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Editorial

WELCOME ONCE AGAIN
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TRUE GRIT!

I am Darren Farman and am known for my inconsistent production of a newsletter. What keeps me writing is knowing that you read this and some of you, yes some, even take time to send ion comments etc. For inclusion in here, usually on page two.

The format is the same each and every week, and I know most of you have seen it before. Send in your comments via e-mail, it's really easy to remember and it is on the banner! Pafl4@hotmail.com nice and easy :D

Over the next few weeks I will review the chances of each team in their respective divisions and the overall Superbowl thingy.

To start with, here is the

Week 1 Review

The first review of the season sees the Cowboys visit to Atlanta where they were handed a lesson in football by the Falcons. Defensively they were held to 115 yards and leaked 34 points themselves. 21 first downs to 5 was the advantage to the Falcons. Atlanta had 80 plays and made just under 400 yards on their way to BIG win.

The Jets and Bills fought out a tight 16-12 game, the Bills taking the homefield advantage. Marsden was held to under 50% completions and intercepted twice as the Bills pass defence showed up well. Neither side could do much rushing, and the Jets can rightly feel aggrieved, with the big difference between the two teams being the 96 yard kickoff return by Hook for a TD that won the game for Buffalo.

Miami were handed a roasting by the Bears in Chicago, 34-3 the final score. This was all down to a balanced attack with the points being split 2 Tds each rush and pass. The Dolphins were held to under 50% completions with Kantner benched at halftime. Borcky was given a rest late on in the game but Casey Welton was ineffective throwing 2 INTs. The Bears won, despite 5 turnovers!

Cincinnati took on the Colts and defeated them 17-6. Both of their touchdowns came in the second quarter, although the game was won thanks to their overall rushing offence. Henderson was used sparingly completing only 9 of 13 for 112 yards and a TD. They held the Colts offence to 76 rushing yards

from 25 carries, but it was the loss of Maddox which cost the Colts any chance of winning the game.

Baltimore handed Kansas an unexpected spanking this week, 29-10 the final score. The oh so unpredictable Chiefs decided to run and were handled very ably by the Ravens. Baltimore went for a balanced attack and gained 429 yards with 2 Tds and 4 Field Goals, showing the Chiefs could stop them, just not quickly. Ragone completed 62% of his passes for 262 yards, making the MVP of the Ravens victory.

Seattle and Denver played out a cracking game this week with the Broncos eventually taking it 28-24. Both sides decided to run the ball and they combined for 511 rushing yards! Perry Klein also passed well for the Seahawks but the overall efficiency of the Broncos rushing attack gaining 311 yards and 4 scores from 37 carries was the key to victory. Mussa Smith broke out a 64 yard gain and scored a hat trick of Tds as he gained 212 yards from 19 carries to put the nail in the Seattle coffin, despite only having the ball for 26 minutes.

Green Bay won the Battle of the Bays 38-14 through 302 rushing yards and a balanced offence. Grant had 152 yards from 19 carries and the defence also hampered the Buccs, holding them to a dismal 221 total yards and 3 of 13 third downs. Green Bay's efficiency was personified by the 12 of 14 third downs they converted.

The Patriots travelled to Detroit and got their season off to a winning start again, squeaking it 20-13. Griffiths ran for 106 yards from 13 carries and Marlatt caught 13 balls for 120 yards to be the offensive highlights. Defensively they held the potent Lions passing attack to 31% and 97 yards with 3 pickoffs, two by Robbie Kean. A deserved balanced offensive victory by the Patriots.

Tennessee travelled to Jacksonville and were hammered 38-3. The Jags had 5 rushing Tds, 4 of them for Barnes. Between them, Terry and Barnes had 276 yards from 29 carries showing the gaping holes in the titans defence. Ramsay was ineffective passing for just 198 yards from 42 attempts and 35% completions. He was hurried and hurried into 3 INTs and 4 sacks in his defence! Super pass defence and excellent rushing offence, Jacksonville is a tough place to go!

New Orleans hosted the Raiders and enjoyed a 17-6 victory. James completed 53% for 138 yards for the Raiders, and Moon completed 3 of 15 for 19 yards including 2 INTs in the most dour passing effort of the week. Thankfully for the Saints, Sullivan ran 18 times for

111 yards including a breakout 42 yard TD run. The Raiders gave away 3 fumbles and 2 picks to show the youth policy of Coach Farman was inconsistent in comparison to the Pensioner policy of Coach Webb.

