THE LEAGUE WIRE

SAME IDIOTS. DIFFERENT LOSERS.

WEEK 11 FINAL SCORES INSIDE · ALL 12 TEAMS ROASTED EQUALLY

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LEAGUE OFFICE INVESTIGATES ITSELF

THE COMMISH GOT EJECTED

92.00 points. Metcalf tossed, kicker in the red, Graveyard wins.

TALE OF THE TAPE

	THE GRAVEYARD	ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS
WEEK 11	W 103.60	L 92.00
OPTIMAL LINEUP	132.30	98.20
LEFT ON BENCH	28.70	6.20
WK 11 ALL-PLAY	1-10	0-11
RECORD	4-7	6-5
SEASON ALL-PLAY	38-83	71-50
STREAK	W2	L4
WEEK 12 OPP.	Lederer	Bailey



JAKE: 103.60 POINTS, ONE COMMISSIONER

0-11 The Commissioner's Week 11 all-play record. Lowest score in the league, and his perfect lineup (98.20) still loses.

The league office has opened an investigation into the league office.

At 92.00 points, Antarctic Treaty Violators posted the lowest score of Week 11, went 0-11 in all-play and lost to The Graveyard, 103.60 to 92.00. That's four straight losses for a Commissioner who was 6-1 after Week 7.

Exhibit A: DK Metcalf. One catch, two yards, 1.2 points, then an ejection in the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 19-16 loss in Philadelphia after a second personal foul. He left the stadium before the game ended. At least somebody on this roster beat the traffic.

> ***"The perfect version of this team still loses to The Graveyard."***

Exhibit B: Spencer Shrader. One field goal made, two missed. Final: -1.0. An empty kicker slot would have outscored him by a full point.

Exhibit C: the Vikings defense, which flew to Mexico City and gave up 35 to San Francisco. 1.0 point.

Exhibit D: Joe Burrow scored 21.9, then lost Monday night on a walk-off field goal by Washington. Irrelevant to the fantasy result. Just another thing that happened to the Commissioner this week.

Here's the part nobody can spin. The Commissioner's optimal lineup was 98.20. The perfect version of this team still loses to The Graveyard by 5.40. Bryce Young's 15.96 sat behind Burrow, which was correct, and is the only correct decision in this story. Travis Kelce caught two touchdowns (25.4) and Jahmyr Gibbs went for 27.8. Those two scored 53.2. The other seven combined for 38.8.

And Jake did it with Kirk Cousins (6.4) and J.K. Dobbins, who carried once for zero yards and 0.0 points. The Graveyard's 103.60 was the second-lowest score of the week, good for a 1-10 all-play. The one team it could beat was the one on the schedule.

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SECONDARY STORYLINE

8-3 AND 8-3. AGAIN.

Last week this page reported that Cullen was starting two players on bye. He fixed it. Stafford and Watson went to the bench, and in came Tyler Shough, picked up Friday, two days after Wagner cut him. Shough scored 14.28. Jonah Coleman ran for 111 yards and three touchdowns (35.9) in Denver's 38-24 win over the Raiders.

Gas Station Boner Pill scored 151.88, the week high. Its optimal lineup was 152.28. Cullen left 0.40 points on his bench.

Jimmy matched him. Cam Ward, a $0 free agent, threw for 248 yards and two scores and ran one in (24.22), and Chuba Hubbard added 120 yards and two TDs (27.0). That's five straight wins and $0 of FAAB spent through eleven weeks.

Both are 8-3. Last week the gap in points for was 0.12, in Jimmy's favor. This week it's 21.34, in Cullen's.

Meanwhile, the Bills are 9-1 for the first time since 1991. Nobody needed to tell Cullen.

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WEEK 11 BY THE NUMBERS

151.88 *Cullen's week-high score. He left 0.40 points on his bench.*

-1.0 *Spencer Shrader's Week 11: one field goal made, two missed.*

0.36 *Points for separating Dexter (7th seed) from Wagner (8th).*

9 of 11 *Weeks Patrick Mahomes has spent on a Dirty Dozen bench.*

50.84 *Points of quarterback on Patty's bench: Mahomes and Mendoza.*



MYLA'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Daddy, everybody beat your football guys. Maybe they need a snack?"

— Myla, AGE 2

WEEK IN REVIEW

THE GRAVEYARD 103.60 — ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS 92.00

Metcalf Ejected, Commissioner Rejected

Jake beat the Commissioner with the second-lowest score of the week, which tells you everything about the Commissioner. Ashton Jeanty caught five balls for 90 yards and a touchdown (30.9) in a Raiders loss, Tetairoa McMillan added 19.1, and Ryan Fitzgerald's 9.0 included the game-winner in Carolina's 35-33 win over Baltimore. Kirk Cousins threw for 235 and a pick (6.4) and J.K. Dobbins carried once for 0.0, while Jacory Croskey-Merritt (15.7) and Devaughn Vele (14.6) sat. Jake left 28.70 on his bench, most in the league, and won anyway. The Commish got 27.8 from Gibbs and 25.4 from Kelce, then 1.2 from an ejected DK Metcalf, -1.0 from his kicker and 1.0 from the Vikings D. Optimal: 98.20. Still a loss. Four straight.

