

The Doggity Chiefs Report

Week – Who cares, it's over.

Chiefs Season in Review

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Overview –

In a holiday spirit, the Dog will butcher some Dickens. It was the best of teams; it was the worst of teams – a tale of two sides of the ball. The Chiefs had the top scoring offense and the lowest-ranked defense in the league. What will that get you? You guessed it – 8 and 8. This season brought us some of the most incredible (bad and good) play in Red and Gold history. Among the best, other than offensive output, were league low 75 penalties, and a second place +16 turnover ratio, including an NFL record low two lost fumbles. However, KC may have blown its best chance to get to the post-season this year due to horrid tackling, total lack of pass rush and complete inability to cover anybody. If nothing else, the Griefs absolutely wasted the best one-man show in the 40+ years of this franchise. We can hope for a repeat of this year's offense, but what are the odds? The injury to Priest looks frighteningly like Bo Jackson's; and Bo knows hip injuries. KC will face some salary cap issues when Trent's bonus comes due in March, along with a new contract for Eddie Kennison, and an inevitable restructuring of Priest's paycheck – which is only slated to be \$750K. A tad low for his market value, I'd say. All of that has to be spent before fixing the leak that sunk the boat in the first place. The good news is we should see what we have with Ryan Sims. We will get Jerome Woods back, and we get a couple more draft picks. If you saw the ASU/KSU Holiday Bowl, we should consider trading our entire unit for either of those D's. Was it just me, or does that guy Terrell Suggs remind anybody else of Derrick Thomas? In addition, word has it that Dre Bly is a free agent. In this final report the Dog will mark the best and worst players in each of the three phases of the game, plus the sideline and office:

Offense –

Best:

Priest Holmes – The team MVP, probably the league MVP if not for the injury and Greg Robinson

Brian Waters – The best offensive lineman not to make the Pro-Bowl, fast enough to play RB

Will Shields – The best offensive lineman who did make the Pro-Bowl

Casey Wiegmann – Rounds out the trio in the interior. They are the best in the biz

Marc Boerigter – All he does is catch TD's – some for 99-yards!

Dante Hall – The real surprise. The Dog, like everybody else, wanted JJ Moses – Sorry Dante

Trent Green – Did everything to improve this year. He cut his INTs in half, doubled his TDs

Eddie Kennison – Dropped too many balls early, but came around late

Worst:

Johnnie "Milk Carton" Morton – Milky's making \$880,000/catch. With a 7-yr deal, get used to him.

Michael "Not Mike" Cloud – Ethan Palmer III will be selling insurance in '03

Gone:

Todd Collins – Cap casualty may have to put down the clipboard and work for a living next year

Sylvester Morris – Sly Mo no mo, the cap and scheme change will send the ex #1 pick packing

Marvin Minnis – Snoop got himself fried in Dante's inferno. No room for two little backup WRs

Defense –

Best:

John Browning – The best of the worst. Get Ryan Sims back; maybe we could start making a line

Scott Fujita – Needs to learn techniques to match speed – won't get it from these coaches

Mike Mazlowski – Sadly, one of the best players on this unit, but not a starter for most teams

Eric Hicks – I can't blame him for the misapplication of his talents. Brings his lunch on every play

Worst:

William "Crispy" Barteel – The worst CB in the NFL, couldn't start for most D-I college teams

Duane Clemons – Spends way too much time on his back looking up

Eric Downing – See "Duane Clemons" except we blew a high draft pick on this bust

Eric "Toasty" Warfield – Has the tools but lacks the nastiness and swagger to play NFL corner

Taje Cory Allen-Harris – Same guy. Can't beat out Crispy. Tell you anything?

Gone:

Marvcus Patton – Best is behind him, too old and slow

Glenn "Mini-Me" Cadrez – Will be retained by Dr. Evil as a "special assistant"

Ray "Crunchy" (alter) Crockett – See Marvcus Patton

Lew "Benadryl" Bush – Played better toward the end, but not well enough to keep

Special Teams –

Best:

Dante Hall – Who would have guessed three TDs and a Pro Bowl for the little guy?

