

## THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2018

### Week 11 – Saints Be Praised!

*“Ball security in this game is everything. They’ve got a great front. They’ll come after us. They have to win this game. Let’s go win another one - - because it’s the next one.” – Religious Icons Head Coach Sean Payton prior to the Rams game.*

#### PROLOGUE

The Look Man is about to make his annual sojourn to the Land of the Cleves to see Mom ‘n ‘Em, but he couldn’t hit the road without a truncated Look Man Report for Thanksgiving. Of course, the real driver for brevity might be that farce on Monday Night Football that’s being called an instant classic. The Look Man turned that crap off after the fourth flag in the first three minutes.

The NFL Turkey Day tradition is a good one. Started as a lark for a few struggling owners, it has now become a huge showcase for the league. Whether your own tradition includes a television at the dinner table or eating at halftime, nothing goes together like food and football. As former Philly Phan and serious player Ben Franklin once said, “Football is proof that God loves us, and wants us to be entertained.”

This year we have some hilarious matchups, including a special matchup in the home of good food, New Orleans. Without further appropriation from historical figures, the Lookahead for Turkey Day.

#### LAGNIAPPE

*This ain’t no residential districk. This a neighborhood!*

The Look Man knows that the Wednesday before Turkey Day is the biggest bar night of the year, surpassing even New Year’s Eve and Halloween. He couldn’t resist a nugget which appeared this week.

*PORT RICHEY, Fla. - A Florida driver was arrested after his blood alcohol level was eight times above the legal limit. Ricardo Portillo-Gonzalez, 50, was pulled over Sunday after witnesses in Pinellas County saw him driving across the road and hitting two guardrails.*

*The police report says Portillo-Gonzalez smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes and was unsteady on his feet, The Smoking Gun reports. A breathalyzer test administered to Portillo-Gonzalez registered an incredible .66, which is eight times higher than the legal limit of .08. A second test registered a .64.*

*Portillo-Gonzalez was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of drunk driving and released from custody on \$500 bond.*

For those of you who aren’t SCOTUS nominees, here’s a little primer on Blood Alcohol Levels:

- BAC = 0.8 -1.0. This level is considered above the limit, and will get you three days in the pokey if you’re pulled over.
- BAC = .15 = This blood-alcohol level means the equivalent of 1/2 pint of whiskey is circulating in the blood stream.
- BAC = .18-.25 = Drinkers are disoriented, confused, dizzy, and have exaggerated emotional states. Vision is disturbed, as is perception of color, form, motion, and dimensions. Drinkers have increased pain threshold and lack of muscular coordination. Drinkers stagger or lose the ability to walk and have slurred speech. Apathy and lethargy are typical.

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- BAC = .25-.30 = Drinkers display general inertia, near total loss of motor functions, little response to stimuli, inability to stand or walk, vomiting, and incontinence. Drinkers may lose consciousness or fall into a stupor.
- BAC = .30-.50 = Symptoms are complete unconsciousness, depressed or absent reflexes, subnormal body temperature, incontinence, and impairment of circulation and respiration.

**BAC = .37 or higher - Death may occur. BACs of .45% and higher are fatal to nearly all individuals.**

Be careful out there this weekend. We want all of Tailpipe Nation to stay on this side of terra firma.

### THE LOOKAHEAD

#### Bears at Cadillacs (+3)

Bears HC Matt Nagy is cautiously optimistic that QB (Sing Along with) Mitchell Trubisky will be able to go with a bad wing. If he can't, backup Chase McDaniel knows the offense after six years with Philly, KC New Orleans and Washington.

The real story here is the defense, led by DE Khalil Mack. Mack single-handedly beat the Hornheads earlier in the week, and Matt Stafford and the Cadillacs have fewer weapons. Bears in an em-Bear-assingly ugly affair. Bears.

#### Genocide Vix at Pokes (-7)

It's been 25 years nearly to the day since Pokes DE Leon Lett cost Dallas the game by attempting to recover a blocked FG attempt on Thanksgiving Day against the Marine Mammals. That game featured Aikman, Emmitt and Michael Irvin, collectively known as The Triplets in those halcyon days. Miami's QB was Steve DeBerg, with receivers TE Keith Jackson, WR Irvin Fryar and WR OJ McDuffie.

