

## THE DOGGITY CHIEFS REPORT v2.0

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Week 8 – Chiefs vs Headless Seahags at The Head

This game was played on Halloween weekend. That has to be the most reasonable explanation for the extreme weirdness and frightening thing we witnessed on Sunday. How is it possible to totally dominate every phase of a game and still have to rely on a last-second kick to win it? The defending NFC champs were playing without their starting QB (of course, so was KC), and without their league MVP running back. The Chiefs had the ball for 42 minutes, racked up 499 yards of offense, had a 155 yard rusher (on 39 carries!), a QB who posted a 124.1 rating, TWO 100-yard receivers, and two interceptions. And still couldn't close the door. Hey, it's a W – and the fourth since the break. Now we get a couple of road games to see if these guys have actually figured out how to win.

Offense: This was a Vermeil-like performance. The numbers were staggering, as mentioned above. If you had LJ, Gonzo or Kennison (nobody has Huard) on your fantasy team, you had a good week. LJ did it on the ground and in the air, with four scores. The great thing about Huard is he almost never throws picks. The bad thing is he can't seem to get all the way through a game without fumbling – but I still have no complaints. No one could have predicted that he had this kind of performance in him. If you say you knew it all along, you're lying. We were all convinced that the season was over when we saw Trent prone along the sideline in the opening week. I don't know if you can credit Huard, or Mike Solari, but Tony Gonzales is finally a big part of this offense again. I think having Kris Wilson – a guy known to coordinators around the league as a receiver – filling in at H-back takes the double-team off Tony. You could leave Ronnie Cruz uncovered to focus on Tony, but you'd better not do that with Wilson.

Defense: The good, the bad, and Jared Allen doing his LJ impersonation. Give Seneca Wallace some credit. He did not look like a guy making his first NFL start. Arrowhead has a way of devouring young QB's, but Wallace looked poised and steady. I remember him at Iowa State, but I don't recall him having an arm like that. Still, the D contained the patched-up running game and did enough to win otherwise. Tamba and Jared are nasty. They have become almost Neil and Derrick. Almost. Note to Jared – D linemen should not pickup a fumble and run with it in traffic. Note to Ty Law, you are paid very well to cover guys and make interceptions. You have fallen down twice this year, and given up easy scores. And you had a pick-six hit you right in the hands. We could get William Bartee to do that for a lot less money.

Specials: Rough day for the special kids. They had a missed field goal, and fumbled a botched snap for a score the other way – ugly. But when they needed the points to win, it all worked. By the way, do we need to start checking milk cartons to find Dante Hall?

The “Throw Him A Bone” gotta go to LJ. What an amazing performance. He is determined to carry this team if has to. Thankfully, the way the guys around him are playing, he doesn’t have to. I can still remember Garrett and Podolak. I remember Delaney and Okoye and Word and Allen and Holmes. But LJ is coming into his own as probably the best back to ever wear the red and gold.

The “Doggity Dogg” award ‘winner’ once again almost went to Tynes, save for a last-second game-winner. Today’s goes to Ty Law for doing his best Crispy Barteo impersonation.

The AFC West:

The Donkeys – The Colts kicked ‘em.

The Bolts – Flogged the Lambs

The Criminals – That 2 in a row after playing the suddenly hapless Steelers.

Next up: The Lambs in the Identity Crisis Dome.