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ASFL ENTERS FINAL WEEK OF CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNNY DAY
CHUCK DOWNFIELD

If the regular season results weren't convincing enough, the action in the first half of the final round of ASFL action proved why some teams are playoff teams and others are just along for the ride. The four teams competing in the championship and consolation games led the league in points, while none of the six loser's bracket teams cracked their totals. The Girly Pops and Salute Emoji in particular put on an explosive offensive performance, tallying the two highest single-week point totals of any team in the league in the entire season. Any last shred of doubt that these two teams deserve to be battling for the championship has been removed. At halftime, Salute Emoji manager Melanie Shayer was asked what her team needs to change in the

second half. "We just have to play better football... at the end of the day, this is a football game, and the best football team is the team that plays the best football and scores the most points." Fans in the stands nodded sagely at these remarks. Meanwhile, Kaitlyn Vasey, manager of The Girly Pops, told our sideline reporter, "Why are you asking me questions right now, can't you see I'm in the middle of managing a championship game?" On-lookers pelted our reporter with empty beer bottles as Vasey galloped away to give her team a pep talk, favoring her good knee.

SOME PLAN FOR THE SECOND HALF, SOME PLAN FOR THE AFTER-PARTY

Salute Emoji and The Girly Pops have a prestigious championship title to play for, the privilege of being called The Most Serious Football Team. But what do the other eight teams have left to look forward to? "I'm going to drink a lot of eggnog

and forget this whole season ever happened," said Dawn Burney. Her clandestine husband Kris had no comment and didn't take his eyes off his latest 3D-printer project. Daniel Tribble said he's looking forward to next year, while nervously looking over his shoulder. Coren Hucke said only "I'm going to close about thirty tabs in my browser." Beth Tribble said she was sad the season is nearly over but hopes her guys will do better next year. Sam Shayer didn't answer calls from the media but is said to be seeking therapy after this season. Playoff losers Alan and Matt Tribble held a joint press conference at halftime of their matchup. Speaking in unison, they vowed, "we are going to simultaneously punch Daniel in the face."



No one knows why commissioner Daniel Tribble chose "Your Engraved Text Here" as the league motto.

FINAL ROUND - HALFTIME

191.18



THE GIRLY POPS

@ ****ASFL CHAMPIONSHIP****

179.46



SALUTE EMOJI

This is what happens when an unstoppable force meets... another unstoppable force. Which juggernaut will be victorious? Read next week to find out!

126.0



THE GUV'MENT

@ ****DANIEL RIGGED IT****

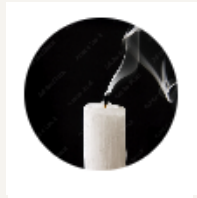
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JASMINE'S FAV

Will the previously top-seeded team The Guv'ment suffer a humiliating drop to 4th place? It would be funny for the rest of us!

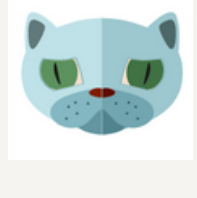
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ALL HOPE IS LOST

@ ****BEST LOSERS BOWL****

111.48



MAX THE MANX

Does 5th vs. 6th matter? Ask the 6th nation that they didn't let be on the UN Security Council! Because there are five. Okay I'm getting off the stage.

121.5



DROP IT LIKE IT'S SL(H)OT

@ ****THE BIG 2 CONF CHAMP****

113.84



GUS

Only one more issue until I never have to type this stupid team name ever again! Next year it will be some new stupider thing.

113.9



THE 69NERS

@ ****BATTLE FOR NOT LAST****

121.96



DAWN'S BOYS ❤️

Winner gets to be married to Kris. Loser has to marry Dawn. Wait, maybe it'll be the other way around. Now I'm confused.