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AROUND THE UNION



The Premier League swept our top scorers of the week, scoring the only games over 165, and doing it thrice over. The most dominating of which, The Minutemen, getting over 30 from both G. Pickens and A. Jeanty. Two more players over 20, and two more over 15, all of the sudden, reigning champ Fort Wayne Banana Bread had a real problem on their hands. Obviously, Week 4 is tipping the scales for FWBB, but they currently "lead" Premier in Points Against, their defense allowing a plump 552.95 through just four weeks. Not to be outdone, Odin's Herr wears the crown for Points Against around the Union. Despite scoring the second most points in Masters, the squad has managed to let extremely close games slip through their fingers three weeks in a row. After one month of football, ODIN faces an average climb of over 141 points. Not to fear though, as the Herr is here – they've scored over that 141 number twice... and are 0-2 on such occasions. Tides should turn, and when they do, ODIN might look stronger than their record implies.

On the other end of the spectrum, the aforementioned Minutemen have been playing great defense, having just 412.75 PA through 4 games. If you look below, you can see NL, as a League, is lagging behind the top two in scoring. Naturally, our lowest PA is found there in another undefeated squad – rookie competitor The Inferno Swarm (SWRM) have barely allowed 100 points per game, boasting the easiest path in the first month & having just 400.85 points against.

Congratulations to FFU founding member Jake Vermeulen (FFUcked Up) who joined the ranks of happily married FFU members this past weekend. Congratulations on behalf of the Union to you and Jessica. Share your celebrations for the happy couple by leaving an emote to let me know you read and enjoyed the FFUN. (PS, if you want your happy news shared in the FFUN, we'd love to feature you!)



The Minutemen
179.25 - Premier

The Stallions
173.05 - Premier
Team Jacamart
165.45 - Premier

Avg Game / Total League Points

121.44

5,829.2

122.18

5,864.7

118.09

5,668.54

UNION POWER RATING



+ / -	Team Name	League	UPR	W-L	+ / -	Team Name	League	UPR	W-L
5	The Minutemen	P	181.9	4-0	-5	Big Ten Bandits	N	138.4	2-2
-1	LegendsRise	N	181.4	4-0	11	The Underdogs	N	137.9	2-2
6	The Inferno Swarm	N	171.0	4-0	11	Act More Stupidly	M	137.3	2-2
-2	Stark Direwolves	M	168.0	3-1	-1	Dawn Island Straw Hats	N	137.2	3-1
2	The Tooth Tuggers	M	163.2	3-1	-10	Nighthawks	M	137.0	1-3
4	Boca Ciega Banditos	N	162.4	3-1	-9	Fort Wayne Banana Bread	P	135.6	1-3
-4	Frank's Little Beauties	P	162.4	3-1	-3	Blood, Sweat, and Beers	N	128.2	1-3
9	The Stallions	P	159.3	3-1	2	He Hate Me	M	128.2	2-2
-5	Head Cow Always Grazing	M	157.4	3-1	-1	CamDelphia	P	127.9	1-3
2	Raging Rhinos	M	152.9	2-2	-4	El Guapo Puto	P	125.3	1-3
12	Team Jacamart	P	151.5	2-2	5	Jawn of Arc	N	124.2	1-3
-7	FFUcked Up	M	147.9	3-1	-5	The Steel Tigers	N	122.7	1-3
7	Bucky Badgers	M	143.9	2-2	2	Pottsville Maroons	P	122.7	1-3
4	Johnkshire Cats	P	142.7	2-2	4	The Sha'Dynasty	M	122.2	1-3
1	Odin's Herr	M	141.7	1-3	-6	Dark Knights	N	121.0	1-3
-5	The Riveters	N	140.9	2-2	-5	Show Biz Kitten	M	117.2	1-3
-9	Team Pancake	P	139.9	2-2	-5	Circle City Phantoms	P	114.0	1-3
1	Shton's Strikers	P	139.1	3-1	-1	Indianapolis Aztecs	N	107.1	0-4

