

# GRIDIRON GOLD

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# THE GREAT COLLISION COURSE



Dragon Lady vs Fins in Low Places:  
The Week 13 Showdown That Might Decide  
TWO Division Titles



## THE COLLISION COURSE IS SET



With Week 12 in the books and the standings reshuffled again, every Week 13 match-up carries playoff consequences—some for survival, others for a coveted bye.

### ***1024 BANDITS CLINCH GIBBS DIVISION***



*Amon-Ra St. Brown picks up crucial yards after the catch for 1024 Bandits.*

### **1024 Bandits (123.16) def. The Bad Guys (96.06)**

Some rivalries define eras. Others define trauma. For The Bad Guys, facing the 1024 Bandits has become both—and Week 12's Rivalry Week showdown only deepened the scar. Coming in at 1–5 all-time against the Bandits, The Bad Guys were desperate to flip the script. Instead, they watched history repeat itself in the worst possible way.

From the opening whistle, it was clear Mario's squad came ready to seize the Gibbs Division once and for all. The Bandits didn't just win—they *clinched*, stamping a 123.16 to 96.06 victory and

slamming the door on any Bad Guys dreams of a late-season surge.

The damage was done early and emphatically. **Amon-Ra St. Brown** continued his reign of terror over secondaries, torching the Giants with **32.90** fantasy points. **Jauan Jennings** chipped in a clutch **15.10** on Monday Night, giving the Bandits the final push they needed to secure the win.

For The Bad Guys, it was another chapter in a familiar tragedy. **Davate Adams** contributed **23.20**, a solid day that kept hopes alive long enough to matter... but not long enough to change the final result. **Drake Maye** added **16.96**, but the depth behind him just wasn't there. Once again, the matchup tilted toward the division leading Bandits.

Now the stakes intensify for both sides:

**For The Bad Guys:** This loss drops them to 5–7 and pushes them to the brink. There's only one path left: beat the Shula Division–leading Wrecking Crew in Week 13. No excuses. No second chances. Win, or the playoff picture fades to black.

**For the 1024 Bandits:** The division is theirs—but the mission isn't complete. They head into Week 13 against DBarber with momentum in hand and a chance to chase one of the **two coveted playoff byes**. One more win keeps them in striking distance of the top seeds.

Rivalry Week delivered exactly what it promised: high drama, high stakes, and heartbreak for one franchise that just can't escape the Bandits' shadow.

## STREAKING WRECKING CREW SHUT DOWN HOBBDON



*George Pickens celebrates his TD for The Wrecking Crew with Dak Prescott.*

### **The Wrecking Crew (136.78) def. Hobbdon (109.12)**

In the second featured matchup for Rivalry Week, the trash talk was loud, the stakes were real, and Hobbdon strutted into the week believing they'd found a new identity as "giant killers." After stunning Dragon Lady in Week 11, they walked into their matchup with The Wrecking Crew convinced they could snatch another Shula Division titan off the throne.

Instead, they may have handed the division title to their biggest rival.

The Wrecking Crew—missing both Ja'Marr Chase (suspension) and Drake London (injury)—should've been vulnerable. On paper, this was the perfect storm for Hobbton to flip the Shula Division on its head and put Dragon Lady back atop the division. But what unfolded was the opposite: a masterclass in strategic roster construction that powered the Crew to a commanding **136.78–109.12** victory.

And the engine behind that win? Reinforcements who answered the call like seasoned playoff veterans.

**Jacoby Brissett (21.68)** delivered his best game of the season—317 passing yards, a touchdown, 20 rushing yards—and steadied the offense with careful decision-making in place of a still injured Jayden Daniels. When Hobbton pressured, Brissett counterpunched.

Then came the haymaker: **George Pickens (32.60)**. A monster stat line—146 yards, nine catches, a touchdown—served as the Crew's declaration that losing their top two wideouts wouldn't change the mission. This was a statement outing from a player long waiting for the opportunity to dominate.

Hobbton had their own stars, but they were overshadowed by their own Week 11 success. **Jaxon Smith-Njigba (40.10)** erupted with 167 yards and two touchdowns, but his brilliance became a footnote in defeat. **Chase Brown (18.00)** added power on the ground with 107 rushing yards and a score, but the momentum Hobbton carried into the matchup evaporated early as the Crew seized control late and never gave it back.

