



WEEK 16

DYNASTY IS A WAITING GAME

Jonthan Taylor pays Jack back for drafting him once again with a massive game

THE FANTASY MENACE **174.78** THE NEIGH SAYERS **165.44**

Back Where He Belongs
JACK, BEST TEAM, MAKE IT BACK
TO THE TITLE GAME DREW ALLEN, A1

Buffalo Gonna Buffalo
BILL FALTERS DOWN STRETCH;
ANDREW BESTS DONNY BERDOS, C2

Performance For The Ages
BRIAN CLINICAL IN 2 GAME
SWEEP BERDOS, C2

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THE BERDOS GAZETTE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25, 2024



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CHAM	180
Arrakis	137

Bye Bye Bye

Both teams with a bye exit in the 2nd round



Picked up the pieces while starting the long walk to the Gazette office exits...

■ Championship week is finally here, and there officially is only one game left. Sometimes we have had the deciding game of the toilet bowl game, but this year, all eyes will be on the title game. Prediction wise, I had Jack winning it all preseason, which means no matter

what happens here, this is what I'd call a win-win game. As I've said the past 6 or so weeks really, there isn't a ton to talk about at this stage of the season. But let's roll out one last leftover thoughts column, shall we?

■ Quiz: One player from Berdos' championship *starting* squad is looking to become a back to back champion. Name that

DREW ALLEN

player.

■ Out of the 13 players on the All-League team that will be crowned this offseason, most likely 7 of them will be playing in the championship game: Lamar Jackson, Ja'Marr Chase, Justin Jefferson, Amon-Ra St. Brown, Brandon Aubrey, Zach Baun, and Budda Baker.

■ We will have our 2nd ever champion that

finished the year at 9-5. The other one? Jack, in 2021.

■ The battle for All-Time Team PK is going down to the wire. Aubrey holds a slight lead over Bus Boswell as we approach the finish line. No other position is in jeopardy this year.

■ How did we get here? I took a look at the starters from last week to find out how exactly the two finalists built their teams. This year, the two drafts win out easily. As well documented, Berdos' team was built from the startup draft,



A savvy move by Michael to pick up Darnold to offset Jefferson, but JJ proved to be too much for him

his opponent last year filled out the majority of his team via the rookie draft. This year appears to follow the rookie draft model. Joe Burrow, Ja'Marr Chase, Justin Jefferson, Drake London, Jonathan Taylor to name a few. Maybe a warning shot to those who trade away rookie picks? Or is this just a one off year? Those who don't want the rookie draft to be the end all be all will be happy to see Amon-Ra, Puka, Aaron Jones, and James Conner leading the teams as well. A nice mix of everything, as boring as it is, probably is the way to go.

■ Age curves are talked about in dynasty, and you have thought about them yourself, even if you didn't think you did. That phrase is talking about the idea that a player will just slowly decline as they get older. A perfect example of that is Zeke; that graphic shows his rushing yards per game slowly decline every year.

But probably a better way to think of age in dynasty is an age cliff, which is definitely more of a high risk high reward strategy. Let me give you a few examples. Say Player A exists, and he has torn his ACL before, and has missed over 30 games in his NFL career. He is considered to be old for his position. And yet, that player, Saquon, had the best season in his career. Anecdotal, yes, but if age curves were a thing, he wouldn't be doing what he did this year.

What about Player B. He has over 2,300 carries in his career, and is over 30 years old. Must suck right? No, I know you're smarter than that. It's Derrick Henry. Still going along. The same can be said for someone like Mike Evans.

The scary part is the cliff part. But if you can't see that coming, there's no point in worrying about it,



De'Von Achane helps Brian stave off the 2nd hole digging

and/or planning for it. Just enjoy the ride.