GAS STATION BONER PILL 151.88 — FLAT EARTH SOCIETY 111.04

The Pill Kicks In: 151.88, 0.40 Off Perfect

Last week's paper had Cullen starting two players on bye. He read it. Out went Stafford and Watson, in came Tyler Shough, claimed Friday two days after Wagner cut him, and Shough delivered 14.28. Then Jonah Coleman ran 24 times for 111 yards and three touchdowns (35.9). Khalil Shakir added 16.3, Tyler Bass 16.0 and the Bills D 13.5 in a 26-9 win over Miami. Optimal lineup: 152.28. He missed it by 0.40. JJ, one week removed from the league's only perfect lineup, started Trevor Lawrence (11.74, two interceptions against the Giants) over Brock Purdy (22.2, three touchdowns in Mexico City). It didn't matter. JJ's optimal 123.40 still loses by 28.48. Perfection lasted seven days.

60,000 MILE ICE WALL 130.42 — BROCK YOU, PAY ME 112.40

Three Quarterbacks, 87.74 Points, One Loss

Patty solved his quarterback problem by owning three good ones. Dak Prescott threw for 325 yards and four touchdowns and ran one in (36.9) in a 51-30 win over Tennessee. On the bench: Patrick Mahomes (324 yards, three TDs, 25.96) and rookie Fernando Mendoza (three TDs, 24.88). That's 50.84 points of quarterback watching from the sideline, and Mahomes' fourth straight week on Patty's bench. The real damage came from Michael Mayer (1.4) and Luther Burden III (3.3). Jimmy's $0 pickup Cam Ward threw two touchdowns and ran in another (24.22) against the Dallas defense Patty added last Wednesday. Chuba Hubbard went for 120 and two scores (27.0). Patty's optimal 128.80 loses anyway. Jimmy: 8-3, five straight, $0 spent.

DCHRONIS 121.54 — PUKA DA-CHEWA 104.56

Dexy Starts a Defense on Bye, Wins by 16.98

Five weeks after starting three players on bye, Dexter started a defense whose team didn't play. The Rams were off. The Rams defense scored 0.0. This newspaper printed the warning on its front page last Thursday. He won anyway. Justin Herbert threw two touchdowns and ran one in (21.44), Jameson Williams added 21.3, Breece Hall 19.0, and George Kittle scored twice in Mexico City (18.4). Vasco's problem was loyalty in reverse: Commanders receiver Antonio Williams caught nine balls for 122 yards (23.2) on his bench, more than anyone he started. His optimal 124.26 beats Dexter. The real Commanders won on a walk-off field goal Monday night. Vasco's version is 4-7, first team out, and still No. 1 in the Commissioner's rankings.

FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS 126.06 — THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE 108.76

Emmett Johnson Starts. Emmett Johnson Scores.

Ten weeks, 98.90 bench points and one front-page intervention later, Lederer finally put Emmett Johnson in the lineup. Johnson carried 23 times for 105 yards and a touchdown and caught four more for 38 (25.3) with Kenneth Walker out. George Pickens (24.8), Jared Goff (23.36) and DJ Moore (23.1) did the rest. Lederer still found a way to start a zero: tight end Juwan Johnson, 0.0. Bailey got 20.2 from Chris Olave and 17.6 from Justice Hill, but Josh Allen threw two picks in a win and managed 13.16, and Jordyn Tyson scored 2.0. Bailey's optimal 113.96 still loses by 12.10. That's four straight losses. Lederer is 7-4 with six wins in seven weeks. The bench is unemployed.

BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS 116.54 — TOUCHOFDOWNS 107.66

Wagner Sets the Week's Only Perfect Lineup

Wagner cut his quarterback last Wednesday, carried an empty QB slot into Thursday night, then started Caleb Williams like that was the plan all along. Caleb scored 15.34. CeeDee Lamb caught 11 for 132 and a touchdown (31.2), Parker Washington added 19.3, and the Jets D, claimed Friday to replace the Packers on bye, posted 9.5. Wagner's 116.54 was his optimal lineup to the decimal, the only perfect lineup of Week 11. Phillips' bench would have won it: Samaje Perine (13.7) sat while Austin Ekeler (6.4) and Jaylen Warren (4.9) started. Mark Andrews, added Friday, caught two for 14 (3.4). Phillips' optimal: 117.66. Final margin: 8.88. Wagner has won three straight and holds the 8th seed by 0.36 points.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OFFICE, WEEK 11.

The league office has completed its review of Antarctic Treaty Violators' Week 11 performance. Findings: 92.00 points, the lowest in the league, and an 0-11 all-play record. The league office has referred the matter to itself. The league office is not cooperating.

Housekeeping.

One: Thanksgiving week starts early. Green Bay visits the Rams on Wednesday at 8 PM Eastern, the first Thanksgiving Eve game the NFL has ever scheduled. Bears-Lions, Eagles-Cowboys and Chiefs-Bills follow Thursday, and Broncos-Steelers kicks off Friday at 3. Players lock when their games start. "I was carving" remains an unaccepted excuse.

Two: DK Metcalf faces no suspension. His conduct will be reviewed for fines. The league office will be fining him separately, in spirit.

Three: the playoff line. Three regular-season weeks remain. Eight teams get in. Dexter and Wagner hold the 7th and 8th seeds at 5-6, separated by 0.36 points. The first team out is Vasco, who leads the league in points for and is ranked No. 1 in this office's own power rankings. The office stands by those rankings. The office stands by very little else this week.

Four: Patrick Mahomes has now spent nine of eleven weeks on a Dirty Dozen bench. He plays in Buffalo on Thanksgiving night.

