

The Look Man Report 2010

Week Eight: You Know Why

"To all the Vikings fans that are coming to the Metrodome, pull your 84 jerseys out, man. I think this is going to be a fun ride." – WR Randy Moss following a trade from New England to Minnesota four weeks ago.

The Look Man is not a big fan of either Ashton Kutcher or Cameron Diaz, but the underrated comedy *What Happens in Vegas* is absolutely hilarious. The supporting cast includes the oddly attractive Lake Bell, who delivers the funniest lines in the film. In one scene, she advises Diaz on how to handle her ex-boyfriend with the following:

Bell: You know what? I can get a couple of my brother's loser ass friends to go over to Mason's apartment, knock on the door and when he opens it wham! They'll junk-punch him all up in his man business and he'll fall to the floor wailing and crying "why?" and then we'll say "You know why!"

When the Look Man heard Vikings WR Randy (The Chronic) Moss had been cut by the Vikings, he had that same reaction. Fans across the league asked why, and the answer is the same as Bell's - - - you know why.

Week Eight was just as bizarre, including losses by the Stillers, Tennessee, Texans and Jets in close battles. Each game pivoted on a key play in crunch time, and each cost the Look Man a win in his Look Ahead segment. The Look Man just needs the respective head coaches to protect their man business and move on to Week Nine.

We're at the official halfway point of the 2010 season, and the league is still confusing. The Vikes are in turmoil, the Texans are still figuring themselves out, and the Jets laid an egg after their bye week. Each has a chance to correct the errors and resurrect their season, but the Look Man is guessing the Parcels Principle comes into play: you are what your record says you are.

Without further ado, the Week that was.

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Real World Minneapolis?

Minnesota head coach Brad (Mr. Potato Head) Childress pulled some nice slight of hand by cutting Randy Moss prior to the meat of his NFC schedule. By showing Moss (and the rest of the Hornheads) who's boss, Mr. Potato Head can now hope to reign in Brett Favre.

Now the folks who've been critical of MPH's leadership will lay off, and the team can come together for a stretch run. If the Vikes can run the football a little more, they will be able to make a playoff push, and become the cream of the weak NFC.

To do so, DE Jared (Subway) Allen will need to actually produce a sack. Whether the team will get MPH fired or string together some wins remains to be seen. Moss did little in Minny, so his departure is addition by subtraction.

Riff Raff Fined Again; Underdog to the Rescue?

Stillers LB James (Riff Raff) Harrison was flagged last week for a roughing Drew Brees while using the crown of his helmet. The hit was not brutal, but the NFL fined Riff Raff another twenty large, taking his 2010 total to the 100 Thousand Dollar Pyramid.

The Look Man doesn't support for the new H2H interpretation, but get this: Harrison has been held more than any other defender since his Super Bowl season. Because of Riff Raff's diminutive nature the left tackles of the league wrap their arms around his throat on a regular basis.

The Look Man believes that Harrison is Dwight Freeney without a spin move, and one can hardly blame him for meting out punishment on the QBs when the zebras won't enforce existing offensive holding rules. Keep an eye on Bengals LT Andrew Whitworth on Monday Night. The over/under on holding calls is one, but three or four more will go uncalled.



"Carson, I'm coming for you!"

Zenyatta to Start at QB in Cleveland

The Browns are expected to start rookie QB Colt (My Little Pony) McCoy against New England on Sunday due to injuries to Seneca (Laxative Arm) Wallace and Jake (the Man) Delhomme. Many in C-town are saying there is a legitimate QB controversy, but the Look Man pooh-poohs that notion.

Delhomme is still suffering after coming back too soon on the high ankle sprain, and My Little Pony threw for only 74 yards in the win over New Orleans. Seneca Wallace is clearly the option when healthy, but with Seneca, that means only that he's the fastest horse in the glue factory. Cleveland needs to draft a QB again, and this time they won't wait until the 3rd round.

QB Ratings at the Half

Vince Young has a surprising league-best passer rating of 103.1, ahead of Peyton (the Sheriff) Manning at 101.4. Despite missing key offensive weapons, The Sheriff catapulted over Ryan FitzPatrick with a tour de force performance on Monday night. The Look Man didn't believe anyone could do what Peyton did in primetime, and he remains the best in the business.

