

## **The Doggity Chiefs Report**

Week 3 – Our Texans vs Their Texans at The Anti-Astrodome. Score: KC 42 – Hou 14

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**Overview** – Does it count when you blow out an expansion team? Sure! It all looks the same when they count the votes at the end of the season. Of course San Diego and Oakland will petition for a recall. All three phases put up points for the second consecutive week. The scary thing is – this team is still not playing very well! Trent Green looks more like 2001 than 2002 with picks out numbering TDs by about 2 to 1. Gonzo had been missing so long that he forgot where the handle is on the pig. The D managed only one sack on the most sacked QB in the NFL. A rookie receiver torched Jerome Woods. On specials, Baker's kickoffs were five-yards shorter than the previous two weeks. Punt and kickoff returns had generally poor blocking, except one – you know which one. Isn't it great when you can whine like a diva and your team is still undefeated? In deference to Tony Peña and Dr Bob, nosotros, creemos! At least we're starting to.

**Offense** – OK, Trent was better, sort of. He went 16 of 28 for 262 and posted a rating of 70.8, but still had two picks for every touchdown. Hey, at least all of his TD tosses went to the red team this week. Priest was well, Priest-like. Another 150+ combined yardage day with two trips to the painted part. It's becoming a broken record (for our younger readers, music used to come on these big vinyl discs that were played by scraping a needle along grooves ... I digress). Some were complaining on a post-game call-in show that Priest wouldn't get the rushing title if we keep benching him every time we get a big lead. They are probably the same idiots complaining last week that we over-used him. In his stead, Blaylock scored on a bust up the gut and Johnson looked pretty good against a defense that knew we were running. This prompted Randy Cross on the TV coverage to say, "The shortest distance between two points is behind Willie Roaf." Here, here! Johnnie Morton was sharp, Kennison had a TD, Gonzo found the football, Dante had a ridiculous 8.3 yard-per-carry average running the ball on reverses. The Chiefs are still the number-one scoring team in the NFL, and the offense doesn't appear to have hit its stride yet. Wow. You know you have arrived when Chris Berman on ESPN refers to Seattle by saying, "They have a decent offense – they're no St. Louis or Kansas City."

**Defense** – Another nice effort. That said, Dr. Evil still needs to be horsewhipped. He went up against the worst pass-blocking line statistically in the league. These lard-butts give up an average of nearly five sacks a game. Yet we came away with only one, because Robinson chose to lay back, not show any blitzes and generally not do any of the things that have helped this defense the past two weeks. It makes me nuts. I love Jerome Woods as a safety. He stinks as a nickel corner. As a safety, he forced two fumbles, as a corner he gave up the bomb to a rookie wide out on a simple post pattern. On the good side, "Oh Dexter!" played more like "Oh! Dexter!" with a fumble recovery and a pick. Not to be out done, Shaunard Harts also picked up a loose ball and had the D's score with an INT he took to the house. Warfield had good coverage on average receivers, but missed an open-field tackle on the late TD drive that an NFL player has to make.

**Special Teams** – Dante Hall is a legitimate playmaker. I didn't say that, Deion Sanders did, so it must be true. On his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, in front of his homeys, little Dante took a punt return to the end zone. Isn't that special? Actually, it was. The run was nicely blocked, but Dante made at least three people miss. He is a jukin' little sucker. On the flip side, Hall's training camp nemesis, J.J. Moses looked pretty average for the Texans. Baker had a sub-par day, failing to pin Houston deep when he had the chance, and his kickoffs were significantly shorter this week. MA made all his PAT's!

**AFC West** – Here were the week 1 results in the AFC West, ranked by my pre-season predictions.

#1 Kansas City Chiefs – First road win since last October – against scrubs, but still an NFL road win.  
#2 Denver Donkeys – Host the Convicts on MNF tonight. Have yet to be tested.  
#3 San Diego Lightning Bolts – They suck. Sorry Marty. Your O coordinator should be shot.  
#4 East Bay Convicts – If they all make bail, they will play the Donkeys at “Anonymous Corporate Sponsor Field at Mile High” on MNF tonight.

**Throw Him A Bone Award –**

The bone was tough this week. Obviously a lot of people played well. After a lot of consideration, I’m throwing it to Shaunard Harts. This cat sits quietly on the pine until his number is called, then he straps it on. A fumble recovery and a TD pick. Not too shabby for a second-stringer.

**The Doggity Dog –**

The paper upside the muzzle this week should go back to Tr-INT Green, but I’m going a different direction. Danger, Greg Robinson, you’re this week’s big loser. What the heck were you smoking when you decided to lay off this kid and go away from what’s been working? Further proof that you only won in Denver because you had some talent – not to mention John Elway and Terrell Davis to bail you out.

**NEW FEATURE!**

**Tailgate Recipe of the Week –**

*The Potentate’s Savory Onions and Mushrooms. Submitted by the lovely George Blowfish – these are simply fabulous (said with a lisp)!*

Ingredients:

4 – 5 Medium Vidalia, Walla Walla or other sweet onions  
10 – 12 Large button mushroom caps, cleaned  
1/2 Cup Water  
1/3 Stick of butter, cut into pieces  
1/8 Cup Italian Dressing (we like Wishbone for this, it is thick, very flavorful and made in GB hometown – Independence, MO)  
1/8 Cup Worcestershire sauce  
1 Tbsp “Old Bay” seasoning – (From Baltimore, perfect for next week’s game)

Cut onions in half and soak in water for 15 – 20 minutes. Quarter onion pieces and cut mushroom caps in half, place all in a oven-safe casserole. Dot with butter pieces. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over veggies. Cook covered for about one hour at 375°.

Send your recipes to the Dog, by e-mail or fax them to 913-831-1307.

Next week –

Off to Poe-land to take on Ray, Jamal and the Baltimore Blackbirds.

Your faithful scribe,  
Mr. Doggity