

Pork Butt Weekly Write-Up

Intro

Well, the colder weather is starting to creep in, but our league is starting to heat up. The playoff chase is afoot, the trade deadline is approaching, and the chess game has started. In Arizona we saw the Packers eke out a win against a hapless Cardinal team. Cowboys offense went off against the Commanders and got the double-digit win. Seattle beat a struggling Texans team to keep their name in the NFC West elite. Da Bears kept their winning streak going as they played a horrible Saints team in Chicago.

Now, we switch our attention to the losers of week seven. Holy shit the Raiders got destroyed while playing the Chiefs. This might have been the ugliest game of week seven in the NFL. Speaking of ugliest games, the Giants found a way to blow huge lead in the fourth quarter as the Nix lead Broncos came from behind. Vikings found out that the Eagles can and will pass the ball as they lost by six at home.

Game of the Week

Sky v Jake

The battle for second place was a good one until the fourth quarter. Sky had the lead, led most of the game, but could not hold off the surging offense of Jake. With the comeback, Jake took the win, and a firm hold on second place, for now. The final in this game was 157-132.

Snore of the Week

Mike v Andrew

For the second consecutive week Mike finds himself in the Snore. Just last week, it was due to his opponent. Andrew had a technical glitch, the roster did not get fulfilled, and the beat down began (albeit Andrew's offense was never going to compete in this game). Mike jumped out to a fifty-two-point lead and never let off the gas. Andrew almost made his yearly average, but Mike was too powerful, the final here 191-65.

Matchups

Brandon v Dave

This is the first of many close, meaningful games of week seven. I saw two lead changes in this matchup, and heading into the fourth quarter, Dave had a thirty-one-point lead. Brandon put up a fight but could not cover the gap and lost. Dropping his team near the bottom of the standings. Final here was 112.50-82.50.

Jason v Chaka

The second close game of the week was a true nail biter. We were presented with one lead change, and a comeback. Jason entered the fourth quarter with a slim lead, but Chaka was not done putting the pressure on. Jason was sweating as he watched his lead diminish. The whistle blew; Chaka fell short in the upset. Jason escaped (yes, that is what he did) with a 158.50-157.50 victory, keeping his winning streak alive.

Rich v Dino

Enter the final close game in week seven. It was a battle of two teams fighting to stay alive in the playoff hunt. I saw two lead changes in this game, as this went down to the wire. Once Dino took the lead, he held on to it heading into the fourth quarter. A valiant effort by Rich, but Dino eked it out 160-158.50, sending Rich's playoff hopes closer to the proverbial drain.

Next Week

Rich v Dave

A must win for Rich if he wants to stay in the hunt. Dave could really throw a wrench into the hunt with a win. RSO is projecting Rich to take the victory by twenty. Dave has a chance, but he still has a major scorer on the bench with an injury, and I believe Rich does take this game.

Sky v Mike

One team is hovering, while one team is making a solid push for a top seed. The battle for third is upon us. This is tough one to project as these teams have solid offenses, but they can be streaky. I have Sky edging Mike out in the end, RSO believes Sky will win, but by a big margin.

Dino v Brandon

Brandon needs to win to stay alive a loss here, and it might be lights out for a repeat. Dino is playing solid ball, but I am not sure who is going to take this, as both teams are evenly matched. Brandon is projected to lose, and I must agree with RSO. Dino keeps the winning streak and playoff hunt alive.

Jason v Jake

The battle for first, and our game of the week. Jason took a scare last week; Jake is rolling a modest winning streak this will come down a stroke of luck. Both offenses are humming, both teams are on a winning streak, but Jason keeps the first-place seed. I am not the only one who thinks this either, RSO says the same thing.

Chaka v Andrew

Chaka almost came away with a major upset last week but fell short. Andrew is trying to make a ship that is adrift. A loss here, and Andrew is one more loss away from being mathematically eliminated. This is a big game for both teams, but I am not sold on Andrew's offense. Chaka takes this one by twenty, RSO says Chaka wins by fifty-two.

Playoffs

1. Jason: not going to spend a lot of time explaining his playoff hunt. Simply put, another week at the top.
2. Jake: getting the win this week puts him solely in charge of second place. Keep the winning up, he could move up.
3. Mike: a team on the rise and offense that is starting to move, he is tied for third with Sky. Right now, the playoffs look achievable, will know more after this week.
3. Sky: losing grip on second place moved him down one spot, but still a name in the playoff hunt. Another important matchup this week as a win will keep him here, a loss could drop him several places.
5. Chaka: bouncing around the standings he settled at fifth this week. To stay relevant, he needs to put some wins together. Currently in the hunt, but the wolves are nipping at the heels.

5. Dave: with an upset win this week, it pushed him up in the standings, but the work is not over yet. Another tough matchup this week against a hungry team could give a solid outlook on this team.

5.Dino: surviving a late game comeback this week he saw his team jump a few spots and share fifth with Dave and Chaka. The hunt for the sixth spot is brutal, and Dino should be feeling the heat, if not, the kitchen is not where he needs to be.

8.Rich: another team that lost a heartbreaker this week saw the playoffs slip a little further out of reach, although not completely. Getting a win this week against a beatable team (Dave) could push him back in the top six, a loss might be the final nail.

9.Brandon: last year's champion is struggling a little this year as he finds himself one game behind the sixth seed teams. The schedule is a little easier this week for him (although last week's game was very winnable) as he faces off against Andrew for last.

10. Andrew: in the preseason I had predicted this team would be near the bottom when the regular season ended. So far, my spreadsheet is telling the truth. A loss this week could close the door on the playoffs for 2025. To put it simply, the team needs help from other teams and needs to win out to be considered a contender.

The Sack

The race for the best hat on Earth has begun, and these teams are leading the way.

- Andrew
- Brandon
- Rich

Week Eight Records

TEAM	W	L
Andrew	1	3
Brandon	0	4
Chaka	0	0
Dave	3	1
Dino	2	2
Jake	3	1
Jason	2	2
Mike	3	1
Sky	1	0
Rich	1	3

Tops, Bottoms

Toppers

POS	NAME	TEAM	POINTS
QB	Nix	Mike	45
RB	Gibbs	Dino	36
WR	Chase	Chaka	38
TE	McBride	Jake	29
FLEX	CMC	Mike	38
D/ST	Texans	Chaka	23.50
K	Aubrey	Mike	17

Bottoms

POS	NAME	TEAM	POINTS
QB	Williams	Dave	4
RB	Croskey-Merritt & Jeanty	Brandon & Mike	4
WR	Downs	Andrew	0
TE	Barner	Dino	1
FLEX	Chubb	Brandon	2
D/ST	Chiefs	Brandon	8.5
K	Carlson	Jake	0

Draft Order

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

Mish Picks

CORRECT	INCORRECT
20	10

Chalk up another good week of ‘Mish picks. One upset this week finally put my incorrect picks in the double digits. Things are cruising right along, no complaints from the cockpit.

Final Handy

We officially hit the midway point of the season, and it was the most competitive week we have had. Several games came down to the wire, and with playoff spots still lurking, I hope each week is as exciting as this one was. We are still in The Grind, which means you cannot let up now, nothing is concrete yet. As I finish my coffee (a lovely home roast of Brazil beans), I am heading back to the spreadsheet to do some calculations and projections. With that, may your beer be cold, Karma finds you today, and fuck your team....’mish out.

