

The Doggity Chiefs Report

Week 1 – Chiefs vs Bolts at The Head. Score KC 27 - SD 14

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Overview – OK, now this is the team we were sold when Dickie V was lured out of his life of luxury on his Pennsylvania ranch to save us from Gunther. The game was a big win against a division rival in the home opener, beating up on our old coach. Yet there were still some things to complain about. In other words – just what the Dog ordered! On the local college front, a couple of K-State Wildcats now playing for the Chargers had their names called a lot. Ben Leiber had a pretty solid day at linebacker. Left offensive tackle, Damian McIntosh played speed bump for Vonnie Holliday – giving up three official sacks and three hurries, not counting the whack where Vonnie was flagged for doing the helmet-to-helmet dance with Drew.

Offense – Enough already about Priest Holmes' hip. Suffice to say that Holmes is no Bo. Another giant day for the Priest – a buck eighty-three total yards and two TDs. And that was all before the coach sat him down in the third quarter to give him some rest. Trent fed everybody, Omar Easy as well as Boerigter, Hall, Morton, Kennison and Gonzales all had stuff thrown at them. Blaylock and T-Rich got touches. So what can you complain about? How about the ultra-conservative play calling in the third quarter? It looked like they got up four scores and kicked the thing out of gear. How about Trent holding on the ball WAY too long? He took a couple of sacks when he clearly should have just unloaded. The INT was 'shades of 2001' – an under thrown, into coverage sort of duck. The sack that led to a fumble looked more like someone blew a blocking assignment – but you still have to keep the handle on that pig.

Defense – That was a nice effort. It looks like the free-agent acquisitions were worth the money. Three first half sacks by Vonnie Holliday. He attributes them to the crowd. After the game Holliday told a reporter, "You hear all the talk about Arrowhead, how loud it is, the sea of red, the smoke over the parking lots ... it's the best place to play. Everything they said is true. Coming from Green Bay, I didn't think it could be true. But the Green Bay fans just don't know. They think they have it at Lambeau, but they haven't experienced Arrowhead." That's a good way to make friends here, Vonnie. In fairness, I said we'd see how Eric Warfield handles David Boston – the Incredible Hulk of wide-outs. Boston had two meaningless catches for twenty yards. Overall the SD pass attack managed 202 yards, but much of it fell in the category of "junk stats" racked up at the end of a game that they were no longer part of. The run D was nasty. The Dog is a big fan of LaDainian Tomlinson but he managed only 34 yards rushing and a measly 2.6 average. He has great receiving skills as well – just not this week – only 27 yards. So what does the dog have to bark about on D? Well, on the first SD TD, Lyle West (what the heck was he doing in there?) bit so hard on a play-fake that he blocked Scott Fujita out of the play, allowing the TE Norman to walk into the end zone untouched. A couple of stupid penalties were no help either.

Special Teams – Baker was solid on punts and kick-offs, one of which skipped out the back of the end zone. Not something Chiefs fans are used to. Little Dante looked lost at times – like he had never seen a ball fall out of the sky at him before. Dante is now important enough to the offensive game plan they should consider giving Larry J a whack at it. Morten is still the man.

AFC West – Here were the week 1 results in the AFC West, ranked by my pre-season predictions.

#1 Kansas City Chiefs – A big statement by Priest and the D in discharging the Bolts.

#2 Denver Donkeys – How can you have a starting QB throw three picks and only muster a rating of 21.7 and still win by twenty points? Easy, you schedule the Bengals!

#3 San Diego Lightning Bolts – Wiped at the Head by the Chiefs.

#4 East Bay Convicts – Played a game of flag football in Nashville – as in yellow flag. The silver and black were spanked by the stripes 17 times for 173 yards! And they mustered only 34 yards rushing! It's good to have the old Raiders back as the nasty whipping boy of the West.

Throw Him A Bone Award –

This week's boner is thrown to D lineman Vonnie Holliday. Hugh who? It's hard to believe Holliday was the free agent consolation prize. He already has more sacks than Duane Clemons had from that slot ALL YEAR last season. And consider that Dr. Evil doesn't even let him rush on obvious passing downs! He moves inside to tackle in the nickel package. He got all three of his sacks on first and second down - amazing.

The Doggity Dog –

Despite a pretty good game – 21 of 32 for 282 – Trent was responsible for both turnovers, and took a couple of unnecessary sacks from holding on too long in the pocket. You have to admit it's a good thing when your QB gets the "dog" on a day when he posts a 130.5 rating!

NEW FEATURE!

Tailgate Recipe of the Week –

The Dog's Sweet & Sour Slaw. The perfect compliment to a slab of Bryant's, Gates' or O-Joe's ribs.

Ingredients:

- 1 small head of green cabbage – shredded
- 2 medium to large carrots – shredded
- 1 each small green, red, yellow sweet peppers – finely chopped
- 1 small sweet onion – finely chopped
- ½ head radicchio – shredded (optional)
- 1 cup – sugar (may use Splenda for those watching the waistline)
- ¾ cup – cider vinegar
- ½ cup – canola (or vegetable) oil
- 1 Tsp – Kosher salt
- 1 Tsp – celery seeds

Place the veggies in a big bowl, cover with sugar and put in the fridge to chill. Mix vinegar, oil and salt in a pan and heat to boiling, stirring until the salt has completely dissolved. Add celery seeds and pour over veggies. Put back in the fridge until chilled. If you like, at this point you can drain off some of the liquid – I usually do. Always a big hit!

Send your recipes to the Dog, by e-mail or fax them to 913-831-1307.

Next week –

The Steelers, fresh off mauling the Road kill Ravens, come to the Head.

Your faithful scribe,
Mr. Doggity