

The Doggity Chiefs Report
Week 9
Chiefs vs Bye

Overview – The Chiefs are taking some much-needed R&R, thanks to the league-mandated off-week. The “bye-week” as it is called, was instituted in 1990 to compensate teams that were not in Cincinnati’s division, so they could have at least one guaranteed week off per season, too. In this week’s report, the Dog will give you the low-down on the Chiefs’ off-week activities.

Offense – The entire Chiefs offensive unit took a fishing trip to Missouri’s Lake of the Ozarks. Like the MLB Division Playoffs, the fishing was only televised on the ABC Family Channel in the Mountain Time zone. However, we were able to cover Mr. Blowfish’s Dish in Reynolds’ Wrap and pick up most of the action. KC QB Trent Green had a tough day, losing three of his best lures when he tried casting off his back foot and launched the bait in to another boat. He redeemed himself by snagging the biggest fish of the day on the final cast in regulation. Priest Holmes grabbed him by the shirt and helped him pull it in. Holmes had a monster day, both casting and catching. He gathered in 42.8% of all the fish caught. T-Rich caught fish when it counted and Tony Gonzo actually walked out onto the lake and gathered fish in by hand. Eddie Kennison had several good strikes that got away. Johnnie Morton did not have a catch. Will Shields, Casey Wiegmann and Brian Waters did the rowing while John Tait protected the sandwiches and Willie Roaf watched the beer cooler.

Defense – The D went on a hunting trip near Lawrence, Kansas. The coaches felt this was a way to get them as far away from football as possible. Coordinator Greg ‘Dr. Evil’ Robinson had the guys establish an intricate set of positions with Crispy and Toasty hiding in blinds ten yards off the deer. Eric Hicks and Derrick Ransom would set up as if to move in on the deer but at the last minute would fall back into coverage. They would take turns firing shots in sequential order by the last four digits of their cell phone numbers. However, they could never quite figure out the exact position they were supposed to be in. This resulted in the entire defense managing to shoot each other in the foot. Shaunard Harts and Greg Wesley ran around and gathered spent shell casings while the deer ran wild underneath the coverage. Glen Cadrez tackled one of the animals two yards out of bounds. Before the defenseless fawn could be sent back onto the field, Mike Mazlowski and Marvcus Patton field dressed it and tied it to the fender of Ray Crockett’s Lincoln Navigator. The defense was flagged, giving the deer a first and goal. It would have cost them the game if one of the bucks hadn’t ripped off his rack before the whistle blew.

Special Teams – All of the special teamers did their own thing with the time away. Morten Andersen soothed his sore hammy in the clubhouse hot tub at his John Knox Village home. Several of the local widows volunteered to help him massage it, while others treated him to a Scandinavian favorite – Jell-o salad. Dan Stryzinski vented his frustration for a sub-par first half by corner kicking his dog – thus redefining the term “pooch punt.” He did manage to get the mutt out of bounds inside the twenty more than half the time. Dante Hall went back to his native Texas and entered the “greased pig” competition at the county fair. Dante played the part of the pig.

The AFC West –

#1 (6-2) San Diego Chargers – Get ground up by the Prop-jobs

#2 (4-4) KC Chiefs – Out to lunch

#3 (6-2) Denver Broncos – Ditto for the Donkeys

#4 (4-4) East Bay Convicts – Hosting the boys from the softer side of the Bay. The 9ers were those annoying guests that trash you house and won’t go home. The Faders bail the Chiefs out of the cellar.

Throw Him A Bone Award for the first half of the season –

Without a doubt, the Boner belongs to Priest Holmes. I challenge anyone to make a credible case for any other player for NFL MVP at the halfway point in this campaign. To give you some idea,

Priest in on pace to break all 10 of the individual Chiefs' franchise records that he is eligible for, including becoming the only player in the Chiefs' 40-year history to lead the team in points scored without kicking the ball. Through eight games, Priest leads the NFL in yardage; carries; catches by a back; receiving yards by a back; total yards from scrimmage; rushing touchdowns; and total touchdowns. Priest's 15 TD's is 50% more than the second-place guy, Travis Henry of Buffalo. The Gold Standard for NFL backs so far in 2002 is not Marshall Faulk or Ricky Williams. They can't combine their numbers and match Holmes right now.

The Doggity Dog of the first half –

The woeful Chief's secondary gets their collective nose rubbed in it for the first half lack of effort. The guy who stands ten yards off the rest of the pack is Eric 'Toasty' Warfield. He blends the tight cover ability of Reggie White with the solid tackling of Deion Sanders – which ought to win him a trip to Canton, right? Canton, New Jersey on a Greyhound. He manages to complete the package by possessing the mental toughness of Ryan Leaf. The primary reason for Toasty getting singled out is his contract that pays him more than two thirds of the QUARTERBACKS who routinely roast him. That's just wrong.

The dishonorable mention goes to the freaking programming genius at WDAF TV-4; the FOX affiliate in Kansas City, who made the decision not to carry the 49ers-Raiders game. Apparently thinking we would really prefer to see the St. Louis Ewes vs the Arizona Sparrows circling the drain of one of the worst divisions in football with absolutely zero local interest. OK, we play both of these low-lives later in the season, but puh-lease! After all, why would Chiefs fans really want to see the team the Chiefs play next week versus a Chiefs' divisional archrival – sporting two of the best offenses in the NFL with the side bar of future Hall of Famer Jerry Rice taking on his old team? Oh, and then the SF-OAK game goes to overtime. Is it possible that a professional television station could make a football programming decision without consulting the sports department? Now that was some solid 'Elvis Grbac-in-a-two-minute-drill' caliber decision-making.

Next week we will be in the City by the Bay. Tune in as our hidden camera follows Dr. Evil and Mini-Me as they check out the club scene in the Castro District. Trent Green gets to be the first KC starting QB to visit Candlestick in ten years that didn't play a home game there first.

Your faithful scribe,
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