

## THE LOOK MAN REPORT 2010 Week Eighteen – Return of the Jet-I

*""All we hear is about their defense! They can't stop a nosebleed!""- Jets linebacker Bart Scott, in Foxboro after the Jets' 28-21 playoff win Sunday*

*"Can't wait!" – the aforementioned Scott when asked about playing the Stillers in the AFC Championship*

If you missed the 48 second rant by Bart Scott with Sal Pal on ESPN, you can catch it on YouTube. Scott blasted the Chowds and ESPN's Tom Jackson before revealing his excitement at playing the Stillers in Blitzburgh for the right to represent the AFC in the Festivus Maximus.

Bart Scott was just one of many Jets players who have blossomed under head coach Rex Ryan, and his free-wheeling style. While many believe that Ryan and the Jets run too loose a ship, the players love him to a man, and he's gotten the most out of his talent. The Jets are loose, mean and dangerous, and Blitzburgh had better watch out on Sunday.

The Return of the Jet-I cover in the NY Post was epic. It's not often something that clever and perfectly timed appears. Perhaps the newspaper industry is not dead after all. The Look Man especially liked Michele Ryan as Princess Leia in her infamous slave outfit. Too bad they cropped her feet, though.



*"I am your father! Search your mind, Mark, you know it to be true."*

Meanwhile, over in the NFC, the Bears and Packers were dismantling their opponents. The Shehawks are on of the worst road teams evah, and the cold, chewed up sod of Soldier Field didn't help. Jay (the Knife) Cutler(y) carved them up with a 58-yard bomb to TE Greg Olsen on the first series.

It didn't help that Shehawks safety Jordan Babineaux dropped a pick six that would've changed the entire game. Babineaux jumped the slant route at the goal line and was looking at a 99-yard pick six. It was such a bad throw that Cutler took off to make the tackle from the moment the rock left this hand.

The Look Man believed all season that the Falcons and Chowds were overrated. Add Chicago to the mix and you have a year in which no team was really dominant. The Chowds destroyed the Bears 36-7 during the regular season, but lost to Cleveland 34-14. The Bears have been good only since their Week Eight bye, and they routinely get the benefit of the zebras calls at Spaceship Field.

So the Divisional Playoffs is setting up one of the great all-time conference championship weekends. Both conferences feature regular season rematches. For the Pack and Bears, this is the prophylactic match; in Blitzburgh, the Stillers would like to avenge a 22-17 loss in Week 15.

## **LAGNIAPPE**

### *Coaching Carousel*

All of the head coaching positions have now been filled in the NFL, with notable additions of Jim (Crybaby) Harbaugh in Frisco, John Fox in Denver, and Ron Rivera in Carolina.

It strikes the Look Man as odd that the Crybaby is getting more dollars at \$5 million per than a guy like Mike (Omar Epps) Tomlin in Blitzburgh. All Dr. Eric Foreman has done is appear twice in the AFC Championship and garner a Lombardi. Crybaby has a mediocre NFL career and a BCS win by contrast.

The Browns made a mistake by hiring Lambs OC Pat Shurmur. It's notable that three of the four remaining playoff head coaches cut their teeth on defense. Sexy Remy, Mike Tomlin and Lovie (Howell III) Smith are all former defensive coordinators. That stat shows that defense wins championships.

The Browns should reflect the hardened character of the city. Like Chicago, they should always have a physical, menacing defense. When you play in inclement weather, good defense wins more games than offense.

At this point the only thing the Browns can do to mitigate the bad hire is to obtain an up-and-comer as defensive coordinator. The Look Man doesn't like Dave Wannstedt or Dick Jauron; better to get a young Raheem Morris on the come if you want a solid D.

### *Coaching Carousel II*

Eric Mangina is among the former head coaches who have not yet been re-employed. Josh McDaniels, Mike Singletary and Wade Philips have signed deals as coordinators, but Mangina and Brad (Mr. Potato Head) Childress are at home counting their dough. Both guys will be paid *not* to coach in 2011 barring some major developments.

MPH did have dinner with Marvin Lewis this week in the Nati. The Bungals have not yet fired Bob (DUI) Bratkowski, and one has to wonder if it will happen. MPH would be an upgrade over DUI, but with \$3 mill in the bank for next season, why would he come to Cincy?

### Modern Life

If you haven't caught *Modern Family* on ABC, you might want to do so. The comedy is a little too cute by half, but it features Brazilian model Sofia Vergara in an assemble cast.

Sofia routinely steals scenes from veteran actor Ed O'Neill, and the show is well written. Vergara also appeared at the Golden Globes, mispronouncing her gown designer's name and claiming the show was named after her assets.



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## **THE LOOK AHEAD**

### Green Bay at Chicago (+3.5)

Aaron (Buck) Rogers is playing the best QB of anyone remaining in the playoffs. He is hitting receivers in stride, generating yards after catch, and is second in the league in QB rushing, behind only Mike Vick. Rogers' ability to get to the edge keeps pressure on a defense, and he throws on the run better than anyone, including Vick.

