

Monthly Newsletter

Okay so this is brief. If you haven't paid pay. Also we will be moving to Sleeper next year so we can hold off on doing GroupMe or Slack, etc. In other news: John got engaged, Michael's baby is doing great, and the rest of you should text me more if you want to make the newsletter.

Love,
Fady

Week 8 Power Rankings

Tier 1: The Power of Analytics Tier

Welcome to the future of fantasy football. Somewhere in his new Columbus apartment Tirpak's (1) elaborate AI system works tirelessly to give him an edge over the rest of us. He says he got his PhD in Trees, but really he spent 3 year in Knoxville perfecting the algorithms that would lead him to this moment, and they have told him to... make 0 trades and 0 acquisitions. Seriously? 8 weeks into the season? I guess it would not be our league any other way.



Tier 2: The "Well This is Happening" Tier

Most people go to church to worship Jesus, but Jesus goes to church on Sunday to worship TAHM BRADY. It started on a bus bound for the hotel from Mark's wedding reception. Tahm Brady would win the NBA dunk contest. No problem. Even with no arms and no legs. No problem. Fueled by reception alcohol and trying our best to fit in to our Boston surroundings we sang the praises of New England's golden boy. Little did we know we were inspiring a fantasy football turnaround in Austin (2). I'm Tahm Brady. He thought. I'M TAHM BRADY.



Oh, also Nate (3) has done a good job.

Tier 3: The I'm Almost Rooting For Him Tier

Something happened while making these rankings—I started rooting for John (4). It doesn't hurt that the three people ahead of him in the rankings have made zero effort to get there, but if we're being honest does anyone deserve this more than John? He's working harder than the rest of us and he's forced us all to pay attention to this league by sending us 4 am trade offers for players we did not even know we had. If there's any justice in this world, John will find a way to win this thing. He'll probably lose to James in the first round.

Tier 4: The Do the Playoffs Really Need Six Teams? Tier

James (5) and Willie (6) are on different trajectories. James is still riding the CMC train and has made *zero moves* to support his star player. He's riding a two game losing streak and there's a decent chance he hasn't changed his lineup since week 1. Willie is on a two game win streak and seems more engaged than ever before. I like him as a dark horse team for these playoffs. Which probably means he'll finish in 10th place.

Tier 5: The Not Dead...Yet Tier

These guys sit at 3-4 or 3-4-1 (ugh ties...thanks a lot Pagano) and are still very much alive in the playoff hunt. If I had to pick one of them to sneak into the playoffs, I would go with Kundrat (7) who has actually put up the 4th most points in the league. If Le'veon Bell can get anywhere close to his pre-hold out form Kundrat starts to look like a contender. Neither Jeff (8) or Matt (9) look like they belong in the playoffs, but then again do James or Willie? When one of those two inevitably blow this, Jeff or Matt may find themselves sneaking into the postseason.

Tier 6: The There's Always Next Year Tier

Duane (10) is 2-6, but using his team name to take shots at the guy in first place. I (11) am currently trying my hardest to give Michael his first win, and Mark (12) started two players on bye this week...if it weren't for our next team, this would make for a compelling battle for the bottom.

Tier 7: Michael, Michael, Michael (13)

If it counts for anything, I like your logo.



Rankings:

1. Tirpak (+2)
2. Austin (+2)
3. Nate (+2)
4. John (-3)
5. James (-3)
6. Willie (+3)
7. Kundrat (+1)
8. Jeff (-2)
9. Matt (+4)
10. Duane (-2)
11. Fady (-1)
12. Mark (-1)
13. Michael (-1)