THE LEAGUE WIRE

SAME IDIOTS. DIFFERENT LOSERS.

WEEK 10
FINAL SCORES INSIDE · ALL 12 TEAMS ROASTED EQUALLY

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THE $0 COUP

FIRST PLACE BY 0.12

Jimmy spends $0, starts a 3.02-point QB, passes Cullen anyway.



JIMMY: FIRST PLACE, $0 SPENT, ZERO REGRETS

TALE OF THE TAPE

	60,000 MILE ICE WALL	GAS STATION BONER PILL
RECORD	7-3	7-3
POINTS FOR	1,233.00	1,232.88
POINTS AGAINST	1,069.62	1,097.76
ALL-PLAY	54-56	51-59
FAAB SPENT	$0	$32
STREAK	W4	L1
WEEK 10	W 112.12	L 107.76
WEEK 11 OPP.	Patty	JJ

0.12 points of season scoring separate first from second. Keaton Mitchell scored −0.60 for Cullen in Week 10.

In a development the league office is calling "statistically offensive," 60,000 Mile Ice Wall woke up Tuesday in first place.

Jimmy did it without spending one dollar of FAAB. He did it while starting Drake Maye, who left Munich on the opening drive with an ankle injury and 3.02 points. He did it with a 54-56 all-play record, meaning he'd lose more than he wins if he played everybody every week.

He didn't have to. He played John Phillips, who posted 67.62, the second-lowest score of the season. Jimmy won by 44.50.

"The league office cannot explain any of this. Several members of the league office have stopped trying."

The other half of the coup came from the league's quietest owner. Dexter dropped 140.16 on Gas Station Boner Pill behind Ja'Marr Chase's 11 catches for 231 yards. Cullen fell to 7-3.

Meanwhile, the league's two highest-scoring teams, Vasco and JJ, sit at 4-6 and 5-5. The league office cannot explain any of this. Several members of the league office have stopped trying.

Final margin for first: Jimmy 1,233.00 points. Cullen 1,232.88.

That's 0.12 points. Keaton Mitchell scored -0.60 last week. Cullen started Keaton Mitchell.

Let's be clear about what first place in this league looks like right now.

Jimmy has the lowest points against in the league (1,069.62). His four-game win streak started with a 111.44-108.82 escape against Cullen, then got easy: Jake (95.08), Lederer (96.70) and Phillips (67.62). Over the last three weeks his opponents have averaged 86.47 points. That's not a schedule. That's a coverup.

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SECONDARY STORYLINE

SIX BYES. FOUR LANDMINES.

The NFL released the 2026 bye schedule in May. As of press time Thursday night, at least four Dirty Dozen owners have not read it.

Atlanta, Cleveland, Green Bay, the Rams, New England and Seattle are all off in Week 11. Cullen, tied for the best record in the league, is starting Matthew Stafford and Christian Watson. Both are on bye. Lamar Jackson is on IR and there is no other quarterback on the roster. Sleeper projects the lineup at 79.20.

Wagner is starting the Packers defense, also on bye, and his QB slot is empty after he cut Tyler Shough on Wednesday. Caleb Williams is on the bench, available and ignored.

Dexter is starting the Rams defense. This is the same man who started three players on bye in Week 6 and posted the season low, 51.18.

Phillips has an empty RB slot where Bijan Robinson used to be.

The Wire has notified all four parties. None have responded. Lineups lock at kickoff.

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WEEK 10 BY THE NUMBERS

176.62 *Lederer's week-high score, with 35.10 of Emmett Johnson on his bench*

67.62 *Phillips' Week 10 total, nine weeks after the season high (195.02)*

8 of 10 *Weeks Patrick Mahomes has spent on a Dirty Dozen bench, across two owners*

1 *Trades made all season. The Commissioner lost it.*



MYLA'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Daddy, your football guys look sleepy. Maybe they need a snack?"

— Myla, AGE 2

WEEK IN REVIEW

FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS 176.62 — ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS 154.06

Captain America Drops 176 With 35 on the Pine

The week's best score came with a side of disrespect. George Pickens caught 11 balls for 145 yards and three touchdowns (44.50) in Dallas' 46-40 loss to San Francisco, Cam Skattebo added 27.20 and Jared Goff 24.42. Lederer then left Emmett Johnson's 35.10 on the bench: 171 scrimmage yards, two scores, zero starts all season, 98.90 bench points and counting. The Commish answered with 154.06, more than nine of the other eleven teams scored this week. Gibbs went for 47.20 and Burrow 36.16, but DeMario Douglas (1.40) and Denzel Boston (2.60) started while DK Metcalf's 15.40 watched. Even Matt's optimal 173.96 loses. Three straight losses. The Commissioner has requested a recount from himself.

DCHRONIS 140.16 — GAS STATION BONER PILL 107.76

Dexy Surfaces, Sinks First Place, Vanishes Again

The league's quietest owner said nothing all week, then took first place away from Cullen anyway. Ja'Marr Chase caught 11 passes for 231 yards (37.10), Cam Little kicked in 19.00 and the Rams defense added 20.00. Cullen's afternoon: Keaton Mitchell, picked up Thursday, scored -0.60. Sam LaPorta scored 2.60 while Tyler Higbee's 10.70 sat. Amon-Ra St. Brown showed up to Munich in lederhosen and did his part (27.80), Derrick Henry added 19.00, but Cullen's optimal lineup (120.26) still loses by 19.90. He drops out of first by 0.12 points of season scoring. Dexter still has $100 in FAAB, no team name, and now a signature win. He has not commented. He never comments.

