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11 years later, life flows on



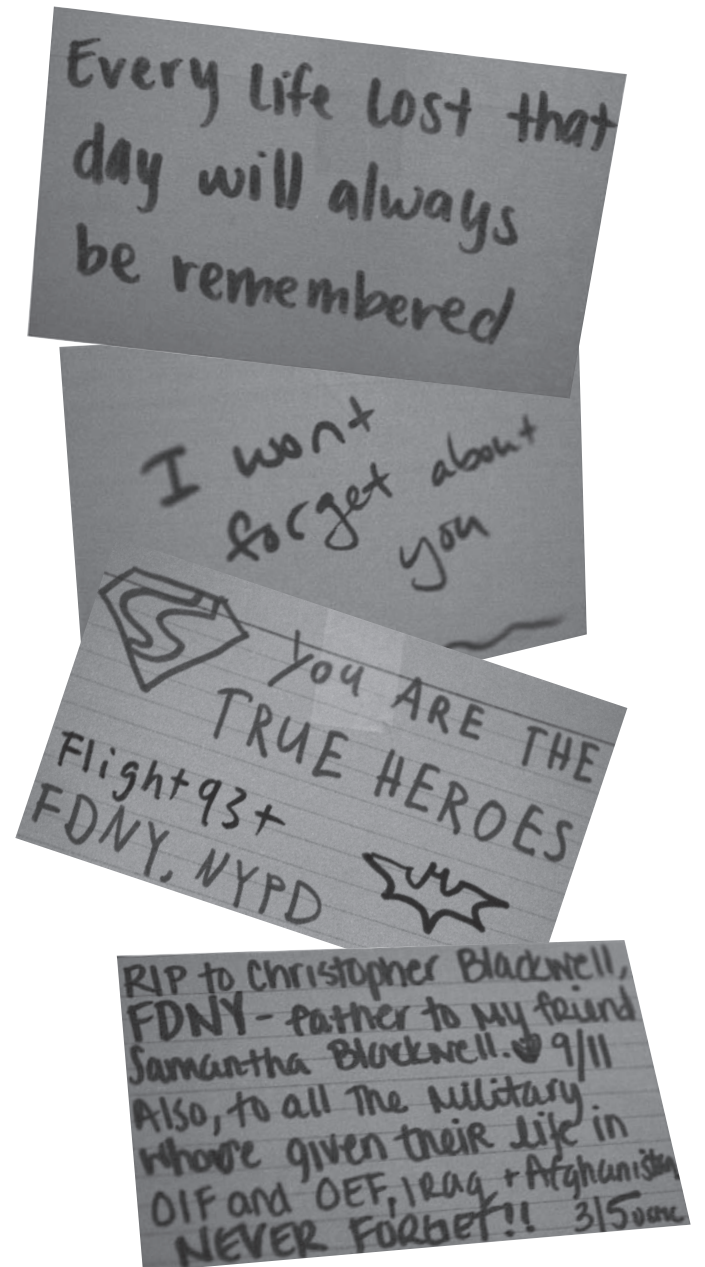
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Various organizations across the campus held tributes to remember victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

CSUN's Chabad club arranged for the American Red Cross to be at CSUN as a part of their annual 9/11 Mitzvah Marathon. The Mitzvah Marathon pledges for people to do good deeds.

"We always have to remember that we have to dispel darkness with light," said Rabbi Chaim Brook. "Every little bit we do changes the world."

The Plaza Del Sol also honored those that died by designing replicas of the World Trade Center towers draped in white paper. Students were encouraged to leave anonymous notes on it, such as the ones below.



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Study shows seat placement in class could affect grades

Using eye trackers, studies show how seating can distract students

AMANDA EL KHOURY
DAILY SUNDIAL

Most students believe that where they sit helps them stay focused and involved in lectures. John Carlton, graduate student in screenwriting, typically sits in the middle-front of the classroom and believes that sitting there helps him stay focused.

"You know the professors may look in my direction more and I'd be more compelled to speak," explained Carlton.

