

Brownie Bits: Week 16

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

MORE OF THE SAME: That's now eight straight Browns' losses to the Ravens and 10 in their last 12 meetings as Baltimore has opened up a 19-7 lead in the series.

PEYTON'S PLACE: **Peyton Hillis** notched his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and his best showing since Week 11 of last season when he blasted for 131 yards against Carolina. This was his sixth 100-yard game with the Browns and the seventh of his career. It was also the 216th individual 100-yard rushing game in Browns' history.

MORE OFFENSIVE OFFENSE: This was the 12th time in 15 games this season the Browns have been held under 20 points and the ninth time they've been held to 14 points or less.

SECOND TIME NOT SO FINE: There was a notable dropoff in **Seneca Wallace's** second straight start, as he struggled to a quarterback rating of just 66.1 - roughly 25 points lower than last week in Arizona.

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TRUE GRINCHES: The Browns are 1-5 all-time against Baltimore in December, having lost five straight. Their lone December victory over the Ravens was a last-minute 14-13 decision in 2002. The Browns have now lost seven straight overall games in the month of December.

BIG DAY FOR BRAD: Brad Maynard turned in another fine performance, placing three punts inside the 20 and scoring a net average of 41.8 yards per kick. The Ravens did not accumulate a single yard in punt returns all day. Maynard has now placed 30 kicks inside the 20 this year, while Browns' opponents have accumulated only 18 on three less punts.

THE ROAD WOES CONTINUE: The Browns have now lost seven straight road games and 10 of their last 11.

MORE LATE-SEASON MISERIES: The Browns' combined record in November and December over the past two years is now 4-13.

REMEMBER HIM?: Josh Cribbs' 84-yard return in the third quarter was his first punt return for a touchdown since Sept. 13, 2009 against Minnesota. It was the third punt-return touchdown of his career and his 11th special-teams touchdown.

BIG DEFICIT: When they fell behind 20-0 in the third quarter, it was the Browns' largest deficit since Week 9 in Houston when they trailed 30-6 in the fourth quarter. This was the third time they'd trailed by 20 points or more this season (down 31-6 to Tennessee in the third quarter in Week 4 was the first).

THE 300 CLUB: After topping the 300-yard mark each of the last two weeks, Sunday was the eighth time this season the Browns had been held under 300 total yards of offense. Conversely, it was the fifth time this season the Cleveland defense held an opponent under 300 yards, the first since Week 10 against St. Louis.

IMPROVEMENT: Holding the Ravens to 284 total yards on Sunday was a major accomplishment for the Cleveland defense, primarily after surrendering a season-high 448 to Baltimore in their previous meeting three weeks earlier. Similarly, after rushing for 290 yards in

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Cleveland in Week 13, the Ravens “only” managed 162 this time around.

DIVISIONAL DOLDRUMS: Over the past four seasons, the Browns have a record of just 3-20 within the AFC North, 1-11 on the road.

WHERE WE RANK: Averaging 4.5 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 sixth.

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