THE GRAVEYARD 107.18 — THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE 93.34

Graveyard Digs Up a Win; Bailey's Bench Wins Too

Jake's last win came in Week 4, so the Graveyard was overdue to rise. Deebo Samuel went for 27.90, including a 70-yard reverse in San Francisco's 46-40 shootout, and the Chiefs defense, claimed Saturday for $0, added 18.50. Bailey had his answers on the bench: Jordyn Tyson (19.00) and Alvin Kamara (16.40) sat while Audric Estime (2.10) and Tank Dell (5.10) started. Optimal lineup: 124.34. Final: 93.34. Josh Allen delivered 25.34 and nobody else cleared 11.50. Three straight losses, and his last three weeks average 89.09, worst in the league. Jake's reward: Kirk Cousins, traded back to Minnesota at the deadline, starts for him again Sunday. Somewhere a Raiders fan is processing.

FLAT EARTH SOCIETY 162.46 — PUKA DA-CHEWA 142.46

JJ Sets a Perfect Lineup; Vasco's Streak Dies at 4

Every week this league leaves points on the bench. JJ left zero. His 162.46 was his optimal lineup to the decimal, the only perfect lineup in Week 10. Brock Purdy threw for 389 yards and three scores (36.66), Jaxon Smith-Njigba went 8-171-1 (34.10) and Nico Collins added 24.40. Vasco got 29.70 from Isaiah Likely and 23.90 from Tony Pollard, then sat Omarion Hampton (17.50) for Rachaad White (6.20). Didn't matter: his optimal 154.66 still loses. Four-game win streak, dead. Vasco now leads the league in points for (1,361.60), points against (1,395.76) and all-play wins (80-30), and is 4-6. Puka Nacua, the man his team is named after, is on IR. The universe is not being subtle.

BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS 138.18 — BROCK YOU, PAY ME 119.92

Mahomes Throws 5 TDs. Patty Watches. Again.

Patrick Mahomes threw for 348 yards and five touchdowns against Atlanta. On Patty's bench, that was worth 39.42 points of nothing. That's three straight weeks benched (83.34 points), and Mahomes has now sat on a Dirty Dozen bench in 8 of 10 weeks this season. In fairness, Dak (35.42) and Christian McCaffrey (52.30, 161 receiving yards) were great. The problem was Omar Cooper Jr. (0.00), Quentin Johnston (1.60) and Brock Bowers (3.80) starting while Kaelon Black's 13.60 sat. Optimal: 147.02. That's Patty's fifth loss this year his bench would have won. Wagner rode Parker Washington (30.20) and Chase Brown (28.30) to back-to-back wins with $0 FAAB left and Tyler Shough at QB (9.98). Shough was cut Wednesday. Romance is dead.

60,000 MILE ICE WALL 112.12 — TOUCHOFDOWNS 67.62

Phillips Posts 67.62; Jimmy Takes First Anyway

Phillips picked up Aaron Rodgers and C.J. Stroud two minutes apart on Wednesday, then started the wrong one: Rodgers 14.62, Stroud 20.44 on the bench. Jalen Coker scored 0.30. The Steelers defense scored -2.00 in a 38-18 loss to Cincinnati. Josh Downs (14.30) and Samaje Perine (13.90) watched it happen. Optimal lineup: 97.24, still a loss. It's the second-lowest score of the season, from the man who opened the year with 195.02, the highest. Jimmy started Drake Maye (3.02) and Corey Kiner (2.50), got 34.20 from Chuba Hubbard and won by 44.50 anyway. Phillips is 2-4 since Week 5. Peaked in Week 1, like a preseason Super Bowl pick.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OFFICE, WEEK 10.

Effective immediately, the league office recognizes 60,000 Mile Ice Wall as the leader of the Dirty Dozen. The margin is 0.12 points of season scoring. The league office has reviewed the tape. The league office is disgusted. The math holds.

Housekeeping.

One: bye weeks. See the front page. The bye schedule came out in May, and it has not moved since. Neither, apparently, have four of you.

Two: the trade deadline has passed. This league made exactly one trade all season, and the Commissioner lost it. RJ Harvey gave JJ 60.3 starting points before IR. Kyle Monangai gave me 39.9 points, all on my bench. No further questions.

Three: four regular-season weeks remain. Eight teams make the playoffs, which start Week 15. Three games separate first place from eleventh. Nobody is safe, and frankly, nobody deserves to be.

Four: Patrick Mahomes is not a decoy. He threw five touchdowns Sunday. He has spent eight of ten weeks on a bench in this league, across two owners. Consider playing him.

Finally, the Commissioner's own team. Yes, three straight losses. Yes, 154.06 outscored nine teams and still lost. I've reviewed it and found the Commissioner blameless, aside from starting DeMario Douglas, which I also reviewed and found blameless.

Week 14: Antarctic Treaty Violators vs. 60,000 Mile Ice Wall. I'm bringing an icebreaker.

Set your lineups before the turkey.

— THE COMMISSIONER

LEAGUE STANDINGS

EAST

TEAM	W-L	PF	PA	FAAB	STRK
60,000 MILE ICE WALL	7-3	1,233.00	1,069.62	$100	W4
ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS	6-4	1,275.24	1,261.64	$73	L3
FLAT EARTH SOCIETY	5-5	1,334.28	1,283.18	$100	W1
BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS	4-6	1,130.08	1,123.42	$0	W2
DCHRONIS	4-6	1,125.44	1,212.48	$100	W1
THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE	4-6	1,122.30	1,259.70	$32	L3

WEST

TEAM	W-L	PF	PA	FAAB	STRK
GAS STATION BONER PILL	7-3	1,232.88	1,097.76	$68	L1
TOUCHOFDOWNS	6-4	1,265.48	1,152.64	$20	L1
FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS	6-4	1,212.30	1,191.06	$75	W1
PUKA DA-CHEWA	4-6	1,361.60	1,395.76	$38	L1
BROCK YOU, PAY ME	4-6	1,171.20	1,223.52	$24	L1
THE GRAVEYARD	3-7	1,095.96	1,288.98	$59	W1

WEEK 10 HARDWARE

THE HIGH ROLLER
Awarded to the highest scoring team

FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS

176.62. Pickens 44.50, Skattebo 27.20, Cook 24.70. The week's top score and the fifth-highest of the season, and Lederer still benched 35.10 of Emmett Johnson. Talented and stubborn at the same time.

