# THE TCT TRIBUNE

ISSUE NO. 1 • THE MEGA FIRST EDITION

PRICE: ONE QUESTIONABLE KEEPER


FIVE DRAFT ROOMS. ONE UNANIMOUS ANSWER.

# GIBBS RULES THE TAVERN

*Every included division makes Jahmyr Gibbs the first pick*



*ORIGINAL TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION • Five rooms raise the same card before the arguments begin.*

**BY SCOOPS CALLAHAN • TCT INSIDER**

The TinCan Tavern could not agree on promotion rules, team names, or whether a draft room needed another beer. It agreed on Jahmyr Gibbs. Champion's, Backroom, Bush League, Septic Tank and Dead-Bottom each opened the 2026 draft with the same name.

Fifty teams made 750 selections over 75 division-rounds. The unanimity lasted exactly one pick: Bijan Robinson went second everywhere, then each room began revealing its own appetite for risk.

## THE TITLE BELT MOVES UPHILL

*Five reigning champions enter a new season with targets attached.*

| DIVISION | CHAMPION | RECORD |
|---|---|---|
| Champion's | Dan Fuller | 9-5 |
| Backroom | Mike Caruso | 9-5 |
| Bush | James Souza | 10-4 |
| Septic | Kat Downey | 9-5 |
| Dead-Bottom | Courtney Duarte | 7-7 |

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**SCOOPS CALLAHAN**

***TCT NATIONAL INSIDER***

Trench-coat sources. Tavern-wide access. Scoops handles the stories too large—or too combustible—for one division.

PRESEASON FILE • SCOOPS CALLAHAN AT THE LEAGUE-WIDE WIRE

# THE TCT CONSENSUS BOARD

*The median pick across five drafts—the Tavern's own market, not an outside ranking.*

| RANK | PLAYER | MEDIAN | RANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jahmyr Gibbs | 1 | 1–1 |
| 2 | Bijan Robinson | 2 | 2–2 |
| 3 | Jonathan Taylor | 3 | 3–6 |
| 4 | Ja'Marr Chase | 4 | 3–5 |
| 5 | Christian McCaffrey | 6 | 5–10 |
| 6 | Puka Nacua | 6 | 3–9 |
| 7 | James Cook III | 7 | 6–8 |
| 8 | Jaxon Smith-Njigba | 8 | 4–9 |
| 9 | Amon-Ra St. Brown | 10 | 7–15 |
| 10 | Saquon Barkley | 12 | 6–17 |
| 11 | Derrick Henry | 12 | 11–14 |
| 12 | De'Von Achane | 13 | 9–15 |

### SCOOPS CALLAHAN

***INSIDE THE NUMBERS***

"The first two picks were settled law. Everything after that became local politics." Scoops will return each issue with power rankings, trade smoke and Fraud Watch.

## DRAFT-DESK HONORS

**CHAMPION'S**
Gloryhole Reliance: strongest TCT-market value through eight rounds. Opened with James Cook III, Chase Brown.

**BACKROOM**
Soco Dave: strongest TCT-market value through eight rounds. Opened with Amon-Ra St. Brown, Derrick Henry.

**BUSH LEAGUE**
Men of Steel: strongest TCT-market value through eight rounds. Opened with James Cook III, Chase Brown.

**SEPTIC TANK**
Auto Draft is Yo Daddy: strongest TCT-market value through eight rounds. Opened with Ja'Marr Chase, Saquon Barkley.

**DEAD-BOTTOM**
Frank White: strongest TCT-market value through eight rounds. Opened with Ja'Marr Chase, Omarion Hampton.

## HOW TO READ THE GRADES

Each grade measures draft value against the five-division median through eight rounds. It is a receipt from the draft room—not a forecast of NFL production. No Week 1 information appears anywhere in this issue.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**5** INCLUDED DIVISIONS

**50** TEAMS

**750** SELECTIONS

**75** DIVISION-ROUNDS

## PRESEASON LEGAL NOTICE

Every grade printed here can and probably will age terribly. The Draft Desk accepts praise immediately and appeals after the season, when nobody remembers what was written.

