

## THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2022

### Week Eleven – How ‘Bout Dem Cowpokes?!

*“Jimmy’s doing a great job. Jimmy always has. When Jimmy’s been healthy out there, we’ve had our guys around him, he plays at a high level, and I think he did that today as good as he has. We’re very fortunate to have him.” – Niners HC Kyle Shanahan(igans) on his surprise starter in 2022.*

#### PROLOGUE

This week will be a truncated LMR to capture the Turkey Day games and a little extra. The quote above is comical given the fact that Garoppolo nearly played 2022 in a Washington Commies uniform. Luckily, Trey Lance got injured early, and the Niners brain trust didn’t blink in the face of adversity. Sometimes the best trades are the ones you don’t make.

The Pokes set the world on fire in a 40-3 destruction of the Hornheads at Skol Field. The game got so bad that Pokes safety Jayron Kearsse did the skol pregame routine on the Minnesota logo. As usual, Vikings QB Kirk (Kurt) Cousins shrunk on the primetime stage, courtesy of numerous sacks and general mayhem by the Dallas front seven. Cousins is the epitome of a JGETGYB QB; just good enough to get you beat.

Without further ado, the Week that was.

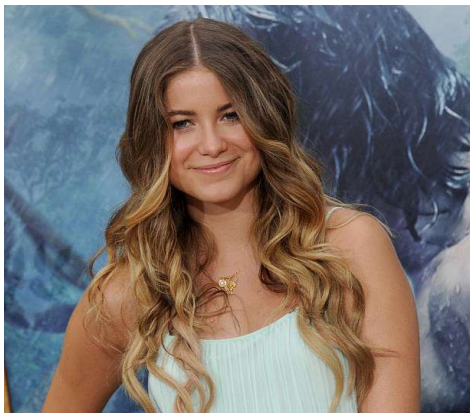
#### LAGNIAPPE

*Viva Sofia!*

The Monday Nighter matchup between the Frisco 49ers and Arizona Deadbirds featured an NFL return to Mexico City. Before the kickoff, singer Sofia Reyes performed the Mexican national anthem for a capacity crowd at Estadio Azteca. It was a beautiful rendition of the Mexican National Anthem from Reyes and 80,000 of her closest friends.

Reyes hit it out of the park on a song that is not easy to sing. The Look Man enjoyed the show, and the game afterwards as the Niners beat Colt (My Little Pony) McCoy and the Deadbirds senseless.

The NFL last played in Mexico City in 2019 with KC and the Rams. This stadium is nearly 2000 feet higher than Mile High Stadium at Investigation Field, and the players struggled with the altitude. Of course, Reyes was also breathtaking.



*...just met a girl named Sofia...*

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Flash (in the Pan) Gordon – Ball (In)Security

Denver RB Melvin (Flash in the Pan) Gordon was released Monday after fumbling for the fifth time this year in a close game. Gordon spit the bit in the end-zone during the Broncos' 22-16 OT loss to the Raiders, with 30 seconds left on the 3-yard line. Instead of leaving the first half with a TD and getting the ball first in the second half, the Donkeys got nothing and didn't like it.

Flash Gordon struggled with ball security during his time in Denver, which will now turn to Latavius Murray and Marlon Mack. It was the third time Denver blew a double-digit lead and lost.

On his way out the door, Gordon did not take the high road. Instead, he posted the following on Instagram, reminiscent of the OJ Simpson low speed chase:



*"Stay classy San Diego..."*

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**ZEBRA OF THE WEEK**

Zebra of the Week honors were a fierce competition this week. The spreads were off, and amazingly, the zebras were on the right side of them. Here is the litany:

Orange Cats at Stillers – Brad (Peanut Head) Allen: a few well-placed and awful DPI calls in the first half prevented a Nati blowout and ensured the final spread was a winnah, winnah, chicken dinnah for some. There was also an incredible defensive play of the year nomination pick by TJ Watt, but he was held to zero sacks courtesy of Cats RT La’el Collins. Collins later bragged about how well he played, but failed to mention that the zebras played a big part.

Jets at Chowds - Carl Cheffers: the game was tied at 3-3 before a miraculous (and illegal) 84-yard punt return with seconds remaining. The return featured not one but two illegal blocks in the back, and the final one by former Browns LB Mack Wilson was clearly a foul. Needless to say, the spread ended in a push, meaning Vegas wins, and everyone else was cussing. Chowds went on to win their fourteenth straight over the Jets, largely courtesy of QB Zach Wilson, who stunk.



*The spread was Jets+3...final score 10-3 Chowds*

Brad (Peanut Head) Allen, you are the Look Man **Zebra of the Week!** Your prize is a lifetime supply of steroids to increase your lid size to that of Barry Bonds.

**THE LOOKAHEAD**

The lineup includes three on Thanksgiving, and for a change, they are all available of network TV. Hard to read the NBC/Peacock game, but it seems available, if you are a masochist.

**Turkey Day**

Bisons at Cadillacs (+9.5)

The Cadillacs destroyed a good Jynts squad last week at the Meadowlands, but the price was dear. Their Thanksgiving injury report include three O-linemen, CB Jeff Okudah (concussion), two pass rushers and WR Josh Reynolds.

The Bisons are playing two games in five days at Ford Field, deciding to fly home to snowy Crapchester instead of staying over. Look for the Zebras to keep this one closer than it should be. Bisons win, Detroit covers.

