

# WEEK 9



# EFL

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



*Blazing Through a Pandemic in our 14th Season!*

December 6, 2020

# OLD SCHOOL!

EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



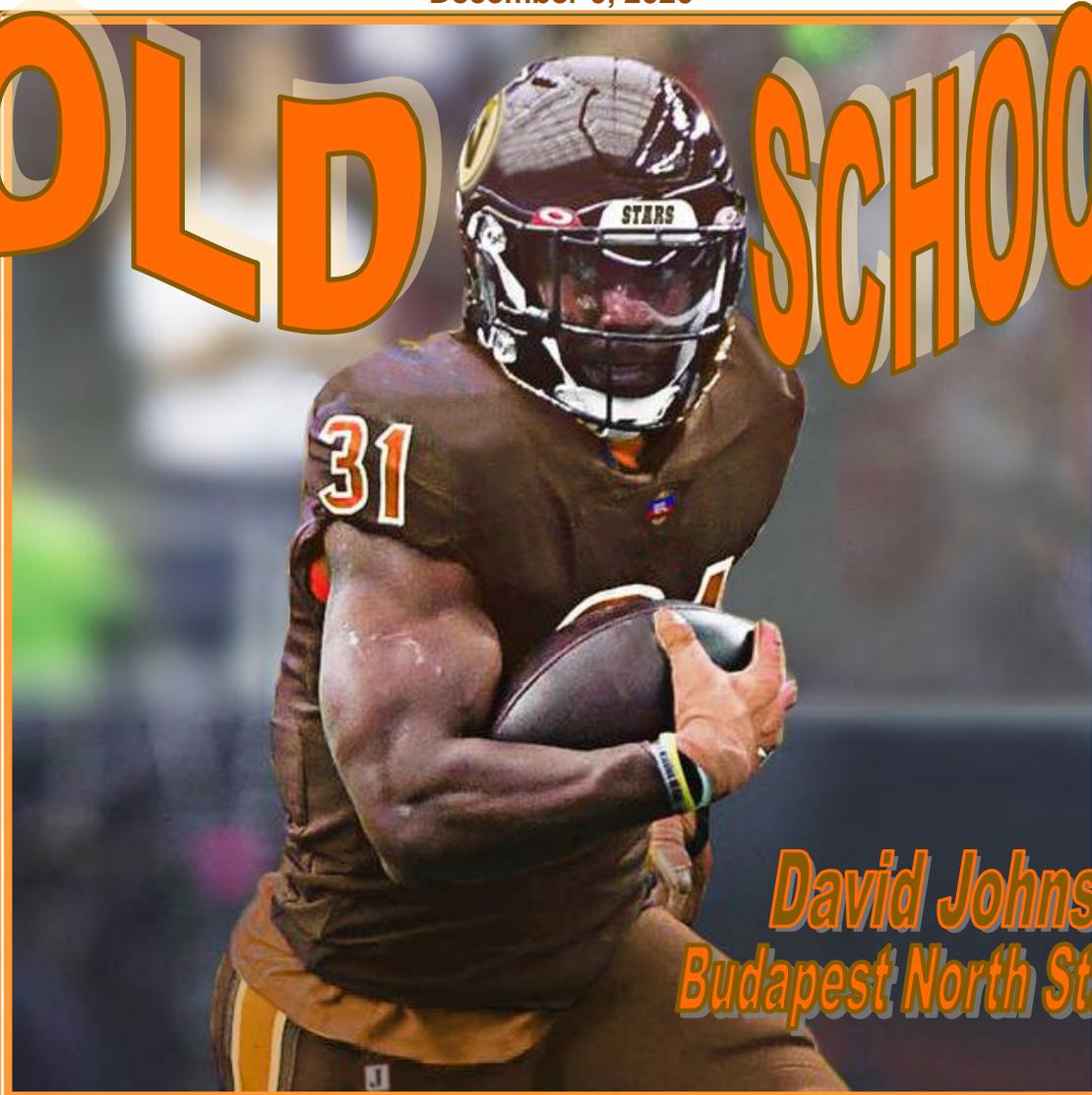
NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



*David Johnson  
Budapest North Stars*

North Stars' running back *David Johnson* turns up field and heads to the end zone after grabbing a screen pass from *Aaron Rodgers* in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter action in Budapest. When the Stars really needed to score, they went 'old school,' using the power run game and short passes to wear down the defence. It worked – they narrowly defeated York, 26-23.



*Who was slick  
in Week Nine?*

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**OFFENCE**



**Lamar Jackson**  
QB  
Buffalo  
Derailers

26 of 33, 358 yds, TD, 135 yds  
rushing, TD. One-man offence in win.



**DEFENCE**



**Damontae Kazez**  
CB  
Georgia  
Gladiators

4 T, PD, 2 INTs (58-yds). Intercepted  
both Sebastian QBs to spark upset.



**Luke Kuechly** strip-sacked **Dak Prescott** on the first drive, but **Matt Prater** missed the 46-yard attempt. The Chino offence then exploded as Prescott connected on a long fly to **Hayden Hurst** for a 22-yard score then hit **Larry Fitzgerald** for a 72-yard TD on the first play of the next possession. **Jared Goff** delivered a 32-yard TD to **Marquez Valdes-Scantling** but then the Convicts reeled off 13 straight points, aided by a **Donte Jackson** interception to take a 27-10 half time lead. The team traded TDs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> before **Melvin Ingram III** took over on 'D' for Chino, with 2 forced fumbles and a pick.

12-02-2020 The Big House Temp:87 Wind:0-10 None Line:BRX by 2 MVP:Prescott HFA:ON(

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Bruxelles (5-4)	7	3	7	6	23
2019 Chino (4-4-1)	14	13	7	3	37

#### Scoring Summary

1 9:12 Chino	TD Prescott 22 pass to Hurst (McLaughlin) (4-64-2:27)	0-7
1 6:31 Chino	TD Prescott 73 pass to Fitzgerald (McLaughlin) (1-73-0:14)	0-14
1 3:14 Bruxelles	TD Goff 32 pass to Valdes-Scantling (Prater) (6-86-3:12)	7-14
2 12:03 Chino	FG McLaughlin 22 (11-55-6:00)	7-17
2 5:49 Chino	FG McLaughlin 24 (7-60-4:20)	7-20
2 3:01 Chino	TD McCaffrey 4 run (McLaughlin) (5-27-1:05)	7-27
2 0:44 Bruxelles	FG Prater 45 (6-46-2:06)	10-27
3 8:29 Bruxelles	TD Goff 10 pass to Waller (Prater) (6-78-2:41)	17-27
3 7:54 Chino	TD Prescott 60 pass to Gallup (McLaughlin) (2-60-0:24)	17-34
4 2:30 Chino	FG McLaughlin 47 (4-6-2:14)	17-37
4 1:19 Bruxelles	TD Goff 14 pass to Kelce (2 - failed) (7-75-1:11)	23-37

#### Passing

BRX: Goff 51/28 372 Yds 3 TDs 2 Ints  
 CHI: Prescott 22/17 296 Yds 3 TDs

#### Rushing

BRX: Thompson 8/31, Williams 4/29, Goff 5/2  
 CHI: Ingram II 7/60, McCaffery 13/42 TD, Jones II 8/8, Prescott 3/0

#### Receiving

BRX: Godwin 7/138, Kelce 6/84 TD, Waller 6/34 TD, Thompson 3/23, Valdes-Scantling 2/39 TD, Williams 2/22, Westbrook 1/11, Claypool 1/17  
 CHI: McCaffery 5/61, Fitzgerald 4/7 TD, Gallup 2/76 TD, Jones Jr 2/24, Ingram II 2/8, Hurst 1/22 TD, Jones II 1/8

#### Defense

BRX: Dupree Sk 2 STFs FF 6-Tk, Flowers Sk STF FF 4-Tk, Ogbah Sk 3-Tk  
 CHI: Terrell 4 PD 7-Tk, Carter 2 Sks PD 6-Tk, Ingram III Sk STF 2 FF Int 5-Tk

#### Injuries

BRX:  
 CHI: Nickerson

#### Misc

BRX: 13-106 PEN  
 CHI: Grant 3/124 KR



**Lamar Jackson** passed for 354 yards and a TD and rushed for 135 yards and a TD as the Derailers rolled over the Assassins at New Era Field. Buffalo controlled the play from the start, but a missed FG and a failed 4<sup>th</sup> down attempt in the red zone kept them off the board until late in the 1<sup>st</sup> half when Jackson charged up the middle for a 9-yard TD run. Vegas used three QBs – none were effective – but rookie **Justin Herbert** threw a 3-yard TD pass, set up by a fumbled punt, to keep within one score heading into the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Buffalo 'D' clamped down and Jackson led a late TD drive to salt the game away.

12-04-2020 New Era Stadium Temp:37 Wind:5-15 None Line:BUF by 6 MVP:Jackson HFA:O

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Las Vegas (3-6)	0	0	7	0	7
2019 Buffalo (6-3)	0	7	7	10	24

#### Scoring Summary

2 1:22 Buffalo	TD Jackson 9 run (Elliott,J) (12-75-6:21)	0-7
3 7:01 Buffalo	TD Jackson 9 pass to Sanders (Elliott,J) (12-76-6:43)	0-14
3 1:17 Las Vegas	TD Herbert 3 pass to Lewis (Fairbairn) (1-3-0:06)	7-14
4 6:55 Buffalo	FG Elliott 40 (12-52-6:38)	7-17
4 1:13 Buffalo	TD Coleman 7 run (Elliott,J) (7-89-3:09)	7-24

#### Passing

LV: Wentz 9/6 58 Yds, Brissett 12/5 30 Yds, Herbert 12/4 15 Yds TD  
 BUF: Jackson 33/26 354 Yds TD

#### Rushing

LV: Brissett 6/19, Cook 4/1  
 BUF: Jackson 20/135 TD, Coleman 14/30 TD, Woods 3/24, Dillon 3/4

#### Receiving

LV: Thomas 4/45, Richardson Jr. 4/26, Lewis 3/7 TD, Graham 2/11, Pascal 1/4  
 BUF: Woods 9/193, Sanders 7/68 TD, Fant 5/43, Erickson 2/25, Tate 2/17, Thomas 1/8

#### Defense

LV: Barrett 2-Sks 5-Tk, Williams 12-Tk, Leonard 11-Tk, Griffin 10-Tk, Jenkins 8-Tk  
 BUF: Jackson Sk 3-Tk

#### Injuries

LV: Jackson 3, Cook 1  
 BUF: Abram 7, Dunbar 3

#### Misc

LV:  
 BUF: 43:22 TOP, 535 Yds Offence|



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With the Wrecking Balls holding a 6-3 lead after a hard-fought 1½ quarters, **Russell Wilson** began hitting his targets, finishing off a 12-play drive with a 10-yard WR screen to **Cole Beasley** for a TD. But with 1:45 left in the half, **Case Keenum** went on the attack, finishing off an aerial drive with a 45-yard TD to **Antonio Gandy-Golden** to retake the lead. A battle of field goals continued in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, with **Justin Tucker** tying the game at 16 in the 4<sup>th</sup>. But an interception by the Cubs' **Casey Hayward Jr** in NJ territory turned the game around, setting up **AJ Brown** for a 15-yard game-winning TD.

