

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2024

Week Eleven – Gomer Pyle, USMC

"That sounds great, but I think the Browns' defense gave up 200-plus, almost 300 yards rushing, made Taysom Hill look like Bo Jackson." – ex-Stilller QB Big Ben Roethlisberger, who gave credit to Browns QB Jameis Winston but immediately dissed the Browns Barking Dawg D

PROLOGUE

Week Eleven provided some nice surprises, including an upset for the undefeated KC Baby Backs, a Baltimore loss to rival Stillers, and a last second NFC West loss for the Niners. But the song remained the same for Detroit and Philly, who won pivotal games over division rivals.

The upset stories remind the Look Man of the old Gomer Pyle, USMC tag line: "Surprise, surprise, surprise." The Stillers win over the Dumpster Ducks was classic Mike Tomlin, a low scoring affair with defensive turnovers. The Stillers shut down the Ducks' running game and forced Lamar (Action) Jackson to reveal his secret true identity in crunch time. Sadly, he was more Clark Kent than Superman.

The Browns lost a revenge game at New Orleans despite (Famous) Jameis Winston (Tastes Good) putting up nearly 400 passing yards. The Browns were undone by a virtuoso performance by QB/RB/TE/Slash Taysom Hill, who ran for a buck fitty and threw a TD in the 35-12 shellacking.

When it was all said and done Week Eleven was indeed surprising, and perhaps a harbinger for the 2024 postseason.

Without further ado, the Look Man Report 2022 for Week Fifteen.

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Lightning Strikes...the Bengals?

There is no love lost between the Look Man and the Zebras, but Brad (Little Head) Allen was awful in Bengals at Bolts in Week Eleven. In the space of two minutes, Little Head issued a roughing call on the Bengals DE Trey (The Stork) Hendrickson and DPI in the end zone, setting up Bolts scores that. The Bengals came roaring back, but these egregious calls changed the outcome of the contest.

The rouging call was a horse collar tackle despite the fact that pocket passers are exempt from that penalty. The Stork was getting Columbian necktied for the entire contest, receiving only one holding call on the LT.

The Bengals lost a must win game at the Bolts, and QB Joe Burrow was savaged (again) but got no love from the Zebras. His opposite number, QB Justin Herbert, had "time to shave in the pocket in the first half" according to Vest, a new Tailpiper.

The NFL fined several Dumpster Ducks defenders after the Week Nine Bengals at Ducks game, but no flags were thrown contemporaneously. It begs the question why the NFL is allowing one of its most exciting young passers to get destroyed.

Brad Allen kept his week going with awful, game changing calls in the Thursday Night Football Stillers at Browns. He is officially the Look Man's **Zebra of the Week**, and contender for the annual award.

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“He called what?!!!”

LAGNIAPPE

(Paper) Mike Tyson

Netflix broadcast a made-for-TV fight between Mike Tyson and some 28-year-old dude, and it was nearly a total bust. Tyson, at 58 years old, came out in a wheelchair and ate leather from a quicker and much younger Jake Paul in a sketchy free play that featured more pixelation than punches.

The one highlight seems to have been ring girl Sydney (Scream) Thomas, whose social media profile is larger than her personality. Thomas was prominently featured, gaining several hundred thousand new fans.

Her future is so bright she has to wear sunglasses, and her admirers are already adorned with same. As Jerry Seinfeld said to George Costanza, “Looking at cleavage is like looking at the sun. You can’t stare at it; you just look quickly and look away!”

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"Get a good look?"

Best in the NFL?

Cleveland CB Denzel (Washington) Ward is quietly having a season for the ages. Last week at the Big Easy, he had a pick, a forced fumble, and the recovery. He finished with one pick, two pass deflections, five Oscar nominations, and four tackles despite battling multiple injuries. Ward did everything except park cars and sell popcorn at the Superdome, completely shutting down his side of the field.

The rest of the defense took the week off, especially when Taysom Hill toted the rock. The lack of defensive backfield speed was as evident as Ward's dominance. Ward left everything he had on the field.

Ward has yet to make an All-Pro team despite fantastic play when he is on the field. He suffered his fifth concussion in 2024, and the Look Man believes he may be in jeopardy of a short but stellar career. He is the best shutdown corner no one has heard about.



Great performance in Training Day...

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THE LOOKAHEAD

Week Twelve is the quarter quell of the NFL Hunger Games, and most games are must see TV. Unfortunately, we still have Bye Weeks, so a few dogs remain.

The Look Man is killing the pick segment straight up, but covers are hard to come by in 2024. Vegas (and the NFL) are getting paid. Here is the lookahead for Week Twelve.

Tampa Expensive Corn Kings @ NY Football Jynts (+4/42.5)

This game is only noteworthy because every team in the NFC Souse stinks, and the G-Men have benched QB Danny (Dismal) Jones for Tony (Taxi) DeVito. NY gets a dead cat bounce with the change, but the Kings are coming off a bye week and may get WR Mike (Good Times) Evans back. Don't bet the house, but the Look Man likes the Jynts.

Dallas Cowpokes @ DC Commies (-10/45)

This spread looks laughable for two reasons: (1) the Pokes-Commies is a division game, and (2) the Commies haven't proven they can win a pressure cooker game when they need one.

