

DKEHeads Fantasy Recap: 2021 Season

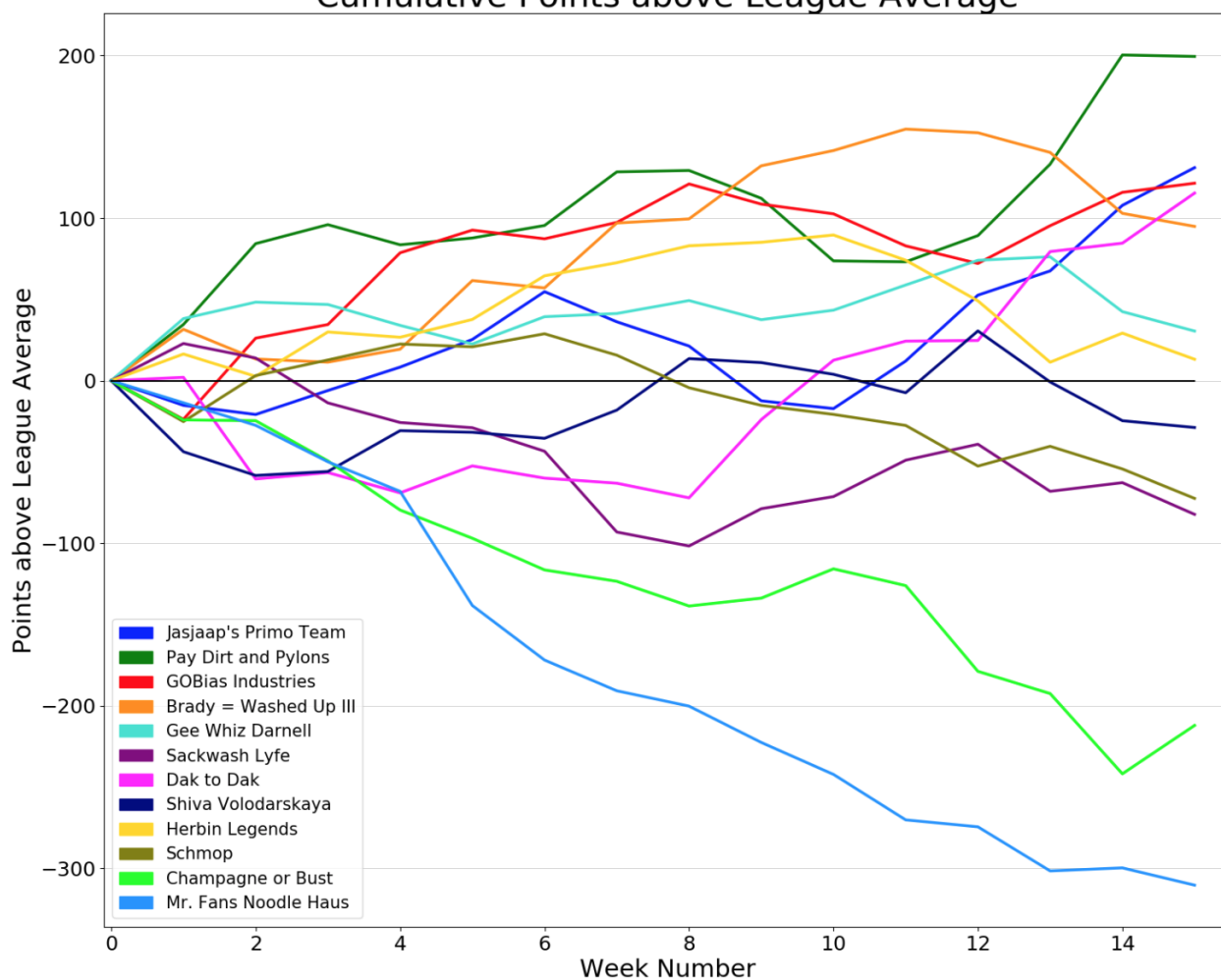
Summary

The 10th season in DKEHeads history saw the advent of 0.5 PPR scoring, the first ever all-POC championship, and predictable late-season fades by Schmop and Herbin Legends.