- First Lady, Dr. Emma Dewhirst Murdock, would've beat my ass if she found that I just used that rickety old screenshot like last week instead of using her dutifully built and beautifully crafted table you now see above.
- Plenty of noise still, as evidenced by the 4 double-digit jumps (and three more jumps of 9). Win percentages and high game/low game are weighing most heavily, so if you see a big move (STA, AMS, etc.) it's a new high/low.
- ODIN is off to the most convincing slow start in the Union. They're currently second in scoring in Masters, but they're 0-3 when scoring above 135 points. (They're 1-0 while scoring under 105).

$$\text{UPR} = (\text{Average Score} \times 6 + (\text{High Game} + \text{Low Game}) \times 2 + \text{Win Percentage} \times 400) / 10$$



Big blowouts of MMEN over FWBB (179.25–125.60), JACA over CAM (165.45–127.80), and the largest of the bunch, STA over CCP (173.05–108.65) have either been covered, or you can consider them covered now.

John, starting Tee Higgins, beat Team Pancake, who started Calvin Ridley. Ugly week for Marcus for a lot of reasons – negative points from the Packers defense against Dallas, an interception thrown by Chris Olave, starting Calvin Ridley, and an injury to Lamar Jackson to top it off. CATS benefitted from another special outing from Puka (33 points), and generally cruised to victory off those good vibes, 123.85–92.65.

Pottsville Maroons notch their first win of the season, besting El Guapo Puto 130.90–120.80, but oh my was the price of victory steep. EGP is enjoying solid contributions from ETN and ARSB, and is enduring the exact opposite from their all-star stack Hurts–AJB. In 3 of Brown's first 4 weeks of the season, he combined for 7 catches for 42 yards. Across 3 games. 0 TDs. 9.20 fantasy points. Though this is a tragedy, its juxtaposition to Prescott's Trey Benson to IR, Bucky Irving Out for perhaps multiple weeks, and most crushing of all, Malik Nabers lost for the season. Bleak.

On Monday night, Garrett Wilson and the Broncos Defense squared off against JK Dobbins in the SHTN–FLB matchup. 100 yards rushing from Dobbins was enough to crush the Stars in this one. After a great showing from the Broncos D/ST, and a TD catch from Garrett Wilson, it still wasn't enough. I turned off the Jets game before the very last play, so – if G. Wilson caught a ball then successfully lateraled it – if I'm wrong don't correct me. RIP to Shton's Strikers who... yeah holy shit, beat Frank's Little Beauties 116.95–115.55, procrastinating victory to the bitter end.



Lightning Round, gang:

JACA v FWBB – BYEs are here in full force already, and they're shaking lineups up big time. Including injuries, Jacob is without 4–5 regular starters. FWBB will be without their only productive 1st rounder in a game that could end up rather close.

MMEN v CATS – No Odunze, no London for Josh. Johnkshire Cats already locked in another 21.5 from Puka, and conveniently replace workhorse J. Warren with adopted workhorse R. White. Most will be rooting for the CATS in this one (nothing personal) despite their singular transaction in the first month of competition.

CCP v POTT – In the struggles of the early season, this could be shaping up to be a relegation finals preview. It will be interesting to watch both managers try to rebuild the team before the postseason rolls around. Edge to CCP, but impact player of the match is J. Fields (and we'll find out who Woody Marks really is for TCool).

EGP v CAM – Two more 1–3 teams clash in this one. CMC was the last man standing for an injury-riddled SF team, and he continues to be used like it. Zach has... literally not made a single transaction yet this year, so things aren't looking great there.

FLB v TP – FLB is at full power, and perhaps even more-than-full, as Adam will no-fear roll out Devonta Smith over last-week's-practice-squader Michael Carter. Marcus is without Lamar and still in a place to start Ridley, so edge FLB.










