

THE LOOK MAN REPORT 2010 **Week Twenty – Let's Get It Started**

"Roethlisberger, listen....For years you acted recklessly, you hung out in college bars, you disrespected women...If I had owned the Steelers, hear me loud and clear, Roethlisberger would not be a Steeler." – former Stiller Terry Bradshaw in April 2010.

NFL Championship Week featured two solid games with the Stillers and Pack emerging victorious over their rivals. The NFC included a major controversy when Jay (The Knife) Cutler(y) got a knee and missed the second half. Backup QB Caleb Hanie nearly got a save, but for a couple of ill-timed picks.

The media and players tore into Cutler, who sprained his MCL on a wicked hit early in the second quarter. If you've never suffered a knee injury, you can't imagine the pain. It's nearly impossible to protect yourself at QB, so the Look Man ain't hating on Jay.

Over in the AFC, the Jets ran out of gas in a critical matchup, using way too much time to put up points. James Farrior made a nasty defensive stop on Shonn Greene, and the Jets simply couldn't put up enough plays for the W. The Stillers are no joke, and Big Ben made a nice game sealing play to set up the Look Man's favorite play: the Victory Formation.

The Super Bowl game between the Stillers and Cheeseheads includes the irony of two old school NFL squads playing a Jerry Jones Taj Mahal. Jones and the Pokes wanted badly to appear in front of the home crowd, but their peripatetic training schedule and lack of front office leadership caused a misfire. Their six guns went off while pointed directly at their shoes, and they are fishing in Cabo this week.

Super Bowl XLV promises to be a good one, based simply upon the matchups. These combatants played to a 37-36 game in 2009 in which both Roethlisberger and Rodgers carved up the opposing defense.

While Big Ben put up five bills in passing, the game was decided on the last play TD pass to WR Mike (60 Minutes) Wallace. Rodgers wasn't chopped liver himself, throwing for 383 and three TDs before his defense went Becky.

The championship promises much of the same. Instead of a low scoring affair, the Look Man expects the game to be a shoot out. The only downer is that Walt (Disney) Anderson is doing the game, so expect a bunch of ridiculous flags.

Moreover, Disney has the fewest overturned review calls in the NFL. Given all of this, the Look Man is calling for the first OT in Super Bowl history, and with the goofy new OT rules, this could end up like Toy Story IV.

Green Bay has held opposing QBs to the NFL's lowest passer rating of any team in the 2009-10 season. By contrast, the Stillers have allowed fewer points and have one more takeaway than the Pack. Put it all together and you have a recipe for a low scoring defensive fest.

Green Bay DC Dom (The Rug) Capers has assembled a tough, physical defense despite losing key defensive starters. The Pack plays fast and physical, much like the Stillers. The reason: Capers learned at the knee of Stillers D-Co Dick LeBeau(nhead), a Hall of Fame coach and a player who collected 62 career picks.

"We weren't very good in adversity situations a year ago," Capers says. "When we had to go on the field, on our side of the field, whether it be a turnover or big return, people scored points a high percentage of the time against us. We placed a lot of emphasis on that in the offseason, put together teaching tapes and just talked about it."

Capers went on, "My guys are on receivers tighter than this rug on my dome. You don't want slipping at inopportune times, whether it's the rug or the defenders."

Many have indicated a belief that Aaron (Buck) Rodgers will get decleated by Blitzburgh's superior defense. They hearken back to the NFC Divisional playoff in which an Arizona DB hit Rodgers in the head for a strip sack that Karlos Dansby returned in OT. The Pack went down 51-45 in one of the finest playoff games in decades.

There was no roughing call in that game, with the zebras failing to properly award a first down for blow to the head on Rodgers. The Cards went on to the Super Bowl, where they lost to Blitzburgh by the slimmest margin on a toe tap TD to Santonio Holmes.