THE DUMPSTER FIRE
Awarded to the lowest scoring team

TOUCHOFDOWNS

67.62. Second-lowest score of the season. Started Rodgers (14.62) over Stroud (20.44), got 0.30 from Jalen Coker and -2.00 from the Steelers D. Nine weeks ago this man scored 195.02. Nine.

THE REX RYAN COACHING AWARD
For the week's most questionable coaching decisions

BROCK YOU, PAY ME

Benched Mahomes' five-TD day (39.42) for a third straight week, started Omar Cooper Jr. for 0.00, sat Kaelon Black's 13.60 and lost by 18.26. Optimal: 147.02. Fifth loss this year his bench would have won.

THE BLIND MONKEY'S BANANA AWARD
Even a blind monkey finds a banana once in a while

60,000 MILE ICE WALL

Started a QB who left on the opening drive (3.02), got 2.50 from Corey Kiner, scored 112.12 and took first place by 0.12. Has spent $0 in FAAB. Has a 54-56 all-play. Has a banana.

POWER RANKINGS
Standings lie. Order per the Commissioner's official Week 11 rankings.

1 PUKA DA-CHEWA · Vasco, 4-6
Yes, the 4-6 team is No. 1. Most PF (1,361.60), most PA (1,395.76), best all-play (80-30), 4-1 since an 0-5 start, 30.9% title odds, best in the sim. Namesake Puka is on IR. Ringless, robbed and on top. Argue in the group chat.

2 FLAT EARTH SOCIETY · JJ, 5-5
Second in PF (1,334.28), 75-35 all-play, the week's only perfect lineup (162.46) and the winner of the season's only trade. Jacobs Out, Harvey and Pierce on IR. The flat-earth guy turns out to be right about something.

3 ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS · Matt, 6-4
Three straight losses, 229.30 bench points, and Kelce has scored more on the bench (55.1) than in the lineup (52.2). Still 71-39 all-play and 99.9% to make it. The Commissioner reviewed himself and found himself third.

4 60,000 MILE ICE WALL · Jimmy, 7-3
First place, four straight wins, $0 FAAB, lowest PA by 28 points and a 54-56 all-play. Maye is Out, so Cam Ward starts. The ice wall exists so nobody sees what's behind it. Title odds: 10.8%.

5 FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS · Lederer, 6-4
League-high 239.60 bench points. Emmett Johnson: 98.90 of them, zero starts. Coming off 176.62, 5-1 since Week 5, 49-61 all-play. Emmett finally starts Sunday. Next of kin have been notified.

6 TOUCHOFDOWNS · Phillips, 6-4
195.02 in Week 1. 67.62 in Week 10. 2-4 since a 4-0 start, $80 FAAB spent, Walker (groin) and Kincaid sat Wednesday, Hurts on IR. Still 98.7% to make it. The trend line is a black-diamond ski slope.

7 GAS STATION BONER PILL · Cullen, 7-3
7-3 and seventh. 51-59 all-play, second-lowest PA, 0.12 out of first. Lamar on IR and, as of Thursday night, Stafford and Watson starting on bye. Scores: 125.70, 116.10, 107.76. Works fast. Doesn't last.

8 BROCK YOU, PAY ME · Patty, 4-6
Paid $7 for Mahomes and put him in witness protection: three weeks, zero starts, 83.34 bench points. Five losses his bench would've won. Holds the 8th seed at 42.2%. Mahomes projects 22.15. On the bench. Free him.

9 BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS · Wagner, 4-6
Three rings, $0 FAAB left, $90 of it on Ollie Gordon II ($1.09 a point). Won two straight, so naturally he cut his quarterback. As of Thursday the QB slot is empty. Not a bad QB. No QB. 28.4% odds.

10 DCHRONIS · Dexter, 4-6
Still no team name. Three starters on bye in Week 6 (51.18, the season low) and the Rams D on bye in his lineup this week. Also hung 140.16 on Cullen with $0 FAAB spent. One ring, 26.3% odds, zero calendars.

11 THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE · Bailey, 4-6
Season high came in Week 1 (155.96). Last three: 86.46, 87.46, 93.34, worst stretch in the league. Started Estime (2.10, $12) over Kamara (16.40 on the bench). 9.7% playoff odds. Send the divers.

12 THE GRAVEYARD · Jake, 3-7
Fewest PF (1,095.96), worst all-play (37-73). Cut Brian Thomas Jr. for Devaughn Vele, cut Stafford and watched a first-place team claim him. Cousins starts again. 2.0% playoff odds. The team name was a warning label.

— SAME IDIOTS. DIFFERENT LOSERS. —

OWNER SPOTLIGHT — *Behind the roster. Beyond the league.*



SEXY DEXY, PICTURED HERE ACTUALLY LOGGED IN

DEXTER CHRONIS

dChronis • League Member since 2014

Clearwater, FL • Police Officer

The league's original ghost. Dexter goes weeks without a word in the group chat, then surfaces just long enough to wreck somebody's season. In Week 10 it was Cullen's: 140.16 to 107.76, first place gone by 0.12.

The 2018 champion has spent $0 of his $100 FAAB and still hasn't picked a team name. The Sleeper default, "dChronis," has now played ten games. In Week 6 he started three players on bye and posted 51.18, the season low by 16.44 points. In Week 10 Ja'Marr Chase caught 11 balls for 231 yards and Dexter looked like a genius. Same man.

Sleeper-era record: 31-53, last in the archive. Current record: 4-6, in a five-team pileup at 4-6 with two playoff spots up for grabs. Week 11: Vasco, with the Rams defense on bye in his lineup as of press time.