The top five is rounded out with Philip Rivers, David (the Fugitive) Garrard, and Tom (Bieber) Brady. Which goes to show you that the quarterback rating is hogwash. If you don't believe it, look at Romo and Orton at six and seven. Their teams have a total of three wins between them.

Here's the rundown:

RK	PLAYER	<u>PCT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>SACK</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>YDS/G</u>
1	Vince Young	59.0	998	71	9	2	10	103.1	143
2	Peyton Manning	65.9	2184	73	15	2	7	101.4	312
3	Philip Rivers	64.7	2649	59	15	7	21	98.9	331
4	David Garrard	67.8	1098	42	13	7	15	98.8	157
5	Tom Brady	65.3	1602	65	12	4	12	96.6	229
6	Tony Romo	69.5	1605	69	11	7	7	94.9	268
7	Kyle Orton	61.7	2509	71	12	5	21	92.7	314
8	Drew Brees	70.7	2334	80	16	11	13	92.6	292
9	Ryan Fitzpatrick	59.7	1200	45	12	5	11	91.1	240
10	Matt Cassel	58.7	1196	53	10	3	8	90.4	171

That's some high quality H2O

Randy (The Chronic) Moss was picked up by Tennessee this week after being waived by the Hornheads. The Flaming Thumbtacks are hoping that mandatory double coverage will open up the running game for Chris (CJ2K) Johnson. Of course, they may not realize that Moss' lack of hustle could eliminate that advantage and get CJ2K killed in the process.

The Bengos actually put in a waiver claim for the Chronic, but they were overruled by Roger Goodell. Goodell invoked his broad powers to stop the Bengos from getting three superheroes on one team. Cincy would've had Batman, Robin AND Captain Insano if Moss had been acquired. And Captain Insano is a superhero even Carson Palmer can't overthrow.

Mr. Potato Head went all Charlie Sheen in cutting Moss without owner Zygi (Cigar Smoking Guy) Wilf's approval. Cigar Smoking Guy was instrumental in acquiring Moss for a 3rd rounder, and is ticked off. At least Childress, like Sinatra, can say he did it his way when he gets the home version of the NFL game.

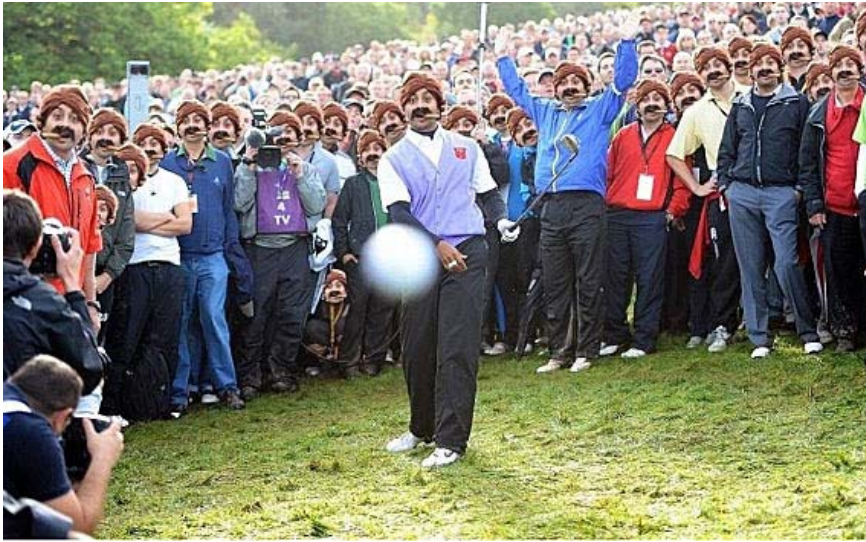
Moss' departure from Minny may have been based upon an outburst at a team meal prior to the New England game. The Chronic yelled "What the [expletive]? Who ordered this crap? I wouldn't feed this to my dog," according to witnesses. The meal was provided by a local firm, and featured ribs, chicken and Italian.

Gus Tinucci, co-owner of Tinucci's Restaurant and Catering, confirmed the report, saying, "If [Brett] Favre would have had a ball, he would have beaned him right in the head. Favre looked at him like, 'Are you kidding me?'"

