

Pork Butt Weekly Write-Up

Intro

You know, I watched a lot of games this week (as I do every week) and overall, it was good football. There was some bad football (TNF and MNF), but it is expected.

Seahawks proved this week that they are a contender as they dismantled the Cardinals (might be time for the Cards to move on from Murray). Da Bears needed some late game heroics by Caleb, and a Jaxson Dart injury, to oust the Giants in Chicago.

The Raiders floundered on TNF against division rival Denver as they proved they can score, once. Not to be outdone, the Vikings had the pleasure of playing for the Ravens, but McCarthy looked lost at times, and the Vikings lost. Moving onto MNF we as fans had the pleasure of watching the Packers and Eagles play. There was a lot of hype about the contender Packers, but they did not prove that as they lost in Green Bay.

Game of the Week

Rich v Andrew

Both teams are in the cellar, and the playoffs are fading into the darkness, the offseason. Andrew has been plagued by injuries again this year, and Rich has lost some close games. This game does not close as Rich scored enough to thwart Andrew's late comeback. The final score being 124-93.

Snore of the Week

We did not have a Snore which is good news.

Matchups

Mike v Brandon

With playoff hopes on the line these two suited up, and played a close game, at one point the outcome was going to be decided by .45 of a point. However, late in the fourth quarter Mike made a run, but ended up eight points shy as the Brandon held on to secure the win 111.5-103.5.

Dave v Jake

Jake got back into the win column this week as he came across Dave's team lacking some scorers (but, they would not have helped him win, just make the game closer) and proved that his (Jake's) team is a solid playoff contender. The win gives Jake a solid hold on the three seeds (this week) as both teams get ready for The Push. Final here 143-110.

Sky v Chaka

Well, this game started as 0-0 but man, this went sideways quickly for Chaka. Sky's team went off scoring on every play (Taylor's 49 points, mind blowing). Securing the win, and one step closer to the second seed as Sky won this game easily 188-138.

Dino v Jason

We saw the underdog come through (and cost me a 'Mish picks this week) as Jason's team joined the ranks of the defeated this week. Dino aligned the stars as he did what the previous nine could not do, beat Jason. The final here 173-152, keeping Dino's playoff hopes alive.

Next Week

Sky v Mike

I see this game as a must-see win for Mike as he faces an extremely hot and efficient team this week. Sky's crew is rowing in unison as he comes off the dismantling of Chaka and looks to keep it going as the two seeds. Mike's weekly average of 139 is not going to be enough to defeat Sky this week.

Jason v Brandon

Brandon is playing good ball as we enter the first week of The Push. Jason suffered his first loss this season and is not entertaining the idea of acquiring his second loss. Brandon battles, but Jason takes the win.

Andrew v Jake

We could call this a family duel (like I did earlier this year) but I do not see that happening as Jake is proving he is a contender and Andrew is struggling to get into the win column. Andrew could put up team high points again (like he has twice this year), but I just do not see that happening. Jake takes the win, keeps the third seed.

Rich v Chaka

Stop me if you have heard this before, but it is a must win for Rich if he wants to keep the playoff chatter alive. This is also a tough game to predict as Chaka's weekly average is 138, while Rich's is 125.30. I think this will be a tough battle, but I do believe Rich scores the most and gets his fourth win this year.

Dave v Dino

Two teams sitting at 5-5, the playoffs knocking on the door and easily reachable for these two. Now, who wins this game gets the coveted six wins, loser could drop to the seventh seed and have a difficult path to get back to the top six. Dino is coming off with an upset win, and he keeps that momentum as he defeats Dave this week.

Playoffs

1. Jason: Nothing changes this week for Jason despite taking his first loss, the number one seed is still his.
2. Sky: Ridding a modest three game winning streak has allowed him to regain second place. The playoff path is bright and in reach, barring a massive late season collapse
3. Jake: Currently holding as the third seed the path to the post season is in reach, but he cannot slip as four other teams can catch him.
3. Dave: Sitting at an even 5-5 with four games left and the hardest schedule remaining, the playoffs are in sight, but it is going to be a tough road. He needs to win at least two of the four remaining games to remain in the chatter.
3. Chaka: He is the second team sitting at 5-5 and on the playoff bubble. Losing this week did not help, but he can make a push and slide in as a five or six seed.
3. Brandon: The final 5-5 team he is battling to remain atop the six teams. As he currently has a three-game winning streak, he is keeping his post-season hopes alive. His team is making a move at the right time (just like last year).
4. Dino: Winning this week kept his hopes alive, but they are on life support as he needs to win at least two of the remaining four games to even have a chance at the six seed.
4. Mike: His loss to Brandon this week hurt his playoff hopes, as he dropped two spots in the standings. He must win two of the last four (obviously more wins the better) to compete for the six seed.
9. Rich: Getting his third win this week means he is still alive, but needing to win three of the last four to have a last breath at the six seed he faces a big hill to climb (walked to school both ways, uphill, in the snow, with no feet) if he wants to sniff the sixth seed.
10. Andrew: Losing this week to Rich puts his playoff hopes in clear view. He needs to win out to get six wins to even be talked about in playoff circles. Oh, and to make it worse, the teams above him (Dave, Dino, Jake, Chaka, Mike, Dino, Brandon, and Rich) all must flounder in the next four weeks.

Playoff Percentage

TEAM	PERCENT CHANCE
Andrew	1
Brandon	25
Chaka	25
Dave	25
Dino	25
Jake	38
Jason	100
Mike	17
Rich	11
Sky	58

The Sack

The GOTW is for the battle of this coveted award.

- Andrew

Week 11 Records

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

Tops, Bottoms

Toppers

POS	NAME	TEAM	POINTS
QB	Stafford	Jake	34
RB	Taylor	Sky	49
WR	London	Sky	24
TE	McBride	Jake	27
FLEX	Waddle	Jason	19
D/ST	Jets	Dino	36
K	Myers	Rich	14

Bottoms

POS	NAME	TEAM	POINTS
QB	Nix	Mike	9
RB	Harvey	Brandon	2
WR	Moore & Wilson	Dave & Jake	0
TE	Henry	Dino	1
FLEX	Washington	Andrew	2
D/ST	Buccaneers	Brandon	5.5
K	Prater & Pineiro	Andrew & Jason	1

Draft Order

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

Mish Picks

CORRECT	INCORRECT	PCT
31	14	45

Thanks to Dino this week I took a loss and missed five wins this week. The schedule gets harder, going to be interesting to see if I can keep my winning ways with the picks.

Final Handy

The Grind is over as we enter the final push with a section of the season I like to call The Push. Playoff seeds are starting to take shape, and with four games left it is clear who is pushing and who is passing. We saw our only undefeated go down this week (like a cousin at a ho-down in Alabama) and keeping Mike's league record win streak unbroken. We have six teams fighting for five spots (Jason has secured his spot) as we have four games left, and things are going to get dicey. With that, may your beer be cold, Karma finds you today, and fuck your team....'mish out.