12-03-2020 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp:41 Wind:Calm None Line:ICC by 6 MVP:Wilson

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 New Jersey (1-8)	3	10	3	0	16
2019 Iowa City (5-3-1)	3	7	3	13	26

Scoring Summary

1 8:05 New Jersey	FG Boswell 29 (14-64-6:52)	3-0
1 3:26 Iowa City	FG Tucker 33 (9-60-4:35)	3-3
2 12:38 New Jersey	FG Boswell 47 (9-46-5:44)	6-3
2 1:45 Iowa City	TD Wilson 10 pass to Beasley (Tucker,J) (12-75-6:22)	6-10
2 0:47 New Jersey	TD Keenum 49 pass to Gandy-Golden (Boswell) (5-75-0:58)	13-10
3 9:20 Iowa City	FG Tucker 33 (10-60-5:36)	13-13
3 5:19 New Jersey	FG Boswell 49 (8-44-3:58)	16-13
4 9:26 Iowa City	FG Tucker 28 (12-70-5:43)	16-16
4 4:49 Iowa City	TD Wilson 15 pass to Brown (Tucker,J) (8-30-3:40)	16-23
4 1:14 Iowa City	FG Tucker 27 (8-61-2:49)	16-26

Passing

NJ: Keenum 39/29 233 Yds TD Int  
 ICC: Wilson 42/28 326 Yds 2 TDs Int

Rushing

NJ: Montgomery 7/35, Samuel 2/22, Hill 3/10, Cohen 3/5  
 ICC: Mixon 16/124, Wilson 5/14, Kirk 1/9, Armstead 2/5

Receiving

NJ: Cohen 6/21, Gabriel 6/53, Walker 5/34, Montgomery 4/15, Griffin 3/18, Gandy-Golden 2/62 TD  
 ICC: Mixon 9/62, Lockett 6/87, Brown 5/85 TD, Beasley 4/60 TD, Armstead 2/13

Defense

NJ: Awuzie 10-Tk, Bradberry Int 5-Tk, Judon Sk 3-Tk  
 ICC: Littleton 10-Tk, Stone 8-Tk

Injuries

NJ: Stafford 2  
 ICC: Dissly 3, Jones 2

Misc

NJ:  
 ICC: Tucker 4/4 FG



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The 1<sup>st</sup> half went according to the Coyotes' script, with **Ryan Tannehill** throwing 2 TD passes to **Julio Jones**, while the Coyote defence held Seattle to field goals and picked off **Sam Darnold** in the red zone late the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. But the game turned suddenly in the 3<sup>rd</sup> when **KJ Wright** stripped **Raheem Mostert** at the Cobb 20 and Darnold found **Demarcus Robinson** soon after for an 8-yard TD. After stopping the Coyotes on 4<sup>th</sup> down, the Pilots launched a 14-play drive for a **Josh Lambo** FG to take the lead. The Pilots' 'D' held up again on 4<sup>th</sup> down, setting up **Cam Akers'** clinching 5-yard TD.

12-05-2020 Coyote Field Temp:78 Wind:Calm None Line:CB by 11 MVP:Akers HFA:ON(1

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Seattle (4-5)	3	3	7	10	23
2019 Cobb County (8-1)	7	7	0	0	14

Scoring Summary

1 9:13 Cobb County	TD Tannehill 37 pass to Jones (McManus) (10-75-5:47)	0-7
1 3:23 Seattle	FG Lambo 48 (11-45-5:44)	3-7
2 13:04 Cobb County	TD Tannehill 26 pass to Jones (McManus) (3-53-1:43)	3-14
2 8:52 Seattle	FG Lambo 45 (11-48-4:04)	6-14
3 9:10 Seattle	TD Darnold 8 pass to Robinson (Lambo) (5-20-2:18)	13-14
4 12:30 Seattle	FG Lambo 27 (14-53-7:01)	16-14
4 2:51 Seattle	TD Akers 5 run (Lambo) (10-48-6:06)	23-14

Passing

SEA: Darnold 29/15 99 Yds TD Int  
 CB: Tannehill 20/13 195 Yds 2 TDs, Bridgewater 3/2 14 Yds

Rushing

SEA: Mack 22/140, Akers 12/90 TD, Darnold 4/5  
 CB: Peterson 10/49, Mostert 10/47, Tannehill 5/24

Receiving

SEA: Renfrow 4/31, Akers 3/12, Robinson 3/17 TD, Miller 2/14, Harmon 1/19, Dorsett II 1/0  
 CB: Jones 9/153 2 TDs, Parker 3/35, Peterson 1/6, Holtz 1/10, Mostert 1/5

Defense

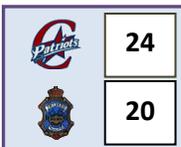
SEA: Wright FF 10-Tk, Lattimore 10-Tk  
 CB: Nelson Int 8-Tk, Basham 12-Tk

Injuries

SEA: Hunt 7, Williams 3, Massie 3, Moreau 2, White 2  
 CB: Sheard 2

Misc

SEA:  
 CB: |



**Mitch Trubisky** capped the Triumph's first two drives with long TD passes to **Kenny Golladay** and **James White** to grab a 14-0 lead. The Pats got back in it with 2 minutes left in the half when **Desmond Trufant** forced a fumble by **DJ Moore**, to set up a 7-yard TD run by **Alvin Kamara**. The Triumph added a late FG to make it 17-10 at half time. The Triumph added a hard-won FG in the third, but the Pats converted a 4<sup>th</sup> & 2 with a 3-yard TD pass to Kamara to start the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Pats scored again, taking the lead on a 3-yard TD run by Kamara for his third TD, and the Pats held on.

12-02-2020 Wilhalla Stadium Temp:70 Wind: Line:TCT by 11 MVP:Kamara HFA

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Charleswood (2-7)	0	10	0	14	24
2019 Twin Cities (2-7)	7	10	3	0	20

**Scoring Summary**

1 5:07	Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 38 pass to Golladay (Hopkins) (5-80-3:20)	0-7
2 11:21	Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 40 pass to White (Hopkins) (11-83-5:13)	0-14
2 2:41	Charleswood	FG Carlson 25 (16-68-8:36)	3-14
2 1:49	Charleswood	TD Kamara 7 run (Carlson) (2-20-0:25)	10-14
2 0:22	Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 35 (8-58-1:23)	10-17
3 3:57	Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 24 (7-54-3:10)	10-20
4 14:54	Charleswood	TD Watson 3 pass to Kamara (Carlson) (10-75-4:03)	17-20
4 4:12	Charleswood	TD Kamara 3 run (Carlson) (10-86-5:58)	24-20

**Passing**

CHP: Watson 34/23 270 Yds TD  
TCT: Trubisky 37/22 280 Yds 2 TDs

**Rushing**

CHP: Kamara 15/44 2 TDs, Dobbins 7/22, Watson 4/10  
TCT: Gordon III 18/67, White 3/23, Trubisky 2/9

**Receiving**

CHP: Kamara 7/70 TD, Jones 5/71, Dobbins 4/55, Smith-Schuster 3/29, Metcalf 2/28  
TCT: Moore 8/50, White 6/116 TD, Gordon III 2/23, Golladay 2/50 TD, Henderson Jr. 1/6

**Defense**

CHP: Trufant FF 10-Tk, Lawson Sk 3-Tk, Ferguson 8-Tk  
TCT: Wormley Sk 6-Tk, Wagner FF 8-Tk, Brooks 9-Tk

**Injuries**

CHP: Mosley 8, Funchess 6, Campbell 3, James Jr. 1  
TCT: Brown 7, Alexander 2, Okung 1, Lindstrom 1

**Misc**

CHP:  
TCT: |



The Violators took charge from the start and never looked back. **Pat Mahomes** threw 4 TD passes in his team's first 5 possessions to post 28 points in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. On the other possession he was intercepted by **Chauncey Gardner-Johnson**, setting up a short field for an **Aaron Jones** TD run help the Crusaders stay in striking distance. A 65-yard run by Jones set up a **Kirk Cousins** TD pass to **Courtland Sutton** to open the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, but the Violators could not be stopped. Mahomes responded with his 5<sup>th</sup> TD pass of the game as he kept up the pressure and stayed a step in front the rest of the way.

12-03-2020 True North Field Temp:72 Wind: Line:PCC by 11 MVP:Mahomes HFA

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Virden (8-1)	14	14	14	3	45
2019 Peg City (5-4)	7	10	14	7	38

**Scoring Summary**

1 12:39	Virden	TD Mahomes 42 pass to Cooper (Gonzalez) (4-75-2:21)	7-0
1 7:01	Peg City	TD Cousins 13 pass to Sutton (Butker) (11-75-5:38)	7-7
1 0:10	Virden	TD Mahomes 13 pass to Cooper (Gonzalez) (12-75-6:51)	14-7
2 10:27	Peg City	FG Butker 36 (9-57-4:39)	14-10
2 5:44	Virden	TD Mahomes 7 pass to Hockenson (Gonzalez) (10-75-4:43)	21-10
2 2:26	Peg City	TD Jones 2 run (Butker) (4-25-1:46)	21-17
2 0:14	Virden	TD Mahomes 15 pass to Cooper (Gonzalez) (7-75-2:12)	28-17
3 13:01	Peg City	TD Cousins 4 pass to Sutton (Butker) (5-78-1:54)	28-24
3 9:45	Virden	TD Mahomes 22 pass to Brown (Gonzalez) (8-75-3:16)	35-24
3 3:29	Peg City	TD Cousins 5 pass to Johnson (Butker) (13-72-6:07)	35-31
3 0:43	Virden	TD Elliott 7 run (Gonzalez) (7-75-2:46)	42-31
4 2:56	Virden	FG Gonzalez 46 (13-56-7:57)	45-31
4 0:48	Peg City	TD Cousins 9 pass to Higbee (Butker) (9-75-2:08)	45-38

**Passing**

VV: Mahomes 39/27 385 Yds 5 TDs Int  
PCC: Cousins 35/22 244 Yds 4 TDs

**Rushing**

VV: Elliott 18/103 TD, Mahomes 4/13  
PCC: Jones 9/110 TD, Barkley 8/44, Johnson 4/36, Cousins 1/7

**Receiving**

VV: Cooper 8/156 3 TDs, Sanu 7/78, Brown 5/84 TD, Hockenson 3/30 TD, Elliott 1/6  
PCC: Sutton 9/104 2 TDs, Jones 4/40, Barkley 3/36, Higbee 3/36 TD, Allen 2/23

**Defense**

VV: Heyward 2-Sks FF 6-Tk, Harris Jr. 11-Tk, Williams Sk 3-Tk  
PCC: Gardner-Johnson Int 7-Tk, Okudah 10-Tk, Bush 8-Tk

**Injuries**

VV: Adderley 8, Guice 7  
PCC:

**Misc**

VV: 499 Yds Offence  
PCC: Hilliard 5/133 KR



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Kenyan Drake converted a 4th & 2 on the opening drive and later busted a tackle for an 8-yard TD run to put Aurora up early. Matt Ryan was picked off by Ronald Darby, setting up a Corn King FG then TJ Watt forced a fumble on the next Aurora series, setting up a 21-yard TD pass to Mike Evans. Aurora ended the 1st half in front 14-10 after Drake's second TD run capped an 85-yard drive. Cowtown, trailing 14-13 in the 3rd, made a push to the Aurora 5, but came away empty after back-to-back sacks and a missed 31-yard FG attempt. Aurora added 2 more FGs and held off a late rally to win.

12-05-2020 Tillman Field Temp:47 Wind:10-20 \*Internet\* Line:AUR by 2 MVP:Drake HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Aurora (6-3)	7	7	0	6	20
2019 Cowtown (5-4)	3	7	3	0	13

Scoring Summary

1 9:37 Aurora	TD Drake 8 run (Lutz) (9-75-5:23)	7-0
1 3:47 Cowtown	FG Slye 21 (6-34-2:16)	7-3
2 10:34 Cowtown	TD Garoppolo 21 pass to Evans (Slye) (10-64-3:32)	7-10
2 0:34 Aurora	TD Drake 8 run (Lutz) (12-85-5:21)	14-10
3 10:39 Cowtown	FG Slye 47 (9-27-4:03)	14-13
4 6:41 Aurora	FG Lutz 36 (10-40-5:54)	17-13
4 4:55 Aurora	FG Lutz 28 (4-3-1:24)	20-13

Passing

AUR: Ryan 22/15 152 Yds Int  
COW: Garoppolo 30/14 163 Yds TD Int

Rushing

AUR: Drake 25/124 2 TDs, Singletary 9/60  
COW: Gurley II 13/70, Garoppolo 5/16, Bell 4/13, Washington 1/8, Boone 2/5

Receiving

AUR: Drake 6/56, Adams 5/60, Edelman 3/30, Goedert 1/6  
COW: Conley 5/64, Evans 2/27 TD, Lazard 2/20, Gurley II 1/9, Washington 1/17, Cephus 1/14

Defense

AUR: Davenport SK FF 5-Tk, Boston 12-Tk, Peterson Int 3-Tk  
COW: Kerrigan 16-Tk, Coleman 10-Tk, Smith 9-Tk

Injuries

AUR: Jernigan 6  
COW: Humphries 3

Misc

AUR:  
COW: 5 Drops, 0/8 on 3rd Down



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Durham's Richard Sherman picked off Baker Mayfield in the first play of the game and the Lizards took advantage of the short field to get on the scoreboard with a 5-yard TD pass to Cooper Kupp. From there, the Lizards turned to Nick Chubb on the ground and through the air to build a 20-3 halftime lead on a pair of Ed Pineiro FGs and a 35-yard lob from Josh Allen to Chubb in the end zone. The Durham defence clamped down on the Irish the entire game, limiting them to just 6 1st downs and 152 total yards, losing the shutout on a 50-yard Ricardo Blankenship FG in the 2nd.

