LEAGUE OF GREATNESS / THE LUXURY WEEKLY

GOATVILLE TIMES

WEEK 11



PERFECT TEN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Phoenix chases history. Poolman clinches his first playoff berth. The race for the remaining five places is wide open.

---

2 PLAYOFF SPOTS SECURED. 5 TO GO.

THE TOASTEE SOCIAL / CAN'T STOP THE BAA

FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

November has no quiet weekends.

One team is perfect. The rest of the league is making sure the ending hasn't been written.

The Flash have turned an unbeaten start into a genuine historical event. But the defining image of Week 10 might be the rest of the league refusing to stand still: Poolman winning away, Lippa erupting in Rome, the Grinders restoring order and a rookie club taking a difficult road victory.

Then there was Goatville. A 108,000-seat argument delivered at full volume. Adam Brown arrived with a grievance and left with a 55.20-point win. Team USA can still reach the playoffs; the stadium nevertheless enjoyed pretending it had just vetoed the federal government.

With seven playoff places and four regular-season games remaining, this is a race with room for comebacks. A 3-7 defending champion is only one win behind the team holding the final berth. That is pressure. It is also opportunity.

Keep the champagne cold. Keep the lineup legal. Keep showing up.

THE READING LIST

03 The Week 10 scoreboard
04 Phoenix and the record chase
07 Poolman clinches his first berth
09 Sixty wins for the Grinders
10 The Champ returns, loudly
11 Goatville delivers its answer
13 The rookie road statement
15 The complete playoff picture
16-19 Four weeks, every route
21 The Toastee Social rivalry
22-28 All six Week 11 previews
29 Two extremes, one league
31 The commissioner and the fine print

Scores, player production and schedules: League Loom / ESPN, retrieved November 17, 2026. League storylines and fictional venues: Week 11 founder notes. Historical audit covers the available 2019-2025 regular seasons. Luxury artwork is illustrative; advertisements are fictional league creative.

SIX GAMES. SIX CONSEQUENCES.

The weekend that moved the room.

THE DESERT DOES NOT DO MERCY

Bamboozlers 77.24 / Phoenix Flash 160.98

Phoenix clinches its league-announced top-two position at 10-0. The scoring gap: 83.74 points.

SIXTY WINS. STILL GRINDING.

Gruden Grinders 159.24 / Yaakaballers 91.32

A 67.92-point road rout ends the skid; the Grinders move to 6-4.

THE POOL PARTY TRAVELS

Poolman 103.66 / Untouchables 84.60

Poolman clinches his first playoff berth at 8-2. Two spots secured, five to go. Margin: 19.06.

THE CHAMP CHECKS INTO ROME

Champ Returns 152.66 / Romanators 84.32

A 68.34-point statement restores .500 and delivers the head-to-head edge.

VETO THIS.

Team USA 70.82 / Goatville Baa 126.02

The Baa move to 4-6. A 55.20-point response in front of the founder-reported 108,000.

THE ROOKIE TAKES THE ROAD

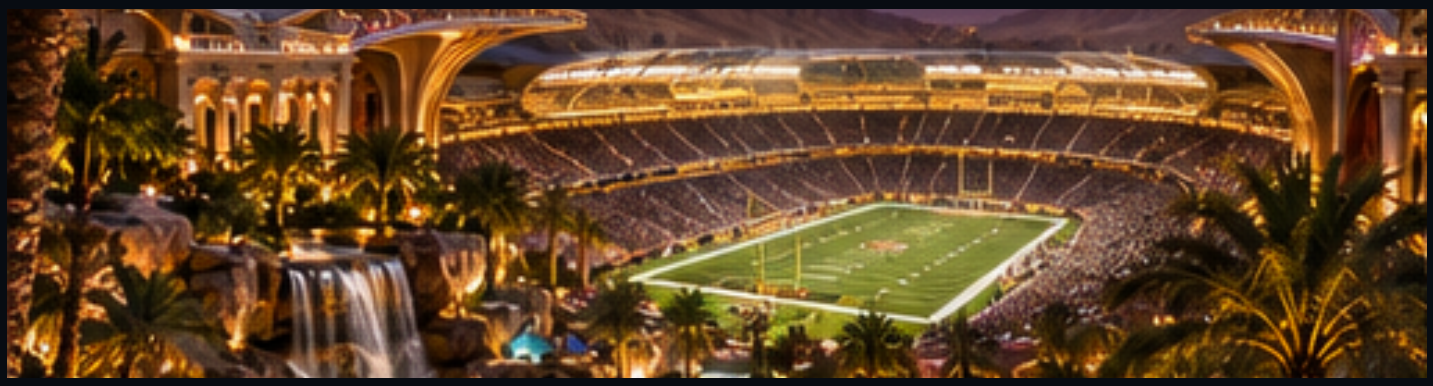
Stray Bullets 105.76 / TDMB 82.80

A 22.96-point win at the Historic Brown Bowl keeps the Strays tied at the cut line.

PHOENIX FLASH / 10-0

The desert is running out of rivals.

160.98 points. Another win. And a season that now belongs in the league history conversation.



Mike Paccione's Flash did not simply beat the Bamboozlers. They removed suspense from the premises. A 160.98-77.24 result delivered the week's largest victory margin and pushed the unbeaten start to ten.

Jahmyr Gibbs supplied 38.20 points, Trevor Lawrence 32.78 and Ja'Marr Chase 25.10. Those three starters alone produced 96.08, comfortably more than the Bamboozlers' entire team. Luxury is having multiple routes to a blowout.

The season total is 1,280.72. At 128.07 per week, Phoenix is 17.71 points ahead of the next-best 2026 offense, the Grinders. This is not a team surviving close finishes every Sunday; it is creating separation.

The league office has announced a top-two seed. The remaining work is converting superiority into the No. 1 position, and then converting a brilliant regular season into the championship the Flash still want.