Finally, the Commissioner's own team. Four straight losses. I lost to Jake with an optimal lineup that also loses to Jake. My kicker owes the league a point. I've gone from 6-1 to 6-5 and 5th place. I've reviewed it and found the Commissioner fully responsible, which is a first.

Week 12: Bailey. We're both on four-game losing streaks. One of them ends Sunday.

Lock your lineups before the bird.

— THE COMMISSIONER

LEAGUE STANDINGS

EAST

TEAM	W-L	PF	PA	FAAB	STRK
60,000 MILE ICE WALL	8-3	1,363.42	1,182.02	$100	W5
ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS	6-5	1,367.24	1,365.24	$73	L4
FLAT EARTH SOCIETY	5-6	1,445.32	1,435.06	$100	L1
DCHRONIS	5-6	1,246.98	1,317.04	$100	W2
BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS	5-6	1,246.62	1,231.08	$0	W3
THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE	4-7	1,231.06	1,385.76	$32	L4

WEST

TEAM	W-L	PF	PA	FAAB	STRK
GAS STATION BONER PILL	8-3	1,384.76	1,208.80	$68	W1
FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS	7-4	1,338.36	1,299.82	$75	W2
TOUCHOFDOWNS	6-5	1,373.14	1,269.18	$20	L2
PUKA DA-CHEWA	4-7	1,466.16	1,517.30	$38	L2
BROCK YOU, PAY ME	4-7	1,283.60	1,353.94	$24	L2
THE GRAVEYARD	4-7	1,199.56	1,380.98	$59	W2

WEEK 11 HARDWARE

THE HIGH ROLLER
Awarded to the highest scoring team

GAS STATION BONER PILL

151.88. Jonah Coleman 35.9, Henry 19.1, Shakir 16.3. Optimal: 152.28, so he left 0.40 on the bench. Last week he was starting two players on bye. This week he coached like a man who reads the paper.

THE DUMPSTER FIRE
Awarded to the lowest scoring team

ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS

92.00. Lowest score of the week, 0-11 all-play. Metcalf ejected (1.2), Shrader -1.0, Vikings D 1.0. Even the optimal lineup (98.20) loses. The Commissioner is presenting this award to himself.

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

DCHRONIS

Started the Rams defense during the Rams' bye for 0.0, a week after the Wire printed the warning on page 1 and five weeks after starting three players on bye. Won by 16.98 anyway, which will only encourage him.

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

THE GRAVEYARD

103.60, the 11th-best score of 12. Cousins 6.4, Dobbins 0.0, a league-high 28.70 left on the bench. Week 11 all-play: 1-10. The one team it could beat was the one on the schedule. Banana secured.

POWER RANKINGS
The Commissioner's official Week 11 order (set Nov. 19). Week 11 results noted.

1 **PUKA DA-CHEWA** · Vasco, 4-7

Still No. 1 in the Commissioner's official order, and now 4-7 and the first team out. Most PF (1,466.16), most PA (1,517.30), best all-play (82-39). Benched a Commanders WR's 23.2 and lost by 16.98.

2 **FLAT EARTH SOCIETY** · JJ, 5-6

Most PF in the East (1,445.32), 80-41 all-play, and 5-6. Followed the only perfect lineup of Week 10 by starting Lawrence (11.74) over Purdy (22.2). Lost by 40.84. Still the sim's darling.

3 **ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS** · Matt, 6-5

Ranked himself third on Thursday, then posted the league low (92.00) with an optimal lineup that also loses. Four straight losses, 6-5, 5th. He has not re-ranked himself, out of respect for the process.

4 **60,000 MILE ICE WALL** · Jimmy, 8-3

8-3, five straight wins, $0 FAAB after 11 weeks. Free agent Cam Ward scored 24.22. Lowest PA in the league (1,182.02), now 21.34 PF behind Cullen. Nobody has been allowed to see behind the wall.

5 **FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS** · Lederer, 7-4

Emmett Johnson finally started and scored 25.3. Lederer then started Juwan Johnson for 0.0, because growth is gradual. 7-4, six wins in seven, and still a league-high 245.60 bench points.

6 **TOUCHOFDOWNS** · Phillips, 6-5

Lost a game his bench would have won: Perine's 13.7 sat while Ekeler (6.4) and Warren (4.9) started. Added Mark Andrews: 3.4. 6-5, 4th by 5.90 over the Commish. Week 1's 195.02 is getting small in the mirror.

7 **GAS STATION BONER PILL** · Cullen, 8-3

Ranked seventh at 7-3. Answered with the week-high 151.88, 0.40 off optimal, using Wagner's ex-QB. Now 8-3 and first on the PF tiebreak. The rankings stand. The rankings are also under review.

8 **BROCK YOU, PAY ME** · Patty, 4-7

Benched Mahomes (25.96) for a fourth straight week and Mendoza (24.88) too. Dak scored 36.9. Lost by 18.02 anyway. 4-7, outside the top eight, five losses his bench would've won, tied for the league lead.

9 **BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS** · Wagner, 5-6

Cut his QB, rode an empty slot into Thursday, then started Caleb and set the week's only perfect lineup (116.54). Three straight wins, $0 FAAB, 5-6, 8th by 0.36. The dynasty lives, at the minimum required.