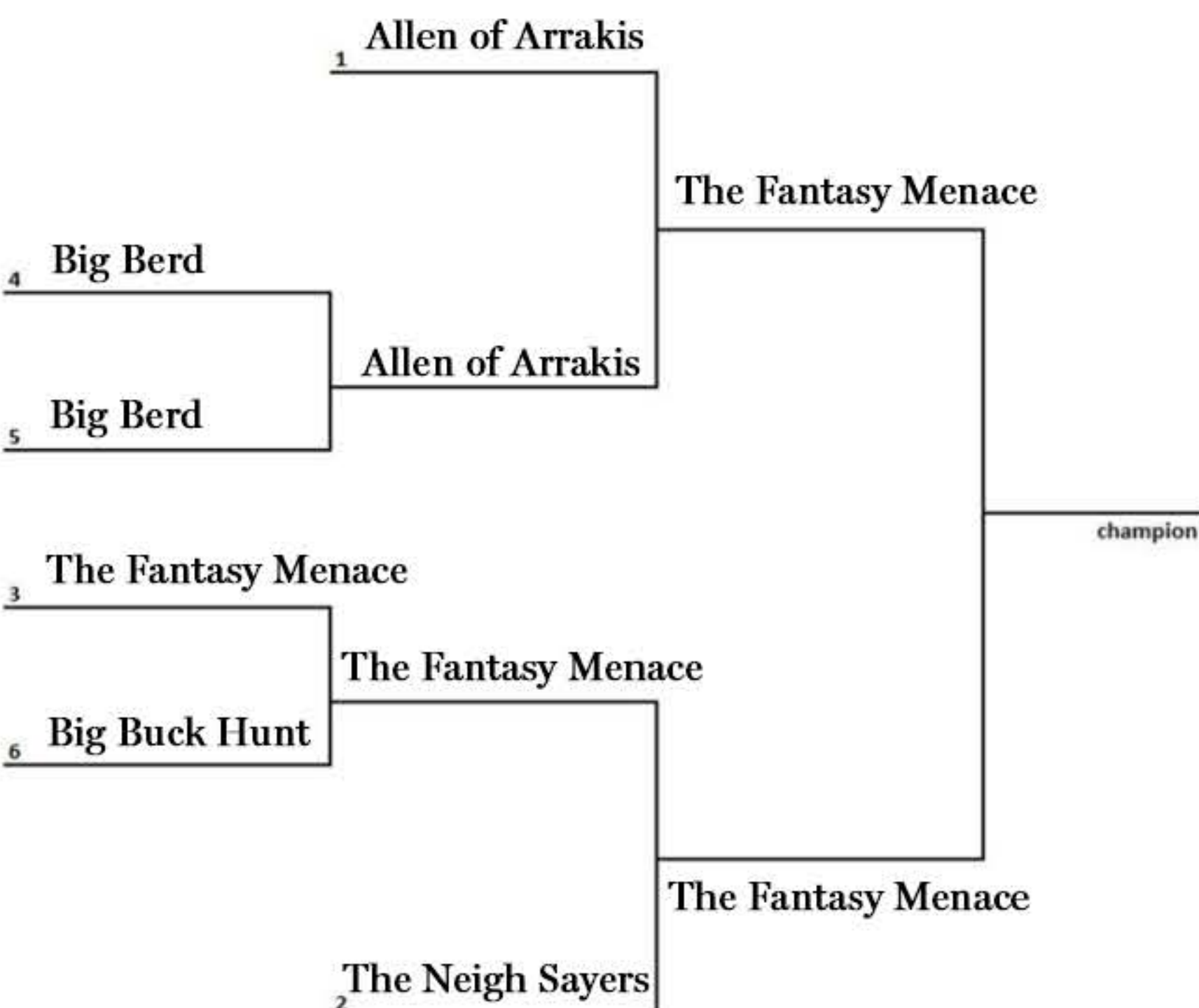
■ If Nick Cross doesn't outscore Budda Baker by 2 points this week, Berdos will not have a player on the All League Team for the first time in league history. Something to cheer for this week Big Berd.

■ It has been a fun year writing this. I do struggle at times to find things to write about, and half the time I'm just parroting stats at you guys,

but I do appreciate you guys reading this every week, even if you just read the things I say about you. I may have more fantasy leagues I play in, but this one takes up 99% of my time. Here's to many more years writing this stupid rag.



PLAYOFF BRACKET



COMING SOON...



THE FANTASY MENACE vs CHAMETIONS



PERFECT LINEUP

AWESOME
FAIL

PTS	POS	TM	PLAYER
44.42	QB	HONK	JAYDEN DANIELS
39.80	RB	MNCE	JONATHAN TAYLOR
28.00	RB	HONK	DE'VON ACHANE
31.40	WR	MNCE	JUSTIN JEFFERSON
23.70	WR	HONK	BRIAN THOMAS JR.
23.50	WR	ARRA	JAMESON WILLIAMS
14.60	TE	NEIG	GEORGE KITTLE
27.00	OFX	NEIG	SAQUON BARKLEY
23.80	PK	CHAM	BRANDON AUBREY
8.00	DL	NEIG	MYLES GARRETT
14.00	LB	CHAM	ZACK BAUN
14.50	DB	MNCE	JESSIE BATES
14.00	DFX	HTG	BRIAN BRANCH
306.71			



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

JAYDEN
DANIELS



BIGGEST FLOP

NAJEE
HARRIS



COACH OF THE WEEK

BRIAN
BERRY