

## **THE LOOK MAN REPORT 2011**

### **Week Three – The Squire of Dallas**

*"He was a really good teammate. I came in under him as a backup. He loved us. He loved football. Man, I can't believe it." – Cleveland RT Tony Pashos on the death of Orlando Brown last week.*

Week Three had some great games, but unfortunately the Look Man was stuck at the Niners-Bills. This just in: Niners QB Alex Smith is cover-your-eyes awful. And the Niners still beat Cincy in the Jungle. They are officially in the 'Suck for Luck' sweepstakes.

In other news, the Pokes pulled out a close one, and the number of undefeated teams is dwindling. Tony Romo played a gutsy game with banged up players and receivers that could barely align. At least for now, Romo loses 'the Place for Ribs' designation in favor of 'The Squire of Dallas.' Looks like a great 2011 season just keeps getting better.

Without further ado, the Week that Was:

#### **LAGNIAPPE**

##### Snap-Gate

Last Monday Night, Pokes center Phil Costa accused Washington of barking signals that caused premature shotgun snaps to Tony Romo. Only Romo's incredible athleticism saved them from becoming turnovers, but the allegation was legit.

Mike (The Rat) Shanahan and the Genocide Victims defense denied it, but the Look Man has never seen four errant snaps in one football game. You make the call, but this never would have happened to former Poke Andre Gurode.

Further, there is evidence that Washington got the idea on Sunday, when the Bears were committing the same offense on the Pack. That activity is punishable by a 15-yard unsportsmanlike call, but only if the zebras aren't in your pockets.

The new alignment of the umpire means that he isn't standing right behind the Mike linebacker. By standing off to the QBs left, the umpire can't determine if the signals are coming from the center making line calls or an illegal call from the D-line or linebacker.

Perhaps this item belongs in Zebra of the Week, but it's another bad rule change by the NFL. Please move the umpires back into the defensive backfield where they belong.

##### Foo for Thought?

###### AP Wire

The Foo Fighters struck back at picketers from the Westboro Baptist Church – by serenading them before a concert in Kansas City, Missouri. The church, which is known for its extreme anti-homosexual views, was there to protest the band because of their songs' lyrics that refer to "man-loving," NBC Action News reported.

But instead of ignoring them, like most of the objects of their protests do, the Foos donned wigs, hats, costumes, drove up in a flatbed truck and mocked the protestors, video shows. Crowds of people, many of them who were there to counter-protest the Westboro Baptist Church, lined up to cheer on the band.

"I don't care if you're black or white or purple or green, whether you're Pennsylvanian or Transylvanian, whether you're Lady Gaga or Lady Antebellum, it takes all kinds," Dave Grohl,

the Foo Fighter's lead singer shouted to the crowd. "Now that I'm the QB for the Denver Broncos, I intend to stand up for gay rights. And that includes Tim Tebow!"

### The Ford Agency

Lion Fan has a new deal for home games - - - a large red and black bus replete with two stages, steel dancing poles, tinted windows and even a smoke machine. The bus is known as The Booty Lounge, and for ten semolians, Motor City patrons can visit a mobile House of Modern Dance.

The Po-Po got wise after a story on WDIV-TV's Action News. Detroit Police spokeswoman Eren Stephens indicated the investigation is ongoing, and will continue on October 10 at the home game against the Chicago Bears. "We know the game is coming up and ... we're looking into this whole operation," Stephens said. "We believe Bears players may also get involved, especially Jay Cutler, who currently is without girlfriend."

The bus parks about a half-mile from Ford Field. The operators didn't respond to the Look Man's request for comment, but their Facebook page indicates that the bus can be hired for private parties and is available with or without "lady's," adding "our opinion is that is a lot more fun with em!"

The legal issue is whether the operators are attempting to circumvent a special strip club license from the city. By going mobile, they can make similar money, and save on brick and mortar overhead. If they serve food, they can actually accomplish the Big Three all at once: food, football and nude women.

Photos of two uniformed Detroit police officers posing with a woman believed to be part of the operation were proven to be phony, but the investigation is ongoing. No word on whether Kid Rock is actually behind the Booty Lounge.



