



PossessionPointsSM

Points Of The Week

November 10, 2008
Volume 3 Issue 10

WWW.POSSSESSIONPOINTS.COM

Week in Review

Notable Games and Moments

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1** Week In Review
- 1** Hindsight Haven
- 2** Dogs Of The Week – Unlucky Dog
- 2** Dogs Of The Week –Lucky Dog
- 3** Dogs Of The Week –Top Dog
- 6** Season Rankings Week 10.

PossessionPoints.com goes 9-5 straight up and 6-8 ATS; Green Selections go 1-2 this week; Preseason Preview Issue Goes 7-7

Well, PossessionPoints.com performed well again, and the numbers are becoming more important as each goes by. What stands out the most to us is that we are past the halfway point of the season, and our Green Sweeps are perfect. There are usually 7 or 8 times during a season where teams have earned Green Sweeps and lost, but this season this has not occurred once. This week there were four Green Sweeps, and true to the trend, each time a team earned a Green Sweep, they won. We will go into each Green Sweep in this week's recaps!

Please see *Week in Review* on page 4

Fantasy Land

Adrian Peterson turned in a true stellar performance from a Fantasy view. It seemed that Brad Childress was determined to establish an Offense that it did not rely on Peterson for all their points, but the Vikings were losing and had to turn to their "Old Faithful" Running Back. He rewarded the Vikings and Fantasy owners with a season high 192 yards and the game-winning touchdown.

Some of the top Wide Receivers in the NFL had a tough week. Held to fewer than 10 Fantasy points were the Andre Johnson of the Texans, Greg Jennings of the Packers and Lee Evans of the Bills - just to name a few. All of these Receivers have been their teams' bread and butter through the first half of the season. None of them were on this week's injury list nor did they get injured during the game. So, there was no real reason for their low production. This brings up another topic for Fantasy owners to consider: are Defenses keying in on Receivers and taking them out of the game to the degree that Fantasy managers should be looking to number two and number three Receivers to gain valuable Fantasy points.

To highlight this point, we want to take note that Steve Breaston of the Cardinals and Eddie Royal of the Denver Broncos had excellent weeks in Fantasy Land.

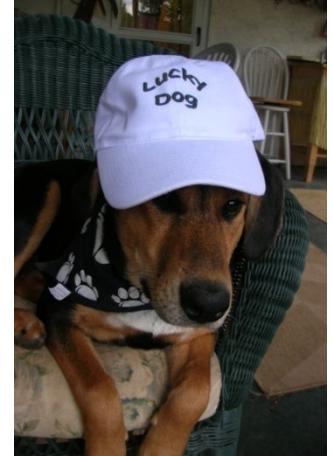
Dogs of the Week

Lucky Dog of the Week

Team that Wins with the Fewest Offensive PossessionPoints

This week's winner: The Carolina Panthers

The Carolina Panthers recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff by the Raiders and turned that into a quick seven points. From here, the game turned into a defensive struggle which saw only three field goals and one touchdown from the two teams for the remainder of the game. The Panthers won with a total of a very Red 22 PossessionPoints – the lowest total to win a game. The Panthers did have more PossessionPoints than the Raiders who posted only 11 PossessionPoints. A total of 33 PossessionPoints by the two teams is also a low for the season. This is how Lucky Dogs are born.



So few PossessionPoints; so few scores!

Final Score: Panthers 17 Raiders 6

Unlucky Dog of the Week

Most PossessionPoints for a losing team for the week

And the winner is: The Steelers

Roethlisberger threw two, very ill-timed interceptions – one late in the first half when the Steelers had a 17-7 lead which set the Colts up for a short field and a quick touchdown drive before the half ended. The second interception was in the second half which killed a Steelers' drive. This important Division rivalry game resulted in giving the Colts' life in their pursuit of a wild card spot. In PossessionPoints, the Steelers had more than enough to win a typical game. They earned 144 Green PossessionPoints to the Colts' Yellow 71. This is the second week in a row that the Colts were the team that caused their opponent to earn the Unlucky Dog of the Week title.

Final Score: Colts 24 Steelers 20



Those darn Colts! They just like to cause trouble wherever they go.

Dogs of the Week

Top Dog

Most PossessionPoints for the week

And the winner is: The Jacksonville Jaguars

Just playing the Lions this season may be a formula for earning Top Dog of the week.