Students are not the only ones thinking that seating has an effect on concentration. David Rosengrant, associate professor of physics education at Kennesaw State University, created a study that is based on student concentration and their class seating.

"Following Student Gaze Patterns in Physical Science Lectures" is trying to discover what students focus on during a lecture, what may distract them, what draws their atten-

tion back, and how faculty members can improve teaching to maintain student attention for a longer amount of time, explained Rosengrant via email.

The study was conducted by having eight female students wear a portable eye-tracker, known as Tobii Glass-

succeed in the classroom, so I decided to really blend my scholarship with my teaching," stated Rosengrant.

Vicki Allen, assistant director for student involvement at CSUN, explained through email that in her experience, sitting in the front of the classroom helped her

after 10 minutes and they'll have you turn to the person next to you to say, 'Hey what is really interesting about this?' When the instructor does this, they refresh your brain," Belgrad said.

Cathy Nicles, graduate student in urban planning, usually sits in the first three rows and believes sitting there allows her to avoid tons of distractions.

"(If) you sit in the back, all of the distractions are in front of you. So Facebook, texting, surfing, fantasy football, so all that stuff is going on. Instead of paying attention to the professor," explained Nicles.

The results of the study support that seating does have an impact on student performance, according to the conference proceeding document.

"We noticed that students in the front and the middle of the classroom tended to be on task more than students on the extremes because those students in the back of the room have more visible distractors," stated the conference proceeding document.

"Your brain is wired to seek novelty after 10 minutes or so."

— Susan Belgrad
CSUN elementary education professor

es, to keep track of what they were doing during the lecture. The researchers, which are Rosengrant, Doug Hearington, Kerriann Alvarado, and Danielle Keeble, who were only involved during the preliminary study, watched to see what distracted the students and what had gotten and kept their attention, stated the conference proceeding document.

"As a faculty member in education, I want to make sure I am doing the best job possible to help my students

stay focused and engaged.

"I think when I sat in the back of the room I got easily distracted," Allen said.

Susan Belgrad, elementary education professor at CSUN, explained that in her opinion grades depend on how the classroom is organized, how the instructor promotes learning, and what the students need to stay engaged in the class.

"Your brain is wired to seek novelty after 10 minutes or so. Instructors that understand this will take a break

CSUN hosts lecture on Sikhs in America

TERESE TORGENSEN
DAILY SUNDIAL

The Department of Religious Studies at CSUN is hosting a lecture on the American Sikh community to explain the Sikh belief system.

The lecture "From Stockton, California to Oak Creek, Wisconsin: A Sikh Century in the United States" is open to students, faculty and the general public.

Sikhs have lived in Northern California for the last 100 years, said Dr. Phyllis K. Herman, professor of Religious studies at CSUN and coordinator of CSUN's Asian studies interdisciplinary program.

Sikh scholar Gurinder Singh Mann will discuss the history of Sikh in America and the shooting that occurred in a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisc., on Aug. 5.

"It's not the first time Sikhs have been targeted; they have been mistaken for being Muslims because they wear turbans," said Herman. "There is a movement in the U.S. who doesn't want any immigrants and

What: "From Stockton, California to Oak Creek, Wisconsin: A Sikh Century in the United States," lecture given by Gurinder Singh Mann

When: Thursday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Where: Northridge Center of the USU

claims they don't belong to the U.S."

Mann will emphasize that Sikhs are not terrorists and that they had nothing to do with 9/11.

"In the century before Sept. 11, 2001, there were misunderstandings and violence toward the Sikhs because they looked different," Herman said.

Mann will hold a question-and-answer session at the end of the lecture.

The lecture will take place Thursday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Northridge Center of the University Student Union.

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A timely topic in light of the forthcoming presidential elections, the program will examine the evolution of the presidency – why the framers gave the president certain powers, and why the document says little or nothing about others.