STA v SHTN – After a couple of weeks of fooling around from Ashton, he's put that world behind him and put the pedal to the metal. Kyren scored nearly 30 on Thursday night, and Quinshon Judkins is out to a quick start against Minnesota as I'm writing this. Anything can happen, but with Bowers teetering on an "Out" designation, what's likely to happen is a Stallions loss.

MASTERS LEAGUE



Before I say anything I think I have been abbreviating Stark Direwolves as STARK instead of STRK – which I have in my notes! – but I’ve never written STRK only STARK, so that’s embarrassing. Thanks for cleaning that up, Jonathan. Also, when I read SBK or type SBK, I always say “Spring Break Kitten”, and I find that pretty... FFUnny lol

I am also struggling to stay awake as I write this, so apologies if this isn’t my best work you read this season, gang.

 He Hate Me (2-2)	114.90 - 107.10	(1-3) Nighthawks 
 Raging Rhinos (2-2)	141.30 - 127.45	(3-1) Head Cow Always Grazing 
 Act More Stupidly (2-2)	159.85 - 125.80	(3-1) Stark Direwolves 
 The Sha'Dynasty (1-3)	154.55 - 153.75	(1-3) Odin's Herr 
 The Tooth Tuggers (3-1)	135.90 - 90.55	(3-1) FFUcked Up 
 Bucky Badgers (2-2)	140.25 - 107.70	(1-3) Show Biz Kitten 

*Odin my brotha..... I am so sorry. You have been cranking out points like nobody’s business... to fall at defeat just 1 point away..... This is been happening a little too much with you for my liking, and it really breaks my heart. I hope it is belt-to-ass the rest of this season because, what the hell? Each player was doing everything they could (not you this week, Montgomery.) Even with NSTY’s depressing performances by Ladd McConkey (**hilarious name**) and Darnell Mooney, the Lions D/ST really pulled through.*

MASTERS LEAGUE



In other news, AMS pulled out the most points with a big, special 'thank you' to Ashton Jeanty for his hefty contribution! Matthew Stafford played well, allowing Mr. Stupidly to grab another extra 32 points, but his benching QB wasn't doing much sitting with his 35 point pull. While Dak Prescott s@\$% d&!#, it was definitely lovely to see him do something out on the field for once! STRK of course did the best they could, but the pack of wolves just couldn't hold it together. Puka Nacua was shaking ass and taking names, pulling a big 33 points to the table, but Malik Nabers had tragedy befall him, and the 49ers D/ST was a poor poor excuse for half a football team.*

HATE and HAWK played a very humble game, no cat fights, name calling, or spit-gate for these guys. Brown and Smith equally let them both down, but the Eagles have let us all down at some point... not in Super Bowl 59 tho GO BIRRDDDSSSS.

RAGE and HCAG fought hard and strong, flipping back and forth between their players doing well and absolutely needing to be fired from the NFL. Once again I say bench Jeudy. Kupp is doing nothing for you, bestie. He better be a bench warmer this week. RAGE did have many fair and solid plays leading to their win which I personally think we should all celebrate! Mahomes actually getting some wins under his belt boosted QB points to 31. The Eagles D/ST bullied the Bucs more than once to pull 17 points for the Rhinoceroses! Go Birds!

MASTERS LEAGUE



I'm sorry we have to address this.. FU how are you 3-0 and lose this week by like 40-and-some-change points???? Literally everyone is 100+ and you're AT 90!!! THE DAMN TOOTH FAIRY HAD NEGATIVE POINTS FROM D/ST AND YOU STILL LOST THAT BAD. WHY would you bench WOODY???? Maybe if you read your horoscope, you would've known to try new adventures, take chances, meet someone new. Everybody and their mother was mid this week--did you not think to call your employees and tell them to wake the hell up and get you some points??????? What kind of football fantasy manager are you to let them embarrass you like that??????? NEXT time, call some plays or get on the field.

