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WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WOULD COME DOWN TO THIS

SUNNY DAY
CHUCK DOWNFIELD

With only one week remaining in the regular season, several teams are preparing for one last chance to earn a spot in the post-season, knowing their performance in this week's matchup could make or break their aspirations. Three teams (WET, 4D, and JF) have already clinched half the available playoff spots. Sam Shayer's team All Hope Is Lost will almost certainly snag the fourth spot. That leaves two slots to be claimed by any of the next five teams in the standings, currently all tied with a record of... 6-7. That's right! The brain-rot pop culture reference couldn't have been more timely if Commissioner Daniel Tribble himself tried to rig it. If you don't know the significance of the numbers 6-7, consider yourself lucky (but maybe also consider going

outside more). When the big standings page projected outside of ASFL headquarters updated yesterday morning, a crowd of thousands of children erupted in joy, yelling in unison, "SIX SEVENNN" while doing the alternating hand gesture. Before long, the six-seven swarm became a rampaging mob, forcibly entering Commissioner Tribble's office and committing childish acts of vandalism.

DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES

None of the five 6-7 bubble teams will face each other in the final week of the ASFL regular season, which means their playoff destiny could come down to tiebreakers. Commissioner Tribble was unable (read: unwilling) to clear up the exact tiebreaker process, but most analysts

theorize that it will come down to total points scored throughout the season. This benefits Matt Tribble's team DGL, currently highest in total points out of the bubble teams. "It's time to cash in on God's promise of resurrection," said Tribble, "it's time for the South to ri- I mean, for Lazarus to rise again." Next up are MPBT and BAKE. "If Matt wins, only one of us can have the last spot, and I'll punch Kris in the balls if I have to," said Mallory DeSantiago. SMEL and NTK are long shots. Yesterday, manager Melanie Shayer said, "I'm hoping all the other bubble teams lose and step on a Lego and get the wrong kind of coffee at the drive-thru."

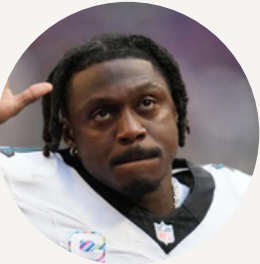
Sorry there's no picture this week, we were really yapping!
-Sunny and Chuck

Featured Rematch: Jasmine’s Fav @ Gundy Night Football

Instead of featuring one of the five 6-7 bubble teams fighting for their post-season lives, consider this absurd question: what would it take for league commissioner Daniel Tribble’s team to fall to third place and miss out on a first-round bye? If his team Gundy Night Football loses to Alan Tribble’s team Jasmine’s Fav,

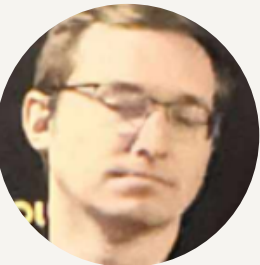
their records will be tied at 9-5. Their head-to-head record would be tied at 1-1. The tiebreaker would have to be total points scored in this season. JF fans and 4D haters, be glad! Alan’s team simply needs to win by a margin of 234.54 points. It could happen!

Noteworthies



Baller of the Week: WR AJ Brown (DEB), 35.2 pts

Dawn’s Early Lightnings seemed like a good fit for the diva wide receiver archetype exemplified by AJ Brown, but even in an environment that fits his personality, his production has been a rollercoaster. “Now that the playoffs are firmly out of the picture and the team’s success doesn’t matter any more, it’s my time to shine,” said Brown after his best performance yet.



Walloping of the Week: Dawn’s Early Lightnings defeat Disc Golf Lazarus

Speaking of rollercoasters, fans of Disc Golf Lazarus have been put through the ringer this season. Manager Matt Tribble’s team has the following games in their record: .02 pt win, 45.06 pt win, 1.82 pt loss, 2.24 pt loss, 1.8 pt loss (with 175 pts), and now a 61.96 pt loss. This is a team you’d be a fool to bet on, but also a team that could run away with the championship.



Nailbiter of the Week: All Hope Is Lost defeats Max the Manx

Assistant coaches in the Max the Manx building have reportedly become frustrated with manager Beth Tribble’s ill-advised roster decisions, after baffling choices caused another narrow loss this week. One coach (granted anonymity to speak freely) said, “She doesn’t understand that you can’t tank for the first draft pick in this league, because draft order is randomized.”



Injury News of the Week: WR Amon-Ra St. Brown definitely injures ankle

Wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown left the game early this week with an ankle injury, putting Smelly Team’s slim playoff chances in even more doubt. “If the guys can pull it off without me next week, hopefully I’ll be back in time for a deep playoff run,” said St. Brown in the locker room. His phone screen, sitting unlocked on the bench, showed recent searches on Expedia.

League Standings

Rank		Team	Record	Next Week	Playoffs?
1.		Coren's Wet Supermen	10-3	@ DGL	Yes; clinched a bye week too
2.		Gundy Night Football	9-4	vs. JF	Illusion of security
3.		Jasmine's Fav	8-5	@ 4D	Anything could happen!
4.		All Hope Is Lost	7-6	vs. NTK	Caught fire at the right time
5.		Disc Golf Lazarus	6-7	vs. WET	In with a win, maybe without
6.		Malpal's Boytoys	6-7	@ M	Depends on tiebreakers
7.		The Burney Bakery	6-7	vs. DEB	Depends on tiebreakers
8.		Nova and the Krons	6-7	@ AHL	Needs a win and help
9.		Smelly Team That Smells Smelly	6-7	@ GPOP	Needs a win and help
10.		The Girly Pops	5-8	vs. SMEL	It's happening like "fetch"
11.		Max the Manx	5-8	vs. MPBT	Planning for the future
12.		Dawn's Early Lightnings	4-9	@ BAKE	Don't start gambling