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*Jynts at Pokes (-9.5)*

Similarly, the Jynts lost several key players in the secondary last week, plus two O-linemen. Julian Love is the last man standing in the secondary after the G-Men lost their other starting safety, Xavier McKinney, and CB Adoree’ Jackson suffered a knee that will keep him out four to six weeks.

DC Wink Martindale is going to have to employ grocery baggers in the secondary against a good Dallas offense. And they won’t be asking “paper or plastic” of Ceedee Lamb, Michael Gallup and Dalton (Peanuts) Schultz.

Good luck with that as Dak Prescott faces four consecutive NFC Beast games against the Jynts, Iggles and Commies. Pokes win, setting up a good December slate.

*Chowds at Hornheads (-1.5)*

Hornheads QB Kirk Cousins shrinks in big games, and the loss of his blind side tackle Christian Darrisaw didn’t help matters. Darrisaw will not play on Thursday, and if you didn’t already know it, this is a prime-time game.

Here is a valuable betting lesson: never bet on mediocre QBs in big games. Cousins comes immediately to mind, but Andy Dalton also makes the cut of guys shrink when the lights are brightest.

Enter the Chowds, with Belicheat and his ability to take away the biggest player on a team. Unless the Hornheads suddenly develop a strong and physical running game, Cousins will need to throw the ball 50 times. And that is a recipe for a New England victory. Chowds.

***The Rest***

*Tampa Bay Expensive Corn Kings at Cleveland Browns (+3.5)*

The Browns old nemesis is back, this time in Pewter and Red. The Browns are a dumpster fire after losing a winnable game in Detroit against a Bisons squad that couldn’t even practice. They now face a bona fide defense, and a first ballot HOF QB.

This could be an upset if the right things happen: (1) Stefanski schemes it up for a physical ground and pound with strategic passing; (2) the acquisition of free agent DTs shores up the middle for Cleveland, and (3) the Tampa plane goes down over Lake Erie before kickoff.

Hope springs eternal. Browns, baby Browns, starting a little comeback tour culminating in the return of Deshaun Watson in Weeks Eleven through Eighteen.

*Cincinnati Orange Cats at Tennessee Flaming Thumbtacks (+1.5)*

This spread is fishy, especially in light of the three picks Tacks QB Ryan Tannehill threw in the AFC Divisional Playoff last season. Granted, the Orange Cats match up well with the Tacks, but that game featured a balky Derrick (King) Henry. It also featured an overserved Look Man, who was asked to leave a party of Tennessee Fans who didn’t appreciate a good joke.

Nati QB Joe (Donkey Boy) Burrow is getting hot at the right time, but this Tennessee defense can rush the passer without blitzing. Donkey Boy is still taking too many hits, and this could be an AFC playoff preview.

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The Tacks have only one way to win: run, build up a lead, and bleed the clock. If they put the game on the QB, they are asking for embarrassment. Look for Tannie to clean up his game as the Tacks run, run and run again on Cincy. Tacks cover and win as a home dog.



*If you see this, it won't be pretty*

#### Rams at KC Baby Backs (-14.5)

This eye-popping spread is courtesy of a return to the NFL concussion protocol for Matt Stafford. Stafford exited the protocol in time for last week's game, and just as quickly returned. The NFLPA is investigating what appears to be another Tua situation. How could Stafford have been certified to play, only to get knocked out a few plays into Week Eleven?

KC is still banged up, but the win over the Bolts in Week Eleven was instructive. They ran the football behind Isiah (Ferdie) Pacheco, and KO'd the Bolts in the process.

With Stafford and all-world WR Cooper Kupp out, expect more of the same this week, as the Baby Backs keep it movin'. Baby Backs, baby.

#### Green Bay at Philly Cream Cheese (-7) Football Night in America:

NBC didn't flex its way out of this game, which is bound to be trash. The Amazon Prime Thursday Night Football games have been ugly as a rule, but somehow NBC has avoided the stench. Until now. Iggles put the Cheeseheads out of their playoff misery with a win. Iggles.

#### Stillers at Ponies (-2.5) – Monday Night Football

Mike Tomlin refused to bite when asked about Ponies HC Jeff Saturday. The Stillers have flourished on Monday Night Football, compiling an incredible 54-31-1 record all-time.

Not this week, as Matty (Ice) Ryan and the Ponies overcome the odds and compiling send Tomlin and the Stillers to their eighth loss of the season. Ponies.

### EPILOGUE

In addition to being the fiftieth anniversary of the Perfect Season, 2022 marks fifty-nine years since the assassination of Jack Kennedy, the President of the United States. On November 22, 1963 a sniper's bullet cut short the life of the most beloved president in American history. If you go to the home of any

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African American, you will see three photos: (1) blond, blue-eyed Jesus, (2) Martin Luther King Jr., and (3) Jack Kennedy.

The assassination rocked the world, and became the Look Man’s earliest childhood memory. He remembers folks crying, speaking in somber tones and the picture of POTUS on the mantle. It was a different time in American history, one in which political change often took the form of assassination.

The period was so pronounced that Dion sang a pop song about it:

*... Anybody here seen my old friend John?  
Can you tell me where he's gone?  
He freed lotta people but it seems the good they die young  
I just looked around and he's gone  
Didn't you love the things that they stood for?  
Didn't they try to find some good for you and me?*

Things are pretty dicey now in the political realm, but let’s hope we don’t go back to those times. Instead of getting angry, we need to focus on solutions. In the words of JFK, “Some men see things as they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?”

We all need to find some good.

Peace,

The Look Man