

The Doggity Chiefs Report

Week 15 – Chiefs vs Kitty Cats at the Head – Score: KC 45 – Det 17

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Overview – That’s one way to get a bad taste out of your mouth. Schedule the Lions at home. Detroit’s offense is horrid. For everyone who has dissed the Dog for bagging on Trent, all I can say is, “UNCLE”! For those who say the offense needs to play more consistently, is this what you had in mind? Overall, it was a good weekend. The Dog finally shook off a nasty case of distemper and went shopping for the pups on the Plaza in the snow with the Mrs. If you can’t get in the holiday spirit on the beautiful Country Club Plaza in the snow, you are akin to that green dude in the Dr. Seuss book. Follow that up with the news that Saddam is off the streets, and it was a solid couple of days. Can we keep that going? We’ll see. I still have my doubts about the defense going in to the Hump versus Daunte and Randy. The good news is the Vikes just got whacked by da Bears, so they ain’t all that. With Sunday’s 12th straight home win, KC set a new team record. Priest Holmes also set an AFC record for most rushing TD’s in a season. Considering TD machine Marcus Allen played his entire career in the AFC, that’s pretty impressive. Only one guy left to catch for the NFL record – Emmitt Smith – and Holmes can do that with three more over the next two games. Bottom line – AFC WEST CHAMPIONS for the first time in six seasons.

Offense – How about the “running back by committee” thing? Someone stop Derrick Blaylock! Five screen passes for 106 and a score. In fact, the Chiefs screen passed the Lions to death. Priest had five screen passes for 42, in addition to his 94 yards running the rock. The big news – three scores, pushing him to the edge of setting the all-time record. New flash to that peacock – Clinton Portis – give me a guy who gets the ball in the end zone and shows a little class. You may have more yards and that ugly WWF belt, but your yards don’t mean nearly as much. This game is not about yardage. It’s about scoring, and no one takes that belt from the Priest. Larry Johnson got into the action, but on one screen pass, he looked like a sniper victim, running in the flat and falling down for no reason. Tony Gonzo had six snags for just shy of a hun, and two trips into the paint. Both of his TDs were things of beauty. The first score he fought off double coverage, the second was a tiptoe on the edge of the end zone. Johnny Morton and Eddie Kennison were involved in the offense, and Kennison threw a “slobber-knocker” block on one of Priest’s runs to the house. The real story, though, was Trent Green. He posted a performance for the ages. Green was 20 of 25 for 341, 3 TDs and no picks. What’ll that get you? How about the perfect QB score of 158.3? Please don’t ask me to explain the convoluted system of passer rating, or why 158.3 is the perfect score – just trust me – it is. As soon as we understand this thing, we’ll work on the BCS and programming a VCR. Trent is on fire. Even in the losses, he has played well. Today, he posted the first perfect passer rating in the history of the franchise and only the second one posted by any QB this season (the other belongs to Peyton Manning).

Defense – Yeah, yeah, yeah, the only gave up 17 points. But, it was the freaking Lions! Detroit did set the NFL road loss futility record today, losing their 23rd consecutive game away from home. Thanks to KC’s rancid run D, they managed to end a similar streak. The Lions had gone 20 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher – until they met Dr. Evil. Shawn Bryson had a bigger day than Holmes – hauling the load 18 times for 105 and a staggering 5.8-yards per carry; even worse than the team’s 32nd-ranked 5.2 yard per carry average. Az Hakim lit up Toasty Warfield like a Yule log. Not to mention the three totally whiffed tackle attempts by Toasty. To his credit, Warfield did manage to delay a Detroit touchdown by one play with a nice play in the end zone. Big whup. All I can tell you is that his holding penalty and one missed tackle on the running back single-handedly kept the first Lion scoring drive going. After watching the Denver-Cleveland game, I think we should send the entire D to Denver punter Micah Knorr’s tacking clinic. Knorr’s technique is much better than anything I saw Sunday. Let’s face it – if you can’t stop the Detroit running game, who can you stop? I think you know the answer. Congrats to rookie Kawika Mitchell for his first NFL pick – now would some one please tell him to stay in his gap every now and then? Perhaps could he use his arms when he tries to tackle? Shouldn’t we be just a bit concerned that the only pressure we managed on the awesome Lions QB involved one Scott

Fujita blitz and one Jerome Woods blitz that resulted in a 15-yard penalty? I know the Lions have given up very few sacks, but Harrington had enough time in the pocket to roast a turkey. We played a very loose zone for most of the game – why? Let these guys play. This was Detroit, for heaven's sake – line up and knock them in the mouth. I really think the D's confidence is shot mostly because Dr. Evil won't let them just go out and play defense.

Special Teams – The specials didn't have much to do but kick off and return punts. Dante nearly broke number five, but the kicker shoved him out after 49 yards. MA badly shanked a 49-yard attempt at the end of the first half. The good news – Baker's first punt happened with just over 8 minutes left in the game, when Todd Collins and the #2 offense couldn't score. That's a good thing, right?

AFC West – Here were the week's results in the AFC West:

#1 Kansas City Chiefs – Made up for getting 45 points hung on them last week by “re-gifting” them.

#2 Denver Donkeys – Snuck by the awesome Browns at home in OT. Have fun in Indy next week!

#3 San Diego Lightning Bolts – The short-circuited bolts throw another dung heap in the “L” column.

#4 East Bay Convicts – Beat the Ravens, go figure.

Throw Him A Bone Award –

Priest, Gonzo and Blaylock were all invited to the Dogtown Athletic Club for this week's ceremony, but the Bone has to go to KC's starting pitcher – Trent Green. He has been a past recipient of the ignoble award below a few times. Not today, however. It's really hard to do better than perfect!

The Doggity Dog –

Dr. Evil, Toasty Warfield and Kawika Mitchell combined couldn't trump this week's doghouse tenant. Detroit Lions' GM and President Matt Millen made some nasty comments regarding Johnnie Morton's sexual orientation after the game, in front of the team and the press corps. Millen has already proven by his past actions that he is a class-less, obnoxious jerk. What we learned yesterday is that he is also a bigot who completely lacks any decency or self-control.

Tailgate Recipe of the Week –

In preparation for next week's victim – the Vikings – I give you the best recipe to come from the frosty north since Molson ale – Minnesota Wild Rice soup. Serve it in place of the usual pot of chili for your get-together next week:

Minnesota Wild Rice Soup:

2/3 cup – wild rice

5-1/4 cup – chicken stock (or 3 large cans of broth)

1-1/2 cup – sliced fresh mushrooms

1/2 cup – chopped onion

2 Tbsp – butter

1-1/2 cup – cooked chicken, chopped

1/2 cup – snipped parsley

dash – black pepper

Rinse rice in cold water, and soak for 1 minute, then drain. In a large pan, mix rice, chicken stock and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat. Simmer covered for 40 – 45 minutes or until rice is tender.

When rice is nearly done, in a skillet, sauté onion and mushrooms in butter until tender, but not brown. Add onions, mushrooms, chicken and parsley to rice and heat through.

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

Next week –

To the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome to play the Vikes; a team much like the stadium's namesake
– often very good, but not ever good enough.

Your faithful scribe,
Mr. Doggity