

"The crowd roared like beer was raining from the sky. Women swooned. Grown men wept. The entire city of Cleveland did an impromptu wave. Children yawned and turned their attention back to Sponge Bob. The angels in heaven quit playing pinochle and watched."
Where else can you go to get a description of the beginning of the Brady Quinn era quite like that? In this week's Browns Outsider, Hiko chimes in with his thoughts on Brady, and also provides a detailed recap of Saturday nights game against the Lions.

A View From The Cheap Seats

Preseason – Week 2 – Cleveland vs. Detroit

Expectations

I expect Derek Anderson to play better, which means mediocre. (*Uhhh h... not really*)

I expect Charlie Frye to still outplay him. (*Yeah, that didn't happen either.*)

I expect Ken Dorsey to look better than either of them, and I expect Brady Quinn to look decent, but make some poor throws due to over-excitement. (*I was right on the Ken Dorsey part at least...*)

I expect the Defense to look much worse this week due to playing an Offense that is at the other end of the talent spectrum from KC. (*Actually, the Defense wasn't that bad.*)

I expect more poor punt returning. (*We didn't really force enough punts to find out.*)

I expect Calvin Johnson to be impressive, and I expect the Browns to lose a high scoring game. (*I'm not sure Calvin Johnson even played, and the game wasn't exactly a shootout.*)

Pregame

My friend Brady's parents were in town on Saturday night. I haven't seen them in 11 years, not since right after Brady died, and there was no way I was going to miss seeing them for a preseason football game, especially with the magic of Video Tape Recording and what not.

I got home with about 2 minutes left in the game. I asked my girlfriend, who had stayed home and watched the event, how it had gone, and she made a wry face and said "*It was not good. You might want to start drinking now.*"

She went on for a few minutes, reaming the QB's and the team in general, causing my expectations for the Browns' performance to sink to [Marianas Trench](#) levels. *Yay! I get to watch the Browns to suck in a meaningless preseason game – and I get to watch it two or three times!*

Despite her glowing review, she did, however, mention that Brady Quinn was having a good game, and as I peered into the living room, I saw him driving the team rapidly down the field. “*These are stat paddings,*” quoth Bernie Kosar during the drive, and I had to agree. Noting that the score at that juncture (23-13) made it nigh impossible for a Browns comeback, and not wanting to start my viewing at this point of the game, I made myself scarce until the supposed debacle was over, then rewound the tape, opened a barley treat, and prepared for the worst.

First Quarter

The Browns took over at their own 35. And we got this week's *Nichole Richie Award™*

out of the way on the first play, as Derek Anderson dropped back, Kevin Shaffer got absolutely slaughtered by Jared

DeVries, who knocked the ball out of the unsuspecting QB's hand, and Cory Redding recovered for Detroit. All this while Joe Thomas was busy holding on the other side. One play, one O Line breakdown, one fumble. Oy vey.

I have to give Anderson an **Incomplete** for this "drive". Sure, he fumbled, but no one was expecting Shaffer to block like he was covered in KY, allowing his man to slide past unopposed and slap at the ball. I can't blame Derek. Joe Montana would've fumbled that ball.

So Detroit got the ball on the Cleveland 22, and immediately showed that their luck might be better than that of the Browns, as Jon Kitna got hit by Antwan Peek as he threw, the ball floated in the air for 6 or 7 hours, and really should've been intercepted, except that Detroit receiver Shaun McDonald was more aggressive going after the ball than Leigh Bodden.

The Lions managed a 1st down, but the Browns D stiffened, highlighted by some good coverage by Eric Wright on Calvin Johnson (although it was probably fortunate that Kitna didn't put more air under the ball). Detroit nailed a 21 yard field goal, and we've got:

Lions 3, Browns 0.

After the kickoff, Anderson was back out for the 2nd series, and drove the Browns right down the field. Jamal Lewis had some nice runs, getting 28 yards on 7 carries on that drive. He went primarily to his right, which means that Shaffer partially redeemed himself for his blunder on the fumble.

Derek had a couple nice throws, both to Braylon Edwards. The second catch that Braylon made – an 18 yard slant where Edwards had his legs cut out from under him whilst in mid-air - was the kind that we regularly expect him to drop. I actually had to watch the play twice because I couldn't bring myself to accept that he had actually held onto the ball.

Could it be that Braylon's insidious case of dropsies have been eradicated? Gawd, I hope so.

It was on 3rd and 2 from the Detroit 7 when things started to fall apart...

