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Forget the two-way and three-way ties and the murky standings of previous weeks. The playoff picture heading into Week 13, the final week of the ASFL regular season, has never been more complicated. Four teams at the bottom have been mathematically eliminated from contention, but shockingly, none of the remaining six teams have clinched a spot with one week to go. The Guv'ment has a tenuous hold on the top spot, with a record of 8-4, then a menagerie of other contenders follow in a mind-boggling five-way tie for second place at 7-5. Those teams are All Hope Is Lost, The Girly Pops, Salute Emoji, Jasmine's Fav, and Daddy Plays the Slots. Out of the six teams with a chance to make it to the playoffs, two pairs of them will face off this week (read about them in our

Featured Doubleheader). Depending on the outcome of those games and the possibility of eliminated teams playing spoiler, a wide range of final standings is possible, and it could come down to tiebreakers. Total Season Points For is the deciding factor to break ties, so teams like GPOP and LOST with high season totals are likely to have an advantage regardless of their scores this week. SALUTE and JF are true bubble teams with only twenty points separating them, meaning if their records remain tied after this week, their point totals could be important in determining whether they make it to the post-season. Lastly, team Daniel Likes His Slop has the lowest total score this season out of the six contenders, so they'll most likely need to win this week and get losses from other teams. Call it a cliché, but it's true: anything could happen in this exciting final week of ASFL regular season action.

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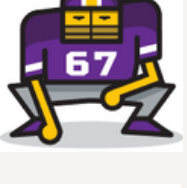
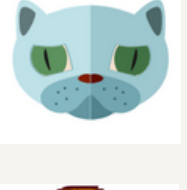
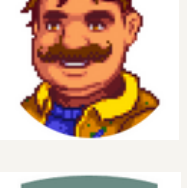

A.S.S. Page reporters asked six managers what they're doing to prepare. "I'm rereading The Art of War by Sun Tzu," said Alan Tribble, "because we can learn a lot from the old masters." Meanwhile, his opponent this week, Kaitlyn Vasey, has spent all week on the phone with trusted friends and advisers for help making roster decisions. "I'm a big believer in the wisdom of the masses," she said of her 9th-grade students. Matt Tribble said, "I've been watching a lot of films. I mean, film," when asked about his preparation. His opponent this week, Melanie Shayer, replied "I am dismantling every possible weakness this man possesses, he won't even know what hit him." The last two contenders are facing eliminated teams but still probably need wins this week to have a chance of advancing. Daniel Tribble, manager of Definitely Losing His Spot, spent the week fighting back an illness but he's confident this will be "my personal Jordan Flu Game." Lastly, Sam Shayer was heard saying, "I'm giving up," from his current third-place spot.

What, do you need a picture in every issue? Are you a baby?

Featured Doubleheader: SALUTE @ GUV & GPOP @ JF

Everyone will be watching football this Thanksgiving, and two matchups have huge implications for the ASFL playoffs. Salute Emoji faces The Guv'ment for a third time this season, looking to knock the number one team off the top of the standings. Meanwhile, The Girly Pops face Jasmine's Fav in a possible do-or-die game. Additionally, Commissioner Tribble has added an eating competition in honor of Thanksgiving this week. "At halftime, we're going to see which Girls Pop and who is Saluting who." It may be a good thing most viewers will be asleep.

League Standings

Rank	Team		Record	Next Week	Outlook
1.		The Guv'ment	8-4	vs. 	In with a win or a loss and some help
2.		The Girly Pops	7-5	@ JF	Probs in with a win, maybe with a loss
3.		All Hope is Lost	7-5	vs. DEB	Probs in with a win, maybe with a loss
4.			7-5	@ GUV	Maybe in with a win but not definitely
5.		Jasmine's Fav	7-5	vs. GPOP	Need a win and some help
6.		Drop It Like It's Sl(h)ot	7-5	@ 69	Need a win and some help
7.		The 69ners	5-7	vs. DLS	Could ruin Daniel's whole season
8.		Max the Manx	5-7	vs. GUS	A matchup of 8th and 9th place?
9.		Gus	4-8	@ M	Literally who even cares about this
10.		Dawn's Boys ❤️	3-9	@ LOST	Could ruin Sam's whole season