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ASFL HEADED FOR HISTORIC THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

SUNNY DAY
CHUCK DOWNFIELD

Time for a brief history lesson. The “first Thanksgiving,” a harvest feast between Mayflower pilgrims and the indigenous Wampanoag people, occurred in 1621. 121 years later, in 1742, George Frideric Handel’s oratorio “Messiah” was performed for the first time. 121 years after that, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving to be an official holiday. 121 years after that, in 1984, everyman protagonist Winston Smith rebelled against the totalitarian government of Oceania led by Big Brother. The second one was unrelated and the fourth one was a George Orwell novel but the other two

tell you all you need to know about Thanksgiving, which will be celebrated across A Serious Football League tomorrow. Two more teams are thankful to have clinched a playoff berth after last week’s results: Daniel Tribble’s team Gundy Night Football, and Alan Tribble’s team Jasmine’s Fav. Three more playoff spots are up for grabs with just two weeks of regular season action remaining. This week, viewers could find out which teams are sipping victory gravy and which ones are getting stuffed.

KYIV OK’S US-BROKERED PEACE DEAL

Kyiv backed a US-brokered plan to end the war with Russia, but the

deal’s fate remains uncertain. The White House on Tuesday acknowledged a “few delicate, but not insurmountable” details are unresolved. Moscow is unlikely to accept the plan, which was revised to offer Kyiv concessions after the original draft — crafted by US President Donald Trump’s special envoy Steve Witkoff — was seen as Russia-friendly. Witkoff, a real estate developer, also advised the Kremlin on how to pitch the initial peace proposal to Trump, Bloomberg reported. His outsized role in negotiations underscores Trump’s preference for “intimates as envoys” over diplomats, the Financial Times wrote: The US Army secretary, a friend of the vice president with no diplomatic experience, is also central to peace efforts.

Oops! At time of printing, we noticed a mix-up in today’s issue. It seems some copy got switched around, and now Semafor readers are learning all about the ASFL while you get the latest on foreign policy. We regret the error but it’s too late to fix. Deal with it!

Featured Rematch: Dawn’s Early Lightnings @ Disc Golf Lazarus

When Dawn’s Early Lightnings pulled out a nailbiter win over Matt Tribble’s Disc Golf Lazarus in Week 6, it was a bright spot for the team. No one knew it would be one of only three wins before reaching Thanksgiving. The Lightnings are the only team statistically eliminated from playoff contention at this point, but don’t make the mistake of thinking they have nothing left to play for. “I’m done being happy for my friends’ wins,” said Burney in a press conference this week. “Matt cheated at board game night and so I wish him pain and suffering.” Tribble denies conscious rule-breaking and claims it was all a misunderstanding.

Noteworthies



Baller of the Week: RB Jahmyr Gibbs (AHL), 55.4 pts

Two weeks after the season record was smashed by Jonathan Taylor, it was surpassed yet again by running back Jahmyr Gibbs. It’s hard to imagine this record being broken again in the remaining five weeks of ASFL play, but stranger things have happened. Analysts have suggested 4D kicker Brandon Aubrey is saving up all his 70-yd field goals for one last game.



Walloping of the Week: All Hope Is Lost defeats Malpal’s Boytoys

Don’t look now, but Sam Shayer’s squad All Hope Is Lost has won their last three games in a row, averaging a ridiculous 161 points per game during that time span. Malpal’s Boytoys could have started Jesus Christ himself at this week and it wouldn’t have made a difference. “If Jesus is available,” said Shayer, “we could use him at backup running back.”



Nailbiter of the Week: Max the Manx defeats 2 Koo 4 Skoo

Beth Tribble has been known to favor drafting players who played college ball for one of the public universities in her home state of Iowa, so it was an unusual environment this week when her team Max the Manx faced former ISU quarterback Brock Purdy across the line of scrimmage. Beth insists there were no hard feelings after her defense intercepted Purdy three times.



Injury News of the Week: WR Jaxson Smith-Njigba (4D) breaks his back

Don’t have a heart attack Daniel, just look up “figure of speech.” Smith-Njigba has put the whole Gundy Night Football team on his shoulders all year long, and this week (37.1 pts) was no different. Team medical staff say he’s experiencing some soreness from carrying the whole team, but he’s expected to be good to go for Tribble’s final push for the top seed.

League Standings

Rank		Team	Record	Next Week	Thankful For
1.		Coren's Wet Supermen	9-3	vs. BAKE	CMC's Achilles tendons
2.		Gundy Night Football	8-4	@ GPOP	Easy matchup this week
3.		Jasmine's Fav	8-4	vs. SMEL	Legal weed in Colorado
4.		All Hope Is Lost	6-6	vs. M	Jahmyr mf'ing Gibbs
5.		Disc Golf Lazarus	6-6	vs. DEB	The benefit of the doubt
6.		The Burney Bakery	6-6	@ WET	Thanksgiving desserts
7.		Malpal's Boytoys	6-6	vs. KOO	Permanent good hair day
8.		2 Koo 4 Skoo	5-7	@ MPBT	Having a normal job
9.		Smelly Team That Smells Smelly	5-7	@ JF	Winning last year
10.		The Girly Pops	5-7	vs. 4D	Smokeshow of a fiance
11.		Max the Manx	5-7	@ AHL	Still in it technically
12.		Dawn's Early Lightnings	3-9	@ DGL	Vengeance and retribution