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"Obviously, Dillon is in his second start. He's learning, just like all young players are learning for us right now. And we'll continue to try to get him killed in the pocket to improve our chances to draft a QB in 2026. That's our focus, and God help us if Shedeur Sanders gets to play and blow our tanking plan." – Browns HC Kevin Stefanski on QB Dillon Gabriel

PROLOGUE

The Look Man discussed Bad Beats last week, owing largely to zebra interference. This week, the zebras were tamed, and good news stories abounded.

Cases in point:

- Black Cats RB Rico Dowdle (Doo) crowed about nearly 240 all-purpose yards against the Allas Cowpokes Oomsday Lite after telling them that they had better buckle up for a bumpy ride. Dowdle destroyed Pokes D-Co Matt Eberflus, winning in a shootout, which seems the only way that the Pokes are gonna play in 2025.
- The NY Football Jynts blasted the Philly Cream Cheese Iggles with timely scrambling by rookie QB Jaxson Dart and power running by RB Cam (Casper) Scattabo. Both rookies suffered concussions in this contest, and HC Brian Daboll faces possible fines for attempting to get them back on the field for additional brain damage. Either way, this Jynts team is looking like a force to be reckoned with in the NFC Least Division.
- The Crapchester Bisons got roughed up by a plucky ATL squad that took their lunch money. Bisons RB James Cook got too few carries, and QB Josh (Irwin) Allen returned to earth in the Jupiter 2 spaceship with two picks and bad decisions. ATL RB Bijan Robinson looks like the real deal, and that defense was physical and tough. Buffalo suffered a second consecutive loss, just as they did in 2023 and 2024. Perhaps they peaked too soon?
- The Cincinnati QB Killahs lost on the road to the Cheeseheads, but newly acquired Joe Flacco showed a spark in the second half. The losing streak continued, setting up a must-win scenario for Thursday Night Prime against Blitzburgh.
- The AFC Asgard Division continued its decline, with losses by B-More, Cleveland, and Cincinnati. Their 2024 dominance over the NFC has evaporated, and they're gonna need help to climb back into the postseason race. B-More and Cincy have byes in the near term, which could improve their chances, and Cleveland is clearly tanking for a QB in 2026.

When the smoke cleared, there was hope for many in the 2025 season. Philly, Buffalo, and the Niners threat to run away and hide with their respective divisions came crashing down, and the potential contenders like KC, New England, J-Ville held serve. Only Tampa and Indy look like juggernauts, winning close against inferior schedules.

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The Thing in New York is not long for the NFL or life at this rate...

Without further ado, the Week That Was.

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Flaming Thumbtacks Update

Tennessee HC Brian Callahan was relieved of command this week following performance like Kevin Stefanski in Cleveland. The issue is an offense that is averaging 13 points per game despite having offensive weapons. Ownership is building a new stadium, and could not afford to lose seat licensing revenue on a team that stinks on ice.

The only good news is that O-line coach Bill Callahan resigned, making him a free agent. The Browns would pick him up if they weren't tanking, and any team would be improved via his acquisition.

College Update

Penn State HC James Franklin was also fired this week after losing back-to-backs. Franklin hasn't beaten a Top Ten school since the late 50s, and the alumni association decided to pay \$50 large instead of having to look at his face.



Franklin lost a battle with a wet paper bag at Happy Valley

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Interim HC Terry Smith, a former standout WR under Joe Paterno, now takes the helm. Look for a Dead Cat Bounce in Week One of the Smith tenure, before the entire squad enters the Transfer Portal.

THE LOOKAHEAD

Miami Marine Mammals at Cleveland Browns (-2.5/40.5)

Cleveland got destroyed in Blitzburgh in Week Six, with rookie Dillon Gabriel (Horn) getting sacked six times. The Baker Mayfield Fiasco began when he suffered a similar fate, challenging HC Kevin Stefanski to chip DE TJ Watt on his way to the passer. Stefanski got ticked, went looking for a new QB in Deshaun Watson, and the rest is history.

Fast forward to Week Seven, and the Browns are actually favored against the Fins. HC Mike McDaniel was an intern in Cleveland once upon a time, and needs this win to avoid joining Brian Callahan on the unemployment line.

The Browns offense is unwatchable, with Gabriel unable to see over his O-line or throw the ball deeper than 15 yards. Stillers defenders like former Browns safety Juan Thornhill were turning guys loose on any deep pattern, getting nosey and stuffing the short stuff.

Hard to choose a winner in this fugly mess, but it is clear that DE Myles Garrett is ticked off after facing triple teams in the Still City. The Look Man expects that irritation to result in punishment for QB Tua Tagovailoa, who cannot take much.

Marine Mammals speed is going to be tough on the Browns safeties, who have little. In the spirit of tanking, look for the Browns to blow it and win one in the Factory of Sadness. Browns, baby, Browns.



