

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2024
Week Seventeen – “F them picks.”

“If you take away the scoreboard, it was really about five plays that decided this game.” – Allas Pokes DE Micah Parsons (Brown). Parsons is applying for the Phil Simms Award after uttering this comment in the postgame presser after a 41-7 beatdown.

PROLOGUE

The Pokes were badly outclassed by the Iggles and their fans in Week Seventeen, who booed everything from the Dallas owner to the weather, causing sideline reporter and noted fivehead owner Pam Oliver to stammer. Not only did the Pokes get beat by Kenny (Two Gloves) Pickett, third stringer Tanner McKee roasted them with dimes left and right.



“Are they booing me or Jerrah?”

RB Rico Dowdle had a decent day, but even he fumbled the ball. The game was effectively over following CJ Gardner-Johnson’s first quarter pick six. CJGB baited Cooper Rush into a late pass over the middle, redeeming himself for an ejection in Week Sixteen. Pickett actually looked like an NFL QB until his ribs gave out, and McKee could start for a few NFL teams.

Granted, the Pokes are banged up, and CeeDee Lamb was added to the season-ending IR, which includes QB Dakota Prescott, CB Trevon Diggs, LB DeMarvion Overshown, DE DeMarcus Lawrence, and OG Zack Martin.

Dallas will have the opportunity to end the disappointing season on a high note hosting the Washington Commies in the season finale. Unless, of course, they turn on the scoreboard at AT&T Stadium.

In other NFL news, Detroit bested the Niners in the second half, Commies took OT to down the Dirty Birds, and Tampa destroyed plucky Carolina to get to the doorstep of the playoffs. The Look Man’s long-standing Pepto Bismol streak was halted by (Cake) Baker Mayfield, who threw five TDs against a defense that couldn’t stop a nosebleed.

When it was all said and done, it was all said, but not over. The NFL reigns supreme, and Saturday football and playoff possibilities make this week must-see TV.

Without further ado, the Look Man Report 2024 for Week Seventeen.

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From the Sublime to the Ridiculous

The NFL announced Sunday night that the Bengal-Stillers tilt would be moved to Saturday night primetime. While the Bengals have qualified for multiple primetime games with their talented offense

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and plucky uniforms, the Orange and Black is 10-43 in primetime, including 2-2 this season. The downside: it's the first team ever to have five primetime games in a single season since...ever.

Hard to deny the playoff implications, and the NFL will be allowed to showcase the Stillers, who will be either the six or seven seed in the AFC. Unfortunately, the Bengals are 3-7 away from Mayberry at night under HC Zac (Opie) Taylor, while the Stillers are 10-3 since 2019.

HC Mike (Omar Epps) Tomlin boasts a .769 winning percentage in these games, which ranks sixth in the NFL. And he did it with guys not named Big Ben Roethlisberger. The Stillers are a juggernaut in big games, and the Look Man remembers one contest in which Buffalo actually yelled “uncle” in primetime due to the savage hits by Blitzburgh.

Since the 1970 merger, the Stillers are 56-19 in home primetime games, behind only Baltimore, which is 29-9 (.763). The Bengals can keep their playoff hopes alive with a win, and the way Joe Burrow is playing, anything is possible.

From Bad to Worse...

The Stillers would like to avoid the AFC seven seed and needs this game. They went to Crapchester in 2023 with the seven seed, bowing out unceremoniously in Round 1. This season, that scenario could recur, but Houston is a more likely foe. The Stillers blew a good chance to win the AFC Asgard by losing three in a row, but defeated Baltimore, the Bolts, Denver and Cincy already in 2024.

A Stillers loss and Bolts win would send Blitzburgh to the sixth seed, and a third game with Baltimore. If the Bolts and Stillers both lose, the Stillers make reservations for a road trip to Houston. The priority is clear: beat the Nati in Week Eighteen or face Buffalo or B-More in the Wild Card.

Tank City?

Cleveland now holds the No. 3 pick overall in the NFL draft if the season ended today. This by virtue of the Jynts dropping 45 points on Indy in its only home win on Sunday. The Browns also received a gift from the Flaming Thumbtacks and J-Squareds, who have recently won inexplicably. The G-Men fall to fourth overall based upon strength of schedule.

The surprise is the Jynts, who are suddenly throwing to WR Malik Nabers. New England continues to stink, but drafted QB Drake Maye in 2024, which could allow them to create a bidding war for NCAA QBs Shedeur Sanders and Cam Ward.

