

Browns-Chiefs Recap: At First Look Edition

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Much more later, but for now, let's take a quick look at what happened Sunday afternoon—which was eerily similar to what happened last weekend. I smell a pattern developing here....

The Two Wallaces

The book on Seneca Wallace is comparable to the one written last week by Jake Delhomme. Both QB's seem in control of the offense and offer the ability to pace the offense – something that has been lacking in recent years. In purely physical terms, Wallace is of course the better athlete and is much more mobile on designed rollouts.

However, like his QB counterpart, with Wallace – we're pretty much getting two different QB's. The first variety was shown when Wallace put some great touch on a score to Josh Cribbs. Also, on a variety of shorter timing passes, Wallace looked fairly efficient.

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Of course, Wallace's indecisiveness shown through on his unfortunate sideline pass that was intercepted for a touchdown. And on a related note, will I ever be able to not use the term "unfortunate" when describing a throw made by a Browns QB?

Ghosts of Romeo

After two games, I know this much about the defense.

1. The interior run defense is solid.
2. The edge run defense is not.
3. This defense still has no answers when it comes to covering screen passes or tight ends over the middle.
4. Although the Chiefs weren't able to show much for it, there were far too many holes in the Browns' secondary.
5. Romeo was coaching the Chiefs' defense today?

Slow Starters and Finishers

Is it possible that we feature two running backs who each need 30 carries a game to "get going?" While running back depth is a necessity in today's game, it appears that both Jerome

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Harrison and Peyton Hillis can't seem to find a rhythm running the ball. And during the sporadic spurts when they do, they are usually replaced by the other.

As for a slow start of another kind – what is it about the third quarter that ultimately dooms this team? Much like against the Bucs, the Browns just tend to wear down in the third quarter. Is there some type of Butch Davis marathon practicing at play? Or, rather – does this defense merely need the offense to bail them out every now and again?

Slow Starters – Part Two

I'm now fully versed in the "process" of receivers making catches, however what I wasn't clear about is the new legislation that forces the Browns to begin all their second-half possessions within their own 15-yard line.

Or maybe that's related to something else.

The Positives (Mostly)

1. Regardless of the outcome, this Browns' team is still far better than the 2009 version.
2. Perhaps Josh Cribbs really is a wide receiver.
3. As it relates to Phil Dawson – this is why veteran kickers don't get long contract extensions.
4. For the 287th straight week, our linebackers are incredibly slow. Until the league decides to shrink the field horizontally, this will remain a problem.

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5. T.J. Ward is a player. Joe Haden isn't too bad either. Now we just need to wait on the results of our next four drafts.

6. Call me idealistic, but I still think this team will match up well within the division. Coincidentally, check out the upcoming schedule.