Gabriel on one of his six sacks last week at Blitzburgh

Las Vegas Raiders at KC Baby Backs (-12/45.5)

First off, this spread is ridiculous in a division game that is usually decided by three or fewer points. KC gets a breather between nationally televised games, but Pete Carroll is no pushover.

KC wins, Raiders cover in an ugly game.

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New England Chowds at TN Flaming Thumbtacks (+7/42)

This Return of the Jedi game features former TN HC Mike Vrabel, facing his former team following the firing of Brian Callahan. Vrabel was dismissed after trading AJ Brown to the Iggles, and being forced to start condiment eater Will Levis at QB. Tennessee did Vrabel a favor, and he has the Chowds hitting on multiple cylinders.

Interim Thumbtacks HC Mike (the Fake) McCoy is in for some BTA this week, as Vrabel gets revenge on his way to a fight for the AFC Least title. Chowds.

Philly Cream Cheese Iggles at MN Hornheads (+2.5/43.5)

Speaking of revenge motifs, QB Carson (From) Wentz (It Came) will face this former squad in a huge NFC matchup this week. Wentz is subbing for JJ McCarthy, who is malingering on the injury list. Hornheads HC Kevin McConnell may be a QB whisperer, but the Look Man sees little in McCarthy, other than Irish heritage.

The Look Man always likes former players and coaches against their previous squads, and this one is no different. Hornheads keep pace in the NFC Black and Blue, tightening up the East for the Pokes and Commies. Hornheads in a low scoring battle.

Indy Ponies at LA Bolts (-1.5/48.5)

This could be the first real test for both teams, with QB Dan (Indiana) Jones and the Ponies against Jim (The Milk Man) Harbaugh and the Bolts. Indy HC Shane Steichen coached LA before departing for Flyover Country, and would love to show some coaching chops.

The Ponies have been winning shootouts, and this game could apply. While their defensive ranking is middling at 19, they have allowed only fewer touchdowns than the Bolts. LA is missing their sensational LT, and QB Justin (Eden) Herbert is getting hit as usual. Backup LT Joe Alt is doubtful, and this Indy defense is the best kept secret in the NFL. Ponies in a minor upset.

DC Commies at Allas Cowpokes (+2.5/54.5)

The Pokes were clearly looking ahead to this Week Seven battle, and they will likely get WR CeeDee Lamb back from a high ankle. WR George (Slim) Pickens has gone nuclear in Lamb's absence, and QB Dak Prescott is on a heater like Zach Galifinakis in The Hangover.

The Look Man likes the Commies here, but he likes the over a lot more. Plus, who doesn't want to see owner Jerrah Jones melt down after Oomsday Lite gives up a forty burger? Commies.

Tampa Bay Expensive Corn Kings at Detroit Cadillacs -Monday Night Football #1 (-4.5/53)

The Look Man likes the Cadillacs, but HC Dan Campbell is vulnerable on 4th down. He is emotional, and if you keep it close, he can be had. Especially by (Cake) Baker Mayfield, whose 2025 MVP tour is chugging along irrespective of the number of offensive injuries.

Detroit's defensive backfield is missing five key players, including SS Brian Branch, who dropped KC wideout Juju Smith-Schuster like a bag of dirt following a loss last week. Branch has been suspended for

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this game, and the rest of the secondary might need to pull folks out of the stands to keep Bake under 300 passing yards. Luckily, Emeka Egbuka, and

Bake went postal without WR Emeka Egbuka and RB Bucky Irving last week, and needs HOF WR Mike (Florida) Evans if he wants Good Times in Week Seven. The big question is whether Bake regresses to the mean, or continues a career defining season.

The Look Man likes Detroit here, or perhaps more correctly, doesn't like Cake. Baker throws his second and third picks, including a game-ceiler. Cadillacs in a rock fight.



The NFL is head over heels over Bake – the Look Man, less so

EPILOGUE

The NFL 2025 season is choppy, with international games Sunday morning and two Monday Night Football games each week. It is difficult to get on a roll when you're playing at odd times, and the officiating is extremely ticky tack. Offensive production is spotty, and teams are just as likely to drop a forty burger as score fewer than twenty.

The Denver-Jets game last week set the league back a century after NY could manage only -10 passing yards in the second half. That 13-11 imbroglio punctuated the issues in the NFL, including the preferential treatment by the Walmart ownership group in Denver. Granted, they weren't responsible for the cover-your-eyes ugly performance by NYJ QB Justin (Strawberry) Fields; that was the O-line voting with their feet after Fields holding the ball.

Irrespective of your take, Vegas is clearly getting healthy in 2025. Upsets are on the rise, and parity is king. We don't have royalty in America, but we do knight our heroes with professional sports franchises.

Peace,

The Look Man