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Mendenhump, the Movie

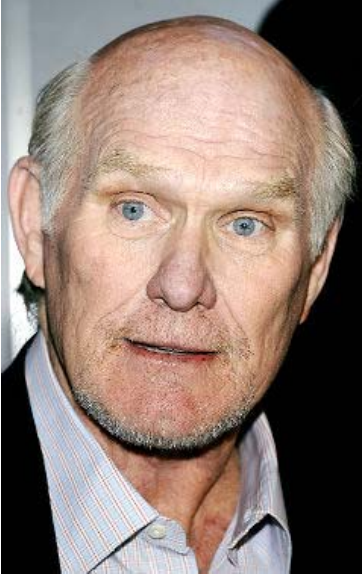
The victory formation at the conclusion of the Stillers-Jets AFC Championship featured something you never see: RB Rashard Mendenhall humping his prostrate QB. The clip gives new meaning to the Tomlin nickname for Mendenhump: Delicious. Check out the GIF file at: <http://www.bestweekever.tv/2011-01-24/mendenhall-humps-roethlisberger-the-gif/>

T-bone Bradshar

Terry Bradshaw's relationship with Big Ben has never been a good one, but it reached its nadir following Ben's trouble in Midgeville, GA. Many of the Tailpipes will remember that Bradshaw himself had a brief falling out with Stillers Fan just before and after his own retirement. Still, there was no love lost between Terry and Ben.

That all changed this week when Fox producers realized that Bradshaw and Roethlisberger would be forced to cooperate for the sake of the Super Bowl broadcast. The producers arranged a sit-down that included only the QBs and no hangers on.

Afterwards, the air was cleared for a featured interview that will air on Super Sunday. It's not as if the two were holding hands and singing Cumbaya, but a quiet truce has been declared.

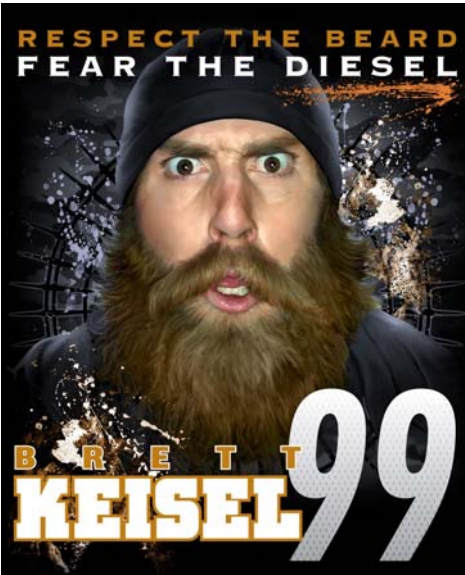


Homeless Man Claiming to be HOFer?

Fear the Beard

Big Ben has an excellent playoff beard courtesy of a solid Manuary run, but it pails in comparison to teammate Brett Kiesel. Kiesel's growth makes him look like a combination between a mountain man and Bigfoot. Stillers Fan has even commissioned a "Fear the Beard" T-shirt with Kiesel's likeness.

Kiesel is a significant contributor to the Stillers, having taken over for Pro Bowl DE Aaron Smith. BK is a tough edge rusher, and a solid run stuffer who will hit you. Green Bay's tackles will have their hands full between James Harrison and Kiesel on the edge.



Hard to say which is scarier, the T-shirt or the DE.

Sainz Be Praised

Azteca TV reporter Ines Sainz is back for Super Bowl XLV following her early season debacle with the Jets. At Media Day, she interviewed wide receiver Chad Ochocinco,

who was there to represent his Ochocinco News Network. Sainz asked 8-5 if he was indeed contemplating changing his name back to his original Chad Johnson. "I don't know," said Ochocinco. "It depends on the people that support me in Mexico. So what I'd like TV Azteca to do is take a poll. If the people of Mexico and the Latin community want me to keep it, I think maybe I'll keep it."

The Nati-ans have a real hard on for Ocho, but The Look Man believes Ocho is the only Bengals player who he would want to play on his beloved Cleveland Browns. Speculation is rampant whether Ocho and TO will both be gone in 2010. At this point, it's far from clear whether even (Johnny) Carson Palmer will return. Mr. Tonight Show asked for a trade, threatening retirement if the Bengals fail to grant his wish.

The upshot was a dismissal of O-Coordinator Bob DUI-akowski this week. The Ugly and Black replaced him with Jon (Chucky) Gruden's brother (Silent) Jay, of UFL fame. Silent Jay fits the mold for the Bungals organization, and he is hoping to bring the West Coast Offense to the Midwest. Now word on whether he's hoping to get Joe Montana to unretire to run the system.



