

THE LOOK MAN REPORT 2011
Week Six – Heeeeerrree’s Johnny!

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sentiment of fans who want their teams to lose to have a shot to draft him next April

Week Five featured the elimination of another undefeated team, a near fistfight between head coaches and the trade of (Johnny) Carson Palmer to the Raiders. While the first two items garnered big headlines, the latter is good for both teams.

Irrespective of what happens in Oakland, the trade of Mister Tonight Show is better for the Bengals, who will improve substantially courtesy of the two high picks in 2012. At that point, Andy (Red Raider BB Gun) Dalton will be better, and WR AJ Green will be on the verge of stardom.

The Ugly and Black should use the pick on defense to get a LB or two. Adam (Pacman) Jones is coming back in two weeks or less and free agency could yield a decent CB. The Nati is \$18 million under the cap, and the Nati could switch the balance of power in the AFC North with some smart moves.

As for the battle of head coaches, Jim Schwartz is a little too fiery and Harbaugh is simply an a-hole. Going for two late in a 55-21 blowout of USC is not the sign of a well-grounded coach. Neither was Schwartz taunting Pokes wideout Dez Bryant after a coach’s challenge. The NFL would’ve fined and suspended players who behaved that way, but coaches get a pass? Weak.

With further ado, the Week that was.

LAGNIAPPE

Tebow casualty?

Denver’s Brandon Lloyd was dealt to the Rams for a 4th round pick after the team decided his pro-Kyle Orton sentiment was not what the doctor ordered. The Donkeys made the move to Tebow before the bye week, and take T-squared on the road to Miami this week. Miami will have a Tebow reunion tour at halftime, recognizing Tebow and the Gators in the home of the collegiate Hurricanes.

Denver believes that they have enough offensive guns to make it without the Pro Bowl wideout. They don’t. More importantly, once a team goes to a left-handed QB, it can’t simply go back because the rotation of the passes is very different. In effect, Denver just eliminated itself from playoff competition.

Ch-ch-ch-changes

at QB this week, with Tebow in Denver, Ponder in Minny, John (Tre)Beck in DC and Boller/Palmer in Oakland. Granted, the Boller/Palmer change was prompted by injury, but the amount of changes in one week is staggering. The NFL used to be about stability, but this QB-driven league is now “what have you done for me lately.”

Anatomically impossible act?

Bears QB Jay (the Knife) Cutler was caught on tape cussing out offensive coordinator Mike Martz. Apparently, The Knife didn’t like the 3rd and 7 call after a bad incomplection on 2nd down. Martz called a safe draw play to Matt Forte, prompting Cutler to yell, “Tell Martz I said fuck him.”

Cutler was ejected in Denver for this same attitude issues, but the Look Man actually supports this sentiment. Martz is a megalomaniacal nutjob who took too long to get offensive protections fixed and eschewed outstanding running game to keep the team from paying Forte. He is a

coach killer who will ultimately get Lovie (Howell III) Smith fired like he did Singletary and Vermeil.

Got Milk?

The infant actor on the ABC comedy Modern Family can't keep her hands off Sofia Vergara's breasts. Cute kid.

If you haven't seen this show, you're missing a funny show with a stunning ensemble cast. Sofia's pretty easy on the eyes as well.



[If Sofia doesn't win an Emmy, the Look Man will protest...](#)

A defibrillator with every order?

There is a new restaurant in Las Vegas that allows anyone who walks in weighing in at more than 350 pounds to eat free of charge. The Heart Attack Grill has been widely criticized for this policy, and features a mega burger with four beef patties, lard cooked French fries, and thick shakes.

Similarly themed restaurants in Dallas and Phoenix have closed due to protests and community pressure after a 575-pound spokesman died from obesity-related illness. The owner is hoping that the more permissive atmosphere in Las Vegas will permit his restaurant to thrive. "The calories you consume in Vegas," he said, grinning, "stay in Vegas."

Though the NFL attempts to distance itself from Vegas for gambling reasons, Philly head coach Andy (The Walrus II) Reid is being considered as the new spokesman. The Walrus would make

a good one, because the Official Wife of the Look Man once opined, “He looks as if he might explode right there on the field!”



Man vs. Food host Andy Reid

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

The Zebras were working overtime last week, and the Look Man’s record for the picks was reflective. Actually, the Chowds and Pokes game was anticipated, but the others were awful, including Bills at Jynts, Panthers at Falcons, and Colts at Bengals. Here’s the rundown:

Pokes at New England (aka Flags on Parade) – Walt Coleman (Lantern)

Pokes Fan may be too classy to complain, but the Look Man has to go way back to remember a more partisan officiating crew. Walt Coleman used his power ring to conjure roughing the passer and running into the kicker calls on Pokes LB Anthony Spencer. The game began with a questionable holding call on Pokes TE John Phillips, and devolved from there.