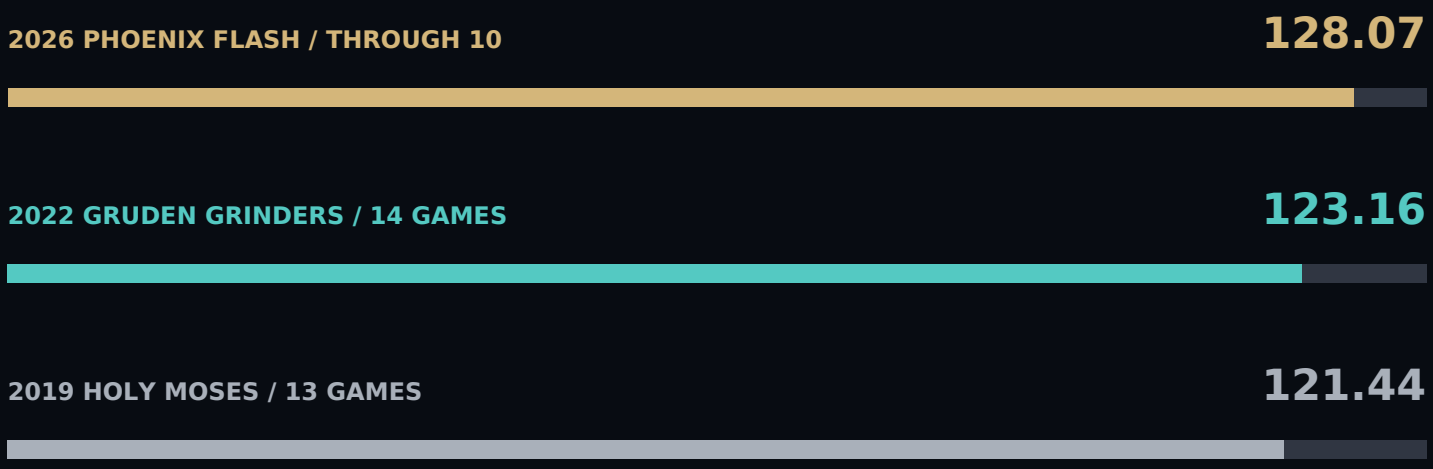
There is one useful warning in the archive: the other verified 10-0 start, Shurm's Frozen Nips in 2019, ended with a Week 11 loss. Perfection can feel permanent right until the first bad lineup window.

The desert has everything. Except the trophy this team actually wants.

PACE IS A PROMISE. RECORDS NEED A FINISH.

128.07 is the number.

Phoenix is 4.91 points per week above the highest completed-season average in the retrieved 2019-2025 archive.



THE FOUR-WEEK REQUIREMENT

The old benchmark is 1,724.24 points in 14 games, set by the 2022 Grinders. Phoenix already has 1,280.72. It needs 443.53 more points to finish above that total: 110.88 per week across the last four.

Maintaining its present pace would produce 1,793.01 points over 14 games, about 68.77 above the old record. This is a projection, not a completed record.

THE PERFECT-START WATCH

The 2019 Shurm's Frozen Nips began 10-0, then lost 96.32-92.22 in Week 11. Phoenix is the second 10-0 starter found in the audit. A win in Rome would establish the first 11-0 start in that retrieved span.

The notes describe the lead as roughly four points per week. Exact league totals strengthen it to 4.91. Historical scoring comparisons use league-reported totals; scoring rules and league size can vary by season.

PACCIONE / THE PERFECT TEN



Impeccable timing. Unbeaten taste.

The Perfect Ten timepiece.
For a season that refuses to lose a second.

Championship time sold separately.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

POOLMAN CLINCHES / HIS FIRST PLAYOFF BERTH

Playoffs. At last.

A 103.66-84.60 win at Kinney Coliseum turns a breakthrough season into a postseason celebration.



Some playoff parties happen at home. Poolman took his to the defending champion's stadium. Joe Burrow produced 43.16 points, Miami's defense added 16 and Stefon Diggs supplied 14.30. Together they delivered 73.46 of Poolman's total.

Keith Krech's Poolman is going to the playoffs for the first time. Two spots are secured: Phoenix and Poolman. Five remain. This is a franchise milestone, not just another check in the win column.

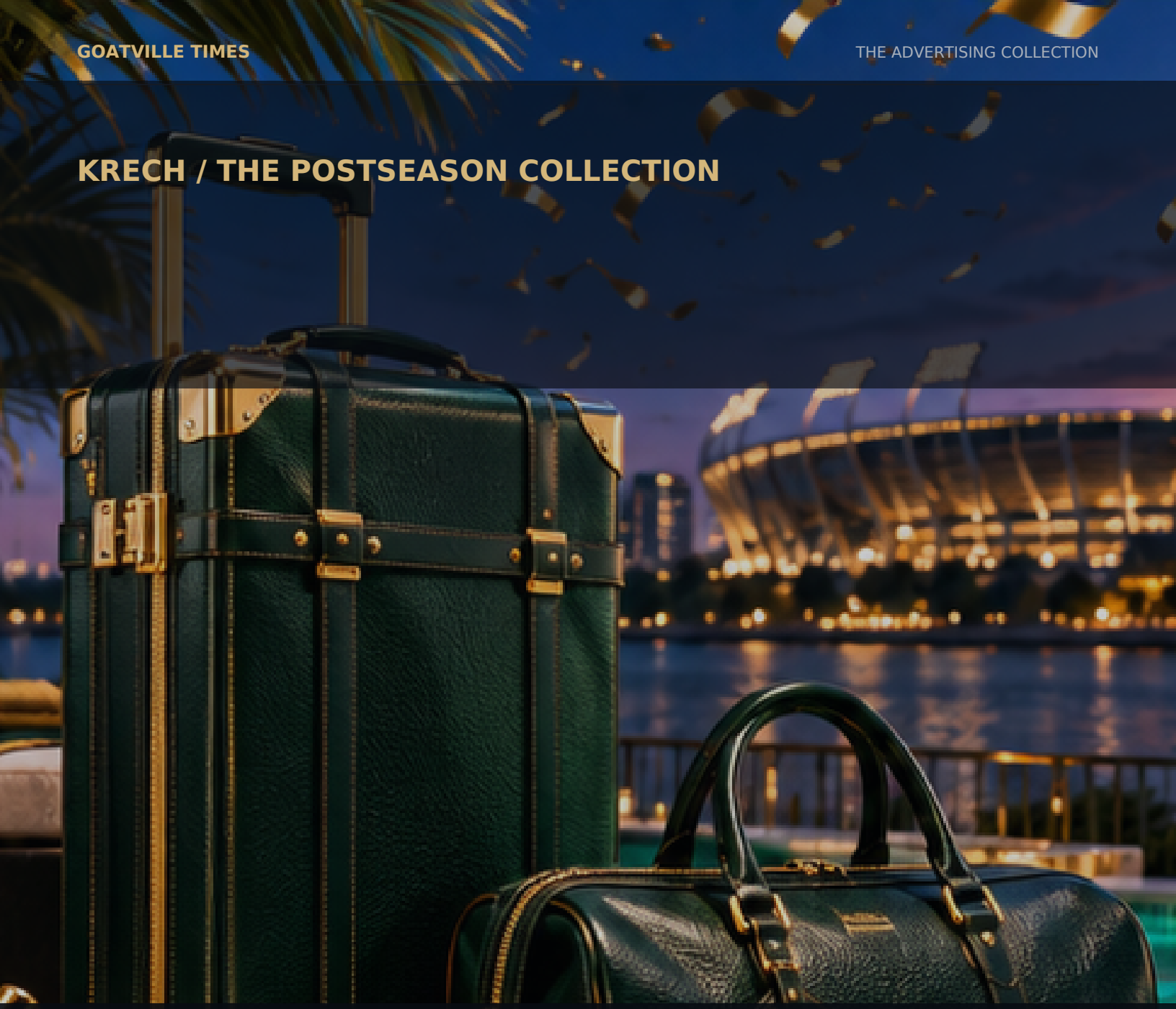
At 8-2, Poolman has built a two-game buffer over both 6-4 pursuers. He is also only two games behind Phoenix. The top seed needs help, but second place is a real asset worth defending.