10 **DCHRONIS** · Dexter, 5-6

Started the Rams D on bye (0.0), his second bye-week incident this season, and won by 16.98. 5-6, 7th, 0.36 ahead of Wagner. Still no team name. Still $100 in FAAB. Still no calendar.

11 **THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE** · Bailey, 4-7

Four straight losses. Josh Allen threw two picks (13.16) and Tyson scored 2.0. 4-7, 47-74 all-play, $68 of FAAB spent. The divers have been reassigned. Week 12 is the Commissioner, who is also drowning.

12 **THE GRAVEYARD** · Jake, 4-7

Two straight wins for the first time all year and still last in PF (1,199.56) and all-play (38-83). Beat the Commissioner with Cousins at 6.4 and Dobbins at 0.0. Every fresh grave out back has the Commissioner's name on it.

— SAME IDIOTS. DIFFERENT LOSERS. —

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



JAKE DAY, PICTURED AFTER BURYING THE COMMISSIONER

JAKE DAY

The Graveyard • League Member since 2018 (ish)

Texas • U.S. Air Force EOD

The Graveyard has been the league's quietest disaster all season: fewest points for, worst all-play record, and a waiver history that reads like a list of regrets. Jake dropped Brian Thomas Jr. in Week 1 to spend $16 on Devaughn Vele. He cut Matthew Stafford in Week 8, and Stafford went straight to a team tied for first.

Then Week 11 happened. The Graveyard scored 103.60, the second-lowest total of the week, and beat the Commissioner anyway, with Kirk Cousins at 6.4 and J.K. Dobbins at 0.0 in the lineup. It's his first two-game win streak of the season.

He knows more football than his record says. He got 30.9 from Ashton Jeanty in a Raiders loss and counts that as a split. At 4-7 he sits one game behind the 8th seed, with Lederer up next.

The Commissioner would like it noted that the shovel was borrowed.

BY THE NUMBERS	
Record	**4-7 (6th, West)**
Points for / against	**1,199.56 / 1,380.98**
FAAB spent	**$41 of $100**
Championships	**0**
Sleeper-era record (thru 2025)	**43-41**
Season all-play	**38-83 (12th)**
Week 11 vs. the Commish	**W 103.60–92.00**
Week 11 bench points	**28.70 (league high)**
Week 12	**vs. Lederer (+23.0)**

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THE COVER-UP

Give the Graveyard its credit. Ashton Jeanty ran for 79 yards and caught five passes for 90 and a touchdown in a 38-24 loss at Denver, which is how you score 30.9 for a team that loses by two scores. Tetairoa McMillan caught a touchdown (19.1), Mike Gesicki added 12.7 and the Chiefs defense held Arizona to seven (14.0). Ryan Fitzgerald's game-winning kick against Baltimore was worth 9.0.

Then there's the bench. Jacory Croskey-Merritt scored 15.7 there. Devaughn Vele, the $16 Week 1 pickup, scored 14.6 there. Jake left 28.70 points on the pine, the most in the league this week, and still won by 11.60. It was the only regular-season meeting between these two teams. Jake gets to keep it until August.

Now the Commissioner's slide. After Week 7 he was 6-1. Since then: four straight losses. Wan'Dale Robinson, dropped Nov. 18, is now on injured reserve, the one move that worked. Xavier Hutchinson and Elic Ayomanor, added the same week, combined for 9.0.

The standings are not kind. Phillips and the Commissioner are both 6-5, and Phillips holds 4th by 5.90 points of season scoring. Dexter and Wagner are 5-6 in the 7th and 8th seeds, separated by 0.36. The first team out is Vasco, 4-7, who leads the league with 1,466.16 points for and sits No. 1 in the Commissioner's own power rankings. If that sounds rigged, the league office has no comment.

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Week 12 is Bailey, also on a four-game losing streak. Sleeper projects 129.36 to 111.14. The Commissioner was projected to win last week too.

As for Metcalf, he faces no suspension. His conduct will be reviewed for fines. Pittsburgh plays Denver on Black Friday. Mike McCarthy says he believes in second chances. The Commissioner is still deciding.

One more item the Wire uncovered. The Flat Earth Division, four teams named for flat-earth or Antarctica conspiracies, went 2-2 this week and is now 26-18. The Wire reached out to the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat for comment and has not heard back, which is exactly what they'd want you to think.