12-02-2020 Jurassic Park Temp:67 Wind:Calm None Line:DTL by 11 MVP:Chubb HFA:ON

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 East Elmhurst (2-7)	0	3	0	0	3
2019 Durham (6-3)	10	10	3	0	23

Scoring Summary

1 11:06 Durham	TD Allen 5 pass to Kupp (Pineiro) (6-30-3:46)	0-7
1 0:43 Durham	FG Pineiro 41 (11-70-7:27)	0-10
2 9:42 Durham	FG Pineiro 49 (6-46-2:33)	0-13
2 4:35 East Elmhurst	FG Blankenship 50 (10-47-4:53)	3-13
2 0:40 Durham	TD Allen 35 pass to Chubb (Pineiro) (5-59-1:07)	3-20
3 7:26 Durham	FG Pineiro 50 (9-48-4:56)	3-23

Passing

EE: Mayfield 24/10 102 Yds 2 Int  
DTL: Allen 26/16 221 Yds 2 TDs

Rushing

EE: Murray 6/37, Kelley 8/24, Hill 2/5  
DTL: Chubb 26/136, Gibson 5/13, Allen 5/9

Receiving

EE: Quinn 4/41, Agholor 3/39, Everett 1/7, Thielen 1/9, Murray 1/6  
DTL: Samuel 4/56, Chubb 4/80 TD, Kupp 3/29 TD, Boyd 2/18, Hooper 2/28, Hilton 1/10

Defense

EE: Ramsey FF 9-Tk, Harmon 11-Tk, Simon FF 5-Tk  
DTL: Armstead 2-Sks 4-Tk, Mathieu Int 3-Tk

Injuries

EE: Anderson 5, Charlton 4, Poe 2, Joseph 2, Hill 1  
DTL: Johnson 9

Misc

EE: 13 Missed Tackles  
DTL:



The Glads' tied it at 7 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter on a 78-yard punt return for a TD by **Diontae Johnson** then added a **Tyler Bass** FG to take a 10-7 lead after **Dwayne Haskins** was stuffed for a loss on 4<sup>th</sup> & 1 at his 34. Haskins was picked off to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> setting up a Georgia FG, but then the Swordfish struck quickly with a TD run by **Chase Edmunds** and a **Daryl Worley** fumble return for a TD to make it 21-13 Sebastian. Georgia persevered, adding 2 FGs and using the 2<sup>nd</sup> pick of the day by **Damontae Kazee** to set up the first of 2 **Tua Tagovailoa** TD passes to **Jarvis Landry** to finish off the upset.

12-02-2020 Georgia Stadium Temp:77 Wind:10-20 None Line:GEO by 11 MVP:Tagovailoa HFA:

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Sebastian (4-5)	7	14	0	3	24
2019 Georgia (2-7)	10	6	10	9	35

Scoring Summary

1 8:56 Sebastian	TD Brees 5 pass to Witten (Bailey,D) (11-73-6:00)	7-0
1 5:30 Georgia	TD Johnson 78 punt return (Bass)	7-7
1 1:53 Georgia	FG Bass 30 (5-21-1:43)	7-10
2 8:46 Georgia	FG Bass 20 (7-35-3:28)	7-13
2 2:38 Sebastian	TD Edmonds 6 run (Bailey,D) (12-85-6:03)	14-13
2 1:06 Sebastian	TD Worley 56 yd fumble recovery (Bailey,D)	21-13
2 0:00 Georgia	FG Bass 51 (5-48-0:42)	21-16
3 9:05 Georgia	FG Bass 29 (10-62-5:42)	21-19
3 1:15 Georgia	TD Tagovailoa 11 pass to Landry (Bass) (12-80-6:07)	21-26
4 9:47 Sebastian	FG Bailey 39 (11-54-6:23)	24-26
4 5:36 Georgia	TD Tagovailoa 14 pass to Landry (no good) (9-66-4:00)	24-32
4 2:19 Georgia	FG Bass 36 (5-6-1:55)	24-35

Passing

SS: Brees 24/18 239 Yds TD Int, Haskins Jr. 18/8 74 Yds Int  
 GEO: Tagovailoa 37/26 329 Yds 2 TDs

Rushing

SS: Taylor 10/38, Williams 8/32, Haskins Jr. 2/20, Edmonds 2/9 TD  
 GEO: Jacobs 13/32, Johnson 1/11, Tagovailoa 1/4, Michel 1/2, Robinson 3/2

Receiving

SS: Beckham Jr. 8/110, Tate 7/94, Reagor 4/44, Shenault Jr. 3/35, Witten 2/15 TD  
 GEO: Landry 6/76 2 TDs, Robinson 6/42, Johnson 5/85, Fuller V 3/58, Jacobs 3/27

Defense

SS:  
 GEO: Kazee 2-Int 4-Tk, Beasley Jr. Sk 4-Tk, Lewis 8-Tk, Fulton 8-Tk

Injuries

SS: Brees 4  
 GEO: Johnson III 3, Alexander 2, Smith 2, Wylie 2

Misc

SS:  
 GEO: Bass 5/5 FG Lg 51



**Kyler Murray** scrambled for a 12-yard TD to cap a 75-yard opening drive and **Neville Hewitt** picked off **Joe Burrow** at the 43 and returned it to the Blue Eagles' 26 to set up a TD on a 3-yard check down to **Zack Moss** to build a 14-6 Erieau halftime lead. The Eagles' offence seized control in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, with Burrow and **Chris Carson** teaming up for a 7-yard TD pass to add to 3 **Mason Crosby** FGs for a 18-14 Eagles' lead. But Murray did it all on a final time-consuming drive, running for 6 on a 4<sup>th</sup> & 2 and hitting 8 of his last 9 passes, including the game-winner to **Henry Ruggs III** with 0:46 left.

12-04-2020 Kelly-Burke Field Temp:47 Wind:5-15 Light Rain Line:SBE by 1 MVP:Murray HFA:

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Scarborough (5-4)	0	6	9	3	18
2019 Erieau (3-6)	7	7	0	6	20

Scoring Summary

1 5:44 Erieau	TD Murray 12 run (Seibert) (14-75-9:16)	0-7
2 14:13 Scarborough	FG Crosby 42 (11-53-6:15)	3-7
2 3:32 Erieau	TD Murray 3 pass to Moss (Seibert) (4-26-1:37)	3-14
2 0:12 Scarborough	FG Crosby 45 (9-48-1:05)	6-14
3 10:20 Scarborough	FG Crosby 39 (10-67-4:28)	9-14
3 1:50 Scarborough	TD Burrow 7 pass to Carson (2 - failed) (6-29-4:10)	15-14
4 5:54 Scarborough	FG Crosby 31 (12-69-6:11)	18-14
4 0:41 Erieau	TD Murray 6 pass to Ruggs III (no good) (14-87-5:06)	18-20

Passing

SBE: Burrow 41/22 270 Yds TD Int  
 ERI: Murray 32/22 210 Yds 2 TDs

Rushing

SBE: Carson 18/110, Freeman 6/27, Burrow 1/-4  
 ERI: Murray 12/42 TD, Ruggs III 1/21, Moss 5/15, Vaughan 2/8, Gore 2/8, McCoy 3/0, Hines 2/-2

Receiving

SBE: Eifert 7/95, Freeman 5/57, Edwards 3/30, Crowder 2/24, Carson 2/16 TD, Ward 2/14, Robinson II 1/34  
 ERI: Higgins 5/58, Henry 5/38, Ruggs III 3/48 TD, Hines 3/22, Moss 3/14 TD, Andrews 2/24, Gore 1/6

Defense

SBE: Hightower PD 12-Tk, Suh Sk 2-Tk  
 ERI: Walker 2 PDs STF 7-Tk, Hewitt PD Int 3-Tk, Van Noy Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

SBE:  
 ERI: Peppers 5

Misc

SBE: Crosby 4/4 FG  
 ERI:



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Budapest RB, **David Johnson** rushed for 96 yards and snared 9 catches for 69 yards and a go-ahead TD in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to earn MVP. The Stars controlled the balance of play, but **Aaron Rodgers'** first pick of the year and a lost fumble by **Mark Walton** led to 10 York points and a 13-10 halftime lead for the visitors. Field goals knotted the score at 16 before Johnson's nifty move on a screen put Budapest in front 23-16. **Tom Brady** roared back to tie it on a 34-yard bomb to **Mike Williams**, but Rodgers executed the two-minute drill to get **Jason Myers** in position for the winning FG as time expired.

12-04-2020 Ferenc-Liszt Intl Temp:56 Wind:5-15 None Line:BUD by 8 MVP:Johnson HFA

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 York (4-5)	10	3	3	7	23
2019 Budapest (8-1)	0	10	3	13	26

#### Scoring Summary

1 9:09 York	FG Hauschka 51 (7-14-3:07)	3-0
1 3:55 York	TD Brady 18 pass to Amendola (Hauschka) (4-30-2:06)	10-0
2 13:54 Budapest	TD Rodgers 17 pass to Kittle (Myers,J) (10-75-5:01)	10-7
2 4:33 York	FG Hauschka 38 (7-15-2:30)	13-7
2 1:12 Budapest	FG Myers 31 (5-32-1:10)	13-10
3 8:43 Budapest	FG Myers 31 (5-24-1:48)	13-13
3 2:10 York	FG Hauschka 40 (7-46-2:32)	16-13
4 11:53 Budapest	FG Myers 35 (11-58-5:13)	16-16
4 4:33 Budapest	TD Rodgers 14 pass to Johnson (Myers,J) (10-72-5:48)	16-23
4 2:48 York	TD Brady 34 pass to Williams (Hauschka) (5-66-1:37)	23-23
4 0:00 Budapest	FG Myers 38 (11-60-2:45)	23-26

#### Passing

YOR: Brady 35/18 192 Yds 2 TDs  
BUD: Rodgers 42/24 244 Yds 2 TDs Int

#### Rushing

YOR: Henry 20/81, Snell Jr. 1/4  
BUD: Johnson 16/96, Rodgers 3/23, Dallas 7/5, Taylor 5/4

#### Receiving

YOR: Ertz 4/62, Amendola 4/50 TD, Davis 4/25, Williams 3/44 TD, Hamilton 2/11  
BUD: Johnson 9/69 TD, Kittle 6/80 TD, Diggs 3/56, Watkins 3/31, Clay 2/3, Taylor 1/5

#### Defense

YOR: Whitehead 14-Tk, McMillan 11-Tk, Lee Int 5-Tk, Byard 8-Tk  
BUD: Winovich Sk 3-Tk

#### Injuries

YOR: Jordan 3, Butler 2, Sproles 1  
BUD: Britt 5

#### Misc

YOR:  
BUD: Myers 4/4 FG



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An opening drive TD pass to **DeAndre Hopkins** and a **Ronnie Harrison** interception of **Philip Rivers**, that set up a 6-yard TD run by **Carlos Hyde**, had Brooklin off to a quick start. Rivers went 5 of 5 on the Spartans' next series, finding **Sterling Shepard** open near the sideline for a 12-yard TD. That was the last highlight of the day for Pickering. **Randy Bullock** added 3 field goals before the half to put the Hawks up 23-7. **Isaiah Simmons** picked-off Rivers on the 1<sup>st</sup> series of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and **Derek Carr** made him pay with his 2<sup>nd</sup> TD pass. The Hawks held the Spartans down and ran out the clock from there.

12-05-2020 Thermopylae Stadium Temp:47 Wind:5-15 None Line:BRH by 3 MVP:Hyde H

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Brooklin (6-3)	14	9	7	0	30
2019 Pickering (3-6)	7	0	0	0	7

#### Scoring Summary

1 11:48 Brooklin	TD Carr 18 pass to Hopkins (Bullock) (6-59-3:03)	7-0
1 8:34 Brooklin	TD Hyde 6 run (Bullock) (4-37-2:22)	14-0
1 3:38 Pickering	TD Rivers 12 pass to Shepard (Zuerlein) (9-75-4:56)	14-7
2 14:44 Brooklin	FG Bullock 37 (9-56-3:50)	17-7
2 3:05 Brooklin	FG Bullock 29 (16-51-6:55)	20-7
2 0:00 Brooklin	FG Bullock 37 (13-67-1:38)	23-7
3 9:20 Brooklin	TD Carr 9 pass to Perriman (Bullock) (6-45-3:38)	30-7

#### Passing

BRH: Carr 34/19 178 Yds 2 TDs  
PIC: Rivers 19/9 97 Yds TD 2 Int

#### Rushing

BRH: Hyde 24/132 TD, Breida 6/21, Carr 1/14, Hopkins 1/5  
PIC: Sanders 14/45, Swift 8/30, Minshew II 4/12, Jackson 1/7

#### Receiving

BRH: Cobb 6/56, Hopkins 6/85 TD, Perriman 2/18 TD, Breida 2/8, Jefferson 1/6  
PIC: Ridley 4/55, Shepard 2/19 TD, Sanders 2/6, Mooney 1/4, Williams 1/16

#### Defense

BRH: Simmons Int 9-Tk  
PIC: Wilson 8-Tk, Hyde 8-Tk

#### Injuries

BRH: Engram 6, Elliott 6, McPhee 3, Scott 3, Williams 2, Gunter 2, Tuitt 1  
PIC: Shepherd 4, Joseph 4, Howard 2, Dennard 2

#### Misc

BRH:  
PIC:



Near the end the win.

