

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2019

Week Ten – Bedlam

"I didn't see why it started, but it's inexcusable. I don't care, rivalry or not, we can't do that." – Browns QB Baker Mayfield after DE Myles Garrett went postal on Steelers QB Mason Rudolph.

PROLOGUE

The Steelers-Browns game was not particularly noteworthy, with Browns head coach turning what should have been a blowout into a tight game. The ending was directly attributable to that pressure, and with eight seconds remaining, Browns DE went unhinged. You all saw the video; there is no defense for what Garrett did.

The matchup was supposedly former Oklahoma vs. OK State QBs facing off in the NFL. What ended up happening was true bedlam. The Look Man wants to drill down on this topic before Week Eleven begins in earnest.



"Lemme give you a little touch up..."

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Myles' Melee

The setup: Browns dominated the first half, only to have the zebras donate a score to the Yinzers with not one, not two, but four defensive penalties on a single drive. That score made it 14-7 at the half, in a game in which the Browns dominated time of possession.

It wasn't just time of possession, though. The Barking Dawg D played dirty all night, knocking out any decent offensive player in the Black and Gold. The hit on Juju Smith-Schuster was nasty; the one on his replacement was nearly criminal, and FS Demarius Randall was rightfully ejected.

As usual, Cake Baker Mayfield stunk up the joint, mustering only 21 points off four picks and two failed fourth down tries by the Steelers. He parlayed an average field possession start near the forty-yard line into two first half scores, and a lucky TD to a rookie TE to ice the game. Mason Rudolph (the Red Nosed Reindeer) looked like a rookie against a solid blitz, throwing four picks and two more that were dropped.

The game came down to awful coaching, with Browns el jefe Freddie Kitchens making at least five overt errors in the game. Perhaps more important, is what Kitchens continues to fail to do: run the

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football. Running the ball shorten the games and turns close contests into laughers. If the Browns run the ball fifteen more times, Garrett isn't even playing in the fourth quarter, and the Browns are in a postseason discussion. Throw the ball all over the yard, and you have talk radio and the Four-Letter Network blowing up today and a cameo in the Saturday Night Live soft open.

The league office issued swift justice: 250 large for each team, indefinite suspension for Garrett, three games for Pouncey defending his idiot QB, and one game for DT Larry Ogunjobi for pushing that punk to the ground. They got it mostly right, except the Look Man doesn't penalize an O-lineman for defending his guy, Ogunjobi gets a game check fine instead of a week off without pay, and last, but certainly not least, Reindeer gets a game FOR BEING THE INSTIGATOR.

It's unclear why Garrett went postal, but the Look Man has two theories: (1) he was held all night, and after protesting vehemently to Clete Blakeman, he took matters into his own hands on a 3rd and 24. (2) Reindeer dropped some expletives on Garrett, perhaps even an N bomb. He clearly attempted to tear Garrett's headgear off, kicked him, and cursed another Browns D-lineman. He is not without guilt.

Irrespective, Garrett's actions were selfish, scary and inexcusable. Even Kyle Turley thinks he's unbalanced. Going blackout postal on national TV is never a good luck and it is clear that Garrett is on The Juice, which causes this kind of irrational behavior.

Rudolph pursuing Garrett after getting his helmet ripped off looked suspiciously similar to the woman in the hotel video with Kareem Jackson. The Look Man doesn't understand running back into trouble against superior opposition. Once you get dogged, discretion is always the better part of valor. You cannot win the fight if you're dead.

THE LOOKAHEAD

Week Eleven's most compelling contest too place last night, as the Browns attempted to climb back to respectability against the Stillers. The balance of the week doesn't offer any marquee games, and the ones it does offer have lost their shine due to injuries.

As we enter the Flex Season, games can move at a network whim, so keep your head on a swivel. The Week Ahead:

Baltimore at Houston (+4) – Game of the Week

The marquee game of the week features the two understudies for the MVP: Lamar Jackson and Deshaun Watson. While DangeRuss steals all the stats, these two QBs are dominating the AFC, each with spectacular highlight reel plays. Jackson's 47-yard spin-a-rama was Play of the Year material, edging out the get-kicked-in-the-face TD pass by Watson earlier in the season.