The Browns suddenly fell into a state of bewilderment. Derek barked at a couple people, then took a Time Out. After that was over, Jamal ran the ball for the first down, and it was 1st and Goal at the 1 yard line. Good odds that we're going to score a TD, right?

Au contraire

! It hurts a bit if you get a Delay of Game penalty, and that's exactly what Cleveland did.

Now it was 1

st

and Goal from the 6. OK, that's fine, just get your shit together.

Nope

, the Browns say,

this is all too confusing. We need another Time Out.

Well, at least Jamal Lewis can still be effective, so we ran him again down to the 2. 2nd and Goal from there. What should we do? *How about... let's see... False Start?* *Yeah yeah – that's the ticket!*

But the Browns had not yet totally sabotaged the drive, so Derek Anderson promptly dropped back and threw it to Ernie Sims, who, unfortunately, does not play for Cleveland. INT. Detroit gets the ball at their 12, and the Browns get 0 points out of a drive that had 1st and Goal at the 1.

For those of you new to football –
THAT’S BAD.

Derek was 2 for 3 for 30 yards on this series, and his 2 completions were good ones. His interception also looked like the result of a slip or a miscommunication, as Steve Heiden and Kellen Winslow were right in the same spot. But his guidance (or lack thereof) down near the goal line that resulted in 2 Time Outs and 2 stupid penalties... **D** stands for Derek.

Detroit quickly got out of the bad field position by running Tatum Bell for 21 right up the gut on a trap play. We must always be shaking with fear at the thought of the return of the kind of Run D that we have endured here in Cleveland in recent years, and a play like that can make one nervous. It appeared that Leon Williams hit the wrong gap, leaving a gaping hole in the center, and is something that can easily be corrected. Or so I tell myself, as I begin my annual wade into the *Pool of Denial*.

The Lions other big play on this drive was a 17 yard screen to Casey Fitzsimmons, benefited greatly by an uncalled block in the back on Williams.

On the following down, Kameron Wimbley made one of those plays that just makes you salivate unapologetically as he brought down Brian Calhoun for no gain... from the ground... while being blocked.

An unnecessary Pass Interference helped continue the Lions trek downfield, and Kitna was hitting his quick passes. Jon Kitna looked sharp, and the quarter ended with Detroit 1st and 10 at the Cleveland 23.

Lions 3, Browns 0.

Second Quarter

The Browns finally stiffened, due in part to more excellent pressure by my boy Wimbley, and the Lions are forced to

kick another FG. Lions 6,
Browns 0.

Charlie Frye came out as QB for the next series, and led the team to a 1st down. Bernie Kosar accurately pointed out that the safeties were crowding the line of scrimmage with Frye in the game – perhaps daring

him to toss the ball deep (which isn't his forte). A holding call by Lenny Friedman (hurry back, Eric Steinbach) backed them up, and Charlie's little scramble on 3rd and 12 wasn't quite enough to stop a punt.

Frye had 2 passes on the drive – one was a short pass for a 1st, and the other was a

longer pass to Josh Cribbs that must've been 17 feet over his head. Cribbs would've needed a space shuttle to reach that damn ball. Not very impressive. **C-** is for Charlie.

Detroit took over at their own 15, and promptly

converted another 3rd down.
Leon Williams made a hell
of a hit on Calhoun on 1
st

down, but Kitna sliced and
diced the Cleveland
secondary again with a nice
bootleg pass to Shaun
McDonald for 25 that was so
nice that Leigh Bodden just
about broke his ankle. He
came out of the game at that
point. We need that dude

to stay healthy.

Fortunately, Detroit decided to channel their inner Derek Anderson, and picked up a couple stupid penalties, and then, on 2nd and 18, Wimbley put strong pressure on Kitna, who panicked a bit and

dumped it off to his outlet back, which is exactly what Peek was waiting for and busted Calhoun up for a 6 yard loss.

Wonder Twin powers, activate!

3rd and 24, Peek made another nice tackle on a

running play (trying to rip the ball out at the same time), and finally finally we had a Detroit punt.

Cribbs returned the ball, and once again looked uncomfortable in the role. Tack on a

penalty... Booooo Punt
Return Unit.

Frye was back in,
starting at his own 5.
He moved the team well
using mainly safe outlet
passes, although he did
heave one up long for

Braylon Edwards on a free play and the ball was right on the money (although incomplete). On a naked bootleg, Charlie picked up 14 yards, highlighted by Edwards lighting up one of the DET Linebackers on a flying block. The Browns went to the 2 minute warning with a 1st

and 10 at their own 47.