The profile is unusually balanced. Poolman scores 104.63 per week and allows 92.00, a plus-12.63 differential. Five of his eight wins have come away from home. This team has not needed a riverfront address to travel well.

The remaining opponents are the Grinders, Team USA, Champ Returns and Romanators. There are no ceremonial games in that group. Every one of them has either a playoff position to protect or one to chase.

The pool is open. The guest list just got considerably more exclusive.

KRECH / THE POSTSEASON COLLECTION



Pack for December. You earned it.

POOLMAN HAS CLINCHED HIS FIRST PLAYOFF BERTH.
Two spots secured. Five still available.

The Postseason Collection. First-class baggage for a first-time berth.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

GRUDEN GRINDERS / 6-4

Sixty wins. One familiar engine.

A league-record milestone in the founder ledger, backed by 60 regular-season wins in the retrieved Grinders archive.

60
REGULAR-SEASON WINS / 2019-26

110.36
2026 POINTS PER WEEK

4-1
2026 AWAY RECORD

Ryan DeBusk needed a response after consecutive defeats. He delivered 159.24 points in Jerusalem and a 67.92-point win. That is an excellent way to end a losing streak and an even better way to make a milestone feel earned.

Christian McCaffrey led the Week 10 starters with 45.30. C.J. Stroud added 25.44 and Cam Skattebo 24.20. The three combined for 94.94 before the rest of the lineup was counted.

The historical tally is clean: 5, 9, 7, 10, 9, 8 and 6 regular-season wins from 2019 through 2025, plus six this year, equals 60. The founder notes identify that total as the league lead.

The present is as interesting as the archive. At 110.36 points per week, the Grinders are second in 2026 scoring. Their road record is 4-1, recalculated from the ten-game schedule; the uploaded home/away table accidentally totals eleven games for them.

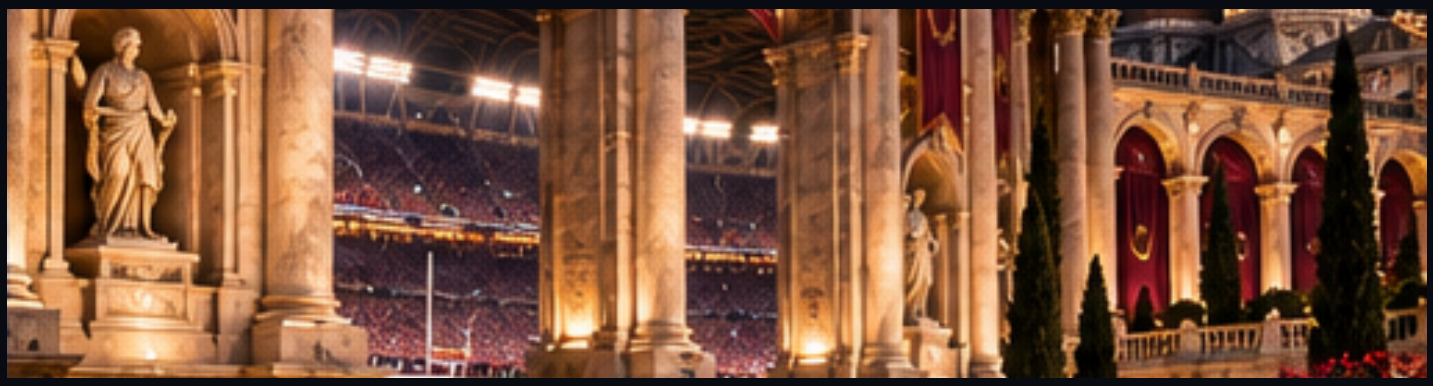
The upcoming trip to Poolman is a test of playoff quality. After that: Stray Bullets, Bamboozlers and TDMB. A win now creates breathing room; a defeat keeps the Grinders in a race where their scoring deserves better than anxiety.

Sixty wins is a legacy. Win sixty-one would be extremely convenient.

CHAMP RETURNS / 5-5

The injury report forgot the fireworks.

Chris Lippa ends a three-game skid with a 152.66-point performance and a crucial head-to-head victory.