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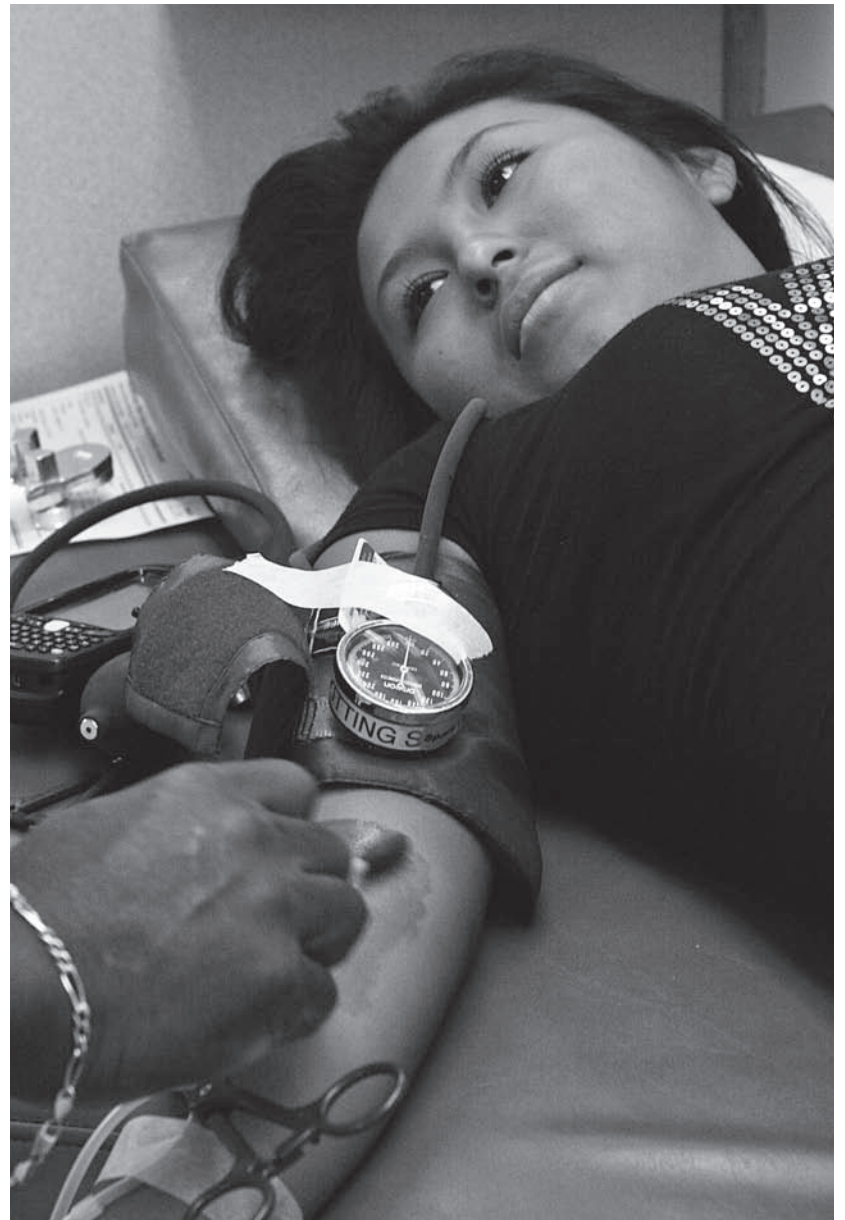
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Elizabeth Guardado, 19, a biology major gives blood to the American Red Cross on September 11.



Marlene Guillermo, 18, a cell and micro biology major said it was an impulse that she donated blood. "It think it is still difficult to deal with (Sept. 11), I don't think we will just get over it" Guillermo said.



Wayne Thomas, American Red Cross nurse searches for a vein on a student donating. "Young people donating is a great thing," Thomas said.



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VRC has grand opening ceremony

Veterans Resource Center offers counseling services, suicide prevention, financial aid and support for active-duty soldiers and veterans on campus

JONATHAN BUE
DAILY SUNDIAL

A year after its approval last August, CSUN's Veterans Resource Center is having its opening ceremony today.