Another dump off,
another 1st down. Frye
went deeper on the
next throw, but he
tossed it a bit late and
a bit high, and Braylon

caught it out of bounds.

On 3rd and 10, Charlie drilled an 8 yard pass to Ryan Krause. The Browns decided to go for it on 4th

and 2 – the first of many 4th

downs that would not

normally be attempted. Sadly, the play was rife with confusion and disorganization, and the ill-conceived QB sneak did not net the necessary yardage, and would've been penalized for Illegal Formation regardless.

Apparently, Derek Anderson isn't the only QB that can blow a good situation out of the water with incompetence.

Charlie did a nice job

to move the ball from bad field position, but nothing he did was that impressive, and the mismanagement of the 4th down play leads me to toss him a **C+**.

Hopefully, it won't sail over his head.

Taking over on downs from their own 34 with 59 seconds left, Kitna immediately made as if the Browns secondary were non-existent. *What the hell is going on here?*

I thought. Then I

noticed some of the
names on the back of
the Browns' jerseys:

Perry. □ *Hamilton.* □

Fontenot. □

McDonald.

*These are not our
starters, I protested.
Why not keep our
starters in for the rest
of the half?*

Because we want to

give up a quick TD –
that's why. *Lions 13,
Browns 0.*

All credit to Kitna. He
went 66 yards in 4
plays and made it

look Easy (capitalize the E). Booooo for the secondary on that drive.

The Browns got the ball back, and had it

on their own 25 with
26 seconds left in the
half. Frye came in
again. Immediately –
instantaneously, I tell
you – I told the TV “*D
on’t you dare throw
an interception down
here!*

”

Charlie was too busy listening to his helmet mic, and air-mailed a highly inadvisable pass over Heiden's head into a tight zone, and was caught by Gerald Alexander, who, unfortunately,

doesn't play for Cleveland. The pass would've had to have been perfect for Heiden to even have a shot at it – and he would've gotten decapitated had that happened. Not only was it a bad throw,

but it was a stupid
throw. Combine the
two adjectives (bad
and stupid), and you
get *Anderson Frye,*
Quarterback
Extraordinaire ,
he of the 30.4 1
st

Half QB rating.

WOOO HOOO!

Charlie gets an **F** for that series. It almost seems like an **F** is not harsh enough. I wish I

could give him a Q
or a V.

Detroit drove the ball
down to the 8 yard
line, but with 6
seconds left, they

mercifully opted to
kick a FG amidst the
onslaught of Bronx
Cheers that rained
down like bottles.
The Lions squibbed
the kickoff, and off
we go to Halftime.

Lions 16, Browns 0.

Third Quarter

The Browns kicked off – their first kickoff of the game. Their Special Teams seem to be very solid this year, with the notable exceptions of Punt Returning and perhaps Field Goal

Kicking. Phil Dawson is starting to scare me. I think this might need to be his last year.

Detroit goes 3 and

out (sadly, the first one), and they punted to Syndric Steptoe. Steptoe's punt returns haven't necessarily been scintillating to date, but, of all the nominees, his shiftiness and speed

are the most
reminiscent of what
a PR is *supposed* to
look like. Whatever
that means.

Derek Anderson

returned, because, well, he only had 3 passes in the 1st half.

The Browns drove into Detroit territory, then converted a 4th

and 1 on a short pass to Ryan Krause – another 4

th

down that they would've never gone for during the Regular Season. On the next play, he bootlegged a bit and hit Darnell Dinkins on a nice 16 yard pass. Then, on 3

rd

and 3 on the Detroit
19, Anderson threw
a perfect slant to
Travis “Steely
McHands” Wilson.
Once again, Steely
proved his disdain
for the pigskin by
slapping the ball

away from his
person. 4
th

down.

On comes Phil
Dawson for a 36

yard attempt.
Automatic, right?
Nope. Phil knocked
it right into the
bunker. Still a lazy
goose egg resting
on the scoreboard.

Derek directed what was essentially a scoring drive, and made a perfect throw on each and every attempt. I'm gonna give him a **B +** because the drive

stalled, and
because he was
going against
reserves.

So Detroit got the
ball yet again.

Chaun Thompson had a nice sack on 1st down, but Chris Griffin forgot how to cover and tackle on the following play, allowing TJ Duckett to rumble for a 1st down on a simple

dump off. The
Lions then
converted a 4
th

down of their own
that they never
would have gone for
during the Regular
Season. The play

was pretty much
blown up by the
Browns, but JT
O'Sullivan somehow
got out of a
backfield stampede
and sprinted for the
garbage 1
st

down.

