

Pork Butt Weekly Write-Up

Intro

Like our league, the NFL is starting to separate the wheat from the chaff, and with just a handful of games left, that separation is going to increase. Dallas proved on MNF that they are decent against weaker teams as they routed the Raiders in Vegas. Packers had some trouble with a Dart-less Giants in the Big Apple but did manage to get the win. Da Bears needed some late game heroics to secure the victory at home against the Vikings. Seattle played well but could not overcome the four turnovers by Darnold as they lost a close one to the Rams in LA.

Game of the Week

Rich v Chaka

I tell you what, this might have been the best game of the season. This was projected to be a close game, and it was exactly that. Several lead changes took place as each team would not give up. This came down to the wire as both teams relied upon scoring on MNF to see who would outlast the other. In the end, Chaka eked out a half-point victory and kept his playoff hopes alive. Final here 121-120.5.

Snore of the Week

We did not have a Snore which is good news.

Matchups

Sky v Mike

Sky proved again why he is the number two seed as we entered The Stretch. He jumped out to a sizeable lead during the first three quarters and did not (nor did he need to) do much in the fourth quarter. Mike did have some players put up substantial numbers, but the lead was just too much for him to overcome. Sky moves one game closer to securing a post-season bid with a 128-107 victory.

Jason v Brandon

Brandon's team did not get the memo that scoring would be important this week. He struggled from whistle to whistle while Jason kept the pedal down and showed he had no problem scoring getting the victory here 154-111.

Andrew v Jake

Had this game only been three quarters Andrew would have succeeded in pulling off the upset. However, our games are four quarters in this league, and Jake needed that extra play to get a victory and hold on to the third seed. When the final whistle blew, the score ended 135-107.

Dave v Dino

A shot at the fourth seed was at stake between these two teams. Dino went into the fourth quarter with a solid forty-five-point lead. He had a chance at winning this, however, ala Da Bears, Dave mounted a fourth quarter comeback and cruised back to the lead scoring sixty and a half points in the fourth to secure the victory 122-107.

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Chaka v Dave

The battle for fourth place is at stake here. Chaka comes in with a respectable 148.70 weekly average, well over Dave's weekly average of 130.50. Unless there are some more of those late game heroics, I do not see Chaka losing this game.

Rich v Brandon

The ol father versus son battle, or Bradon's calling the old man out? Not sure what the family beef is here (Bradon did not take out the garbage, Rich forgot his glasses) but these teams come into this evenly matched. Rich is bringing 137.35 average against Brandon's 133. Could be a close game, could be a good ol dust up. Who knows, but I am going against the numbers here and picking Brandon.

Mike v Jake

We are blessed (or cursed, not sure yet) with this matchup as there is a lot riding on this game. Mike loses, kiss the playoffs goodbye (not mathematically, but in reality), Jake wins he keeps his chances alive (even moving into the second seed if Sky loses this week) and reduces his magic number to one. The number have this game Mike has 150.05 versus Jake's 146.75. Jake is playing serious ball while Mike is floundering with that losing streak, which will continue this week as Jake is the favorite.

Dino v Andrew

Spoiler is the role Andrew is currently playing as his playoff chances are gone. He takes down Dino this week he might as well remove Dino's chances as well. However, looking at the averages, I do not see Andrew's 106.75 competing against Dino's 132.80. Dino wins, keeping his team alive for the sixth seed.

Sky v Jason

One versus two in this matchup. Both teams have electric, efficient offenses. Jason has already secured a playoff spot; Sky's magic number is one. Hard game to predict here as Sky is averaging 168.15 and Jason is averaging 174.70. Sky needs to win to retain the two seed (especially if Jake wins this week), but I am taking Jason in this matchup. I do hope the numbers are not lying.

Playoffs

1. Jason: Nothing changes this week for Jason despite taking his first loss, the number one seed is still his.
2. Sky: Magic number is one to grasp one of the last five playoff spots.
3. Jake: Enjoying a modest two game winning streak he is sitting nicely as the third seed and can see the gates to the post-season. The highest he could enter the playoffs would be the two seed, the lowest would be the sixth seed. I see him entering the playoffs as the three seed.
4. Dave: Needing a come from behind win to remain relevant, the road is still muddy, as his next three opponents are contenders (two of the three are currently one and two seeds). He needs to win two of the three games to remain in the fourth seed. Losing all three games could drop him out of contention.

4. Chaka: Eking out a win this week put him in a solid position to grab one of the last five spots for the playoffs. However, that spot can still slip away from his grasp. Best scenario is he wins out, giving him nine wins. He needs to get eight wins before he can really relax.

3. Brandon: Currently sitting in sixth he still has a chance to make the playoffs, but he will need to get help (too many scenarios to list right now). The easiest scenario is to get to eight wins; however, he can slip in with seven wins (albeit, needing help again).

4. Dino: Coming this week his chances looked good, but after losing this week they are bleak. Still not out of the hunt but being left behind at the paddock. If he wins out, he will finish with seven wins and a sixth seed. However, he will need help, and lots of it (remarkably like Mike's scenario). He would need Dave and Chaka to lose two of their last three games, while Brandon and Mike lose all of theirs.

4. Mike: Continuing his losing streak, currently at four games now he is watching the playoffs slip further from his reach. He needs to win out, have Dave and Chaka lose two, Brandon and Dino lose three. Even with this scenario, the most wins he can accumulate is seven.

9. Rich: Losing a heartbreaker this week, his playoff hopes are quite simple. Slim and none. He must win out to hopefully squeak in as the sixth seed.

10. Andrew: After losing to Jake this week he has been mathematically eliminated and entered the role of spoiler. It is time to start thinking about the 2026 season.

Playoff Percentage

TEAM	PERCENT CHANCE
Andrew	0
Brandon	28
Chaka	40
Dave	40
Dino	19
Jake	58
Jason	100
Mike	19
Rich	1
Sky	89

The Sack

The GOTW is for the battle of this coveted award.

- Andrew

Week 12 Records

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

Tops, Bottoms

Toppers

POS	NAME	TEAM	POINTS
QB	Allen	Jason	56
RB	Henderson	Andrew	34
WR	McMillian	Brandon	33
TE	McBride	Jake	27
FLEX	CMC	Mike	37
D/ST	Bills & Ravens	Sky & Andrew	15.5
K	Lutz	Chaka	18

Bottoms

POS	NAME	TEAM	POINTS
QB	Jackson	Sky	1
RB	Vidal	Brandon	3
WR	Bateman	Jake	0
TE	Njoku	Mike	1
FLEX	Adams & Robinson	Sky & Dino	7
D/ST	Seahawks	Jason	2
K	Little	Jake	5

Draft Order

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

Mish Picks

CORRECT	INCORRECT	PCT
34	12	35

This week I suffered two defeats as we had two upsets. The incorrect picks keep ticking up, and the percentage keeps going down. This week I can turn it around, but who knows?

Final Handy

The first week of The Stretch did not disappoint. Several games came down to the final quarter; one came down to final minutes of the fourth. Five spots remain; eight teams are fighting for them. This is the exciting part of the season as the team numbers and averages begin to tell the truth and show us who is surging, and who is on the slab. I say we have several games that have the season on the line, and hopefully each team battles. With that, may your beer be cold, Karma finds you today, and fuck your team....'mish out.