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Notable Games and Moments

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PossessionPoints.com goes 10-4 straight up and 8-6 ATS;
Green Selections go 1-0 this week; Preseason Preview Issue Goes 10-4

Well, another great week for PossessionPoints.com, but another rough week for Quarterbacks in the NFL. The Texans lost their starter Matt Schaub for a few weeks with a knee injury, and the Bears lost Kyle Orton with a high ankle sprain. Both of these QBs have been developing into leaders and helping their teams win. The Bears are currently leading the NFC North, but that may be difficult to maintain without Orton. Okay, let's recap!

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Fantasy Land

We have talked about injuries many a time in this segment, so we won't address that today. What we want to talk about this week is the unpredictability of Receivers even if they do stay healthy.

The point production from Receivers varies widely from week to week even among those that are considered the cream of the crop. This week's leaders in yards receiving do not include Fantasy favorites such as Andre Johnson, Terrell Owens, Randy Moss, Greg Jennings or Lee Evans. Instead, two of the top five yardage leaders for this week were Tight Ends: Owen Daniels of the Texans and Brent Celek of the Eagles. Celek is a backup Tight End to LJ Smith who was out with an injury this week, so he was probably available in many Fantasy leagues prior to Sunday, and many players probably passed on him not recognizing his potential or realizing he would be a favorite target of McNabb in their game. In time, Celek could be a solid Fantasy player, but earlier in the season when Smith was also injured, Celek's performances were inconsistent at best. With his history, do not expect us to rush to add him to our Fantasy lineup especially since we have Owen Daniels.

Dogs of the Week

Lucky Dog of the Week

Team that Wins with the Fewest Offensive PossessionPoints

This week's winner: The Titans

The fact that the Titans needed OT to remain the only undefeated team in the NFL has nothing to do with the fact that they are our Lucky Dog of the Week. They are our Lucky Dog because they managed to win despite their Yellow total of 88 PossessionPoints. The Packers just missed being the Unlucky Dog with their final tally of 99 PossessionPoints. This was an all-Yellow indicator game.

Final Score: Titans 19 Packers 16



Why must there always be so much drama for the Titans?

Unlucky Dog of the Week

Most PossessionPoints for a losing team for the week

And the winner is: The Patriots

How do you become an unlucky dog? Well, here's a sure fire list: your coach takes an ill-advised challenge, your coach wastes an important second half time out, your receiver drops a sure touchdown pass, and another receiver commits a stupid personal foul taking your team out of late game field goal range. All of these things happened to the Patriots who managed to lose despite earning 155 PossessionPoints.

To be fair, the Colts did get into the Green with their PossessionPoints earning 124, and their coach and players didn't commit a litany of stupid mistakes.

Final Score: Colts 18 Patriots 15



Coaches should never throw those challenge flags just because they get ticked off!

Dogs of the Week

Top Dog

Most PossessionPoints for the week

And the winner is: The Philadelphia Eagles

It took the Eagles a while to get on track, but once they did, they were able to tie, take the lead and build considerably on that lead.

The Eagles fell behind in this game early, as the Seahawks struck with a quick 90-yard touchdown pass on their very first offensive play of the game. As you know, these quick strikes are never worth much in PossessionPoints, and unfortunately for the Seahawks, this was the end of their scoring. It took the Eagles a while to get on track, but once they did, they were able to tie, take the lead and build considerably on that lead. In PossessionPoints, the Eagles totaled 165. While these PossessionPoints were tops for this week, in many weeks, they would be enough to gain the Top Dog Spot. Their 163 Green Net would be enough most weeks to win Top Net if we had this award. The Seahawks managed the rare feat of having fewer PossessionPoints than scoreboard points earning 1.75 very Red PossessionPoints.

Final Score: Eagles 26 Seahawks 7

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Jets Green Sweep Bills

In what was another seemingly close game, PossessionPoints told a different story as the Jets turned Green while the Bills stayed in the Red. The win by the Jets and the loss of the Patriots to the Colts creates a log jam in the AFC East. The Bills, Patriots and Jets are all 5-3 while the Dolphins are right on their heels at 4-4. It is halfway through the season, and we believe that anyone can win this Division. Believe it or not, based on the current RPM and future schedules, we believe the Bills will have the toughest road of the four teams. What a switch from a couple of weeks ago when it looked as if the Division was the Bills to lose. In PossessionPoints, the Jets totaled 105 Green PossessionPoints to the Bills Red 39.