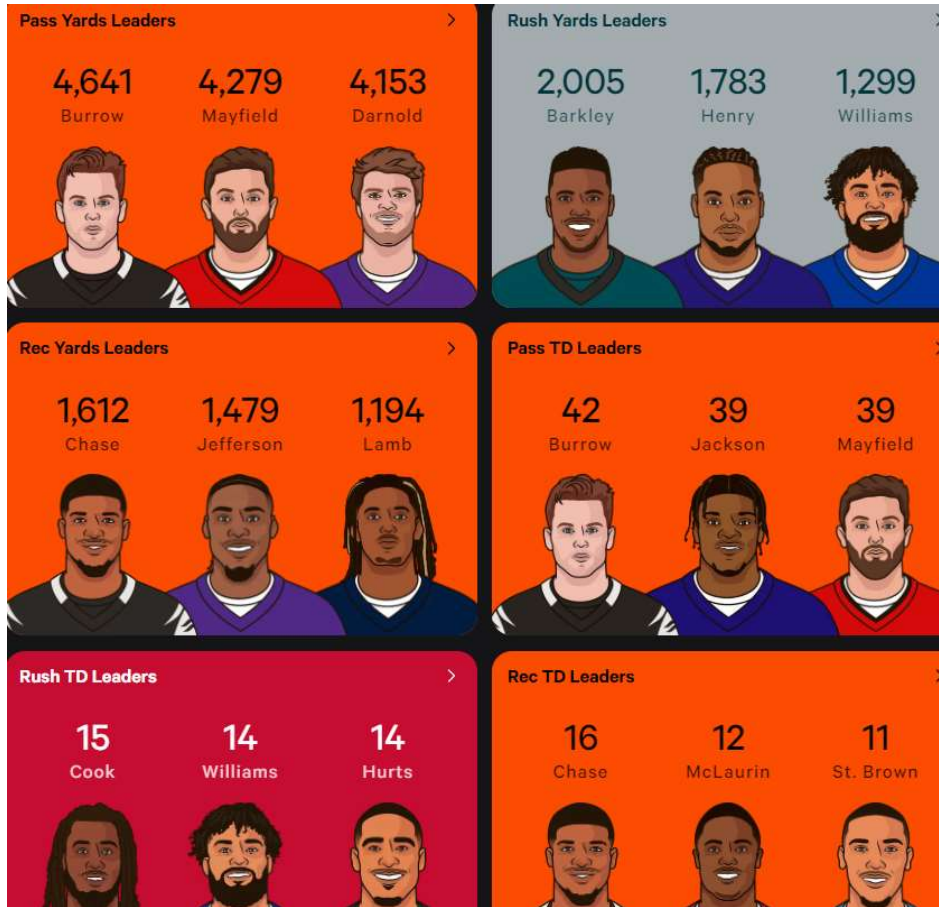
Any way you slice it, tanking is awful, and the Browns have ruined the Look Man's outlook. He doesn't like Sanders in the pros, and cannot evaluate Ward, who quit at halftime of a college bowl game. At this juncture, the Look Man wouldn't mind a bridge QB like Aaron (Discount Double Check) Rodgers pending development of a rookie not named DTR. Oh, and please do NOT acquire career backup Kirk Cousins, a Cake Baker Mayfield retread.

Most Outstanding Player?

The MVP race is sick this year, and *even* (Cake) Baker Mayfield is throwing 40 TD passes. Running backs are rolling, and three guys are going to go over 1500 yards. Saquon could break Dickerson's record with a little help from his coach.

Here is a snapshot of the competition:

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NFL offenses are putting asses in seats in 2024...

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Veteran Zebra Clete Blakeman issued a roughing call on Aaron (Discount Double Check) Rodgers near the halfway mark of Bisons-Jets. DDC threw a bad pick on a 3rd and forever, then pushed Bisons CB Christian Benford well outside the out-of-bounds marker. In all candor, Rodgers may have tripped into the push, but Blakeman delivered a hilarious penalty announcements after the fact.

Blakeman laughingly called roughing on Number 8, future Hall of Famer Rodgers, who boasted that he never saw Tom Brady rough anyone. So, there's that he has over Tom Terrific.



“Personal foul on Number 8, tickling the defender...”

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THE LOOKAHEAD

Week Eighteen still has limited drama thanks to the schedule makers. While many teams are locked into their seeding, a few division titles and the NFC One Seed is up for grabs.

KC has locked the One in the AFC, and Buffalo is the Two. The Bengals and Marine Mammals are technically still alive, and Denver is in a do-or-die at KC, which is resting its starters. The ATL and Tampa Bay battle for the NFC Souse title, and the Big Kahuna is Minny at Detroit for the NFC One Seed and the Black and Blue crown.

Here is the lookahead for Week Eighteen.

