

Brownie Bits: Week 4

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Useless nuggets of information from Thursday night's Browns game that you can certainly live without...

OH-AND-FOUR ONCE MORE: This is the Browns' first 0-4 start since 2009 and the third time they've lost their first four games since their return. Prior to 1999, the Browns only started 0-4 once, in 1975.

CONSISTENT IF NOTHING ELSE: This was the third time in the Browns' four games that the opposing quarterback has thrown for more than 300 yards and the second time the opposing offense has topped 400 total yards.

THE CRAB CAKES TASTE DIFFERENT: The Browns are just 3-11 against the Ravens in Baltimore, which is quite the contrast after going 9-1 all-time against the Colts in Baltimore.

THURSDAY STRUGGLES: The Browns are now 5-9 all-time on Thursdays, 3-6 in primetime, and have lost four of their last five Thursday games. It's the only day of the week in which the Browns have a losing record.

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THE SKID CONTINUES: The Browns have now lost 10 straight games and 13 of their last 14. The streak matches their 10-game skid in 2008/2009. One more and they match the team record of 11 set in 1974/1975.

CATCHING UP TO COLT...IN A BAD WAY: With seven interceptions so far, **Brandon Weeden** is only four away from matching Colt McCoy's total for all of last season.

MORE SICK STREAKS: The Browns have now lost nine straight road games...The Ravens have won the last nine meetings and 11 of the last 13....The Browns extended their AFC North losing streak to 12 games.

UNHAPPY RETURNS: **Cary Williams'** pick-six in the third quarter marked the first time a Browns' opponent returned an interception for a touchdown since Tennessee's **Jordan Babineux** ran one back 97 yards for a score last October.

STILL MR. DEPENDABLE: **Phil Dawson** has now kicked 21 field goals of 50 yards or more in his career. He also kicked two field goals of 50 yards or more in the same game twice last season, but never three.

SORT OF GOOD, SORT OF PATHETIC: **Trent Richardson** has scored three rushing touchdowns this season, already matching Peyton Hillis' team-high total for all of last season.

BIG GAINER: The 43-yard pass to **Greg Little** in the second quarter was the Browns' longest play from scrimmage so far this season, edging out the 35-yard reverse run by Travis Benjamin in the opener.

POINTS AT A PREMIUM, PART 1: The Browns have been held to 17 points or less in eight of their last nine games.

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SEPTEMBER SLUMP: Over the past five years, the Browns have lost 14 of their 17 September games.

POINTS AT A PREMIUM, PART 2: Over their last seven meetings with the Ravens, the Browns are averaging scoring 10 points per game.

EARLY STRUGGLES: The Browns have not scored a first-quarter touchdown in six consecutive games.

FAMILIAR THURSDAY FACES: Eight of the nine Thursday primetime games the Browns have played have been against divisional opponents. The lone exception was the loss to Denver in November of 2008.

SAD SERIES: The Ravens now lead the all-time series, 20-7. The Browns' last win over Baltimore was the **Phil Dawson** ping-pong field goal game in November of 2007.

T-RICH ENDURES: **Trent Richardson** only carried the football four times for nine yards in the second half. Though he's struggled the past two weeks, he's still on pace to rush for nearly 900 yards this season. Richardson also leads the team in receptions with 15.

DISTANT RICE: The Browns held **Ray Rice** to only 49 yards on 18 carries, which is quite an improvement after he tallied 287 in his two games against the Browns last season.

ONE, TWO, THREE, KICK: The Browns' offense collected a season-high four three-and-outs. The defense forced two.

DEFENSIVE STALWART: **Jabaal Sheard** again paced the Browns' defensive attack, collecting six tackles (four solo) with a sack, two tackles for a loss, and a quarterback hit. As a unit, the Browns had six tackles for loss and six more quarterback hits.

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THE BAD NEWS FOR THE RUNNING GAME: The Browns' longest run of the night was just seven yards. For the second straight game, they racked up more penalty yards (66) than rushing yards (43).

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE RUNNING GAME: The Browns are actually averaging more yards per carry than their opponents for the season, 4.1 to 4.0. They've also rushed 41 fewer times for 164 less yards.

SACK ATTACK: Once again, the Browns' pass rush emerged as a force, collecting four sacks to bring their season total to 13.

SPREADING IT AROUND: For the second straight game, **Brandon Weeden** connected with nine different receivers. With his second 300-yard game in three weeks, Weeden is on page to throw for nearly 4,000 yards for the season.

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