

The Doggity Chiefs report  
Week 4  
Chiefs vs the Flat Fish at "The Head"

Overview – It is good to win. It is, however, hard to be a sarcastic jerk when you write about it. For the first time this season, KC put together a complete game (Well, as complete as you can get with this defense). The previously un-tenderized Dolphins walked into the proverbial fish sandwich. In a game between the Jets and the Patriots, against the 32<sup>nd</sup> defense in the NFL, Miami thought they could sleep walk through this one. Wrong answer. Jay Fiedler looked like, well, Jay Fiedler. Four picks; three to strong safety Greg Wesley. Trent Green looked, for one week at least, like a guy you would give a first round pick for. The D mustered the closest resemblance to a pass rush we have witnessed this year. The result was the secondary looking average; which for them means excellent. When you can get a TD pass to the third TE, get 4 picks by your maligned secondary and have your pocket passer rush for half a hun and two rushing first downs, that's cool.

Offense – Wanstadt did his best to contain Priest, holding him to 52 yards. Nice work, **loser**. Priest may not have had his career rushing-day, but added a nice 25-yard home run and was the Chiefs' number 2 receiver. A two-up zone may stop the run, but leaves the middle wide open. What defensive genius thought that was a good idea against the best tight end in the NFL? The O strutted like the Gates BBQ logo. Where do I start? Trent Green looked like the second coming of former Fish, Dan Marino, flaunting a gaudy 146.8 passer rating. Not to mention his day totin' the rock. Trent was only three yards behind Holmes rushing, and laid the big wood on Arturo Freeman to spring Priest's TD run. Tony Gonzo had one of his best days ever as a pro (and that's saying something) with seven snags for a buck forty and three TD's. A couple of those catches were classic "you can't do that" Tony. Johnnie Morton had his best day in Red & Gold with four grabs – one for a score. Eddie Kennison and even Billy Baber joined in on the fun. The real game ball probably goes to Al Saunders – the actual genius behind the 'St. Louis style' offense, now that we have learned the truth about Mike Martz. OK, you put Zach Thomas in the middle to stop the run – we'll pitch out and run around end. You're gonna play eight in the box? You'll have to cover Tony G with a D-back – good luck. KC has the best red-zone offense in the NFL; the best fourth-quarter offense in the NFL and they are in the top five in nearly all categories. Besides, hanging forty-eight on a top five D works for me. OK, who would you really rather have this season – Green or Warner? I thought so.

Defense – Readers of this report know that I have spent the past three weeks justifiably dissin' the D. And they did give up thier customary 30 points. However, for once, the big plays with our protection on the field went the Chiefs' way. Our usually horrid secondary was only awful with flashes of average. A remarkable acheivement! Strong safety Greg Wesley had a better day receiving for Miami than their rookie TE phenom, Randy McMichael. Toasty Warfield got his first pick of the year. I'm sure in his mind that earns his paycheck. Nice to see he lost the limp from last week's disaster. His wallet must have healed. After watching the San Diego – New England game I have to wonder again what King Carl was smoking when he chose to give Toasty a big payday and let Donnie Edwards leave. Crispy Bartee still can't cover or tackle. This is, however not the time to talk dirty about our defense. They held Ricky Williams to 66 yards; they forced five TO's by the stingiest team in the league; they managed a semblance of a rush with Clemons, Hicks, Sims and Stills; all-in-all not a bad outing for an under-talented, under-coached mess. By the way, when did they allow high school refs on an NFL field? That "roughing the passer" penalty on Gary Stills was a bush-league bad call. Since when did ankle tackling become illegal?

Special Teams – Stryzinski went down in heap on a third quarter punt. Good thing he came back. His understudy is Morten Andersen. On a practice punt, MA had a Kendall Gammon snap nearly stick in his facemask. Andersen is still a good kicker, though – he nailed his field goal, PATs and two touchbacks! (OK, OK, one touchback was kicked off from the 45 after a personal foul on the previous play – but it nailed Tony DiPardo!) Dante Hall did just about nothing. Despite a really

nasty hit by Marc Boerigter on Albert Johnson, our coverage units still have the viscosity of chicken wire.

The AFC West –

#1 (4-0) San Diego Chargers beat the Champs. That La Dainian Tomlinson is nasty!

#2 (2-2) KC Chiefs – Finally putting it together – let's see if it holds.

#3 (3-0) Denver Broncos play the dearly depleted Baltimore Blackbirds for Madden, Michaels, Hank Williams, Jr. and all my rowdy friends on MNF.

#4 (3-0) East Bay Convicts, led by the lone good Raider, Rich Gannon, smacked the Tittie-ans with 52 points. Coaching is over-rated.

Throw Him A Bone Award –

It is nice for a change to have so many choices. Tony G was huge. Greg Wesley had the first 3 pick game since Albert Lewis did it 11 years ago – even if a couple of those INT's looked like Wesley was the intended receiver. The Boner this week though, goes to Trent Green. The KC pitcher tossed 24 of 34 for 328, 5 TD's and not a single into-double-coverage-failed-to-look-off-his-primary-reciever-thrown-off-balance-force-it-in interception. I hope we can keep this Trent Green, and send the other one back to the Lambs. I hear they're looking.

The Doggity Dog of the Game –

For once it was hard to find a really bad Chiefs effort. The stinkiest performance probably belongs to special teams coach, Frank Ganz, Jr. The special teams were “short-bus” special today.

NFL EXTRA – The Great and Ancient Sage/Genius/Guru/God Mike “Ego the size of Jupiter” Martz has the Lambs on a 0-4 tear, after dropping a home game to the awesome Cowgirls (tee-hee-hee). Now Kurt Warner is out with a broken finger. What ever happened to real men playing in the NFL? Remember Steve DeBerg playing QB for four December games with a pin sticking out of his finger back in 1991? That was a man!

Next up, the low flying New York Prop-Jobs in the large apple.

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