The center, which was approved by the University Student Union Board of Directors and paid for by students' campus quality fee, provides additional resources and support for a growing segment of CSUN's student population.

"It speaks highly to CSUN that this is a student-initiated program," said Montaigne Staats Long, coordinator for the Veterans Resource Center. "Students are funding it through fees, students are running the center, they're supporting and backing the center so it just really speaks to the need being fulfilled and students recognizing that."

The opening of the VRC comes at a time when colleges and universities nationwide are increasing the resources available to veterans returning from

Iraq and Afghanistan. California is known to have the largest veteran population in the country with two million overall and an estimated 30,000 returning from deployment annually, according to the California State Assembly Democratic Caucus.

CSUN's Veterans Affairs

service to student, including increasing awareness and education on campus, providing outreach and support for both active-duty soldiers and veterans, and serving as a point of contact for other services such as financial aid, counseling and suicide prevention.

Long's first husband

of a VRC may have been the reason why the center only had one participant last semester and why student groups like the Student Veteran Organization have a lack of exposure on campus.

"We're hopefully going to refine it and get feedback and try to do better as we move forward and actually

suicides now average one per day among U.S. military members.

The California Senate recently passed Bill 2133, the Combat to College Act, to extend priority enrollment for honorably discharged veterans for up to 15 years. The bill, however, would not affect veterans at CSUN because the school already provides priority enrollment to veterans throughout their tenure at the school.

A 2011 report by the Patt Tillman Foundation indicated that veterans with university support services had higher average GPAs and retention rates than their traditional counterparts.

"[Veterans] have previous life experience and they treat their education very similar to a mission they would've had in the military," Long said. "They're here for a reason: they get through school, they do well, and they graduate."

Despite having its opening ceremony in September, the VRC opened its doors at the start of the fall semester.

For more information visit: vrc.csun.edu

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— Montaigne Staats Long
Veterans Resource Center coordinator

Office estimates that around 600 veterans will be attending this fall, an increase of about 150 students since last year. These numbers indicate that CSUN has a larger veteran population than averages indicated in a 2012 report by the American Council on Education; participating schools averaged 370 veterans.

According to Long, the VRC's goal is to assist veterans in transitioning from

was killed in Afghanistan and she credits her return to graduate school as a veteran dependent, as her motivation behind serving student veterans.

"Our center is based on a student's identity and wanting to find people who have similar or shared experiences," said Long.

Ian Smith, a student and military veteran who serves as a veteran peer mentor at the center, noted that a lack

start getting veterans to come in," Smith said. "But on a support level and readiness and willingness level, I think we're doing everything we can right now."

Smith calls the services provided by the VRC "huge," especially in light of the expansive reports and media coverage of rising suicide rates and trauma-related afflictions such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. New Pentagon figures show that

VRC OPENING EVENTS TODAY

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
WHERE: VRC
WHEN: 10 a.m.

Veterans Resource Fair
WHERE: Plaza del Sol
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bouldering Competition
WHERE: the Ridge at the SRC
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Greek Olympic Games
WHERE: OST Lawn behind the Sol Center, USU
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Opinions

No easy say

New book on Bin Laden raid shows some secrets are too important to keep

NATHAN MCMAHON

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This past Sunday night, CBS' weekly news program, 60 Minutes, dedicated their hour-long time slot to one story -- a play-by-play account of the Osama Bin Laden raid carried out by Seal Team Six. The source for their story was a member of the team who released a book yesterday under the pseudonym of Mark Owen. In the book titled "No Easy Day," Owen gives his first-hand account of the raid.

The problem with this particular book is that it did not go through the normal vetting process that the Department of Defense, White House and CIA normally engage in.

When a book like this is published, there may be excerpts of information that are sensitive or classified that the government wants to keep under wraps. Many times this relates to national security issues.

With this book, Owen's attempt to maintain his true identity was shattered when Fox News uncovered Owens real name. They published this information at their discretion and Owen now has real issues he may have to face. These include prosecution from the U.S. government and an inherent threat of action in retaliation to his family.