Baltimore is not all icing; there is plenty of cake with solid TE play from two players, good run blocking from the receiving corps, and Jackson making it all work. The offense eats enough clock to keep the defense rested, which hides its blemishes: bad linebacker and secondary play.

Why B-More wil win: simply Jackson, who is fast, accurate and courageous. L-Jack has two perfect QB rating games in NFL100, and is looking to take over the MVP if Wilson slips. Baltimore can run on anyone, and pass just enough to win.

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Why Houston will win: the Houston defense still bears the fingerprints of Romeo (The Bus Driver) Crennel, and despite the loss of DE JJ Watt, LB Quentin Mercurius is outstanding. Their defense is ranked two positions higher than Baltimore, and CB Johnathan Joseph returns to bolster the secondary.

Who will win: Houston, 0-5 in Baltimore, rises up with a strong running game of its own, but may be looking ahead to the Colts in Week 12. Still, the Look Man likes the Slim Shadies to edge B-More in this epic battle. Houston covers and wins.

Denver at Minnesota (-10.5)

This game looked like a winner at the outset of the season, but it now looks like Drew Lock vs. Kirk (Kurt) Cousins, a yawner. The Hornheads are on a roll after beating Dallas, but this interconference game doesn't really serve a purpose for the playoff-minded Vikes. WR Adam Thielen misses another week in all likelihood, but RB Dalvin Cook is enough. Denver Head Coach Vic Fangio knows the Hornheads, which could keep it closer than the ridiculous spread, but the Hornheads win big to set up a bye in Week Twelve. Hornheads.

Washington at Jets (+1.5)

The Genocide Victims announced that Dwayne Haskins will be their QB for the balance of the year. The Jets announced Adam Gase will retain his job for the season. The Look Man announces that both teams stink. Take the Jets and the points. J-E-T-S.

New England at Philadelphia (+3.5)

The Chowds return after a bye week amid the annual rumors that they are washed up. In their last episode, Baltimore pounded them with a solid running game and timely passing. Enter the Iggles, who have no run game and serve as the perfect elixir for Belicheat and the Chowds. This Super Bowl rematch will be hard hitting, but not particularly gratifying. Chowds.

Arizona at Frisco (-10) – Pepto Bismol Upset of the Week?

The Niners return from an embarrassing loss to the Seahawks, facing the upstart Deadbirds at Levi. The Look Man likes the Niners, but not by ten points in a division game without George Kittle. The Deadbirds actually look good and head coach Kliff Kingsbury is the best of the rookie coaches in NFL100. QB Kyler Murray can make every throw and is twice the QB Baker Mayfield is right now. Arizona covers.

KC at Bolts (+3.5): Monday Night Football [in Mexico City]

KC took in on the chin in Week 10, losing to the Flaming Thumbtacks in a game in which Pat Mahomes threw for over 400 yards. The Baby Backs defense allowed a former collegiate wide receiver to torch them in crunch time, but the real difference in the game was two special teams gaffes. And those gaffes fall at the feet of one of the great clock mismanagers of all time - - - Head Coach Andy (Kool Aid) Reid.

The Bolts have practiced at altitude in Colorado all week. The Baby Backs simply need it more, and Mahomes will not allow them to lose. He even beats his own coach, who never saw a timeout he couldn't waste. KC covers and wins to get back in the AFC championship discussion.

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EPILOGUE

Kitchens should have been terminated after the Denver loss, and his lack of control has resulted in the kind of undisciplined team that has seen the dismissal of WR Antonio Callaway (who is staring down a ten game suspension for visiting a Denver dispensary), LB Genard Avery (who they could really use now), and SS Jermaine Whitehead (who threatened on Twitter the kind of violence that Garrett implemented Thursday night). He has to go.

Perhaps the worst part: the NFL still wins. They deplore violence, but showed the Joe Turkey Jones body slam of Terry Bradshaw in the Fox open. This happens every five or ten years, and the Kyle Turley helmet toss and Andre Gurode face stomp are just two examples. The Browns and Stillers meet again on December 1, and the NFL is guaranteed a large audience.

The Browns pseudo playoff run is over. They haven't gotten a call at home since Bottlegate, and this doesn't help the cause. Looks like another season of the Island of Misfit Teams...

Peace,

The Look Man



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