Send the league office a team name. Any name.

BY THE NUMBERS	
Record	**4-6 (5th, East)**
Points for / against	**1,125.44 / 1,212.48**
FAAB spent	**$0 of $100**
Championships	**1 (2018)**
Sleeper-era record	**31-53**
Season low (Wk 6, 3 starters on bye)	**51.18**
Week 10 vs. Cullen	**W 140.16**
Playoff odds (sim)	**26.3%**
Week 11	**at Vasco (+14.5)**

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THE $0 COUP

Week 10 was Chuba Hubbard's game: 27 carries for 92 yards, two touchdowns and five catches for 80 more (34.20). Stefon Diggs and Bhayshul Tuten added 20.30 apiece. Seth McGowan scored 13.70 on the bench while Corey Kiner started for 2.50. Jimmy cut Kiner on Tuesday, which counts as accountability.

Then there's the quarterback. Maye is listed out with the ankle, and New England is on bye anyway. Jimmy's response: Cam Ward and Joe Milton off free agency Wednesday, two quarterbacks for zero dollars. Ward starts this week for a 1-8 Titans team that just gave up 40 to Jacksonville. His opponent is Patty, who added the Cowboys defense the same day.

Now, Cullen. He led this league most of the year. He's 7-3 with the second-lowest points against (1,097.76) and a 51-59 all-play, worse than Jimmy's. Lamar Jackson is on IR. As of press time Thursday night, his Week 11 lineup includes Matthew Stafford and Christian Watson. The Rams and Packers are both on bye. Sleeper projects his lineup at 79.20.

Meanwhile, the actual best teams by the numbers are Vasco (80-30 all-play, 4-6) and JJ (75-35, 5-5). The standings are a hostage note.

> ***"The standings are a hostage note."***

Week 11 doesn't get easier for the leaders. Jimmy gets Patty. Cullen gets JJ, the only owner who set a perfect lineup last week. Lederer and Phillips sit one game back at 6-4, and the Commissioner, also 6-4, gets Jake. If both co-leaders lose, first place could come down to decimals again. Somebody's wall is cracking by Monday night.

One more thing the Wire uncovered. Four of the league's twelve teams are named after flat-earth or Antarctica conspiracies: 60,000 Mile Ice Wall, Flat Earth Society, Flat earth, round balls and Antarctic Treaty Violators. Combined record: 24-16. First place belongs to one of them. The Wire reached out to the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat for comment. They did not respond, which is exactly what they'd want you to think.

Four weeks left. Eight playoff spots. And in Week 14, the Commissioner gets the Ice Wall. Bring a flashlight.

THE ARCHIVES — *The history of the Dirty Dozen, preserved whether we like it or not.*

ALL-TIME CHAMPIONSHIP LEDGER

YEAR	CHAMPION
2014	Jason Lederer
2015	Jon Johnson
2016	Charlie Bova *
2017	Jason Lederer (2)
2018	Dexter Chronis
2019	Josh Wagner
2020	Matt Bizon
2021	Jimmy Muralles
2022	Josh Wagner (2)
2023	Pat Hanley
2024	Matt Bizon (2)
2025	Josh Wagner (3)

** Charlie Bova left the league in 2020. His ring did not.*

ALL-TIME LOSER LEDGER

YEAR	LOSER
2020	Charlie Bova
2021	Jon Johnson
2022	Dedrick Cullen
2023	Jason Lederer
2024	Jon Johnson (2)
2025	Pat Hanley

THE MEN "BOVA" LINE — *Owners with fewer championships than a guy who left the league in 2020*

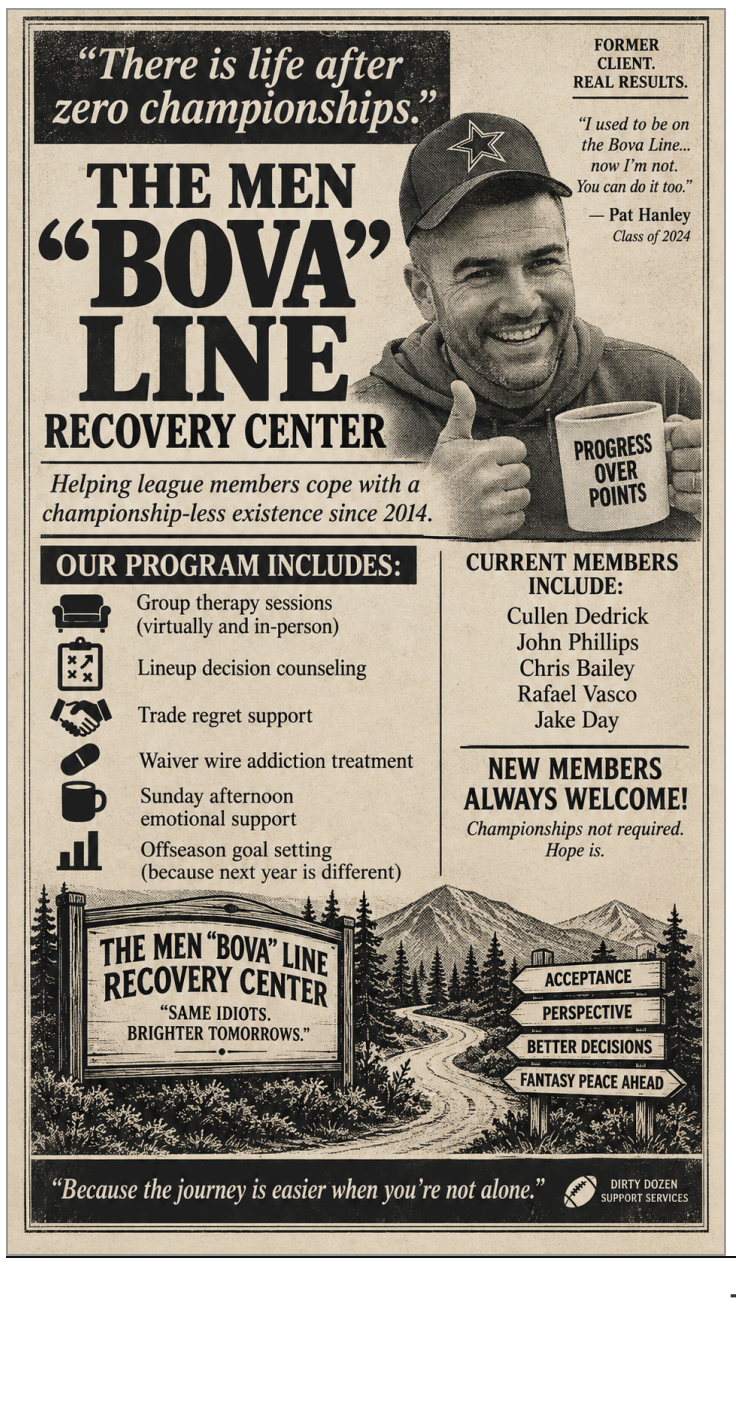
Cullen Dedrick	0 Championships
John Phillips	0 Championships
Chris Bailey	0 Championships
Rafael Vasco	0 Championships
Jake Day	0 Championships