Michael Husted – Surfer Dude saves our bacon in the San Diego game

Gary Stills – Takes over for Maz as the Special Teams terminator

Worst:

Dan Stryzinski – Mr. Coffin Corner pooched too many that didn't land between G and 20

Lyle West – The penalty machine has hands like a Boston Parrish priest

Coaches –

Best:

Mike Solari (Offensive Line) – Long-time top dog in this gig has his guys humming

Irv Eatman (Asst. Offensive Line) – Former Chiefs O-lineman brings game experience to the staff

Al Saunders (Offensive Coordinator) – The numbers don't lie, although I still question some calls

Charlie Joiner (Wide Receivers) – Air Coryell star has done a nice job with the young guys

James Saxon (Running Backs) – Ex Chief 3rd down back has the best job on the team

Dick Vermeil (Head Coach) – His strength is his weakness – loyalty and befriending people

Worst:

Peter Giunta (Defensive Backs) – Even Ray Crockett lost his fundamentals under this clown

Greg “Dr. Evil” Robinson (Defensive Coordinator) – He kept his job? Don’t even get me started

Frank Ganz, Jr. (Special Teams) – Poor discipline and even worse tackling plagued his unit

Others –

Best:

Bill Grigsby (Mascot) – KC’s version of Harry Carey, with a vodka gimlet rather than a Bud

KC Wolf (Mascot) – Wolfie may look like a big raccoon, but he’s still cool and the kids dig him

Len Dawson (Color Commentator) – Hall of Fame QB is a solid analyst – just say penetration!

Tony DiPardo (Louie Prima) – When Tony finally goes, they will likely call in a taxidermist

Lamar Hunt (Legend) – Chiefs’ owner. Thank god we don’t have a Bidwell, or Brown, eh?

Worst:

“King” Carl Peterson (Deity) –The reason no one wants to sign with KC. Ego the size of Jupiter

The AFC West –

#1 (11-5) East Bay Convicts – Take it from Anna Nicole Smith, never underestimate old men properly motivated. Fortunately, these guys are a Jacksonville waiting to happen. Old age and cap problems will make them disintegrate this off-season, especially if they win the big one.

#2 (9-7) Denver Broncos – The Donkeys are the biggest under-achieving dud of the 2002 campaign – the best all-around talent in the NFL, but disorganized and unfocused. It may be time for Mikey to move upstairs and give Kubiak the keys.

#3 (8-8) San Diego Chargers – Marty had a nice first-year run. This team is loaded with young talent and has lots of cap room. Expect them to get a lot better and stay there for a while. But don't worry; they won't win any playoff games.

#4 (8-8) KC Chiefs – Although 8-8, like San Diego, KC brings up the rear by virtue of their inferior division record (2-4 vs 3-3). That will help with next year. Third year is charmed for Dick!

Throw Him A Bone Award –

Boner made easy. The only choice is the Priest. How important was he to this team? This was by far the most prolific offense in the history of the Kansas City Chiefs. That said, Priest Holmes touched the ball in 39.8% of the 965 offensive plays; responsible for 38.1% of the 6000 offensive yards; scored 45.3% of the offensive touchdowns; and did it all in only 13 1/2 games. To give you a different perspective, Priest personally scored almost as many points as the entire Houston Texan team!

The Doggity Dog –

Greg Dr. Evil Robinson is the paws-down chained in the yard, paper upside the muzzle, rub-his-nose-in-it winner of the 'Dog', as the biggest detriment to the Chiefs' success this season. As awesome as Priest was, this d was equally awful. This was not only the worst defense in the NFL, this year, but the worst in team history and a bottom-10

all-time NFL worst. Particularly bad was a pass defense that gave up 403 completions for 4,176 yards; coupled with only 34 sacks. What would it have been if Oakland hadn't run the ball 60 times in the final game? Or what if the Chiefs hadn't faced the likes of Jamie Martin, Jake Plummer and Brian Griese; who boast a collective QB rating of roughly room temperature? For curiosity, someone should research how many Chiefs defenders used to be touted as "hard hitters" or "great tacklers." Guys like Greg Wesley, Marvcus Patton and Mike Mazlowski come to mind. That was the line on young Shaunard Harts out of Boise State. Did they just forget how to do it? Or could it be coaching?

Next up – KC's 2003 Schedule will likely be more favorable than this year's, if for no other reason than they get to play Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago and Houston; with two of those games at home! If they just play .500 in the rest of the matches, they will finish 10-6. Some genius sportscaster said, "Everyone thought the strong divisions were the AFC West and East, but they only placed one team each in the tournament." Get a grip, Einstein. Did you ever think that just maybe they only placed one team each BECAUSE the divisions are so strong? The real question should be, "How did Pittsburgh manage to only win ten games with that schedule?" Can you spell Kordell?

