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NFLBP Player Newsletter 2006 Week Three

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WEEK TWO REVIEW

The Jets got blown away in New England, even though they managed to get similar yardage they gave up a lot of sacks and didn't do well in key situations. Miami looked a lot more assured this week, they had the game in the bag by halftime and Buffalo didn't threaten in the second half. Cleveland had a great day in Cincinnati, except for three turnovers – end result, big win for the Bengals. Baltimore put last week's disappointment behind them with a comfortable win over the Titans. In Kansas City the Seahawks produced one of the surprises of the day, not just beating the Chiefs but beating the comfortably. Oakland looked unthreatened by by the Broncos, basically they kept scoring points until Denver gave up.

The Giants were responsible for another road team upset – stuffing the Eagles comprehensively in Philadelphia. Washington took full advantage, moving to first place in the division thanks to a big win over the hapless Cowboys. Tampa struggled with the visiting Lions but got ahead in the third quarter and held on until the end. Green Bay looked a bit more like the team everyone was expecting this season, shutting out the Bears. Carolina depended on big plays to see off the 49ers, scoring 27 first half points but only managing 9 first downs. St Louis gained some revenge over the Saints, as expected, but were made to work hard for their victory.

PERFORMANCES OF THE WEEK

Offensive performance of the week goes to the New York Giants, for an impressive and balanced display in Philadelphia. Defensive performance of the week goes to Green Bay, it's just not that common to hold your opponent to less than 100 net yards. Special teams performance of the week goes to Cincinnati, whose kick return TD was a big part of their victory.

RAVENOUS (The view from Baltimore) Peter Kneil

Well, I'm off the mark after a comfortable but unspectacular win over the lowly Titans. The defence played pretty well again, the only Titans points were due to 2 QB fumbles. The offence was a bit better but the O line still looks a bit suspect.

In the other games the 'Big 4' all won with the Raiders blowing away the Broncos and comfortable wins for the Bengals, Rams & Panthers. Other notable results were Green Bay returning to form with a shutout against the Bears but my Team Of The Week award goes to Seattle for their shock win at Kansas. The First Down count was 22/6 in favour of the Seahawks. They turned us over in week 1 and seem to be greatly improved this season.

WEEK THREE PREDICTIONS

Peter Kneil - Ravens by 3, Bengals by 14, Seahawks by 7, Bills by 14, Browns by 7, Raiders by 21, Packers by 14, Redskins by 7, Giants by 7, Saints by 7, Panthers by 17, Rams by 17

Rob Crowther – Ravens by 3, Bengals by 7, Seahawks by 7, Bills by 3, Browns by 10, Packers by 17, Bucs by 7, 49ers by 3, Saints by 14, Panthers by 14, Rams by 21