Here's the irony that will haunt Hobbton all offseason: Their upset of Dragon Lady *gifted* The Wrecking Crew the top spot in the division. And one week later, the Crew returned the favor by shoving Hobbton right back into the mud.

With the win, The Wrecking Crew are **9-3**, now sitting atop the Shula Division with full control of their path. Their next test is massive—a Week 13 showdown with a desperate Bad Guys squad fighting to keep their playoff hopes alive. The Crew can further solidify a bye opportunity as the #1 seed; the Bad Guys must win or their season collapses.

Hobbton falls to **3-9**, now playing out the string but embracing their new role as league spoiler. Week 13 puts them across from the Appalachian Mud Dogs—a team in full must-win mode to stay alive. Hobbton has nothing left to lose, and that may make them even more dangerous.

Rivalry Week is designed to reshape the season. For the Wrecking Crew, it did exactly that. For Hobbton, it simply reminded them that every season is a marathon, not a sprint..

## TRAVELERS DENY FINS LOMBARDI DIVISION TITLE





*Travelers QB Patrick Mahomes eludes defenders en route to a stellar performance.*

## **Travelers (126.48) def. Fins In Low Places (112.46)**

The season was supposed to have buried them. At 1–4, the Travelers looked like another team drifting toward irrelevance, swallowed by a brutal schedule and early-season chaos. But seasons aren't written in September—they're rewritten in November. And in Week 12, the Travelers didn't just rewrite their story... they tore the whole script in half.

Facing an 8–4 Fins squad that had controlled the Lombardi Division for most of the year, the Travelers walked into Rivalry Week with everything on the line: their playoff hopes, their momentum, and their improbable path toward a division title. They walked out with all of it—thanks to their stars lighting up the scoreboard when it mattered most.

Patrick Mahomes was the catalyst, torching the stat sheet for **21.08** points on 352 passing yards, key rushes, and a vintage extend-the-play-two-point conversion that reminded the league why he's the most dangerous man alive with a football in his hands. But the real dagger came from Rashee Rice, who erupted for **27.10** points and a monstrous 141-yard, 8-catch masterpiece. Every time the Fins tried to claw back into the fight, Mahomes found Rice—and Rice broke the game open.

On the other side, the Fins weren't flat. Jared Goff delivered a strong **18.16** behind 279 yards and two scores, while Tetairoa McMillan shook free for **11.50** on Monday Night. But after that? The supporting cast vanished. The Tee Higgins Injury bit hard. Game scripts turned ugly. And when your opponent brings Mahomes-Rice firepower to a showdown, "pretty good" doesn't hold.

Final score: **126.48 to 112.46**. Travelers win. Lombardi Division race tightened. Entire postseason landscape shaken.

The ramifications are massive.

## **Travelers Are Suddenly a Threat**

From 1–4 to 7–5, the Travelers have gone from afterthought to contender. Their win now positions them to:

- Compete for the **Lombardi Division title**
- Control their **own playoff destiny**
- Potentially steal the division outright in Week 14 if results break their way

They face **DEM WALLZ** in Week 13—a team that can only act as spoiler from this point forward. A win keeps the Travelers in striking distance of the division crown. A loss complicates everything.

## **Fins in Low Places Face Pressure They Haven't Felt All Season**

This wasn't supposed to happen.

The Fins had the division wrapped... until they didn't.

Now?

- A loss to Dragon Lady in Week 13**plus**
- A Travelers win

...sets up the nightmare scenario:**Travelers can steal the Lombardi Division in Week 14 with another Fins loss.**