Soon after that, the
Lions shrugged off
a 3rd and 10 by
throwing a short

screen to Duckett,
who turned
Brandon McDonald
into fertilizer on his
way for 17. Two
juicy runs followed,
and then Duckett
ripped off a 14 yard
TD run where he

trotted through a hole large enough for a Hummer and danced untouched into the end zone.

Urg. Revenge of the Bad Run Defense.

Lions 23, Browns 0.

Ken Dorsey got booed as he came in, which made it easy to identify the Horse's Asses in the crowd. I can understand you wanting to see Brady Quinn, but

show a little class.

Don't act like a
Steeler fan drunk
on Schlitz.

Dorsey hit 4

passes in a row,
including a beauty
to Steely McHands
for 16. At the end
of the 3rd, the
Browns were
sitting with a 1
st
and 10 at the

Detroit 26.

*Lions 23, Browns
0.*

Fourth Quarter

Dorsey continued
the nice drive by
hitting Jerome
Harrison on a

screen down to
the 14. Barclay
came in for a rare
run, and got shut
the hell down,
losing 2. But
Steve Sanders
made a nice

catch/fumble/recovery on the next play, leaving the Browns with 3rd and 1 at the 6.

After Nat Dorsey's 2nd

False Start of the drive, Ken Dorsey threw a fade to Steely, who caught it... but out of bounds.

Next came yet
another patented

4

th

*Down You Would
Never Go For
During The
Regular Season*

, which registered
a Pass
Interference call
as Steely went
for another fade
(which he
dropped).

1st and Goal at
the 1... and
another False
Start. Where
have I seen this
before? Is there
some kind of foul
force field in front

of the goal line?

So, 1st and

Goal at the 6,

and, another

fade. No dice.

Follow that with

a short pass to

Krause to the 2,

so 3 rd
and Goal from
there. Time to
either fumble,
pooch punt, or
get called for
Illegal Untied
Shoelaces,

right?

But – hark! –
what is this?
Jason Wright

takes the
handoff, makes
a nice move,
and plows in for
the score. The
End Zone
hymen has been
broken. TD

Browns! TD
Browns! *Lions*
23, Browns 7.

Dan Orlovsky

was now in as
QB for the
Lions Offense,
and he
managed to do
absolutely
nothing. A
murmur began

to rise in the crowd. 3rd and 18, incomplete. The Lions were to punt. And that could only mean...

Brady Quinn.

The crowd
roared like beer
was raining

from the sky as
Quinn took the
field. Women
swooned.
Grown men
wept. The
entire city of

Cleveland did
an impromptu
wave. Children
yawned and
turned their
attention back
to *Sponge Bob*.

The angels in
heaven quit
playing pinochle
and watched.

1st and 10 from
the Browns 37,
9:20 left in the
game. Brady
dropped back,
checked down
to his back, and

dumped the
screen to
Barclay that
suddenly went
for 30 yards.
Not a bad start.
Next? Another

toss to Barclay,
a bit high, but
caught for a
gain of 5.

Next? A dart to
Darnell Dinkins
for a 1st

down.

So he had
already moved

the team down
to the Lion 22.
Shotgun again,
and Quinn
tossed a nice
touch pass 12
yards to

Maurice Mann.
From the 10, he
dropped back
again, throwing
a ball that was
batted by a
defender at the

line of
scrimmage,
but them
angels up in
heaven were
getting bored of
pinochle

anyway, so
they willed the
deflection into
the waiting
hands of
Steptoe at the
4. Brady Quinn

was 5 for 5 for
59 yards. *Halle
Iujah!* *Soft
prevent zone
be damned,
this must be
our QB*

Messiah!

Brady saw the
blitz coming on

2nd and 3, and
zinged the slant
at Ephram Hill,
but it was well
defended and
batted away. 3
rd

down. Quinn
dropped back.
His man wasn't
open, so he
moved to his
right, looked
like he might try

to take it in
himself, but
then zipped the
ball to Hill
along the
sideline for the
TD.

The crowd
melted.

Sportswriters
everywhere
started looking
up synonyms
for *Mighty*

(powerful,
strong,
forceful,
potent...) The
children kept
watching
Sponge Bob

■

Quinn went for
the 2, and

made a great
play to avoid a
sack and rolled
to the right
once more, but
he threw his
pass a little

behind Barclay
in the End
Zone, he
couldn't
handle it, and
the conversion
was failed.