FRANKIE "THE RING" BELL • CHAMPIONSHIP BEAT

# CHAMPION'S DIVISION

*Defending champion: Dan Fuller — Team Liquid A-team (9–5)*

## THE OPENING CARD

Put on a wig opened the division draft by selecting Jahmyr Gibbs first overall. That matched all four other included rooms and made the top of the board unanimous.

### INSIDER'S READ

***"Gloryhole Reliance owns the narrow preseason edge on consensus value, with Bobs 39point team closest. The market likes the construction; the season reserves the right to laugh."***

**FRANKIE "THE RING" BELL**

***CHAMPIONSHIP BEAT***

Tracks contenders, banners and every manager who talks like the trophy already belongs to them.

## DRAFT-ROOM RECEIPTS

DISCOUNT: Gloryhole Reliance took Rashee Rice at No. 47, 10 picks later than the TCT median.

FLAG PLANT: Some Dumb Squad took Tucker Kraft at No. 42, 26 picks earlier than the TCT median.

## TEAM CAPSULES • FIRST FOUR PICKS

| TEAM | GRADE | OPENING CORE |
|---|---|---|
| Back in the Pitts | B | Amon-Ra St. Brown / Derrick Henry / George Pickens / Cam Skattebo |
| Blue Team | B | Jaxon Smith-Njigba / CeeDee Lamb / Travis Etienne Jr. / David Montgomery |
| Bobs 39point team | A | Puka Nacua / Kenneth Walker / Drake London / Jeremiyah Love |
| Dear Mr. Fantasy ■■ | C | Christian McCaffrey / De'Von Achane / Josh Allen / DJ Moore |
| Forever SOCO | C | Ja'Marr Chase / Omarion Hampton / Trey McBride / Davante Adams |
| Gloryhole Reliance | A | James Cook III / Chase Brown / Malik Nabers / Chris Olave |
| Put on a wig | C | Jahmyr Gibbs / Breece Hall / Brock Bowers / Emeka Egbuka |
| Some Dumb Squad | B | Bijan Robinson / Ashton Jeanty / Justin Jefferson / Ladd McConkey |
| Touchdown Syndrome! | D | Saquon Barkley / Kyren Williams / Nico Collins / Quinshon Judkins |
| Unholy Alliance | D | Jonathan Taylor / Javonte Williams / A.J. Brown / Tee Higgins |



*ORIGINAL TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION • THE BELT WAITS • At the top tier, every entrance points toward the same prize.*

LIVE DESK • FRANKIE “THE RING” BELL REPORTING

# WEEK 1: GAMES IN MOTION

*Live fantasy scoring snapshot: Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 1:05 PM ET. Scores and projections will change.*

## LIVE SCOREBOARD

| AWAY | NOW | PROJ. | HOME | NOW | PROJ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Put on a wig | 0 | 98.4 | Touchdown Syndrome! | 18.6 | 93.3 |
| Blue Team | 27.7 | 98.8 | Bobs 39point team | 7.4 | 94.4 |
| Dear Mr. Fantasy | 8.8 | 97.1 | Some Dumb Squad | 0 | 99.5 |
| Back in the Pitts | 21.82 | 97.3 | Forever SOCO | 21.4 | 96.5 |
| Unholy Alliance | 2.6 | 88.9 | Gloryhole Reliance | | |

### THE BEAT WRITER’S LEDE

**Blue Team owns the division’s largest live advantage, up 20.30 points on Bobs 39point team. The scoreboard has moved; the projected totals still leave Sunday room for reversals.**

## GAME OF THE MOMENT

Back in the Pitts 21.82, Forever SOCO 21.4. The live margin is only 0.42 points. Their Yahoo projections are 97.33 and 96.45, respectively.

## PROJECTION WATCH

Yahoo’s widest projected edge belongs to Put on a wig, favored by 5.12 over Touchdown Syndrome!. Projection is context, not a final score—and Week 1 has already started testing the paper favorites.

### FRANKIE “THE RING” BELL

*WEEK 1 LIVE DESK*

Tracks contenders, banners and every manager who talks like the trophy already belongs to them.

### SCOOPS’ TAVERN WIRE

Across all five divisions, the opening slate is producing early leads without settling projected outcomes. The Mega First Edition records the board as it stands—not as it will finish.

