

Pork Butt Weekly Write-Up

Intro

Well, it was another topsy-turvy week in the NFL. Starting on TNF the Goddamn Jets pulled an upset and shocked the Texans. Vikings managed the ghost ship that is the Colts on SNF, proving they belong atop the NFC North. Bears forgot to show up again as they suffered an embarrassing beat down by the Cardinals. Seahawks feel just short of division rival Rams, as did the Packers to the Lions (the best team in the NFL). Giants were not able to mount a late game comeback against the Commanders as they took the loss in Jersey. A hot Bengals team throttled the raiders, which the Raiders consequently fired their OC (four weeks too late IMO). Dallas took a double loss to Falcons down in Hotlanta, not only losing the game but Dak for at least four weeks.

We have just four weeks left in our season, and we are in the final week of The Grind before we head into The Stretch. A few teams are accepting fate that the playoffs are a pipedream, and it is time to start thinking about flipping the roster for the 2025 season. On the other side of the blade, we have a few teams are sitting nice and planning on their playoff strategy (which, in the words of Al Davis, “Just win, baby”). Four teams are in the thick of the playoff fuckery for the fourth to six seeds as a loss this late in the season could prove to be the proverbial nail in the coffin.

Game of the Week

Andrew vs Josh

I had this game slotted as the GOTW because the loser of this game was going to be sitting directly in the face of The Sack. Josh jumped out to a massive lead and was sitting comfortably knowing dub was in the bag. Enter the fourth quarter and Andrew’s rag-tag team of misfits battled hard but fell 130.5-138. This loss all but eliminates Andrew from the playoff hunt, and all but secures The Sack for him. Josh escapes The Sack (for now) and keeps his playoff hopes alive (albeit on life support).

Matchups

Brandon vs Mike

Two men enter, one-man leaves were the theme for this game as both teams needed to win to keep the playoffs in sight. Not getting the memo, Mike's team (hold faith, CMC is coming to make no changes to your 2024 season) did not score much, and ultimately took the loss 83-124.5. The win for Brandon keeps in the top six as we move forward with four games left.

Dino vs Jake

This game gave us two teams needing to get a win to remain in the playoff chatter. Dino played well, as did Jake, as the score (early) went back and forth. As the game went on, Jake started pulling away and finished with deciding victory 167-110.50

Jason vs Sky

Looking to move up in the seeding, Sky was wanting an easy victory, but Jason was not going to give him one. Then, the whistle blew, and Jason's plan went shit (like a turd on Wednesday after Taco Tuesday) and got flushed as Sky cruised to the victory 162.50-118 and moved up to the two seed.

Dave vs Rich

The hyped-up battle for first was just that, hype. Dave's team showed how to lay an egg, only scoring one tuddy this week (even then it was garbage time tuddy) and giving Rich the win 152.50-87.50 dropping Dave down the third seed.

Playoffs

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

#1 Rich

#2 Sky

#3 Dave

#4 Jake

#5 Brandon

#6 Jason

Path to the Playoffs

Andrew

Looking ahead at his remaining schedule projections show he goes 0-4 and finishes with a 2-11 record eliminating him from the playoffs.

Brandon

Sitting in the middle of the road as the current five seed projections suggest, Brandon goes 3-1 over the next four games and finishes with a 7-6 record and slides into the playoffs.

Dave

Losing last week dropped him to the third seed, and with four games left projections show that he should go 2-2, and finish with an 8-5 record and make the playoffs.

Dino

After falling to Jake last week, he fell out of the top sixth and landed at seventh. Easiest path for Dino is to win out, which is what I am projecting, as he finishes 8-5 and makes the playoffs.

Jake

Securing the win last week (and high points) he moved directly into fourth place. The playoff spot is not secured, but it is in reach. The easy path is that

he wins out. Looking at his remaining schedule I foresee Jake finishing with a 7-6 record and missing the playoffs.

Jason

Losing last week muddled the waters, but the path can be achieved. He needs to win out (four games) to make the path easy. His remaining schedule is easy, and I have him finishing with 7-6 record and squeaking into the playoffs.

Josh

Getting the dub last week has kept his playoffs hope alive, albeit on life support, but still alive. First, he would have to win four of his next four games. Now he would need Brandon, Jason, and Dino to win no more than two of their next four games. Finally, he would need Mike to lose one of his next four games. Crunching the numbers I have Josh listed finishing with a 3-10 record and missing the playoffs.

Mike

After losing last week, the playoff road has all but disappeared for the 2024 season. However, the match shows that if he wins out, Josh loses at least one of his next four games. He will lose two of these three to lose three of their four remaining games, Dino, Jason, and Brandon. With a final projection of 3-10 I have Mike missing the playoffs.

Sky

His magic number of wins (to secure a playoff spot) is one. I have his projected final record 9-4 and securing two seeds.

Rich

His magic number of wins (to secure a playoff spot) is one. Projected final record of 2024 is 11-2 and securing the one seed.

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.

- Mike
- Josh
- Andrew

Toppers

POS	NAME	POINTS
QB	Burrow	39
RB	Barkley	33
WR	Smith-Njigba	37
TE	Kelce	23
FLEX	Hopkins	28
D/ST	Jets	13
K	Tucker	11
TEAM	Jake	167

Bottoms

POS	NAME	POINTS
QB	Williams	2
RB	Bigsby	2
WR	Worthy & Davis	0
TE	Kmet	0
FLEX	Thomas Jr	6
D/ST	Bills	3
K	Elliott, Myers & Fairbairn	1
TEAM	Mike	83

Draft Order

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

Final Handy

The final week of The Grind is upon us gentlemen. We have choices, well some of us do, that we must make over the next four weeks if we want to move into the coveted playoffs. Big games to watch this week are Dave vs Sky, Jake vs Rich, Brandon vs Josh, and Dino vs Mike. The playoffs will get clearer after this week (I am hoping, but knowing you fucks, you will only make things more confusing) as get ready to head into The Stretch, guns blazing, no condoms and dreams of success. Who knows how things are going to settle after this week, so I suggest grabbing a bag of Cheetos, the remote, and a tub of lube, buckle up fellas, going to be a fun time... With that, may your beer be cold, Karma finds you today, and fuck your team....'mish out.