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

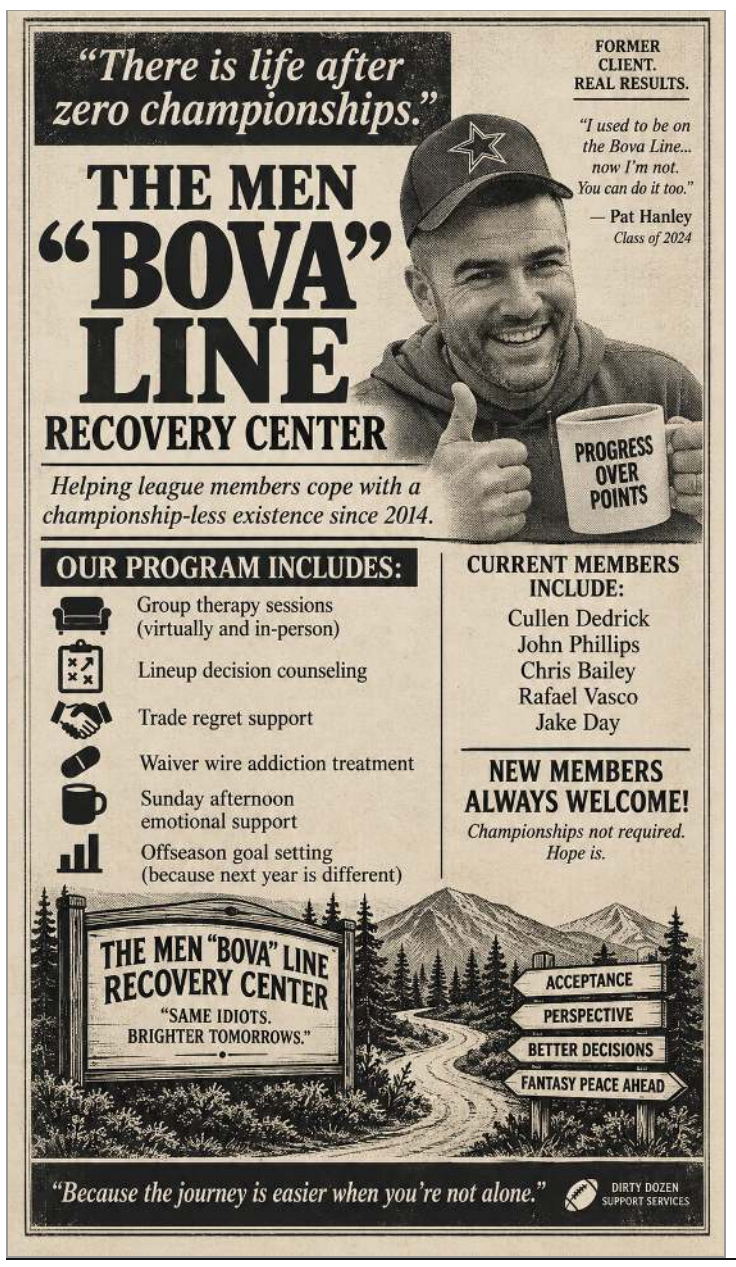
ALL-TIME CHAMPIONSHIP LEDGER

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*

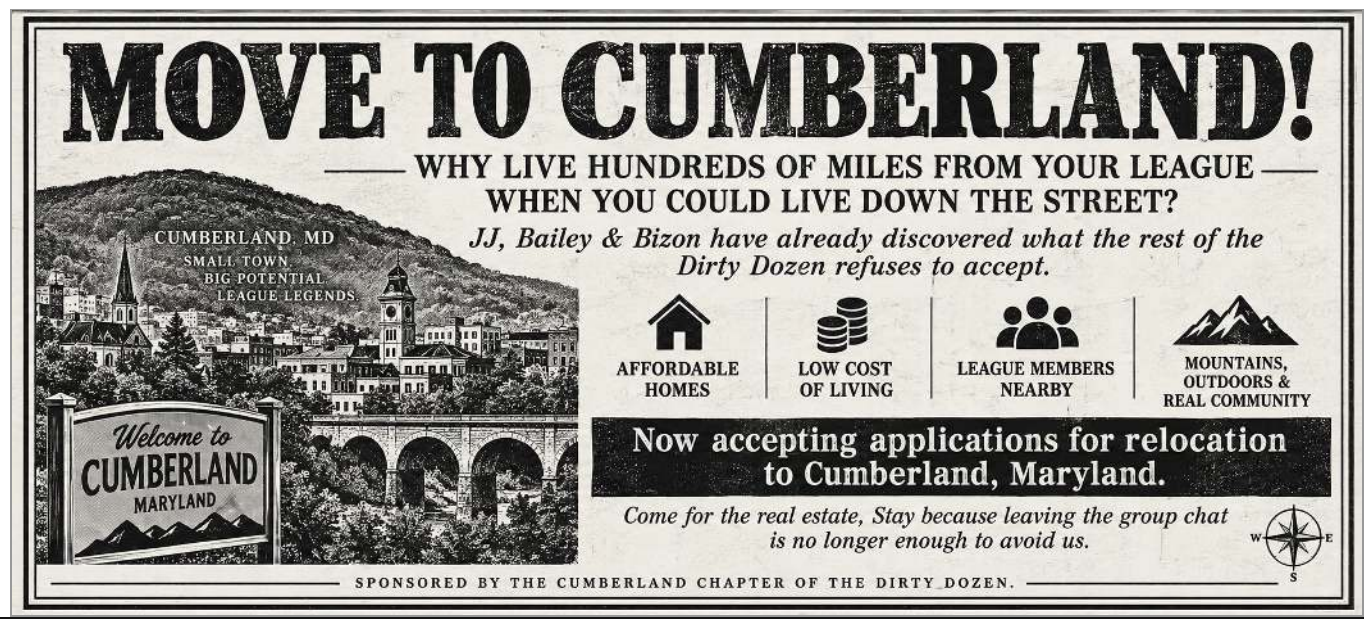
Cullen Dedrick	0 Championships
John Phillips	0 Championships
Chris Bailey	0 Championships
Rafael Vasco	0 Championships
Jake Day	0 Championships

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 11. 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	**245.60**	Flat earth, round balls (Emmett: 98.90 before his first start)
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	**82-39**	Puka Da-Chewa, who is 4-7
Most points against	**1,517.30**	Puka Da-Chewa, the league's designated punching bag
Lowest points against	**1,182.02**	60,000 Mile Ice Wall, 8-3
Worst all-play	**38-83**	The Graveyard, which just beat the Commissioner
Perfect lineups	**5**	Patty (Wk 5), Jake & Bailey (Wk 7), JJ (Wk 10), Wagner (Wk 11)
Mahomes bench weeks	**9 of 11**	Vasco, then Patty



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

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

My kicker scored negative one point. Negative. If I had left the slot empty, I would have scored more. Is that legal? Asking as the person who writes the rules.