The Champ Returns arrived in Rome carrying a losing streak and enough injury conversation to open a satellite clinic. He left with a 68.34-point win. Apparently the treatment plan was scoring.

Brock Purdy supplied 40.66 points, Chuba Hubbard 29.20 and Amon-Ra St. Brown 22.80. That top trio produced 92.66, more than the Romanators managed as a team. The 152.66 total is the Champ's best week of the season.

More valuable than the applause is the tiebreaker. Lippa moves to 5-5 alongside Rome and owns the direct victory. For a team that had slipped toward the crowded cut line, this is tangible leverage.

The broader numbers support a contender. Champ Returns averages 106.95 points and allows only 94.07. That plus-12.87 scoring margin is substantially stronger than a flat .500 record suggests.

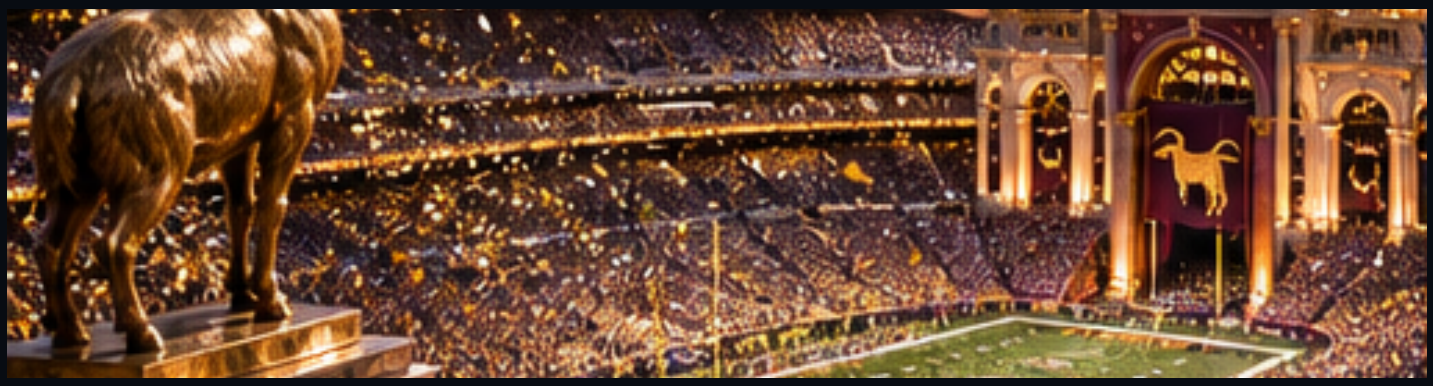
Now comes Adam Brown and the Toastee Social. Lippa can climb to 6-5 while pushing a direct pursuer to 4-7. Lose, and both clubs become 5-6 with a fresh head-to-head result in the mix. The rivalry has always had personality. This edition has consequences.

The Champ returned. The Roman hospitality bill remains under review.

GOATVILLE BAA / 4-6

108,000 fans. One very loud answer.

Goatville Baa 126.02, Team USA 70.82. The trade was vetoed. The response was televised in the imagination of an entire city.



Patrick Mahomes delivered 47.42 points. Emmett Johnson contributed 30.10. Together, those two produced 77.52: more than Team USA's complete total. Tony Pollard added 15.90, and Goatville finished the evening 55.20 points clear.

In the founder's stadium account, 108,000 fans supplied the volume. The banners supplied the nuance: "Veto this." Club Goat stayed open. GOAT University canceled Monday classes. Academic rigor has its limits after a win like that.

The useful football story is resilience. An 0-4 start has become 4-6, with four wins in six games. Goatville holds seventh place and the strongest mini-league record among the four 4-6 clubs: 3-0 against Team USA, Stray Bullets and TDMB.

The path remains demanding: at Champ Returns, home against Rome, home against Phoenix and away at the Yaakaballers. The Baa cannot live on stadium noise alone. But after several narrow disappointments, they have put their season back in their own hands.

Playoff chances: still active. Stadium speakers: awaiting evaluation.

VETO PROOF / GOATVILLE AUDIO



108,000 reasons to turn it up.

The Stadium Series by Goatville Audio.
Some responses deserve more volume.

CAN'T STOP THE BAA.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

STRAY BULLETS / 4-6

The rookie has a return ticket.

A 105.76-82.80 win at the Historic Brown Bowl keeps the Strays firmly inside the playoff conversation.

105.76
WEEK 10 TOTAL

4-6
TIED ON WINS AT THE CUT LINE

.450
REMAINING OPPONENTS WIN RATE

A first season is supposed to include lessons. The Stray Bullets would prefer some of theirs to come with wins. Week 10 delivered both: a 22.96-point road victory, the end of a skid and a place in the four-way group chasing seventh.

Matthew Stafford posted 24.76 points. Cam Little added 19 from the kicking spot. Derrick Henry supplied 14. In a week full of enormous quarterback-led totals elsewhere, the Strays found a more distributed route to a necessary result.

Road wins matter because the schedule rarely offers a quiet landing. The Strays return to the Kennel to face an Untouchables team that remains one game behind them and is defending a championship identity.

The most useful scheduling advantage is direct access to rivals. After the Untouchables come the Grinders, Team USA and Champ Returns. These are not just four chances to add wins; several are opportunities to take a result directly from another contender.

The four remaining opponents have a combined 18-22 record, a .450 winning percentage. That is easier on paper than Goatville's .525 or TDMB's .625. None of it scores a fantasy point, but it gives the rookie a workable runway.

The rookie did not ask for a welcome basket. He took a road win instead.

A BAD SUNDAY IS NOT A FINAL VERDICT.

Six losses.
Six next chapters.

The league's middle remains crowded enough for a rebound to change the whole conversation.

BAMBOOZLERS / 6-4

Phoenix was a brutal assignment. Josh Allen and Jaxon Smith-Njigba still combined for 49.44. A home date with TDMB offers a chance to protect third place before a favorable-looking finish.

ROMANATORS / 5-5

Jared Goff and Chase Brown supplied 46.72 in defeat. The next opponent is unbeaten, but Rome can change both its own race and the league headline with a single result.

