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TURNS OUT COUGHING BABY GOT HANDS

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CHUCKDOWNFIELD

Fans had no shortage of excitement in ASFL action this week, but the most shocking outcome was Kaitlyn Vasey's previously last-ranked team The Girly Pops taking down the league leaders, Daniel Tribble's team Gundy Night Football. It was a result no one saw coming, including this publication. Last week's Issue #024 previewed the matchup as "a classic matchup of hydrogen bomb versus coughing baby," but The Girly Pops showed up with the strength of at least eleven coughing babies on their way to defeating Gundy Night Football by a margin of nearly 15 points. "I'm really proud of Joshy-Poo cheering on our other

boys, whose names I definitely know," said manager Vasey in an interview after the game. Tribble was candid about his running back room's dismal performance, saying, "I can tell you for sure that a few of these guys are gonna be *running back* and forth in practice this week. I'm gonna have them running to and fro. They'll be running hither and thither."

SMELLY QB CAROUSEL SPINS

Michael Penix, Jr. is the latest quarterback to be dropped by Melanie Shayer's Smelly Team That Smells Smelly. A combination of bad injury luck and indecision has



Daniel should have known something like this would happen when the coughing baby representing The Girly Pops in the coin toss walked back to the sideline with a limp, which mysteriously disappeared after she thought no one was looking any more.

led to a rotating cast of characters at the position this season. Besides Penix, seven other QBs (Burrow, Lawrence, McCarthy, Wilson, Murray, Smith, and Dart) have worn a Smelly jersey at some point in the last seven weeks. "Soon I'll find the right one, I can feel it," Shayer reportedly said to her first husband.

Featured Matchup: The Longest Road @ All Hope Is Lost

Aaron DeSantiago's team The Longest Road is on the hottest streak in the league right now, but this week they'll face their toughest adversary yet: Sam Shayer's All Hope Is Lost. Sure, on paper this one doesn't look that tough (Shayer's team is ranked at a hopeless 8th place, outside the playoff picture),

but advanced metrics have experts warning that this matchup has upset potential. One analyst said, "These teams have the highest manager-height disparity in the league. There's just no way Aaron can coach well with that towering milkshake of a man staring him down from the opposite sideline."

Noteworthies



Baller of the Week: RB Christian McCaffrey (WET), 39.1 pts

It was a shootout this week between Alan Tribble's team Jasmine's Fav and Coren's Wet Supermen. Jasmine's Fav were ultimately victorious, but on the loser's side, star running back Christian McCaffrey (WET) scored 39 points. Frustrated after the game, CMC said, "If that wasn't enough to get the W... all I can say is I think my tendonitis might start bothering me again."



Walloping of the Week: Smelly Team defeats Max the Manx

In a week of close finishes, the most lopsided matchup was Melanie Shayer's Smelly Team That Smells Smelly winning at home by 23 points, holding Beth Tribble's Max the Manx to a pathetic 79 points. Tribble was clearly affected by the omnipresent odor in the stadium, remarking afterward that she would need "three or four cats" to shove her face into to recover.



Nailbiter of the Week: The Burney Bakery defeats Malpal's Boytoys

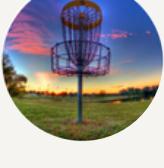
Mallory DeSantiago must be thinking pretty hard about all that talk of curses from Etsy witches after her second razor-thin loss of the season. Kris Burney's team The Burney Bakery got away with a win by less than a tenth of a point. "I didn't even know they could do tenths of points," he said jovially afterwards. "I'm going to tenth your point, Kris," said Mallory, less jovially.



Injury News of the Week: WR Mike Evans (WET) hits the ground wrong

Most people, even elite athletes, prefer to land on their feet when heading for a high-speed impact with the ground. This week, Mike Evans reminded us why the foot method is best practice, as opposed to his experimental landing with the head/neck/shoulder region. "I've just always been curious why nobody does that," he admitted from the injury cart. "Now I know."

League Standings

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Record</u> | <u>Next Week</u> | <u>Outlook</u> |
|-------------|--|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. |  Gundy Night Football | 5-2 | @ MPBT | Losing to avoid suspicion |
| 2. |  Jasmine's Fav | 5-2 | vs. DEB | Choking hazard |
| 3. |  Malpal's Boytoys | 4-3 | vs. 4D | Cursed? |
| 4. |  Coren's Wet Supermen | 4-3 | vs. BAKE | Just happy to be over .500 |
| 5. |  The Longest Road | 4-3 | @ AHL | Fraud alert! |
| 6. |  Disc Golf Lazarus | 4-3 | vs. SMEL | Wild card or bust |
| 7. |  The Burney Bakery | 3-4 | @ WET | Won by a crumb |
| 8. |  All Hope Is Lost | 3-4 | vs. ROAD | 1-0 after losing all hope |
| 9. |  Smelly Team That Smells Smelly | 3-4 | @ DGL | Trying another new QB |
| 10. |  The Girly Pops | 3-4 | @ M | 2 hot 4 Daniel |
| 11. |  Max the Manx | 2-5 | vs. GPOP | Ready for basketball |
| 12. |  Dawn's Early Lightnings | 2-5 | @ JF | Hoping for a 12-way tie |