

The Doggity Chiefs Report

Week 3 - 2005

Chiefs vs Donkeys from Anonymous Corporate Sponsor Field at Mile High – Denver, CO.

Kansas City – 10; Ratbert's Ponies – 30

From in front of the big TV downstairs. As always, you can find the Doggity Reports from this and previous years at www.georgeblowfish.com! And visit "Radio Blowfish"- The official voice of the "Jane You Ignorant Slut" political blog. If you know others who might want to get this report in the 'junk' folder of their e-mail inbox – send me their addresses so we can add them to the rapidly expanding number of people who have nothing better to do than read the Doggity Report each week. Remember our privacy policy - "We don't sell email addresses anyone offering 1% mortgages."

Overview – Oy. Some days you're the windshield, and some days you're the bug. My momma always told me that if you couldn't say something nice, then don't say anything at all. If I were to pay attention to my momma, there wouldn't be a Doggity Report this week. Remember my theory about the Jets from week one? Let's just say there may be a downtown Denver rescue mission that had 53 empty cots on Monday night. The Chiefs obviously missed the flight. The other theory I have is that the Chiefs team was held hostage in the Black Hole last week and the Raiders stole their clothes and made the trip to Denver in their place. That would explain the 13 penalties for 118 yards and the fact that Trent Green looked just like Kerry Collins. Coach Ratbert and Jake the Joke have one or two games like this in them each season. Usually against KC in Denver, for some reason. A couple of things that made no difference whatsoever in the outcome of the game, but were notable – what the refs gave in Oakland, they took away in Denver. Champ Bailey was carrying a saddle around with him. He mounted and rode Samie Parker and Tony Gonzales on several plays but never got flagged for it. Coach Ratbert has zero class. With less than two minutes and a 27 point lead, he challenges a call. Yes, Kennison did bobble the ball, but come on! And with less than a minute and a 20-point lead, he calls a misdirection play. What a jerk. Hand the ball to Anderson and go sit down. That's why I hate Denver. They have a classless rodent for a coach. I still believe over 16 games KC is the better team. They just didn't play like it on Monday. This is likely to be a rout the other way when they come to the Head in December. I once got sage advice from a guy in Vegas. He said he always puts money on a desperate home team, especially if it's a division game. Denver was clearly desperate. Without this win, they would be two games back in the division and would have lost the tie-breaker.

Offense – I knew it would be tough without Willie Roaf, but jeez. Is there any doubt now how who the offensive MVP is on this team? Jordan Black was mauled. Even helping him with the hobbled Jason Dunn didn't work. And Chris Bober was even worse. They finally put in Kevin Sampson and things got a little tiny bit better. The vaunted Chiefs offensive attack was helpless. They couldn't run, they couldn't pass. And when Green did occasionally have time to throw, Samie Parker couldn't catch. He was cruising for the "dog" award until his TD in the fourth quarter. The lone bright spot was the play of Eddie Kennison with eight catches for 112 yards. You can tell he really wanted to hear the boos from the wine & cheese crowd in Denver. And, of course, Priest quietly got nearly 100 total yards from scrimmage.

Defense – It must have been "retro" day in Denver. These guys looked just like the defense of the last three seasons. I thought the primary reason KC went out and signed all this speed on defense was for games like this one. Why did it seem to come as such a shock to Gunther's boys that Jake would bootleg? That TD he ran in was so obvious I called the play before it was snapped. I saw they had everyone right, so I said – I'll bet they naked bootleg to the left. Why didn't the defense know that? Have they never seen Denver do that before? Gun's guys were totally out foxed by the cagy Gary Kubiak secretly resorting to calling the same exact plays they ran last year! Who could have possibly guessed? Oh, and it's nice to see the youngins on the Donkey O-line are starting to finally get the hang of the dirty chop blocking scheme. I guess it was too much to hope that they'd start playing clean after Alex Gibbs left for Atlanta. That must be another classless Ratbert thing. Bottom line, they got no heat on the easily wilted Jake Plummer.

