

The Doggity Chiefs report
Week 5
Chiefs vs Hang-glidiers at the Divot-lands

Overview – You try soaking them out, you try scrubbing them out, but not even Wisk can get out those cleat stains from the back of Aaron “speed bump” Beasley’s jersey. Ho-hum, yet another miraculous, come-from-behind-with-two-minutes-left-in-the-fourth-quarter drive with Priest hauling the cargo. KC would not lose. Not a pick in the end-zone, not sloppy special teams play, not the inept offense (no D), not even the groundskeepers’ attempt to kill our kicker could stop the lowly Jets from imploding and the 40,000 foot Chiefs offense from pulling out another SportsCenter reel the week before conference play begins.

Offense – This one started like the Jacksonville debacle. March the ball down the field on two consecutive drives and only 3 points to show for the effort. Trent gets picked in the end zone when he fails to account for safety Damien Robinson. But it gets better. Al said he wanted to get the receivers involved. All three starting wide-outs got at least two balls. Birthday boy Johnny Morton caught four on his little brother’s playground. Tony Gonzo had four grabs, as well, despite having more green shirts on him than a drunk Raider fan at Arrowhead. The Catch and YAC of the day goes to the #3 guy, little Dante Hall. The NY secondary was roasted in Dante’s inferno (sorry, someone had to say it) on his 60 yard TD. Tackling this guy is like bobbing for Snail Darters. The J-E-T-S learned from Miami’s 8 and 9 in-the-box scheme that trying to stop Holmes would get you way too much Tony. So they put a double team on Gonzalez and got way too much Priest. Someone may invent a scheme that takes them both down at once. Then Al will have to go to Morton, Kennison, Hall and Richardson. Point being, as long as Trent gets the rock to the guys in Red, this offense is the Apache chopper of the NFL. Like the afore-mentioned attack helicopter, the real strength lies under the skin. We knew what Will Shields and a sober Willie Roaf could do. The pleasant surprise is the pro-bowl caliber play of young Brian Waters and old Casey Wiegmann. The inside of this line is the best in football, right now. They elevate the play of the other blockers, like Trent Green.

Defense – Once again a first-start QB and his previously inept cohorts had a hall-of-fame game against the philanthropic KC offense. Former Thundering Herd pitcher Pennington got TD’s #1 and #2. Santana Moss and Anthony Becht both lost their end-zone virginity, as well. No question Chad was helped by the fact that he had a guy in a green shirt named Moss to throw at. He was probably helped more by the fact that the north side of Toasty Warfield was busy growing its own green moss. Toasty had his customary one good play before getting caught napping. We’re paying him how much? The line play took a step backward after a decent game last week. Curtis Martin ran all over the outmatched linebackers. The already horrid secondary had two more guys whittled down, including last weeks’ star, Grey Wesley – who grabbed another pick before banging his wing. The lone bright spot was a solid performance out of rookie safety Shaunard Harts. Thrown in after Wesley and West went down, he played on the instinct that got him drafted, rather than the scheme that Greg “Dr. Evil” Robinson cooked up. Go figure. Defensive football players perform better when they rely on their athleticism and instinct rather than their intellect. Who’d a thunk it? Remember, NY has one of the worst offenses in the NFL! Evidenced by former Marty-ball architect and now NY O-coordinator Paul Hackett’s genius play calling in the fourth quarter. There are just over 2 minutes left and the Jets have 3rd and 10 on the KC 13. Hackett’s mind spins back to the good ol’ days of Steve Bono handing off to Greg Hill. He calls the only play KC has been able to stop all day – off tackle to Curtis Martin. It goes for 7 yards – not bad and not nearly good enough. They line up and kick a field goal. Meaning they will have to kick off to the Chiefs offense, which has not been stopped in the fourth quarter all season. Thank god he coaches for them, now. Maybe we can convince Herm Edwards that Greg Robinson would upgrade the Jets’ defense. “Well-done” refers not to the great effort, but to internal temperature, as with a steak.

Special Teams – Mr. Money, Morten Andersen pulled a hammy during practice because the grounds crews in the Garden State need a remedial grass-planting class. The result was a long

day of short kick-offs. Amazingly MA got off all of his field goals. Stryzinski stunk it up on a shanked punt and an UGLY Lou Groza-style kickoff attempt. With the field-position advantage we gave NY today, we were lucky to come out alive. Another "short-bus and hockey-helmet" special effort, today.

The AFC West –

#1 (4-1) San Diego Chargers get their first loss – predictably for Marty – in Denver.

#2 (3-2) KC Chiefs – Another heroic effort by the offense bails out the awful defense and special teams.

#3 (4-1) Donkeys got spanked on MNF but made up for it with their usual Marty paddling.

#4 (4-0) East Bay Convicts are the lone undefeated team in the NFL. Do the old duffers have enough Viagra for a 16-game season?

Throw Him A Bone Award –

Again, a host of candidate emerged. This weeks' "Boner" goes to left guard Brian Waters. Priest ran over him and Trent threw over him all day. He is starting to emerge as a Doggity fave.

The Doggity Dog of the Game –

It would be so easy to roast Toasty again. And I would, except he has had one, and will undoubtedly deserve more by season's end. So today's dog house inhabitant will be punter and old-school place kicker, Dan Stryzinski.

Now we start with the best division in football, ours. Next week is the Marty-ball Bolts at the Q.

Your faithful scribe,
Mr. Doggity