Regular Season Standings				
Team	Record	Points For	Points Against	Expected W-L
Jasjaap's Primo Team	12-3	1823.22	1621.26	9.6-5.4
Pay Dirt & Pylons	10-5	1891.64	1629.6	10.2-4.8
GOBias Industries	10-5	1813.66	1588.86	9.0-6.0
Brady = Washed Up III	9-6	1787.08	1720.1	8.3-6.7
Gee Whiz Darnell	9-6	1722.72	1705.52	7.6-7.4
Sackwash Lyfe	8-7	1609.96	1560.46	6.6-8.4
Dak to Dak	7-8	1807.58	1789.34	8.9-6.1
Shiva Volodarskaya	7-8	1663.4	1598.44	7.3-7.7
Herbin Legends	6-9	1705.36	1849.94	7.3-7.7
Schmop	6-9	1619.78	1746.48	6.8-8.2
Champagne or Bust	3-12	1480.16	1723.9	4.8-10.2
Mr. Fans Noodle Haus	3-12	1381.9	1772.56	3.7-11.3

Semifinals		
Jasjaap's Primo Team	137.88 - 118.24	Brady = Washed Up III
Pay Dirt & Pylons	205.10 - 113.88	GOBias Industries
Championship		
Pay Dirt & Pylons	130.32 - 114.86	Jasjaap's Primo Team

Cumulative Points above League Average



Pay Dirt & Pylons wins the 'ship

- Pay Dirt & Pylons was a deserving champion, leading the league in scoring (126.11 PPG) in the regular season
- Pay Dirt & Pylons put on a show in the playoffs, scoring 335.42 points in two weeks (167.71 PPG), including 205.1 points in the semifinals.
- Pay Dirt & Pylons had an unconventional roster, with absolutely incredible WRs but terrible RBs:¹²
 - QB: Joe Burrow (#6), Kyler Murray (#10)
 - WR: Cooper Kupp (#1), Davante Adams (#2), Tee Higgins (#19), Tyler Lockett (#20), Amari Cooper (#29)
 - RB: Javonte Williams (#17), Mark Ingram (#45), Rashaad Penny (#46), and a gaggle of other Seahawks (Chris Carson, Alex Collins...)
 - TE: Dawson Knox (#7), Zach Ertz (#8)
- Pay Dirt & Pylons was the 6th-best team in league history (by PPG above league average)

Best Teams in League History							
Rank	Team_Name	Owner	Year	TOTAL	PPG	PPG Above League Average	Champ?
1	GoBias Industries	Schulwolf	2017	1619.60	115.69	22.29	Yes
2	Radical Shizzlam	Kevin	2016	1579.32	112.81	16.81	Yes
3	Sackwash Lyfe	Tommy	2019	1622.66	115.90	15.11	No
4	Brady Washed Up II	Will	2020	1613.34	115.24	14.34	Yes
5	E.V.I.L.	Tommy	2014	1561.86	111.56	13.94	No
6	Pay Dirt and Pylons	Cam	2021	1891.64	126.11	13.30	Yes
7	The Comeback Kid	Codola	2013	1575.38	112.53	13.09	No
8	Sackwash Lyfe	Tommy	2020	1589.50	113.54	12.63	No
9	Schmop	Burnett	2020	1586.02	113.29	12.39	No
10	Herbin Legends	Brand	2012	1530.70	109.34	11.56	No

- **Cam's 205.1 point performance in the semifinals** was the highest single-game output in DKEHeads history.
 - Pay Dirt & Pylons got 75.5 points from the Bengals duo of Joe Burrow and Tee Higgins
 - Pay Dirt & Pylons had 49 total receptions, a single-game record³

