

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2013

Week Four – Factory of Sadness-Happiness

"When you don't score a touchdown in a game in the NFL, it's going to be hard to win." – Bengals Coach Marvin Lewis, following a 17-6 ass-whooping at the hands of Cleveland.

PROLOGUE

In watching the Cleveland Browns throttle the Bengals at Cleveland Browns Stadium, the Look Man experienced a temporary reprieve to what local comedian Mike Lowe has called the *Factory of Sadness*. If you haven't seen the YouTube video, you're missing out on a hilarious ability to capture the sports spirit of a city. New York is the Boogie Down, Chicago the Second City, and Cleveland is the *Factory of Sadness*.

In point of fact, it was a great sports weekend on the North Coast, as the Tribe rolled into the playoffs with ten straight wins, the Buckeyes beat the Badgers and the Browns punished the Bengals. Browns Fan was high fiving and feeling pretty good about himself for a change, as the Browns won two straight behind the leadership of backup QB Brian Hoyer. The Look Man felt a little sheepish about complaining about Hoyer, but given his lack of starts, who knew he was the second coming of Brian Sipe.

At any rate, things returned to normal by week's end, with the Tribe elimination in the Wild Card play-in game, and the loss of Hoyer to a wicked ACL tear on Thursday Night Football. Hoyer was 'deligamented' by Bills LB Kiko Alonzo, who gave him the old Clay Matthews Sr. move: hitting the guy three different ways on the same tackle. Hoyer once again proved the fallacy of the sliding rule in the NFL; unless you're Tom Brady, sliding just gets you hurt and makes you look silly at the same time. Hoyer got his leg trapped under him while getting drilled, and now faces a long surgical recovery.

The win did put the Browns in first place in the AFC Asgard division, a place Cleveland hasn't been in quite a while. For now, the Look Man will take his happiness where he can, with a lead in the division, and a free weekend to root against the Bangles, Stillers and Dumpster Ducks.

Without further ado, the Week that Will Be:

THE LOOK AHEAD

New England at Cincinnati (-1): The Chowds are in for a rare battle as they start the second quarter of the 2013 season without run stuffer supreme Vince Wilfork. The Chowds lost their Brobdingnagian run-stuffer to an Achilles tear in Week Four, and now face a possible AFC playoff preview against the Ugly and Black.

Andy (The Red BB Gun) Dalton has struggled after a red (and white) hot start at Chicago. He struggled in Cleveland, with no TD passes, and seems to be locking in on WR AJ Green. Either the Bengals run the football on Sunday, or they can pack in the balance of the season and begin to look for a new signal caller.

The Look Man is fond of saying that the Bengals D struggles against any team with a good TE, and the Chowds have an excellent one in Rob Gronkowski. Unfortunately, Gronk is still recovering from offseason surgery and didn't make the trip. In addition, the Chowds are banged up at LB and RB, with Stevan Ridley out.

Not to be outdone, the Bengals are missing DE Michael Johnson and CB Leon (Monte) Hall. Starting ILB Vontaze Burfict has a bad neck, and the overall health of the ballclub is pretty poor. Brady may carve them up like a pre-Halloween jack-o-lantern, especially with a no-huddle offense that keeps D-line substitutions to a minimum.

The weather is going to be wet, and the Zebras suspect. If you saw the Green Bay game, you know that Cincinnati is quickly becoming one of the cities where the rules don't apply, with Washington, Denver and Flambeau being the others. When the rules don't apply, the Look Man typically stays away from betting on these games.

If the Look Man had to place a bet, he would wager that Brady effs the Red BB Gun and the Bengals up en route to 6-0. Afterwards, the Red BB Gun takes stock of his first command, wondering how it all went so wrong and who were those giants throwing spears at his crew. Chowds.



"Fascinating..."

New Orleans at Chicago (pick 'em)

Time was when Chicago and the Tampa Two defense owned Drew (Cool) Brees and the Religious Icons. Well, those days are long gone, courtesy of TE Jimmy Graham and RB Darren Sproles. These Icons are zone busters of the highest order, contorting the middle zones and carving the Monsters of the Furniture Mart.

Here's the other oddity: New Orleans is taking a defense without DE Will (The Fresh Prince) Smith and ILB Jonathan Vilma and making hay. Guys named Junior Gallette and Cameron Jordan are taking folks' lunch money on the playground.

Look for Jay (the Knife) Cutler to give away his meal money, setting up a real showdown in the NFC Norse division. Icons.

