

## THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2019

### Week Fourteen – Do Your Job

*“You know, on Sunday after a game, I’m going to pick up some food for dinner, I really don’t want to hear about a two-point play call. Anyway, it just got under my skin. I circled my cart back around and kind of called him out...telling him, ‘Just worry about your frickin’ meat!’” – New Orleans HC Sean Payton after a Whole Foods butcher asked him about a call in the Niners-Saints game.*

#### PROLOGUE

The quote from Sean (Secret Squirrel) Payton tickled the Look Man for a few reasons. First, who the hell believes an NFL head coach is shopping after a gut kick like Week Fourteen’s Niners at Saints 48-46 loss? The Look Man could barely make it off the sofa after that barn burner.

Secondly, the “worry about your frickin’ meat” tome has gone viral, and become a rallying cry for the Saints. Who can forget Payton’s antics the last few seasons, including the suitcase full of money gambit before the NFC Championship in January?

Last but not least, this thing stinks of a typical Belichickian “just do your job.” The Religious Icons dropped 46 on the best defense in the NFC - - - and lost. Does anyone really believe that the rest of the conference has a shot at coming through the Superdome and emerging victorious? Only if that team has TE George Kittle and a whole lot of luck.

Without further cynicism, the Week that was....



*“These cuts look fine to me...”*

#### LAGNIAPPE

##### Love For Sale....

NFL101 is going to be an odd season for free agent QBs. There could be new starters in New England, New Orleans, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, and Cincinnati have starters who are in the last year of their deals. The Bolts Philip Rivers will be 39 years old and he currently has twelve picks to go with his fifteen passing TDs. Cleveland has a first pick overall bust on its hands.

The Bengals will likely end up with the first pick overall, and LSU QB Joe Burrow could return to Ohio after his senior season. The Jynts are set at QB, but the Marine Mammals will select the best of the rest of the QB pack.

Free agent QBs could include any or all of these teams’ current or former starters, meaning Andy (The Beige Water Pistol) Dalton, Marcus Bustiota, Cam Newton, (Infamous) Jameis Winston, Eli Manning and Philip Rivers could all be available. Other possible free agents include Teddy (Two Gloves) Bridgewater, Gardner Minshew, Nick Foles, Ryan Fitzpatrick, and yes, Tom (Zoolander) Brady.

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The Look Man would like to add (Cake) Baker Mayfield to that mix, and given his play, Garrett Gilbert could take his place. Not to mention Mason Rudolph (The Redneck Reindeer).

#### ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Officiating has been so terrible in NFL100 that the Look Man has omitted this segment. But Jerome (Capt.) Boger(mill's) Week Fifteen performance was all-time horrible. Bogermill took away not one, but two New England scores in a narrow 23-16 KC win.

The first overturned score was on a scoop and score after KC TE Travis Kelce got greedy and attempted to turn a routine first down into a score. Kelce coughed it up, but the whistle prevented a New England score. The second was even more horrendous, as WR N'Keal (Deborah) Harry scored from the three on a great dive, only to be ruled out of bounds.

Blondie is the worst of the worst, ruining the buffet at the Harrow Club on a weekly basis. He should be out of the NFL, or at a minimum, sentenced to speech class. Jerome Boger, you are the Look Man **Zebra of the Week!**

#### THE LOOKAHEAD

Week Fifteen is solid, with excellent matchups from top to bottom. Even teams playing for next year have something to look forward to. And yes, Jon Gruden, the Look Man is talking to you. The Week Ahead:

##### Chicago at Green Bay (-4.5)

The Monsters of the Furniture Mart's fortunes seem to follow those of QB Mitch Trubisky. If Biscuit is healthy, the Bears are too, and they dominated the Pokes in Week Fourteen.

A funny thing happened to the Cheeseheads on the way to the postseason. Aaron (Discount Double Check Rodgers became mortal, as he hovers around the middle of the QB pack at number eighteen. DDC is just above Kyler Murray in the QB standings, and that is poor company for the former MVP.

This Pack Team rides and dies on the strength of the running game and the Other Aaron, RB Aaron Jones. The real story is not Rodgers, but his banged up receiving corps, especially WR Davante Adams and brittle TE Jimmy Graham (Cracker). Jones is one of the leading receivers, taking on a Le'Veon Bell role in the West Coast Offense Midwest.

The Look Man is not a fan of Biscuit or Bears HC Matt Nagy. Cheeseheads don't curdle at crunch time. Go Pack, go.

##### New England at Cincinnati (+10)

The Chowds got busted in another video scandal, and this represents their annual "on to Cincinnati" game. The NFL is investigating whether filming the Bengals sideline is worthy of a significant penalty, and the Chowds will use this as yet another example of the Man trying to keep them down.

They should be focused on the unusual lack of home cooking at the Blade last week, where two TDs were taken of the board by the Zebras. Could the NFL swing to Baltimore as the darling of the AFC? The Look Man says no, and expects bad calls around the conference to reposition New England for a bye week. Lord knows that they cannot get to the Lombardi without one. Chowds.