Dan Marino missed the game after suffering an Achilles in Cleveland in October 1993. That injury ended Marino's streak of 145 consecutive starts, a record at the time. He was replaced by Scott Mitchell, whose penchant for picks got him benched. Enter journeyman QB Steve DeBerg, acquired by Don Shula to shore up the Marine Mammals waning playoff hopes.

The Pokes had just won a hard fought game over the Iggles the previous week, and were awakened on Turkey Day to frigid temperatures and snow. Texas Stadium had a hole in the roof so that God could watch his team, and the field was covered. Head Coach Jimmy Johnson and Pokes owner Jerry Jones were not yet at war and Dallas was truly *America's Team*.

The Pokes led 14-13 with seconds remaining in the game when Miami's K Pete Stoyanovich attempted a game winning 40-yard FG. The attempt was blocked, but DE Leon Lett attempted to recover the kick, making it a live ball. Miami recovered the ball after Lett's touch, and went on to make a shorter FG to win the game 16-14. ESPN's Mike Golic, a Mammals DT, was then seen performing snow angels to celebrate the win. It became one of the ten greatest snow games in NFL history, likely because everyone in America watched it with full bellies.

This week could be more of the same as retreads like Colt McCoy and Adrian Peterson suit up for Old DC in a classic Cowboys and Indians tilt. Both players from the Dallas area would love to put a stranglehold on the NFC Least Division. A win here would put the Genocide Victims in a good position and force the Pokes into panic mode.

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Not so fast my friend. Players who return home rarely play well, and though Dallas has only one way to win, they do enough here. Pokes.

#### Atlanta at New Orleans (-8.5) Turkey Night in America

Drew (Cool) Brees is having a career in 2018, having consecutively beaten the Rams, Hornheads and Iggles. He and Sean (Secret Squirrel) Payton are making a travesty, a sham and a mockery of NFL defenses in 2018. It's a traveshamockery!

Atlanta has been incredibly average despite significant offensive talent. A good portion of the blame goes to Head Coach Dan Quinn, one of the great clock mismanages of all time. While their defense has had its share of injuries, Matty (Ice) Bryant and the offense have done him few favors. Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley headline an embarrassment of offensive riches, but the Dirty Birds have stumbled to a pedestrian 5-5 record.

More of the same as the Icons roll toward a possible home field advantage. Even the zebras can't stop an inevitable playoff rematch with the Rams as the Superdome roars its approval. Icons.



*Icons HC Sean Payton*

### EPILOGUE

The playoff picture is murky at best, with many teams on the bubble and a few threatening to run away and hide. Teams below .500 need not apply, but the defending World Champs have an exemption.

The Look Man has assembled his take on the possible playoff participants and likely outcomes as follow:

