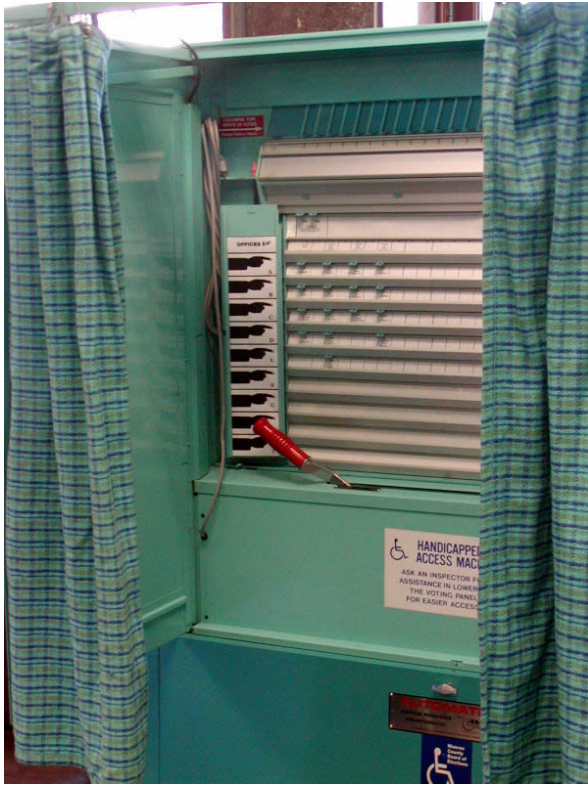


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Though Election Day has come and gone (and the noxious campaign ads along with it), our Browns have given us an even better reason to rock the vote. To wit: was Sunday's 20-point pimp-slapping of the Patriots and the New England Nincompoop himself the most satisfying experience Browns fans have enjoyed since their return in 1999?

Granted, the high points have been few and far between, but there have been a few downright bitchin' victories scattered through there. I have my own opinion, but I want to see what Browns Town thinks.

Below is a list of arguably the 10 best Browns games since their return. Are any of them (or all of them) better than Sunday's incineration of the Patriots?

Cast your ballot by clicking on the "Email the Author" link atop the story and typing in your vote. We'll post results along with the weekly "Brownie Bits" column Wednesday night.

**11/14/99: Browns 16, Steelers 15**

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Phil Dawson boots a 39-yard field goal into the wind as time expires to give the Browns a mind-boggling victory at Three Rivers Stadium - defeating a team that had obliterated them 43-0 nine weeks earlier. **9/10/00: Browns 24, Bengals 7**

In the first "non-miracle" victory of the new era, the Browns spoiled the opening of Paul Brown Stadium for the Bengals by dominating the home team from the opening snap. **9/17/00: Browns 23, Steelers 20**

The first home victory of the rebirth: Tim Couch throws for 316 yards and leads the Browns to the go-ahead field goal with three minutes left, then the Steelers watch time expire after Courtney Brown sacks Kent Graham, prohibiting a game-tying field-goal attempt. **10/21/01: Browns 24, Ravens 14**

Physically dominating the defending Super Bowl champions from the opening drive, the Browns steamroll to a decisive victory in front of a deliriously joyful home crowd - their first over Art Modell's purple-clad minions. **12/29/02: Browns 24, Falcons 16**

Needing a win to qualify for the playoffs for the first time in eight years, the Browns rally from behind in the fourth quarter on the strength of 178 rushing yards by William Green, capped by a dramatic 64-yard scoring run with four minutes left. A last-minute goal-line stand of Michael Vick's potent offense preserved the victory and punched the Browns' postseason ticket. **10/5/03: Browns 33, Steelers 13**

The Browns march into Heinz Field on a Sunday night and (wearing orange pants) simply rip the Steelers apart. Tim Couch plays perhaps the finest game of his career, William Green tallies 115 yards on the ground, and Daylon McCutcheon returns a Tommy Maddox pick 75 yards for the game-sealing score. **12/28/03: Browns 22, Bengals 14**

Playing for nothing but pride, the Browns muzzle the resurgent Bengals in the season finale in Cincinnati. Lee Suggs explodes for 186 rushing yards as the Browns dominate and prevent the Bengals from making the playoffs. **9/16/07: Browns 51, Bengals 45**

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In his first game as the Browns' starting quarterback, Derek Anderson spearheads an incredible offensive performance that tallies 554 total yards and sparks both an exciting contest and a refreshingly enjoyable season. 10/13/08: Browns 35, Giants 14

Before a national audience on Monday Night Football and a wired home crowd, the Browns truly look like a Super Bowl contender, overwhelming the defending world champs with 18 unanswered points in the second half. **12/10/09: Browns 13, Steelers 6**

Entering the game with a 1-11 record, the Browns snap a 12-losing streak to Pittsburgh and cripple the Steelers' playoff hopes by out-muscling Big Ben and Co. on a brutally cold Thursday night in Cleveland. **11/7/10: Browns 34, Patriots 14**

Behind 184 rushing yards from sudden hero Peyton Hillis, a near-flawless performance by rookie quarterback Colt McCoy in his third professional start, some creative playcalling, and an overachieving defense, the Browns stun the sports world with a romp over former nemesis Bill Belichick and his high-flying Patriots.