So, with 6:39
left in the
game, the
score was *Lions*
23, Browns
13.

Jesse
Ainsworth
kicked off this
time, and he
made the
“tackle”, hitting
the returner

high, getting
spun like a
web of lies.

The crowd was
eager for a 3
and out,
praying for

another
opportunity to
watch their *Fut
ure Face of the
Franchise*
, but Brandon
McDonald

allowed a 1

st

down catch,

Fontenot got

beat on

another

intermediate

pass for 17,
and Duckett
converted on
a 3
rd
and 1.

But, just as it
was looking
like the Lions
would be able
to run out the
clock, the
Browns D

hardened,
took their Time
Outs wisely
(they're so
much easier to
use when you
haven't wasted

them during a session of offensive perplexity), and forced Detroit to punt with 2:17 left.

Quinn returned
to the field,
starting from
his own 8 yard
line with a hair
over 2 minutes
left. *Zing!* A

pass over the
middle to
Harrison for 9.
2 minute
warning.

Zip!

A pass over

the middle to
Harrison (déjà
vu) for 16.

Kazam!

Incompletion
to Harrison,
ball thrown too

hard on an
out.

Pow!

As he's
getting hit,
Quinn dumps
the ball to

Harrison for 14
yards (sense a
theme here?)

Smash!

He throws
the ball into
the turf,

stopping the
clock.

Now, let me

say this... I
was
impressed with
what Quinn
had done up to
this point, but
with a couple

caveats: those
being that he
was playing
against 3rd and
4th
string
defenders, and

they were in a
weak prevent
zone that was
more than
happy to let
him dump
down all day.

So as happy
as I was that
he was doing
the right
things, I still
had not seen
anything that I

would think of
as

special

. That is, not
until the next
play.

2nd and 10

from the

Browns 47.

Quinn

dropped back,

went through

his

progressions.

He started to
get hit, then
threw a ball 24
yards *on a*
friggin' rope
to his receiver.

Why was that
special

? Charlie
Frye can't
make that
throw. He's
not strong
enough.

Maybe if he
had time to
wind up and
step into it,
but he
wouldn't

have had that
time. Ken
Dorsey can't
make that
throw. Same
problem – not

enough arm
strength.

Derek

Anderson

can't make

that throw.

Anderson
does
have the arm
strength, but
his release is
too slow, and

he's not that
accurate.
That throw
was a
combination
of all the best

parts of all
the other
QB's skills –
and with none
of their
weaknesses.

On the next
play, possibly
overly
energized by
his incredible
toss, Brady

checked
down to
Harrison and
threw it way
over his head
to the water

boy on the
Detroit
sideline.

Whoa, Nelly!
3rd and 10,
and Quinn

slings it over
the middle to
Harrison
(again) for 11.
Next play,
why, it's

another
check down
to the RB! –
this time
Wright – and
he plowed to

the 6.

Appropriately

enough,

Brady finished

the drive off

by checking

down to
Harrison
(insert
sarcastic
comment
here), who

dove into the
End Zone for
a 6 yard TD.

*Glory be,
glory be!*

With 18

seconds left,

it's

Lions 23,

Browns 20

▪

Now it was
time to think
Onside Kick
and Hail
Mary. Bernie
pointed this

out, saying “*H
ail Mary
Doug Flutie
complete for
the complete
Cinderella*”

*story and we
all go home
happy,
happy,
happy...*

” His voice

trailed off
caustically
as he
remembered
just how
happy that

particular
play made
him.

Ainsworth
lined it up,
booted what
can only be
described as
a piss poor

effort at an
Onside Kick,
some random
Lion
recovered,
and then it

was time for
Detroit to
assume the
Victory
Formation.

*Final: Lions
23, Browns
20*

Conclusion

To

paraphrase

Jeff

Goldblum's

character in *T*

he Big Chill

, who writes

for People
Magazine,
one should
not write
anything
longer than

the average
person reads
during the
average
crap.

Well, if you're
still reading
this, it's a
pretty long
crap. And all
this for a

preseason
game.

*Let's get this
pathetic
section out
of the way...

Derek

Anderson, 6

of 8, 65

yards, 0 TD,

1 INT, 1

Fumble

3 drives:

Incomplete,

D, B+.

Average: C

Charlie Frye,
5 of 10, 42
yards, 0 TD,
1 INT

3 drives: C⁻,
C⁺, F.