— Concerned Official, Remote Research Station

> Dear Official, It's legal. It's also on the front page. An empty slot would have beaten Spencer Shrader by a full point, and the league office would like that framed. The Commissioner has been notified. The Commissioner is me. I'm aware.
> ***— THE COMMISSIONER***

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

I had three quarterbacks score 87.74 points combined and I still lost. I started the right one! Is there an award for that, or just more letters like this?

— Three QBs, One Loss, Cowboys Country

> Dear Three QBs, You did start the right one. Dak's 36.9 was the best QB score on any roster in this league. Your problem was Michael Mayer (1.4) and Luther Burden III (3.3). Even your optimal 128.80 loses. Congratulations on inventing a new kind of loss.
> ***— THE COMMISSIONER***

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

If I start a defense whose team isn't playing and I win anyway, doesn't that prove the defense was never the problem?

— Name Pending, Week 11 of the Boycott

> Dear Pending, It proves Justin Herbert, Jameson Williams and Breece Hall bailed you out. The Rams defense scored zero because the Rams did not play football. That's not a strategy. That's a calendar you didn't open. Five weeks after you did it three times.
> ***— THE COMMISSIONER***

DEAR COMMISSIONER,

I finally started the guy everyone told me to start, and he scored 25.3. Do I have to admit you were right, or can I say it was my idea back in August?

— Captain America, Formerly Bench Captain

> Dear Captain, It was your idea in August. It was everyone else's idea in September, October and most of November. He scored 98.90 on your bench before you let him play. You then started Juwan Johnson for 0.0. Growth is a process.
> ***— THE COMMISSIONER***

ALSO RECEIVED: *"Can a free agent be my MVP?"* ***— Ice Cold, $0 Spent*** • *"Can I get my quarterback back?"* ***— Bubbles HQ, Now Starting Caleb*** • *"Does 0-11 in all-play count as eleven losses?"* ***— Remote Research Station***

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

ARIES — BAILEY

Four straight losses and a quarterback with two picks. Week 12 brings the Commissioner, also on four straight. The stars predict one of you feels better Monday.

TAURUS — PHILLIPS, JOSH

Phillips: your bench would have won, this time with Samaje Perine. Josh: the only perfect lineup of the week. One of you should call the other. Neither will.

GEMINI — CULLEN

151.88, 0.40 off perfect, and a quarterback borrowed from your best friend. The Bills host Mahomes on Thanksgiving night. Patty's bench will be watching too.

CANCER — JAKE, MATT

Jake: two straight wins, and one came over the man who prints this paper. Enjoy it in print. Matt: your kicker owes you a point. The stars recommend collections.

LEO — JJ, DEXY

JJ: a perfect lineup, then Lawrence over Purdy. The universe giveth and it taketh. Dexy: the Rams play Wednesday night. The stars have made you a calendar.

LIBRA — JIMMY

Eleven weeks, $0 spent, five straight wins and a free quarterback scoring 24.22. The scales are perfectly balanced. That's suspicious. The stars are pulling receipts.

SAGITTARIUS — PATTY

Three quarterbacks, 87.74 points, one loss. The stars sense a pattern involving Patrick Mahomes and a bench. The stars stopped asking. The stars just watch now.

CAPRICORN — VASCO

Most points in the league, ranked No. 1, and currently out of the playoffs. Your Commanders won on a walk-off. Your fantasy team benched one. The cosmos owes you.

AQUARIUS — J

Emmett Johnson started and scored 25.3. The stars are proud. Then you started Juwan Johnson for 0.0. The stars are less proud. The Jets won, though. Savor it.

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

MISSED CONNECTIONS

You saw them. They saw your bench.

YOU: DK METCALF. Lincoln Financial Field, third quarter, helmet off, walking to the locker room. One catch, two yards, 1.2 points. ME: the Commissioner's starting lineup. You left before the game ended. Eagles fans waved goodbye. I didn't get the chance.

BOX 101

YOU: BROCK PURDY. Mexico City, three touchdowns, 22.2 points. ME: Flat Earth Society, who went with Trevor Lawrence and two interceptions instead. One week ago we were perfect together. What happened to us?

BOX 102

YOU: TYLER SHOUGH. Cut by Bubbles on Wednesday, claimed by Gas Station Boner Pill on Friday, 14.28 points in the new house. ME: Wagner. I saw you two together on Sunday. I'm happy for you. I'm fine. Really.

BOX 103

YOU: ANTONIO WILLIAMS. Commanders WR, nine catches, 122 yards, 23.2 points. ME: Puka Da-Chewa, lifelong Commanders guy, who had you on the bench. You outscored everyone I started. We were on the same side the whole time.

BOX 104

YOU: J.K. DOBBINS. One carry, zero yards, 0.0 points, in The Graveyard's starting lineup. ME: the Commissioner, who lost to you anyway. You did nothing and you beat me. I respect it. I hate it.

BOX 105

HELP WANTED

Immediate openings. No experience. No hope.

