

The Doggity Chiefs Report

Week 6 – Chiefs vs Cheese at the New and Improved Tundra – Score: KC 40 – GB 34

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Overview – Oy! Earl L. “Curley” Lambeau Field (I loved those movies he made with Larry and Moe) is not a place you get behind by two or more scores twice and hope to win. But like those classic flicks the bumblin’, stumblin’, mistake-a-minute Chiefs managed to poke Lombardi’s statue in the eyes with an unforgettable slap-shtick ending. A bunch of us were in a little hole-in-the-wall in Sunrise Beach, MO watching this thing on the big screen. An obnoxious Cheese-head fan there proved to be a little too rough on the digestion after a big, greasy breakfast. Lets not say we gave up on the game at the end of the third quarter, but I will say that we all listened to Eddie Kennison’s TD catch in OT on our car radios in Sedalia. Then came a volley of enough mobile phone calls to melt a cell tower. Sunday it was very easy being Green. Both Trent and Ahman lit the stat sheet like a pinball game. It is a charmed season when the improbable gives way to the impossible and then to the “ain’t no way that just happened.” Typically, consider that the Chiefs have not lost a coin-flip this year, including the one at the onset of Sunday’s overtime. For all the faults – and there are plenty – this team has the biggest heart of any Chiefs’ ensemble I have seen since Ed Podolak’s 350 yards closed the doors of Municipal Stadium on Christmas of 1971.

Offense – OK, OK, I hear you. To Terry T and the rest of you who said I was a little hard on Trent last week, you are vindicated. Green was flat on fire Sunday. If not for some really bad “hit-em-in-a-bad-place – the hands” drops by Kennison and Gonzo, Green might have had the best day of his career. As it was he was 27 of 45 for 400 even, 3 scores to no picks and a rating of 111. Green looked like Favre on a day when Brett played perhaps his best game of the season. Despite finding the pig a little too slippery, Tony G put up his first hundred-yard game of the year – finishing with 4 for 121 and a TD. Morton also hung a buck on the Pack with 6 for 109 and a score. But the big one came from Fast Eddie. Only two catches and three drops on the day, he caught the one that mattered – taking it to the house in the extra frame. Reserve GB CB Bhawoh Jue did his best Wile E. Coyote impression as Eddie blew by him. Priest was a non-factor for all four regulation-quarters. In the OT, however the Priest was the Man. The reason Fast Eddie got man coverage from a back up is because everyone in Northern Wisconsin knew Holmes was going to get the ball up the gut to set up a field goal. Trent sold the play-action perfectly, but respecting Priest is the reason the Packers found themselves out-manned on that decisive play.

Defense – “Grab, grab, grab! Everybody’s grabbing out there!” – Vince Lombardi (*thanks BV*). The great Packer mentor just hated missed tackles. “This game is still about blocking and tackling.” Lombardi would say. He’s not just spinning in his grave this morning – if they connected his mausoleum to the power grid he could light Milwaukee. When was the last time I mentioned to you that I absolutely HATE this defensive scheme? Enough with the “who cares how many yards they get, we’ll get a turnover.” Just freaking tackle somebody! On Vonnie Holliday’s ballyhooed return to Lambeau he found the Claude Raines suit in the back of his locker. The entire front seven of KC’s D apparently overloaded on brats the night before. They must have been in the men’s room – they certainly were not on the field. Ahman Green looked like Walter Payton. He shredded the defense as if he was back at Nebraska and the Iowa State Cyclones wore the red and gold uniforms. As for the D-backs – Oh! Dexter! had another solid game, but Eric Warfield earned a new nickname – Doink. He played his usual sub-par game, but the punctuation mark came on a Favre pass in the first half that bounced cleanly off his helmet. Wesley made way too many tackles on Ahman Green. Safeties should not have to be the one taking down the running back. Jerome Woods showed again why this team missed him so badly last year. Both of the key turnovers were pure Romey. His second TD this year off an INT is really what put the Chiefs back in this game. His forced fumble on Ahman Green in the OT was the play that set up the win. Again today Dr. Evil’s monster nearly killed its master, only to pull off the heroic rescue in the end. Can you spell dysfunctional?

Special Teams – For all the props Dante Hall has earned for Crash Junior this year, the specials were back on the short bus Sunday. A blocked OT field goal nearly cost the game. The kickoffs and punts were short, the coverage was porous and the return team blocking vanished. Yet, Dante came within a shoelace of re-writing NFL history. Even when Dante didn't touch the ball, his presence made a big difference in field position. Two Green Bay kickoffs went out of bounds – give the Chiefs the ball on the 40.

AFC West – Here were the week's results in the AFC West:

#1 Kansas City Chiefs – Sorry, not even Lambeau had a ghost of a chance Sunday.

#2 Denver Donkeys – The Donkeys need a miracle to beat Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, they got it.

#3 San Diego Lightning Bolts – Hey, they didn't lose! Oh, yeah, it was the Bye week.

#4 East Bay Convicts – Gave up a big run – to the kicker! Stick a fork in this old carcass.

Nineteen penalties – five on consecutive plays! It's good to have the Raiders back.

Throw Him A Bone Award –

This was a very tough call. I wanted to give it to Jerome Woods. There is no question that without his TD and forced fumble this game is in the L column. But I have been dogging Trent for five games. So when he puts one together like he did Sunday, I have to throw him the bone.

The Doggity Dog –

The entire defense should get it, but given the fact that this one ought to have had some extra importance to him – the paper upside the muzzle goes to Vonnie Holliday.

Tailgate Recipe of the Week –

Dad's BM. Nothin' like a crisp tailgate morning with a spicy "wake-me-up" Bloody Mary. Whether you prefer yours virgin or vodka – this one will take the chill.

Ingredients:

1 – 24 oz can or jar of Tomato Juice

1/4 cup – Worcestershire Sauce

4 Tbsp – Soy Sauce

4 Tbsp – Lime Juice

5 Tsp – Tabasco – Chipotle flavor

2 Tbsp – Kosher salt

1 Tbsp – Sugar

2 Tsp – Cumin seeds

2 Tsp – Dried Garlic (or garlic powder)

2 Tsp – Coarse ground black pepper

Take the dry seasonings and mix them in a mortar and pestle. (Sometimes I use an old coffee bean grinder instead). Add them to the Worcestershire, Soy, Lime and Tabasco and mix well. Then add to the Tomato Juice and mix again.

Pour over ice add your favorite vodka if you wish, and garnish. I use celery, lime and jalapeño-stuffed olives.

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

Next week –

To the Hole in Oakland to play whichever Convicts make bail.

Your faithful scribe,
Mr. Doggity