



EMPIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, August 13

Syracuse 20, Albany 19

Glens Falls 21, Watertown 7

Montreal 28, Elmira 8

Bye: Amsterdam

**Plattsburgh earned forfeit victory over Vermont*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 20

Glens Falls at Syracuse, 7:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh at Amsterdam, 7:00 p.m.

Watertown at Montreal, TBA

Bye: Albany

**Elmira earns forfeit victory over Vermont*

** Vermont is on one-year leave of absence, all games will result in a forfeit*

2011 EFL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	Streak	PF	PA
Syracuse	5	0	1.000	W5	244	38
Albany	5	1	.833	L1	134	51
Plattsburgh	4	1	.800	W4	82	31
Glens Falls	4	2	.667	W1	159	79
Montreal	3	3	.500	W2	69	97
Amsterdam	2	3	.400	L2	50	98
Watertown	1	4	.200	L3	26	126
Elmira	0	5	.000	L5	46	254

**Each team earns six points for forfeit win over Vermont*

Offensive Player of the Week

Tyler Gage, WR, Syracuse

Gage caught five balls for 115 yards including the game-winning touchdown with 1:25 remaining against Albany to seal the 20-19 victory for Syracuse. Gage is second in the EFL in receiving and is a constant deep threat for the Shock scoring four touchdowns on the year.

Defensive Player of the Week

Jamie Longmire, LB, Glens Falls

Longmire had a active night racking up eight tackles for the Greenjacket defense. On top of his eight tackles, Longmire recorded a fumble recovery and an interception to help hold Watertown scoreless on offense.

Special Teams Player of the Week

Zach Grulich, K, Syracuse

Grulich went 2-for-2 in PAT attempts and 2-for-3 in field goal attempts scoring eight crucial points for the Shock in their 20-19 win over Albany. Grulich is 30-for-32 in PAT attempts on the year and hit one of his field goal attempts from 30-plus yards.

Rookie of the Week

Jeff Higgins, WR, Glens Falls

Higgins had a breakout game for Glens Falls hauling in four catches for 102 yards and two scores. Higgins helped Glens Falls move to 4-2 on the season as the Greenjackets aerial attack continues to flourish. Higgins' two first half touchdown receptions were all Glens Falls needed to beat Watertown 21-7.



Shock receiver Tyler Gage catches the game-winning touchdown pass against Albany. Photo courtesy of Art Nicklas.



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WEEK SIX INDIVIDUAL/TEAM LEADERS (TOP 5)



SCORING

Name	FG	XP	2PT	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	TD	PTS
D. Gordon, Syr.				4		4	8	48
Hardwick, Syr.				6			6	36
C. Tarver, Alb.			3	4		1	5	36
T. Burke, Syr.					5		5	30
Z. Grulich, Syr.	2/3	32/34						38

PASSING

Name	Comp	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT
I. Godfrey, GF	51	94	844	8	6
K. Stay, Platt.	46	83	639	5	2
C. Stevens, Syr.	35	77	619	8	2
S. Lawson, Alb.	15	27	290	4	2
B. Simer, Syr.	9	21	223	4	3

RUSHING

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
J. Hardwick, Syr.	60	593	9.9	58	6
D. Gordon, Syr.	32	309	9.7	50	4
C. Tarver, Alb.	20	258	12.9	66	4
E. White, Ams.	29	238	8.2	25	3
A. Blevings, Mon.	19	174	9.2	37	1

RECEIVING

Name	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
R. McVay, GF	19	357	18.8	74	2
T. Gage, Syr.	13	305	23.5	47	4
J. Brennan, GF	12	269	22.4		3
T. Burke, Syr.	12	272	22.7	59	5
J. Keleher, Platt.	11	204	18.5	46	2

TACKLES

Name	Solo	Asst.	Total
E. Maeweather, Syr.	19	26	45
J. Currier, Platt.	14	20	34
O. West, GF	32	0	32
E. Byrnes, GF	28	0	28
K. Gibson, Platt.	9	17	26

INTERCEPTIONS

Name	Total	TD
C. Moore, Syr.	5	1
M. Ali, GF	3	
Do. Murdock, Alb.	3	1
E. Byrnes, GF	3	
Nine tied at 2		

SACKS

Name	Total
C. Hart, Syr.	4.0
R. Sanders, GF	4.0
M. Anderson, Alb.	3.0
R. Brand, GF	3.0
R. Ward, Ams.	2.5
M. Mendscole, Platt	2.5
D. Gordon, Syr.	2.5

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Name	Total
J. Williams, Syr.	2
I. Clark, Wat.	2

SCORING OFFENSE (TOTAL)

Name	PTS	PPG	Yds.	Yds./Gm
Syracuse	244	48.8	1,854	370.8
Glens Falls	138	23.0	1,815	302.5
Albany	115	23.0	1,218	304.5
Plattsburgh	76	19.0	1,159	289.8
Amsterdam	50	10.0	572	143.0

PASSING

Name	Comp	Att.	Yds.	Yds./Gm	TD	INT
Glens Falls	67	126	1,129	188.2	10	6
Plattsburgh	48	87	692	173.0	5	2
Albany	37	85	639	159.8	5	6
Syracuse	44	98	842	168.4	12	5
Montreal	35	55	255	51	2	4