Sainz strutting her stuff in Marine Mammals gear, and interviewing ONN CEO Chad in Dallas

O-line Woes

The Stillers have endured their share of injuries, especially to the offensive line. They shuffled the assignments after the loss of two starting offensive tackles, and now may have to replace Pro Bowl C Maurkice Pouncey.

OG Doug (The Big) Legursky will make his first NFL start at center if Pouncey cannot practice on Friday. The Look Man believes this shakeup is the reason for the Packers being favored by 2.5. You simply can't minimize the impact of a Pro Bowl caliber offensive lineman who makes all of the line calls.

The move is reminiscent of the loss of Grayders C Barrett Robbins a few years ago. Robbins went off his meds and took a trip to Mexico two nights before Super Bowl

XXXVII, forcing the Grayders to shake up their assignments. Tampa Bay went on to destroy the Grayders, who couldn't keep QB Rich Gannon perpendicular.

The Stillers made an uncharacteristically bold move in the offseason, acquiring former Pokes LT Flozell (Geico) Adams. Geico solidified the right side of the Stillers line, keeping Ben clean, and able to roam the edges and make big plays. The Pokes gave up on Flo following the Pants on the Ground 2009 playoff performance where he was dominated by Vikes DE Jared Allen in a 34-3 blowout. It's just as ironic that Flo caused the injury by pushing a defender onto Pouncey's back leg.

Pokes Fan still hates Adams for leading the league in false start and holding penalties, but he has been an excellent addition in Stilltown. Without Adams, Blitzburgh doesn't make the playoffs with an opportunity to extend its Super Bowl trophy lead over the Pokes. Needless to say, Jerry Jones is not happy to have his Lombardi archrivals playing in his crib on Sunday while Romo and company are off fishing in Cabot.

Warm Weather Site?

The Jones Dome will be closed for the game, but the same can't be said for the city. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, renamed North Texas for the event, received about five inches of snow and ice this week. Temperatures have hovered in the 20s, and many folks had to change travel plans courtesy of a Midwest blizzard.

The Taj Mah-Jones drew 108,173 for the 2010 NBA All-Star game, eclipsing its opening game total of 105,121 against the New York Giants in 2009. Jerry Jones has said the facility is certified for up to 111,000, but the local fire marshal disagrees. "I do think we'll have the most people to have ever been at the stadium," said Jones. "Of course, if there's a fire, we won't be roasting only weenies."

Jones had a collapse of his practice facility two years ago, badly injuring coaches and players. Safety ain't exactly job one in Dallas. **[Note: the ice slide that nearly killed six folks occurred after the writing of this blog.]**

The Look Man isn't understanding the NFL owners these days. The next few Super Bowl venues are in cold weather sites, and that isn't good. The game goes to Indy and New York City with New Orleans in the middle. Two of these sites are guaranteed to be sub-freezing, while the Big Easy can be chilly as well. Why not rotate between Miami, San Diego and New Orleans permanently?



Chuck Howley reporting live from Irving, TX or the North Pole?

Quote of the Week II

"I just want to tackle them softly on the ground. If you can, can you lay a pillow down where I'm going to tackle them so they don't hit the ground too hard ... Mr. Goodell?" - Stillers DE James () Harrison to the Commish on Media Day.

Harrison went on to add, "They took \$100,000 out of my pocket," he said. "You think I'm not bitter? We are not trying to hit nobody hard. We don't want to get fined."

Quote of the Week III- Classic SB Edition

"I'd run over Grimm's mother too." -Matt Millen, Raiders Linebacker, after Redskins O-lineman Russ Grimm said he would run over his own mother to win the Super Bowl.

Karaoke Conundrum?

TMZ featured a video of Big Ben out on the town Tuesday night at a piano bar in nearby Plano. Rapelessberger was signing *It's Raining Men*, raising questions on how far he is willing to go to change his image.

The timing is curious in light of the recent Mendenhump video. Not since Kordell Stewart has there been this much androgyny in the Stillers backfield.

Biddy, biddy, biddy, she's hot, Buck!

Turns out that Packers signal caller Aaron (Buck) Rodgers has been two timing Major Wilma Dearing. Buck is currently kicking it with ESPN star Erin Andrews, but his recent dalliances include actress Jessica Szohr, and SI model Julie Henderson, former Russell Simmons squeeze.

