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For those times when everyone wants to know your score.

WEEK 5 RECAP

GAME RECAPS

KANSAS CITY PUMAS VS. UNDER THE INFLUWENTZ



– KANSAS CITY PUMAS – 96.24

vs.



- UNDER THE INFLUWENTZ – 114.90

This wasn't a game; it was a royal beatdown at the Pumas' den, where the Under the Influentz turned the gridiron into their personal playground, outscoring Kansas City 114.90 to 96.24 like they were the only ones who remembered to bring their game faces. C.J. Stroud took a moment to remind everyone that he's not just a rookie; he's the guy who showed up to the party with the DJ and a lifetime supply of energy drinks. With



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28.76 points, he was the life of the fiesta, while the Pumas' Jared Goff, their so-called savior, mustered a paltry 20.12 points—like bringing a butter knife to a steak dinner.

As the game unfolded, Kansas City's defense must've thought they were auditioning for a role in "Gone in 60 Seconds," because that's how quickly they disappeared under the pressure. Sustained drives from the InfluWENTZ kept their scoring machine chugging along while the Pumas' offense seemed more like a Rube Goldberg contraption gone wrong—lots of moving parts, but nothing productive.

Let's be real: if you're still hanging onto any Pumas players, it might be time for a reality check. Those lineups are as useful as a screen door on a submarine. The group chat is probably blowing up with suggestions to hit the waiver wire faster than a TikTok trend. At this rate, Kansas City might want to swap their uniforms for pajamas—because they're in desperate need of a nap.

—Sabre, your hilariously snarky 4-legged Gridiron Gazette reporter 🐾

Stats Spotlight

Top Scorer (Home):	Jared Goff (20.12)
Top Scorer (Away):	C.J. Stroud (28.76)
Biggest Bust:	Biggest Bust: Kansas City Pumas's stars picked the wrong Sunday to ghost.
Key Play:	Third-quarter surge by Under the InfluWENTZ swung momentum for good.
Defense Note:	Pressure on key drives forced mistakes at crucial moments.



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Annie1235 slayy vs. Phoenix Blues



— ANNIE1235 SLAYY - 65.50

vs.



— PHOENIX BLUES - 127.92

In what can only be described as a fantasy football funeral, Annie1235 slayy faced off against the Phoenix Blues, who clearly showed up ready to play while Annie's squad must have thought it was a bye week. The final score, 127.92 to 65.50, was less a competitive game and more an exhibition of how not to manage a lineup—like trying to build a championship team with only leftovers from last week's tailgate.

Annie1235's top performer, Jaxon Smith-Njigba, dropped a respectable 24.20 points, which in any other universe might be considered good—except here, it was like scoring a single point in a slam dunk contest. Meanwhile, Jacory Croskey-Merritt for the Blues was out here channeling the spirit of Patrick Mahomes, racking up 27 points like it was the Sunday buffet. With sustained drives that would make any defensive coordinator weep, the Blues turned this matchup into a one-sided affair faster than a Netflix series gets canceled after one season.

Meanwhile, the rest of Annie1235's lineup underperformed like a high school band at a talent show. Look, we've all made bad calls, but starting a player who went MIA faster than a Tinder match after the first date? That's a special kind of mismanagement.

So, what's the play here? Time to shake things up, drop the dead weight, and pray to the fantasy gods for a miracle. Otherwise, you might as well start practicing your victory speech for next year's draft.

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Stats Spotlight

Top Scorer (Home):	Jaxon Smith-Njigba (24.20)
Top Scorer (Away):	Jacory Croskey-Merritt (27.00)
Biggest Bust:	Biggest Bust: Annie1235 slayy called in sick—left their A-game in the group chat.
Key Play:	Phoenix Blues's offense hummed all day—scoring in every phase.
Defense Note:	Bend-don't-break defense held when it mattered most.



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Avondale Welders vs. 🏈THE💀REBELS🏈



— AVONDALE WELDERS- 110.04

vs.



— 🏈THE💀REBELS🏈 - 103.36

This matchup was less of a clash of titans and more like a friendly tug-of-war—if the rope was made of spaghetti and the players were a little too distracted by the snacks. The Avondale Welders eked out a victory over 🏈THE💀REBELS🏈 with a score of 110.04 to 103.36, and if you thought that was a nail-biter, wait till you see the scoring from both sides—like watching a snail try to outrun a tortoise.

Emeka Egbuka was the real MVP of this lackluster showdown, strutting onto the field like a rock star and dropping a cool 28.80 points. Seriously, he was catching passes like he was trying to win the ‘Best Supporting Actor’ award in a rom-com. Meanwhile, Matthew Stafford valiantly tried to keep the 🏈REBELS🏈 in the game, racking up 25.56 points. He may have thrown more than a few head-scratchers, but you can't fault the guy for trying.