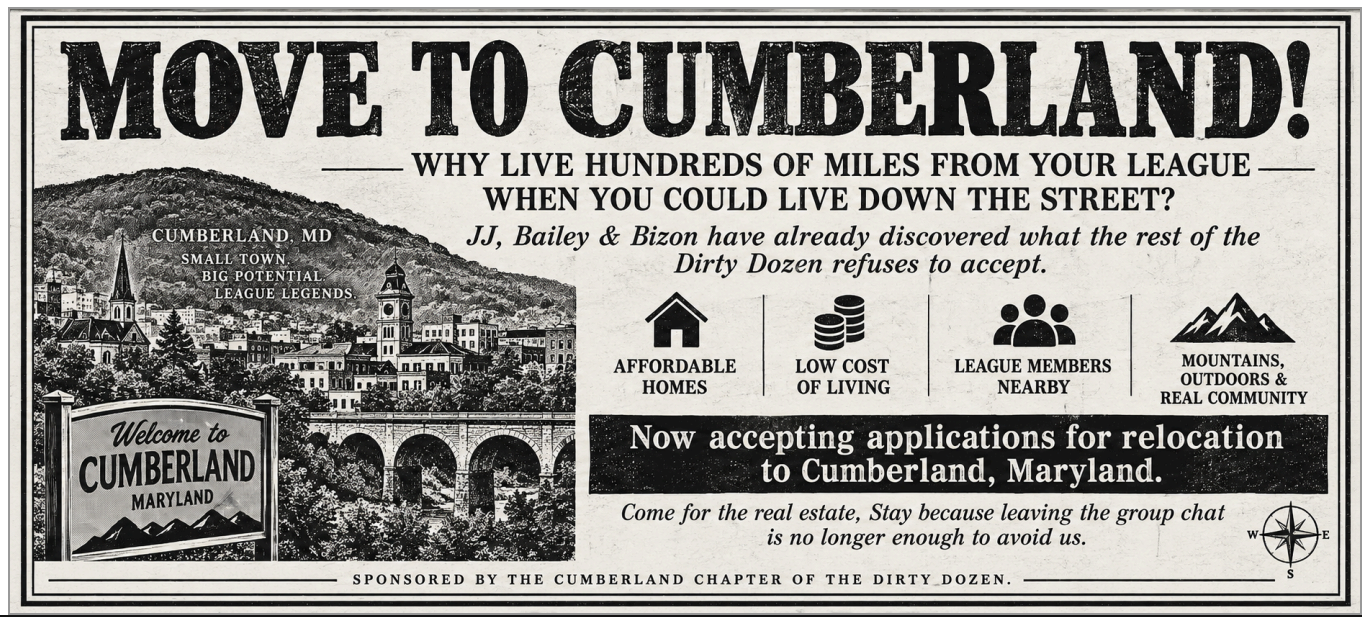
SLEEPER ERA RECORDS — *All-time performance since 2020*

OWNER	W/L	PF	PA
Chris Bailey	48 - 36	10629.52	10222.74
Jimmy Muralles	47 - 37	10455.92	9796.58
Pat Hanley	47 - 37	10217.56	9968.86
Matt Bizon	44 - 40	10227.12	10003.70
Jon Johnson	44 - 40	10161.90	10114.00
Jake Day	43 - 41	10116.30	10343.16
Josh Wagner	42 - 42	10139.46	10071.34
Cullen Dedrick	41 - 43	10164.92	10109.54
Jason Lederer	41 - 43	10047.72	9983.58
Rafael Vasco	38 - 46	10128.80	10233.72
John Phillips	38 - 46	9525.16	9736.92
Dexter Chronis	31 - 53	9129.74	10359.98

2026 RECORD BOOK — *Through Week 10. Written in pencil until the playoffs.*

High score	**195.02**	TouchOfDowns, Week 1
Low score	**51.18**	dChronis, Week 6 (three starters on bye)
Closest loss	**1.40**	JJ to Lederer, Week 7, with 45.1 on JJ's bench
Biggest FAAB bid	**$90**	Wagner on Ollie Gordon II, Week 3
Most bench points	**239.60**	Flat earth, round balls (Emmett Johnson: 98.90, zero starts)
Losses the bench would've won	**5**	Wagner and Patty, tied
Trades	**1**	Week 2: RJ Harvey to JJ for Kyle Monangai. JJ won.
Best all-play	**80-30**	Puka Da-Chewa, who is 4-6
Most points against	**1,395.76**	Puka Da-Chewa, the league's designated punching bag
Lowest points against	**1,069.62**	60,000 Mile Ice Wall, currently in first place
Worst all-play	**37-73**	The Graveyard
Mahomes bench weeks	**8 of 10**	Vasco, then Patty





MAILBAG — *Free advice that's worth its price. All letters anonymous. All signatures obvious.*

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

My lawyer says bench points are not admissible. So if a running back scored 98.90 points on my bench this year without one start, that legally never happened, correct? Also, if I start him now, does that count as admitting something?