*BDGR washed SBK this week but at least Mr. Kitty Cat was still in the 100s... *cough cough*... I think a lot of your team let you down and you and FU should practice being assertive with your teams. Don't be afraid to coach! Sometimes they need you more than you think they do <3*

BDGR really lovely work on your team layout, while LaPorta and Meyers (and Olave) were not doing much, everyone else picked up the slack and the bench players definitely had a right to be sat out. Good work making those managerial decisions.

TT vs. SBK: QBurrrrrrs

Bit chilly in here... cause the QBs look ICY. Justin Fields in a good way and Trevor Lawrence in a bad way. (LOL.) Fields has been cold so far. Dripped out in points. Lawrence on the other hand reminds me of Jack Nicholson at the end of The Shining where he freezes to death (spoilers). I am hoping for the best that he isn't trash. But I really don't have high hopes when Fields is on the opposing side. Overall there should be a lot of hope from both teams' players this week! Good luck boys.



HCAG vs. NSTY: Shakin' it UP

From this week to last, you have both made some interesting and wild roster moves... I am worried but I am hopeful. I do not want to jinx anything. May the odds be in your favors... go birds.

HAWK vs. RAGE: Thank You For Listening

Kupp is benched!! Yay!!!! Let's hope he stays there!

STRK vs. ODIN: Manifest

ODIN I want the best for you. No more getting a lot of points and losing. Time to win. Sorry STRK, he needs this moment.

HATE vs. BDGR: Biting My Fingers Off

I think this is gonna be a really fun one because BDGR has his #stars up of course, Allen, Barkley, and Hampton front and center. While HATE has a very humble lineup, I feel very optimistic about Jefferson, Worthy, and Goff this week! I am excited to watch this battle!!!!!!!!!!

AMS vs. FU: Polarizing!













AMS knocked the teeth out of everyone's mouths last week. For the first 3 weeks AMS was just... not doing well. On the other hand, FU was bursting at the seams with wins and week 4? Well... we know from it being previously stated that it was embarrassing for all of us to watch what went down. Was week 4 a change in tides??? Is AMS kicking FU's but or was it a fluke? Is it going to be "Girl, F! U! I WIN, BOZO" and AMS returns to the slaughter house?????? Opposites do attract too... maybe they will tie and everyone will be so shocked and amazed and it would be the very first tie in all of FFU history!

NATIONAL LEAGUE



Island game drama, surprise RBs, and injuries galore. Week 4 in the books, and it was a roller coaster of emotions. The matchups of Sunday morning games are never blockbusters, but hell, if they all turn out to be halfway decent like the Vikings–Steelers one this past Sunday, we'll be in for a treat (they won't). The late scratch of Jaylen Warren turned Kenneth Gainwell into his true last name potential, scoring twice and adding plenty of yardage to those who were fortunate enough to start him. The Texans' Woody Marks left his mark, contributing to the spanking of the "keeping it a buck, we ass" Titans. The 49ers roster continues to be a husk of itself, Lamar went down with a hammy, and Tyreek applauded his way off the field after discovering a new way to bend one's knee.

Week 4 recap, read it and weep (me)

 The Inferno Swarm (3-0)	120.90 - 106.80	(0-3) Indianapolis Aztecs 
 Dawn Island Straw Hats (2-1)	107.25 - 103.35	(1-2) The Underdogs 
 The Riveters (2-1)	102.55 - 101.50	(2-1) Big Ten Bandits 
 The Steel Tigers (1-2)	145.10 - 107.15	(1-2) Blood, Sweat, and Beers 
 Boca Ciega Banditos (2-1)	121.20 - 108.70	(1-2) Dark Knights 
 LegendsRise (3-0)	144.30 - 114.40	(0-3) Jawn of Arc 

Highlights include The Inferno Swarm (with top scoring honors to boot) and LegendsRise continuing their unbeaten run. 4-0 is a great boon to playoff hopes, these two squads have put themselves in great position to escape the clutches of the NL. SWRM's Jacobs and Nacua duo scored enough TDs and had target volume to feed a family of four. Great news for SWRM. Not so great news saw RISE's star QB Lamar out for reportedly the next couple of games. Fortunately Kyler was an easy plug-and-play option (before the latest installment of COD releases to boot).



