

## Brownie Bits: Week 8

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

**BACK TO BROWN:** The Browns hadn't worn brown jerseys at home since the 2010 finale. They'd worn white for 11 straight home games, posting a 4-7 record. This brought the Browns' all-time home record wearing brown jerseys to 106-102-1 (.510) compared to 171-88-5 at home in white (.657).

**FEW MISTAKES:** The Browns only committed four penalties for the entire game and were not flagged in the fourth quarter.

**GOOD STARTS:** Sunday marked the first time the Browns scored a touchdown on their opening possession in back-to-back games since they did it against the Steelers and Dolphins November 13-20, 2005.

**ONE-MAN SHOW:** On the Browns' nine rushing attempts not by **Trent Richardson** on Sunday, they picked up a total of 11 yards. Richardson has carried the ball on 71% of the Browns' rushing plays this season and has accounted for 68% of the team's rushing yards.

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**BEST YET:** The 265 total yards allowed by the Cleveland defense was the lowest amount permitted by the Browns this season and their best since holding Seattle to 137 in Week 7 last season.

**FIELD POSITION:** The Browns' average starting field position in the second half was their own 19. In the first half, it was their own 35.

**PUNTING POWER:** San Diego won the punting game with a 45.3 net average on six punts, with three placed inside the Cleveland 20 and no touchbacks. The Browns' net was a below-average 32.2, though they also placed three kicks inside the 20 along with a touchback.

**ON PACE, PART 1:** At the midpoint of the season, **Trent Richardson** is on pace to rush for 940 yards, **Brandon Weeden** is on pace to throw for 3,824, and **Josh Gordon** is on pace for 758 receiving yards.

**DEFENSIVE RINGLEADERS:** **D'Qwell Jackson** led the charge on defense with 14 tackles (six solo). Though the Browns only picked up one sack, they notched four tackles for loss - two by **Juqua Parker**.

**WORTH NOTING:** **Brandon Weeden** has not thrown an interception in his last 91 pass attempts.

**ON PACE, PART 2:** The Browns are on pace to score 308 points for the season, nearly 100 more than last season. It would be the first time they'd top 300 since 2007. Conversely, they're also on track to allow 372 points, which would be their highest total since 2009.

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**SEVEN-UP:** This was the first 7-6 game in Browns' history, but the 10th time they won a game despite scoring seven points or less. They were also involved in a pair of 7-7 ties.

**NOT-SO-HAPPY RETURNS:** In the last two games, the Browns' kick-return teams have been penalized five times, costing the team 104 yards in field position.

**WEST TO EAST:** Five of the last six meetings between the Browns and Chargers have been played in Cleveland, where the Chargers hold an 8-4-1 record.

**MUCH BETTER: Trent Richardson** rushed for more yards on the Browns' first possession (49) than he did in his last two entire games combined (45).

**WEAK FINISHES:** The Browns have allowed their opponent to score in the final two minutes of a half six times this season.

**MUCH WORSE:** Though **Trent Richardson** averaged 5.1 yards per carry for the game, his clip was only 3.8 after the first possession. It reflected the overall incompetence of the Cleveland offense after the opening drive, which picked up 65 yards and averaged 5.4 per play on the first series, then just 185 total yards and 3.7 yards per play after.

**HOLDING A LEAD:** This was the first time this season the Browns led at halftime. Interestingly, the last three times the Browns led at the half, they went on to lose the game. It was also the first time they'd taken a lead into the fourth quarter of a game since Week 15 of last season in Arizona.

**SIX SCORELESS:** The Browns have now gone six quarters without allowing a touchdown. This is their longest string since a seven-quarter stretch in the final two games of the 2009 season.

**NARROW MARGIN FOR ERROR:** This was the 35th one-point game in Browns' history and their 16th victory. Their last one-point game was the 13-12 loss to St. Louis last November.

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Their last one-point victory was a 24-23 triumph over Carolina in 2010.

**GROUND CONTROL:** Excluding Cincinnati, the Browns have allowed all of their opponents to compile more than 100 rushing yards as a team. For the season, Browns' opponents have rushed for 366 more yards than the Browns - an average of 46 more yards per game.

**THE SERIES:** San Diego still leads the all-time series, 14-8-1. The Chargers have dominated the series over the past two decades, having won the previous four meetings and seven of the last eight meetings going into Sunday.

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