Rodgers doesn't have the reputation as a playa, but his love life is beginning to parallel his career apogee. A Super Bowl ring might be the icing on the proverbial.



Buck and his recent paramours.

THE LOOK AHEAD

Stillers at Packers (-2.5) Super Bowl XLV at Pokes Palace

The Look Man is still attempting to figure out the spread on this one. It has to come down to the loss of Pouncey, or Vegas simply believes the receiving corps in Green Bay is superior to the defense of Blitzburgh. Any way you slice it, it's a stunner that the Pack is favored by nearly a FG.

Tack on the fact that EVERYONE is rooting for the Pack, and you have a potential gold mine for Vegas. Based upon the fact that the spread started at 2.5 and hasn't moved, one has to believe the fix is in. The Look Man wouldn't touch this with a ten and a half foot pole.

Aaron (Buck) Rogers is one of the best ever indoors, having an incredible game just a few weeks back in the Georgia Dome. Ben has struggled in domes, overcoming a nearly game losing pick in Indy a few years back with a game saving tackle.

The Look Man believes the Pack does have a serious advantage at wide receiver. When they go five wide, it is tough to contain them, and Rodgers has a quick cannon. Jordy (Casper) Nelson and James Jones complement Driver and Jennings. TE Donald Lee and Andrew Quarless round out the crew, and provide decent blocking if not reliable hands.

But the real strength might be the Green Bay running game. When they stacked the box with two fullbacks in front of James (Tony) Starks, they were a formidable running presence. They overmatched a small and quick Atlanta defense with power, and could do the same in Dallas if they start early.

Short first quarter runs lead to fourth quarter backbreakers in the NFL. If The Pack actually has a decent running game, but this game is not about actual success running. Running attempts are crucial, so 20 carries for 79 yards is a win for Green Bay.

They can keep the Stillers honest with a few nice gash runs to James (Tony) Starks, and then burn them with the slot receiver. All Green Bay wants is to keep the linebackers frozen for a beat. The slants and skinny posts can then take advantage of the seams in the zone.

Big Ben will attempt to put pressure on the Cheesehead D by rolling out and buying additional time for his receivers. Unlike the Jets, The Look Man believes the Pack can use edge pressure by Clay Matthews III to keep Ben in the pocket, where he is less effective. Ben's passing accuracy increases when he can roam the edges, so this is a key to stopping him.

The Limburger D is solid against the run, with major contributions from NT BJ (The Freezer) Raji. The Freezer gobbled up a Caleb Hanie pass for a pick six in the NFC Championship, ranging over in his zone blitz scheme.

Despite rumors that S Troy Polamolu is healthy, the Look Man believes he will be hurting. An Achilles takes months to heal, not weeks. CB Bryant McFadden will be targeted by the Pack, and he gives way to William Gay if Rodgers turns him into toast.

EPILOGUE

The 2010 season comes down to one final matchup, and it is epic. If the Stillers win, they lock down their seventh Lombardi, stretching their 6-5 lead over Dallas. Ironically, the Pokes are an NFL expansion team with a history only from 1960. The Stillers are one of the original NFL teams, dating back to leather helmets.

Even if the Pack loses this game, they will be a force in the NFC for the next few years. They have a young, hungry team and a QB that is headed for Pantheon status.

The Look Man has not always been a fan of Pack boss Mike McCarthy, who is cut from the same cloth as Andy Reid. McCarthy has made some bad decisions in the crunch, and he needs to suck it up on Sunday.

On the other side of the field, Mike (Omar Epps) Tomlin can garner his second ring before the age of 40. For those who believe Bill Cowher is the second coming of Vince Lombardi, you may need to recalibrate. Forty years from now, the trophy might be named for Tomlin.

Defense wins championships, and these two are excellent. The Look Man is torn on his pick; he likes Tomlin a lot, but the Pack has faced greater adversity. The hotter team has won in the last few years, and that points to Green Bay.

The pick: Green Bay in an OT thriller, with the Stillers K Shaun (Swizzle Stick) Suisham missing a FG. Suisham is the final piece of the Dallas puzzle, having been ejected by Jerry Jones for missing crucial kicks. Swizzle Stick has looked solid in 2010, but he buckles on the big stage, allowing Green Bay kicker Mason (Bing) Crosby to go all Minute Maid for the win.

Peace,

The Look Man