Apparently Captain Insano doesn't like chicken.

Tailpipe J-Jack, from the Chi, provided the Look Man with a great YouTube video called *Randy Moss – One Clap*. Check the video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmJcUIrkMNg&feature=player>



Zygi Wilf at a recent golf outing

Who's the Dirty Rat?

Genocide Victims head coach Mike (The Rat) Shanahan benched McNabb on Washington's last possession, saying (T-)Rex Grossman was better able to run the two minute offense. T-Rex coughed up the rock, turning a one possession game into a 37-25 blowout. Grossman will now return to Jurassic Park, where he can eat all the lamb chops he wants.

On Monday, the Rat clarified his move, saying Donovan didn't have the cardiovascular conditioning required to run the TMO based upon ankle, groin and hamstring injuries. Shanahan doesn't have a lot of love for Number Five, after acquiring him from the Iggles. Or maybe it's just a nepotistic no-no to have a father-son head coach/offensive coordinator tandem.

Chad Ochocinco weighed in by saying, "If anyone else out there feels that Rex Grossman gives the Washington Redskins a better chance than Donovan McNabb to win a game with two minutes left on the clock, they need to slap themselves."

The bottom line is that McNabb has the same setup in DC as he had most of his career in Philly: little offensive talent to support his skills, and an offense predicated on short, precision passing that doesn't take advantage of his deep ball skills.



"I'll get you, you dirty copper..."

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Week Eight was again a horrific one for the boys in black and white. Here's the autopsy:

Terry (Bottlegate) McAulay – Miami at Bengos

Made the call on the Ricky Williams TD run. Marvin Lewis' idiotic challenge set up the victory formation win for the Marine Mammals. Williams was likely not in, but given the timeout/clock situation Marvin Lewis should have passed on the challenge.

Jeff (Beanbag) Triplette - Packers at Jets

Awarded not one, but two simultaneous possession calls to the Pack. Rex Ryan challenged one, but it wasn't overturned by replay, eliminating his challenge options downstream.

Bill Leavy – Tennessee at San Diego

Ejected Bolts SS Donnie Nickey for punching him in the chest. Nickey was protesting the fact that a blocker wouldn't let him up off the ground following a kickoff. Leavy just got in the way, but it was high comedy.

Leavy is now challenging Hulk Hochuli as having the biggest guns in the zebra world. Perhaps the zebras should be tested for animal steroids, but it might be a misread because of the zebra DNA.

Walt (Disney) Anderson - Vikings at Chowds

Walt continued his Sunday showcase with the following calls:

- No holding call on TE Alge (Cyanobacteria) Crumpler on key 1st down run by Ben-Jarvus Green-Ellis (The Law Firm)
- No holding call on LT Matt Lyght on the late TD pass by Zoolander
- No call on H2H hit that knocked Favre, after an earlier H2H call on a similar hit.

The net was another home cooking win for the Chowds at the Blade.

And the winner: Jeff (Beanbag) Triplette. Jets coach Rex Ryan was out of challenges before the end of the half, courtesy of the fact that Triplette can't define possession. The NFL rulebook clearly states that joint possession of the football goes to the offensive receiver, yet the Pack got two gifts.

Beanbag, you are the Look Man's **Zebra of the Week!** He wins an Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model Air Rifle with which he can put someone else's eye out.

THE LOOK AHEAD

There are a slew of excellent games this week. Conference wins become extra important at this point in the season, so buckle your chin straps for Week Nine:

Miami at Baltimore (-5.5)

Miami is winless at home and undefeated on the road. They head to M&T Bank Stadium to take on a tough Baltimore squad in search of consistency. The Look Man didn't like what he saw out of the marine Mammals last week in Cincy. The Phish stink in the redzone, and QB Chad Henne should be replaced by Chad Pennington who is more accurate and a better leader.

B-More QB Joe Flacco voiced some criticism of the offensive play calling last week, so the Dumpster Ducks should go vertical. The better solution might be to lull Miami to sleep with the run first.

The Look Man likes B-More here. They put pressure on Henne, cover and win. B-More.