Highest Single-Game Scores in League History					
Rank	Team	Owner	Year-Week	Points (non-PPR)	Points (0.5 PPR)
1	E.V.I.L.	Tommy	2014-13	183.30	201.80
2	Pay Dirt & Pylons	Cam	2021-16	180.60	205.10
3	The Comeback Kid	Codola	2013-08	168.70	
4	Sackwash Lyfe	Tommy	2019-03	168.54	
5	GOBias Industries	Wolf	2013-15	167.52	
6	57 Varieties	Kevin	2014-02	167.48	
7	Sackwash Lyfe	Tommy	2019-01	166.62	
8	Pay Dirt & Pylons	Cam	2021-14	166.22	187.22
9	Walk Means Anal	Eli	2014-14	164.34	
10	Schmop	Burnett	2016-04	162.96	

¹ Pay Dirt & Pylons was the WR-equivalent of the RB-heavy Radical Shizzlam team that won the championship in 2016 (with Ezekiel Elliott, David Johnson, Todd Gurley)

² Ranks as of Week 17

³ 12 receptions from Higgins, 10 from Kupp and Adams each, 8 from Ertz, 7 from Cooper, 2 from Williams

- Under Non-PPR scoring, Pay Dirt & Pylons' semi-final effort would still have been the 2nd-highest score in league history.⁴
- Impressively, Pay Dirt & Pylons recorded the 2nd-highest score of the 2021 season just two weeks earlier, in a **187.22 point onslaught** in Week 14. It was also the 8th-highest score in league history.

Week by Week Summary

Team_Name	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	TOTAL	Mean
Jasjaap's Primo Team	101.64	108.22	130.12	132.5	145.5	148.94	93.66	88.6	66.56	101.32	141.04	150.28	130.8	160.38	123.66	1823.22	121.55
Pay Dirt and Pylons	151.36	163.6	127.04	105.72	132.66	127.26	145.14	104.36	83.18	67.58	111.22	125.9	159.82	187.22	99.58	1891.64	126.11
GOBias Industries	93.02	163.8	123.74	162.22	142.46	114.2	122.26	127.16	87.88	100.08	92.1	98.98	139.1	140.54	106.12	1813.66	120.91
Brady = Washed Up III	148.38	95.62	113.44	126.08	170.72	115	152.1	106.02	132.94	115.46	124.98	107.52	103.78	82.6	92.44	1787.08	119.14
Gee Whiz Darnell	154.96	124.02	113.92	105.26	117.08	136.28	114.14	111.48	88.5	111.94	127.28	124.98	118.04	86.3	88.54	1722.72	114.85
Sackwash Lyfe	139.66	104.94	87.78	106.04	125.28	105.08	62.48	94.9	123.24	113.52	134.18	119.6	86.92	125.38	80.96	1609.96	107.33
Dak to Dak	118.82	51.38	119.32	105.62	145.08	112	109.08	94.48	148.38	142.64	123.54	110.2	170.52	125.24	131.28	1807.58	120.51
Shiva Volodarskaya	73.1	99.26	117.82	143.22	127.5	115.82	129.54	135.16	97.86	98.84	100.46	147.8	84.5	96.22	96.3	1663.4	110.89
Herbin Legends	133.18	100.12	142.7	114.82	139.48	146.38	120.24	113.9	102.44	110.54	96.3	84.78	78.16	137.92	84.4	1705.36	113.69
Schmop	91.62	142.18	124.98	127.92	126.78	127.54	99	83.5	89.42	100.52	105.02	84.78	128.06	106.1	82.36	1619.78	107.99
Champagne or Bust	92.66	113.4	90.64	87.88	111.12	100.1	105.14	88.32	105.1	124.12	101.48	57.06	102.22	70.68	130.24	1480.16	98.68
Mr. Fans Noodle Haus	103.22	99.98	92.94	99.94	58.28	85.98	93.28	94.06	77.94	86.44	83.8	105.52	88.76	121.92	89.84	1381.9	92.13
Average	116.80	113.88	115.37	118.10	128.50	119.55	112.17	103.50	100.29	106.08	111.78	109.78	115.89	120.04	100.48	1692.21	112.81