RUSHING

Name	Att.	Yds.	Yds./Gm	TD
Syracuse	111	1,012	202.4	14
Glens Falls	144	686	114.3	9
Albany	85	579	144.8	7
Plattsburgh	97	467	116.8	4
Watertown	106	396	99.0	1

SCORING DEFENSE (TOTAL)

Name	PTS	PPG
Syracuse	38	7.6
Albany	31	6.2
Plattsburgh	31	10.3
Glens Falls	79	13.2
Amsterdam	83	20.8

PASS DEFENSE

Name	Yds.	Yds./Gm
Glens Falls	113	113.0
Albany	314	157.0
Plattsburgh	216	216.0
Amsterdam	107	107.0

RUSH DEFENSE

Name	Yds.	Yds./Gm
Glens Falls	98	98.0
Albany	139	69.5
Plattsburgh	112	112.0
Amsterdam	92	92.0

SACKS

Name	Total
Syracuse	20
Glens Falls	10
Plattsburgh	7
Albany	5
Amsterdam	3

TURNOVERS

Name	Fum Rec.	INT	Total	TD
Syracuse	10	12	22	6
Glens Falls	4	14	18	2
Albany	7	7	14	3
Amsterdam	1	7	8	0
Plattsburgh	4	3	7	0
Watertown	6	1	7	0



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WEEK SIX RECAPS



VS



SYRACUSE 20, ALBANY 19 - In a heavily anticipated matchup of unbeaten teams the Syracuse Shock edged out the Albany Metro Mallers 20-19 in a thrilling EFL game at Sunnycrest Field.

In an evenly played game throughout the Shock took the final lead of the game on a touchdown pass from quarterback Cedric Stevens to receiver Tyler Gage with 1:25 remaining. The Syracuse score answered two straight Albany touchdowns, allowing the Shock to stay undefeated and sit atop the EFL standings. With the game tied at 6 heading into the half, both teams were trying to gain the upperhand. Albany seemed to do so when they blocked a Syracuse punt and returned it for a touchdown. Failing to convert on the extra point attempt, Albany held a 19-13 lead. With about three minutes left Albany forced the Syracuse offense to punt, however a running into the kicker penalty gave the Shock a first down and new life. A minute and a half later Syracuse was up 20-19 and the only unbeaten team in the EFL. Stevens led the Shock with a solid game under center going 16-for-33 for 250 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Gage led all receivers with 115 yards on five catches, including the crucial go-ahead touchdown. The running back duo of Justyn Hardwick and Dewayne Gordon amassed a combined 113 yards to keep the Shock attack balanced. Defensively Syracuse was led by E.J. Maeweather who racked up 14 tackles on the night. Kicker Zach Grulich hit two PAT attempts and went 2-for-3 on field goal attempts to score eight crucial points for the Shock.



Shock quarterback Cedric Stevens (7) attempts a pass against Albany. Photograph courtesy of Art Nicklas.



VS



MONTREAL 28, ELMIRA 8 - The Montreal Voyageurs earned their second straight victory by defeating the winless Elmira Evolution 28-8. With consecutive wins over Amsterdam and Elmira a determined Voyageurs squad has climbed back to .500 on season, moving to 3-3 with the win. The Voyageurs scored all 28 of their points in the first half, relying on a swarming defense to hold the Evolution out of the end zone after the first quarter. Five different Montreal ball carriers helped the Voyageurs total 189 yards rushing, wearing down the Elmira defense. Quarterback Matheu Rene was able to keep the Evolution defense on their heels by completing 11 of his 17 pass attempts for two touchdowns. Rene threw for 112 yards completing passes to six different receivers as the change of pace in the playing calling allowed Montreal to effectively move the ball. Receivers Thierry Fontin and Lusson Pierre were the recipients of the Rene touchdown tosses. The win moves Montreal into sole possession of fifth place in the Empire Football League standings.



VS



GLENS FALLS 21, WATERTOWN 7 - The Glens Falls Greenjackets scored 21 second quarter points and held off the Watertown Red & Black 21-7 at East Field to move to 4-2 on the season. Fill-in quarterback Michael Leonbruno, a high school football coach, had an unexpected game going 13-for-25 for 231 yards with two scores and no interceptions. Leonbruno, who was substituting for starting quarterback Ian Godfrey, found a nice connection with fellow high school coach Jeff Higgins, hooking up for 102 yards and both touchdowns throws. With the Greenjackets running game held unproductive by the Red & Black, Glens Falls was forced to rely on an unexpected source in Leonbruno. Glens Falls receiver Ricky McVay had another 100 yard game, catching seven balls for 101 yards. Defensively for the Greenjackets Jamie Longmire tallied eight tackles, one fumble recovery and one interception. Watertown scored its lone touchdown on a blocked punt by Adrian Gonzales which was recovered by Steve Roy in the end zone. Do-it-all player Brian Williams had 74 yards rushing for the Red & Black while fellow ball carrier Joe Brennan added 38 yards.