Final Score: Jets 26 Bills 17

Chicago's Backup QB Beats Lions

The Lions built a sizeable lead and seemed as if they were finally going to get their first win; however, their PossessionPoints NEVER turned green which put up a red flag to us that they were susceptible to a Chicago comeback. Despite the loss of Kyle Orton and with the help of Rex Grossman, the Bears were able to mount that comeback and rob the Lions of that elusive W. As for PossessionPoints, everybody remained in the Yellow. The Bears posted 94 PossessionPoints to the Lions' 97.

Final Score: Bears 27 Lions 24

Bengals Get First Win by Defeating Jaguars

Finally, Cincinnati has something to celebrate! In this game against the Jaguars, the

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Bengals managed to hold on to the lead the entire game unlike their winless cat friends – the Lions. This is another game where everyone stayed in the Yellow. The Bengals managed to earn more PossessionPoints than the Jaguars. They posted 97 to Jacksonville's 68.

Final Score: Bengals 21 Jaguars 19

Baltimore Pulls out Victory over Browns

Derek Andersen will now sit and watch the ever-popular Brady Quinn become the starting Quarter Back. Amazingly, the Browns will make this switch during a short week as they play on Thursday. Baltimore compiled a Green 103 PossessionPoints in this game while Cleveland earned a Yellow 70. This game was closer than the final score indicates as a late interception return for a touchdown produced the vast majority of the 10-point difference.

Final Score: Ravens 37 Browns 27

Tampa Bay Escapes Kansas City with Win

The Chiefs bucked the PossessionPoints stat and lost despite having a Green Net. That only happens 8 percent of the time, and unfortunately for Kansas City, who needs a few wins, this game fell into that 8 percent. The Bucs barely did win this game. They needed a last-minute touchdown and a two-point conversion to tie and send the game into overtime. An OT field goal by the Bucs solidified Tampa Bay's win that the PossessionPoints stat thought should have gone the other way.

Final Score: Bucs 30 Chiefs 27

Minnesota Stops the Texans' Winning Streak

The Texans' winning streak has been marked by solid Green PossessionPoints performances. However, the Vikings kept Houston Yellow. In this game, the Vikings were the team to come up with the Green PossessionPoints, earning 110 to the Texans' 84. The Vikings led most of the game, and the Texans were unable to mount a comeback with Sage Rosenfeld playing the second half for the injured Matt Schaub.

Final Score: Vikings 28 Texans 21

Arizona Green Sweeps St. Louis

The Cardinals' game was never in doubt even though the Rams scored first with a quick-strike touchdown in the first quarter. The Cardinals came back big in the second quarter and took the lead for good. As for PossessionPoints, the Cardinals earned a Green 130 to the Rams' Red 17.

Final Score: Cardinals 34 Rams 13

Dolphins Green Sweep Broncos

Miami took control of this game early, and the Broncos tried but failed to get back on track. Unlike the Lions, the Dolphins did turn Green with their PossessionPoints and were able to maintain their lead and win their game and put themselves ever so close to the leaders in their Division. Meanwhile, the Broncos fall to .500, and their lead is one game ahead of the Chargers who many, including us, were starting to write off for the season. What is more surprising is that the Broncos have but a 2-game lead over the hapless Raiders. The Broncos are very fortunate to be playing in such a weak division. In PossessionPoints, the Dolphins totaled 137 to the Broncos' 22 week as they totaled a Green 104 PossessionPoints to the Panthers' Yellow 76.