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#### KC at Denver (+9.5)

Denver caught Houston looking ahead or feeling a hangover after beating the Chowds the week prior. KC nearly had to forfeit the game after their equipment conveniently got shipped to Nantucket last weekend. Could it be that KC becomes the second team to lose to Denver after beating the Chowds? Nope, Denver covers but KC romps to preserve their postseason dream. Baby Backs.

#### Houston at Tennessee (-3) – Game of the Week

QB Ryan Tannehill is the real deal and this Flaming Thumbtacks offense is running the ground and pound. This is the team no one wants to face in the postseason.

Houston laid an egg after a great win over the Chowds, but this game is for the division. Houston and Tennessee play each other twice over the next three weeks, with New Orleans sandwiched in between.

This contest is one between two mediocre coaches in Bill O'Brien and Mike Vrabel. Flip a coin, but the Look Man likes RB Derrick Henry and the chalk. Tacks.

#### Rams at Allas (+1.5)

We haven't seen a line move like this one since Super Bowl LIII between the Chowds and the Rams. Dallas began the week as a one-point favorite, and the line has now swung to the Rams at 1.5. The swing was so dramatic that it led long-time Tailpipe GB Shaw to issue the following email to the Look Man:

*One of my sons alerted me to an internet theory, that extra-large lottery jackpots were nothing more than traps for time-travelers. This was brought to mind when I saw that Allas (no D) is one-point underdogs to the Rams this Sunday. This makes zero sense to me, providing a clue that I may be in the wrong time-space continuum.*

*For example, in the universe I'm from, any team that beat down the Seahawks like that and then takes a trip to the Taj Jerhall can be expected to return from said mausoleum very much alive, and their opponent, well, less so.*

*To channel Joe Biden, I mean, c'mon, man – Gurley could probably beat the Starheads single-handedly (like he did the first time the Rams went to Arlington). Also, since Eli couldn't close the deal last night, every game is a must-win for Allas at this point, so, yeah, no.*

The Look Man concurs, and Pokes Coach Jason Garrett is a dead man walking. Rams.

#### Browns at Zona (+2.5) – Heisman House – the Sequel

Browns QB (Cake) Baker Mayfield takes his talents to the Southwest in a matchup of former Heisman winners. Kyler Murray would like to put his stamp on the statue with a signature stretch win to set up the 2020 season.

This game is shaping up ugly for Cleveland. They want to prove they got it right with Cake at Number One overall, leaving NFL rushing leader Nick Chubb to pick up the crumbs. Instead of pounding the rock and winning easy, they turn every contest into a slugfest because they are ignorant.

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Speaking of ignorant, Browns head coach Freddie Kitchens is ignoring WR Rashard (Hollywood) Higgins and allowing Cake to say (and do) whatever he wants. Instead of using Higgins as an asset, he places him on the side of a milk carton in favor of Beckham and Landry.

When Beckham's numbers are down, it's not because Cake stinks, it's because the training staff misdiagnosed a sports hernia. After seeing Denver's Drew Lock light up Houston's secondary with substandard talent, the Look Man's disdain for Cake is magnified.

Arizona sneaks in a win, making next week's Baltimore-Cleveland game a formality. The Ravens would like to avenge their 40-25 loss to the Browns, and start the Kitchens farewell tour in earnest. Deadbirds.

#### Buffalo at Stillers (-2) - Football Night in America

This game is quietly one of the most important in the AFC. Crapchester arrives on Sunday Night Football for the first time in forever, and the Stillers are likely without JuJu Smith-Schuster for another week. Head coach Mike (Omar Epps) Tomlin will really earn a Coach of the Year if he can beat the Bisons and lock up a sixth seed in the AFC.

This is one of those games in which the Zebras affect the outcome, preserving New England's slim hopes for a bye week. The Zebras screw the Bisons, resulting in a weird, striped genus known as *Bison Zebronus*. Stillers.



*"We live in our hopes, not in our fears..."*

#### Indy at New Orleans (-8.5) - Monday Night Football

WR TY Hilton is a game time decision, but RB Marlon (Return of the) Mack is back for a second straight week. The Religious Icons could use a win to maintain a shot at the first seed and secure home field advantage in the rough and tumble NFC. Collision course, and head coach Sean Payton is irritable. Icons.

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#### EPILOGUE

The intrigue of the postseason race has begun, and culminates in Saturday NFL games next weekend. The Look Man believes that this week's slate of games will serve as the buildup to Week 16, and the incredible denouement that only the NFL can manage.

The Ravens seem destined for a One Seed, and the rest of the AFC playoff picture is up for grabs. Over in the NFC, the One is uncertain with several key games between Seattle, Frisco, Green Bay, New Orleans and Minny to decide the seeding. Just in the last two weeks the Niners went from a one to a five and back. It's gonna be special through the rest of the calendar year.

Sports is the only story in which the ending is not yet written. And this storyline of NFL100 is going to have one incredible finish - - - IF Roger Rabbit lets the thing play out without interfering.

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Peace,

The Look Man