Meanwhile, there was all kinds of illegal contact downfield and the usual Chowds O-line using the facemask as a steering wheel. The Pokes finally resorted to using the old ‘submarine route’ to get Witten open for six underneath. Witten was nearly held catchless based upon the linebackers and d-backs sticking nickels into his back and getting rides for most of the game.

The Chowds have now won 20 in a row at the Blade, and a lot of those were zebra aided. In the postseason, when everyone is watching, they get their butts handed to them. Coincidence? The Look Man thinks not.

Buffalo at Jynts - Clete Blakeman

Do the zebras even know what pass interference looks like? Second year zebra Clete Blakeman called it on Drayton Florence at clutch time, but failed to call it on the Jynts LB matched up with RB Fred Jackson on a key third down. The Bills couldn’t buy a call, and the Jynts got every opportunity, finally eking out a win.

Niners at Lions – Mike (Dancing with the Stars) Carey

Carey gets honorable mention for ruining the Game of the Week. He had a non-TD catch overturned, and made several questionable calls that ruined the Lions' offensive continuity.

Carey might actually have played a role in the postgame tussle between coaches by frustrating Schwartz beyond belief. The Nate Burleson TD catch was reminiscent of last season's Calvin (Megatron) Johnson's TD/non-TD in the home opener. That loss to Chicago changed the outcome of the NFC Norse and the rule book.

And the winner by a landslide is Walt Coleman (Lantern). The Black and White Lantern is the superhero of officiating badness. His epic battles include the Tuck Rule game in Foxboro, a game that precludes him from doing a game in Oakland - - - ever. Walt Coleman, you are the Look Man's Zebra of the Week!



Coleman (middle). If you see this man officiating your game, be afraid. Be very afraid. Unless you're Chowds Fan.

THE LOOK AHEAD

Seattle at Cleveland (-3)

The Browns are in the midst of a bad contract negotiation with Peyton (The Avalanche) Hillis, and it's their own fault. They failed to reach a deal in the off-season, and Hillis is facing the Madden Curse.

Not only is management screwing up, but the coaching is awful. Pat Shurmur is not getting what he needs from Colt (My Little Pony) McCoy, and was badly outcoached by Hue Jackson in Oakland. How do you fall for a fake FG after seeing film of a fake punt the previous week?

Charlie Whitehurst seizes control of the QB battle with a strong performance and a solid running game by Marshawn Lynch (Mob). The Browns struggle against a speedy Shehawks squad, setting up a bad second half of the season. Shehawks.

St. Louise at Dallas (-13)

Dallas continues to be the biggest conundrum around. They put up great offensive numbers and find new ways to lose each week. While Romo has gotten killed by the media, the Look Man puts the blame at the feet of the head coach.

Jason Garrett needs to lift this team beyond the injuries and establish an offensive personality. Now that the Pokes are healthy, they will rise with a win over the Lambs. Dallas.

Atlanta at Detroit (-3.5)

The Lions looked awful at home versus the Niners last week, but it was largely due to the zebras. The problem is now the running back position, where Jahvid Best suffered a potentially career threatening concussion. Attempts to shore up the position failed this week when the Ronnie Brown-Jerome Harrison trade was derailed by a brain tumor.

The Lions have been the flavor of the week, and the Falcons have struggled behind desultory performances by Matty (Ice) Ryan. The Dirty Brides have injuries at wideout, and must now run the football to be effective.

The Lions offense is predicated on the run game, and they will struggle until they replace Best. Still, they have enough to cover over the road challenged Dirty Birds. Lions.

EPILOGUE

The season is rounding into shape, and only one undefeated team remains. The Look Man does not see another team going undefeated in 2011, so the discussion of whether the Pack can do it is puffery.

Having said that, teams are figuring out their offensive personalities, and KC, Dallas and San Diego are all comers. As for the Suck for Luck derby, it looks like a photo finish. The Dolphins are close to winning, the Colts are better than advertised, and even the Browns are still alive.

The second quarter of the season is well underway, and the QB carousels are in full effect. Gone are the days when teams will sit around and wait, and it's largely because of fickle fans. Owners are staring blackouts squarely in the face, and offense puts asses in seats. Hope may spring eternal, but fans want to know whether they should look to draft a QB or sit tight in 2012.

The Look Man likes the following at the six week mark:

NFC:

- East – Pokes
- West – Niners
- South – New Orleans
- North - Pack
- Wild Cards – Tampa Bay, Lions

AFC:

- East – Chowds
- West – Raiders
- South – Titans
- North - Ravens
- Wild Cards – Stillers, Bolts

Peace,

The Look Man