KICKER (ANY). Antarctic Treaty Violators seeks kicker capable of scoring zero or more points. Last kicker went 1-for-3 on field goals and finished at -1.0. Must own a leg. Must point it at the uprights.

BOX 106

CALENDAR CONSULTANT. dChronis seeks someone to explain that the Rams were on bye in Week 11. Second bye-week incident this season. Pays $100 FAAB, untouched since August. Also hiring: a team name.

BOX 107

BENCH COACH.

TouchOfDowns seeks an assistant to compare two numbers every Sunday and pick the bigger one. Week 11 test: Samaje Perine (13.7) vs. Jaylen Warren (4.9). Last applicant failed. Position remains open.

BOX 108

PERSONAL FOUL COUNSELOR. Pittsburgh receiver, eight penalties through ten games, most among NFL receivers, ejected Sunday in Philadelphia. Fantasy managers who started him are also seeking counseling. Apply to the Commissioner.

BOX 109

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR. Minnesota brought the NFL's best defense to Mexico City and gave up 35 to San Francisco. Antarctic Treaty Violators started it for 1.0 point and would like a refund in pesos.

BOX 110

LOOKING FOR WORK

Situations wanted. Available Sundays.

SPENCER SHRADER, K. Experienced kicker. One field goal made, two missed, -1.0 points in Week 11. Available Sundays. Unclear if anyone will let me work them. References: the Commissioner, who won't give one.

BOX 111

KIRK COUSINS, QB. 235 yards, one interception, 6.4 points in Mexico City. Currently employed by The Graveyard, which won. Seeking validation. Will accept a W as payment. Already have one.

BOX 112

DEVAUGHN VELE, WR. $16 Week 1 pickup. Scored 14.6 points this week, on The Graveyard's bench, while the starters won without me. Seeking an owner who will look at me during a game.

BOX 113

MIKE EVANS, WR. Back from three games out with an Achilles problem: 109 yards and a touchdown in Mexico City, 23.9 points. Sat on the bench of a first-place team that didn't need me. Seeking a team that does.

BOX 114

KYLE MONANGAI, RB. Still here. 1.8 points this week, on the bench, as is tradition. Acquired in the league's only trade. Seeking a start, any start, from the Commissioner. Has stopped expecting eye contact.

BOX 115

FOR SALE / FREE TO GOOD HOME

As is. No returns. No dignity.

FOR SALE: ONE MAHOMES.

324 yards, three TDs, 25.96 points, did not count. Nine weeks on Dirty Dozen benches, two owners. Plays at Buffalo on Thanksgiving night. Barely used. Freshness guaranteed.

BOX 116

FREE: 50.84 POINTS OF QUARTERBACK. Mahomes and rookie Fernando Mendoza, both on Brock You, Pay Me's bench the same Sunday. Pickup at the bench. Dak not included. Dak is busy.

BOX 117

FOR SALE: 0-11 ALL-PLAY RECORD. Gently used, one week old. Comes with the league's lowest score (92.00), a kicker at -1.0 and an ejection. Seller is the Commissioner. No reasonable offer refused. No offers expected.

BOX 118

FREE: $300 IN FAAB. Never spent: $100 each from 60,000 Mile Ice Wall, Flat Earth Society and dChronis. Combined record 18-15. Money can't buy happiness, but apparently not spending it can buy first place.

BOX 119

ESTATE SALE: WEDNESDAY, 8 PM. Packers at Rams, the first Thanksgiving Eve game ever. Players in it lock at kickoff. Everything left in that slot is final. No refunds for anyone who was still deciding.

BOX 120

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: SIX STRAIGHT WINS. Last seen in late October with the Commissioner, who was 6-1. Owner is now 6-5. Reward offered: one Kyle Monangai, lightly used, never started.

BOX 121

FOUND: ANOTHER PERFECT LINEUP. Last week JJ turned one in. This week Bubbles and the Shit Rockers did: 116.54, optimal to the decimal. That's five this season. JJ's lasted seven days.

BOX 122

LOST: THE RAMS DEFENSE.

Last seen in dChronis' starting lineup during the Rams' bye. Scored 0.0. Answers to LAR D/ST. Will actually be playing Wednesday night, if anyone's asking.

BOX 123

FOUND: 0.40 BENCH POINTS. Turned in by Gas Station Boner Pill, who scored 151.88 and missed optimal by less than half a point. Owner doesn't want them back. Holding them for Lederer, who collects these.

BOX 124

LOST: 28.70 POINTS. Left on The Graveyard's bench in a win. Croskey-Merritt and Vele were last seen scoring for nobody. Owner says he never needed them. The scoreboard agrees.

BOX 125

PERSONALS

Lonely hearts. Losing records.

JETS FAN, 7-4, just watched his team beat the Chargers 27-24 and his fantasy team win for the sixth time in seven weeks. Seeks someone to share a rare good Sunday. No Bills fans. The Bills are 9-1. It's a lot.

BOX 126

COMMISSIONER, 6-5, four straight losses, one ejected receiver, one kicker in the red. Seeks a Week 12 opponent who is also on a four-game skid. Already found one. It's Bailey. See you Sunday.

BOX 127

ROOKIE QB, NO. 1 OVERALL PICK, three touchdowns and 24.88 points Sunday, on a fantasy bench, behind Dak and next to Mahomes. Seeks owner with fewer than three quarterbacks. Will travel.