Notes

- *Highest score of the season*⁵: **Pay Dirt & Pylons in Week 14** (187.22 - 137.92 win vs. Herbin Legends).
 - Pay Dirt & Pylons got an astonishing 92.1 points from their WRs (Cooper Kupp, Davante Adams, Tyler Lockett, Amari Cooper), as well as 47.1 points from the unheralded RB duo of Javonte Williams and Rashaad Penny
- *Lowest score of the season*: **Dak to Dak in Week 2** (51.38 - 163.8 loss vs. GOBias Industries).
 - This was shocking on many levels. Dak to Dak was projected to score 119.85 points, but fell almost 70 points short! Dak to Dak did not score a single touchdown. When the two teams squared off again in Week 13, Dak to Dak exacted revenge with a thumping 170.52 - 139.10 win (the 170.52 was the 3rd-highest score in the regular season).
- *Highest-scoring week*: **Week 5 (128.50 PPG)**.
 - Week 5 was a scoring bonanza, as every team exceeded 110 points except for Mr. Fans Noodle Haus (miserable showing of 58.28 points).
- *Lowest-scoring week*: **Week 9 (100.29 PPG)**
 - League-wide scoring dipped in the middle of the season as bye weeks and injuries began piling up. The only teams on bye that week were Seattle, Tampa Bay, Washington, and Detroit, so it's a bit surprising that was the worst week.⁶
 - Jasjaap's Primo Team hit a nadir with a 66.56-point showing, while Dak to Dak provided a bright spot as Jonathan Taylor (vs. Jets) and James Conner (vs. SF) combined for over 70 points.

⁴ If we convert from non-PPR to 0.5 PPR, Cam would have the highest score.

⁵ Regular season only

⁶ Looking closer, Week 9 had a KC vs. GB game that underwhelmed (13-7 score), and letdowns from the Bills (9-6 loss to JAX) and Rams (28-16 loss to TEN).

Playoff Simulations

- The purpose of this section of the report is to determine which teams were lucky (or unlucky) to qualify (or miss) the playoffs.
- The results of two simulation models are below. Model #1 simulates the season 100,000 times based on the actual 15-week schedule. Model #2 simulates the season 100,000 times and replays the actual matchups in Weeks 1-11 before randomizing matchups in Weeks 12-15 (to account for strength of schedule).

Playoff Simulations (Regular Model)								
Team	Actual Record	Expected Wins	Expected Losses	Avg. Points	Avg. Place	Playoffs (% of sims)	Top (% of sims)	Sacko (% of sims)
<i>Pay Dirt and Pylons</i>	10-5	10.22	4.78	1891.84	2.68	83.0%	38.3%	0.0%
<i>Jasjaap's Primo Team</i>	12-3	9.15	5.85	1823.08	4.06	62.3%	15.6%	0.2%
<i>GOBias Industries</i>	10-5	8.96	6.04	1813.98	4.32	58.1%	13.5%	0.3%
<i>Dak to Dak</i>	7-8	8.91	6.09	1807.47	4.39	56.5%	12.8%	0.2%
<i>Brady = Washed Up III</i>	9-6	8.68	6.32	1787.39	4.76	50.7%	10.2%	0.3%
<i>Gee Whiz Darnell</i>	9-6	7.56	7.44	1722.49	6.43	26.1%	3.4%	1.3%
<i>Herbin Legends</i>	6-9	7.28	7.72	1705.00	6.85	21.2%	2.4%	1.8%
<i>Shiva Volodarskaya</i>	7-8	7.32	7.68	1663.21	7.02	19.0%	1.9%	2.1%
<i>Schmop</i>	6-9	6.78	8.22	1619.72	7.84	11.8%	1.0%	4.2%
<i>Sackwash Lyfe</i>	8-7	6.6	8.4	1610.14	8.1	9.8%	0.8%	4.9%
<i>Champagne or Bust</i>	3-12	4.84	10.16	1480.40	10.25	1.3%	0.0%	23.7%
<i>Mr. Fans Noodle Haus</i>	3-12	3.67	11.33	1381.63	11.29	0.2%	0.0%	60.9%

