambiguity here in mid-season, and the fans need to be ready to determine whether it's 'real love' or 'Sam Kinnison love.' Any way you slice it, someone's going to be wearing a donkey head.

Peace,

The Look Man