

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2021

Week Three – Ragnarök

*"I hate leaving here. You leave here and you leave some of the most brilliant people you've ever met. You pick up so much knowledge from all these brilliant minds. And I have to go to Detroit to be with the biggest f***ing a**hole in my life — my head coach." — Patriots owner Bob Kraft on Belichick.*

PROLOGUE

The game of the year is upon us, with Tom Brady returning to Boston to face his nemesis, Bill Belichick. This game is reminiscent of the Marvel Comic Universe Thor movie entitled *Ragnarök*. Thor is imprisoned on a planet featuring gladiatorial entertainment and bumps into a fellow Avenger as hijinks ensue.

The Look Man is looking forward to this game, but oddly, has no real rooting interest. What do you give a guy with seven Super Bowl rings? As far as Belichick, even the team owner hates him.

The Lookahead was good to the Look Man last week, but things get challenging in Week Four. The cream will rise, and pretenders and contenders will begin to emerge. And with luck, they will get to hang out with “friends from work.”



"Hey Bill, hey Tom. How's it hanging?"

Without further ado, a truncated Look Man Report 2021 for Week Three.

THE LOOKAHEAD

Browns at Hornheads (+2)

Browns HC Kevin Stefanski returns to Minneapolis to face the Hornheads. Stefanski spent fourteen years with the Vikes, including six with HC Mike Zimmer. While everyone is talking about Brady-Belichick, this Week Four battle may be a better contest.

It features two QBs playing for a paycheck. Kirk (Kurt) Cousins is balling out in a contract year, and (Cake) Baker Mayfield has 40 million reasons to go deep into the postseason. But this game is going to come down to the run; who can run it and who can stop it.

The Browns also face DT Sheldon Richardson, the heart and soul of the 2020 Browns defense. Richardson left when Cleveland tried to dime him out of his \$12 million salary. He took less to play in Minnehaha, but he will want his pound of flesh.

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Cleveland DC Joe Woods probably saved his job last week with a nine-sack performance against the Bears. Myles Garrett and DE Jadaveon Clowney looked good, and even the loss of starting CB Greg Newsome II should prevent them from another dominating performance.

The spread has been shrinking all week, and with good reason. The Browns O-line is hurting. LT Jedrick Wills is playing with a high ankle sprain and center JC Tretter is simply old and tired. The Purple People Eaters are salivating at a chance to put Cake on his back.

Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt roll as the Browns escape Prince's hometown with a close win. Browns, baby, Browns.

Colts at Dolphins (-1.5)

Marine Mammals QB Jacoby Brissett faces his former team, and he is going to want some revenge. The Ponies tossed Brissett aside like trash, and he is actually playing well.

The Look Man doesn't believe Tua Tagovailoa is every getting his job back. Brissett won the game against the Raiders last week, but the Zebras took it away. Indy QB Carson Wentz is banged up, and has lost guard Quentin Nelson for at least three weeks.

This Miami squad is tough, physical and ball hawking. Mammals cover and win.

Panthers at Cowboys (-5)

The Pokes are everyone's new darlings after successive weeks of putting up big points. The division win over the Iggles surprised the Look Man, but it was largely due to the hole created by the loss of DE Graham. The Iggles exposed the Pokes by playing a Tampa Two with a twist, something the Black Cats can use.

Hard to pin one's hopes on Sam (Stevens) Darnold, but the Look Man likes Carolina to cover. Doomsday Lite was riding high in the saddle in Week Three, and they still gave up 21 points to Jalen Hurts and the Iggles. Carolina in a slight upset.

Seahawks at 49ers (-2.5)

The Seahawks' D is living the fallacy that it did not need LB KJ Wright, losing to the Flaming Thumbtacks and Hornheads in consecutive weeks. This week, they face the Niners in a division matchup that means everything to both teams. Neither can afford to fall too far back from the Rams, who are the presumptive division champions.

Jimmy (G) Garoppolo has weapons, and these two teams know each other well. The Look Man likes both teams, but Seattle wants it more. Niners suffer a hangover after a fierce battle that the Cheeseheads which eked out a win in Week Three. More of the same as Seattle gets the W to climb back into contention. 'Hawks.

Baltimore at Denver (-1)

Teddy (Two Gloves) Bridgewater and Lamar (action) Jackson face off in a Louisville QB reunion. Both have looked great in 2021, but Jackson has landed on the injury report with a bad back. Little wonder, as he is carrying the weight of the entire team.

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Look for TTG to defend his honor and DE Von Miller to get back in the spotlight against a nicked-up and lucky Baltimore squad. Donkeys.

Steelers at Packers (-6.5)

Aaron (Discount Double Check) Rodgers has not faced Big Ben Roethlisberger since Super Bowl XLV, so this one is a treat. The Look Man would love to make this matchup a twice annual occurrence, with DDC starting in Cleveland.

Unfortunately, DDC had praise for Mike (Omar Epps) Tomlin this week, making it sound like he would love to play in the Still City. Either way, the Stillers lose this one, beginning their slow journey to the basement of the AFC Asgard Division. Go, Pack, go.

Expensive Corn Kings at Chowds (+7) - Football Night in Asgard

Brady returns to the scene of former greatness, and would love to beat Belichick just to show him who's boss. On paper this looks like a blowout, but count on Dr. Evil to scheme his way to a reasonable spread. The Corn Kings will be without (Red Zone) Robbie (G) Gronkowski, who broke several ribs in Week Three. The recently acquired Richard (Don't be mad, bro) Sherman will start for an injury depleted Tampa secondary.

Chowds rookie QB Mac Jones is raw, and the Tampa Two is salivating. They also have do-everything RB James White out for the year with a hip, and it will be tough to mount enough offense to beat the Kings.

The Look Man likes Tampa in this one, but the NFL is already rebranding the Lombardi Trophy to feature Belicheat's name, and they could decide to protect the Shield in a low scoring affair. Tampa.



"Look, Tawmmy's comin' back to tahwn!"

Raiders at Chargers (-3.5) Monday Night Football

The Look Man said Raiders QB a bum, but he may have been mistaken. Carr made plays in the Stillers game, and the Raiders keep finding ways to win.

Not this week, as the Bolts have something special going on. Justin Herbert and Joey Bosa put on a show, proving their mettle in the AFC West, the best division in football. Bolts.

EPILOGUE

The first quarter of the season will be in the books after this week, and several teams are getting into an offensive rhythm. It typically takes three to four weeks for offenses to catch up with defense, and this season is no exception.

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Every Sunday and Monday night game has been an Alcoa Fantastic Finish in 2021, largely because of the zebras. This week features some good competition to close out the week, and the Look Man hopes the players decide the outcomes.

Peace,

The Look Man