

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2021

Week Fourteen – The ‘Rona

“WAY TO F—ING TRUST ME!” — Ponies RG Quenton Nelson, on the HBO “Hard Knocks in Season” show after HC Frank (Fourth) Reich followed his guidance to eliminate the icing and make “a straight run call” for RB Jonathan Taylor.

“Trust the quarterback” - Fourth Reich on the same show, talking about QB Carson Wentz.

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If you haven’t seen Hard Knocks in Season on HBO, you are missing an innovation. The franchise got a little stale with the perennial visits to the Pokes, and the in-season inside look is illuminating. If nothing else, it shows how important quarterbacking is to an NFL team. Carson Wentz still does not have the trust of the franchise, as his ball security is suspect.

In other news, the Coronavirus nearly cratered the season after a breakout in Week Fourteen and a half. The Browns, Rams, and Washington suffered serious losses to the Rona, and all three games were rescheduled after the NFL suffered a black eye on the COVID protocol.

Instead, the marketing geniuses decided to give us eight of ten days with NFL football right around the holiday. The Look Man got the following after planting a secret hidden microphone in the NFL HQ in Manhattan:

Goodell: “We really look silly promoting player safety and then screwing up the COZVID protocol. What should we do?”

Genius MG: “Hey, what if we reschedule games in Week Fifteen and give the affected teams a couple of additional days to quality players?”

Goodell: “Great idea! We can also modify the protocol to let ‘em play. After all, we have only four weeks remaining, and most of the bad teams will be eliminated this week anyway.”

Genius MG: “The best part is, we will OWN the holidays. No one is working for the next two weeks, with Christmas on a Saturday.”

Goodell: “Right. We will catch them all off guard. And, hey, is that a secret hidden micropho....”

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Without further ado, the Look Man Report 2021 for Week Fourteen.

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Full Chubb

The Browns have 21 players on the inactive list, with most suffering from the Rona. “I think it really has hit everybody in stride — maybe not the guys who got put on the list — but for the guys who are now really getting an opportunity, I think it is all eyes forward,” said backup QB Case Keenum, just before he was added to the list.

Barring unforeseen additions, RB Nick Chubb will be in the backfield Monday afternoon, but he could have only two offensive line starters in front of him, and backup Nick Mullens at QB.

“Yeah, having a full Chubb back there is going to be really good,” Keenum said. But even a ‘full Chubb’ won’t be enough if starters cannot return. The Browns signed Kyle Lauletta off the Jaguars’ practice