TEAM USA / 4-6

George Pickens scored 33.50 of the team's 70.82. The ceiling has appeared in earlier 130-point outings. The task is finding a dependable floor against the Yaakaballers.

TDMB / 4-6

James Cook III scored 23.70 and Blake Corum 18.90. The next four opponents have the league's toughest combined record. That makes this week urgent, and every upset potentially valuable.

UNTOUCHABLES / 3-7

Poolman ended a three-game winning streak, not the title defense. A win at the Kennel puts Kinney back alongside the Strays at 4-7. There is still a way into this conversation.

YAAKABALLERS / 1-9

The record chase is uncomfortable, but the Week 10 score of 91.32 exceeded the team's season average. Four games remain to improve the historical finish and influence somebody else's path.

2 PLAYOFF SPOTS SECURED. 5 TO GO.

The line is still moving.

Phoenix Flash and Poolman are in. Five berths remain. Goatville holds the last place; the defending champion is one win behind.

SEED	TEAM	W-L	PF/WK	PA/WK	DIFF
01	Phoenix Flash	10-0	128.07	95.76	+32.31
02	Poolman	8-2	104.63	92.00	+12.63
03	Bamboozlers	6-4	102.43	97.49	+4.94
04	Gruden Grinders	6-4	110.36	104.29	+6.07
05	Champ Returns	5-5	106.95	94.07	+12.87
06	Romanators	5-5	104.57	106.09	-1.52
07	Goatville Baa	4-6	101.63	101.51	+0.12
08	Team USA	4-6	89.00	92.40	-3.40
09	Stray Bullets	4-6	96.39	103.11	-6.72
10	TDMB	4-6	92.00	104.40	-12.40
11	Untouchables	3-7	90.98	111.22	-20.24
12	Yaakaballers	1-9	78.18	102.86	-24.68

THE FOUR-TEAM MINI-LEAGUE

Among the 4-6 clubs, the played head-to-head results are Goatville 3-0, Team USA 2-1, Stray Bullets 1-2 and TDMB 0-3. That is the current separation; future ties may involve different groups.

DO NOT CONFUSE THE SEEDS

The cut is seventh, not sixth. Champ Returns owns the direct win over Rome; Bamboozlers owns the first meeting with the Grinders. The rematch of that latter pairing is Week 13.

TWO SECURED. FIVE STILL AVAILABLE.

The chase is now about where you play.

Phoenix has the lead. Poolman has the cushion. The two 6-4 clubs have a chance to separate from the crowd.

PHOENIX / THE NO. 1 MISSION

At 10-0, Phoenix can finish no worse than 10-4. The league office has announced a top-two finish. Poolman is two wins back; two more Flash wins would force Poolman to win out just to tie at 12-2, with Phoenix owning their Week 6 meeting.

The four remaining opponents are 16-24 combined. It is the easiest remaining schedule by current opponent record, but includes three teams fighting for their seasons. An unbeaten team cannot expect courtesy from desperate hosts.

POOLMAN / DEFEND THE ADVANTAGE

Poolman can reach 10-4 by splitting the last four. The bigger immediate objective is keeping the Grinders and Bamboozlers from shrinking a two-game cushion. This week is especially valuable because a win over Ryan moves both sides of that gap.

BAMBOOZLERS / KEEP THE DOOR CLOSED

At 6-4, a 2-2 finish means 8-6. The remaining slate is TDMB, Untouchables, Grinders and Team USA: four direct opportunities to keep pursuers below them. The combined .425 opponent record is favorable, but no one in that group is conceding.

GRINDERS / THE POINTS ARE THERE

The Grinders score more than every team except Phoenix. Going 2-2 also reaches 8-6; going 3-1 gets them to nine wins and keeps a higher seed in play. The Week 13 trip to Long Island could reorder third and fourth.

At the top, a win buys position. In the middle, it buys oxygen.

THE CUT-LINE CONVERSATION

Everybody can still change the room.

One game separates seventh from eleventh. The next month is a schedule of direct negotiations.

CHAMP RETURNS AND ROME / 5-5

Two wins would bring either club to 7-7. Three produce 8-6. Neither target should be treated as an automatic clinch, but both teams begin with a one-win lead over the four-team chase group. Lippa's direct win over Rome is already an asset.

GOATVILLE / THE TIEBREAK START

The Baa have the current advantage among the 4-6 quartet, but their schedule includes two clubs immediately above them and Phoenix. Beat Lippa and the race compresses. Beat Rome a week later and an even more valuable head-to-head picture appears.

TEAM USA / THE RESET

After the Yaakaballers come Poolman, Stray Bullets and Bamboozlers. Three wins would produce 7-7. The Week 13 trip to the Kennel can both add a win and deny one to a direct rival.

STRAY BULLETS / DIRECT ACCESS

Untouchables, Grinders, Team USA, Champ Returns: four games against contenders. A 3-1 finish reaches 7-7, while a sweep gets to 8-6. The schedule offers a chance to change the standings without waiting entirely for help.

TDMB / THE DIFFICULT ROUTE

TDMB has the toughest remaining schedule by opponent record: .625. Three wins would reach 7-7; two would leave a 6-8 finish dependent on help and tiebreaks. The absence of an easy game makes an upset this week especially useful.

UNTOUCHABLES / THE DEFENSE LIVES

Kinney can still finish 7-7 by winning out. A 3-1 closing run reaches 6-8 and needs help. The first step is wonderfully direct: beat the Strays and both clubs are 4-7. Eleventh is a position, not a surrender document.

WHAT YOUR NEXT FOUR WINS CAN BUY.

Every route on one page.

Finish records below are arithmetic targets, not guaranteed playoff outcomes. Tiebreaks and other results still matter.