## HISTORY BETWEEN THE LINES

Dear Mr. Fantasy and Some Dumb Squad arrived in the 2022 Bush League together. Josh Fortin's Some Dumb Squad beat Mike Caruso 94.22-86.90 in that season's quarterfinal. Fortin won the 2022 Bush title; Caruso later won the 2025 Backroom crown. They meet again at the top tier.

### LIVE-DATA EDITOR’S NOTE

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MARLA BACKPAGE • BACKROOM INSIDER

# BACKROOM DIVISION

*Defending champion: Mike Caruso — Dear Mr. Fantasy (9–5)*

## THE OPENING CARD

Dirty D's opened the division draft by selecting Jahmyr Gibbs first overall. That matched all four other included rooms and made the top of the board unanimous.

### INSIDER'S READ

***"Soco Dave owns the narrow preseason edge on consensus value, with No Name closest. The market likes the construction; the season reserves the right to laugh."***

**MARLA BACKPAGE**
*BACKROOM INSIDER*
Works the phones, follows the whispers and never accepts "just a hunch" as an explanation.

## DRAFT-ROOM RECEIPTS

DISCOUNT: Soco Dave took Jaylen Waddle at No. 50, 9 picks later than the TCT median.

FLAG PLANT: BABY RUTH took Tetairoa McMillan at No. 35, 14 picks earlier than the TCT median.

## TEAM CAPSULES • FIRST FOUR PICKS

| TEAM | GRADE | OPENING CORE |
|---|---|---|
| BABY RUTH | D | James Cook III / Kenneth Walker / Josh Allen / Tetairoa McMillan |
| BIG Game James ■ | C | Omarion Hampton / Chase Brown / George Pickens / Zay Flowers |
| Dirty D's | C | Jahmyr Gibbs / Javonte Williams / Kyren Williams / DeVonta Smith |
| Mark Andrews Look Alike | B | Christian McCaffrey / CeeDee Lamb / Josh Jacobs / Cam Skattebo |
| Mike's Legit Team | B | Jaxon Smith-Njigba / De'Von Achane / Drake London / Trey McBride |
| Multiple Scorgasms | D | Puka Nacua / Ashton Jeanty / Lamar Jackson / Chris Olave |
| No Name | A | Ja'Marr Chase / Saquon Barkley / Malik Nabers / Rashee Rice |
| Sleeve of Wizard | B | Jonathan Taylor / Justin Jefferson / Breece Hall / Jeremiyah Love |
| Soco Dave | A | Amon-Ra St. Brown / Derrick Henry / Nico Collins / Brock Bowers |
| ToTheTop | C | Bijan Robinson / Travis Etienne Jr. / A.J. Brown / Emeka Egbuka |



*ORIGINAL TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION • BEHIND CLOSED DOORS • The Backroom begins another season of whispers, wires and contingency plans.*

LIVE DESK • MARLA BACKPAGE REPORTING

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BIG Game James | 11 | 98.7 | Multiple Scorgasms | 14.6 | 91.3 |
| ToTheTop | 15.6 | 90.0 | Soco Dave | 5.4 | 95.6 |
| Mark Andrews Look Alike | 18.3 | 97.9 | No Name | 0 | 96.8 |
| Mike's Legit Team | 38.02 | 95.4 | Dirty D's | 19.6 | 99.4 |
| BABY RUTH | 5.8 | 93.9 | Sleeve of Wizard | | |

### THE BEAT WRITER'S LEDE

**Mike's Legit Team owns the division's largest live advantage, up 18.42 points on Dirty D's. The scoreboard has moved; the projected totals still leave Sunday room for reversals.**

## GAME OF THE MOMENT

BIG Game James 11, Multiple Scorgasms 14.6. The live margin is only 3.60 points. Their Yahoo projections are 98.68 and 91.28, respectively.

## PROJECTION WATCH

Yahoo's widest projected edge belongs to BIG Game James, favored by 7.40 over Multiple Scorgasms. Projection is context, not a final score—and Week 1 has already started testing the paper favorites.

### MARLA BACKPAGE

*WEEK 1 LIVE DESK*

Works the phones, follows the whispers and never accepts "just a hunch" as an explanation.

