

Pork Butt Weekly Write-Up

Intro

Several games this week in the NFL were one score wins, which made for some interesting football to watch. The Packers needed some late game heroics to secure their win against the Jags. Now, for the losers of the week. Da Bears lost on a hailmary to the Commanders in a game where Bears offense was rubbish. Cowboys got into a shootout with the 49ers but still came up short as they remain a one-dimensional team. Raiders could not overcome the Chiefs in their divisional game. Do not look now, but the Raiders are facing a complete rebuild. On Thursday we had the Vikings taking another loss in primetime as they were not able to overcome the Rams. The Giants proved that Daniel Jones is not the guy as they fell to the Steelers on MNF. Finally, the Goddamn Jets did the unthinkable and loss to the worst team in the NFL, the Patriots. Things are bleak for Gang Green, and it is not getting any lighter soon.

Moving forward to our little league in the woods and the unique fuckery we call fun. We entered this week with one unbeaten remaining, several teams fighting amongst each other for that coveted sixth seed, and two teams wondering when it all went wrong, and where is the THC to help numb the pain of the 2024 season. We are currently in the heart of The Grind, and it is chewing teams up, has not shit them out yet, but it is turtle heading.

Game of the Week

Mike vs Josh

This was a must-win game for the team that wanted to keep their playoff hopes alive. Heading into SNF this was close game as they were separated by five points, in Josh's favor. Chugging and slugging like your drunk uncle at the bar, Mike was able to finish SNF with a slim five-point lead as both teams headed into the MNF. Mike was just too powerful as Josh was not able to keep pace and took the loss 128-87, and ending his 2024 playoff campaign.

Matchups

Dave vs Dino

Gave us a solid battle for top three in the league. A win for Dino would put him in a solid position to take the third seed, a win for Dave would give him the current two seeds. Dino jumped out to an impressive lead after the morning games on Sunday. The afternoon games gave Dino a bigger lead, and Dave was looking forward to losing the five-game win streak. Entering the third quarter (SNF) Dino had 117-90 lead, and it was time for Lamb to put up some points, which is what he did as at the end of the third quarter had Dave up 134-117. Heading off to the fourth quarter (MNF) each team had one player going and the battle was not over yet. As the quarter went on, Dave extended the lead and when the final whistle blew, Dave secured the win (and current second seed) with a 144.50-125.50 victory, setting a franchise record of six consecutive wins.

Brandon vs Jake

This was a battle between two familiar opponents as this was a crucial game for both teams and their playoff dreams. They went back and forth until the fourth quarter (MNF) began. Jake held a slim eight-point lead and Brandon edged closer and closer but was not able to surpass the eight points and finished six points shy as Jake won 138-132. The win currently puts Jake in the fifth seed, and dropping Brandon to the seventh seed, putting a roadblock in the playoff hunt.

Andrew vs Sky

The closest this game was before the first quarter (TNF). Sky put all the gears in motion as this was a statement game as he made his bid for the top of the league. Andrew rallied, albeit a short one, and got the game under twenty points, but Sky's offense was just too much as the final score to this game was 171-105.

Jason vs Rich

It was Jason's turn to take on the unbeaten Rich and bring him back down to earth. A close game from start to finish saw Jason heading into the fourth quarter (MNF) trailing by four points. Rich had no gas as his team was not able to keep the winning streak alive as Jason's team proved to be too much and rose to the occasion handing Rich his first loss 142-125.

Playoffs

If the playoffs start today, here are the top six teams. They are listed in ranking order.

#1 Rich

#2 Dave

#3 Sky

#4 Dino

#5 Jake

#6 Jason

Path to the Playoffs

Andrew

He has a chance at the sixth seed, if he goes on a five-game winning streak, and Jason, Jake, Dino, Brandon, Mike, and Josh finish with less than seven wins. While mathematically possible, it is quite a tall order to do so.

Brandon

It is one of many bubble teams who have a chance to make the playoffs. He needs to win at least four of the next five games, and have Jason, Dino, and Jake win no more than two of their next five games. He would also need Mike, Josh, and Andrew to finish with less than seven wins.

Dave

Currently the second seed, he would need to win at least one of his next five games to secure a playoff spot, albeit with one win it would be a six seed. Over the next five games if Dino, Jason, Josh, Sky win two of their next five he would keep the number two seed.

Dino

Having the ability to lock in a playoff spot is, he wins at least three of his next five, and Brandon or Mike wins no more than three of their next five games.

Jake

It is another team that can earn a playoff spot, although he has the exact same scenario as Dino and Jason. He needs to win at least three of his next five games. Brandon and Mike do not win more than three of their next five games.

Jason

It is currently sitting in the sixth seed. He would need to win at least three of his next five games to secure the magical number of seven wins. He would also need Brandon or Mike not to win more than four of their final five games.

Josh

Mathematically has not been eliminated from playoff contention. However, his path is very muddled and needs a lot of help. First, he would have to win five of his next five games. Then he would Brandon and Mike to win no more than four of their next five games. Finally, he would need Dino, Jason, or Jake to win no more than three of their next five games.

Mike

Is the final bubble team as he currently sits on the outside looking in. The path is achievable, but it would have to see Brandon winning more than four of his final games now. Dino, Jason, or Jake would have to finish with no more than six wins, and Mike would have to win at least four of his five games.

Sky

Is currently the three seed and can hold his playoff spot if he follows a scenario like this. He wins at least two of his five games, Dino, Jason, Jake wins no more than three of their next five games. Mike and Brandon would have to lose at least one of their next five games.

Rich

Possess the easiest path to the playoffs, as he must win at least one of his next five games. However, his magic number of wins (to secure a playoff spot) is two.

The Sack

The race for the best hat on Earth has begun, and these teams are leading the way. First team listed has the lowest chance of earning the reward.

- Josh
- Andrew

Toppers

POS	NAME	POINTS
QB	Mayfield	30
RB	Cook	28
WR	Lamb	39
TE	Kelce & Pitts	25
FLEX	Otton	29
D/ST	Steelers	18.5
K	Elliot	13
TEAM	Sky	171

Bottoms

POS	NAME	POINTS
QB	Love	6
RB	Chubb	5
WR	Higgins & Cooper	0
TE	Freiermuth	3
FLEX	Dowdle	0
D/ST	Bengals	2
K	Tucker	3
TEAM	Josh	87

Draft Order

1. Andrew
2. Josh
3. Mike
4. Brandon
5. Dino (via Jason)
6. Jake
7. Dino
8. Sky
9. Dave
10. Rich

Final Handy

The land of unbeaten is barren as Rich took his first loss this week at the hands of Jason. We had several close games and some exciting play, as playoffs hopes are in plain sight for some, while others have a murky pong of Diddy Oil to wade through. Everyone is still in the hunt, but with five weeks left I expect this to dwindle each week. A couple more weeks of The Grind left and there is no rest for the wicked. Cheat, steal, and drink your way to victory if you need to, as all wins are especially important over the next three weeks. With that, may your beer be cold, Karma finds you today, and fuck your team....'mish out.