Detroit at Green Bay (-7):

The Cheeseheads have owned Detroit at Flambeau, where the Lions have not won since the Eisenhower Administration. All of that changes this week as RB Reggie Bush (41) and Calvin (Megatron) Johnson invite the Cheeseheads to a shootout. Lions cover and win, putting another road demon to rest. Detroit.

Denver at Dallas (+7.5)

The Pokes are pretty salty after getting lit up by Phillip Rivers for four bills passing last week. This week they face Peyton Manning, who has sold his soul to the Devil for a ring in 2014. The Sheriff's sixteen TDs/zero picks numbers are almost the complete opposite of brother Eli (Man of God) Manning, who may have been thrown into the deal for good measure. Peyton is going places Kurt Warner and Tom Brady never did, and he's making it look easy.

Meanwhile, the Pokes are struggling offensively and defensively, and WR Miles (Steve) Austin is again out with a hammy. The Six Million Dollar Man gives balance to the Pokes offense, and without him, teams are simply doubling Dez Bryant and daring DeMarco Murray to outscore them.

That strategy is unlikely to work against the Sheriff, who is treating the NFL like his own personal amusement park. Pokes get played, and the Donkeys cover en route to a big October matchup with the Chowds. Donkeys.

KC at Tennessee (+3):

The Chiefs are one of the unlikely 5-0 teams in 2013, and the Flaming Thumbtacks just lost QB Jake Locker to a hip in Week Four. Enter the Dragon, or in this case, the Great Kazoo, former Bills QB Ryan Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick has a giant helmet to protect his giant Harvard educated brain, and he will carve the Chiefs defense up.

What is not well known is how good the tacks defense is playing. These guys are hitting anything that moves, and if you don't know about them yet, you will after Week Five. Thumbtacks in a Pepto Bismol Upset of het Week.



Separated at birth?

Houston at Frisco (-7):

The Slim Shadies QB Matt Schaub is being barbecued for throwing three pick sixes in as many weeks, and perhaps rightfully so. Still, the Look Man likes the Shadies to right the ship and pound the Niners, who simply don't match up well here. Houston.

Seattle at Indy (+2.5)

The Look Man loves home dogs, especially three point home dogs. The Seahawks escaped via a Richard Sherman pick six last week, but get got by the Ponies this week. Ponies Coach Chuck Pagano has been setting up this game for a while, and teams don't typically do well two consecutive weeks on the road.

RB Trent (T-Rich) Richardson will have to carry the load as Ahmad Bradshaw is still out with a neck injury. The Look Man is taking the points, but the AFC has dominated the NFC in 2013. True to form, Indy wins outright. Ponies.

Baltimore at Miami (-3):

The Dumpster Ducks have struggled with Ray Rice injured, and the marine mammals looked pedestrian on the big MNF stage last week. The more things change, the more they change, as former B-More LB Danelle Ellerbee is starting for the Fish.

Look for the Mammals to rebound in this playoff preview, punching the Ducks in the mouth in order to set up the Miami bye week. The Mammals need it to get healthy for a battle with the Chowds for AFC East supremacy. Miami.

EPILOGUE

The Look Man is going with a lot of upsets this week in a short LMR. After seeing the first quarter of the year, the Look Man believes he has a bead on the pulse of the NFL.

The Browns end the week in first place solo, but have you seen their next five games? Detroit, at Green Bay, at KC, Baltimore, at Cincy. Brandon Weeden had better get his act together and quickly, or the season is over.

Peace,

The Look Man

NFL Lines For Week 5 - NFL Football Line Week Five NFL Line 10/3 - 10/7, 2013

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Date & Time	Favorite	Line	Underdog	Total
10/3 8:25 ET	At Cleveland	-4	Buffalo	41
10/6 1:00 ET	Kansas City	-2.5	At Tennessee	39
10/6 1:00 ET	At Miami	-3	Baltimore	43.5
10/6 1:00 ET	At St. Louis	-11.5	Jacksonville	41.5
10/6 1:00 ET	At Cincinnati	-1.5	New England	45
10/6 1:00 ET	Seattle	-3	At Indianapolis	43.5
10/6 1:00 ET	At Green Bay	-7	Detroit	53.5
10/6 1:00 ET	At Chicago	PK	New Orleans	48.5
10/6 1:00 ET	At NY Giants	-2	Philadelphia	54
10/6 4:05 ET	Carolina	-2	At Arizona	42.5
10/6 11:35 ET	San Diego	-4.5	At Oakland	44.5
10/6 4:25 ET	Denver	-7.5	At Dallas	57
10/6 8:30 ET	At San Francisco	-6.5	Houston	42.5

Monday Night Football Line

10/7 8:40 ET	At Atlanta	-10	NY Jets	43.5
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