### SCOOPS' TAVERN WIRE

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## HISTORY BETWEEN THE LINES

ToTheTop and Soco Dave have shared the Backroom since 2024. Mux Markey finished third in 2024 while Dave Stephens placed seventh; in 2025, Stephens climbed to third as Markey slipped to eighth. Their Week 1 meeting tests which direction carries into 2026.

### LIVE-DATA EDITOR'S NOTE

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BUCK LEDGER • BUSH LEAGUE BEAT

# BUSH LEAGUE DIVISION

*Defending champion: James Souza — Big Game James (10–4)*

## THE OPENING CARD

Captain Jahmyrica opened the division draft by selecting Jahmyr Gibbs first overall. That matched all four other included rooms and made the top of the board unanimous.

### INSIDER'S READ

***"Men of Steel owns the narrow preseason edge on consensus value, with CC Chubby Chacers IV closest. The market likes the construction; the season reserves the right to laugh."***

**BUCK LEDGER**

***BUSH LEAGUE BEAT***

Keeps a hard count of sleepers, reaches and draft-room folklore.

## DRAFT-ROOM RECEIPTS

DISCOUNT: CC Chubby Chacers IV took Kyren Williams at No. 29, 8 picks later than the TCT median.

FLAG PLANT: Kat's Kittys took Sam LaPorta at No. 44, 21 picks earlier than the TCT median.

## TEAM CAPSULES • FIRST FOUR PICKS

| TEAM | GRADE | OPENING CORE |
|---|---|---|
| CC Chubby Chacers IV | A | Jaxon Smith-Njigba / Derrick Henry / Kyren Williams / Bucky Irving |
| Captain Jahmyrica | C | Jahmyr Gibbs / Javonte Williams / Nico Collins / Rashee Rice |
| Fuel Man | B | Christian McCaffrey / Amon-Ra St. Brown / Brock Bowers / Quinshon Judkins |
| GillerTime | D | Saquon Barkley / De'Von Achane / George Pickens / Jeremiyah Love |
| Jalen had a little Lamb | B | Ja'Marr Chase / CeeDee Lamb / Travis Etienne Jr. / Emeka Egbuka |
| Kat's Kittys | D | Puka Nacua / Josh Jacobs / Breece Hall / Lamar Jackson |
| LEGAL EAGLES | B | Omarion Hampton / Ashton Jeanty / Malik Nabers / Jaylen Waddle |
| Men of Steel | A | James Cook III / Chase Brown / Drake London / Trey McBride |
| Portuguese mosquitos 2.0 | C | Jonathan Taylor / Kenneth Walker / Josh Allen / Zay Flowers |
| The Dirk Digglers | C | Bijan Robinson / Justin Jefferson / A.J. Brown / D'Andre Swift |



*ORIGINAL TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION • CLEARING A PATH • Ten teams draw up their route through the most unpredictable tier.*

LIVE DESK • BUCK LEDGER REPORTING

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GillerTime | 2 | 98.8 | CC Chubby Chacers IV | 30.7 | 101.9 |
| LEGAL EAGLES | 12.82 | 87.0 | Men of Steel | 18.7 | 96.6 |
| The Dirk Digglers | 2.6 | 89.3 | Captain Jahmyrica | 7 | 102.7 |
| Fuel Man | 21.8 | 93.6 | Kat's Kittys | 23.3 | 94.9 |
| Portuguese mosquitos 2.0 | 7.2 | 95.1 | Jalen had a little Lamb | | |

THE BEAT WRITER'S LEDE

**CC Chubby Chacers IV owns the division's largest live advantage, up 28.70 points on GillerTime. The scoreboard has moved; the projected totals still leave Sunday room for reversals.**

## GAME OF THE MOMENT

Fuel Man 21.8, Kat's Kittys 23.3. The live margin is only 1.50 points. Their Yahoo projections are 93.56 and 94.92, respectively.

## PROJECTION WATCH

Yahoo's widest projected edge belongs to Captain Jahmyrica, favored by 13.39 over The Dirk Digglers. Projection is context, not a final score—and Week 1 has already started testing the paper favorites.

### BUCK LEDGER

*WEEK 1 LIVE DESK*

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### SCOOPS' TAVERN WIRE

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## HISTORY BETWEEN THE LINES

LEGAL EAGLES and Men of Steel finished third and fifth in the 2025 Bush League. Rob Fredericks is beginning only his third TCT season; Al Casteel has competed since 2016 and spent eight consecutive seasons in Champion's. New ambition meets old mileage.