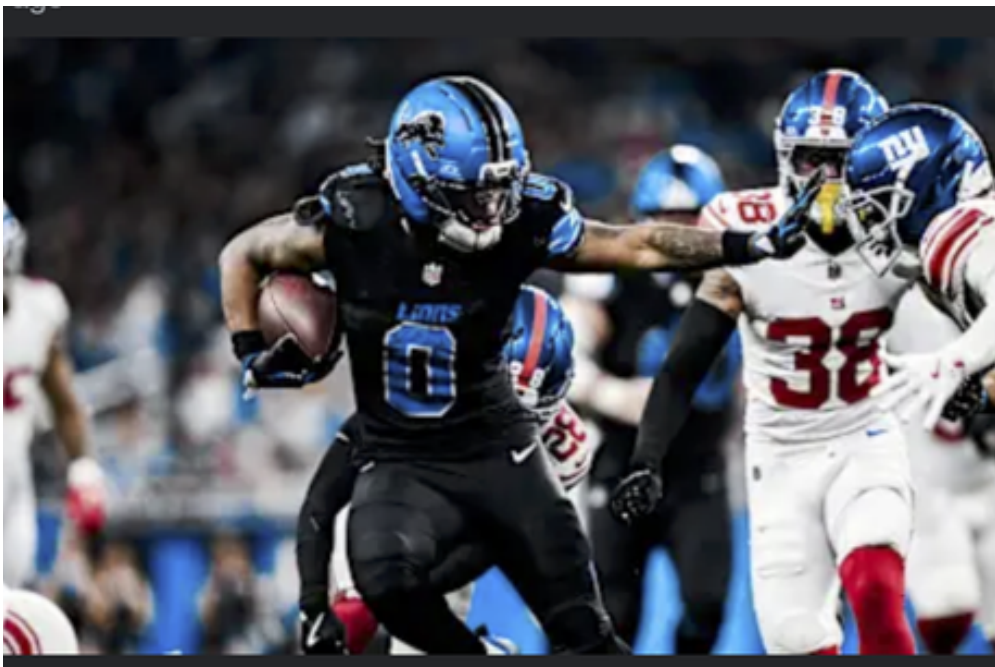
The Fins-Traveler two-step now becomes one of the defining arcs of the season... and the league's newest rivalry.

## **Bottom Line**

The Travelers just detonated the Lombardi Division race.They turned a near-dead season into a live sprint and put the Fins on notice.This is why Rivalry Week exists—because sometimes one upset resets everything.

And now? The final two weeks suddenly feel like an entirely new season.

## **DRAGON LADY KEEPS SHULA DIVISION TITLE HOPES ALIVE**



**Jamyr Gibbs fends off defenders as he has a massive performance for Dragon Lady.**

**Dragon Lady (128.74) def. DBarber (87.86)**

Dragon Lady entered Week 12 with no margin for error—still chasing the Wrecking Crew for the Shula crown and needing a statement win to lock in her playoff ticket. She delivered exactly that,

torching DBARBER 128.74 to 87.86 and reminding the entire league that she's not letting go of the division race without a fight.

This one was never in doubt. **Jahmyr Gibbs exploded for 58.40 points**, putting on one of the most dominant rushing performances of the entire 2025 season. Washington couldn't touch him—219 rush yards, two rushing touchdowns, and 11 receiving yards. When Dragon Lady needed her blue-chip star to carry the load, Gibbs responded with a megaton blast.

Right behind him, **Jake Ferguson added 11.10 points**, carving out tough yards and keeping the offense balanced while Gibbs went nuclear. Together, that duo formed the backbone of a victory that keeps Dragon Lady firmly in the division title conversation.

DBARBER, meanwhile, never found the firepower to keep pace. **A.J. Brown was the lone bright spot**, turning in 28.00 points off 110 yards and a touchdown. **TreVeyon Henderson chipped in 11.10**, grinding out yardage—but the rest of the lineup sputtered, stalled, and eventually got swallowed whole by Dragon Lady's momentum.

With the win, Dragon Lady officially **clinches a playoff berth** and refuses to relinquish her claim on the Shula Division just yet. Now comes the showdown that will define everything: **Week 13 vs. Fins in Low Places**, a matchup with seismic implications across *both* the Shula and Lombardi races.

- A Dragon Lady win? The division remains a two-horse sprint to Week 14.
- A Dragon Lady loss *and* a Wrecking Crew win? The Shula crown likely slips away for good.

DBARBER, at 3–9, moves into spoiler mode for Week 13—but the assignment isn't exactly merciful. They draw **1024 Bandits**, hungry for a Week 13 win to tighten their grip on a coveted playoff bye.

Dragon Lady lives to fight another day—and the fight only gets bigger from here.

## AVENGERS OVERCOME DEFIANT DEM WALLZ



Avengers Team QB Dak Prescott looks for a receiver downfield.

**Avengers Team (128.56) def. Dem Wallz (100.62)**

Some losses end scoreboard hopes. Others end seasons. For Dem Wallz, Week 12 delivered both.

After weeks of clawing, scraping, patchworking lineups, and surviving injuries that would've buried most franchises by midseason, Dem Wallz finally ran out of runway. The Avengers Team—steady, opportunistic, and ruthlessly efficient—closed the book on Dem Wallz postseason dreams with a composed 128.56–100.62 victory.