Playoff Simulations (Randomized Model)								
Team	Actual Record	Expected Wins	Expected Losses	Avg. Points	Avg. Place	Playoffs (% of sims)	Top (% of sims)	Sacko (% of sims)
<i>Pay Dirt and Pylons</i>	10-5	10.08	4.92	1891.90	2.87	80.1%	34.7%	0.0%
<i>Jasjaap's Primo Team</i>	12-3	9.21	5.79	1823.30	4.03	62.1%	16.5%	0.1%
<i>GOBias Industries</i>	10-5	9.09	5.91	1813.98	4.21	59.3%	14.6%	0.2%
<i>Dak to Dak</i>	7-8	9.02	5.98	1807.84	4.32	57.3%	13.4%	0.2%
<i>Brady = Washed Up III</i>	9-6	8.74	6.26	1787.23	4.73	50.5%	10.4%	0.3%
<i>Gee Whiz Darnell</i>	9-6	7.88	7.12	1722.42	6.08	30.0%	4.2%	0.9%
<i>Herbin Legends</i>	6-9	7.65	7.35	1705.08	6.43	25.6%	3.3%	1.2%
<i>Shiva Volodarskaya</i>	7-8	7.09	7.91	1662.81	7.3	16.0%	1.6%	2.3%
<i>Schmop</i>	6-9	6.52	8.48	1619.67	8.13	9.4%	0.8%	4.5%
<i>Sackwash Lyfe</i>	8-7	6.38	8.62	1609.82	8.31	8.4%	0.6%	5.2%
<i>Champagne or Bust</i>	3-12	4.74	10.26	1480.02	10.3	1.1%	0.0%	24.1%
<i>Mr. Fans Noodle Haus</i>	3-12	3.6	11.4	1381.71	11.29	0.2%	0.0%	60.8%

Observations

- This year, all playoff contestants deserved to make the Final Four, as each of them qualified for the playoffs in over 50% of simulations.⁷
- The two models produced equivalent results, which suggests “Strength of Schedule” did not influence which teams made the playoffs.
- Why did SOS⁸ not matter? There were three teams that got to play *both* Champagne or Bust and Mr. Fans Noodle Haus twice (four games against the league doormats), so they had much easier schedules. However, the three teams were (mostly) irrelevant:
 - Schmop** (playoff probability rose from 9.4% to 11.8% due to SOS)

⁷ One could argue that “Dak to Dak” should have qualified, but that team benefited from higher waiver priority for most of the season.

⁸ SOS = strength of schedule

- **Shiva Volodarskaya** (16% to 19%)
- **Sackwash Lyfe** (8.4% to 9.8%)
- **Mr. Fans Noodle Haus** “secured” the Sacko in 61% of simulations, while the bottom two teams had a combined Sacko probability of 85%.
- By contrast, the race for the #1 spot was more crowded. In the randomized model, **Pay Dirt & Pylons** had a 35% chance while four other teams had at least a 10% probability.

Jasjaap's Primo Team: the big surprise

- Before 2021, Jasjaap's Primo Team had been the league's doormat, finishing 12th, 12th, 10th, and 11th in the past four seasons.
- However, in a shocking reversal, Jasjaap's Primo Team finished the regular season in 1st place, ranking 2nd in points (121.55 PPG).
- Jasjaap's season was a roller-coaster. The team won its first 7 games, then lost 3 in a row (including defeats to Mr. Fans Noodle Haus and Champagne or Bust), before surging down the stretch with 5 straight wins.
- Jasjaap's 12-3 record was the 4th best in league history.⁹

Teams with Best Regular Season Record				
Team	Owner	Year	Record	Win %
GOBias Industries	Wolf	2017	12-2	86%
Schmop	Burnett	2016	12-2	86%
Herbin Legends	Brand	2012	12-2	86%
Jasjaap's Primo Team	Jasjaap	2021	12-3	80%
Brady = Washed Up II	Will	2020	10-4	71%
Sackwash Lyfe	Tommy	2019	10-4	71%
LeSean Hara	Eli	2018	10-4	71%
GOBias Industries	Wolf	2013	10-4	71%

Dak to Dak's Second Half Surge

- After Week 8, Dak to Dak was 2-6 and close to slipping into the Sacko race.
- What happened next was arguably the most remarkable second-half turnaround in league history (although it largely went under the radar).
- In the last 7 weeks of the season (weeks 9-15), Dak to Dak led the league in scoring with 136 PPG. The next best team (Jasjaap's Primo Team) only managed 124.9 PPG.
- From Weeks 1-8 to Weeks 9-15, Dak to Dak increased its output by +29 PPG, even as overall league scoring declined.
- Once again, Herbin Legends suffered an ignominious 2nd-half collapse, falling from 126.4 PPG to 99.2 PPG (-27.1 point drop).
- GOBias Industries and Brady = Washed Up III endured steep drop offs (-21.9 and -19.9 PPG) but still qualified for the playoffs.