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RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY • SEPTIC TANK CORRESPONDENT

# SEPTIC TANK DIVISION

*Defending champion: Kat Downey — Kat's Kittys (9–5)*

## THE OPENING CARD

Soggy Bottom Boys opened the division draft by selecting Jahmyr Gibbs first overall. That matched all four other included rooms and made the top of the board unanimous.

### INSIDER’S READ

***“Auto Draft is Yo Daddy owns the narrow preseason edge on consensus value, with Soggy Bottom Boys closest. The market likes the construction; the season reserves the right to laugh.”***

**RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY**
*SEPTIC TANK CORRESPONDENT*
Reports from below the floorboards, where waiver plans and grudges tend to collect.

## DRAFT-ROOM RECEIPTS

DISCOUNT: Soggy Bottom Boys took Travis Etienne Jr. at No. 40, 15 picks later than the TCT median.

FLAG PLANT: The Real Mike Stephens took Rome Odunze at No. 34, 24 picks earlier than the TCT median.

## TEAM CAPSULES • FIRST FOUR PICKS

| TEAM | GRADE | OPENING CORE |
|---|---|---|
| Auto Draft is Yo Daddy | A | Ja'Marr Chase / Saquon Barkley / Brock Bowers / Josh Jacobs |
| Hock no more! | B | Puka Nacua / Chase Brown / Javonte Williams / Zay Flowers |
| Last Mohican | B | CeeDee Lamb / Derrick Henry / Kyren Williams / Lamar Jackson |
| Maye I take your hat sir? | C | Jaxon Smith-Njigba / Ashton Jeanty / Chris Olave / Quinshon Judkins |
| New League Same Hands | C | Jonathan Taylor / De'Von Achane / Trey McBride / Rashee Rice |
| Soggy Bottom Boys | A | Jahmyr Gibbs / Nico Collins / A.J. Brown / Travis Etienne Jr. |
| Stars & Bars | C | James Cook III / Kenneth Walker / Josh Allen / Colston Loveland |
| The Real Mike Stephens | D | Amon-Ra St. Brown / Omarion Hampton / Jeremiyah Love / Rome Odunze |
| Wild Pony | D | Bijan Robinson / Drake London / Breece Hall / Tee Higgins |
| Young Nillas | B | Christian McCaffrey / Justin Jefferson / George Pickens / Malik Nabers |



*ORIGINAL TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION • BELOW THE FLOORBOARDS • Former champions and new contenders go to work beneath the pipes.*

LIVE DESK • RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY REPORTING

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maye I take your hat sir? | 31.02 | 98.8 | Last Mohican | 14.5 | 94.8 |
| Soggy Bottom Boys | 2.6 | 89.2 | Wild Pony | 20 | 100.1 |
| Auto Draft is Yo Daddy | 11 | 95.1 | Young Nillas | 24.3 | 97.2 |
| The Real Mike Stephens | 2.6 | 92.8 | Stars & Bars | 11.9 | 95.8 |
| New League Same Hands | 0 | 92.7 | Hock no more! | | |

### THE BEAT WRITER’S LEDE

**Wild Pony owns the division’s largest live advantage, up 17.40 points on Soggy Bottom Boys. The scoreboard has moved; the projected totals still leave Sunday room for reversals.**

## GAME OF THE MOMENT

The Real Mike Stephens 2.6, Stars & Bars 11.9. The live margin is only 9.30 points. Their Yahoo projections are 92.83 and 95.81, respectively.

## PROJECTION WATCH

Yahoo’s widest projected edge belongs to Wild Pony, favored by 10.85 over Soggy Bottom Boys. Projection is context, not a final score—and Week 1 has already started testing the paper favorites.

### RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY

*WEEK 1 LIVE DESK*

Reports from below the floorboards, where waiver plans and grudges tend to collect.

### SCOOPS’ TAVERN WIRE

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## HISTORY BETWEEN THE LINES

Soggy Bottom Boys and Wild Pony bring championship history downstairs. Mikey Stephens won the 2023 Bush League; Scotty Macedo won Champion's in 2018. Both landed in Septic for 2026, making their opener a meeting of former belt holders seeking the climb back.