# STATS



## WEEK NINE

# STANDINGS & STATS

### EFL 2020 Official Standings

East	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cobb County	8	1	0	.889	L1	306	34.0	177	19.7	14.3	3 1 0	3 0 0	6 1 0
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	W1	235	26.1	193	21.4	4.7	3 2 0	1 2 0	4 3 0
Bruxelles	5	4	0	.556	L1	265	29.4	222	24.7	4.8	3 1 0	1 2 0	3 4 0
New Jersey	1	8	0	.111	L7	211	23.4	280	31.1	-7.7	1 3 0	1 2 0	1 6 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Viriden	8	1	0	.889	W4	313	34.8	195	21.7	13.1	3 1 0	3 0 0	6 1 0
Peg City	5	4	0	.556	L3	301	33.4	262	29.1	4.3	2 3 0	2 1 0	5 2 0
Charleswood	2	7	0	.222	W1	201	22.3	295	32.8	-10.4	0 5 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
Twin Cities	2	7	0	.222	L1	147	16.3	216	24.0	-7.7	1 3 0	0 3 0	2 5 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	5	3	1	.611	W3	225	25.0	219	24.3	0.7	3 1 0	2 0 1	4 2 1
Chino	4	4	1	.500	W2	234	26.0	228	25.3	0.7	3 1 1	2 0 1	3 3 1
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	W1	183	20.3	204	22.7	-2.3	2 3 0	0 3 0	3 4 0
Las Vegas	3	6	0	.333	L5	183	20.3	211	23.4	-3.1	2 3 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	6	3	0	.667	W3	172	19.1	139	15.4	3.7	3 1 0	2 1 0	5 2 0
Cowtown	5	4	0	.556		168	18.7	137	15.2	3.4	2 3 0	2 1 0	4 3 0
Scarborough	5	4	0	.556	L2	189	21.0	188	20.9	0.1	3 1 0	1 2 0	3 4 0
Sebastian	4	5	0	.444	L1	231	25.7	255	28.3	-2.7	3 2 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	8	1	0	.889	W4	206	22.9	110	12.2	10.7	4 1 0	2 1 0	6 1 0
Brooklin	6	3	0	.667	W2	235	26.1	191	21.2	4.9	3 1 0	3 0 0	6 1 0
York	4	5	0	.444	L2	175	19.4	179	19.9	-0.4	4 0 0	0 3 0	3 4 0
Pickering	3	6	0	.333	L1	144	16.0	210	23.3	-7.3	3 2 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora	6	3	0	.667	W2	232	25.8	215	23.9	1.9	3 1 0	3 0 0	5 2 0
Erieau	3	6	0	.333	W1	155	17.2	212	23.6	-6.3	2 2 0	2 1 0	3 4 0
Georgia	2	7	0	.222	W1	148	16.4	258	28.7	-12.2	2 3 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
East Elmhurst	2	7	0	.222	L2	151	16.8	214	23.8	-7.0	1 4 0	0 3 0	1 6 0

## EFL 2020 Official Passing Leaders

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Tannehill	CB	191	136	71.2	2395	3	1.6	82	28	14.7	146.5
2	Mahomes	VV	229	153	66.8	2034	2	0.9	56	22	9.6	123.2
3	Cousins	PCC	323	215	66.6	2680	2	0.6	71	31	9.6	121.5
4	Jackson,L	BUF	288	215	74.7	2334	3	1.0	58	19	6.6	115.7
5	Brees	SS	292	209	71.6	2498	5	1.7	88	17	5.8	109.6
6	Carr,D	BRH	318	222	69.8	2391	2	0.6	51	19	6.0	108.9
7	Stafford	NJ	196	131	66.8	1628	4	2.0	68	14	7.1	107.7
8	Prescott	CHI	288	194	67.4	2195	5	1.7	73	16	5.6	101.3
9	Garoppolo	COW	270	171	63.3	2050	4	1.5	64	14	5.2	97.6
10	Ryan,M	AUR	256	158	61.7	1862	9	3.5	53	21	8.2	96.5
11	Wilson,R	ICC	276	178	64.5	1946	5	1.8	48	15	5.4	95.8
12	Finley	VV	54	26	48.1	446	0	0.0	50	3	5.6	95.1
13	Burrow	SBE	279	177	63.4	1862	4	1.4	58	15	5.4	94.7
14	Trubisky	TCT	170	101	59.4	1200	1	0.6	75	8	4.7	94.2
15	Watson,D	CHP	321	210	65.4	2351	7	2.2	49	14	4.4	92.6
16	Allen,J	DTL	257	153	59.5	1715	1	0.4	63	11	4.3	92.1
17	Rodgers,A	BUD	275	161	58.5	1759	1	0.4	50	12	4.4	90.6
18	Murray,K	ERI	269	165	61.3	1758	4	1.5	53	13	4.8	90.3
19	Brady	YOR	281	166	59.1	1851	4	1.4	52	13	4.6	88.2
20	Goff	BRX	344	179	52.0	2435	6	1.7	72	21	6.1	88.0
21	Keenum	NJ	179	118	65.9	1061	3	1.7	49	7	3.9	87.8
22	Darnold	SEA	299	192	64.2	1940	7	2.3	72	13	4.3	87.4
23	Minshew II	PIC	92	47	51.1	564	1	1.1	41	5	5.4	83.8
24	Rivers	PIC	183	114	62.3	1384	7	3.8	44	7	3.8	82.3
25	Brissett	LV	85	50	58.8	447	1	1.2	47	3	3.5	79.9

## EFL 2020 Official Kick Return Leaders

## EFL 2020 Official Punt Return Leaders

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Grant,J	CHI	19	604	31.8	101	2	1	Johnson,D	GEO	19	4	249	13.1	78	2
2	Patterson	VV	14	422	30.1	94	1	2	Reagor	SS	11	8	136	12.4	49	0
3	Cooper,P	BUD	10	301	30.1	91	0	3	Ervin	VV	14	9	146	10.4	41	0
4	Spencer,D	NJ	15	411	27.4	57	0	4	Agnew	SEA	22	5	224	10.2	78	1
5	Hilliard	PCC	17	457	26.9	46	0	5	Berrios	AUR	21	3	194	9.2	23	0
6	Roberts,A	BRX	16	422	26.4	46	0	6	Carter,D	BUF	25	9	227	9.1	45	0
7	Agnew	SEA	11	286	26.0	35	0	7	Roberts,A	BRX	15	12	136	9.1	15	0
8	Sanders,M	PIC	11	279	25.4	29	0	8	Hardman	LV	23	4	207	9.0	20	0
9	Davis,T	SBE	14	355	25.4	34	0	9	Cooper,P	BUD	19	11	170	8.9	22	0
10	Hardman	LV	15	367	24.5	39	0	10	Cohen	NJ	22	4	168	7.6	21	0
11	Ruggs III	ERI	19	456	24.0	53	0	11	Rogers,C	CHI	19	8	137	7.2	15	0
12	Raymond	EE	18	432	24.0	41	1	12	Harris,D	COW	26	6	173	6.7	17	0
13	Carter,D	BUF	27	614	22.7	52	0	13	Logan,T	PCC	16	7	103	6.4	15	0
14	James Jr.	GEO	18	408	22.7	35	0	14	Proche II	DTL	33	3	210	6.4	11	0
15	Latimer	DTL	12	270	22.5	37	0	15	Thomas,D	SBE	35	2	202	5.8	17	0
16	Ballentine	SS	15	322	21.5	37	0	16	Quinn,T	EE	19	12	105	5.5	15	0
17	Richard	CHP	25	432	17.3	30	0	17	Peppers	ERI	15	9	81	5.4	13	0
18	Perine	AUR	10	137	13.7	31	0	18	Amendola	YOR	15	12	70	4.7	10	0
19	Cohen	NJ	1	28	28.0	28	0	19	Natson	CB	18	4	82	4.6	14	0
20	Harris,D	COW	8	207	25.9	42	0	20	Barner	BRH	15	1	54	3.6	15	0
21	Natson	CB	7	180	25.7	42	0	21	Lockett	ICC	2	3	15	7.5	9	0
22	Campbell,P	CHP	1	24	24.0	24	0	22	Sherels	YOR	1	0	7	7.0	7	0
23	Lockett	ICC	4	95	23.8	31	0	23	Kirk	ICC	7	4	46	6.6	9	0
24	Abdullah	CHI	2	47	23.5	33	0	24	Switzer	PIC	3	17	12	4.0	6	0
25	Pascal	LV	1	23	23.0	23	0	25	Moore,D	TCT	7	20	25	3.6	6	0

## EFL 2020 Official Rushing Leaders

## EFL 2020 Official Receiving Leaders

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Chubb,N	DTL	195	1073	5.5	75	3	1	McCaffrey	CHI	74	603	8.1	28	5
2	Jackson,L	BUF	147	948	6.4	27	8	2	Hopkins,D	BRH	72	1049	14.6	51	8
3	Fournette	BRX	168	943	5.6	56	6	3	Thomas,M	LV	70	820	11.7	59	5
4	Elliott,E	VV	181	931	5.1	30	8	4	Woods,R	BUF	66	841	12.7	58	6
5	Carson,C	SBE	164	850	5.2	66	2	5	Edelman	AUR	60	731	12.2	49	11
6	Mixon	ICC	155	819	5.3	32	7	6	Kittle	BUD	53	582	11.0	21	6
7	Henry,D	YOR	193	785	4.1	70	5	7	Cohen	NJ	52	339	6.5	19	0
8	McCaffrey	CHI	130	675	5.2	50	8	8	Brown,J	VV	51	814	16.0	56	7
9	Drake	AUR	120	672	5.6	59	7	9	Sanders,E	BUF	50	530	10.6	28	3
10	Jones,A	PCC	94	647	6.9	66	4	10	Tate	SS	49	509	10.4	44	1
11	Hyde,C	BRH	130	640	4.9	24	7	11	Kamara	CHP	49	384	7.8	49	2
12	Mack,M	SEA	119	571	4.8	51	1	12	Lockett	ICC	45	556	12.4	31	5
13	Jacobs,J	GEO	127	558	4.4	35	0	13	Beckham Jr	SS	45	564	12.5	46	2
14	Mostert	CB	95	537	5.7	45	7	14	Kupp	DTL	45	552	12.3	63	2
15	Kamara	CHP	124	528	4.3	50	8	15	Cooper,A	VV	44	804	18.3	50	10
16	Cook,D	LV	153	525	3.4	19	6	16	White,J	TCT	44	502	11.4	52	3
17	Singletary	AUR	92	475	5.2	45	0	17	Jones,J	CB	43	825	19.2	82	9
18	Williams,J	BUD	74	466	6.3	50	3	18	Witten	SS	42	467	11.1	40	4
19	Edwards-He	TCT	114	463	4.1	20	5	19	Kelce,T	BRX	41	589	14.4	41	5
20	Peterson,A	CB	101	438	4.3	45	2	20	Chark Jr.	NJ	41	581	14.2	52	6
21	Murray,K	ERI	79	431	5.5	26	3	21	Smith-Schu	CHP	40	512	12.8	36	4
22	Howard,J	BUD	86	430	5.0	20	4	22	Evans,M	COW	40	609	15.2	64	5
23	Murray,L	EE	82	347	4.2	32	2	23	Allen,K	PCC	40	643	16.1	54	4
24	Taylor,J	SS	97	342	3.5	15	1	24	Andrews,M	ERI	40	432	10.8	53	6
25	Gurley II	COW	104	341	3.3	15	3	25	Freeman,D	SBE	39	310	7.9	28	1
26	Barkley,S	PCC	69	340	4.9	29	2	26	Metcalf	CHP	39	555	14.2	35	3
27	Swift	PIC	74	330	4.5	63	0	27	Sutton,C	PCC	39	599	15.4	71	8
28	Ingram II	CHI	73	312	4.3	29	3	28	Renfrow	SEA	39	504	12.9	72	5
29	Montgomery	NJ	105	307	2.9	33	1	29	Ertz	YOR	39	490	12.6	36	4
30	Breida	BRH	66	284	4.3	32	0	30	Gallup	CHI	39	673	17.3	60	7
31	Johnson,D	PCC	41	244	6.0	18	0	31	Moore,D	TCT	38	521	13.7	75	3
32	Sanders,M	PIC	93	232	2.5	24	1	32	Adams,D	AUR	37	487	13.2	33	6
33	Allen,J	DTL	46	232	5.0	15	2	33	Fournette	BRX	37	274	7.4	26	1
34	Freeman,D	SBE	66	223	3.4	21	0	34	Reagor	SS	36	680	18.9	88	5
35	Robinson,J	GEO	66	218	3.3	27	0	35	Robinson,A	SBE	36	470	13.1	58	7
36	Johnson,D	BUD	43	209	4.9	16	1	36	Bell,L	COW	36	297	8.3	30	3
37	Wilson,R	ICC	32	200	6.3	24	1	37	Parker,D	CB	35	723	20.7	62	8
38	Edmonds	SS	39	193	4.9	24	3	38	Fitzgerald	CHI	35	422	12.1	73	2
39	Watson,D	CHP	19	186	9.8	24	4	39	Boyd	DTL	34	392	11.5	30	2
40	Kelley	EE	54	181	3.4	22	1	40	Golladay	TCT	33	655	19.8	55	3