Jay Cutler heated up against the Shehawks after a scathing article by Chicago's Rick Reilly. Reilly cited Cutler's well-chronicled arrogance and disgust with the media. When teamed with the equally arrogant Mike Martz, he is just as likely to throw a game losing pick as a game winning TD.

The Monsters of the Furniture Mart have figured out how to apply pressure to the QB, and their defensive backfield has improved with the addition of safety Chris Harris. Unfortunately, their speedy defensive ends are neutralized by the shoddy field conditions in Chicago and the Cover Two requires pressure to be effective.

Defensive coordinator Dom Capers has done a masterful job turning a banged up defense into one of the tops in the league. Second year OLB Clay Matthews and Hall of Famer CB Charles Woodson come from all angles, applying pressure to the passer.

CB Tramon (means "three pick man" in Rasta) Williams has three picks in two playoff games and he is a gamer. Put it all together, and the Pack has one of the most feared defenses in the league despite missing key defenders.

The Bears offense has thrived when it can work the outside of the field, but the shutdown corners in Green Bay will make that impossible. Martz and Cutler will try to work the middle with TE Greg Olsen, so the Pack will need to mix up the coverages. Cutler reads a defense like Ozzie Osbourne reads Dostoyevsky.

Green Bay quietly has the deepest receiving corps in the league with Driver, Jennings, Jones and Jordy (Casper) Nelson. If these guys could avoid key drops, they would be household names. The wild card is Nelson, a speedy and elusive receiver who can make big possession plays. If Casper can ghost his coverage, look out.

Perhaps more importantly, the Pack is getting its running game together courtesy of rookie James (Tony) Starks. Iron Man is getting a lot of help with the full-house backfield featuring Kuhn, and sometimes DT BJ Raji. Raji plays fullback in goal line offense, and at four bills, he can destroy a LB.

Aaron (Buck) Rogers will take Spaceship Field into the 25<sup>th</sup> century on Sunday, along with generous contributions by Starks, Driver et al. The real wild card will be Tramon Williams, who should antagonize Jay (Chinless Wonder) Cutler. If the CW threw four to DeAngelo Hall, who knows how many Tramon will get?

Terry (Bottlegate) McAulay did the early season Pack at Bears game, calling 15 penalties and generally taking over the contest. He'll try to do it again, but the Pack will overcome the adversity and win.

The Pack is back, baby. They beat the Bears and the Zebras to appear in Dallas in two weeks.



*"Biddy, biddy, biddy. What's up Buck?"*

### Jets at Stillers (-3)

Over in the AFC, the Look Man likes the Stillers to shut up the Jets, especially after that emotional win in Beantown last week. Unfortunately, Blitzburgh got tenderized in a very physical game with B-more, so this one is a little iffy. Two of the Stillers O-linemen left the game, and things got tentative for Big Ben.

Big Ben will put pressure on Gang Green by rolling out and buying additional time for his receivers. The question is whether Ben's injured ankle can take the pounding. Ben's ankle was last seen wearing a giant size fifteen shoe and a lot of extra padding.

The Stillers young receiving crew will struggle with the Jets' shut down corners. The Look Man sees the Stillers countering with 3<sup>rd</sup> down specialist (Tuesday) Mewelde Moore to create mismatches with the linebackers. If they can get underrated safety Eric Smith out in space, it will help free up the slot receiver and tight end Heath Miller.

The Look Man hasn't seen a linebacker much slower than the Jets' David Harris (#52), who was chased down by Chowds TE Algae (Cyanobacteria) Crumpler last week following a pick. Harris is solid against the run, but his pass coverage is awful. Harris' pick on Brady had to qualify as one of the poorest decisions by a QB since Brett Favre sexted Jenn Sterger.

Jets QB Mark Sanchize has shown tremendous growth. After nearly getting his knee torn off by the 400 pound Shaun Rogers, Sanchize gutted it out in the OT win over Cleveland. He backed that up with a solid games at Indy and Foxboro in the postseason. The Kid is tough and he can play.

The Jets would like to parlay a strong running game into a "W" at Ketchup Field. The Stillers staunch run defense won't make that possible, so the Jets will attempt to get to their wides on the edge, and then work back to the middle with the TE. Dustin Keller is good, but Stillers safety Ryan Clark and Troy Polamolu are better. In point of fact, Clark is outplaying Polamolu, and he will be a key in this game.

## **EPILOGUE**

The Look Man's preseason Super Bowl picks were Baltimore and Green Bay, so he's happy to see the Cheeseheads have made it this far. The Cheeseheads will declaw the Bears, even with half the Chicago squad wearing black and white striped jerseys.

Defense wins championships, and the Final Four are all in the top nine in that category. The Jets get the most press, but Green Bay might be the most dynamic. Any way you slice it, these defenses are all mean, physical and nasty. In the words of Bart Scott, "Can't wait!"

Peace,

The Look Man