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HEAVEN, HELL, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

SUNNY DAY
CHUCK DOWNFIELD

A Serious Football League had two very different welcomes for its newest franchises in Week 1. Mallory DeSantiago's squad, Malpal's Boytoys, shocked the league with an incredible 156-point performance, trouncing Dawn's Early Lightnings and leading the entire league in points scored this week. "I think I'm beginning to see why people enjoy this stuff," Mallory said in an on-field interview after the game, shortly before her players doused her with the sideline cooler of iced coffee. The league's other new manager, Aaron DeSantiago, had a slightly different experience when his team finished their game with only 65

points, losing to The Girly Pops by thirty. In a post-game press conference, Aaron was clearly frustrated with his quarterback's rough game, saying, "I'm un-Believably disappointed... all hope Nixed." When asked if he believes the team can improve on their poor showing, Aaron stared into the ether and gave no reply, though several reporters believe they heard a strange voice say, "Nevermore."

ACCUSATIONS OF NEPOTISM RATTLE COMMISSIONER TRIBBLE

Besides Malpal's Boytoys and Kaitlyn Vasey's The Girly Pops, the other four winners this week had something in common- a



After a rough opener, Aaron decided to rebrand his team as "Edgar Allan Poe Nix." The literary reference has the added benefit of making people think that Aaron can read.

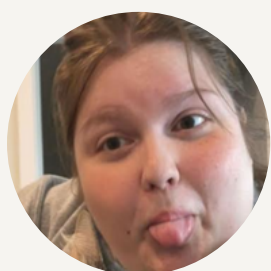
last name. Commissioner Daniel Tribble and all three of his family members coincidentally won their matchups to start the season. "It's time we had a discussion about fairness and generational advantages in this league," said Sam Shayer after losing to Alan Tribble. Daniel was unable to comment due to his busy schedule working the refs (or was it "working as a ref"? Double check transcript before publishing).

Featured Matchup: Malpal's Boytoys @ Edgar Allan Poe Nix

Despite their short tenures as ASFL managers, Mallory and Aaron DeSantiago have a long history together. After their teams were the best and worst in the league respectively last week, this week there will be more than a tick in the Win column at stake when they face off in the brand new Edgar Allan Poe

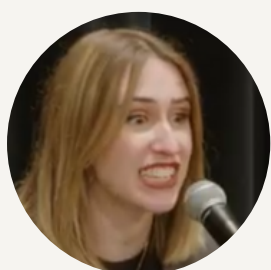
Memorial Stadium. "I'm afraid it's going to wreck our marriage," Mallory confessed according to one source. "If I lose I'm really gonna do it this time," said Aaron. "I hate when Mom and Dad fight, all I want is to watch some football and have a nice bone. I mean, woof" said Taiko.

Noteworthies



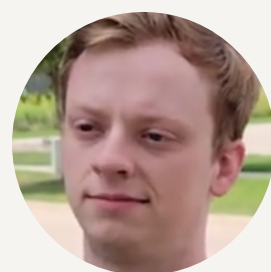
Baller of the Week: QB Josh Allen (GPOP), 38.76 pts

In some jurisdictions, what Josh Allen did to the opposing defense last week is considered a crime. Allen's performance more than justified the first-round draft pick manager Kaitlyn Vasey spent to bring him back to the team this year. "JJ McCarthy may have his war paint," the star quarterback said after the game, "but my new mascara lasted through four touchdowns."



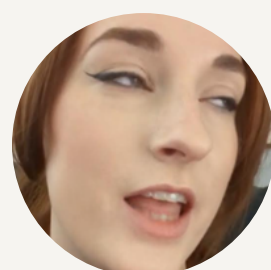
Walloping of the Week: Malpal's Boytoys defeats Dawn's Early Lightnings

Newcomers to the league, Malpal's Boytoys, didn't just win their first matchup. They sent a clear statement that they will be contenders this year, defeating Dawn's Early Lightnings by a resounding 41.5 point margin. "I'm just happy to see another woman get the win!" said manager Dawn Burney after the loss, whilst pouring herself another drink.



Nailbiter of the Week: Max the Manx defeats Coren's Wet Supermen

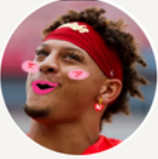



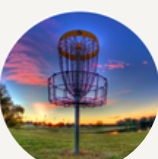

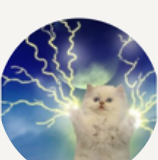

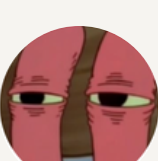



At times it felt like neither of these teams wanted to win this week. The defensive side of the ball for both Max the Manx and Coren's Wet Supermen looked abysmal. In the end, Beth Tribble's team eked out the win by a margin of less than two points. Managers Beth Tribble and Coren Huckle shook hands at midfield after the contest and agreed to never do this again.



Injury News of the Week: TE George Kittle (DEB) placed on Injured Reserve

Manager Dawn Burney should have been careful what she wished for this week. With her Early Lightnings trailing partway through the game, she reportedly said, "I just need George Kittle to see God." Perhaps he did see God when he went to the injury tent clutching his hamstring. Kittle will be placed on Injured Reserve and miss at least the next four weeks of play.

League Standings

Rank		Team	Record	Next Week
1.		Malpal's Boytoys	1-0	@ EAPN
2.		Max the Manx	1-0	vs. JF
3.		The Girly Pops	1-0	@ SMEL
4.		Gundy Night Football	1-0	vs. DGL
5.		Disc Golf Lazarus	1-0	@ 4D
6.		Jasmine's Fav	1-0	@ M
7.		Dawn's Early Lightnings	0-1	vs. WET
8.		The Burney Bakery	0-1	vs. TSLW
9.		Smelly Team That Smells Smelly	0-1	vs. GPOP
10.		Coren's Wet Supermen	0-1	@ DEB
11.		Transient, Shifting Like Water	0-1	@ BAKE
12.		Edgar Allan Poe Nix	0-1	vs. MPBT