



Well, the "Experts" took a beating last week, which is par for the course Opening Weekend. Too many previous year assumptions. BT and I scraped together an 8-8 records, whilst DJC - our Vegas Connection - showed that even The Winds can take a beating with a 5-11 record.

I'm sure we'll do much better this week. At least I will.

At least BT hit on his "*Executive Lock of the Week*", which must be some kind of major award.

All odds are from VegasInsider.com :

Cal at OSU -17

Me- The Buckeyes showed some chinks in the armor last week, but Cal is down this year, struggling to beat (and giving up 31 points to) Southern Utah last week and losing to Nevada the week before. 17 points at home is about right, but I'm going to go with an angry Urban pushing the over. *Pick: Buckeyes*

DJC- *Pick: Buckeyes*

BT- Super Freshmen Dunn leads the way! *Pick: Buckeyes*

TB at NYG - 7.5

Me- Tampa didn't look too bad last week, and the Giants are hurting in the secondary right now. Hanford Dixon could strap on some cleats and probably get a starting job. But I think that New York will struggle more against the passing teams, and the Bucs appear to be more of the run-first variety. Not to mention that Eli & Co. will be seeking their pound of flesh for their nationally televised loss to the Jerries. Still, I only see Tampa losing by a touchdown. *Pick: Buccaneers*

DJC- *Pick: Giants*

BT- The G-Men bounce back. *Pick: Giants*

ARI at NE -13.5

Me- Arizona simply doesn't have the offensive firepower to keep this game on the under. *Pick: Patriots*

DJC- I am thinking Belichick may go with the gray sweatshirt this weekend. *Pick: Patriots*

BT- *Pick: Patriots*

MIN at IND +1.5

Me- I picked the Colts last week and they burned me. Should I exact terrible revenge? Nah. But, like the Browns, the Colts are still young and prone to mistakes, too many to win this game.
Pick: Vikings

DJC- Did you underestimate Coby Fleener last week? I didn't. *Pick: Colts*

BT- AP is still a god. *Pick: Vikings*

NO at CAR +2.5

Me- I want to say that the Saints will be out for blood, but they should've been that way last week in a "Statement to the NFL" game. And the statement they made was that their Defense isn't very good right now. Don't think that the Preseason darlings in Charlotte don't want to clear their good names too. I see this one as very close, close enough to take Carolina with the points. *Pick: Panthers*

DJC- *Pick: Saints*

BT- New Orleans to 0-2. Ouch. *Pick: Panthers*

KC at BUF -3

Me- The battle of 2 teams that hoped to be contenders but probably will end up around .500. Buffalo was supposed to have a dangerous Defense - then they gave up 48 to the Jets (well, the Defense gave up 34). This one is really hard to call; I have no idea what teams are going to show up, and they'll both be desperate to avoid 0-2. Let's go with the home team. *Pick: Bills*

DJC- Need to get the ground game going and then throw deep to Dwayne Bowe. Yes, Bowe and Hillis are on my fantasy team. *Pick: Chiefs*

BT- Ughh. Glad I don't have to watch this game. Hail to the Chiefs. *Pick: Chiefs*

BAL at PHI -2.5

Me- Philly made a lot of mistakes offensively last week, and Baltimore did not. I think both these teams are loaded with talent, but the Purple Birds seem to have their act quite a bit more together at this point, and getting points... *Pick: Ravens*

DJC- *Pick: Ravens*

BT- *Pick: Eagles*

OAK at MIA +2.5

Me- I'm still convinced that Miami is the worst team in the league, and Oakland will (you'd think) clean up their snapping issues. *Pick: Raiders*

DJC- *Pick: Dolphins*

BT- *Pick: Raiders*

CLE at CIN -7

Me- This one is ripe for the Browns to not only lose by less than 7, but to win outright. Cincy is way overrated and the Cleveland D will keep them in most games. However, until I see MUCH more from the Browns' O, I'm not picking them. *Pick: Bengals*

DJC- *Pick: Bengals*

BT- Browns D is good! Right? *Pick: Browns*

HOU at JAX +7.5

Me- Pretty fat home dog here. Houston is clearly better than Jacksonville and can easily cover the spread, but I think the Jags' ball control efforts will be just enough to only lose by 6 or 7. *Pick: Jaguars*

DJC- Looked pretty, pretty good last week... *Pick: Texans*

BT- *Pick: Texans*

DAL at SEA +3

Me- 4 of the 5 rookie QB's reminded us last week that they were indeed rookies, and Russell Wilson was one of those. Knowing Rob Ryan and his attack-mode, he will bring the house against the Seahawks and probably get a few turnovers out of it. Seattle's D definitely didn't look all that it was cracked up to be last week... I think this one could be a laugher. *Pick: Cowboys*

DJC- *Pick: Cowboys*

BT- *Pick: Cowboys*

WAS at STL +3

Me- Dag, looks like everyone's buying into the RG3 phenom from the get. Two teams that were fighting for the bottom of the toilet last year are suddenly quite separate - Washington is a 6 point favorite if they're at home. Will RG3 walk into St. Louis and make all the Rams fans tear their hair in despair that RG3 isn't theirs? Maybe. But I think reality sets in a bit for the Skins this week, and STL might not be as bad as we think. *Pick: Rams*

DJC- *Pick: Rams*

BT- Too early to crown RG3 as the second coming. *Pick: Rams*



NYJ at PIT -6

Me- I don't believe in the Jets yet. I don't believe in the Steelers either, I think they're no longer one of the "elites", but the Jets never *were* one of the "elites", so Pittsburgh at home wins on their laurels. *Pick: Steelers*

DJC- *Pick: Steelers*

BT- The Jets are for real. NOT! *Pick: Steelers*

TEN at SD -6

Me- Ah, the Chargers, another team I don't believe in. Tennessee should be able to pressure Phil Rivers into some picks, and they'll at least cover on the wings of those. *Pick: Titans*

DJC- Norv is the man! *Pick: Chargers*

BT- Executive Lock of the Week - Lightning Bolts to cover. *Pick: Chargers*

DET at SF -7

Me- I keep waiting for the 49ers to fail, but they aren't cooperating. Maybe it's that I just dislike Jim Harbaugh, I keep expecting the other shoe to drop. But I have to admit that they're good - really good. Definitely better than Detroit is right now. *Pick: 49ers*

DJC- Is Harbaugh ALWAYS pissed or does he just look that way? *Pick: 49ers*

BT- Is this really the best game of the week? 2 years ago, no one would have cared. *Pick: 49ers*

DEN at ATL -3

Me- An interesting matchup for sure. These teams seem to be evenly matched, and the line is set up accordingly. In the end, I think Atlanta has just a little bit more firepower. *Pick: Falcons*

DJC- *Pick: Falcons*

BT- As much as I want to believe in Peyton, I'll take Matty Ice in this one. *Pick: Falcons*