Yours truly (AZTC) is the last remaining 0-4 team, falling at the hands of aforementioned Gainwell outburst across the pond. JAWN gets into the win column with inspiring performances from Gainwell, London, and Goedert.

Boca Ciego Banditos took down Big Ten Bandits in a high-scoring affair, led by none other than New York's latest QB dice roll, Jaxson Dart, James Cook, and a smattering of successful rookies. Judkins looks like an absolute workhorse, and Indy's Tyler Warren was exciting, even on a day that nearly had me throwing a remote through a TV at the slippery hands of AD Mitchell. Mahomes looked kinda Mahomey again for BIG, but he and CMC weren't quite enough to overcome the BOCA onslaught.

Week 5's matchups seem to be a little about stratification, whether that be a "contender prove-it" game, or a clear favorite.

SWRM vs RVTR – SWRM looks to stay undefeated against the spirited RVTR squad. Thursday's Rams-49ers game saw two SWRM players go – a now-expected Puka performance, with ten receptions for 85 yards and a tud. Bye-week fill-in Blake Corum did not put up Josh Jacobs numbers, to put it kindly. SWRM will need high-volume games from Kamara and Worthy to keep their undefeated record blemishless. RVTR would like King Henry to get back to his Week 1 ways, as the past three have been disappointing. Rookie RJ Harvey is another wild card to watch, and can Egbuka score his 5th (or more) touchdown in as many games?

BEER vs STRW – Like me, BEER has had a tough time watching Bengals games. Tee needs to come through for BEER. With Bowers trending in the wrong direction, Olave suffering in the anemic Saints offense, and STRW's strong Thursday head start thanks to Kyren, BEER will need as much help as they can get. STRW's strong core of high-volume RBs and starting WRs provide a great floor, and will look to continue their winning ways.

