

The Doggity Chiefs Report

Week 15

Chiefs vs Donkeys at "Anonymous Corporate Sponsor Field at Mile High"

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Overview – Remember Dandy Don Meredith singing on old-school MNF? "Turn out the lights, the party's over..." J. Whitlock in the KC Star nailed it. He said that two guys needed to step up today. Greg Robinson and Trent Green. Well guess what? This may have been the worst performance by Green this year – he didn't throw any picks but badly missed wide-open receivers all day. Couple that with the Seattle-game-like performance of Dr. Evil Robinson's d (lower case). Add in the injuries finally catching the Chiefs – Morton, T-Rich, Priest, Boerigter, and you get the picture. Is it mathematically possible for the Chiefs to make the playoffs? Well, yeah, sort of. It is mathematically possible for Anna Nicole Smith to revert to her millionaire-snagging, super-model looks, too, but it ain't gonna happen. She can thank Burger King, and the Chiefs have Greg Robinson. We had a 160+ yard rusher, nearly 500 offensive yards and +3 in turnovers, but can't slow down a wounded and reeling Denver offense – even when Brian 'Everyone Hate Me' Griese does his weekly meltdown in the fourth quarter. As I recall, Coach Dick hired Greg Dr. Evil Robinson because he knew the Donkeys and the AFC West. Good call Dick. Hey, I'll e-mail UCLA to put in the good word for Dr. Evil. Maybe he needs a d-backs coach – Peter Giunta comes to mind. Make no mistake, this game and this season came down to a defense on pace to be, not just #32 in this year, but also statistically one of the worst in NFL history. Maybe Mrs. Evil could make a case for keeping her spouse on the payroll, but she would be flying that one solo. Looking at the personnel decisions – Dante Hall, Marc Boerigter, Priest Holmes, juxtaposed to the game day decision-making, you begin to think that the Chiefs are actually coached by Mack Brown.

Offense – Despite Trent's poor play, the massive injuries and a couple of crucial drops by Kennison, this was still a good entertainment value; if you didn't have a dog in the fight. Unfortunately, I did. Priest was injured, but still got his buck and a half in three quarters. That's a guy who brings his lunch every day. Kennison made some sweet catches and just as many drops. Boerigter and T-Rich get hurt, and Morton doesn't even start – not that you would miss him. So who is going to step up? Dante Hall. I was one of the doubters at the onset of this season. I stand corrected. The last guy I saw with 'purty' moves like that was Patrick Swayze in "Dirty Dancing". Classic was the TV shot of Referee Bill Carollo watching Dante's last TD run with his mouth hanging open in disbelief. Add Dante to Priest and Tony G, and this is one exciting football team. The O wasn't hitting on all cylinders today, mostly due to the play of the quarterback, but I would still rather watch Trent Green lose than the generic old SF backup QBs we've been saddled with around here for years. We just collectively call them 'Elvis Bono'. In fact, watching these two teams, I still take Green over Griese every day of the week. The difference in this game was not the Denver offense; it was the play of both defenses. In a way, Green's performance today may be a good thing. It means he can't ask for Jacksonville-like franchise-destruction money in the off-season. That improves our chances next year – assuming we can acquire a cornerback, a linebacker and a defensive coordinator. With Dante, Boerigter, and the return of Snoop and SlyMo, along with Eddie and Johnnie, we could dump some wide outs and get some cap money. We might consider using it on the other side of the ball. Just a thought.

Defense – Do I have to? The goat today was not Toasty, who had his own problems, but also had a few good plays. No, today it was Crispy Bartee. Rarely has a defensive back been so offensive in a game. He was lined up against a rookie from that WAC powerhouse, the awesome University of Hawaii – Ashley Lelie. (I still think his name sounds like the Southern-Belle heroine from a grocery-store paperback romance novel.) Lelie only caught two balls on Bartee, but had 68 yards, and drew a holding and an interference call. The Donkey line dominated the front seven of the Chiefs. It was a pathetic effort on the heels of the last two outings. Especially given the trouble Griese has had staying upright and throwing to the guys with horses on their hats in the last several weeks. If you want to look for positives on that weaker side of the ball for KC, they did

get three TO's, but against Denver, that's like getting lucky with Madonna. There is a bottom line here. Dr. Evil must be stopped. If that means crating him up and shipping him to the cozy confines of Beverly Hills, I'll pay the postage. This is a business and Dr. Evil is the Enron CFO of pro football. If you get paid Robinson's salary and set records the wrong direction, you need to find another line of work. Maybe Robinson, Chicago's offensive coordinator John Shoop, and St. Louis Special Teams Coach Bobby April can get together and start a catering business or something. I would count them as probably the worst at their respective jobs in the league. Bright spots were hard to come by, but Truluck, Fujita and Freeman would all be good players for our next coordinator.

Special Teams – Dan Stryzinski had a pretty good game. Now that's encouraging; our punter finally finds his groove. Injuries catch up with MA and he misses another makeable FG. Four penalties on returns are just ridiculous. You don't give Dante much of a chance if you cheat on every play. Overall, the specials were pretty ordinary today.

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

#1 (8-6) San Diego Chargers – Buffaloed and hanging on for dear life

#2 (7-7) KC Chiefs – Bucked by the Broncos; twice and done

#3 (8-6) Denver Broncos – Back in the hunt, despite having the worst QB in the division

#4 (9-5) East Bay Convicts – Fish slapped; but still in the lead

Throw Him A Bone Award –

I have a policy against tossing two boners in-a-row to the same guy. However Dante Hall got it done on offense, since the special teams weren't giving him any love. Two of the most remarkable TD runs I have ever seen in a Red and Gold uniform. He was clearly the most outstanding player of the day, when you consider that Priest just did his usual, unremarkable 160 yards in three quarters. The only things that got me excited today were seeing my youngest pup in the church pagent, and watching Dante do that Voodoo that he do so well.

The Doggity Dog –

Crispy Bartee gets to sleep outdoors tonight. He was just awful. Ray Crockett finally came in to spell him – too little, too late. This secondary spends way too much time in the dog house for someone not to lose a job over this mess.

Next week, the Bolts at the Head. How bad is it getting? This may be the first KC home game in over 10 years to be blacked out on TV. Hello, Lamar? We need some help up here!

Your faithful scribe,  
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