## EFL 2020 Official Kicking Leaders

		FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts	
1	Prater	BRX	26	21	80.8	12	4	55	89
2	Gonzalez	VV	19	16	84.2	6	2	51	85
3	Myers,J	BUD	24	20	83.3	7	3	52	80
4	Bullock	BRH	20	18	90.0	3	3	55	77
5	Tucker,J	ICC	18	17	94.4	4	1	51	75
6	Boswell	NJ	16	16	100.0	3	1	50	69
7	Crosby	SBE	17	17	100.0	8	2	52	69
8	Butker	PCC	15	11	73.3	3	1	53	69
9	Lambo	SEA	17	17	100.0	13	2	54	69
10	Bailey,D	SS	15	15	100.0	6	0	47	67
11	McManus	CB	11	9	81.8	4	1	51	66
12	Pineiro	DTL	21	16	76.2	9	5	52	64
13	Fairbairn	LV	17	16	94.1	2	1	51	63
14	Hauschka	YOR	16	15	93.8	8	2	51	59
15	Bass	GEO	18	15	83.3	3	2	51	58
16	Slye	COW	18	13	72.2	5	1	52	54
17	McLaughlin	CHI	11	8	72.7	3	0	47	54
18	Elliott,J	BUF	10	7	70.0	3	1	54	49
19	Blankenshi	EE	11	11	100.0	5	3	53	49
20	Zuerlein	PIC	12	11	91.7	6	3	55	48
21	Lutz	AUR	9	5	55.6	2	0	45	46
22	Carlson	CHP	10	7	70.0	3	2	51	43
23	Seibert	ERI	13	9	69.2	5	1	50	39
24	Hopkins	TCT	8	5	62.5	1	0	40	31
25	O'Donnell	NJ	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

## EFL 2020 Official Punting Leaders

			No	Yards	Tb	20	Lg	Bk	Ave
1	Way	CHI	34	1703	5	11	64	0	50.1
2	Kern	BRX	33	1601	2	9	60	0	48.5
3	Dixon,R	GEO	37	1787	2	11	64	0	48.3
4	Morstead	DTL	36	1722	3	12	68	0	47.8
5	Palardy	YOR	46	2180	1	14	79	0	47.4
6	Hekker	COW	43	2031	4	19	59	0	47.2
7	Edwards,L	EE	48	2237	2	19	62	0	46.6
8	Bailey,J	SEA	38	1767	0	16	60	0	46.5
9	Anger	LV	46	2132	6	20	67	0	46.3
10	O'Donnell	NJ	38	1759	3	12	56	0	46.3
11	Dickson	ERI	48	2182	5	17	56	0	45.5
12	Wishnowsky	TCT	48	2178	1	16	53	0	45.4
13	Colquitt,D	SBE	43	1947	6	19	54	0	45.3
14	Sanchez	BUD	35	1578	2	13	80	0	45.1
15	Jones,C	PIC	44	1875	0	13	57	1	42.6
16	Berry,J	SS	16	778	1	2	80	0	48.6
17	Lee,A	BUF	21	1020	0	10	60	0	48.6
18	Koch	AUR	31	1446	1	11	62	1	46.6
19	Martin,S	CB	27	1246	0	7	65	0	46.1
20	Scott,J	BRH	16	736	2	6	52	0	46.0
21	Huber	CHP	24	1102	3	6	57	0	45.9
22	Haack	PCC	23	1052	1	11	53	0	45.7
23	Mann	VV	25	1133	2	5	58	0	45.3
24	Pinion	ICC	29	1275	1	8	51	0	44.0

## EFL 2020 Official Sack Leaders

1	Barrett	LV	10
2	Watt,T	COW	7
3	Smith,P	BRX	6
4	Armstead,A	DTL	6
5	Jones,C	SS	6
6	Heyward	VV	6
7	Smith,Z	CHI	6
8	Dupree	BRX	6
9	Landry III	NJ	5
10	Allen,J	EE	5
11	Charlton	EE	5
12	Joseph,L	EE	5
13	Richardson	VV	4
14	Phillips,J	BRX	4
15	Wolfe	PIC	4
16	Buckner	YOR	4
17	Young,C	DTL	4
18	Quinn	NJ	4
19	Ngakoue	LV	4
20	Miller,V	PCC	4
21	Poe	EE	4
22	Hunter,D	TCT	4
23	Collins Sr	VV	4
24	Lawson,C	CHP	3
25	Brown,D	CHP	3

## EFL 2020 Official Tackle Leaders

1	Leonard,D	LV	108
2	Littleton	ICC	79
3	Smith,J	EE	76
4	Henderson	YOR	70
5	Lattimore	SEA	70
6	Alexander	TCT	70
7	Ryan,L	SBE	68
8	White,D	SEA	67
9	Apple	BRH	66
10	Terrell	CHI	65
11	Martinez	CB	63
12	Kuechly	BRX	62
13	Awuzie	NJ	61
14	Brooks,J	TCT	61
15	Davis,C	COW	60
16	Cunningham	NJ	60
17	Landry III	NJ	59
18	Jones,J	BRH	59
19	Schobert	PIC	58
20	Hightower	SBE	58
21	Wagner,B	TCT	57
22	Stone	ICC	57
23	Ya-Sin	YOR	56
24	Fulton	GEO	56
25	Okudah	PCC	56



# AROUND THE



# With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Professor McChad’s mid-term grades drew volleys of criticism and scant appreciation from my readers...as usual. It makes me wonder why I even bother to impart my wisdom to the teeming masses of empty-headed fan boys out there. I get it; they’re *fans*, and the more diehard ones spend most of their waking hours reliving and dissecting every aspect of their team’s performance from week-to-week. They devote far more time to the task than most journalists do, except for the team’s beat writers, of course. But again, they’re *fans*...many of them have no lives and they tend to see things through the emotional lens that fans do. They can turn bitter and pessimistic as easily as they can become overly excited and optimistic, depending on what just happened. Half are incapable of seeing their team objectively in relation to all of the other teams. That is where a fan of the *sport*, like me, needs to step in, to dispel illusions and provide insights that the emotionally blinded fan cannot see. Alas...most fans don’t want to see their team any other way than the way they see it and therefore resist the light.

It has been a particularly tough year so far for fans of the Wrecking Balls. While most fans tend to take issue with my negative grades for being too negative, several New Jersey fans attacked me for being too *generous* with the D-minus grade I gave their team. One, who identified himself (I assume it is a “him” since no “her” would use the ‘c’ word used in the original text) as *Doctor Balls*, wrote: “D-f^&\*ing minus?? That f\*&#ing dumb c\*%& of an owner and his dumb a\$\$ coach deserve a good hard ‘F’ up the a\$\$\$. Then they’ll know how the fans feel every week!”

On the opposite end of the wheel of football fortune, one Cobb County fan, who identified herself as *Georgia Peach* (I assume it is a “her” since no “him” would name himself “peach”), was dismayed that I had not singled out *Ryan Tannehill* as the reason for the Coyotes’ perfect start: “I can’t believe you didn’t mention Ryan by name in your grade, Spats. He is having the best season ever and without him this team wouldn’t be where it is. The team gets a B-plus and Ryan gets an A-plus-plus-plus-plus!”

Of course, fans of several front-running teams are not happy that I singled out the Coyotes for the top grade. Virden fans, excited beyond decency by the performance of *Patrick Mahomes*, are taking aim at any opinion that remotely suggests the Violators are not the best team in the league. One fan, who identified itself as *Island of Violation* (the full message contains ambiguous sexual references that defy gender classification) wrote: “You contradict yourself, Spats. You mention if not for COVID-19 the Violators would be perfect. So, why not an A-plus then? The Coyotes are a flash in the pan. Let them have their fun now. If we see them in the playoffs we will seize them by the tail and have our way with them. You will look like a fool.”

I am not sure how Virden having its way with Cobb County in the post-season will make *me* look like a fool, but when fans feel their team has been slighted, the *slighter* had better beware.

Spoiled Aurora fans are, in the main, incensed at my B-minus grade for the Mustangs. One fan, who identified himself as *Horsetail Harry* (why do people not sign their actual *names* to anything anymore??) summed up the general vibe: “You know teams are gunning for the champs every week, Spats! That has to factor in. B-minus is a slap in the face to the best team in league history! Spats, we’re not done yet! This will be our greatest season because nobody believed we could do it and you’ll look like an idiot!”

Interestingly, very few North Stars fans weighed in with commentary. Perhaps, they were satisfied with the A-grade, as they should be. When the team was based in Markham, no fan group, apart from the Cubs, hated me more or missed an opportunity to criticize. Since the move to Budapest, the ‘Old Fans’ have left me alone and focused their voodoo on *Darrin Jones* for taking their team away from them. I assume one reason for the drop in feedback since the move to Budapest is due to the language barrier. I did receive one message from a fan in Budapest named *Zoltán*, who I believe was being appreciative when he wrote: “Excellent thought of respect your writing of ideas deep seeing of Stars. Respect, bro!”

It goes without saying that, whether you are a Georgia fan who thinks I’ve underrated the Gladiators’ effort, a Buffalo fan who thinks I should be grading Lamar Jackson instead of the rest of the team, a Triumph fan who thinks I am applying a double-standard, or a Charleswood fan who thinks I just hate the Patriots and always have (which isn’t true), I always welcome your feedback. It reinforces in my mind the need to continue spreading my critical analysis, to shine a light onto the darkness.

## REPRIEVE

It has been a rocky year so far for Chino coach, **Rob Nazar**. First there was the strong and, so far, unresolved challenge by the Assassins to claim the meanest helmet and blackest uniform in the division. Then there was his knee-jerk reaction to that challenge in the creation of a new skull & crossbones logo and a retreat to a black & red colour scheme, one traditionally associated with the Devil or just evil in general. This new look is not going over well with traditionalists in the Chino fan base and newcomers – like the

Budapest scoreboard operator – are just plain confused by it as they struggle to understand the association between a pirate symbol and a convict. I suppose some convicts might be convicts because at one time they were pirates. But pirates, technically speaking, are not convicts if they are able to engage in piracy. You get where I am going with this, I hope, because if I were to start going into the disturbing relationship of a death symbol to being a convict, we could be here most of the day.

Mostly, however, it has been a rocky year because the Convicts have failed to live up to the fans and local media's expectations on the playing field. Going into the second half of the season at 3-4-1, would be an envious situation for a team like the Wrecking Balls – one that is spectacularly failing expectations – but it is unacceptable for Chino fans, especially when they see the hated Cubs struggling to live up their own hype and ripe for the picking.