⁹ Strangely, no teams in league history have ever won 11 games in a season, but four teams have won 12 games.

1st vs. 2nd Half Splits (sorted by PPG from Weeks 9-15)					
Team	Weeks 1-8	Weeks 9-15	PPG (1-8)	PPG (9-15)	Difference
Dak to Dak	855.78	951.8	106.97	135.97	29.00
Jasjaap's Primo Team	949.18	874.04	118.65	124.86	6.22
Pay Dirt and Pylons	1057.14	834.5	132.14	119.21	-12.93
Sackwash Lyfe	826.16	783.8	103.27	111.97	8.70
GOBias Industries	1048.86	764.8	131.11	109.26	-21.85
Brady = Washed Up III	1027.36	759.72	128.42	108.53	-19.89
Gee Whiz Darnell	977.14	745.58	122.14	106.51	-15.63
Shiva Volodarskaya	941.42	721.98	117.68	103.14	-14.54
Schmop	923.52	696.26	115.44	99.47	-15.97
Herbin Legends	1010.82	694.54	126.35	99.22	-27.13
Champagne or Bust	789.26	690.9	98.66	98.70	0.04
Mr. Fans Noodle Haus	727.68	654.22	90.96	93.46	2.50

- Historically, Dak to Dak's turnaround (difference between 1st half and 2nd half of a season) was the greatest in DKEHeads history (chart on next page).
- On the flip side, Herbin Legends' collapse was the 3rd largest decrease ever, continuing a disturbing pattern of late-season fades.

2nd-Half Improvements					
Team_Name	Owner	Year	1st Half PPG	2nd Half PPG	Change
Dak to Dak	Mike	2021	106.97	135.97	29.00
EBDB Vinegar Strokes	Codola	2015	95.92	120.29	24.37
GoBias Industries	Schulwolf	2017	103.71	127.66	23.95
E.V.I.L.	Tommy	2014	100.23	122.89	22.66
Burnett = Microdong	Mike	2014	90.20	109.38	19.18
Shiva Volodarskaya	Todd	2018	87.63	106.71	19.08
Team BULL	Brenton	2012	79.45	98.43	18.98
That Sackwash Feel	Tommy	2017	88.86	106.79	17.93
Taco's #1 Guest Bong	Cam	2015	93.45	110.95	17.50
LeSean Hara	Eli	2017	90.02	106.81	16.79

2nd-Half Collapses in PPG					
Team_Name	Owner	Year	1st Half PPG	2nd Half PPG	Change
GoBias Industries	Schulwolf	2018	124.71	94.90	-29.80
Turban Legends	Brand	2015	118.97	91.47	-27.50
Herbin Legends	Brand/Heintz	2021	126.35	99.22	-27.13
Rudy's Revanchists	Osborn	2012	111.27	84.81	-26.45
Kegel the Elf	Eli	2013	106.07	79.92	-26.15
Herbin Legends	Brand/Heintz	2020	107.87	82.83	-25.04
Gee Whiz Darnell	Brenton	2019	103.56	80.97	-22.58
Yes	Lerner	2012	89.85	67.41	-22.44
GOBias Industries	Schulwolf	2021	131.11	109.26	-21.85
GoBias Industries	Schulwolf	2016	107.62	87.12	-20.50

*1st Half for 2012-2020 seasons is Weeks 1-7; for 2021 season it is Weeks 1-8					
*2nd Half for 2012-2020 seasons is Weeks 8-14; for 2021 season it is Weeks 9-15					

Horrible Luck for Herbin Legends

- Herbin Legends once again “led” the league in Points Against, conceding nearly 1850 total points (123.3 PPGA), well ahead of 2nd-placed Dak to Dak (1789 total, 119.3 PPGA).
- Brand and Heintz account for 4 of the 10 worst seasons in Points Allowed in league history. (Cam accounts for another two).
- This season for Herbin Legends was the 5th-unluckiest in league history (of 120 teams).