Average: D⁺

You don't
understand
how truly I'd
love to have
this situation
resolved and

one of
Charlie or
Derek on
their way to
some other
team for a

conditional 7^t

h

round pick

(which is

about all

we're gonna

get for either
one). I think
that Brady
just
might
make the

roster, and
it's a given
that Dorsey
is going to be
the 3
rd

QB, since
he's a smart
guy and he's
a good
mentor to
Quinn, and,

hey, let's be
honest, I'd
almost rather
have him
start over
Frye or

Anderson at
this point,
because he's
been
effective and
at least he's

not the
mental
equivalent of
the fungus
that's
growing in

one of my
tennis shoes.

*Now, the
unavoidable
question...
should Quinn
be given a
chance to

start?

Not yet.

What Quinn
should be
given is
some reps
with the first
team. What

he should be
given is
some time
against
Denver's first
defense in

the next
game. What
he should
be given is a
legit
Defensive

scheme,
some blitzes,
some run
plays. What
he did was
impressive

enough, but
it must be
taken with a
grain of salt,
and all it
really did

was earn
him the right
to compete
for the
starting job.
It certainly

should not
be *given* to
him.

That being
said, if Brady
Quinn is -
right now -
decidedly the
best QB on

the roster,
and he
proves that,
then he
should be
the starter

come

September

9. I don't

care if he's a

rookie. I

don't care

about what
happened to
Tim Couch.
The reason
that most
rookies sit is

so they can
learn the
game from
the tutelage
of a veteran
master. But

if the
“veteran”
starter has
been in the
league for
only 3 years

and hasn't
started even
a full season
in his career
and is also
learning a

new Offense
and
constantly
makes
mistakes that
even a

rookie would
be ashamed
of... put
your best
shot of
winning

NOW into
the game.

I was all for
having Brady
sit and
easing him
into the NFL,
but not at the

penalty of
sacrificing
this season
to what can
only be
termed

sub-professional QB
play.

Many of you
will disagree,
but I feel
that
Anderson
outperforms

d Frye this
week.

Combine
that with
Frye beating
Anderson

last week,
and, well,
you've got
muck.

So throw
Quinn into
that muck
and see who
doesn't sink.

In the end, I
have no
personal or
political
reason for
my view. I

just want to
see the
Browns get
as good as
possible as
soon as

possible. I'm
verily afraid
that
Anderson
Frye is a
road that

leads
straight to
Hell.

*Now, the
Defense.
They
certainly
were not as
impressive

against the
Detroit O,
but that is to
be expected.
Kitna is a
savvy

veteran, and
he will put up
big numbers
in the Mike
Martz
offense this

year. And
one must be
disturbed
that the
Cleveland D
had their

issues with a
Detroit team
that was
sans Kevin
Jones, Roy
Williams,

and Mike
Furrey. But
let's take out
the 21 yard
gain by
Tatum Jones

on the
missed gap
assignment,
and Detroit
gained 80
yards on 28

carries,
which
translates to
a 2.85 yard
per carry
clip.

The Pass D
was much
less
interesting,
but let's
remember

that the
score was
6-0 with 59
seconds left
in the first
half despite

2 turnovers
and what
can only be
described as
a Most
Heinous 1st

and Goal
situation.

Then in

came the

Browns

backup D

versus the
Lions
starting O,
and... well,
that part
wasn't pretty.

The Lions
Offense
hung 548
yards on
Cincinnati
last week.

They got
only 310
versus us.
(Yeah, talk
about small
triumphs.)

*I love the
Wimbledon/Pe
ek
combination,
and Jamal
Lewis is

looking as
good as he
did 3 or 4
years ago.
When our
starters are

staying in for
the entire
game, we
have some
serious
playmakers,

which is
something
that hasn't
been the
case for, oh,
say, the last

8 or 9 years.

*There's

gotta be
room for
Chris
Barclay on
this roster.
Sure, you

don't want to
have him
replace
Josh Cribbs
as KR. And
you don't

really want
to have him
supplant
Jerome
Harrison as
3rd RB. But

this guy's
playing hard
and has
definitive
skills, and
there must

be some
room for him
as a Special
Teams
player on
this team.

*The
parents of
my friend
Brady (RIP,
brotha) were
in town for

the baptism
of my friend
Jason's
infant son
Brady
(named

after the
aforementio
ned). And
another
Brady also
had some

headlines.

Excellent

name, that.