Though the risk was great to Owen, he has still come forward and risked much to tell his story. He deserves some modicum of respect for his actions.

When Osama Bin Laden was killed, it was safe to say that many of us were awash in an emotional mix of joy, sadness and pain. In some regards, a long national nightmare was over. We had taken the life of the one human being responsible and representative of 9/11. While his death was cathartic, lingering questions surrounding his killing were beginning to form.

Pictures of Bin Laden were not shown. His body was disposed of at sea. The specifics of the raid on his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan were classified and details that could bring the entire affair into focus were kept from public knowledge.

The decisive actions of Seal Team Six on the orders of President Obama should be dissected and analyzed by the entire nation. People deserve to know the entire story. No one citizen was completely unaffected by 9/11 and the questionable piece of legislation, The Patriot Act, that was promoted in its aftermath.

We've seen our rights slowly taken away and our own government engaging in criminal activity in the name of Lady Freedom, but covered in a bloody American flag. The President, the higher-ups in his administration and the few

members of the military involved in the raid should not hold special access to the death of Bin Laden.

They should not keep us from knowing the facts surrounding the events that transpired from that raid.

Maybe this would not be so much of an issue if Owen's account did not differ in certain aspects from the official information released by the White House.

According to the reports in May 2011, Bin Laden had been described as resisting the assault. Owen's account from "60 Minutes" differs in that he states Bin Laden had been shot once and was incapacitated, after which he was shot multiple times. The Seals did not even confirm it was Bin Laden until after they had riddled his body with bullets.

The White House's initial offering had been one describing Bin Laden actively engaging in a fire-fight with Seal Team Six. This was later downgraded to simple resistance.

This waffling on the story and Owen's own account gives us pause to consider where the truth actually lies. If a simple fact like this is in contention, then what else is being kept from us?

Our world is one that consists of information and narrative. These components are key to how we interpret what we know. The narrative changes from outlet to outlet and often the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

The Obama Administration has shown questionable judgment in how they handled the release of the Bin Laden raid. This goes beyond politics and strikes at the core of our struggles with 9/11. Based on this alone, we deserve to know the truth and details. It's only fair.

—Nathan likes to pretend he's shooting Bin Laden while playing copious amounts of Call of Duty online. Unfortunately, the little kids who swear at him over the game destroys this complex illusion and forever enrages a otherwise grown man.

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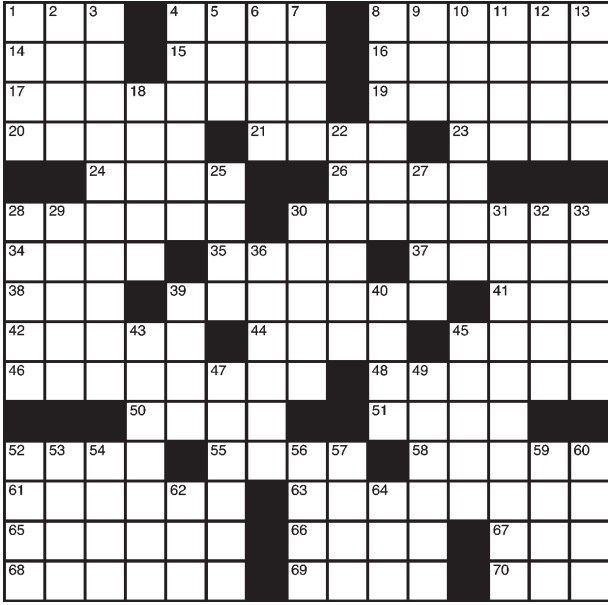
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By Gareth Bain

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9	5	8	9	3	1	2	4	7
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Fantasy Football: Free Agents

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Kevin Ogletree



WR - Dallas Cowboys - 23.4 fantasy points in Week 1 (standard Yahoo!)

Listed as a second-string receiver for the Cowboys and projected as the 1,809 best player by Yahoo! rankings, Ogletree really stepped up his game in Wednesday's season opener against the Super Bowl-champion Giants. Not only did he have eight receptions, twice the amount as either Miles Austin or Dez Bryant, who start over him, he caught a game-high 114 yards and found the endzone twice.