New England at Cleveland (+4.5)

New England's offense is still struggling, but the running game showed signs of life last week courtesy of Ben-Jarvus Green-Ellis (the Law Firm). The Chowds still lack a vertical game, which plays into the hands of the bend-but-don't break defense in C-town.

On offense, Colt (MLP) McCoy likely gets the start, and Belichick has plenty of film to use. Dr. Evil is known to pick up QB tendencies and use them to eliminate the opposition's best offensive weapon. That means he focuses on Peyton (The) Hillis (Have Eyes), forcing MLP to beat them.

But the underlying factor may be the feud between Belicheat and Mangina. *Mangina* snitched on Belicheat to start the Spycgate scandal, embarrassing Belicheat and the Chowds. . Belicheat will not want to lose to Mangina, and he would really like to embarrass him. Mangina expressed hope that the two could reconcile, but Dr. Evil is having none of it. He refused to answer questions about the feud, and Belicheat's memory is longer than an elephant's.

The Look Man believes the Look Ahead Factor works here. Not only did the Chowds have a tough physical game against the Vikes, they face Blitzburgh in a battle for AFC supremacy in Week Ten.

Browns TE Ben Watson played in New England in 2009, so just like the New Orleans game, the Browns can game plan the defense with some insider knowledge. It's a good chance for the Browns to steal one over the hottest team in the AFC.

Either the Chowds win this week, or next week at Pitt. The Browns cover and perhaps win this one. Browns, baby Browns.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta (-8.5) [Game of the Week]

Tampa Bay head coach (Erik B) Raheem Morris stated the Bucs were the best team in the NFC, and Atlanta took note. Now the two teams face off in the ATL, and the Dirty Birds are ticked off.

But that may not matter, because Tampa is a better team. Everyone was ready to fire Morris last season, but he has crafted a solid team. Matt Ryan gets all the ink, but Josh Freeman is playing his tail off. The 250 pound QB can take a lick, and deal out a TD. He has manufactured wins in Tampa and on the road.

Expensive Corn Kings cover and take the next step with a big road win in the ATL.

Indy at Philly (-3)

Is this the week that the Sheriff fails to work his magic? Mike Vick is back at the QB in Philly, and no one knows what's going to happen. Indy suffered yet another offensive injury, this time RB Mike Hart got an ankle after a fine night on MNF.

The Look Man believes the spread is based upon the status of Indy punter Pat McAfee. McAfee was suspended last week after a drunk and disorderly charge for swimming in a canal at 5 AM. His replacement stunk up the joint, and the Colts will need every advantage to beat the Iggles.

The Iggles O-line is awful, and the Colts look to string together some wins. Freeney and Mathis will press Vick, who looks to have some rust. Colts win, setting up a great game in Week Ten against their wholly owned subsidiary, the Cincinnati Bengals. Colts.

Jets at Detroit (+4)

Something is bad wrong with the Jets offense and they are now facing a Lions squad that is better than advertised. Unfortunately for the Lions, the Jets are ticked off after being jobbed by the Zebras last week.

Lions QB Matt Stafford is back, but struggling. He now faces a doggone good Jets secondary, so they need to run the f-ing football. And this time Jets punter Steve Weatherford won't be taking off on 4th and 18.

The Lions woes are legendary, and the Jets need a win. The Jets get some zebra love to make up for last week. J-E-T-S cover in a wild one.



Sexy Remy to NFL zebras following last week

San Diego at Houston (+3)

San Diego has been cover your eyes awful on the road, especially against good running teams. TE Antonio (Microsoft Hands) Gates leads the league in TD catches, and he goes against the worst pass defense in the modern era.

Houston coach Gary Kubiak can't get out of his own way, losing an imminently winnable game in Indy last week. This week, he had better give the rock to Arian Foster, who should resurrect the Blitzkrieg against the Bolts.

Tough game to call, but the Look Man is taking Houston on a hunch. The Bolts suffer from the Marty Factor after beating a physical Tennessee team. Houston covers.

Chicago at Buffalo (+3) [in Toronto]

The Bears run for the border to take on a hard luck Buffalo team that lost in OT at KC. Crapchester can't stop the run or the pass, but the home field advantage in T-town propels them to their first win of the season. Bisons.