*"West Coast women for my Detroit playas!" I wanna be a Cowboy, baby.*

## ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

The zebras were in mid-season form in Week Three, already blowing calls that usually take until week ten. Here's the rundown:

Green Bay at Chicago – Mike (Dancing with the Stars) Carey: The phantom hold during Johnny (Fort) Knox's TD punt return almost allowed the Bears to steal another one in the Chi. The side judge was fooled as badly as the cameraman, and wasn't within 20 yards of Fort Knox when he scored. The Pack dominated in yardage and time of possession. Little wonder Pack head coach Mike McCarthy bitched them out after the game.

Frisco at Cincy – Jerome Boger(mill) threw eighteen flags in front of about 20,000 fans. The four hour contest was a snooze fest from which the Look Man would like a chrono rebate. In the words of Samuel L. Jackson, "Can I have my four hours back? Please?!"

Washington at Dallas – Ed (Hulk) Hochuli and crew mostly let the boys play, although Doomsday Lite jumped prior to the snap on numerous occasions, including several 4th quarter snaps. Spencer went early on the game ending fumble, and Ware lived in the neutral zone with impunity. While Ware did get held on one play, the zebras exchanged neutral zone infractions for holding by the Genocide Vix.

More likely, (T-)Rex Grossman was keeping it simple in the event that the Pokes would bark out a false count. He never changed the count despite running like an extinct reptile most of the night.

The Costa double snap gives credence to the conspiracy theory, but what's more amazing is that Romo actually controlled those errant snaps, and one pass completion was nothing short of spectacular. Sometimes you see a two yard play that makes you jump up off the couch. That was such a play.

And the winner is, Bogermill, who turned an unwatchable (literally) game into a snooze fest. Jerome Boger, you are the Look Man's **Zebra of the Week**.

## CELEBRITY OBIT OF THE WEEK

The passing of Orlando (Zeus) Brown, offensive tackle for Cleveland and B'more at the age of 40 was tragic. Zeus was best known for pushing Jeff (beanbag) Triplette to the ground after the zebra nearly blinded him with a BB-pellet laden flag. Brown later went on to STD-more to play with the Browns cum Ravens, and was known for his gentle giant nature.



*Sleep well, Big Man.*

Brown's father lost his eyesight to glaucoma, contributing to the shoving of Triplette. He was hospitalized for nearly a week with internal bleeding, and ultimately he sued the NFL for \$200 million. Though Brown received a \$25 million settlement, he missed three seasons before returning to the Ravens in 2003.

Officials still do not know the cause of death, and given Brown's kind nature, nothing suspicious is suspected.

## **THE LOOK AHEAD**

The slate for Week Four early games is pretty Spartan. Detroit at Dallas, Stillers at Houston, and possibly Buffalo at Cincy are the only early games that really caught the Look Man's eye.

The late games are a little juicier, with Jets at Baltimore and New England at San Diego. Based upon the late start, all of these teams will know what is required in order to stay on top of their respective divisions.

The Look Man is red hot in 2011, posting a sizzling 12-1 ATS. Here's the mix:

### *Detroit at Dallas (-1)*

This game will be the first real test for the upstart Lions, who many predict will make the playoffs. Romo showed some real guts last week, and his reward is to get hounded by Ndamakong Suh, Kyle VanDenbosh and Nick Fairley.

Plus, this game features the return of former Pokes LB Bobby Carpenter, who would like nothing more than to crush Romo's windpipe. That would add Romo to an injury list that reads like a hospital ward already. Miles Austin (Powers) will likely sit again, Dez Bryant is nicked up

Even The Squire might struggle in this one. Lions cover and win over an injury depleted Pokes team.

### *Tennessee at Cleveland (-1)*

Cleveland is getting one and a half against a Flaming Thumbtacks team that just lost WR Kenny Britt (Eckland). The Look Man likes the Browns in this one because they own QB Matt (Hair Club for Men) Hasselbeck, and because the Browns have a bye next week.

Browns go to 3-1, tied for first in the AFC Asgard Division. Browns, baby, Browns.