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Final Score: Dolphins 26 Broncos 17

Falcons Destroy Raiders

While all the points were scored in this game in the first half, PossessionPoints still had a Green Sweep in favor of the Falcons. So, in our view the game was over by halftime. In fact, from a scoring point of view, it was over by halftime. The Falcons posted a 126 Green PossessionPoints to the Raiders' big fat zero

Final Score: Falcons 24 Raiders 0

Giants Thump Cowboys

The Giants opened up a big first half lead and never looked back as they posted a relatively easy victory over the Cowboys. A time consuming "so what" late touchdown drive was the only thing that kept the Cowboys from being a victim of a Green Sweep. As it is, the Giants posted a Green offense and Green Net with 134 PossessionPoints to the Cowboys' Yellow 84.

Final Score: Giants 35 Cowboys 14

Steelers Upend Redskins

Pittsburgh not only beat the Redskins in their own house, but did it with a Green Sweep. In this game, Washington jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, but the Steelers soon shut them down. Despite the loss of Ben Roethlisberger to an injury, The Steelers, under Byron Leftwich, had two second half, touchdown drives to put the game away. The Steelers compiled 130 PossessionPoints while the Redskins managed a horribly Red 8.9.

Final Score: Steelers 23 Redskins 6

Season PossessionPoints Standings – Week 9

Season Totals (Rank By Offense)						
Place	Team	W	L	Offense		Defense
				Effect / game	Net / game	Effect / game
1	Cardinals	5	3	137.43	49.43	88.00
2	Texans	3	5	135.12	29.43	105.69
3	Giants	7	1	123.35	54.29	69.06
4	Eagles	5	3	120.26	51.89	68.37
5	Chargers	3	5	117.45	15.47	101.98
6	Saints	4	4	110.83	16.18	94.65
7	Packers	4	4	110.06	17.09	92.97
8	Patriots	5	3	109.32	12.83	96.49
9	Jets	5	3	108.14	18.72	89.41
10	Cowboys	5	4	107.63	-2.75	110.38
11	Vikings	4	4	103.32	33.07	70.25
12	Titans	8	0	102.20	44.21	58.00
13	Dolphins	4	4	101.56	18.88	82.68
14	Jaguars	3	5	100.61	-7.32	107.93
15	Steelers	6	2	98.93	23.83	75.10
16	Bills	5	3	95.49	-4.56	100.04
17	Bears	5	3	95.07	4.38	90.70
18	Broncos	4	4	94.35	-24.99	119.34
19	Falcons	5	3	93.20	6.99	86.21
20	49ers	2	6	91.88	-35.97	127.85
21	Bucs	6	3	91.48	16.87	74.61
22	Browns	3	5	89.89	8.22	81.66
23	Panthers	6	2	89.35	19.40	69.95
24	Ravens	5	3	86.49	23.30	63.19
25	Redskins	6	3	83.09	-0.20	83.29
26	Colts	4	4	80.84	-42.15	122.99
27	Seahawks	2	6	75.80	-52.97	128.77
28	Bengals	1	8	65.65	-55.91	121.56
29	Chiefs	1	7	65.23	-52.99	118.22
30	Lions	0	8	64.65	-55.77	120.42
31	Rams	2	6	62.85	-63.72	126.57
32	Raiders	2	6	56.59	-59.95	116.54

Top Five – The Cardinals behind another big performance by Kurt Warner moved up from number 2 to number 1 this week. The Texans slipped to number 2, and the Eagles and Chargers also traded places at 4 and 5. All in all the top 5 remained essentially the same as last week.

Big Movers – There weren't very big movers this week. The biggest moves were in the downward direction as the Redskins fell to number 25 from 20 and the Broncos fell to number 18 from 11. After starting out as one of the most prolific offensive teams, the Broncos have really slipped. They are very fortunate to be leading their division with a 4-4 record.

Bottom Five – Like the top 5, the teams in the bottom 5 remained unchanged from last week, but their positions changed slightly. The new cellar-dwellers are the Raiders. Maybe they should bring back Kiffen. The Bengals were the only team in the bottom 5 to post a win this week, and that victory only allowed them to move up from 30 to 28. The Rams fell to 31 from 28 last week while the Lions nudged up to 30 from 31 with their good effort against the Bears. The Chiefs are the final bottom 5 team at number 29. They are up from 32 last week with their "almost" performance against the Bucs.

Make sure that you check PossessionPoints.com website for the weekly performance rankings where we will list the teams based on the "net" effect column. We also show the teams ranked by defense.