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THE SHAKE UP BEFORE RIVALRY WEEK



Upsets, heartbreak, and shifting power. As Week 12 looms, every team's fate tightens and the stakes hit their highest point of 2025.

CREW ESCAPES RELENTLESS AVENGERS



George Pickens puts the Wrecking Crew up for good against Avengers Team on Monday night.

The Wrecking Crew (136.28) def. Avengers Team (120.32)

It was billed as the match-up of the week and it didn't disappoint. What looked like another Wrecking Crew march to victory turned into a full-on brawl that lasted until the final whistle of Monday Night Football. When the dust settled, Antonio's squad survived the Avengers' relentless push, escaping with a 136.28–120.32 win that was far closer than the box score suggests.

The Crew were powered by unexpected heroes this week. **Jacoby Brissett** (26.88) turned back the clock with a 450-yard performance, keeping the offense alive. Meanwhile, **George Pickens**(32.40)

delivered his best outing of the season, dragging defenders and torching corners in a defiant show of grit. Their combined firepower gave the Crew just enough distance to withstand the Avengers' late charge.

Joaquin's team refused to fold. **Christian McCaffrey** (35.10) continued his MVP-level tear, carrying the Avengers' offense on his back once again, while **Christian Watson** (20.60) found life at the perfect time. Dak Prescott piled up stats, but costly turnovers and red-zone stalls kept the Avengers from stealing it late.

The win completes a **season sweep** for The Wrecking Crew over their divisional rivals and vaults them **atop the Shula Division** heading into Week 12. But their locker room won't be celebrating long — both **Drake London (injury)** and **Ja'Marr Chase (suspension)** will miss the crucial **Rivalry Week showdown with Hobbton**, leaving the Crew shorthanded at a critical juncture.

As for the Avengers, at 6–5, they remain in the playoff hunt but can't afford to stumble. Their Week 12 clash with a **resurgent DEM WALLZ** — now clawing for survival — will test just how much fight this team has left before the postseason storm begins.

BANDITS BREAK THE STREAK



George Kittle scores one of his 2 TDs to help the 1024 Bandits outlast Travelers.

1024 Bandits (115.34) def. Travelers (77.14)

The Travelers came into Week 11 riding high, winners of five straight and finally looking like the team their manager always swore they could be. That momentum died the moment they ran into the 1024 Bandits—because Juliano's crew didn't just win, they slammed the brakes on Rudy's streak with the force of a brick wall.

And the Bandits did it the way they always do: by letting their stars set the tone and refusing to blink.

George Kittle lit the fuse first, finally unleashing the kind of performance the Bandits had been waiting all season to see. His **24.70 points** were a reminder that tight ends who can take over a game are rare—and Kittle still sits comfortably on that short list. Next came Deebo Samuel, ripping through Miami's secondary for **20.70** and turning every touch into controlled chaos. With Kittle and Deebo combining for **45.4 points**, the Bandits didn't just dictate the tempo—they owned the entire script.

Meanwhile, the Travelers looked like a team stuck in slow motion.

Patrick Mahomes gave them a fighting chance with **14.34 points**, and Rashee Rice chipped in **9.80**, but once those two plateaued, the rest of the roster fell flat. Injuries, inefficiency, and tough matchups all hit at once, leaving the Travelers gasping for answers as the Bandits pulled away. For all their grit, the Travelers never found the spark they needed to keep pace.

And just like that, the Travelers' surge is over... at least for now.

The Bandits, on the other hand, now stand tall atop the Gibbs Division at **7–4**, fully in control of their own destiny. One more big win and their name is etched into the Gibbs division trophy. But the road gets dicey: a Rivalry Week showdown with the Bad Guys looms in Week 12—and Anthony Radke's squad is still the most dangerous team with a losing record.

The Travelers don't get a soft landing either. They walk straight into a Lombardi Division fistfight with the high-powered Fins in Low Places, and if they want to prove their streak wasn't a fluke, they'll need answers—fast.

The Bandits just planted their flag.

Now we find out who's still climbing and who's sliding into the chaos.

FINS ROLLING TOWARDS LOMBARDI CROWN



Tetairoa McMillan after his record breaking day gives Fins In Low Places a win.

FINS IN LOW PLACES (157.84) def. APPALACHIAN MUD DOGS (135.50)

Fins In Low Places didn't just win in Week 11 — they *announced themselves* as the team barreling toward a Lombardi Division coronation. And once again, it wasn't finesse or luck that delivered the message. It was raw, unrelenting firepower.

The catalyst? The receiving duo of **Tetairoa McMillan (36.00)** and **Michael Wilson (36.50)**, who combined for a blistering 72.5 points. Every time the Mud Dogs clawed closer, one of these breakout wideouts answered with another haymaker. McMillan shredded Atlanta with 130 yards and two scores, while Wilson torched San Francisco for 185 yards in the kind of performance that turns FLEX options into weekly must-starts.