Targets of the fans' ire have included an inconsistent **Dak Prescott**, a step-slower **Larry Fitzgerald**, a barely visible **Marvin Jones Jr** and totally invisible **Greg Olsen**, the defence in general, and even MVP candidate **Christian McCaffery**, whose 12 touchdowns heading into the game led the league and who's total 1,175 yards from scrimmage was just 42 yards off the pace set by another MVP candidate, **Leonard Fournette**. Of course, the main target of the fans and media is the beleaguered coach and GM, **Rob Nazar**; who, on top everything else, has recently taken to moving around in public with a not-so-discreet Hells Angels bodyguard at his side, after receiving threats from Latino gangs for relegating linebacker, **Kiko Alonso** to a back-up role and for failing to pick up **Rakeem Nunez-Roches** in the waiver draft.

So, the Week Nine match-up against the Bombers seemed like one of those looming turning points for Nazar's Convicts. With the Cubs apparently shaking off their early season funk, another loss would really put them behind the 8-ball. Also, Chino had yet to beat a top tier team – the Pilots' occasional spectacular success notwithstanding – and, except for segments of that win over the Pilots, had not looked convincing in victory.

Bombers' coach and GM **Ken Main** was in a similar, though less physically precarious, position as his Week Nine rival. The Belgian sports media tend to be *laissez faire* when it comes to American style football and the fans still don't know enough about the sport and the league as a whole to know how to criticize their team in any meaningful way. However, national media in North America had not missed an opportunity to highlight the shortcomings of the 5-3 Bombers – a team many had expected to win the East Division.

Criticism had coalesced around the failure of the defence to stop anybody and the inability of quarterback **Jared Goff** to keep up. To be fair, Goff is a different type of quarterback from the one around whom Main's system was built, **Marcus Mariota**. Not less talented, just different – a pocket-style passer with pocket mobility who is best when he gets into in a rhythm, but who turns the ball over with alarming frequency. While **Leonard Fournette** is receiving deserved accolades for keeping the Bombers' record in the black, deep critics see this over-reliance on the running back as one symptom of Main's inability to bring the wide receivers into the game plan and to get the most out of the potentially super-potent tight end duo of **Travis Kelce** and **Darren Waller**. Those critics also suggested that over-playing Fournette had led to his injury in Week Eight that would keep him out in Week Nine.

Main acknowledges the criticism respectfully, but in his typical unruffled manner is able to keep his team's focus on moving forward while expressing genuine confidence in his players' ability to produce results. Still, the upcoming game against the Convicts brought with it a sense of urgency. With Cobb County looking invincible, and **Lamar Jackson** starting to figure things out in Buffalo, the Bombers could fall into third place and outside of the playoff circle if they were to lose. And with their first half MVP out of the line-up, losing was a distinct possibility if the unreliable Chino defence was able to hold its ground.

The Convict defence still surrendered its customary 400-plus yards of offence, but tenacity on third down and 3 takeaways turned it into a winning effort all the same. The failure of the Bombers to come away with points after **Bud Dupree** had strip-sacked **Dak Prescott** on the game's opening drive undoubtedly bolstered the unit's confidence. It also breathed new life into Prescott and a Chino offence that faced the condemnation of fans for letting Bruxelles get the early jump, but was now off the hook.

After **Matt Prater** shanked the 46-yard field goal attempt that would have salvaged the post-turnover drive, **Christian McCaffery** and **Mark Ingram II** combined for 42 yards on the ground and Prescott took care of the rest with a 22-yard fly to **Hayden Hurst** in the corner of the end zone for the opening touchdown. It was the kind of "kill shot" deep pass that had been exclusive to **Michael Gallup** so far. It was only Hurst's third catch of the season and only the fifth catch by a tight end.

On Chino's next drive, the veteran **Larry Fitzgerald** showed that, while he may have lost a step, he hadn't yet lost his power and strength. He snared a short slant from Prescott and weaved and darted his way 73 yards to the end zone for a TD, dodging and shaking off tackles along the way. If the Hurst touchdown had created excitement on the Chino sideline, the Fitz throwback score electrified it. Even after Goff struck back for the Bombers with a 32-yard TD strike to **Marquez Valdes-Scantling**, the Convicts' bench remained in high spirits, imbued with a rare confidence.

The offence kept moving, setting up **Chase McLaughlin** for two short field goals and keeping the defence rested. Trailing 20-7, with time ticking away in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Goff began to press and the result was a **Donte Jackson** interception of an attempted check down to **Chris Godwin** at the Bruxelles' 27-yard line. A personal foul penalty on Dupree and a pass interference penalty on **Darius Slay** two of 13 penalties called on the Bombers this day, helped make short work of the short field, with McCaffery cashing in two plays later from 4 yards out to make it 27-7 for Chino.

With no dependable running game to support him, it was left to Goff to try and hurl his way to a comeback. He tried but was thwarted at every turn. The fading superstar, **Melvin Ingram III** reminded the football world of his existence with a furious 2<sup>nd</sup> half, notching a sack, two forced fumbles and an interception to keep Goff and the Bombers at bay and put a defensive stamp on a 37-23 final in favour of the Convicts.

It was the convincing win Nazar, the media and the fans had been looking for. Yes, it came against a Bombers team that was missing its top-performing offensive player, but the lack of Fournette did not change the quality of the Chino touchdowns nor the fact that the Chino wide receivers had as many catches as running backs in a game where they never had to play from behind.

“I was very impressed with the play of Dak,” **Rob Nazar** said to reporters after the game. “He has taken a lot of criticism for our slow start. Most of it has been undeserved in my opinion. And the defence played great when we needed to make stops. I can’t say enough about the defence and Melvin there at the end. But we have a tough game coming up against the Wrecking Balls next week, so we’re going to watch the film of this game



Georgia coach, **Dave Birdsall** (left) shakes hands with Sebastian coach, **Russ Lemmon** (right) after his Gladiators upset the Swordfish 35-24. The Glads got a good game from their rookie QB, but also got some help from Lemmon and his blue swordfish hat.

tomorrow and get back at getting ready for New Jersey!”

At the mention of “tough game” against the Wrecking Balls the Zoom Room crackled with simultaneous laughter coming from a smattering of unmuted microphones, temporarily freezing the system. Those present physically in the room struggled to hide grins and smirks as they attempted to take the comment seriously. Nazar’s delivery had been straight-faced, which made it even funnier. But there is no doubt that, should the Convicts revert to an earlier season form next week and manage to lose against the bumbling but still talented Wrecking Balls, the reprieve he earned himself and his team with this win in Week Nine will be rescinded and the heat on his seat turned back up a notch.

#### ***ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY...***

Just when it seemed safe to call games “locks” again, two Week Nine locks were stunningly blown apart.

The “on any given Sunday” cliché has reclaimed its age-old stature after the Seattle Pilots shook up the power structure of the football world with an astonishing 23-14 victory on the road over previously undefeated Cobb County. While that was happening, 100 miles east, the Gladiators throttled the Swordfish 35-24 in an unheard-of burst of offence and a clutch display of defence, conspicuously aided by another series of, at best questionable, and at worst non-sensical decisions by Swordfish coach, **Russ Lemmon**. But more on that in a bit...

The authentic, unblemished downing of a true Goliath by a true David happened in Marietta, Georgia. Eight weeks into the season, the Coyotes had not only been perfect, they had been Dominant (notice the capital ‘D’). So Dominant that it prompted Yours Truly to prop them up, a mere one week ago today, as a perfect season candidate. The EFL has had two of those so far and an additional perfect regular season in its previous 13 years of existence – making it 23% likely that in any given year some team will run the table, about the same chance as **Jameis Winston** has of completing a long pass without getting intercepted or sacked.

The Coyotes opened true to form, shearing through the Pilots’ defence on the opening drive and crowning the effort with a textbook medium slant from **Ryan Tannehill** to **Julio Jones**, that the speedy behemoth took to the house for a 37-yard pass play. Two series later another Coyote prodigy, **Raheem Mostert** broke around the edge for a 27-yard run, setting up another textbook medium slant to Jones, this time good for a 26-yard score. They made it look so damn easy! Two minutes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, it was 14-3 Cobb County. All was going according to plan for GM/Coach **Eron Osman** and he began to turn his attention to his tablet, where he had stored an archive of game film of the Cubs, the Coyotes Week Ten opponent.

No mortal can tell if this blithe indifference of the Coyote coach to what was happening on the field in some way offended the *Football Gods* (yes, they do exist!) or, if it did, whether they intervened at any point in the contest. But a review of the tape shows that from that point forward, the Coyotes looked like an average EFL team – perhaps even a touch below average.

The shift in fortunes began very subtly, with the Pilots simply possessing the ball for longer periods of time and being rewarded for their toil with a pair of field goals. And then there was Mostert getting stuffed for a loss on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 1 near mid-field, followed later by Tannehill coming up one foot short of the first down on a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10 scramble at his own 22-yard line. Near misses. The Coyotes punted away both times, surely confident that there was no need to gamble in either situation, as it was only a matter of time before they crushed Seattle under their cleats. These were sensible decisions at the time. The Wild Dogs led 14-6 at halftime and would make a few



*Lamar Jackson* cocks back before rifling a pass to his favourite target, *Robert Woods* in Week Nine action against Las Vegas. Jackson finished the afternoon with 354 yards passing and 135 yards rushing to lead the Derailers to a 24-7 win. After a shaky start, Jackson and the Derailers are putting it all together for what they hope will be a run to the final in January.

adjustments during the break.

After forcing a Seattle punt to open the third quarter, the Coyotes took over at their own 14 with a long, but navigable road ahead of them. However, on the second play from scrimmage, as Mostert came out of his turn, *KJ Wright* spiked the ball out of his arms, to be recovered by *Marshon Lattimore* at the Cobb County 20. It was one of those out of the blue plays that catches everybody totally off guard. The shock alone was enough to reset the attitude of both teams. When *Sam Darnold* checked down to *Demarcus Robinson* on 3<sup>rd</sup> & goal for an 8-yard touchdown five plays later, it became official; the tables had turned.

There was no panic on the Coyote sideline. But there was enough concern to cause *Eron Osman* to lift his head from the Cubs game film study and take stock of the situation. He sent in a few plays to his offensive coordinator with instructions to rotate Tannehill and *Teddy Bridgewater* at quarterback. Why the rotation is anyone's guess. After Tannehill got the Coyotes close to mid-field, Bridgewater took over and moved the team across mid-field only to stall at the Pilot 43-yard line. Facing a 4<sup>th</sup> & 2 there, Osman decided to go for it, but the pass from Bridgewater to Jones was low and the Pilots took over on downs with great field position.

Clearly in no hurry to give the ball back to the Coyotes, the Pilots ground out an astonishingly long drive, taking 14 plays and 7 minutes to cover a mere 53 yards. When they were finally stopped at the Cobb County 9, Coach *Mitch Gangwish* sent in *Josh Lambo*

to kick the 27-yard field goal. He made it, giving Seattle its first lead of the game, 16-14.

Still no panic from the Coyote sideline, but it was obviously no longer a time to experiment with a platoon system at QB. Tannehill returned to the game and drove his team to their own 48-yard line, where they came up against 4<sup>th</sup> & 1. Osman did not hesitate to go for it and called in one of the team's safer plays – a short slant to Jones. But Tannehill's throw was too high and sailed incomplete. The Pilots again took over on downs and proceeded to go Old School with **Marlon Mack**. The hard-running Mack charged repeatedly into the tiring Coyote line, ripping off runs long and small, including a 1-yard bulldozer on 4<sup>th</sup> & inches with the entire Cobb County defence gunning for him. When he finally needed a rest, rookie **Cam Akers** came in and finished the drive off in style with a 20-yard scamper to the 5, from where he took it in on the next play to give Seattle a 23-14 lead with just 2:51 remaining.

It was now panic time on the Coyote sideline. They needed two scores and had precious little time to do it. A red-faced **Eron Osman** started barking orders through his mask. What he said was unknown, but the way he was saying it underlined the need for haste. The Coyotes drove quickly up the field, preserving their timeouts. When they reached the Pilots' 24-yard line, they elected to try the field goal on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4, and play to get the ball back with time to score a touchdown. It was a shrewd plan, more impressive when one considers it was made under duress. But the strategy went all for naught. **Brandon McManus** hooked the 42-yard attempt wide left and the Pilots, unable to contain their joy, took over at their 32. They almost scored again when Mack broke through the thoroughly demoralized Coyote defence for a 51-yrd run. But as the Coyotes raised the white flag, **Mitch Gangwish** relented and had Darnold take a knee to run out the clock on the most stunning upset of the 2020 season.