And fittingly, the game told the story of each team's season.

## THE AVENGERS: STEADY, SURGING, AND STILL IN THE FIGHT

This one didn't need drama. **Dak Prescott** supplied all the fireworks himself, dropping **31.06**—his third 30-point gem in four weeks—playing like a quarterback who refuses to let his team slip out of contention. He found DK Metcalf early, then often, before leaning into late-game aggression that broke Dem Wallz's resistance.

Right beside him? **Christian McCaffrey**, doing Christian McCaffrey things on Monday night—**27.20** more reasons why he's the most reliable fantasy weapon alive. His blend of violence and grace on every touch gave Avengers Team the stability they needed to take control and never let go.

Those two set the tone. The rest of the roster followed.

The reward? **The Avengers Team maintains their wildcard position heading into Week 13**, where a collision with Pud's Playmakers now carries real weight.

## DEM WALLZ: A SEASON THAT REFUSED TO DIE—UNTIL WEEK 12

It wasn't pretty, but it was familiar—Dem Wallz once again leaned on grit.

2025 team Keeper Lamar Jackson, playing through injury and inconsistency, mustered just **7.22** in a performance that mirrored the team's 2025 arc: flashes of brilliance dampened by physical setbacks and roster chaos.

But **Wan'Dale Robinson** refused to go quietly. His **33.60**, an explosion born from opportunity and sheer determination, kept Dem Wallz breathing long after the odds said they shouldn't.

And that's been the whole year.

They lost Jefferson for stretches. They lost running backs. They lost matchups they shouldn't have. And yet they stood entering Week 12 with a real path to the postseason. Few teams in Gridiron Gold can say they fought harder with less.

But the hill was simply too steep. Week 12 closed the door.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Avengers Team (7-5)** They're in the mix, alive in the wildcard race, and gaining momentum at the right time. A Week 13 showdown vs. **Pud's Playmakers** is the kind of matchup they *must* win—both for positioning and tone-setting.

**DEM WALLZ (4-8)** The championship dream dies here, but the spirit doesn't. They'll line up in Week 13 against a surging **Travelers** squad and look to shape the playoff picture from the outside. Spoiler season begins now.

## APPALACHIAN MUD DOGS REFUSE TO DIE





James Cook makes a break to daylight for Appalachian Mud Dogs.

### Appalachian Mud Dogs (127.58) def. Pud's Playmakers (119.36)

The Appalachian Mud Dogs entered Week 12 staring straight at the edge of the postseason cliff—and walked out still alive, still snarling, and suddenly dangerous. Their 127.58–119.36 win over Pud's Playmakers didn't just keep the lights on for Jesse's squad; it pushed them directly into the No. 7 spot, one rung below the playoff cutline with two weeks left to fight.

And they earned every inch of it.

While J.J. McCarthy sputtered with only **2.48 points**, the Mud Dogs were dragged back into contention by a two-headed monster at receiver and running back. **Puka Nacua** erupted for **16.70 points**, torching the Bucs on chunk plays all afternoon, while **James Cook III** delivered his best performance in weeks—**24.90 points** fueled by 116 rush yards, a touchdown, and work through the air. Add in 2025 Designated Keeper **Derrick Henry's 22.80 points**—vintage, bruising, end-zone-seeking Derrick Henry—and the Mud Dogs had the core they needed to outmuscle a surprisingly resilient Playmakers squad.

Pud's Playmakers didn't go quietly. **Jalen Hurts** nearly dragged them into an upset with **30.86 points**, using his legs and late-game chaos magic to keep hope alive. **Jayden Higgins** chipped in **13.80 points**, a bright spot in a receiving corps that otherwise struggled to separate. But beyond Hurts, the Playmakers just didn't have the firepower to match the Mud Dogs' midseason surge.

The loss officially buries Pud's Playmakers deeper into the cellar at 3–9, with spoiler duty against Avengers Team next week their only meaningful mission remaining.

But for the Mud Dogs? Everything is still on the table.

They sit one spot outside the playoffs, fully in the hunt, with momentum and a favorable Week 13 matchup against a struggling Hobbton team that has lost all spark since their Week 11 upset of Dragon Lady. Win that—and suddenly Week 14 could be a full-throttle dash for the postseason.

The Mud Dogs were left for dead a month ago. Now? They're one hot streak away from crashing the playoff party.