— Pale, Proud and 5-1 Since Week 5

Dear Pale, Your lawyer is correct. Bench points are not admissible. Unfortunately this league is not a court. It's a group chat, and the group chat has screenshots of all 239.60. Start him. Call it a strategic reveal. Plead the Fifth on the rest.

— THE COMMISSIONER

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

I have spent zero FAAB dollars, I started a quarterback who left on the opening drive, and I am in first place. Should I feel bad? Nobody seems to think I should feel good.

— $100 Richer and Ice Cold

Dear $100, Feel nothing. Your last three opponents averaged 86.47 points. That isn't a schedule, it's a witness protection program. Enjoy first place. Week 14 is me, and I'm bringing an icebreaker.

— THE COMMISSIONER

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

Is it still benching if the guy is a three-time Super Bowl champ and I'm just keeping him fresh for the playoffs? He threw five touchdowns Sunday. On my bench. I really feel like he's ready now.

— Mahomes' Legal Guardian, Cowboys Country

Dear Guardian, He has sat on a Dirty Dozen bench in eight of ten weeks, across two owners. He's not fresh. He's preserved. At this point he qualifies for the Archives, and page 5 has room. Start him or release him to someone who owns a calendar.

— THE COMMISSIONER

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

If I set my lineup back in May and the bye weeks happened anyway, is that technically the NFL's fault? Asking for a friend who is starting Stafford and Watson this week. The friend is me. I'm the friend.

— Second Place by 0.12, Bills Mafia Lineup Division

Dear Mafia, The bye schedule came out in May and hasn't moved. Neither, apparently, have you. Sleeper projects your lineup at 79.20. Josh Allen would never. Open the app. Then close it. Then open it again and fix it.

— THE COMMISSIONER

ALSO RECEIVED: *"Can I trade for a team name?"* ***— Ten Games In, Still dChronis*** • *"Is there a waiver wire for FAAB?"* ***— Bubbles HQ, Budget: $0*** • *"Does the trade deadline apply to trades I regret?"* ***— Monangai's Only Fan***

FANTASY HOROSCOPES — *The stars have seen your lineup. They're concerned.*

ARIES — BAILEY

Your bench outscored the two guys you started in its place, 35.40 to 7.20. The stars suggest starting the players who score points. Bold, but worth a try.

TAURUS — PHILLIPS, JOSH

Phillips: an empty RB slot is not a strategy. Josh: $0 FAAB and five losses your bench would have won. Call each other for advice. Ignore it.

GEMINI — CULLEN

Mercury is in retrograde, and so are the Rams and Packers. Both are on bye. Both are in your lineup. The stars beg you to open the app.

CANCER — JAKE, MATT

Jake: your QB went back to his ex. Respect the closure. Matt: 154.06 isn't enough anymore. The stars recommend 177 or a different opponent.

LEO — JJ, DEXY

JJ, your lineup was perfect, so the universe scheduled Hockenson's wrist. Dexy, the stars say pick a team name. It's been ten weeks.

LIBRA — JIMMY

First place, $0 spent, and a Titans QB facing the Dallas defense Patty just picked up. The scales are tipping. The stars won't say which way.

SAGITTARIUS — PATTY

Mahomes threw five touchdowns on your bench. The stars said start him. You didn't. The stars have stopped asking and started screenshotting.

CAPRICORN — VASCO

Most points for, most points against, 4-6. The cosmos owes you about three wins. Collections is closed until Week 15. Keep scoring.

AQUARIUS — J

176.62 with 35.10 on the bench. Emmett Johnson finally starts this week. The stars applaud the growth and decline to predict the carries.

— SAME IDIOTS. DIFFERENT LOSERS. —

CLASSIFIEDS — *Desperate owners. Questionable merchandise. No refunds.*

MISSED CONNECTIONS

You saw them. They saw your bench.

YOU: PATRICK MAHOMES. 348 yds, 5 TD vs. Atlanta, 39.42 pts. ME: Brock You, Pay Me's starting lineup, with Omar Cooper Jr. (0.00) where you should have been. We locked eyes across the bench. Third Sunday in a row. I can change. Week 11?

BOX 101

YOU: EMMETT JOHNSON. 171 scrimmage yds, 2 TD, 35.10 pts. ME: the guy who has had you since August and never once put you in. You looked incredible from over there. I'm finally ready to commit. Please don't make it weird.

BOX 102

YOU: 0.12 POINTS. ME: Gas Station Boner Pill, 1,232.88 PF. You were right there. Keaton Mitchell fumbled you away for -0.60. I think about you every time I open the standings.

BOX 103

YOU: BRIAN THOMAS JR. Cut in Week 1. ME: The Graveyard. I left you for Devaughn Vele and $16. Vele has 3.7 and 3.4 on my bench. I see now that I was the problem.

BOX 104

YOU: KIRK COUSINS. Leaving Las Vegas at the deadline. ME: every Raiders fan. You didn't even say goodbye. You said "I'm going back to Minnesota," which is worse.

BOX 105

HELP WANTED

Immediate openings. No experience. No hope.

TEAM NAME CONSULTANT. Original member seeks team name to replace Sleeper default "dChronis," now ten games old. Any name. Must not require logging in more than once a month. Pays $100 FAAB, untouched since August.