TEAM	NOW	1-3	2-2	3-1	4-0
Phoenix Flash	10-0	**11-3**	**12-2**	**13-1**	**14-0**
Poolman	8-2	**9-5**	**10-4**	**11-3**	**12-2**
Bamboozlers	6-4	**7-7**	**8-6**	**9-5**	**10-4**
Gruden Grinders	6-4	**7-7**	**8-6**	**9-5**	**10-4**
Champ Returns	5-5	**6-8**	**7-7**	**8-6**	**9-5**
Romanators	5-5	**6-8**	**7-7**	**8-6**	**9-5**
Goatville Baa	4-6	**5-9**	**6-8**	**7-7**	**8-6**
Team USA	4-6	**5-9**	**6-8**	**7-7**	**8-6**
Stray Bullets	4-6	**5-9**	**6-8**	**7-7**	**8-6**
TDMB	4-6	**5-9**	**6-8**	**7-7**	**8-6**
Untouchables	3-7	**4-10**	**5-9**	**6-8**	**7-7**
Yaakaballers	1-9	**2-12**	**3-11**	**4-10**	**5-9**

WHY SEVEN WINS MATTER

Seven wins produce a .500 season. That is a useful planning target for the chase group, not a magic ticket. A crowded tie can still punish a good closing month. Eight wins create a stronger position.

WHY THIS WEEK MATTERS

The Baa and Champ Returns can swap momentum directly. So can the Strays and Untouchables. Winning those games changes two records at once and gives the winner a useful head-to-head result.

CIRCLE THE DIRECT COLLISIONS.

The month that decides it.

@ denotes away. Opponent win rate is based on current records, not projected lineup strength.

TEAM	W11	W12	W13	W14	OPP%
Phoenix Flash	@ROME	TDMB	@BAA	UNTOUCH	40.0
Poolman	GRIND	USA	@CHAMP	ROME	50.0
Bamboozlers	TDMB	@UNTOUCH	GRIND	@USA	42.5
Gruden Grinders	@POOL	STRAY	@BOOZ	TDMB	55.0
Champ Returns	BAA	@YAAK	POOL	@STRAY	42.5
Romanators	FLASH	@BAA	YAAK	@POOL	57.5
Goatville Baa	@CHAMP	ROME	FLASH	@YAAK	52.5
Team USA	YAAK	@POOL	@STRAY	BOOZ	47.5
Stray Bullets	UNTOUCH	@GRIND	USA	CHAMP	45.0
TDMB	@BOOZ	@FLASH	UNTOUCH	@GRIND	62.5
Untouchables	@STRAY	BOOZ	@TDMB	@FLASH	60.0
Yaakaballers	@USA	CHAMP	@ROME	BAA	45.0

THE TOUGHEST RUNWAY

TDMB (.625), Untouchables (.600) and Romanators (.575) face the hardest remaining schedules by current opponent records. None is out of the race; their path simply asks for more difficult results.

THE GAMES THAT SWING BOTH SIDES

Week 12: Rome at Goatville. Week 13: Grinders at Bamboozlers; Team USA at Strays; Untouchables at TDMB. Week 14: Champ Returns at Strays. Every one can move a rival backward while moving the winner forward.

THE TOASTEE SOCIAL



Old names.
Fresh grievances.

Brown. Lippa. Binghamton.
The rivalry returns to Gyno Stadium.

One table. Absolutely no separate checks.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

GOATVILLE BAA AT CHAMP RETURNS

The Toastee Social. Nothing casual about it.

Adam Brown (4-6) visits Chris Lippa (5-5) at Gyno Stadium in Binghamton. Both arrive with a statement win.

4-6
GOATVILLE BAA

5-5
CHAMP RETURNS

2
HOME-FIELD STARTING POINTS

The old Toastees and Social Experiment history gives this rivalry its name. The current standings give it its teeth. Goatville brings a 126.02-point week; Lippa brings 152.66. Nobody gets to enter with a speech about moral victories.

A Baa win puts both teams at 5-6 and gives Adam the direct result against a club currently above him. A Champ win creates a two-game separation, 6-5 versus 4-7. That is why this matchup belongs at the center of the issue.

The season scoring averages are closer than the latest headlines suggest: Champ Returns 106.95, Goatville 101.63. Both have demonstrated a much higher ceiling. The central question is which supporting cast can survive a week when the headliners do not produce forty.

THE ROUTE FOR BROWN

Reproduce the depth behind Mahomes. The Baa have won four of six since the 0-4 start, but their 1-4 road record makes this a meaningful test away from 108,000 friendly voices.

THE ROUTE FOR LIPPA

Keep the offense broad. Purdy, Hubbard and St. Brown carried Week 10; a balanced follow-up would force Goatville to beat a complete lineup, not simply wait for one player to cool.

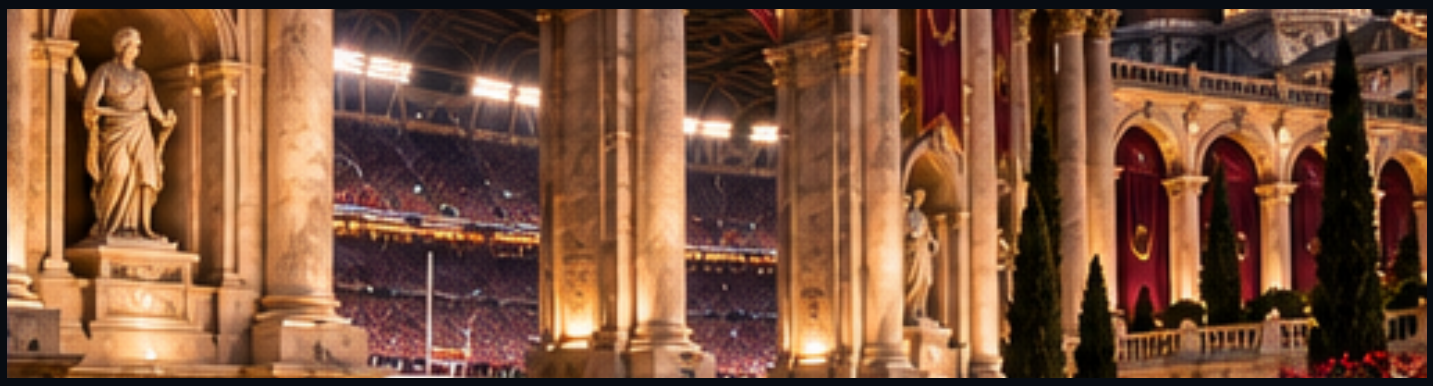
Toastee Social: where the friendship is historic and the hospitality has conditions.