### EPILOGUE: WEEK 13 — THE GREAT SEPARATION

The calendar flips to Week 13, but nothing about what's coming feels routine. This is the hinge—the moment the league stops pretending everyone still has time. Every game now carries weight. Every point now has a purpose. And every manager knows the truth:

**There's no hiding anymore. No coasting. No "we'll get 'em next week." This *is* next week.**

Week 13 detonates the league into two simultaneous battlegrounds: **the ruthless war for bye-week immunity**... and **the desperate scramble for playoff survival**. Two races. One week. Zero margin for error.

## THE BYE-WEEK BLOODBATH

Four teams—**Wrecking Crew, Dragon Lady, Fins in Low Places, and the 1024 Bandits**—step into Week 13 with a chance to claim one of only **two first-round byes**. Everyone else? They're staring at the gauntlet of Round One, hoping to avoid it.

### WRECKING CREW (9–3) vs THE BAD GUYS (5–7)

A week ago, the Crew were fighting for the division. Now they're fighting for peace—literal **bye-week peace**.

A win pushes them to **10–3** and keeps them perched near the top of the bracket. Lose, and the entire bye race opens like a bear trap beneath them. Dragon Lady can pass them. Bandits can reach them. Fins can challenge them.

This isn't a tune-up game. It's a referendum on whether the Crew stay in control... or start sweating.

The Bad Guys? They're playing for breath. Just breath.

### DRAGON LADY (9–3) vs FINS IN LOW PLACES (8–4)

This is the one.

The game with consequences for *two* divisions at once.

Dragon Lady wins? She hits **10–3** and takes a real bite out of the bye picture. Fins win? They keep their path wide open while shoving Dragon Lady down into the wildcard chaos cluster at 9–4.

Whoever loses this one enters Week 14 with their back against the wall. Whoever wins walks into the final week with one hand on the bye slot.

This isn't just seeding. This is a possible **bye elimination game**.

### 1024 BANDITS (8–4) vs DBARBER (3–9)

It's simple:

**Bandits win → They stay alive in the bye race. Bandits lose → They kiss that dream goodbye.**

They've won four straight. They could use a fifth. This is the penultimate offramp before they join the Bye combat zone.

## THE SURVIVAL SCRAMBLE

Below the bye race lies the real mosh pit—**Travelers, Avengers, and Mud Dogs**, all stuck between 7-5 and 6-6, fighting for the final seats at the table...while **The Bad Guys** lurk in the shadows, mathematically alive but hanging by a thread.

### TRAVELERS (7–5) vs DEM WALLZ (4–8)

Travelers pulled off the resurrection act of the season—starting **1–4**, now **one win from 8–5** and a nearly guaranteed playoff ticket.

But a loss drops them right back into the mud.Right back into the Avengers/Mud Dogs cluster.Right back into danger.

Dem Wallz, eliminated but prideful, can drag them down on the way out.

### AVENGERS TEAM (7–5) vs PUD’S PLAYMAKERS (3–9)

This game decides whether Avengers breathe easy...or gasp for oxygen.

A win: separation, stability, and a path to clinch.A loss: **7–6**, and suddenly tiebreakers become life-or-death.

Pud’s Playmakers can’t climb the standings, but they can burn someone else’s season to the ground.

### APPALACHIAN MUD DOGS (6–6) vs HOBBDON (3–9)

The Mud Dogs are in the **#7 spot**, first team out,and now enter their personal elimination chamber.

Win, and they move to **7–6** and stay attached to the Wild Card picture.Lose, and they need help—not mild help... biblical help.

Hobbdon, already in spoiler mode, can finish the job the league started a month ago.

### THE BAD GUYS (5–7) vs WRECKING CREW (9-3)

One team is fighting for bye destiny.The other is fighting off the flatline.

If the Bad Guys lose, they’re finished.If they win, they cling to life—but only if chaos erupts elsewhere.

This is not a fair fight.It’s a desperate one.

## THE FINAL WORD

Week 13 doesn’t just shift the standings.It **defines identities**.

Teams will either earn immunity...or step into the playoff warzone.

Teams will either stay alive...or watch the door slam in their face.



By Monday night, this league won't look crowded anymore. It'll be divided—cleanly, brutally, and permanently.

**Byes or battlefield. Survival or suffocation. Dreams or disaster. Week 13 chooses for everyone.**