BOX 106

BYE-WEEK CALENDAR MONITOR. Part-time, Thursday nights. Duties: inform four owners that the Rams, Packers, Patriots, Seahawks, Falcons and Browns are not playing Sunday. Apply to Cullen, Wagner, Dexter and Phillips before 1 PM.

BOX 107

QUARTERBACK (ANY).

Three-time champion seeks QB. Last QB cut Wednesday, right after two straight wins. Caleb Williams on bench, apparently not under consideration. No experience necessary. Bubbles and the Shit Rockers is an equal-opportunity employer with $0 to offer.

BOX 108

STARTING RUNNING BACK. TouchOfDowns has an opening where Bijan Robinson used to be. Must be able to stand on a field on Sunday. Pulse required. Austin Ekeler has been contacted.

BOX 109

PULSE. New York Jets (2-8) seek one. Recently handled 31-12 by Buffalo. Inquiries handled by the owner of Flat earth, round balls, who has been "aware since birth."

BOX 110

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR. Dallas seeks anyone who can stop anything after a 46-40 loss to San Francisco in which George Pickens caught three touchdowns and it didn't matter. Patty just added the Dallas D. Patty may be reached for comment.

BOX 111

LOOKING FOR WORK

Situations wanted. Available Sundays.

OLLIE GORDON II. Acquired for $90 in Week 3. 82.9 points since, roughly $1.09 per point. Seeks owner with realistic expectations and a remaining budget. Previous employer has neither.

BOX 112

DRAKE MAYE'S FANTASY POINTS. Last seen on the opening drive in Munich (3.02). Ankle. Seeking stable employment after the bye. Replaced by Cam Ward and Joe Milton, combined cost $0.

BOX 113

KYLE MONANGAI, RB. Acquired in the league's only trade of the year. 39.9 points, every one on a bench. Zero points in six straight weeks. Seeks a starting role, any role, or eye contact from the Commissioner.

BOX 114

STEELERS D/ST. Scored -2.00 in a 38-18 loss to Cincinnati. Willing to accept a pay cut. Willing to accept anything. Reference from TouchOfDowns: "started him."

BOX 115

KAELON BLACK. Scored 13.60 on a bench while Omar Cooper Jr. scored 0.00 in the lineup. Works Sundays. Comes when called. Has never been called.

BOX 116

FOR SALE / FREE TO GOOD HOME

As is. No returns. No dignity.

FREE: PATRICK MAHOMES.

Lightly used. Never started. Throws five TDs if left unattended. Two previous owners. Current owner says "not for sale," then starts Dak. Pickup only, from the bench.

BOX 117

FOR SALE: ONE TRADE OFFER. Used once, Week 2: RJ Harvey for Kyle Monangai. Seller lost. Still works. The Commissioner asks that you stop bringing it up. $0 OBO.

BOX 118

FREE: $200 IN FAAB. Never spent. $100 each from dChronis and 60,000 Mile Ice Wall. One owner is in first place and is not taking questions. The other is not taking anything.

BOX 119

ESTATE SALE, LAS VEGAS. Everything must go: one used Kirk Cousins (returned to Minnesota), Raiders hopes (2026 model). The Graveyard is currently starting the Cousins we sold. No refunds. No closure.

BOX 120

FOR SALE: 49ERS-COWBOYS GAME FILM. 46-40, 86 combined points. Defense not included. Ideal for Vasco, who has watched 1,395.76 points get scored on him this year.

BOX 121

PLACE YOUR AD

Rates: one (1) FAAB dollar per word. Dexter pays double. Wagner pays nothing because Wagner has nothing. Deadline Monday night.

LOST & FOUND

Claim by kickoff or it's ours.

LOST: TWO STARTERS. Last seen in Gas Station Boner Pill's lineup Thursday night in Rams and Packers colors. Answer to "Stafford" and "Watson." Not playing this week. If found, do not return. Bench.

BOX 122

FOUND: ONE PERFECT LINEUP. 162.46 points, optimal to the decimal. Owner JJ says it's his. The league office believes it was a fluke and cannot prove it.

BOX 123

LOST: AMON-RA'S DIGNITY.

Last seen in Munich, in lederhosen. FOUND: 27.80 points. Cullen considers it an even trade.

BOX 124

FOUND: THE BILLS AND 49ERS AT 8-1. Tied for the best record in football. Turned in by a Buffalo-area owner who would like it noted that his fantasy team is also 7-3. It is noted. So is his lineup.

BOX 125

FOUND: 239.60 BENCH POINTS. Turned in by the owner of Flat earth, round balls, who insists they are "depth." Unclaimed after 10 weeks. Will be donated to the Commissioner, who has 229.30 of his own.

BOX 126

PERSONALS

Lonely hearts. Losing records.

JETS FAN, 2-8, seeks someone who understands. Enjoys long walks to the bench, 176-point weeks and not talking about Buffalo. No Bills fans. That means you, Cullen.

BOX 127

VETERAN QB, 38, just went back to his ex at the trade deadline. Seeks fantasy owner who also can't move on. Currently seeing The Graveyard. It's complicated.

BOX 128

TWO-TIME CHAMP, 6-4, three straight losses, 154.06 last week (beat nine teams, not the one he played). Seeks rematch with literally anyone else. Captain America need not apply.

