

The Doggity Chiefs Report  
Week 14  
Chiefs vs Ewes at the Head

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Overview – The ego has landed. Mike Martz can now get his head back under the rubber roof of the Identity Crisis Dome in St. Louis. I don’t care if they are injury-ravaged and playing a guy at QB who has managed three starts in a career that began so long ago he was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. Although Marc Bulger makes you forget, the Rams went into this season with Jamie Martin as the #2. They still have great receivers and Marshall Faulk. They still have the 7<sup>th</sup> rank defense in the NFL. They should have been able to give us a show at least. They came to the Head, laid down and got punked. That, friends, is bad coaching. Think back two years ago. One of these teams had an MVP-candidate multi-purpose running back, an injury-prone QB who lost his job to an unknown, and the highest scoring offense in the league. Everyone was talking about how one of these head coaches rode on the other guy’s back to the 1999 Super Bowl. What a switch. Now consider that the last two times these teams played in the regular season, KC has hung 103 points on the hapless Lambs. A side note: this is the second consecutive week that the Dog has worn his old “throwback” shirt with Len Dawson’s #16 and the old politically insensitive “running Indian” logo on it. For the second consecutive week the Chiefs scored 49 points. Coincidence? The bottom line is, its always fun to beat the bigger, “better” bully on the block. Particularly gratifying are the reactions of our friends on the East side of Missouri. Mr. Cheezwhiz had a front row ticket he didn’t show up to use – premonition? Mr. Smack leaves a disgusted voice mail claiming they don’t really want to hang onto Governor Holden’s cup. Come on, what sort of athletic supporter are you?

Offense – The offense took the first and fourth quarters off. The pretty-boys mustered a whopping seven total yards in the first quarter. But thanks to defense and special teams (huh?) they had 14 points on the board before they ever managed a first down. That’s not something you see every day. Still, playing only about half a game, Priest banked 132 rushing yards and 2 more TDs against a very good defense. If he misses the rushing title, you can blame Coach Dick for sitting him the last two games so we wouldn’t run up the score. Just to put it in perspective, remember that the Chiefs’ offensive playbook is a virtual carbon copy of the Rams’. The Ram defense is so familiar with this system that they were calling out Trent Green’s audibles! They knew nearly every play. They knew with a big lead, KC would run the rock, and still they couldn’t stop it – unreal. Trent was only 10 of 15 for a hun, but who cares? You aren’t going to be tossing the ball around if you have a huge lead and the best back in football. Marc Borigter – all he does is catch touchdowns. This makes three catches, three TDs for Bo in the last two games. The line play was again sensational. Willie Roaf and Brian Waters completely emasculated Grant Wistrom who finished the game with one tackle, which is the same number registered by wide-out Issac Bruce. Tait had a nice game against Leonard Little, although he allowed a sack. Will Shields and Marcus Spears served pancakes for breakfast. This is the best line I have ever seen play.

Defense – I know, I know, where’s the bad attitude now, Mr. Smart Guy? For the record, this is a decimated offense, playing with an O-line comprised of three guys who were in the maintenance department last week; an injured Marshall Faulk and Jamie Martin – need I say more? Besides, they never could play outdoors. They have one win outside the Alias Smith and Jones Dome this season – and that was against Arizona. That stated the play of the front seven has really stepped up the past two weeks. It is as if the light went on. They are finally aggressive. It is nice to know that if anything happens to Dante Hall, we have Duane Clemons to back him up. John Browning was ridiculous, registering two sacks. I think Derrick Thomas was the last Chief to gather two QBs in one outing. The second sack folded Martin up like a Swiss Army Knife. Scott Fujita’s blind-side whack on the Lamb’s QB, landed poor Jamie’s head in the Club Level. This is much more fun to watch than whatever we saw in Seattle three weeks ago. Six sacks, two INTs, a fumble returned for a TD. It’s almost like the Neil, Derrick and Saleamua show again – well, almost. Toasty gave up the only Ram TD by biting on a rather mundane pump fake from a lousy quarterback. That is

unacceptable out of a guy making that kind of jack. Greg Wesley had some fun, with a sack and another INT. He is now tied for the league lead in picks. That makes two consecutive solid efforts against two really awful offenses. Let's see if any of this matters against the sinking Donkeys, the pedestrian Bolts and the gunslinger Convicts over the rest of the season.

Special Teams – The really horrid STL special-bus teams were torched in Dante's inferno. The special kid's coordinator for the Lambs is named April. That is probably about when he will be shopping his resume around. To be fair, the two long ones by Hall were not as easy as the one last week, when Arizona looked like the wobbling scrum on an electric football game. To be fair, the punt return was helped along by a Derrick Blaylock block that may not have been exactly legal. Take nothing away from the run. It was a joy to behold. It would be un-Dog-like to give the specials a free pass. The kick coverage was terrible, again. The first KC punt was returned 49 yards and the first KC kickoff returned 29. Dan Stryzinski had another bad day at the office, and MA's kickoffs rarely made it past the 20. But, like, so what? These guys delivered more points than the Rams' offense.

The AFC West (in order of my preseason predictions) –

#1 (8-5) San Diego Chargers – Fried by the Convicts

#2 (7-6) KC Chiefs – Plays another game of Patsy-cake – We keep scheduling games like the last two and people will think we're K-State.

#3 (7-6) Denver Broncos – Welcome to our private hell at the bottom of the barrel, Donkeys. We'll see you next week.

#4 (9-4) East Bay Convicts – Who needs a coach or a running game when you have Gannon, Rice and Brown?

Throw Him A Bone Award –

The little guy gets his first bone. Dante Hall set another team record, and is making us forget Tamarick "Honest officer, it's Bam's car" Vanover. Hall had 14 points and 174 yards before the offense managed 100.

The Doggity Dog –

Dan Stryzinski makes it a special teams sweep of this week's awards ceremony. Line drive punts for 22 yards will make your mortgage banker very nervous.

There are only two teams more fun to flog when they're down than St. Louis – Denver and Oakland. We get the chance to send the flagging Donkeys to the glue factory.

Your faithful scribe,  
Mr. Doggity