Editorial outlook: a genuine swing game. Week 10 player totals describe the recap; they are not Week 11 lineup guarantees.

PHOENIX FLASH AT ROMANATORS

History comes through the arches.

Phoenix (10-0) visits Rome (5-5), Cathedral de Roma Empera. An unbeaten run meets a team needing a response.



The contrast is irresistible. Phoenix has just scored 160.98. Rome has just allowed 152.66. The obvious prediction writes itself, which is precisely why the Romanators should be offended enough to make the afternoon interesting.

The Flash average 128.07; Rome averages 104.57. Phoenix also owns the superior season scoring margin. On the evidence available, the visitor deserves favorite status. A cathedral, however, is an excellent place to make an opponent earn its history.

A Phoenix win would be the first 11-0 start found in the 2019-2026 audit. A Rome win would stop perfection and move the Romans to 6-5. Those are two very different parties, both worth hosting.

THE ROMANATOR ROUTE

Get a full-lineup response after the Week 10 drop-off. Goff and Chase Brown combined for 46.72 last week; the rest of the lineup needs to supply the missing second wave. The home-side two-point start helps, but will not close a 23.50-point season-average gap by itself.

THE FLASH ROUTE

Keep spreading the production. There is no reason for Phoenix to treat this as a ceremonial stop. The No. 1 race is still live, and the last team to start 10-0 lost at exactly this stage.

Rome was not built in a day. Its rebound needs to happen considerably faster.

ROMAN RENEWAL / THE CATHEDRAL SPA



Restore the empire. Then check the score.

The Sunday Recovery Ritual.
For when the scoreboard requires a full marble treatment.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

GRUDEN GRINDERS AT POOLMAN

The deep end meets the grinder.

The Grinders (6-4) visit Poolman (8-2) at the Aquatic Center on the Susquehanna River.



This is the premium sporting contest underneath the rivalry noise. The Grinders bring the league's second-best offense at 110.36 per week. Poolman brings an 8-2 record, a 104.63 scoring average and an opponent average of just 92.00.

A Ryan win reduces the gap to one game: Poolman 8-3, Grinders 7-4. A Keith win stretches it to three: 9-2 versus 6-5. In a four-week finishing sprint, that is a substantial seeding swing.

Week 10 gives both managers a reason to believe. McCaffrey delivered 45.30 for the Grinders; Burrow gave Poolman 43.16. Those were enormous contributions. The more useful preview question is which roster can still win if the headline player returns to an ordinary good week.

THE GRINDERS ROUTE

Carry the road identity forward. Ryan is 4-1 away this year and just scored 159.24 in Jerusalem. A fast start can turn the Aquatic Center from a celebration venue into a nervous place.

THE POOLMAN ROUTE

Protect the supporting floor. Poolman's Week 10 defense and Diggs combined for 30.30, helping turn Burrow's big game into a road result. Another full-lineup performance would make the second-place cushion much sturdier.

No lifeguard can rescue you from leaving points on the bench.

TDMB AT BAMBOOZLERS

The rematch with no spare parts.

TDMB (4-6) travels to the Boozler Center on Long Island to face the Bamboozlers (6-4).

3-1
BAMBOOZLERS AT HOME

.625
TDMB REMAINING OPPONENT WIN RATE

2
HOME-FIELD STARTING POINTS

The founder notes frame this as a rematch of TDMB's semifinal win last season. The current version carries a different pressure: TDMB is trying to stay attached to the cut line, while the Bamboozlers are trying to keep the chase group at a safe distance.

The season averages favor the home side, 102.43 to 92.00. The notes also anticipate bye-week and injury strain for both clubs. That makes this look more like a lineup-depth contest than an invitation to chase the most glamorous names.

Win, and the Bamboozlers reach 7-4 while TDMB falls to 4-7. A TDMB upset produces 5-6 and 6-5 instead: a much tighter race with three weeks left.

THE TDMB ROUTE

Find enough receiving production around the running game. James Cook III and Blake Corum combined for 42.60 in Week 10, but the overall total stopped at 82.80. The next month includes Phoenix, Untouchables and Grinders, so banking an upset now would change the outlook.

THE BAMBOOZLER ROUTE

Use home advantage and keep the replacement slots productive. The club is 3-1 at home. Josh Allen and Jaxon Smith-Njigba accounted for most of last week's offense; the support needs to become less optional.

The yacht club requests formal attire. The lineup requests anyone with a pulse and a game.

Editorial lean: a tighter, lower-output contest than the week's headline games. No betting line is supplied.

DEBUSK NO. 60 / EAU DE VICTORY



Sixty wins.
One signature scent.

Top notes: victory. Base notes: group-chat anxiety.
DeBusk No. 60. The Grinders' milestone edition.

Apply before kickoff. Let the result linger.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

UNTOUCHABLES AT STRAY BULLETS

The title defense comes to the Kennel.

Untouchables (3-7) visits Stray Bullets (4-6), Flood Plains. The defending champion faces the rookie.

1
WIN SEPARATES THESE TEAMS

111.22
UNTOUCHABLES POINTS ALLOWED / WEEK

5-6
STRAYS RECORD WITH A WIN

This matchup has no need to borrow importance from the teams above it. A Kinney win would put both clubs at 4-7. A Strays win would move the rookie to 5-6 and leave the defending champion 3-8 with only three games to recover.

The home team has the stronger scoring average, 96.39 to 90.98, and a fresh road win. The Untouchables have already demonstrated a rebound capacity with their recent three-game winning streak. One defeat to an 8-2 club does not erase that.

The useful word for Kinney is urgent. It is not helpless. The league table leaves a route, and this is the direct opponent required to take the first step.

THE UNTOUCHABLES ROUTE

Get back to a playable weekly floor. The title defense has faced 111.22 points per week, the league's toughest scoring opposition to date. That does not excuse every result, but it explains why the record can look worse than the week-to-week fight.