But let's not kid ourselves—this was a game more suited for a budget comedy special. It was like watching two teams at the gym trying to impress each other while actually just getting in the way. The offense may have scored, but there were about as many defensive stops as there were calls for pizza.

At the end of the day, if your strategy looks more like a game of charades than football, it might be time for some tough conversations in the group chat. Maybe consider some trades or a good old-fashioned fire sale?



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Stats Spotlight

Top Scorer (Home):	Emeka Egbuka (28.80)
Top Scorer (Away):	Matthew Stafford (25.56)
Biggest Bust:	Biggest Bust: Lineup choices for Both sides aged like milk in July.
Key Play:	Avondale Welders capitalized on mistakes—tight margins demand perfection.
Defense Note:	Turnover battle and field position controlled the flow.



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Nana's Hawks vs. Jimmy Birds



— NANA'S HAWKS- 119.32

vs.



— JIMMY BIRDS- 77.92

This wasn't just a game; it was a masterclass in how to turn your fantasy roster into a horror movie. Nana's Hawks took down the Jimmy Birds 119.32 to 77.92, proving that sometimes, the only thing more deflated than a poorly thrown football is a team's hopes of winning.

Javonte Williams for Nana's Hawks was the star of the show, racking up an impressive 27.40 points like he was on a personal mission to make the rest of us feel bad about our draft choices. Meanwhile, Jonathan Taylor, who somehow managed to find his way onto the field for the Jimmy Birds, was the lone bright spot with 30.10 points—but even his performance felt like trying to light a fire with wet matches. The rest of the Birds flapped about like they were lost in a blizzard, with the rest of the roster scoring less than a contestant on a reality dating show. You know, the ones that disappear faster than a Tinder match after the first date.

Let's talk decisions. It's baffling how the Birds thought they could fly with a lineup that had more holes than a slice of Swiss cheese. Look, we've all made bad calls, but THIS? Maybe it's time to consider a hard reset—after all, that bench has more potential than some of your starters.

In the group chat, expect the usual barrage of "What were you thinking?" memes and unsolicited trade offers. Here's a tip: it's time to consider dropping those who scored



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fewer points than a bye week player.

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Stats Spotlight

Top Scorer (Home):	Javonte Williams (27.40)
Top Scorer (Away):	Jonathan Taylor (30.10)
Biggest Bust:	Biggest Bust: Jimmy Birds's bench outscored their starters—film room's gonna be awkward.
Key Play:	Nana's Hawks came out firing—Jimmy Birds never had a chance.
Defense Note:	Goal-line stand shifted momentum in the deciding quarter.



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The Champ Big Daddy vs. DEM BOY'S! 🏆🏆🏆🏆



— THE CHAMP BIG DADDY— 99.00

vs.



— DEM BOY'S! 🏆🏆🏆🏆— 115.62

This wasn't just a game; it was a masterclass in how to slap a team around while simultaneously sipping a piña colada. DEM BOY'S! 🏆🏆🏆🏆 strutted into The Champ Big Daddy's backyard and turned the place into their personal playground, winning 115.62 to 99.00. At this rate, they might as well charge admission.

Let's break down the action. Big Daddy's hopes were pinned on Jalen Hurts, who delivered a respectable 19.50 points. That's like bringing a butter knife to a gunfight— nice try, but not exactly what the doctor ordered. Meanwhile, Justin Fields was doing his best "I'm the main character" impression, racking up a whopping 25.92 points. He was on fire, and it wasn't just the hot wings they served at halftime. His performance had the finesse of a Broadway star, while Big Daddy was stuck in community theater.

The matchup wasn't all one-sided, though. DEM BOY'S! 🏆🏆🏆🏆 kept the pressure on, making crucial third-down stops and creating sustained drives that broke The Champ's spirit faster than a kid's dream of winning a spelling bee. If there was a biggest bust this week, it was the entire home team's strategy, which seemed to be "hope for the best" rather than any real game plan.

So, what's next for The Champ Big Daddy? Time to revamp that lineup before it becomes as useful as a screen door on a submarine. The group chat is probably buzzing with



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suggestions, but hey, at least they still have next week to redeem themselves.

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Stats Spotlight

Top Scorer (Home):	Jalen Hurts (19.50)
Top Scorer (Away):	Justin Fields (25.92)
Biggest Bust:	Biggest Bust: The Champ Big Daddy brought receipts but forgot the gameplan.
Key Play:	Third-quarter surge by DEM BOY'S! 🏆🏆🏆🏆 swung momentum for good.
Defense Note:	Third-down stops and red-zone clamps shaped the outcome.



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Weekly Awards: The Ridiculous Roundup

Cupcake Award (Lowest Score):

Annie1235 slayy — 65.50 points

Kitty Award (Largest Gap Loss):

Annie1235 slayy — lost to Phoenix Blues by 62.42 points

Top Score:

Phoenix Blues — 127.92 points

• *See everyone Thursday!*



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