The answer lies in our Dallas stars, where the Pokes are on a 'let's get the coach fired' streak. Micah Parsons (Brown) has already opened up the Holiday Season with a bad quote in Week Ten, and CeeDee Lamb is nicked up, but will play.

The same cannot be said for OG Zach Martin, who is unlikely to be around to protect QB Cooper Rush against the Commies pass rush. CB Daron Bland, who lit up the NFL with pick sixes in 2023, plays his first game of the 2024 season.

Another reason for the spread: Dallas nearly always loses before its Turkey Day showcase. They play Detroit this year, and players will want to avoid getting a pink slip from Jerrah Jones.

Jayden Daniels and the DC Destroyers take care of bi'nness on Sunday. Commies win, Pokes cover.

Frisco Niners @ Green Bay Cheeseheads (-1.5/47)

The Look Man has long wondered about Niners QB Brock Purdy (Good), who has struggled in 2024. Purdy and the Niners lost a heartbreaker at Seattle last week, and he is out along with DE Nick Bosa (Nova). QB Brandon (Lost in Space) Allen gets the start but there is no word on TE George (of the Jungle) Kittle and uber back Christian (Run CMC) McCaffrey, who is nursing two Achilles injuries.

Perhaps more interesting is Cheesehead QB Jordan Love (Broker), who has also regressed in 2024 since injuring a knee. Love Broker should light up the Niners defense, which is bound to lose the Time of Possession battle. Go, Pack, go.

Philly Cheesesteaks @ LA Rams (+2.5/47.6) Football Night in America

The NFC West is a virtual tie between four teams, and the Iggles would like to put the kibosh on any chance of meeting the Rams in the postseason. The difference is the Iggles defense is balling out in 2024. If you haven't seen shutdown CB Quinyon Mitchell and safety Cooper DeJean, you are missing a show.

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Saquon Barkley is owning the NFL with an unlikely MVP candidacy, but the Look Man likes this Gang Green defense to put the panties on Cooper Kupp and Puca Nacua. Should and will be the most entertaining game of the week. Iggles.

Baltimore Dumpster Ducks @ LA Lightning Bolts (+3/47.5) – Monday Night Football

The Bolts are back with HC Jim (the Milk Man) Harbaugh, QB Justin Herbert, and a defense that is better than anyone thinks. The X factor here: former Dumpster Ducks RBs Gus Edwards and JK Dobbins have a revenge motive, facing their former mates in Top Gun country.

Baltimore is coming off a bad loss to the Stillers in Week Ten and are seeking a tie in the AFC Asgard Division with a win. The Stillers loss on TNF has tightened up the AFC playoff picture, and the NFL would love to see Lamar (Action) Jackson take another run at a Lombardi.

Action is in the pole position for the MVP, but this stubborn Bolts defense is no joke. They have speed at nearly every position and will spy Jackson. The real issue is whether the Bolts can shut down Derrick (King) Henry and expose Jackson's inability to throw outside the numbers.

The Magic Eight Ball says "yes" as the Bolts attempt a run at the AFC West with a win. Bolts cover and win the Harbaugh Bowl, effing up the NFL's attempt to stack the deck for B-More. Bolts.



Can this man beat the presumptive MVP?

EPILOGUE

The next few weeks are pivotal for teams in the NFC West, NFC Least, AFC West and AFC Asgard divisions. The NFL schedule makers wisely packed back-to-back-to-back division matchups in the second half of the year, and now it is put up or shut up time.

Dallas, Cincinnati, and Cleveland are all out of the playoff picture, but they may have something to say about who gets in. The NFC West has all four teams in contention, but the Niners are so injured that any run would just set them up for an early playoff exit. The Deadbirds, Seahawks, and Rams are clearly second or third-tiered teams in the NFC, which is led by Detroit and Philly.

The AFC West is the real conundrum. KC lost for the first time in 2024 to a game Bisons squad that is getting healthy. The Bolts are an unknown quantity that could get some light after this week's Harbaugh Bowl. Denver has a plucky defense and a rookie QB with the shortest name in NFL history.

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The Look Man likes the AFC Asgard Division for drama. The Stillers and B-More will duke it out, but both have murderous schedules. Cincinnati and Cleveland can play spoiler, but the Browns are more likely in the *Suck for Shedeur Sweepstakes*, and (Neon) Deion Sanders ain't letting him go to Cleveland irrespective. The Browns could get the concession prize in University of Deion Travis Hunter, and that would be aiyght with the Look Man.

The struggle is real, and the NFL is going to ride this horse until it drops. Hard to understand the justification for flexing the Battle of Ohio Part Deux in favor of Donkeys-Bolts. The Look Man believes the schedule sheds some light, with Baltimore and Blitzburgh playing each other on Saturday, December 21.

The Stillers play at Cincinnati, a Cleveland rematch, at Baltimore, and KC at home. KC plays at Cleveland, Houston, and at Steelers before finishing at Denver on January 5. The NFL playoff implications are too numerous to calculate without *Artificial Intelligence*, but we know the Tournament is going to include nearly all of these teams.

No matter how you parse it, the stretch run is going to be Willd. The question is whether it will be Wild Card or gone fishing for these teams.



"I see dead teams..." - Haley Joel Osment, NFL Know-it-all

Peace and happy Turkey Day,

The Look Man