He was targeted by Tony Romo 11 times throughout the game, five times more than his previous career high, and his two touchdowns were the first two of his career. Is it possible Romo has found a new favorite target? It's worth it to find out.

Randall Cobb



WR - Green Bay Packers - 16.7 fantasy points

When a quarterback with a passer rating of 120-plus last season targets one of his receivers nine times, most of them during crunch time, and he catches them all going for 77 yards, you know he's worthy of a roster spot. Not only did he connect well with Rodgers in Week 1, he also found the endzone as a kick returner as he ran back over 150 yards.

With the slow and steady decline of number one receiver Greg Jennings, and Rodgers' openness to throwing to just about any receiver on his team, look for Cobb to be a flex option every week.

The first week of fantasy football season shone light on both overlooked prospects and veterans alike who proved they can produce. Fantasy owners are often afraid to bench high draft picks in favor of waiver wire guys, but remember: players like Victor Cruz and Antonio Brown, who in their 2011-2012 campaigns caught over 1,500 and 1,000 yards respectively, were once buried under a sea of sub-par players projected much higher than them in the ranking system.

Whether it be a third string receiver or the back up of an aging, former stud running back, take the plunge and pick 'em up -- at worst, they can just be stashed on the bench, but at best, you could find they're a top-20 fantasy producer. And for those who haven't drafted yet: make sure to save room for these guys near the end of the draft! Five players to pick up immediately:

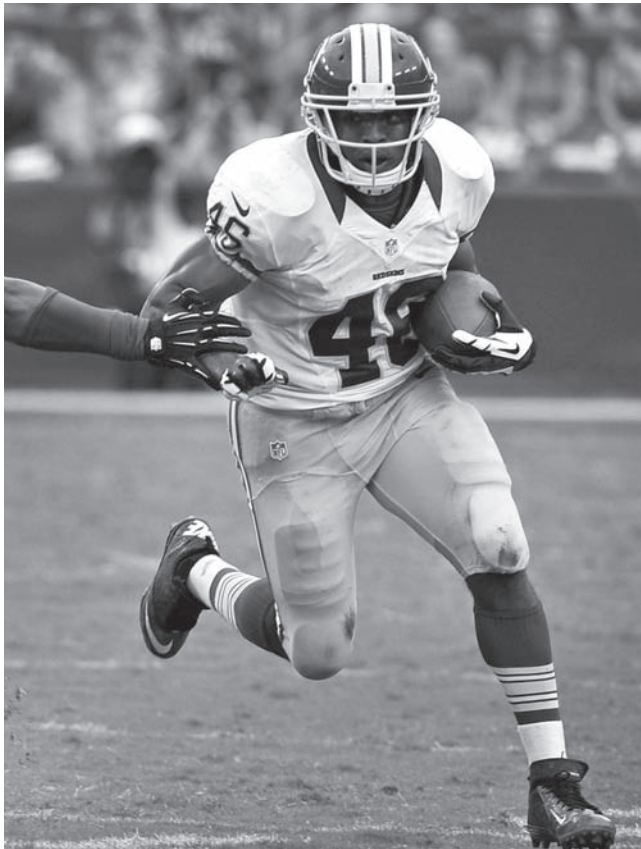
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WEEK 2 MATCHUPS

THURSDAY SEPT. 13:
Bears @ Packers

SUNDAY SEPT. 16:
Jets @ Steelers
Redskins @ Rams
Cowboys @ Seahawks

Alfred Morris



RB - Washington Redskins - 21.6 fantasy points

Sure rookie phenom, quarterback Robert Griffin III, had a stellar game Sunday against the Saints, but the main guy behind him in the "I" formation arguably had just as big of an impact. First-year runningback Alfred Morris, who beat out both Evan Royster and Roy Helu for the starting gig, got a whopping 28 carries and made use of them as he rushed for 96 yards and two scores.

