

# A SERIOUS SPORTS PAGE

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## SALUTE TO THE CHAMPS

SUNNY DAY  
CHUCK DOWNFIELD

Melanie Shayer and her team Salute Emoji made sports history this week, coming back from behind to defeat Kaitlyn Vasey's The Girly Pops in the first-ever ASFL Championship. In an exciting finish that thrilled fans and annoyed newspaper copy editors everywhere, the only team whose true name is more impossible to type than "Drop It Like It's Sl(h)ot" prevailed and became The Most Serious Football Team of 2024. Fireworks lit up the sky and a rousing chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" rose up from the assembled fans in the stadium. Commissioner Tribble took the stage and presented Melanie Shayer with the Serious Cup, saying, "All hail the victorious Salute Emoji!" The entire stadium saluted as Melanie Shayer took the microphone. "This team fought like hell for your

freedom, America! If you see any of these fine fellas out in public, make sure you hit 'em with a 'thank you for your service.' I have a feeling this trophy is gonna have some company on the shelf before long!" Salute Emoji weren't always the championship favorites this season, but they did spend most of the year in or around the top three in the standings. Shayer's steady leadership developed a team that was built for a playoff run, able to withstand a few struggles in the regular season. Kaitlyn Vasey, manager of The Girly Pops, was disappointed after the loss but determined to reach the championship again next year. "I'm sad that we lost, but if we had to lose, at least we lost to somebody pretty. We'll be back and we'll win it next time. As for right now, I'm gonna go get a little treat." No matter your team's finish, this season has been just that- a treat.

### MANAGERS LOOK TO REBUILD THEIR ROSTERS FOR 2025

The Serious Cup has been awarded to The Most Serious Football Team, and the other lesser league awards will be awarded soon, but managers already have their eyes on next season. At time of publication, wide receiver Deebo Samuel, Jr. had already been cut from the roster of All Hope Is Lost, with more offseason moves expected soon. "Deebo played like poop from a butt this season," said manager Sam Shayer. "I won't make the mistake of rostering him again." Other disappointing players, like Christian McCaffery (formerly of GUS), have already been let go. Across the league, managers are taking stock of their seasons and performing autopsies to determine what went wrong and how they can learn from it. Next season's ASFL action is sure to deliver even more thrills and letdowns.



*Commissioner Daniel Tribble awkwardly began his trophy dedication speech with "I'd like to thank all the troops, both sides."*

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# FINAL ASEF STANDINGS

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**1st**



SALUTE EMOJI

**2nd**



THE GIRLY POPS

**3rd**



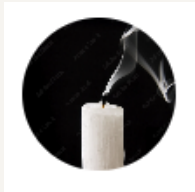
JASMINE'S FAV

**4th**



THE GUV'MENT

**5th**



ALL HOPE IS LOST

**6th**



MAX THE MANX

**7th**



DROP IT LIKE IT'S SL(H)OT

**8th**



GUS

**9th**



DAWN'S BOYS ❤️

**10th**



THE 69NERS