...and now back to Georgia Stadium, where the much-maligned Gladiators experienced a revival against the team that everybody in a slump now wants to face, the Swordfish. This game should have gone the other way. The Glads started in their usual manner, giving up an early touchdown and failing to move the ball on offence. A 78-yard punt return for a touchdown by **Diontae Johnson** tied the score at 7, but nobody took the big play to be significant – just more window dressing on another soon-to-be loss.

That's when the Swordfish lent a helping hand to their opponent. With **Dwayne Haskins** under center as part of a bizarre rotation with star **Drew Brees**, Swordfish coach **Russ Lemmon** elected to go for it on 4<sup>th</sup> & 1 at his team's own 34-yard line. That's right – his team's own 34! It was the definitive high-risk, low reward scenario that separates Lemmon's fourth down gambles from those of mostly every other coach in the league. In this instance, the gamble backfired. Haskins was mauled or a loss by the entire Georgia defence. The Georgia offence, still anemic-looking at that point, were content with a **Tyler Bass** field goal to take a modest 10-7 lead.

The Haskins experiment continued, but with a different twist. The second-year pivot started the next drive and stuck with it, moving the ball well from the Sebastian 23 to the Georgia red zone. But there, he was suddenly intercepted by safety **Damontae Kazee**, who returned it 58 yards to set up another field goal for the still-feeble-looking Glads' offence, and a 13-7 lead.

Brees came back into the game and drove the Fish 85 yards in 12 plays, taking a 14-13 lead on a 6-yard draw by **Chase Edmunds**. Undeterred, the Fish successfully converted a 4<sup>th</sup> & 1 one their side of mid-field to keep the drive alive. No doubt apologists for **Russ Lemmon** (and there are a few) will cite this and the other successful 4<sup>th</sup> down gamble on their first scoring drive as proof that liberalism on 4<sup>th</sup> down actually works. As we will see, it sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. When it doesn't, it's a killer.

The next series saw the Glads give back the **Diontae Johnson** punt return for a touchdown with a Johnson fumble that **Daryl Worley** picked up and ran back 56 yards for a touchdown and a 21-13 Sebastian lead. Although Georgia managed to eke out a 51-yard Bass field goal at the end of the first half, the momentum was trending toward the Swordfish.

To the Gladiators' credit, the turnaround in their team's fortunes did not start with another Swordfish blunder. After Bass field goal no.4 finished off the opening drive of the second half, **Damontae Kazee** snared his second interception of the day, this time off the real-deal, Brees, to thwart a Sebastian foray into the red zone. **Tua Tagovailoa** came to life on the ensuing possession, completing 6 of 8 for 71 yards and a 11-yard touchdown pass to **Jarvis Landry** to give the Glads a 26-21 lead.

The Fish drove back for a field goal to pull within 2 points, but the Glads widened their lead with another inspired drive led by their rookie QB, who found Landry from 14 yards out for their second touchdown connection of the game. As fate would have it, Bass, who had been rock solid kicking field goals, missed the extra point attempt, keeping the Georgia lead at 8 points, 32-24.

With 5:36 left, down by one score, there was still plenty of time left for the explosive offence of the Swordfish to resume its course to victory. Certainly, it was not yet time to panic. But panic they did – or maybe it was just Russ being Russ. Facing 4<sup>th</sup> & 6 at their own 24, with 4:26 left, the Swordfish rolled the dice yet again. The pass from Brees was true, but **Jason Witten** dropped the ball, handing possession over to the Glads in immediate field goal range. After a couple of double-digit gainers set back by a couple of holding calls, Bass hit his 5<sup>th</sup> field goal of the afternoon, from 36 yards out, to give the Glads a two-score lead, 35-24, with 2:19 left.

The disaster from the Swordfish point of view became complete when Brees was hit by **Vic Beasley Jr** on the first play of their last series and had to leave the game in severe pain. Haskins came in to finish, with predictable results. The Glads held on for their second win of the season – one in which they did their part and took what the opponent was giving them, which in this case was a lot.

This loss is certainly the low point of the season for Sebastian. Not only did they lose to a team with a ticket to the 'Trevor Sweepstakes,' but they lost their starting quarterback for at least four games. Dreams of a division title are fading fast and thoughts of a wildcard berth are looking like wishful thinking. There is, of course, only one person to blame for this situation and that person is their increasingly erratic coach, who wore a *papier mache* Swordfish hat for the entire game and looked to be having loads of fun.

"It's my fourth down indicator," Lemmon explained after the game. "If I point the nose toward the other team's goal, we go for it. If I point the nose toward our goal, we punt. It saves a lot of time wasted debating if it's a good idea or not. Guys just look to the sideline and know immediately what to do. I wish I'd thought of it earlier, actually."

## AROUND THE EFL – ERUDITE OBSERVATIONS AND LEARNING POINTS

If the remainder of the second half of the season plays out like Week Nine did, we are in for a rollicking ride.

~ At Ferenc-Liszt International Airport Stadium in Budapest, the North Stars were the beneficiaries of a throwback performance by their all but forgotten former workhorse, **David Johnson**, who tallied 165 total yards from scrimmage and a touchdown on 25 touches to help lead his team to a nerve-racking 26-23 win over rival York. This game should not have been so close, but the pesky Swords were able to hang in thanks to an uncharacteristic interception thrown by **Aaron Rodgers** and a lost fumble by rookie **Mark Walton**, which together led to 10 Excalibur points. In the end, Budapest found a way to victory despite the setbacks and the feisty opposition, as they almost always do. Don't think that this quality of perseverance will mean nothing come playoff time.

~ At Kelly-Burke Field in Erieau, rookie Blue Eagle golden boy, **Joe Burrow** received another reminder that he is not in college anymore and that even EFL teams occupying the lower tier are not to be taken lightly. The Cadillac pulled past Scarborough near the end and held on for the final 41 seconds to come away with a 20-18 win. Burrow threw for 270 yards and a TD, but was also picked off by linebacker **Neville Hewitt** to set up the Caddies' second TD that, at the time, gave the home team a 14-3 lead. For the bulk of the remainder of the game it appeared that Scarborough would overcome their early disadvantage as they strung together 15 straight points to take a 18-14 lead deep into the fourth quarter. But **Kyler Murray** showed what he is capable of under pressure. He led a remarkably well-executed 87-yard drive spanning five minutes and finished off the effort with a 6-yard check down in the end zone to **Henry Ruggs III** for the winning TD. This is an encouraging sign for terminally miserable Cadillac fans, but one they had better not get overly accustomed to in 2020 as **Jamie Rilett** continues his rebuild.

~ At Tillman Field in Cowtown, the Mustangs rode **Kenyan Drake**'s 2 TDs and 180 yards from scrimmage to a hard-fought 20-13 win. The Corn Kings kept the **Matt Ryan-to-Davante Adams** connection in check, but that success came at the expense of giving ground to the explosive Aurora running back, who turned in rare workhorse performance with 31 touches. This was a different kind of win for the Mustangs, in that their defence ended up having the final word on victory. With Aurora in front 14-13, Cowtown cobbled together a nice drive to the Mustangs' 5-yard line, where they faced 1<sup>st</sup> & goal. But back-to-back sacks by **Marcus Davenport** and **Shaq Thompson** pushed Cowtown back to the 20, then, after a **Todd Gurley** 7-yard run got them closer, **Joey Slye** hooked the 31-yard field goal that would have given them the lead. The Mustangs' defence smothered everything **Jimmy Garoppolo** tried to do from that point on.

~ The Violators made an emphatic statement in Week Nine, staking their claim to the Central Division with a striking 45-38 triumph over the Crusaders at True North Field in Winnipeg. This was the kind of game that keeps defensive coordinators up at night. Virden scored touchdowns on six of their first seven possessions and did not punt all night. **Patrick Mahomes**, who threw for 385 yards and 5 TD passes, was the largest force in the building that night. But he also tossed an ill-advised check down in the direction of **TJ Hockenson** that Peg City's **Chauncey Gardner-Johnson** picked off to account for the one series that Virden came up empty. Although the final score suggests a close game, it was in fact a madcap scramble by the Crusaders to keep up once the Violators got the early jump on them. The outcome was never seriously in doubt once it became clear that the Pegs' defence had no answer for the Virden machine, apart from crossing its fingers that Mahomes would keep throwing "ill-advised" check downs. If there was any doubt before as to which team would prevail in the Central, it is erased now. The Violators can begin to focus on the no.1 seed.

~ The **Lamar Jackson** Show drew raves reviews at New Era Field in Buffalo this week, as the Derailer QB passed for 354 yards and rushed for 135 in leading his team to a 24-7 victory over the Assassins. Lamar is certainly amazing to watch, and teams do not have an answer for him yet, but the Assassins did not look entirely overmatched despite the yards they surrendered. They held Buffalo to a single touchdown in the first half and made an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> down stop inside their 10-yard line early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter that might have turned the game around had the Las Vegas offence been up to delivering basic offence. Had it not been for a fumbled punt setting them up at the Buffalo 3-yard line, Las Vegas might never have scored. **Bryan Anger** punted 9 times on the day and the Assassins went three-and-out five times as all three Vegas quarterbacks got an opportunity to showcase their weak points. Buffalo had possession of the ball for more than 43 minutes and eventually broke the back of the Assassins' defence, scoring 17 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

~ At Joe Ferguson Stadium in Iowa, the Cubs were the beneficiaries of another New Jersey 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter collapse as they increased their win streak to three by besting the Balls 26-16. After decisive wins over Brooklin and Vegas, the Cubs looked more precarious in the early going of this game and found themselves tied with luckless New Jersey, 16-16 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Then came the inevitable critical error by **Jeff Cohen**'s cohorts. **Case Keenum** fired a pass to the Cubs' **Casey Hayward** and the turnover led to the winning TD, consummated in dramatic style by a pressured **Russell Wilson** throwing a missile off his back foot into a tight window to **AJ Brown** as he was about to be engulfed by a blitzing **Matt Judon**. It looked impossible, but all is possible against the Wrecking Balls.

~ **Alvin Kamara**'s three touchdowns powered the Patriots over the Triumph 24-20 at Wilhalla Stadium in Minneapolis. The Triumph looked like the better team in this contest, but a **DJ Moore** fumble, lost at the Triumph 20, set the Patriots up for the first of Kamara's 3 TDs at a time when they were struggling offensively. This allowed the visitors to keep pace and eventually finish off the upset in convincing fashion, with back-to-back touchdown drives.

~ At Jurassic Park in Durham, the Thunder Lizards took care of business by clamping down on the Irish, 23-3 to put them in sole possession of first place in the North Division. The fact that they did so in unmemorable fashion is a challenge to me to find a highlight. There was one; a 35-yard "check down," a long, arcing lob from **Josh Allen** to **Nick Chubb** in the end zone to close the 1<sup>st</sup> half.

~ And, finally the Spartans reverted to early season form in a 30-7 loss to Brooklin at an empty Thermopylae Stadium in Pickering. The humbling loss came as a reminder that, despite its run of three wins in the last four games and the empty praises of **Aristedes Kalogiannis**, the Spartans are still a pretty bad team and one of the few capable of making the Hawks' defence look good.

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### *Jimmy's WEEK TEN PICKS*

#### **CHINO @ NEW JERSEY (line – CONVICTS by 2)**

**INJURIES:** Chino – Matt Skura (OUT), Kawann Short (IR); New Jersey – DJ Chark (QUESTIONABLE), Terry McLaurin (DOUBTFUL), Matthew Stafford (OUT).

The nightmare season continues for New Jersey as they game plan for the possibility that their top two wide receivers will be missing in action this week. While it is true that, apart from DJ Chark's Week Two breakout, neither he nor Terry McLaurin have been able to alter the pathetic bottom line; without them the Wrecking Balls' string of highly competitive losses could be at risk. At this point, does it really matter who is missing? The only satisfaction left for the Wrecking Balls is wrecking somebody else's season. It might as well be the Convicts, a team coming off a morale-busting win over Bruxelles last week and looking to gain ground on their western rival with an "easy win" here. While many are now touting the Convicts as a team on the upswing, I still sense a chemical imbalance on the roster that makes them prone to sudden breakdowns on both sides of the ball. This one will not be as easy as it looks. **PICK: NEW JERSEY**

#### **BUFFALO @ SEATTLE (line – DERAILERS by 1)**

**INJURIES:** Buffalo – Solomon Kindley (QUESTIONABLE), Quinton Dunbar (OUT), Jonathan Abram (IR); Seattle – Kareem Hunt (OUT), Bobby Massie (OUT), Foster Moreau (OUT), Devin White (OUT), Connor Williams (OUT).

