

## THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2022

### Week Twenty-One: You Don't Mess Around With Jim

*"See y'all at Burrowhead Stadium." – Chiefs DT Chris Jones following a press conference in KC.*

#### PROLOGUE

The Look Man missed out on Divisional Playoff weekend and the Official Dad of the Look Man was having some medical issues.

The outcome of that weekend was far from surprising however, unless you were a Bisons Fan. Crapchester had their entire season derailed by the Damar Hamlin story, but they have not run the football since the late '50s. And if you can't run and stop the run, you are going fishing, not to Phoenix.

The Niners knocked off the Pokes in Santa Clara, and the Pokes own media machine is killing QB Dak Prescott. If you saw the look on Jerrah (the King of Pop) Jones' face after the game, you know the offseason is going to be hell.

Jerrah and de facto GM Stephen Jones both missed their weekly radio shows this week, likely burning up the cell phone of one Sean (Secret Squirrel) Payton. It is not that HC Mike McCarthy is doing a bad job, but that final play was reminiscent of Sam Wyche's worst nightmare.

Without further ado, the Lookahead to the Conference Championships.

#### THE LOOKAHEAD

Super Wild Card Weekend and the Divisional Playoffs are behind us, and this week decides the Quickening. Three of these teams were expected to be here, and the lone surprise, Cincinnati, punched its ticket to the Lombardi Show last season.

The week ahead:

##### Frisko Niners at Philly Cream Cheese Iggles (-2.5/46.5z)

Niners rookie QB (Big Hen) Brock Purdy managed only 19 points, but that was enough against a mistake prone Dak Prescott. Dak threw two picks and wasted a valiant Doomsday defensive effort. The Niners nearly gave away the game by going out of bounds late and missing a pick six near closing time, but Dallas didn't really want this game.

By contrast, the Philly dismantling of the Jyntys was sheer destruction. Jalen Hurts ran, threw and generally did whatever he wanted in that contest. The Look Man could barely watch as the Iggles ran up the score and G-Men QB Dan(ny) Dimes was sacked into the offseason. This Iggles team is complete, with physicality on both sides of the ball.

The Look Man is a fan of the Iggles, but not its head coach Nick Sirianni, who has rabbit ears. Sirianni has taken the low road time and again this season, and he just doesn't sit well with the Look Man. OC Shane Steichen seems like the brains of the organization, having come over from the Bolts. The team reflects Sirianni's aggressive nature, and the defense reflects the spirit of Philadelphia's citizens.

Enter Niners HC Kyle Shanahan, and the best defense in the NFC. DC DeMeco Ryan deserves a head coaching shot, and the offense has an embarrassment of riches. Purdy can simply turn to Christian (CMC) McCaffery, Deebo Samuel, George Kittle or WR Brandon Aiiuk. The Look Man believes a wild card will turn this game, and that guy is named Juuan Jennings. Jennings attended Wide Receiver U in Tennessee and he can win this game for Frisko.

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It really doesn't matter, because this game is going to be a grind-it-out slobberknocker. The Niners win in a low scoring affair at the Linc. Niners.



*Big (Hen) Brock at the helm...*

*Cincinnati Orange Cats at KC Baby Backs (-1.5/48)*

The Nati punished the Bisons at Crapchester, and the final score was not indicative of the severity of the beating. For one, a TD by Ja'Marr Chase was taken off the boards, and two, the Bisons D couldn't stop a nosebleed.

Afterwards, the plucky Bengals had jokes, mainly regarding the chip on tehri collective shoulders about the NFL selling AFC Championship tickets at a neutral site in anticipation of the Bisons-KC rematch. In reality, the NFL had no choice but to place the tickets on sale, a created solution to fix a problem that did not yet exist.

The Orange Cats are becoming the bad boys of the NFL, putting away their lovable losers persona for big boy pants. CB Eli (Burnt) Apple tweeted, "Cancun on 3" with a Damar Hamlin heart emoji following the Divisional Playoff win over Crapchester. CB Mike Hilton (Hotels) called Arrowhead field 'Burrowhead' based upon the win last season. Even Joe Brrr got into the mix, telling the NFL, "Better pay those refunds" after the win.

KC has heard the chatter, and they don't like it one bit. DT Chris Jones signed off his presser with, "see y'all at Burrowhead Stadium," after reiterating that this was a rematch from the 2022 season.

TE Travis Kelce weighed in on his podcast: "We are the loudest stadium in the world, on record. 40 to 142 decibels...I don't know, maybe we're going to have to break it this week because a lot of Cincinnati Bengals fans are calling it "Burrowhead" instead of Arrowhead...They're throwing a lot of bulletin board material out there, man. One guy even said something about Patrick's wife eating hay. That's uncalled for."

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*Brittany Mahomes walks into a bar. Bartender: "Why the long face?"*

The Look Man expects KC to employ the zone scheme Baltimore popularized, causing Joe (Goat Boy) Burrow's QBR to plummet by 85 points. Ironically, the injuries this season allowed KC rookie DBs to get playing time and confidence. They are going to need it against this Bengals receiving corps, which may have three ones.

Cincinnati sees KC's Jaylen Watson and raises them one Cam Taylor-Britt. The Nati's defense is the best kept secret in the NFL, with Taylor-Britt serving on the Ways and Means Committee with his sister Marjorie Taylor-Green. Tack on DTs DJ Reeder and BJ Hill, salt in DEs Sam Hubbard and Hendrickson, LBs Logan Wilson and Germaine Pratt, and you have a recipe for mayhem. These guys are tough, fast and accountable, and all they do is make plays.

Look for the Baby Backs to run the football behind Isiah (Ferdie) Pacheco and attempt to keep Burrow on the bench. The Look Man would bench Mahomes, start Chad Henne and grind it out, but Reid won't do that. Reid and Mahomes were up 18 in the first half in the 2021 AFC Conference Championship. They were first and goal from the four-yard line and ended up in OT.

This line started Bengals -2.5 and has now migrated to KC -1.5. That is a Titanic swing, and Vegas wasn't built by losing money.

You don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind, and you don't mess around with Reid. If you do sleep on him, he will draw a moustache on your face.

The Look Man is taking the Chiefs despite Mahomes with the bad wheel. Baby backs, Baby.

#### **EPILOGUE**

The NFL wants Mahomes to play this weekend so that it can establish the Mahomes-Burrow rivalry narrative. We shouldn't forget that the NFL is ticked about Zac Taylor refusing to accept the win on Monday Night Football when Hamlin was injured.

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The Billionaire Boys Club doesn't like being teased, and between the Monday Night Football fiasco with Hamlin, the Coin Toss TD celebration by and these comments, it wouldn't be surprising if the Zebras look the other way on Sunday.

The NFL cannot solve the Rooney Rule or concussion protocol, but routinely decides to attempt nuclear fusion and solve world hunger. If there is a worse public relations organization anywhere, the Look Man would like to see it.

The party that started before Thanksgiving still has a few weeks of life, and the Look Man is embracing them. Given some past blowouts in the Super Bowl, this Conference Championship weekend could actually be more entertaining.

Of course, if the Niners and Bengals appear in Phoenix in two weeks, nothing could beat that. The Look Man is a huge Niners fan, and the only time he really felt in physical jeopardy was when he wore a Jerry Rice jersey to Pall Bearer Stadium in Cincy.

The excitement is palpable, and this could be one of the best Conference Championship weekends of all time. Getcher popcorn ready, cuz it's gonna be a show....

Peace,

The Look Man