

## Brownie Bits: Week 15

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



**STILL DOMINANT:** The Browns still hold a dominating lead in the all-time series with the Cardinals, 33-13-3. The only team over whom the Browns have a larger series lead is Washington (33-10-1).

**EXTRA SESH:** This was the 35th overtime game in Browns' history, and they have now lost three straight in sudden death, with their last victory the Phil Dawson ping-pong field-goal game in Baltimore in November of 2007. Including postseason, their all-time overtime record now stands at a perfectly even 17-17-1.

**LONG TIME COMING:** Peyton Hillis' touchdown blast in the first quarter was his first score since his fourth-quarter clincher in Indianapolis in Week 2. He now has three total touchdowns on the season after scoring 13 in 2010.

**IN THE DESERT:** This was the fourth time the Browns have played the Cardinals in Arizona and the third time they've lost there. They haven't won in the Cactus State since **Bernie Kosar**

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threw three touchdown passes in a 29-21 win at Sun Devil Stadium on Oct. 23, 1988. Sunday continued a frustrating trend, as the Browns also lost tight decisions in the desert in 2000 (29-21) and 2007 (27-21).

**GOOD START:** The Browns' first score marked the second time this season they'd scored a touchdown on their initial possession of the game - the other was Week 12 in Cincinnati.

**TROUBLES OUT WEST:** The Browns' last victory west of the Rocky Mountains was a 24-21 triumph in Oakland on Oct. 1, 2006.

**IN THREE DIFFERENT CITIES:** The Browns are 3-3 against the Cards since their move west after going 12-8-3 against them while they played in St. Louis (1960-1987) and 18-2 when Chicago was their home (1920-1959).

**MORE OFFENSIVE OFFENSE:** This was the 11th time in 14 games this season the Browns had been held under 20 points.

**THE LOSING TRADITION CONTINUES:** The Browns have clinched their fourth consecutive season of 10 or more losses and eighth in their last nine.

**ANOTHER HEADACHE FOR COLT:** Just to make a miserable season all the more miserable, now we've got a quarterback controversy on our hands. **S**

### **Benca Wallace**

played well on Sunday, notching a quarterback rating of 91.6. Making his 12th appearance in a Cleveland uniform, Wallace now has a solid combined quarterback rating of 89.7, compared to

### **Colt McCoy's**

74.5, with the identical supporting cast. Discuss.

**THE ROAD WOES CONTINUE:** The Browns have now lost six straight road games and nine of their last 10.

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**BOMBS AWAY:** The 76-yard touchdown pass to **Greg Little** was the Browns' longest completion since **Derek**

**Anderson**

connected with

**Braylon Edwards**

for a 78-yard touchdown on Sept. 30, 2007. Interestingly, if you take away that one play,

**Seneca Wallace's**

quarterback rating for the day drops from 91.6 to 70.1.

**TRIPLE DOUBLE DIGITS:** **Phil Dawson's** second-quarter field goal gave the Browns a double-digit lead for just the third time all season. Ironically, all three have come on the road (Week 2 in Indianapolis, Week 12 in Cincinnati) and the last two evaporated into defeat.

**ENDING A DROUGHT:** **Greg Little** notched the first 100-yard game by a Browns receiver all season and the first since **Ben Watson** had an even 100 in

Miami last December. The last Cleveland wide receiver to accomplish the feat was

**Mohamed Massaquoi**

in Detroit in November of 2009.

**HOPE FOR HILLIS:** **Peyton Hillis'** 99 rushing yards was his highest output in his last 11 games, since rushing for 108 in Buffalo last December. But continuing a season-long trend, he was far less effective in the second half. After rushing for 69 yards on 15 carries in the first 30 minutes, he managed just 30 yards on 11 carries after intermission.

**THE 300 CLUB:** **John Skelton** became the first quarterback to throw for over 300 yards against the Browns in 22 games, since **Drew Brees** tossed for 356 in New Orleans in October 2010.

**SILVER LINING:** Sunday marked the fifth time this season the Browns tallied at least 120 rushing yards in a game.

**BETTER "D":** The Cleveland defense appeared to make strides in the big-play department, collecting four sacks and eight tackles for loss, along with seven quarterback hits. By contrast, Arizona notched two, four, and one, respectively.

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**WHERE WE RANK:** Averaging 4.6 yards per play, the Browns' offense ranks 30th in the NFL, and their 13.9 points scored per game is also 30th. The Cleveland defense is allowing 5.2 yards per play, putting it ninth in the league, and their 19.6 points allowed per game puts the Browns seventh.

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