Saturday

Cleveland Tankers vs. Baltimore Dumpster Ducks (-17.5/42.5)

The Browns have named QB Bailey (Roger Troutman and) Zappe as the fortieth starting QB since Version 2.0 in 1999. They also placed two starting RBs and TE David Njoku on IR, eliminating any chance for a win and losing the third pick in the draft. The Look Man hopes B-More pins half a hundred on these idiots. B-More.

Cincinnati Bengals at Blitzburgh Stillers (+2.5/47.5)

Cincy QB Joe (Brrr) Burrow is rewriting NFL record books in 2024 and not even getting into the MVP discussion. Burrow would be the MVP in any other year. He has 8 consecutive games with 250+ and three TD passes. The closest competition is Brady with six, followed by five other HOF players (Peyton Manning, Steve Young, Aaron Rodgers, and Andrew Luck.

If he posts 250 passing yards and three TDs, it will be his ninth such consecutive time accomplishing this feat. The difference is Joe Brrr is doing it with a makeshift O-line and banged up players.

RB Chase Brown is out, and WR Tee (Magnum) Higgins is still suffering from the knee/ankle injuries. The Stillers are reeling with three straight losses and need to win “to get the stench of losing off of them” per HC Mike Tomlin.

There is clearly locker room trouble in the Still City, mainly because S (That Little) Minkah Fitzpatrick is freelancing. Fitz made the Pro Bowl, but was undeserving, and the rest of the Still Curtain is ticked.

The Stillers always play well in nationally televised games and the Bengals are overmatched. Stillers win, but the Bengals slim playoff hopes will be dashed on Sunday anyway. Stillers win, setting up a game at Houston in the Super Wild Card Weekend.

Sunday

New Orleans Religious Icons vs Tampa Bay Expensive Corn Kings (-14/43.5)

This point spread seems ridiculous but so does New Orleans QB Spencer (Diamondback) Rattler. The Look Man believes the Icons rally around the Bourbon Street terror attack for one last slap at the Corn Kings.

QB (Cake) Baker Mayfield is leading a seriously banged up squad, having only WR Mike (Florida) Evans for support. If Evans can post five catches and 85 yards in this game, he is due a \$500K bonus for the season. Not so fast, as the Icons rise up to defeat the Look Man’s nemesis, Cake by the Ocean. Icons.

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NY Football Jynts at Philly Cream Cheese Iggles (-3.5/38.5)

Philly has little to play for and rests the starters instead of securing the NFL season rushing title for Saquon (Big Valley) Barkley. Another Sirianni mistake, but Iggles win anyway with backup QB Tanner McKee from the bullpen. Iggles.

DC Commies at Dallas Cowpokes (+6.5/45.5)

The Pokes are all banged up and put WR CeeDee (Mary) Lamb on IR this week and released RB Zeke Elliott. HC Mike McCarthy seems to have saved his job for another year, but the Commies executed a nice OT win over ATL to secure a Wild Card berth. The Commies can lock in as a sixth seed with a win. Commies have covered in ten games this year and get another at Big D. Commies.

Carolina Black Cats at ATL Dirty Birds (-7.5/47.5)

Hard to believe the ATL is still in the picture, but a win on Sunday and a Tampa loss wins the NFC Souse for Atlanta. Rookie QB Michael (Big) Penix (Energy) has played well and was hurt by poor clock management by HC (Radio) Raheem Morris in Week Seventeen. Dirty Birds.

Minnesota Hornheads at Detroit Cadillacs (-3/56.5) – Football Night in America

Winnah, winnah, chicken dinner, as the One Seed and NFC North title goes to the winner on Monday Night. Detroit set all of this in motion after a gallant defense of the One Seed at Levis Stadium in Frisco last week. All the Hornheads have done is win, and Sam (Sixth Sense) Darnold is balling out.

Ironically, defense is going to tell the tale in this game, as Minnesota is shutting folks down and Detroit is getting stops at just the right moment. The Look Man is impressed with both squads and has been burned by both ‘for amusement purposes only.’ Detroit has guts and true grit, while Minnesota has the spirit of a riverboat gambler. Should be a great game to finish the 2024 regular season. Cadillacs at home.

EPILOGUE

Clearly, nobody knows nothing in the NFL, which has quarterbacks throwing touchdowns while falling out of bed. That may be good for advertising, but bad for the game. At current, only one defensive penalty does not result in an automatic first down.

The Look Man does like the participants in the postseason so far. He is openly rooting for a Three-Peat by the Baby Backs, but Buffalo, Baltimore, and the wild cards in the AFC are all tough. Over in the Junior Circuit, Detroit and Minnesota are surprisingly good, and Green Bay has proven it can kick butt when the need arises.

Between the Mythical National collegiate championship and the NFL playoffs, there is plenty of football to go around. And that, my friends, is a good thing.

Trying to thrive in ‘25,

The Look Man