Chiefs in 2003:

The Head – Bolts, Convicts, Donkeys, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit

The Road – Bolts, Convicts, Donkeys, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston, Minnesota, Green Bay

Just imagine, Green Bay, Pittsburgh and Tennessee play 'K-State-esque' schedules like this every year. Wouldn't that be sweet? The Chiefs' 2002 schedule was the league's third nastiest. Chiefs' opponents finished 135-121 (.527). Eleven of the twelve playoff-teams faced easier schedules than the Chiefs. Only the East Bay Convicts made the playoffs with an opponents' schedule above .500.

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The Dog would like to give out his own special recognitions for the inaugural season –

Mikey B – The world’s best number-cruncher was a diligent supporter of the report and contributor of some really cool Yiddish insults. Anyone looking for a great CFO; think Mikey!

Mr. Cheezwhiz – Long-time creative-type himself with Arnold Worldwide Advertising (isn’t that the weird cartoon kid with the football head?), he sent atta-boys after every report. His only flaw is living on the right side of Missouri and supporting the Ewes. Now go out and buy his CD – “10 and 2” available on Amazon and other fine e-tailers.

Mr. Smack – Another right-side-o-Missouri, Lamb supporter who is quick with the sarcastic quips. We will hopefully send some ex-Grieffs your way toward careers in financial planning and insurance. In the interim, keep those workers safe and healthy. Find him at Medcor.com

Bob-O – Ace paramedic and safety geek; Bob-O is a Die-hard Bears and Cards fan (how do you reconcile that?) and a big Chi-town supporter of the Dog. He has a pennant that actually celebrates the 1985 World Champion Cardinals! Thanks for the cool autographed b-ball!

Eco-Kev – Another Bears dude – he and his lovely bride (Kev married way over his head) came to the Head for a game all the way from Chicago. We play Da Bears at Da Head next year! For those of you needing one, Kev is the world’s greatest environmental engineer.

Uncle Fuzzy – An East Bay transplant who spreads the faith in enemy territory, from high atop his tree house in the People’s Republic of Berkeley. Fuzz has a Pulitzer for obit writing. You gotta love that! If you need any marketing materials, check him out at PersuasiveCopy.com.

V-Ron – Fuzz’s girl chile, with whom the Dog is secretly enamored. V-Ron’s a great fan that dares proudly wear her KC gear in the Raider ‘hood. Not to mention a student at Dick Vermeil’s alma mater, San Jose State.

Verne & Cid – They have taken on the daunting and thankless task of trying to get the painfully un-enlightened under-30 crowd on board with the Dog. Keepin’ it real at Script-Pro.

R D Dewey, Mary and the Lovely Ms. Vicky from A J Lang Associates - Century 21 Realty – They provided some tix and good camaraderie on the front row of the Head.

Reverend Bob – The keeper of the Steeple of Light rising above the Plaza from the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Community Christian Church. Reverend Bob is the best evangelist this report has. He spread the “good news” from the Dog to dozens of former non-believers. If your New Year’s resolution involves helping the needy or getting saved, Bob’s your man.

Kraig J – A poor Chiefs’ fan mired in Southern Indiana, unable to get any appropriately biased info. He was the original catalyst for this report. He can help protect the workers at your construction project with Medcor Construction Services.

Smoke & Deb – The dealers for my drug of choice – Wilbur Buds – the best chocolate on the Earth. Living in Pennsylvania Dutch country and HUGE Eagle and Dick V fans. Smoke, I love your team. They’re my fave going into the post-season.

The #2 ‘Rents – From the Lap of Bubba Clinton (which is a well trod plot) on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, AR, they can only get information on the Dallas Cowgirls. The

actual owners of the front row tix and parents of Mr. Blowfish. Mom and Pop #2 are the best reason that the Dog does this.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blowfish – The keepers of the front row seats at the Head, and the purveyors of the web home of the Doggity Report, this could not have been done without you! Anyone need any audio, video or CD work; check out Mr. B-fish at AVGinc.com.

God bless you all, and thanks for making this a fun, fab first season!

I will now go buy my T-Bones tickets. <http://www.kcnlbaseball.com/>

Your faithful scribe,

Mr. Doggity