Carolina lost in St Louis 30-16. This was despite Rubley's 60% passing for 174 yards, but thanks to his 2 picks thrown. The Rams offence was handled nicely, 106 yards rushing from 20 carries, and 204 yards passing from 35 throws at less than 36% with Backup Calvin Nicholson. Willie Bell produced most of the Rams rushing offence on one 41 yard TD run. The Panthers gave up 5 fumbles and 2 INTs to show exactly where they lost the game.

Minnesota handled Arizona nicely, 35-16. In another game when the starting QB was knocked out, Max Jones came off the bench for Dilfer and gained 193 yards from 18 throws and a TD. The Cardinals had under 50% completions but did pass for 2 Tds as Rothlisburger made 262 yards from 44 throws. The Vikings won this game however, thanks to 179 yards rushing from Sweeney including 2 Tds.

The Giants hung on to a win in Washington 35-23 thanks to Tds from all three areas. Jackson passed for 3 Tds but was also picked off twice, on his way to 241 yards, Coach Webb's favourite offer. Both sides had 16 first downs and similar yardage overall, and on each individual phase of the game. In fact it is hard to see where either side lost or won the game, especially as it was the Giants who lost the ball through turnovers. One of those games where the Giants won, but we don't know how!

Philadelphia surprisingly took out the Steelers this week 35-28 in Pittsburgh. Green passed for 273 yards and 4 Tds but was picked off twice. For the Eagles, Harris and Brown combined for 218 yards at just over 60% but had one TD and 2 INTs. The Eagles managed to win this one by keeping the ball more. 34 minutes compared to 26 and wearing down the Steelers defence with 77 plays.

Finally for the first week of the season, San Diego managed to defeat the 49ers 16-10. Berry started at QB for the 49ers after coach Reed had a big falling out with Dunlop, see reverse for details. Berry completed 47% of his passes for 149 yards and was picked off twice as the 49ers made another poor start to the season. Henderson passed for 234 yards from 28 throws at 61% and a TD for the Chargers. They also managed 138 yards on the ground at 5 yards a carry with Logan gaining 69 yards. The 49ers put all of their faith in Richardson, 11 rushes for 70 yards and 8 catches for 42 yards shows off a productive day, but a losing one.

Alliteration Alley

Flying Falcons Dump Desperate Dallas
Buoyant Bills Break Jaded Jets

Champion Chicago Clout Miserable Miami
Clever Cincy Confuse Calamitous Colts
Ravenous Ravens Rout Klumsy Kansas
Delightful Denver Demolish Sad Seattle
Great Green Bay Gouge Timid Tampa
Powerful Pats Pummel Lethargic Lions
Joyous Jags Joust Turbulent Titans
Sanguine Saints Slap onerous Oakland
Rampaging Rams Rumble Clutzy Carolina
Voracious Vikings Vex Arid Arizona
Giant Giants Whip Woeful Washington
Phallic Philly pulverise Sorry Steelers
Coy Chargers Crush Failing 49ers

INJURY REPORT

This is exactly as it says on the tin. Each week the PAFL PC rolls the dice and if your player comes out on the wrong end of it, he ends up on the treatment table.

In the first week there were merely 20 weeks of injuries dished out, the worst of them were.....

Significant Injuries - AFC

East

Buffalo said goodbye to Yahn for a 1 week injury. Thomas the V.Gd 9 year veteran should provide reasonable cover for one game though.

Central

Tennessee only carry 2 TE. When they lost starter Chumura (V.Gd EX) for a week they rely on their sole remaining BA BA TE Hughes. Expect their passing proficiency to reduce next week.

Significant Injuries - NFC

East

Philadelphia lost starting QB Joss Harris for a 2 week injury. Brown their only backup is Good rated and 8 experience which is a positive from Brown. Where he falls down is on his scrambling ability which could cause a problem for their game against the Giants.

Central

Tampa Bay has lost Roderick Green the Good Good OT for 3 weeks. His backup is a rookie with Excellent pass protection, so expect to see Tampa passing the ball a bit more with more protection for Langhorn.

West

Carolina will be easier to pass on this coming week with the wimpish Truck Davis the Ex EX 2 year safety being sidelined with a bruised pinky finger. He should just be missing for one week, so take the time to pass on a porous secondary for one week only.

WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENCE - 546 yards and 35 points with only 60 offensive plays gives the Minnesota Vikings the offensive award.

DEFENCE - some teams allowed fewer points but for allowing only 5 first downs and 115 yards of total offence the Falcons defeat of the Cowboys earns them a brownie point!

COMEBACK - Buffalo went behind at the start of the final quarter 12-10 and scored a late TD for the week's only come from behind victory.