This is, in my opinion, one of the most interesting games on the Week Ten slate. The Pilots are currently out of the playoffs, but have established a kind of playoff pedigree with their two big wins over Virden and Cobb County. The Derailers are currently in the playoffs, but continue to be viewed by many as a one-trick Lamar Jackson pony ready to implode at any moment. I tend to favour the latter when it comes to the Derailers, but the fact remains that until somebody finds a way to stop Lamar, the only thing standing between him and a long playoff run is Lamar himself. The Pilots have a mix of refined and scrappy talent on the defensive side of the ball, but even Khalil Mack will find keeping up with the Buffalo quarterback a challenge. I see slowing Jackson down as a major victory and the only hope for the Seattle offence to keep pace. The Pilots surprised everybody last week, but did it take too much out of them? **PICK: SEATTLE**

#### **LAS VEGAS @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 6)**

**INJURIES:** Las Vegas – Dalvin Cook (OUT), Adoree' Jackson (OUT); Bruxelles – Frank Clark (PROBABLE), Kerryon Johnson (OUT).

Following last week's loss to Chino, that highlighted how groundless this offence is without Leonard Fournette, the Bombers must pick it up the rest of the way if they plan on playing in the post-season. Las Vegas is an opponent they should be able to beat, but the Assassins remain one of those middling, fringe contenders that boast some impressive pieces, but have not been able to bring things together under a trio of quarterbacks, who are presently competing to be less bad than each other instead of the go-to option for Coach Holguin. Even a little offence would have gone a long way in their loss to Buffalo last week, as the defence had Lamar Jackson contained until the second half when they simply ran out of gas. But offence will likely be in even shorter supply here, as Dalvin Cook is listed as 'OUT.' The Assassins have lost five in a row and are now staring at a half-dozen. **PICK: BRUXELLES**

#### **IOWA CITY @ COBB COUNTY (line – COYOTES by 9)**

**INJURIES:** Iowa City – Will Dissly (OUT), Reshad Jones (OUT); Cobb County – Jabaal Sheard (OUT).

It will be interesting to see how the once invincible-looking Coyotes bounce back from their shocking loss to the Pilots. Every team has a down point in the season, but it was like somebody suddenly pulled the plug on them in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of that game. The Cubs are coming off a victory over New Jersey in which they overcame a 3-point deficit and got a timely takeaway to put the game away in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. It was not exactly a convincing win, despite the 10-point spread at the end. Still, the Cubs are building up momentum, with three straight victories since their coach was put on the hot seat. A win over Cobb County would dispel concerns that their recent streak is a

flash in the pan. As usual, a Cubs' win will depend on Russell Wilson. He may fall short, but he'll keep it close. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

### **PEG CITY @ TWIN CITIES (line – CRUSADERS by 4)**

**INJURIES:** Peg City – None; Twin Cities – Trent Brown (DOUBTFUL), Clyde Edwards-Helaire (DOUBTFUL), Kwon Alexander (OUT), Chris Lindstrom (OUT), Russell Okung (OUT), Antonio Brown (COVID-19).

The league's top offence in yards gained is likely wondering why their team is only in a dog fight for the second wild card position. That is because the league's worst defence in yards surrendered shares the same sideline. The Crusaders have had to contend with three explosive offences in three straight losses heading into this game, which has shaken their defence. If ever they needed to face a team with a moribund offence to regain their mettle, this is the time. The Triumph have one of the more stagnant attacks in the EFL, regardless of quarterback. Mitch Trubisky was the starter in both of their wins, so expect to see him behind center this week. Clyde Edwards-Helaire is listed as 'doubtful,' which will hamper the offence even more. Not sure why this line isn't bigger than it is. **PICK: PEG CITY**

### **CHARLESWOOD @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 19)**

**INJURIES:** Charleswood – Parris Campbell (OUT), Derwin James (OUT), Devin Funchess (IR), CJ Mosley (IR); Virden – Nasir Adderley (IR), Derrius Guice (IR).

When these rivals met in Week One, the Patriots surprised everybody by not laying down to let the Violators walk all over them. The Violators still walked over them, but there was resistance. Eight weeks later this Pats team is fully cognizant of where they stand in the pecking order – at or near the bottom – and may not resist so fiercely. Being put in their place by a team that is putting everybody in their place is not the end of the world and may not be worth the effort in blood and sweat to challenge the inevitable. This is a pretty disrespectful double-digit line, however, and the Pats' players have shown that they have pride at least, if not much talent. Virden is firing up all its engines and should have no trouble carving up the remnants of this Charleswood defence they pillaged in the off-season. But this seemingly grotesque mis-match does present all the ingredients of a let-down. Could it happen...? **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

### **GEORGIA @ COWTOWN (line – CORN KINGS by 10)**

**INJURIES:** Georgia – MacKensie Alexander (OUT), John Johnson III (OUT), Jimmy Smith (OUT), Andrew Wylie (OUT); Cowtown – Cordy Glenn (OUT), Adam Humphries (OUT).

After stunning Sebastian, the Gladiators went from the favourite to win the 'Trevor Sweepstakes' to just another bottom-rung team trying to decide between an elite cornerback or edge rusher in the upcoming draft. Heck, if Tua keeps playing like he did in the second half of that contest, the Glads won't need Trevor Lawrence. The Corn Kings really struggled to sustain any offence last week against an Aurora defence that produced pressure with their front four, minus JJ Watt. This speaks to a Corn King offensive line that is not up to the task of handling even a mediocre pass rush. Fortunately for Cowtown, the Glads do not have a good pass rush and their weakness in the secondary will not cause many, if any, coverage sacks. Todd Gurley had his best game of the season, but still has not cracked 100 yards in a single game. The generally punchless Cowtown offence won't run away from anybody, especially not a hot Tua. **PICK: GEORGIA**

### **DURHAM @ AURORA (line – MUSTANGS by 5)**

**INJURIES:** Durham – Isaiah Johnson (IR); Aurora – Timmy Jernigan (OUT).

The Mustangs found a way to win at Cowtown last week and it was not in their usual way. They will be looking for a repeat of the Kenyan Drake run and Kenyan Drake catch formula to keep the Durham defence on its heels and induce its elite secondary to fall asleep on Davante Adams. The Lizards have logged three straight wins, but they have all been blue collar efforts on both sides of the ball. They haven't scared anybody yet. Nick Chubb will be the key to keeping Matt Ryan off the field and setting up opportunities for Josh Allen through the air. Whether the young QB will exploit those opportunities is the open question every week for Durham fans. The Lizards have been hampered by the referees this year; they remain the most penalized team in the league. The Mustangs, on the other hand, seem to get the benefit of the doubt from the zebras, and they are at home. It would be a shame if the refs decide this one. **PICK: DURHAM**

### **ERIEAU @ SEBASTIAN (line – SWORDFISH by 5)**

**INJURIES:** Erieau – Myles Garrett (OUT), Josh Gordon (OUT), Jabrill Peppers (OUT), Joe Staley (IR), Akiem Hicks (IR); Sebastian – Reggie Ragland (QUESTIONABLE), Drew Brees (OUT).

Even prior to Drew Brees' collarbone injury, the Swordfish were becoming a shaky bet every week due to their unorthodox, some might say insane, approach on 4<sup>th</sup> down. Neither did the seemingly random rotation of Dwayne Haskins and Brees at quarterback inspire confidence. An offence cannot succeed with two quarterbacks competing for time in the same game. That won't be the problem this week. The more serious problem will be Haskins getting all of the snaps behind center. The former 1<sup>st</sup> round pick in 2017 has not looked the part in limited action. The best that can be said about him is that he has a better QB rating than Jameis Winston. Compare him with

Erieau's prime QB prospect, Kyle Murray and you have a laughter of a mismatch that will keep the Caddies rolling. **PICK: ERIEAU**

### **SCARBOROUGH @ EAST ELMHURST (line – BLUE EAGLES by 2)**

**INJURIES:** Scarborough – DeSean Jackson (OUT); East Elmhurst – Taco Charlton (OUT), Tyreek Hill (OUT), Linval Joseph (OUT), Dontari Poe (OUT), CJ Anderson (IR).

The Blue Eagles have dropped three of their last four after taking the league by storm in the first five weeks. The rookie, Joe Burrow is starting to make mistakes, while the defences he has faced over that stretch have been better prepared for him. This has given Chris Carson more room to run, but the run game is not producing as many touchdowns. The Irish went through the motions on offence against the Lizards but their defence put up a respectable fight. They will need a similar effort here to stand any chance of winning. Tyreek Hill, their one impact player on offence is out, leaving Adam Thielen as the only reliable option in the passing game. As for the run game, forget it; it was never there. Expect this game to be less interesting to watch than the weather channel. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

### **BUDAPEST @ BROOKLIN (line – NORTH STARS by 1)**

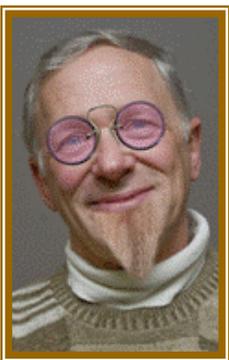
**INJURIES:** Budapest – Justin Britt (OUT); Brooklin – Rodney Gunnter (OUT), Pernel McPhee (OUT), Boston Scott (OUT), Stephon Tuitt (OUT), JoeJuan Williams (OUT), DeShon Elliott (IR), Evan Ingram (IR).

If the Hawks have designs on a division crown, they need to pull off the season sweep over the North Stars this week to stand a credible chance. It will not be easy. Budapest would be perfect to this point if not for the bizarre Week Five loss to Brooklin. Only one touchdown was scored that day and it made the difference. While nobody expects a repeat of that 22-point joint effort, it is unlikely we will see a shootout. The Hawks have the firepower, but the Stars have the gold standard defence to prevent things from getting out of hand. The Hawks' defence is horribly inefficient overall, but they take the ball away and hold up surprisingly well in the red zone, an area where the Stars' offence has struggled. Expect both teams to leave it all on the field as the Stars avoid the sweep. **PICK: BUDAPEST**

### **PICKERING @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 9)**

**INJURIES:** Pickering – Marquise Brown (QUESTIONABLE), Derek Wolfe (QUESTIONABLE), Darqueze Dennard (OUT), Xavien Howard (OUT), Karl Joseph (OUT), Nathan Shepherd (OUT); York – Malcolm Butler (OUT), Dion Jordan (OUT), Darren Sproles (OUT).

The Excaliburs are only one game in front of the Spartans, but they appear to be much greater in competitive stature when one looks at both teams' body of work. Win or lose, the Swords have been in every game except, ironically, for their Week Five loss to these Spartans. Whether due to overconfidence or some type of bio-rhythmic funk, York did not show up to play that week and Philip Rivers did. And while Rivers is coming off a benching in last week's blowout loss to Brooklin, one never knows when the old soldier is going to wake up and fire sniper shots into opposing secondaries. York is clearly the better team, and should win this second contest against their rival. But do they have the chops to cover the spread? The Spartans will not lay down here. Expect this to be close. **PICK: PICKERING**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – Week Nine of the 2014 EFL season did not contain any definitive moments in the playoff landscape. At best, teams on the fringe like Virden and Iowa City earned temporary reprieves from death sentences while the rich, such as Carthage and Aurora, continued their bids for perfection to each rise to 9-0.

The victim of desperate Virden was one of the top teams in the league, Durham, a team with a bit of everything but hampered by a quarterback issue very reminiscent of what is happening in Sebastian in 2020. The Lizards let a 24-13 lead slip away in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter thanks to a *Marcus*

*Sherels* punt return for a TD and a *Nick Foles* interception that set up the game-winning TD for a 29-24 Virden victory. Foles had started just his fourth game of the year to that point, having deferred to none other than *Drew Brees* in the other five. How strange is it that one of the best QBs in EFL history had to share time with *Nick Foles* and, in 2020, with *Dwayne Haskins*?

The Cubs scored last in their 40-34 overtime win over the Regulators to stay technically in the race for the crowded West Division. This was a breath-taking game that saw 6 different leads erased before the Cubs removed all doubt with an 80-yard TD drive to start and end the overtime period. The 270-yard passing, 97-yard rushing and five touchdown performance by *Russell Wilson* earned him Offensive Player of the Week honours.

There is not much more to report from Week Nine in 2014. When a game involving Mission Viejo losing 23-21 to powerhouse Pickering gains national attention due to its closeness, you know not much else was going on that day.

Of course, when any team, any where, wins a game by the score of 10-6, attention turns to the defence that made it happen. *Kiko Alonso* of Chino notched an impressive 12 tackles and 2 sacks in his team's Week Nine victory over York.