And when that wasn't enough, **Trey McBride (30.50)** joined the party with a tight end clinic that kept the scoreboard sizzling. Even with Tua stumbling (6.84), the Fins proved exactly why they're 8–3: their passing game runs deeper than any secondary can handle.

On the other side, the Mud Dogs didn't roll over. **Derrick Henry (23.20)** looked vintage, bulldozing Cleveland like it was 2019. **CeeDee Lamb (17.60)** added his usual polish, and **James Cook (20.40)** delivered one of his best efforts of the year. But the Mud Dogs' big pieces just couldn't keep pace with the Fins' aerial explosion.

This wasn't a collapse. It was an outgunned contender watching a division juggernaut hit full stride.

Now the stakes get real: **Fins In Low Places can clinch the Lombardi Division in Week 12 against the Travelers**, a matchup dripping with playoff implications. Meanwhile, **the Mud Dogs must beat Pud's Playmakers** to avoid slipping out of the postseason chase entirely.

The Fins aren't just winning — they're accelerating. And the rest of the Lombardi might be running out of road.

DEM WALLZ STILL STANDING



Jameson Williams celebrates putting Dem Wallz in the win column in Week 11.

DEM WALLZ (90.82) def. PUD'S PLAYMAKERS (70.50)

The playoffs aren't here yet—but for Dem Wallz, they might as well be. Chamel walked into Week 11 knowing the truth: every game from here on is an elimination game, and one slip ends the season. Under that pressure, Dem Wallz did exactly what desperate teams must do—they survived.

This wasn't a masterpiece. It wasn't explosive. But it was a win, and right now, that's all that matters.

Lamar Jackson led the way with **14.50 points**, grinding out yardage in ugly fashion but giving Dem Wallz the stability their offense desperately needed. But the real spark came from **Jameson Williams**, who delivered a vital **19.7 points**, the top performance for Dem Wallz. His late-game surge gave Dem Wallz the separation they needed and turned a tense afternoon into a controlled finish.

Pud's Playmakers, meanwhile, continued their slide, hampered by inconsistency and key injuries. Their top performer, **Travis Kelce**, posted **24.10 points**, and the only other significant contributor

came from **Saquon Barkley** with **10.0**—solid, but nowhere near enough to threaten. The rest of the roster sputtered, leaving Pud's stuck at **3–8** and searching for answers.

For Dem Wallz, though, this was about survival. Their record jumps to **4–7**, just barely hanging onto a mathematical path to the postseason. The mission is as brutal as it is simple: *win out—three straight—or the dream dies*. And the road starts with a monster showdown in Week 12.

Next up? A collision with **Avengers Team**, currently clinging to the No. 5 seed and fighting to keep their own playoff footing. One team is desperate to stay alive, the other determined not to fall backward. Something has to give.

As for Pud's Playmakers, their Week 12 opponent—the **Appalachian Mud Dogs**—is fighting to keep *their* playoff hopes intact. And if Week 11 is any indication, Pud's will need a small miracle to avoid becoming the next stepping stone in someone else's postseason climb.

Dem Wallz didn't dominate. They didn't soar. They didn't impress. They simply did the one thing a team on life support must do:

They lived to fight another week.

THE DRAGON IS EXTINGUISHED IN UNLIKELY UPSET



Josh Allen celebrates another TD score for Hobbton.

HOBBTON (148.48) def. DRAGON LADY (121.22)

Hobbton didn't just win — they detonated the biggest upset of the 2025 season. A team left for dead at 2–8 walked into Week 11 as a footnote... and walked out as the squad that knocked Dragon Lady off her throne.

And it happened the only way Hobbton ever seems to win — with **Josh Allen going full supernova**.

Allen erupted for **47.68 points**, ripping off three rushing touchdowns, throwing for 317 yards and 3 more scores, and single-handedly dragging his franchise to a season-defining victory. Every time Dragon Lady threatened to stabilize, Allen smashed the moment to pieces.

Hobbton's other star spark came from **Jaxon Smith-Njigba**, who delivered **23.60 points** on 105 yards, nine catches, and a chunk run that kept drives alive. Together, they became the unlikely wrecking crew that shook the league landscape.

Dragon Lady, meanwhile, got strong production — just not enough destruction. **Nico Collins (24.20)** and **De'Von Achane (24.50)** both delivered, but the rest of the roster couldn't keep pace with Allen's nuclear afternoon. For the first time in weeks, Rita's juggernaut looked mortal, and the loss dropped her out of the Shula Division lead.

Now everything changes.

Hobbton, suddenly alive, looks to make it **two straight wins against Shula opponents** as they face a Wrecking Crew team missing **BOTH** top receivers — a rare opportunity.