BOX 128

FIRST-PLACE TEAM, 8-3, $0 spent, five straight wins, lowest points against in the league. Seeks anyone willing to look behind the wall. Serious inquiries only. Nobody has ever made one.

BOX 129

NO. 1 TEAM, 4-7, most points for, most points against, best all-play, currently out of the playoffs. Seeks schedule maker for a frank conversation. Will bring receipts. Has 1,517.30 of them.

BOX 130

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

NOV 19 • TOUCHOFDOWNS
ADDED: Elijah Mitchell — RB, PHI — Free Agent
DROPPED: Aaron Rodgers — QB, PIT

NOV 20 • BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS
ADDED: New York Jets D/ST — DEF, NYJ — Free Agent
DROPPED: —

NOV 20 • GAS STATION BONER PILL
ADDED: Tyler Shough — QB, NO — Free Agent (cut by Bubbles Nov 18)
DROPPED: Keaton Mitchell — RB, LAC

NOV 20 • TOUCHOFDOWNS
ADDED: Mark Andrews — TE, BAL — Free Agent
DROPPED: —

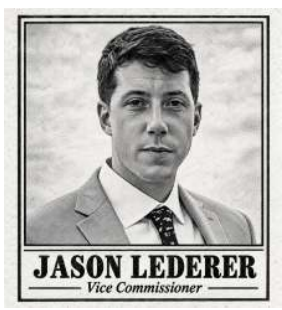
NOV 23–24 • ALL TWELVE TEAMS
ADDED: — (Week 12 window: no moves as of Tue. 9 AM ET)
DROPPED: —

WEEK 11 TOTALS • THE LEAGUE
ADDED: 12 players in 18 moves, every one a free agent, $0 FAAB spent
DROPPED: 12 players. Trades: still one, all season.

— SAME IDIOTS. DIFFERENT LOSERS. —

THE MINORITY REPORT

Jason Lederer argues the case, now that Emmett started.



I STARTED EMMETT. YOU'RE ALL WELCOME.

By Jason Lederer, Vice Commissioner

Every Tuesday this league opens Sleeper, scrolls past the final score and goes looking for my bench. This week there was nothing to find.

Emmett Johnson started. Emmett Johnson scored 25.3. Twenty-three carries, 105 yards, a touchdown and four catches. You're welcome.

I'm 7-4. I've won six of seven. I beat Bailey by 17.30 and I'm third in the league. The Commissioner is fifth. Let me say that again for the people in the back, and for the Commissioner, who is in the back: fifth.

Yes, I started Juwan Johnson at tight end and he scored zero. Six points sat on my bench. Six. Last week you were writing about thirty-five. Progress is progress. Look at the trend line.

Now look at the man who publishes this paper. He lost to Jake. He lost to Jake with the lowest score in the league, and his perfect lineup also loses to Jake. His kicker scored negative one. His receiver got ejected and left the stadium before the game ended. Even DK Metcalf didn't want to stay on that roster.

And this is the office that ranked me fifth on Thursday, two spots behind himself. He's now 6-5 with four straight losses, and I have not heard one word about a re-rank. Apparently the rankings are final. So was Metcalf's afternoon.

The Jets beat the Chargers 27-24. I'd like that on the record, since nobody else is putting it anywhere.

For the people still counting: 245.60 bench points this season. That's not a stat anymore. It's a savings account, and I'm spending it in December.

Week 12 is Jake. He's won two straight. I'm told he's dangerous now. I'm told a lot of things by people who are 6-5.

Stop counting my bench. Start counting the standings. I'm above you.

— J

NEXT WEEK'S LINES — *The early line on Week 12 Dirty Dozen action*

ANTARCTIC TREATY VIOLATORS (-18.5) vs. THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE — **O/U 240.5**

Two four-game losing streaks enter. One leaves. The Commish was favored last week too.

FLAT EARTH, ROUND BALLS (-23.0) vs. THE GRAVEYARD — **O/U 201.5**

Jake projects 89.25. He projected under the Commissioner too. Respect the shovel.

PUKA DA-CHEWA (-1.0) vs. GAS STATION BONER PILL — **O/U 237.5**

Most points in the league vs. last week's high score. Vasco needs it. Cullen just wants it.

BUBBLES AND THE SHIT ROCKERS (-4.5) vs. 60,000 MILE ICE WALL — **O/U 249.5**

Last week's only perfect lineup vs. five straight wins on $0. The Ice Wall is an underdog. Rare.

DCHRONIS (-9.0) vs. FLAT EARTH SOCIETY — **O/U 218.5**

The Rams play Wednesday night. They are not on bye. Repeat: the Rams are not on bye.

BROCK YOU, PAY ME (-11.0) vs. TOUCHOFDOWNS — **O/U 215.5**

Dak vs. Stroud. Mahomes sits on the bench, projected for points that, historically, don't count.

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 EVE: Packers at Rams, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 8 PM ET on Netflix, the NFL's first Thanksgiving Eve game. Players in it lock at kickoff.

TURKEY DAY: Bears at Lions (1 PM), Eagles at Cowboys (4:30), Chiefs at Bills (8:20). Black Friday: Broncos at Steelers, 3 PM.

NFL WATCH: The Bills and 49ers are both 9-1. Buffalo hasn't been 9-1 since 1991. Nobody needed to tell Cullen.

MILESTONE: Issue No. 3 of The League Wire. The Commissioner has lost every week this paper has existed. The paper denies involvement.

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