

Here are our first Bubble Power Rankings. Thank you guys for helping to keep the league going despite my absolute minimal efforts as commissioner. As always please send me pictures and updates about your lives—not because I’m interested, but so that I can work them into these power rankings.

POWER RANKINGS

Tier 1: The Undefeated

After down years last year these two teams have seemed to find the form that won them championships in 2017 and 2018. Willie (1) is sitting at 4-0 behind the emergence of Kyler Murray and an embarrassment of riches at WR and RB. Matthew (2) has scored over 125 ppg thanks to Josh Allen’s MVP level play. These are our last two undefeated teams. Although, Matthew looks to be in a nail biter this week.

Tier 2: They Have a Chance

“Always the Bridesmaid, never the bride.” These famous words have defined Jeff’s (3) run in our league. With a new team name (eggplant eggplant eggplant?), he once again looks ready to make a run. Then again, he lost Austin Eckler, owns two defenses, and is still starting a QB on bye for this week. Reigning champion, Andrew (4), has made it this far without getting anything out of Michael Thomas and looks primed to make another run. On the other hand, he is also the only person in the league sitting at 0 trades and 0 acquisitions, so we should all feel good actively rooting against him.

Tier 2: The Someone Has to Fill out the Playoffs

No one cares less than Nate (5) and no one cares more than John (6)—who has made 11(!!!) acquisitions and one trade. Maybe there is a happy middle ground between apathy and zeal. If either of these two find it, they could be contenders in the playoffs...but probably not.

Tier 3: Worse than Middle Class



If I am being entirely honest these three teams are just as bad as the teams below. If they had kids (or kids on the way) they would find themselves squarely in the bottom tier. Austin (7) did not let Touchdown Tahmmy's trip to Tampa deter him from wasting a keeper spot on the 43-year-old QB and he has been rewarded with 19.2 ppg—good for 16th most among NFL QBs. I (8) made a bad trade to give up the best WR in the NFL in exchange for Browns back Nick Chubb—who immediately went on IR, so honestly I'm calling this a win. And don't feel bad about me losing my favorite Cleveland Brown—I have replaced him with another dog. Kundrat (9) has a new job, a new apartment, and his same old spot in the mediocre middle of the league.



Tier 4: Daddy Gang

Perhaps the burden of parenthood (or impending parenthood) is getting to them. Perhaps the lack of sleep has left them unable to clearly think through their lineups. Or perhaps when you are taking care of a living breathing human child it gets a little hard to care about a digital football team. Whatever the reason, fatherhood has equated to poor fantasy football. Yeah, Duane (10) is 2-2, but he's scored less points than anyone in the tier above, and anyway he needs to go here to fit the theme. Michael (11) and James (12) can at least blame the loss of dynasty workhorses, Saquon Barkley and Christian McCaffrey, respectively. What's Mark's (13) excuse?

