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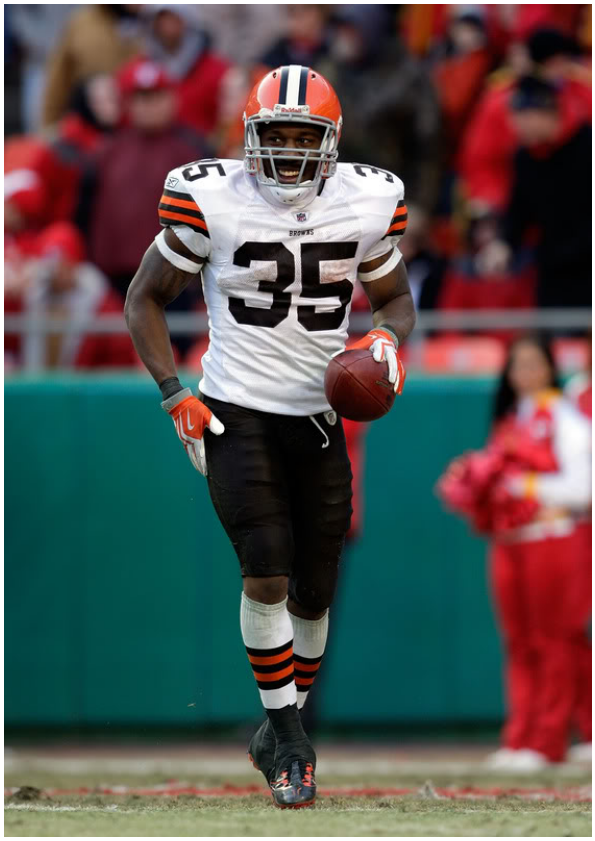

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Josh Cribbs not only broke the all time NFL record by returning his seventh career kickoff for a 100 yard TD in the first quarter, but he broke his own record about an hour later with his eighth kickoff return for a TD, this one a 103 yard beauty late in quarter number two.

And when Cribbs wasn't running wild against the Chiefs special teams Jerome Harrison was doing exactly that against their defense. Harrison shattered Jim Brown's nearly 50 year old single game rushing record with 286 yards on 34 carries. Harrison scored three touchdowns on those 34 carries for good measure, the last of which came with 44 seconds remaining from 28 yards out and provided the final margin of victory.

Cribbs and Harrison combined for 514 yards and five touchdowns when you combine all their touches from scrimmage and in the return game. That's how you win a game when your quarterback puts the ball in the air only 17 times and completes just ten of those throws.

Cribbs' heroics were stunning (as was the Chiefs insistence on kicking him the football after his first TD return) but not completely unexpected. He has played at an other-worldly level on special teams for years now. But Harrison's record day came out of nowhere. Harrison has shows flashes of brilliance in his four years here but has never approached the level at which he ran on Sunday in Kansas City.

But early on you could almost see it coming. Not 286 yards and three TDs but you could see a big day in the offing when Harrison repeatedly gashed the interior of the Chiefs defense for 7-9 yards per carry and narrowly missed busting some big runs. But he got his big ones eventually, including a breathtaking 71-yard inside run with nine Chiefs at or near the line of scrimmage. Once beyond the human dog pile at the line of scrimmage Harrison outran the two remaining defenders for the score.

That's two in a row for the Browns and their season record moves to 3-11. It was a pretty simple recipe for success the Browns utilized Sunday: let Josh Cribbs return a couple of kicks for TDs and have Jerome Harrison run for nearly 300 yards and three TDs of his own. You have to like where Brian Daboll is going with this offense.

Etcetera

- If you have $5 and Josh Cribbs has $5, Josh Cribbs has more money than you.

- Josh Cribbs can kill two stones with one bird.

- A lot of etcetera this week. Let's start by saying that when a guy runs for 286 yards and three scores he's not doing it all by himself. And while the Browns offensive line deserves all the credit they get for Harrison's big day on Sunday, one man was working overtime to spring his running mate time and time again.

Lawrence Vickers was a wrecking crew on the Arrowhead Stadium turf Sunday afternoon. And if you DVR'd the game you'd be wise to go back and look for #47 in the middle of most of Harrison's big runs. Whether

he was sealing off outside contain or blowing up a linebacker inside Vickers was laying waste to Kansas City defensive players all day long. He didn't have one carry or catch one football out of the backfield but Vickers was instrumental in the win.

If you can't watch what Vickers did today then make it a point to watch the man next Sunday against the Raiders. You'll come to love the intensity with which he plays and the pleasure he takes in his thankless (at least to casual observers) job as a human bomber. In fact, long time Browns fans will remember Johnny Davis, the B-1 Bomber, serving the same purpose for years with the Browns in the mid 80's. Davis was revered by his teammates for not only his efficiency and talent but also for his relative anonymity.

Right now Vickers is every bit the blocker and football player Johnny Davis was. And to miss it is to miss a small but beautiful and integral part of the game.

- Josh Cribbs can lead a horse to water AND make it drink.

- Josh Cribbs is so fast, he can run around the world and punch himself in the back of the head.

- Remember that defense that sacked Ben Roethlisberger eight times and shut down the Super Bowl champions ten days ago? Yeah...umm...apparently they're still on some type of celebratory tour that didn't stop in Kansas City. But for Cribbs and Harrison this column probably would have leaned heavily on the fact that they gave up 34 points to a crappy offense and that Jamaal Charles gashed them for 154 yards of his own.

When you see a DVD of the Browns 2009 season (hopefully Pixar gets involved and can do something creative with the three minutes of highlights they have) there won't likely be any Chiefs footage when the defense is being ‘lauded'.

- When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night, he checks his closet for Josh Cribbs.

- It's been nearly three days since Jamey Carroll officially signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers and I still can't bring myself to leave my cold, dark room. Despite the fact that I really could use the time to get a jump on my Christmas shopping. It seems like just yesterday the little fella arrived in Cleveland with a teeny tiny little bow taped to his head and proceeded to go out and play big every time he had the opportunity.

Oh well, what are you going to do. We'll always have the home run he hit on a warm summer Sunday in Seattle to remember.

Still haven't decided who will take Carroll's place in the pantheon of my personal Hall of Overachievers. Stay tuned.

- Josh Cribbs doesn't wear a watch. HE decides what time it is.

- The Cavs started their west coast swing with a 102-95 loss to the Dallas Mavericks. Normally that wouldn't be news. Dallas is a good basketball team. But on Sunday night Dallas was without Dirk Nowitzki and they still controlled the ball game throughout.

Now a tired Cavalier team travels to Phoenix for a Monday night game against a Suns club that will be running from the opening tip. That's no easy night. Consider the Cavs then finish the trip in LA against the

Lakers on Friday and they could be digging themselves a neat little playoff seeding hole depending on what Orlando, Boston and Atlanta do.

It's not a question of panicking. I'm not. I'm just saying this club has shown the proclivity to spar with teams instead of fighting them full blow. Maybe they're pacing themselves. I'm not close enough to the club to say.

But it doesn't make watching it any easier.

- Contrary to popular belief, America is not a democracy or a republic. It is a Cribbstatorship.

* ‘Josh Cribbs facts' courtesy of http://www.chucknorrisfacts.com/