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<b>KC*</b>		<b>9-2</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>Chicago*</b>		<b>7-3</b>	<b>10-6</b>
	25-Nov	BYE			22-Nov	at Cadillacs	Short Week
	2-Dec	At Raiders			2-Dec	at Jynts	
	9-Dec	Dumpster Ducks			9-Dec	Rams	
	16-Dec	Bolts			16-Dec	Packers	
	23-Dec	at Seahawks			23-Dec	at Niners	
30-Dec	Raiders		30-Dec	at Hornheads			
<b>Bolts</b>		<b>7-3</b>	<b>11-5</b>	<b>Hornheads</b>		<b>5-4-1</b>	<b>9-6-1</b>
	25-Nov	Deadbirds			25-Nov	Packers	
	2-Dec	at Stillers			2-Dec	at Chowds	
	9-Dec	Bengals			10-Dec	at Seahawks	MNF
	16-Dec	at Baby Backs			16-Dec	Marine Mammals	
	22-Dec	Dumpster Ducks	Short Week		23-Dec	at Cadillacs	
29-Dec	at Donkeys		30-Dec	Bears			
<b>New England*</b>		<b>7-3</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>Cheeseheads</b>		<b>4-5-1</b>	<b>8-7-1</b>
	25-Nov	at Jets			25-Nov	at Hornheads	
	2-Dec	Hornheads	(Chowds never lose at home)		2-Dec	Deadbirds	
	9-Dec	at Marine Mammals			9-Dec	Dirty Birds	
	16-Dec	at Stillers			16-Dec	at Bears	
	23-Dec	Bisons			23-Dec	at Jets	
30-Dec	Aeronauticals		30-Dec	Cadillacs			
<b>Marine Mammals</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>Icons</b>		<b>9-1</b>	<b>13-3</b>
	25-Nov	at Ponies			22-Nov	Dirty Birds	Short Week
	2-Dec	Bison			2-Dec	at Pokes	
	9-Dec	Chowds			9-Dec	at Corn Kings	
	16-Dec	at Hornheads			16-Dec	at Black Cats	
	23-Dec	Sacksonville			23-Dec	Stillers	
30-Dec	at Bison		30-Dec	Black Cats			
<b>Stillers*</b>		<b>7-3</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>Black Cats</b>		<b>6-4</b>	<b>9-7</b>
	25-Nov	at Donkeys			25-Nov	Seahawks	
	2-Dec	Bolts			2-Dec	at Corn Kings	
	9-Dec	at Raiders			9-Dec	at Browns	
	16-Dec	Chowds			16-Dec	Religious Icons	
	23-Dec	at Religious Icons			23-Dec	Dirty Birds	
30-Dec	Bengals		30-Dec	at Religious Icons			
<b>Dumpster Ducks</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>Genocide Victims*</b>		<b>6-4</b>	<b>8-8</b>
	25-Nov	Raiders			25-Nov	at Pokes	
	2-Dec	at Atlanta			2-Dec	at Iggles	
	9-Dec	At KC			9-Dec	Jynts	
	16-Dec	Corn Kings			16-Dec	at Sacksonville	
	23-Dec	at Bolts			23-Dec	at Thumbtacks	
30-Dec	Browns		30-Dec	Iggles			
<b>Bengals</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>Pokes</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>8-8</b>
	25-Nov	Browns			22-Nov	Genocide Vics	Short Week
	2-Dec	Denver			2-Dec	Religious Icons	
	9-Dec	at Bolts			9-Dec	Iggles	
	16-Dec	Raiders			16-Dec	at Ponies	
	23-Dec	at Browns			23-Dec	Corn Kings	
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	25-Nov	Thumbtacks			25-Nov	Jynts	
	2-Dec	Browns			2-Dec	Genocide Vics	
	9-Dec	Ponies			10-Dec	at Pokes	
	16-Dec	at Aeronauticals			16-Dec	at Rams	FNIA
	23-Dec	at Iggles			23-Dec	Houston	
	30-Dec	J-Squareds			30-Dec	at Genocide Vics	
<b>Ponies</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>Rams*</b>		<b>10-1</b>	<b>14-2</b>
	25-Nov	Marine Mammals			25-Nov	BYE	
	2-Dec	at Sacksonville			2-Dec	at Cadillacs	
	9-Dec	at Houston			9-Dec	at Bears	
	16-Dec	Pokes			16-Dec	Iggles	
	23-Dec	Jynts			23-Dec	at Deadbirds	
	30-Dec	at Thumbtacks			30-Dec	Niners	
<b>Flaming Thumbtacks</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>Seahawks</b>		<b>5-5</b>	<b>9-7</b>
	26-Nov	at Houston			25-Nov	at Black Cats	
	2-Dec	Aeronauticals			2-Dec	Niners	
	6-Dec	Sacksonville	Short Week		10-Dec	Hornheads	MNF
	16-Dec	at Jynts			16-Dec	at Niners	
	23-Dec	Genocide Victims			23-Dec	Baby Backs	
	30-Dec	Ponies			30-Dec	Deadbirds	

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The Look Man took the liberty of highlighting possible losses/tough wins, but you get the drift.

The NFL Zebras squeezed several AFC playoff teams in Week 11 to allow New England back into the home field advantage race. The Chowds have three losses already, but enter into the AFC Least portion of their remaining schedule, a series of ridiculously easy wins that should be illegal.

Irrespective of outcome, the stretch run is going to be entertaining. If you're not watching for amusement purposes only, you might tune into the Battle of Ohio Part One. The Look Man will attend, and he's bringing the popcorn, cuz it will likely be a show.

Happy Thanksgiving,

The Look Man