They couldn't contain Mike Anderson any better this year than last. And most disturbing, they couldn't hold backside contain – the very thing they supposedly focused their entire offseason defensive upgrades on doing.

Special Teams – The punting was good...and plentiful! Plus, they could make a new fabric roof for Arrowhead with all the yellow hankies the special kids collected. This was the worst special teams performance I have seen out of a Chiefs team in my memory.

The AFC West –

KC Chiefs – They decided to take the bye week early.

Denver Donkeys – The magic rodent eeked that one good performance that he always seems to get against KC.

East Bay Convicts – Cellar dwellers look lost and hopeless. Next year, I'm guessing we see the grand opening of Norv Turner Buick-Pontiac-GMC in suburban Dallas. The last town he actually coached in.

San Diego Bolts – This was the Charger team I expected to see. Despite records, they are the team to watch in the West.

Throw Him A Bone Award –

The bone has to go to the one guy who made the flight, Fast Eddie Kennison. He was on fire. Unfortunately it was of little use in the middle of the tsunami. Still, props where due.

The Doggity Dog –

So many choices and so little space. Gunther Cunningham has to get this one. I nearly gave it to Jordan Black, Samie Parker and any number of others, but there is NO excuse for this defense to have been this unprepared when the Broncos ran the same plays they always run. So Gun, this week's choke-chain is for you!

Ms. Priscilla's Recipe Box's "Tailgate Recipe of the Week" -

A fan-favorite segment from the past two years is the tailgate recipe of the week – a feature suggested by Dr. Bob's better half before the start of the 2003 season. In her honor, it will bear her name this season.

Philly's comin' and that can only mean Cheesesteak!

Here's how the best of the Southside do it:

1. Start with good beef. Pat's uses sliced rib-eye. Jim's uses USDA choice top round western steer beef.
2. Shave the beef very thin so it cooks quickly and remains tender.
3. Use a fresh high quality Italian roll - Amoroso's is a favorite.
4. Decide if you want your steak with or without fried onions.
5. Decide if you want a steak or a cheesesteak. If you elect a cheesesteak you need to decide on American cheese, provolone or the Philly favorite "cheez whiz".
6. Any add-ons? Mushrooms, peppers, pizza sauce, tomatoes? You decide. It's your sandwich.
7. Start to cook. Sauté the onions, peppers and mushrooms until soft.
8. Fry your steak until brown but not crispy or burned. You can mix in the fried vegetables now or add them at the end.
9. If you elect American cheese or provolone place the cheese on the meat until slightly melted. If you choose Cheez Whiz just smear it on the roll.
10. Place the roll over the meat/cheese/vegetables and scoop it into the sandwich.
11. Garnish your sandwich with pizza sauce, hot or sweet peppers or pickles as you choose.

Tips:

1. Using the best beef available is the key.
2. Don't overcook the ingredients.
3. If you don't cook, go to Pat's, Geno's or Jim's. Which one is best? Good luck settling that argument.

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

Special Note:

This season, the Doggity Report would like to focus on the good work done by our friend Phil Kloster and all the folks at the "37 Forever" Foundation. 37 Forever was founded in 1999 to honor the memory of Joe Delaney, a former Chiefs RB who perished in a drowning accident after entering the water in an effort to save three children. Only one child survived and Joe Delaney could not swim. Joe Delaney was inducted into the Chiefs Ring of Fame in 2004, perhaps in part due to the exposure brought about by the efforts of 37 Forever.

The 5th Annual 37 Forever Banquet will be held Friday, October 14th from 7 PM to 11 PM at the Pony Express Brewing Company in Olathe. There will be a live band, dinner, and beer provided. Chiefs affiliated celebrities have been invited and we're certain to have a great time. All proceeds put local, at risk youth through our swim and water safety program.

37 Forever is currently seeking local leadership to assist in growing the organization. For more information about 37 Forever or to purchase tickets to the Banquet, please contact Phil Kloster at (816)665-1208 or pkloster@37forever.org

Next week –

The Campbell's soup kids come to the Head as the Chiefs host Donovan McNabb and his mom.

Your faithful scribe,
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