Dragon Lady, bruised but unbroken, heads into Week 12 needing a rebound against a **red-hot DBarber squad** eager to spoil playoff dreams and torch reputations.

The league just got loud. The Dragon just got clipped. And Hobbton — somehow, some way — is breathing fire of its own.

DBARBER EKES OUT WIN OVER THE BAD GUYS



Treyveon Henderson on the run for DBarber.

DBARBER (103.76) def. THE BAD GUYS (103.54)

This wasn't just an upset — it was the *tightest* knife-edge finish of the entire 2025 season. DBarber didn't just beat The Bad Guys... they survived them, **103.76 to 103.54**, a microscopic **0.22-point margin** that instantly becomes league folklore.

Jordan Love set the tone with **17.66 points**, tossing two touchdowns and converting a 2-PT try to keep DBarber afloat. But the real shockwave was **TreVeyon Henderson's 32.30-point explosion**, a relentless, every-touch-matters performance that proved to be the difference in the closest finish we've seen all year. Every time The Bad Guys surged, Henderson dragged DBarber right back into striking distance.

And in the cruelest twist imaginable, The Bad Guys — a team already haunted by narrow defeats — once again watched a victory slip through their fingers by the width of a fingernail.

Bijan Robinson delivered a monster **33.30**, and **Drake Maye** gave them **15.44**, but the supporting cast couldn't find the extra yard, the extra catch, the extra *anything* to flip the result. When the dust settled, the scoreboard showed heartbreak: **103.76 to 103.54**.

And the fallout? Devastating.

The loss transforms their **Week 12 Rivalry Week showdown against 1024 Bandits** into a full-blown, must-win war.— **Win, and The Bad Guys stay alive for the Gibbs Division title.— Lose, and the Bandits clinch the crown and end the chase.**

No more margin for error — not after *this* kind of loss.

DBarber, meanwhile, is embracing their new identity as the league's most dangerous spoiler. Up next is **Dragon Lady**, fresh off her stunning loss to Hobbton and in no mood for charity. If DBarber can stack another upset, the entire playoff picture tilts.

Week 11 gave us the season's closest finish — and it reshaped the race every team is running.

EPILOGUE | THE STORM BEFORE THE STORM

Week 11 didn't just rewrite the standings — it lit the fuse.

Now Week 12, Rivalry Week, arrives carrying more weight, more chaos, and more desperation than any slate this season. Every matchup has meaning. Every misstep has consequences. And for half this league, the difference between glory and oblivion is now measured in inches... or in DBarber's case, **0.22 points**.

WRECKING CREW (8-3) vs. HOBBDON (3-8)The Crew sit atop the Shula Division, but they limp into battle without Ja'Marr Chase or Drake London. Hobbton smells blood after detonating Dragon Lady, and suddenly, the most unlikely two-game win streak in the league doesn't feel so impossible.

AVENGERS TEAM (6-5) vs. DEM WALLZ (4-7)Avengers are clinging to that No. 5 seed. Dem Wallz are clinging to their season. Dem Wallz must win out — lose once, and the playoff lights shut off. Both teams arrive battered, stubborn, and fully aware that Sunday could define their year. This one's going to feel like a street fight.

FINS IN LOW PLACES (8-3) vs. TRAVELERS (6-5)The Lombardi crown hangs here. Fins can clinch the division with a win. Travelers can drag the race back to the final week. Jonathan Taylor's dominance continues to be the axis on which entire standings rotate, but Travelers have the firepower to steal it. One of the marquee showdowns of Rivalry Week.

1024 BANDITS (7-4) vs. THE BAD GUYS (5-6)The main event in the Gibbs Division. The Bad Guys' narrow Week 11 heartbreak now forces this into a **must-win**. A loss, and the Bandits seize the Gibbs crown outright. A win, and chaos reigns. The pressure is suffocating, the stakes massive — everything a rivalry game should be.

APPALACHIAN MUD DOGS (5-6) vs. PUD'S PLAYMAKERS (3-8)Two teams staring at the playoff bubble from opposite sides. The Mud Dogs have been erratic all season, capable of 130 or 80 depending on the wind. But their hopes survive only with a win. Pud's, on the other hand, is deep into spoiler mode — and those teams are often the most dangerous in November.

DRAGON LADY (8-3) vs. DBARBER (3-8)Dragon Lady is wounded. DBarber is emboldened. Rita's empire just absorbed the upset of the year... and now must fend off a DBarber squad that thrives on

chaos and just authored the **closest victory of 2025**. A statement game for Dragon Lady. A demolition opportunity for DBarber.

Week 12 isn't just Rivalry Week. It's Judgment Week.

Titles, streaks, reputations, and seasons all hang in the air — and the only guarantee is that when the dust settles, the league will look very different from the one we recognize right now.