



Sweet Methuselah, what a beat down the poor oddsmakers took this week. How will they feed their pet pandas or afford vacations on the space station after this?

I won the week with a sad 7-9 record, which looks less lame in comparison to DJC's 6-10 and BT's lowly 3-13. Even BT's Executive Lock of the Week finally failed, as the Saints joined the Browns as the only Defeated teams left. YTD, that puts us at 23-25 (Me), 20-28 (DJC), and 18-30 (BT).

The Bye weeks have begun, with the Colts and Steelers taking the first naps. The Browns play the Thursday night game this week, so they won't be included either, which makes my plans for Sunday much more relaxed as I'll get to watch games I want to see rather than one that feels more like work - or an epic struggle, if you will - to sit through.

The Big 10 schedule also begins this week, so now it's time to see how bad the Buckeye Defense truly is.

All odds are from VegasInsider.com :

OSU at MSU -3

Me - After getting all they wanted from a bad UAB team last week, the Buckeyes do not scare anyone. They may not get crushed in their first road game, but 3 is enough for Sparty to cover.
Pick: Spartans

DJC - Urban will put some trickeration out of the hat this weekend. *Pick: Buckeyes*

BT - Mich St. lost to ND for crying out loud. *Pick: Buckeyes*

NE at BUF +4

Me - This is a tough one. I think that the Pats aren't anything special this year (thus the 1-2 record), but probably are still enough to take out a decent but not-ready-for-primetime Bills team. However, getting 4 at home, if New England wins by 3... *Pick: Bills*

DJC - Bill is mad. You don't want to see Bill when he is mad. *Pick: Patriots*

BT - Executive Lock of the week. *Pick: Patriots*

MIN at DET -4.5

Me - You have to take Minnesota seriously after what they did to the 49ers. Playing in another Dome, against a 1-2 team that is lucky to have even the 1 win, a Lions team with a poor secondary and a questionable QB... 4 1/2 might be a lot for them to cover even if they eke it out.
Pick: Vikings

DJC - *Pick: Lions*

BT - The Lions snap out of it and play some D for once. *Pick: Lions*

CAR at ATL -7

Me - At some point, Cam is gonna get his act together and this team will become dangerous. This is not the week, however. *Pick: Falcons*

DJC - Whatever happened to Cam Newton? *Pick: Falcons*

BT - Has anyone noticed that the Falcons are really good? *Pick: Falcons*

SF at NYJ +4

Me - Jets deserved to lose to a pretty bad Dolphins team, and the Niners will be angry after getting punched in the nose by the Vikings. Sanchez will get pressured like nobody's business, and he'll make mistakes. The home crowd will Boo and chant for Tebow, who probably will get some late game action and do just enough to have that controversy blow up like dynamite in a port-o-john. Couldn't happen to a better team. *Pick: 49ers*

DJC - *Pick: 49ers*

BT - I hate the Jets. Could be a shutout. *Pick: 49ers*

SD at KC -1

Me - Both these teams are pretty bad, so I'm gonna have to go to the stats. Chargers rank 4th in Run D, allowing only 67.3 yards/game. The only thing the Chiefs can do is run, and only Jamaal Charles can do it. SD shuts him down, they win. *Pick: Chargers*

DJC - I have always wanted to go to a game at Arrowhead. *Pick: Chiefs*

BT - I can't believe KC won last week. *Pick: Chargers*

TEN at HOU -12

Me - The Titans scored on a lot of fluky crap last week. You're gonna try to tell me that Jake Locker and CJ15YardsPerGame will keep this one within 2 TD's? Nah. *Pick: Texans*

DJC - *Pick: Texans*

BT - 12 points is allot. Give me the upstart Titans. *Pick: Titans*

SEA at STL +2.5