Seasons with Highest Points Against (Worst Luck)						
Team	Owner	Year	Points Against	PPGA	Season Baseline	Diff
Lesean Hara	Eli	2019	1644.92	117.49	100.80	16.70
Turban Legends	Brand	2015	1581.34	112.95	96.67	16.28
Taco's #1 Guest Bong	Cam	2015	1526.70	109.05	96.67	12.38
GOBias Industries	Schulwolf	2020	1566.84	111.92	100.90	11.02
Herbin Legends	Brand/Kevin	2021	1849.94	123.33	112.81	10.52
Radical Shizzlam	Kevin	2016	1471.36	105.10	96.00	9.10
Someone Has To Lose	Tommy	2015	1475.98	105.43	96.67	8.76
TheMarathonContinues	Cam	2019	1530.22	109.30	100.80	8.51
Herbin Legends	Brand	2014	1469.92	104.99	97.62	7.37
Jasjaap's Primo Team	Jasjaap	2018	1521.02	108.64	101.29	7.35

The Sacko Stragglers

- This year, DKEHeads had 2 historically poor teams.
- “Mr. Fans Noodle Haus” and “Champagne or Bust” began their seasons 0-7 and 0-6. Ironically, both squads earned their first victory by defeating Jasjaap's Primo Team. (Oddly, Jasjaap went 0-2 against the basement dwellers and 12-1 vs the rest of the league!)
- Prior to 2021, no team had ever lost 6 games in a row to start the season (except for Osborn's infamous 0-14 campaign in 2013), but both Mr. Fans Noodle Haus and Champagne or Bust hit this unwanted milestone.
- Mr. Fans Noodle Haus scored only 92.1 PPG (-20.7 below league average) while Champagne or Bust scored 98.7 PPG (-14.1 below league average).
- By this metric (PPG vs. league average), Mr. Fans Noodle Haus was the 3rd weakest team in league history while Champagne or Bust was the 8th weakest.

Worst Teams in League History				
Team_Name	Owner	Year	PPG	PPG vs. League Average
Rudy's Revengers	Osborn	2013	72.6	-26.9
Shiva Volodarskaya	Todd	2017	71.2	-22.2
Mr. Fans Noodle Haus	Jay	2021	92.1	-20.7
Yes	Lerner	2012	78.6	-19.1
Radical Shizzlam	Kevin	2018	82.4	-18.9
GOBias Industries	Schulwolf	2020	82.7	-18.2
Jasjaap's Primo Team	Jasjaap	2016	80.9	-15.1
Champagne or Bust	Eli	2021	98.7	-14.1
Someone Has to Lose	Tommy	2015	83.3	-13.3
Jasjaap's Primo Team	Jasjaap	2017	80.8	-12.6

Most Losses to Begin a Season		
Team	Year	Losses
Rudy's Revengers	2013	14
Mr. Fans Noodle Haus	2021	7
Champagne or Bust	2021	6
Taco's #1 Guest Bong	2015	5
LeSean Hara	2019	5
That Sackwash Feel	2017	4
Kitchtits	2014	4
13 tied with 3		3

Other Notes

- Kitchell qualified for the playoffs for the 6th consecutive season (!). The only comparable streak in league history is Codola's 4-year playoff run from 2012-2015.
- Gee Whiz Darnell hasn't qualified for the playoffs in 7 years (with lots of near-misses, having finished in 5th place in five of the last seven years).
- The 2021 season saw 384 waiver acquisitions (32 per team!), which is by far the most in league history.

Year	Waiver Acquisitions
2012	170
2013	252
2014	194
2015	275
2016	212
2017	265
2018	256
2019	278
2020	334
2021	384