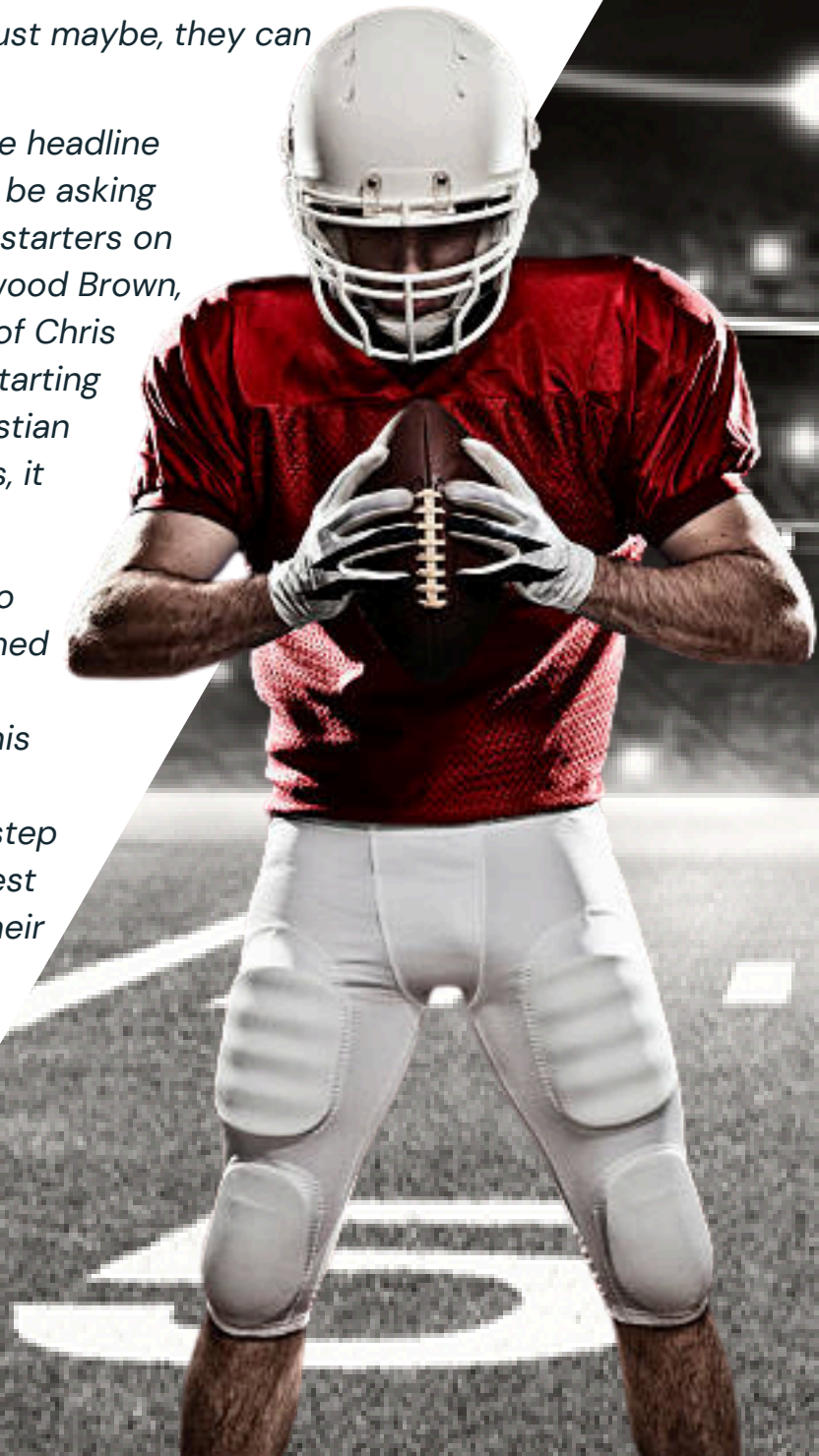
JAWN vs TGRS – Sleeper thinks this one will be a bit one-sided in favor of TGRS. Until the Eagles need to pass, the projections won't get much better for JAWN. Bye week woes start early for JAWN, and TGRS have their star QB Jayden Daniels back. The WRs on TGRS look scary, with a three-headed Amon-ra, Nico Collins, Keenan monster at their disposal.



AZTC vs BATS – BATS will look to get back on the right side of the W-L column, and who better to face off against than the sputtering AZTC squad? Etienne and Garrett Wilson look to be the early-season MVPs for BATS, and if they go, the team goes. AZTC will hope Justin Fields doesn't look GW's way even once on Sunday, and maybe, just maybe, they can finally chalk one into the W side.

RISE vs B1G – Byes and injuries will be the headline prior to this week's clash, and after, we'll be asking who was the spot-start winner. Atypical starters on the RISE side will be Kareem Hunt, Hollywood Brown, Kyler, and this week we'll see the return of Chris Godwin. Not to be outdone, B1G will be starting Josh Downs, Malik Washington, and Christian Kirk. If one manager picks the right starts, it could be the deciding factor.

BOCA vs DOGS – My favorite matchup to watch this week, these two squads seemed to really come into their own last week. There might be 300+ points scored in this one. BOCA's Achane will benefit from Tyreek's absence, Darius Slayton could step into an alpha role in New York, and the rest of the RB room looks mean. DOGS got their dawgs into gear, with Jeanty starting to break out, Skattebo is ready to run his head through anyone who gets in his way, Pickens and his sheisty are ready to fight anyone who doesn't believe DOGS are gonna come away with the victory. This one will be a banger.



ABBREVIATION STATION



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