OVERALL - A team most of us would like to not see on the season schedule were defeated 29-10 and held without an offen-

sive TD. Baltimore for holding the Chiefs to 177 yards and gaining 429 of their own, oh and winning!

Game of the week - when the Steelers drew level at 21-21 at the end of the 3rd quarter it looked like going all the way to the wire. They eventually lost, but 21 points in the final 15 was enough to get me interested in a tight finale.

Shock of the Week - if you turn the ball over 5 times in a game there isn't a lot you can say except - oh bother! It was enough to earn the Rams the shock of the week award for their turn-over of the Panthers!!!

Time to do the Ironing - Chicago went up early, the Dolphins never looked like being in the game. 34-3 is a good win, but a good time to go and tidy that shed!

Player of the week - He scored 3 out of their 4 Tds and ran for 212 yards in giving them a win over a divisional opponent. Mussa Smith of the Denver Broncos for a sterling effort.

Each week I study the stats and pick the best and worst the league has to offer.....

Week Four Highs and Lows

	Offence		Defence
Steelers	273	PY	19
Jaguars	345	RY	29
Vikings	546	TY	115
Vikings	10.71	PA	1.27
Jaguars	8.85	RA	1.93
Vikings	9.10	TA	2.09
Patriots	77.1	P%	20.0
Packers	85.7	3%	10
Packers	25	1sts	5
Jets	0/0	Pens	8/65

THE SCUM

Dunlop Done Lop!

Brent Dunlop, San Francisco QB, was sensationally benched this week by coach Reed after the superstar was recorded in bed with superstar Jennifer Lopez.

The Video came to light after a dawn raid by NAAN (Nice Athletes Against Nudity) discovered the tape amongst a collection in Dunlop's film room.

Coach Reed said, "I took the decision to bench Dunlop because I didn't know if halfway through the game he was going to see a defence he recognised over the snap and suddenly get images of JLo instead."

Brent was unavailable for comment, although he was reported as saying coach Reed was "just jealous!"

Predictions

Darren F (me!)

I go for the trixie option.

The Giants will cover, as will New England and Washington. £250 over 3 doubles and a treble.

Because the results are in.....

The Giants won so they had 2½ points added and didn't need them. Washington took on the Titans and got stuffed 21-7. So with the Titans being given 10.5 points as well I lost that part. Finally, New England won 29-10 so with 6.5 points added to the Jets the patriots covered the spread.

2 out of the 3 won, so my £1000 turned into £911, meaning I lost £89 on the week.

With a trixie, I had £250 on three double bets and £250 on one treble. Each team is at 10-11 so a double gives a return of £3.64 for a £1 and a treble gives back £6.96.

If you haven't done this before or want a refresher just drop me a line.

Week 2 Spreads

Atlanta	@ Tampa	+4½
Buffalo	@ Kansas	+3½
Chicago	@ Colts	+7½
Cincy	@ Baltimore	
San Fran	@ Dallas	+1½
Denver	@ Miami	
Detroit	@ Carolina	
Packers	@ Minnesota	
Skins	@ Tennessee	+10½
Pitts	@ Oakland	+2½
Saints	@ St Louis	
NY Jets	@ New England	
Eagles	@ NY Giants	+2½
Jags	@ Arizona	+13½
Seattle	@ San Diego	

Standings

PSN	Player	Weekly	Balance	wks
1 (1)	You	£ 0	£ 0	0
2 (2)	Darren	£ - 89	£ - 89	1

Coaches Corner

In this section any of your comments or views are aired. Since this is week one nobody has submitted anything yet, so I will hopefully have something to put in next turn.

Actually.....

Mike Eggleton of the Dolphins has this trade on offer to one and all.....

Could I interest any of you in a PAFL 4 trade? Miami are offering any of:

Guard

569 65 Kris Robinson AVE GD 11

Linebackers

810 54 Leon Joe A.AVE AVE GD 2

1991 92 Stanley Short GD B.AVE AVE 7

2914 97 Hal Brooks GD B.AVE A.AVE 7

2611 99 Pio Sagapolutele GD AVE B.AVE 6

Safeties

3281 44 Van Malone A.AVE GD 5

2037 48 Kerry Goode AVE A.AVE 8

I am, of course, open to offers, but my preference would be an Offensive Tackle.

Any takers just drop Mike an email which you can find through the league generated e-mail that Chris sends round.

EPILOGUE

Well that's all for issue 1 of season 10. I hope you enjoyed the edition, most of it from my own ramblings!

Please send in a contribution, anything you want to put in will pass the censor board.

Finally..... Well done Webbo.

See you next issue.

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