Kansas City at Oakland (-2.5)

Oakland might be the best team that no one is talking about. They have put up mad points the last two weeks under the direction of QB Jason Campbell. The big deal is the running game, which is averaging 160 yards per game. Soup throws only when necessary, and to good effect of late.

KC is winning the old fashioned way, with solid defense and an outstanding running attack. Charlie Weis and Romeo Crennel have filled their roles as coordinators, and coach Todd Haley('s Comet) seems to have them clicking. If you eliminate the road loss to Indy, the Baby Backs are one of the NFL's best in 2010.

It's a QB driven league, and the Look Man likes Cassel slightly more than Campbell. More importantly, KC's Tamba Hali leads the conference in sacks. KC does it with defense, edging Oakland due to the ankle injury of CB Nnamdi Asomugha. KC.

Dallas at Green Bay (-8) [Football Nite in America]

The Cheeseheads are doing it with smoke and mirrors, overcoming major injury issues to post a win over the Jets. Aaron (Staff of Moses) Rodgers has to find new receivers with Donald Driver out with a knee.

Dallas could round into form, and they would like to avenge a 2009 loss in Titledown that was eerily similar to the Pack win at the Jets last week. QB Jon (Pickna) Kitna will need to overcome his color blindness, and lean on the running game.

The problem in Dallas is psychological, since half the team wants Wade Phillips fired, and the other half just wants to go fishing in the offseason. Tailpipe Grick Hornberg picked up 50 white bass at Lewisville Lake outside Dallas, and he's frying them up this weekend like Rodgers will fry the Dallas secondary.

Dallas covers, but the Cheeseheads win and treat them to smoked whitefish with cheese curds in the postgame meal. Pokes.

Blitzburgh at Cincinnati (+4.5) [Monday Nite Football]

The Bengals have struggled mightily, but they swept the Still Curtain in 2009, and this represents an opportunity to regain some modicum of respect. The Bengals third down woes culminated in ten straight 3 and outs last Sunday.

New Orleans exposed the Stillers offensive line by using a zone blitzing scheme to force quick throws by Big Ben. The Stillers running backs are not adept at picking up blitzes, and it showed last week. The Bengals pass rush has been non-existent, with six sacks on the year. RT Flozell (Geico) Adams left last week with a leg injury, so perhaps that will change.

Carson Palmer errant throws have put more people in the hospital than cholera, and expect that trend to continue. Ochocinco and TO will develop dinosaur arms, as the Stillers press cover them in the Jungle. The Bengals could always insert WR Jerome (Homer) Simpson, their 2nd round pick from Coastal Carolina. Homer was drafted instead of Iggles WR DeSean Jackson, and we all see how that turned out.

The Stillers lost the Saints game due to an ill-timed turnover by usually reliable TE Heath (Bar) Miller. The Bengals LBs are particularly suspect to good TEs, so expect Heath Bar to take their lunch and eat it on the playground in front of them.

John Boehner, the newly elected Speaker of the House, will be on hand, and he is expected to show support for the hometown Bengals by wearing an orange face and black suit. Boehner got choked up at his celebration speech when reminded of how many carrots gave their lives for his trademark tan.



[Have you read *Love in the Time of Cholera*?](#)

EPILOGUE

Fantasy football might be ruining the game. Fans want to look at box scores and player numbers, instead of won-loss records. As a result, the game has a herky-jerky feel, and guys like Moss and Terrell Owens get picked up en route to destroying team chemistry.

Not only do these guys get early passes to ensure they are engaged in the offense, they get nearly every red zone throw as well. The result is a QB carousel that spins wildly out of control. When they ask why they are being benched, the head coach says simply, "You know why."

This ain't MLB, where you have a starter, a setup man and a reliever. QB is a leadership position that requires the full support of the team. Take Peyton Manning in Indy, who not only runs offensive practice, he decides when to go for it on 4th down.

Now the Look Man sees that as a little over the top, but you get the drift. QBs should be in on nearly every major trade, offensive strategy, and in-game coaching moves. Not everyone is Peyton, but coaches cannot undercut the QB's authority. Unless that QB is selling open fly jeans and sexting the female staff members.

Peace,

The Look Man