### *Buffalo at Cincinnati (-3)*

The return of Ryan (Veritas) FitzPatrick to the team that didn't need his services can only mean doom for the Ugly and Black. The Look Man likes the Bills new unis, and since 1981, teams that have changed uniforms have made the playoffs in that season.

Three point home dogs do notoriously well, and this could be a trap game for Buffalo. The Bisons have a tough schedule stretch from Week Five on, so they might be looking ahead. Of course, the game is blacked out locally, so the fans won't have much influence.

Here are the hidden stats:

(1) the Bengals dropped 30 on Buffalo in the first half in 2010, only to lose by 20. The offensive explosion that day was courtesy of Veritas, and signaled the beginning of the FitzPatrick era in upstate New York. Marvin Lewis and Zimmer haven't forgotten that game, but they probably can't do anything about it. (2) The Bisons have two corners that didn't practice this week, and might be smarting from the big comeback vs. the Chowds. (3) RB Ced (The Butler) Benson is looking at a three game suspension starting in Week Five, and he should produce this week.

This game looks like a classic Vegas trap. Look for the Bengos to play this one close, and cover the three, if not win outright. Bengos.

### *Pittsburgh at Houston (-4)*

The Houston receiving corps is really banged up, and the Stillers struggled two of the three weeks on offense and defense. Look for Mike (Omar Epps) Tomlin to get the ship righted

courtesy of the poor coaching of Houston's Gary Kubiak. Kubiak is quietly about to be fired if the Slim Shadies don't go deep into the AFC playoffs. Stillers cover and win on the road.

#### *New England at Oakland (-4.5)*

Tom Brady got a haircut, and he'll get a close shave in Oaktown. If you haven't seen the Grayders in 2011, you will be surprised. The Grayders have a legitimate running game featuring RB Darren (McFabulous) McFadden and a physical D starring Richard Seymour (Butts). McFabulous gained 171 rushing yards against the Jets last week, and he'll put up serious numbers this week.

Oakland also features QB Jason (Soup) Campbell, who has found a home with speedy wideouts and a big play offense. Soup is complimented by head coach Hugh Jackson, a talented offensive mind who has leveraged his players' skills into a playoff caliber team.

Oakland swept the AFC West in 2010, but failed to make the postseason. They will want to prove that they belong with a "W" over Zoolander and the Chowds.

Brady and Company have excelled offensively, but struggled in the second half last week because their twin-headed TE offense shot a rod when it lost Aaron Hernandez. Wes Welker caught sixteen balls, but the deep seam closed down in the second half.

The Look Man thinks the one weakness on the Grayders is safety Matt (Deep Dish) Giordano, a free agent from Indy. Deep Dish lost the TEs in Buffalo, and he might struggle against Gronkowski this week. Grayders cover.

#### *New York Jets at Baltimore (-4) [Football Night in America]*

This is the matchup everyone has been waiting for. It might also be the reason the Jets looked so flat last week in Oakland. The Dumpster Ducks have put up points offensively, but they live with defense. They will hound Jets QB Mark Sanchize, who struggles to keep his shirt on off the field and on.

Sanchize got a broken nose courtesy of the Grayders las4t week, and the Dumpster Ducks finish the job in Week Four. He's missing his center, Nick Mangold, and the protection has suffered. Jets take a step back in 2011, and this is the first loss of more to come. B-More covers and wins.

#### *Indianapolis at Tampa Bay (-10.5) [Monday Night Football]*

Corn Kings QB Josh (Morgan) Freeman is the best QB under 27 in the NFL. All Freeman does is win, and do voiceovers for epic films.

Indy is not as bad as everyone believes. D-ends Mathis and Freeney can make life hell for offensive tackles and young QBs. The front seven did a great job against Blitzburgh's run game, including tattooing Mendenhall on numerous occasions. Blount and the Corn Kings is a different story, and the Colts can't hang for four quarters. Colts cover the 10.5, Corn Kings win the contest.

### **EPILOGUE**

Week Three saw a return to earth for a lot of high flying offenses. Now that teams are beginning to get heir defensive legs, look for more low scoring, defensive battles. IF the NFL season is four quarters, this week should be the end of the first. The Look Man believes it will be memorable, and the Corn Kings and Lions prove that they are for real in 2011.

Peace,

The Look Man