

A Letter From Your Commissioner

We all agree that this is quite possibly the worst fantasy league of all time. While my initial instinct is to blame you all for being terrible at fantasy, I have taken some time to reflect and now realize that a league is only as good as its commissioner, and I have thus far been not so great. So here's my promise to you. I will be the best Bad Fantasy league commissioner I can be, so that we can keep this thing going and use it as an excuse to stay in touch. Here are the things that I am going to do to:

1. We need a way to communicate that doesn't involve texts or emails. Here are the options: Slack, GroupMe, WhatsApp. Personally I prefer Slack and that's the way I am leaning. If you have a preference text me, if enough people text me that they have a preference for GroupMe or WhatsApp then that is what we will do.
2. On the topic of communication, I will try to do these Power rankings at the beginning of every month. I will also include a little newsletter, to help us stay engaged
3. Keepers. This is a keepers league. Case closed. Is it what everyone in the league wants? No. Is that more fun? No. Is it fair? Not really. But honestly, I am sick of having this conversation every year. We are doing 3 keepers, from now until this league meets the sad end that it deserves.
4. Buy-in. Meh. What does \$10 really mean? I guess it helps keep people engaged, so let's do it. Please send me \$10. Every year from here on out a \$5 increase will be voted on. If you don't pay am I going to kick you out? No probably not, but you will pay it all back and then some if you ever win this thing.
5. Other ideas:
 - a. Re-align the divisions. We only have 13 now, which doesn't really bother me. Maybe we will get someone new, or maybe someone will quit next year. Either I was thinking of re-aligning into an East-West or North-South that actually reflect our current geographic locations. Also thinking about setting up a sort of rivalry week
 - b. Sleeper. Sleeper (fantasy app) is just better than ESPN in every way. Some of us are already on it for other leagues. I understand it's a headache, and we won't do it if everyone resists, but it really is a better app and will make it so that we don't need another chatting platform

Week 4 Power Rankings

Tier 1: The “Is this the year?” Tier

No one cares more, no one talks more, and no one harasses you with trades more, but maybe it's time we admit that no one knows more about fantasy than John (1). Despite all this, he's got fewer titles in this league than Mark Elguizaoui. It's possible though, that this is the year, for our favorite NYC attorney. Note only is he the only 4-0 team in the league, he's getting engaged in a couple weeks. (probably using that banana to call Willie and demand he trade Dak Prescott)



Tier 1b(or c): The “Even a blind squirrel, sometimes Bust(s) a Nut” Tier

I mean on the one hand James (2) only has 2 wins. On the other hand he's undefeated. I guess he's the big winner of the western conference's bye week, so far. He's been leaning hard on #1 RB Christian McCaffrey, and...well that's it. He's one injury away from not putting up another win all season, but for now let him enjoy his moment in the sun. And don't feel too bad for him when he blows this thing. He has his new dog, Nigel, to cheer him up.



Tier 2: The “No one is buying this, right?” Tier

Tirpak (3), Austin (4) and Nate (5) somehow find themselves all at 3-1. Tirpak does have the most points scored and according to the fancy TD Ameritrade™ Final Standings Projection, he is the most likely to finish in first. He's got championship pedigree and seems like a contender. Austin's commitment to Tom Brady may have finally paid off. Then again he put up 3 points last week in Austin's first loss of the season. Austin is the one who convinced me to do these rankings, so I'll give him the edge over Nate who is coming off of a long string of losing seasons and seems more pretender than contender.

Tier 3: The “Always the bridesmaid, never the bride” Tier

Jeff (6) is one of the last founding members of the league to never win a championship despite making it to the finals for 3 of the first 4 seasons. As Jeff himself told me, he was “always the bridesmaid, but never the bride.” Is this better Jeff? What are you now? The flower girl? Duane (7), on the other hand, was a late addition to the league and has been competitive almost every year since he joined—buut this is probably not one of those years. Although he's .500, he's only scored the 8th most points in the league and looks poised for a losing season.

Tier 4: The “What is this, soccer?” Tier

1-2-1? I wasn't aware that was something that could even happen. Mike (8) has firmly parked himself in the middle of the pack since he joined the league, and his recent change of scenery doesn't seem to have changed his fantasy lucky. Willie (9) and I (10) had a little debate about whose team was worse this week and the fantasy gods rewarded us with a draw. Still, Willie's team has put up >400 points and he might still have a chance of turning this thing around. I am probably not, so lucky...

Tier 5: The “Is less more, or is less less?” Tier

I'd say that Mark's (11) championship a few years ago is both the weirdest thing that has happened in this league and emblematic of what can happen in a fantasy



league where no one cares at all. Maybe we're on to something with our laissez-faire approach to fantasy, as the two teams with the most acquisitions join Mark at the bottom of the standings. Michael (12) and Matt (13) keep working the waiver wire hoping to strike gold, but at 0-3 they are running out of time to make the right move.