BOX 129

PUBLIC NOTICES: THE BLOTTER — *An official record of all league transactions this week*

NOV 14 • BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS
ADDED: Emari Demercado — RB, HOU — Free Agent
DROPPED: Devin Singletary — RB, NYG

NOV 14 • THE GRAVEYARD
ADDED: Kansas City D/ST — DEF, KC — $0 FAAB
DROPPED: Cleveland D/ST — DEF, CLE

NOV 15 • GAS STATION BONER PILL
ADDED: Chimere Dike — WR, TEN — Free Agent
DROPPED: Jauan Jennings — WR, MIN

NOV 16 • BROCK YOU, PAY ME
ADDED: Pat Bryant — WR, DEN; Quentin Johnston — WR, LAC — Free Agents
DROPPED: Dameon Pierce — RB, FA; Ja'Kobi Lane — WR, BAL

NOV 17 • 60,000 MILE ICE WALL
ADDED: —
DROPPED: Efton Chism III — WR, NE; Corey Kiner — RB, NE

NOV 18 • FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS
ADDED: Juwan Johnson — TE, NO — $0 FAAB
DROPPED: —

NOV 18 • ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS
ADDED: Elic Ayomanor — WR, TEN — $0 FAAB; Xavier Hutchinson — WR, HOU — Free Agent
DROPPED: Wan'Dale Robinson — WR, TEN

NOV 18 • BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS
ADDED: —
DROPPED: Tyler Shough — QB, NO

NOV 18 • THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE
ADDED: Detroit D/ST — DEF, DET — Free Agent
DROPPED: Pat Freiermuth — TE, PIT

NOV 18 • BROCK YOU, PAY ME
ADDED: Michael Pittman Jr. — WR, PIT (IR); Dallas D/ST — DEF, DAL — Free Agents
DROPPED: Quentin Johnston — WR, LAC; Baltimore D/ST — DEF, BAL

NOV 18 • 60,000 MILE ICE WALL
ADDED: Cam Ward — QB, TEN; Joe Milton — QB, PHI — Free Agents
DROPPED: —

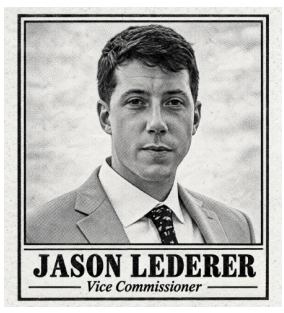
NOV 18 • FLAT EARTH SOCIETY
ADDED: Ty Johnson — RB, BUF — Free Agent
DROPPED: Indianapolis D/ST — DEF, IND

NOV 19 • TOUCHOFDOWNS
ADDED: Austin Ekeler — RB, WAS — Free Agent
DROPPED: Lan Larison — RB, NE; Chris Godwin Jr. — WR, TB

NOV 19 • BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS
ADDED: —
DROPPED: Emari Demercado — RB, HOU; Konata Mumpfield — WR, LAR

THE MINORITY REPORT

Jason Lederer argues the case nobody wants to make.



I SCORED 176.62. STOP ASKING ABOUT MY BENCH

By Jason Lederer, Vice Commissioner

Every Tuesday this league opens Sleeper, scrolls past the final score and goes straight to my bench like it's a crime scene.

Let me save you the trouble. Yes, Emmett Johnson scored 35.10 on my bench last week. Yes, that puts him at 98.90 bench points this year without a single start. Yes, I lead the league with 239.60 points left on the pine.

And yes, I scored 176.62, the highest total of the week, and beat the Commissioner by 22.56.

Bench points are a stat invented by people who lost. You know who never asks about my bench? Anyone I've beaten. Since Week 5, I'm 5-1.

Matt's optimal lineup was 173.96. He still loses. Mine was 199.72. I didn't need it. That's not a coaching problem. That's depth. Look it up.

Meanwhile, first place belongs to a man who has spent zero FAAB dollars and started a quarterback who left on the opening drive. Second place belongs to a man currently starting two players on bye. And I'm the one who has to explain himself?

For the record, Emmett Johnson starts this week. Not because of the screenshots. Because I said so, and because Bailey's last three weeks average 89.09 and I believe in being thorough.

And before anybody brings it up: yes, the Jets are 2-8. Yes, Buffalo beat them 31-12 on Sunday. I'm aware. I've been aware since birth.

And to the Commissioner, who will no doubt write a letter about how his 154.06 outscored nine teams: congratulations. You know who it didn't outscore? Me. Three straight losses and the man still issues official statements like he's undefeated. Respect the office. Not the lineup.

Stop counting my bench points. Start counting my wins.

— J

NEXT WEEK'S LINES — *The early line on Week 11 Dirty Dozen action*

PUKA DA-CHEWA (-14.5) vs. DCHRONIS — **O/U 238.5**

Most points in the league vs. a lineup starting the Rams D on bye. Dexy covers if he logs in.

FLAT EARTH SOCIETY (-12.5) vs. GAS STATION BONER PILL — **O/U 210.5**

Cullen projects 79.20 with Stafford and Watson on bye. Line moves the second he opens the app.

BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS (-4.5) vs. TOUCHOFDOWNS — **O/U 216.5**

Packers D on bye vs. an empty RB slot. Whoever notices first covers. Nobody has noticed yet.

BROCK YOU, PAY ME (-1.5) vs. 60,000 MILE ICE WALL — **O/U 244.5**

Patty's new Cowboys D vs. Jimmy's free Titans QB. Mahomes available on the bench, as usual.

ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS (-14.5) vs. THE GRAVEYARD — **O/U 222.5**

Commish favored by two TDs, which has meant nothing for three weeks. Cousins starts for Jake again.

FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS (-3.5) vs. THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE — **O/U 228.5**

Emmett Johnson finally starts. Bailey's last three average 89.09. Captain America by a field goal.

Wire lines, for entertainment only. The league office does not accept bets, except from Patty, who places them anyway.

OFF THE FIELD — *Life outside the Dirty Dozen*

THANKSGIVING: Week 12 kicks off Thursday, Nov. 26. Set lineups before the bird. "I was carving" is not an accepted excuse.

MILESTONE: Issue No. 2 of The League Wire rolls off a 24-inch Epson press at League HQ. The Mailbag is open. Anonymity guaranteed, mostly.

NFL WATCH: The Bills and 49ers share the NFL's best record at 8-1. Cullen has asked that this be printed.

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