The Redskins haven't had a feature back since Clinton Portis' 2008-2009 campaign as attempts to start Helu and Ryan Torain in the past fell short. Morris brings something to the table in which the Redskins haven't had in awhile in a dynamic player capable of carrying the running load every night. If Morris keeps getting 20+ carries per night and RG3 continues to keep opposing defenses from stacking the box with good passing, Morris has an opportunity to be a 1,000-yard back.

Stephen Hill

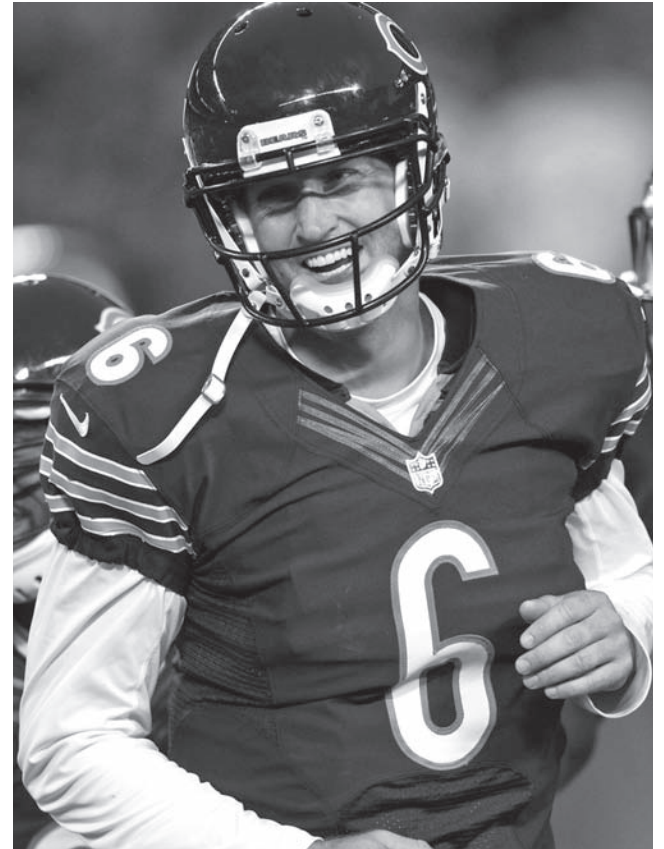


WR - New York Jets - 20.5 fantasy points

What's this? A receiver who's being thrown to by Mark Sanchez doing...well? And he's a rookie? It's true -- Sanchez may have found the go-to guy he's been searching for all his career in Stephen Hill, who had a breakout performance in his first NFL game. Not only did he have 89 yards and five receptions that all went for first downs, he found the promise land twice. Though he was only targeted six times, the rookie out of Georgia Tech quickly overpowered the Bill's weak secondary and torched them for a game-high 17.8 yards per catch.

Coupled with the fact that the Jets lost Plaxico Burress, the team's second-leading receiver last year, Hill is a definite must pick-up as he's now projected to be a starter by head coach Rex Ryan. Though Sanchez has proven to be an untrustworthy quarterback in the past, he's shown improvement each year, and it looks like he's found his stud receiver.

Jay Cutler



QB - Chicago Bears - 22.9 fantasy points

Why use your first or second draft pick on Aaron Rodgers or Drew Brees when you can nab a top-tier running back with it and still have a good QB? Cutler has always had a cannon for an arm. It's just been a little difficult for him to show off as he's been forced to throw to punt return master Devin Hester.

Enter Brandon Marshall.

Trading for Marshall was the best thing the Bears did for their offense. Coupled with the new acquisition, Cutler threw 333 yards, 2 touchdowns and finished with a passer rating of 98.9, 119 of those yards being hauled in by Marshall in his debut. If ex-Dolphins QB Matt Moore can throw over 1,000 yards to Marshall, just think of what Cutler can do.

To further make things even better for Cutler, the Bears drafted receiver Alshon Jeffery in the second round. In his first game as a pro, he brought in three catches for 82 yards and a touchdown.