

The Doggity Chiefs report
Week 7
Chiefs vs Donkeys at the Head

Overview – I'm really getting sick of this. Raise your hands. How many of you knew when Morten Andersen missed that fourth quarter field goal that the Broncos were going to march down and tie the game? How many of you knew when we lost the OT coin flip that the game was over? That's what I thought. You can put your arms down now; you're fumigating the room. This makes two critical division games in a row where the horrid Chiefs' secondary cost them the game. I am running out of cute analogies and witty metaphors to mask the vile stink of this absolutely unacceptable defense. There are no excuses for highly paid professionals playing this poorly. The Dog will grant clemency until the bye week. Another one of these in the second half, and we want Dr. Evil's head on a stick.

Offense – Saunders got everyone involved. Tony G had a nice day. T-Rich had a good day. He had one run where he was hit in the backfield, but dug in his heels and pushed the entire Denver defense, plus four cheerleaders and ball boy for five yards. He also got the rock over the chalk for a TD. Morton and Kennison were OK, although both had critical drops. None more so than the one in Kennison's gut that would have moved the chains in OT. Where would you rather have it, Eddie? It hit you at the base of your sternum. Even nursing a bad hoof, Hopalong Green had a couple of scrambles, one for a key first down. The star of the show was – broken record – Priest Holmes. The first guy all year to hang a hun on the Donkey D. Add in three TD's and you can see another "Boner" for the Priest. Marshall Faulk has become the poor man's Priest Holmes. Despite the missed opportunities, the KC O put up a stellar performance against one of the game's best defensive units.

Defense – The superior mind of Dr. Evil, Greg Robinson has come up with an entirely new defensive set – the UN-cover two! It causes me great anguish to agree with Beasley Reese, but he nailed it when he said the Chiefs' can't play cover two and ought to stop trying. The problem is simply that our corners are so bad that the safeties have to baby-sit them. That forces them too far outside and causes middle routes to wind up effectively in man coverage with the linebacker. Denver has a guy named Shannon Sharpe, right? He put up 214 yards and two TD's – all of it in that box. To add gasoline to that fire, we have the slowest linebackers in football, and Dr. Evil's love monkey, Glen Cadrez gets the nod on obvious passing plays, rather than the much faster Scott Fujita. That's because "he knows the defense." Great, maybe he can use his knowledge and his Nokia to call and tell someone who's in the same freaking zip code as the receiver. All of which begs the question – are Richard Jordan or Maurice Rodriguez (cut at the end of pre-season) still waiting by the phone? The flaming candles on this cake came from Toasty Warfield who got charred at the end of OT and was flagged for interference. Was it pro bowlers Smith or McCaffrey? No, rookie Ashley Lelie (sounds like the name of a southern damsel in a romance novel, doesn't it?) performed the lighting ceremony on the \$28 million man. The penalty assured Elam a chip shot rather than the 47-yarder he would have been looking at otherwise. Let Corey Harris or Taje Allen start. Can they really be worse? The really frustrating thing is that Dr. Evil's defense was holding Brian "Everyone Hate Me" Griese with a good mix of looks and dogs. So, he naturally stopped doing it in the fourth quarter, when it mattered. The local radio and newspapers have solicited nicknames for this defense. Some favorites are – the Burnt Ends (a local BBQ delicacy for you out-of-towners); the Santa Claus D – doesn't really exist, but still gives lots of gifts; the Prom Night defense – everyone goes all the way on it; and in homage to the old Bear 46 – the 32 defense – since that's where they're ranked (insert your own pun, here) among the 32 NFL teams.

Special Teams – MA ran his consecutive field goal streak to 25 before missing a critical 43 yard fourth-quarter shot that would have given KC a 10-point lead with about two and a half minutes left in regulation. A comfortable cushion, except with our defense. Ex-Wildcat Monte Beisel blocked a punt, but the punting team gave it back, allowing a block – in Chiefs' territory – in

overtime. Dante Hall and the return teams did a really nice job, especially on the kick offs – but then they get a lot more practice returning kick offs than they get returning punts.

The AFC West –

#1 (6-1) San Diego Chargers – Marty loves flogging the Convicts. Taking full advantage of the usual passel of Oakland penalties and blunders. Nice to have the old Raiders back, isn't it?

#2 (3-4) KC Chiefs – Blowing a double-digit fourth quarter lead to a division opponent at home would get a coordinator fired on nearly every team not coached by Dick Vermeil.

#3 (5-2) Donkeys take advantage of the league's worst defense and move into second place in the division.

#4 (4-2) East Bay Convicts have gone flaccid – dropping to Marty and the Bolts in overtime. All I can say is, at least we didn't burn a first-round draft pick on a stoned Commie kicker who can't find the uprights.

Throw Him A Bone Award –

The Boner for the second time goes to Mr. Holmes. Priest became the first back all season to rush for over 100 yards against Denver. He was also very effective as a receiver and scored three touchdowns.

The Doggity Dog of the Game –

So many goats! Who to pick? Kennison blows the OT with a horrible drop. Kendall Gammon makes it worse by throwing a "lookout" block to allow the blocked punt. Toasty Warfield got the penalty that assured Elam's OT field goal would be easy. Still, in all, the guy who gets his nose rubbed in it today has to be Dr. Evil. The Broncos exploited the wide cover two the entire second quarter. The blitzes were working, so naturally he stopped using them in the fourth quarter. Cadrez and Hicks were in coverage on passing downs. I would need another page to list them all. Congratulations! That makes Robinson the first back-to-back winner of the Dog award!

Assuming they make bail, the East Bay Convicts come to the Head next week.

Your faithful scribe,
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