Just playing the Lions this season may be a formula for earning Top Dog of the Week. It seems to take not much effort to rack up the PossessionPoints and scoreboard points. In this contest against the Lions, The Jags posted 214 PossessionPoints - one of the biggest totals this season. The Lions managed to earn a Yellow 94 with most of those coming on 7, 4th quarter or “so what” points. Were it not for these useless points, the Jags would have earned a Green Sweep.

Final Score: Jaguars 38 Lions 14

Week in Review from page 1

Broncos Barely Beat Browns in Thursday's Contest

Yes, this was a short week for both teams, so we will cut them some slack on their play. In truth, this game was a Green-Green shootout, and the team that had the highest Green total did win the game. The Broncos had totaled 213 PossessionPoints to the Browns' 139. This gave the Broncos a Green Net of 74, and as we have learned in the past, a Green Net gets the victory over 90 percent of the time.

Final Score: Broncos 34 Browns 30

Baltimore Green Sweeps Houston

You can have the Greenest of PossessionPoints, but if your QB throws four – count them – four interceptions, chances are you are not winning the game. As it turns out, the Texans never reached the Green level in PossessionPoints. They did not even make it to Yellow. They were mired in a very Red 21 PossessionPoints while the Ravens posted a Green 163. The Ravens not only earned a decisive PossessionPoints victory but a decisive scoreboard victory as well.

Final Score: Ravens 41 Texans 13

Jets Embarrass Rams

If you are a human being, you have to feel for the Rams. Even if you are a diehard Jets' fan, you were probably rooting for the Rams to get one touchdown. How horrible that the halftime score was 40-0. The early onslaught of quick scoring helped to keep the Jets' PossessionPoints total

Week in Review from page 3

down a bit. They earned a good but not TOP DOG number of 165 PossessionPoints while the Rams compiled a meager Red 25. We will be kinder than the Jets were to the Rams and end this recap here.

Final Score: Jets 47 Rams 3

New England Green Sweeps the Bills

An important game for these Division Rivals, but it was New England who came out and controlled the game pretty much from start to finish. PossessionPoints viewed this game as a solid victory for the Patriots as they earned 154 Green PossessionPoints to the Bills' Red 27.

Final Score: Patriots 20 Bills 10

Minnesota Ekes out Convincing Win over Green Bay

The NFC North provided one of the craziest games of the week. The Vikings posted a PossessionPoints Green Sweep and were almost in the rare 8 percent to lose with a Green Sweep (would have been first of this season) had it not been for the performance of Adrian Peterson. Peterson rushed for 196 yards which included the game-winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Green Bay did manage to earn a Red 42 PossessionPoints which helps explain their loss.

Final Score: Vikings 28 Packers 27

Miami Struggles to Beat Seattle

Miami appeared to have better control of the game than the Seahawks, but they allowed late-game turnovers which allowed the Seahawks to make a valiant stab at a win. The Seahawks failed in an effort to get a two-point conversion which would have taken the game into OT. The Dolphins had a strong 158 PossessionPoints while holding the Seahawks to a Yellow total of 64.

Final Score: Dolphins 21 Seahawks 19

Titans Keep their Undefeated Season Alive

Tennessee and Chicago battled to a Yellow PossessionPoints mess which is what you would expect from two Defense-oriented teams. The Titans managed a Yellow 92 PossessionPoints while holding the Bears to a Yellow 77. What matters here is that the Titans almost have a lock on their Division. The Bears have a little bit more to go before they can even think about the Division title as they are in a tight race with the Packers and Vikings

Final Score: Titans 21 Bears 14

Atlanta Throttles New Orleans

This is another week where New Orleans could not get their game together to play. Atlanta controlled the entire game. Matt Ryan is quietly becoming one of the best young QBs in the League and a leading candidate for Rookie of the Year. The only thing that stopped the Falcons from having a Green Sweep were two, fourth quarter "so what" touchdowns that are becoming the hallmark of the New Orleans Saints. The only people who like these late game points are the Fantasy players because these points count for nothing else. New Orleans is another team that is becoming a great disappointment in the NFL.

