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IT'S LONELY AT THE TOP

SUNNY DAY
CHUCK DOWNFIELD

In an interesting twist of parity, half of the teams in the ASFL are sitting tied for last in the standings with a record of 2-4. It's a muddy mess of mediocrity that could still produce any number of playoff-bound teams in the next two months of contests. Meanwhile, commissioner Daniel Tribble's team Gundy Night Football sits alone in first place with a record of 5-1, a circumstance that no one thinks is suspicious at all. Daniel's mother Beth (manager of Max the Manx) has cut off his allowance after she lost their Week 6 matchup. Even worse, his father and brother, Alan and Matt, are furious after Daniel's rigging power ran

dry this week, dooming them both to losses. Daniel addressed the familial rift on social media in a post saying, "Who needs family when you've got cold, hard, Ws? Who needs companionship when you're filled with joie de vivre?" Daniel's girlfriend, who is not a team manager in the league, was unavailable for comment.

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

Emily Dickinson once wrote that "hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." She must have been referring to Sam Shayer's team's chicken mascot, because this week both the chicken and all hope were lost. Fans of Shayer's



We copied and pasted this Adobe stock photo from Issue #004. Does it look the same to you? Do you feel more or less hope now than you did back then? What have you accomplished in the last year of your life? Is it even worth trying?

squad knew this year would be a rebuilding year, and many are considering it a moral victory that they lasted twice as long as last season before inevitably seeing the team renamed "All Hope Is Lost." How long will it take next season? Only God knows.

Featured Matchup: The Girly Pops @ Gundy Night Football

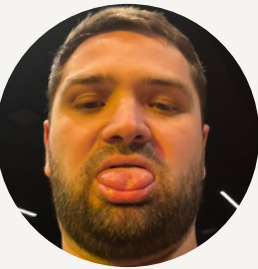
It's a classic matchup of hydrogen bomb versus coughing baby this week as Daniel Tribble's team Gundy Night Football hosts Kaitlyn Vasey's team The Girly Pops. The Girly Pops have been unable to capitalize against weak opponents most of this year, having both the least points scored on offense as well as the least points scored against them. "We know it will be a tough one this week," said manager Kaitlyn Vasey. "We just have to execute better on offense and dictate the terms of the game." Tribble said his game plan was to "score twice as many points as The Girly Pops do, then score fifty more points for good measure."

Noteworthies



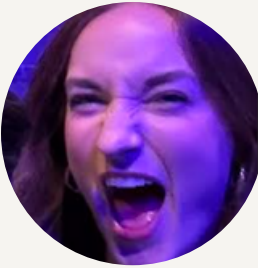
Baller of the Week: RB Bijan Robinson (BAKE), 35.8 pts

Fans watching this week's action on a TV broadcast might have laughed when The Burney Bakery's offensive player introductions came on and they heard "Bijan Robinson - Iowa Culinary Institute." Nobody was laughing after the game, though. Nobody except Bijan himself, who had a performance so hot you could fry an egg on its surface.



Walloping of the Week: The Burney Bakery defeats The Girly Pops

The Burney Bakery was cooking with oil this week, defeating The Girly Pops by a whopping 50 point margin. Manager Kris Burney was generous with praise for his team after the win. "This was a team effort. I'm proud of every line cook, maître d', and sous chef in this organization. With hard work like this we can win football games and spell new French words every week."



Nailbiter of the Week: Dawn's Early Lightnings defeats Disc Golf Lazarus

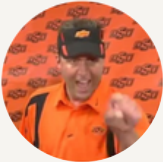






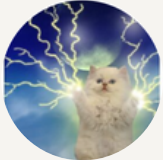




A last minute score from Lightnings receiver Rome Odunze delivered the win for Dawn Burney and company this week. Burney was seen hugging loved ones on the sideline as "A Good Song Never Dies" played in the stadium. Meanwhile, team Lazarus manager Matt Tribble is likely to be fined for slapping kicker Cam Little on the sideline after a missed field goal.



Injury News of the Week: WR Puka Nacua (4D) is day-to-day

Gundy Night Football receiver Puka Nacua suffered a left ankle sprain in this week's game. Though commissioner Tribble's team seemed charmed at the start of the season, losing two stars to injury in successive weeks shows karma may be catching up. Tribble was optimistic when updating the press, saying Nacua's injury won't be a big deal because he is right-footed.

League Standings

<u>Rank</u>		<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
1.		Gundy Night Football	5-1	vs. GPOP
2.		Malpal's Boytoys	4-2	@ BAKE
3.		Coren's Wet Supermen	4-2	@ JF
4.		Disc Golf Lazarus	4-2	@ ROAD
5.		Jasmine's Fav	4-2	vs. WET
6.		The Longest Road	3-3	vs. DGL
7.		The Burney Bakery	2-4	vs. MPBT
8.		Dawn's Early Lightnings	2-4	vs. AHL
9.		All Hope Is Lost	2-4	@ DEB
10.		Smelly Team That Smells Smelly	2-4	vs. M
11.		Max the Manx	2-4	@ SMEL
12.		The Girly Pops	2-4	@ 4D