THE STRAYS ROUTE

Finish the job at home. Stafford, Henry and a 19-point kicking performance powered the last win. The rookie needs another complete lineup, because letting the champion linger would keep the entire bottom half alive and noisy.

The Kennel welcomes champions. It does not promise them a comfortable chair.

YAAKABALLERS AT TEAM USA

A reset in the capital.

Yaakaballers (1-9) visits Team USA (4-6), Make America Great Again Stadium in Washington.

89.00
TEAM USA SCORING AVERAGE

78.18
YAAKABALLERS SCORING AVERAGE

4
GAMES LEFT TO ALTER THE FINISH

Team USA has an opportunity that looks inviting and therefore requires concentration. The Yaakaballers average 78.18 points, but they just scored 91.32. A visitor with little conventional playoff hope can still do meaningful damage to a contender's schedule.

The home side averages 89.00 and has alternated high-ceiling performances with low-output defeats. Week 10 was 70.82, despite 33.50 from George Pickens. A single excellent player cannot keep carrying the entire national budget.

The founder notes flag New England's bye as a lineup concern. The practical instruction is to verify every active slot, especially quarterback coverage, before treating this as a recovery week.

THE TEAM USA ROUTE

Raise the floor. A win gets USA to 5-6 before Poolman, Stray Bullets and Bamboozlers. A loss makes the last three weeks far more difficult and hands a direct boost to the other 4-6 clubs.

THE YAAKABALLER ROUTE

Play for the best possible finish and the chance to change the race. The Vikings defense supplied 23 last week and Bhayshul Tuten 17.30. The season record is painful, but the opponent still has to beat the lineup on the field.

Washington would appreciate a quiet weekend. The schedule has submitted that request for review.

Preview discusses the uploaded bye-week storyline. Future lineups and player availability can change before kickoff.

A SEASON CAN PULL IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.

The summit. The long climb.

Phoenix is chasing the ceiling. The Yaakaballers are trying to escape the floor. Neither season is finished.

128.07
PHOENIX POINTS / WEEK

78.18
YAAKABALLERS POINTS / WEEK

49.89
WEEKLY SCORING SEPARATION

THE PHOENIX CHASE

The 2022 Grinders averaged 123.16, the best completed-season mark in the retrieved archive. Phoenix is 4.91 ahead through ten games. Its 14-game pace is 1,793.01. It is the strongest scoring pace in that comparison, not yet a finished-season record.

THE YAAKABALLER CHALLENGE

The 2025 Yaakaballers finished 2-12 with 1,251.34 points, or 89.38 per week: the lowest completed-season average in the audited span. The 2026 club has 781.82, or 78.18 per week, currently 11.20 below that benchmark.

At the current rate, the final total would be 1,094.55. To get above last year's 1,251.34, they need 469.53 more points: 117.38 per week for four weeks. A difficult task, but still a concrete target.

THE CONTEXT THAT MATTERS

The Yaakaballers are 3-21 across the last season and the first ten games of this one. Their 0-5 home record makes the next road trip a chance to change the setting, then the story. They are virtually out of the postseason picture; the final month still has competitive value.

Team USA's 89.00 average is also narrowly below the old 89.38 floor. That makes the Week 11 meeting unusual: both teams are currently scoring below the lowest completed-season average in the audit.

Both averages can still change. This is a warning about scoring pace, not a completed-season ranking.

History keeps receipts. November still accepts corrections.

THE U LOUNGE / KINNEY COLISEUM



Championship taste. Comeback appetite.

The private lounge for people who know a season has more than one chapter.

Kinney, New York. The defending champion's address.

A fictional in-universe advertisement. No booking or purchase offer.

VINCENT VAN BAA / THE LAST WORD

Four weeks. Bring something.

Ladies and gentlemen of the League of Greatness: Phoenix has checked into a different altitude, Poolman has upgraded the itinerary, and the rest of you are currently fighting over the seating chart. Excellent. That is why we built the stadiums.

Lippa: welcome back. Please keep the offense plugged in. Adam: congratulations on making an entire city louder than a group chat. Ryan: sixty wins is impressive; we have instructed the grill to name a sandwich after your patience.

To the rookie: road wins are currency. To Kinney: defending champions do not need permission to become inconvenient. To Team USA: a functional lineup would be a lovely bipartisan achievement.

To the Yaakaballers: finish with pride. There are still four opponents who would rather not become the punchline that finally gets your team laughing.

Set your lineups. Respect the rivalry. Can't Stop The Baa.

VINCENT VAN BAA

Fictional commissioner column. Original league satire.

THE EDITION RECORD

Primary league data: League Loom / ESPN, league 1468742, 2026 season; standings, rules, full schedule and Week 10 box scores retrieved November 17, 2026. Seven playoff teams. The schedule supplies the two-point Week 11 home starts.

Scores use the completed Week 10 schedule, preserving decimals. The player feed labels its snapshot provisional; later statistical corrections remain possible. Player scoring is this league's scoring, not standard fantasy presets.

Founder source: uploaded Week11Notes.pdf and the accompanying assignment. Stadiums, attendance, rivalry lore and fictional celebrations come from that material. Ads and illustrated scenes are original in-universe creative, not real commercial offers.

Historical audit: 2019-2025 regular-season standings and schedules returned for this league. Franchise identifiers can survive ownership/name changes; old names are preserved for record comparisons. The Grinders 60-win total is verified; league-leader attribution comes from the founder ledger.

Clinch language: Phoenix top-two and Poolman berth are league-office announcements in the notes. The provider's conservative record/PF model marks Phoenix clinched, Poolman >99% but not formally clinched, and leaves a remote Yaakaballers path. It does not model the custom head-to-head rules. These announcements are not presented as independent tool proofs.

No simulation percentages are printed: the notes and provider use different estimates. All finish targets are conditional. Home/away records are recalculated from the ten actual results; the notes' Grinders split totaled eleven games. Historical pace comparisons are limited to the retrieved archive.

VAN BAA

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT



THE SEASON IS STILL YOURS.

Four weeks. Twelve franchises. A league worth showing up for.

CAN'T STOP THE BAA.