Final Score: Falcons 34 Saints 20

Week in Review from page 4

San Diego Survives a Green-Green Shootout with Kansas City

The Chargers were on the edge of defeat against the now 1-8 Chiefs. Only a brave but ill-advised two-point conversion attempt in the last seconds of the game by the Chiefs preserved the Chargers' victory. In PossessionPoints, the Chargers earned a Green 161 to the Chiefs' 103.
Final Score: Chargers 20 Chiefs 19

Philadelphia Comes up Short

The Eagles' inability to convert 3rd and 1 and 4th and 1 proved disastrous for them again. In fairness, the Giants played a much more successful and well-coached game and earned nearly twice the PossessionPoints of the Eagles. This loss for the Eagles drops them significantly in PossessionPoints Performance Rankings to the point where our projections now no longer have Philadelphia making the playoffs as a wild card team. The Giants had 197 PossessionPoints while the Eagles earned 102

Final Score: Giants 36 Eagles 31

Arizona Survives 49ers

If we had not picked Arizona to win, we would have rooted for the 49ers. The 49ers opened the game with a touchdown on the opening kickoff returning it 104 yards. QB Shaun Hill played as if he has started in the NFL for years instead of just three times. The game consisted of a lot of grit and a lot of yellow handkerchiefs. It seemed the referees huddled more than the teams. The only thing more annoying in this game than the ample penalties was the inane commentating of Tony Kornheiser, who prematurely called the game over with more than two minutes to go. When all was said and done, Arizona retains its top spot in the Division and now has a 4-game lead over the other three teams. The Cardinals posted a just Green 100 PossessionPoints which is very low for this team this season. The 49ers compiled a Yellow 66. The 49ers had their opportunity to walk away with this win, but at the end of the game, an attempted run from the two-yard line was stopped by the Cardinals, and the game clock expired
Final Score: Cardinals 29 49ers 24.

Season PossessionPoints Standings – Week 10

Season Totals (Rank By Offense)						
Place	Team	W	L	Offense		Defense
				Effect / game	Net / game	Effect / game
1	Cardinals	6	3	133.37	47.79	85.58
2	Giants	8	1	131.57	58.84	72.73
3	Texans	3	6	122.49	10.33	112.16
4	Chargers	4	5	122.37	20.20	102.18
5	Eagles	5	4	118.24	35.54	82.71
6	Jets	6	3	114.49	32.15	82.34
7	Patriots	6	3	114.32	25.46	88.86
8	Jaguars	4	5	113.25	6.78	106.47
9	Saints	4	5	109.09	9.58	99.51
10	Dolphins	5	4	107.83	27.14	80.69
11	Cowboys	5	4	107.63	-2.75	110.38
12	Broncos	5	4	107.61	-14.00	121.61
13	Vikings	5	4	106.18	39.02	67.16
14	Steelers	6	3	103.97	29.34	74.63
15	Packers	4	5	102.54	5.56	96.98
16	Titans	9	0	101.17	41.04	60.13
17	Falcons	6	3	98.22	11.02	87.21
18	Browns	3	6	95.43	-0.90	96.33
19	Ravens	6	3	95.09	36.54	58.55
20	Bears	5	4	93.08	2.14	90.94
21	Bucs	6	3	91.48	16.87	74.61
22	49ers	2	7	89.03	-35.82	124.86
23	Bills	5	4	87.97	-18.11	106.07
24	Redskins	6	3	83.09	-0.20	83.29
25	Panthers	7	2	81.88	18.43	63.45
26	Colts	5	4	79.74	-45.62	125.35
27	Seahawks	2	7	74.58	-57.44	132.02
28	Chiefs	1	8	69.52	-53.54	123.06
29	Lions	0	9	68.00	-62.86	130.86
30	Bengals	1	8	65.65	-55.91	121.56
31	Rams	2	7	58.73	-72.15	130.88
32	Raiders	2	7	51.58	-54.47	106.05

Top Five – The Cardinals maintained their top spot with a close but offensively productive game against the 49ers. The Giants moved to the second spot while the Texans fell to the third place position with their poor offensive performance against the Ravens. The Eagles and Chargers traded positions at 4 and 5.

Big Movers – While not a big - number move, the Jets moved up to 6 from number 9 and are set up for a big game this Thursday with the number 7 Offense - the Patriots. The Broncos rose to number 12 from their number 18 position with their strong offensive performance against Cleveland. Are the Broncos back or will we them see them return to the form that had them drop from number 11 to 18 last week?

Bottom Five – The bottom 5 teams are the same as last week, and as you would expect from the bottom 5, none of them won a game this week. The bottom offensive PossessionPoints team to this point in 2008 are the Raiders. Not far behind them are the Rams who did not show up for their game with the Jets this week. They are followed by the Bengals, Lions and Chiefs. The Chiefs came the closest to winning this week as they were within 1 point with seconds left. They went for 2 to try to win but came up short. We give them an A for effort but an F in intelligence.

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.