### LIVE-DATA EDITOR’S NOTE

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DUSTY BOTTOMS • DEAD-BOTTOM DESK

# DEAD-BOTTOM DIVISION

*Defending champion: Courtney Duarte — Maye I Take Your Hat Sir? (7–7)*

## THE OPENING CARD

Kenny's Team opened the division draft by selecting Jahmyr Gibbs first overall. That matched all four other included rooms and made the top of the board unanimous.

### INSIDER'S READ

***"Frank White owns the narrow preseason edge on consensus value, with Off Constantly closest. The market likes the construction; the season reserves the right to laugh."***

**DUSTY BOTTOMS**

***DEAD-BOTTOM DESK***

Chronicles survival, redemption and the dangerous optimism of August.

## DRAFT-ROOM RECEIPTS

DISCOUNT: Frank White took Travis Etienne Jr. at No. 44, 19 picks later than the TCT median.

FLAG PLANT: FHS B&E Woodworks took Jameson Williams at No. 43, 22 picks earlier than the TCT median.

## TEAM CAPSULES • FIRST FOUR PICKS

| TEAM | GRADE | OPENING CORE |
|---|---|---|
| Bo Callahan's Birthday Party | B | Bijan Robinson / Jeremiyah Love / A.J. Brown / Cam Skattebo |
| Commish's Exempt List | B | Jaxon Smith-Njigba / CeeDee Lamb / Josh Allen / Josh Jacobs |
| Damnn Daniel | C | Puka Nacua / Chase Brown / Malik Nabers / Bucky Irving |
| FHS B&E Woodworks | D | Jonathan Taylor / Kyren Williams / George Pickens / Zay Flowers |
| Frank White | A | Ja'Marr Chase / Omarion Hampton / Nico Collins / Quinshon Judkins |
| Girth Brooks | D | Christian McCaffrey / Justin Jefferson / Breece Hall / Davante Adams |
| Kenny's Team | C | Jahmyr Gibbs / Kenneth Walker / Drake London / Tee Higgins |
| Long Live the sun god | B | Amon-Ra St. Brown / Ashton Jeanty / Javonte Williams / Tetairoa McMillan |
| Off Constantly | A | James Cook III / Derrick Henry / Brock Bowers / Rashee Rice |
| The Peter NorthStars | C | De'Von Achane / Saquon Barkley / Trey McBride / Chris Olave |



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Commish's Exempt List | 18.2 | 90.8 | Kenny's Team | 0 | 96.0 |
| Bo Callahan's Birthday Party | 2.6 | 86.2 | Frank White | 0 | 102.5 |
| The Peter NorthStars | 17 | 93.6 | Girth Brooks | 31.3 | 99.3 |
| Long Live the sun god | 0 | 99.3 | Off Constantly | 12.8 | 95.0 |
| Damnn Daniel | 22.22 | 95.3 | FHS B&E Woodworks | | |

THE BEAT WRITER'S LEDE

**Commish's Exempt List owns the division's largest live advantage, up 18.20 points on Kenny's Team. The scoreboard has moved; the projected totals still leave Sunday room for reversals.**

## GAME OF THE MOMENT

Bo Callahan's Birthday Party 2.6, Frank White 0. The live margin is only 2.60 points. Their Yahoo projections are 86.20 and 102.52, respectively.

## PROJECTION WATCH

Yahoo's widest projected edge belongs to Frank White, favored by 16.32 over Bo Callahan's Birthday Party. Projection is context, not a final score—and Week 1 has already started testing the paper favorites.

**DUSTY BOTTOMS**

***WEEK 1 LIVE DESK***

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## HISTORY BETWEEN THE LINES

The Peter NorthStars and Girth Brooks entered Dead-Bottom together in 2024 and have remained division neighbors. Mike DeCotis finished fourth then seventh; Nick Jacobson finished sixth then tenth. Girth's live Week 1 lead gives this familiar pairing a fresh first chapter.

LIVE-DATA EDITOR'S NOTE

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RUMORS, NOTICES AND MATTERS OF QUESTIONABLE JUDGMENT

# THE BACK PAGE

## TCT POLICE BLOTTER

**GROUPTHINK UNDER INVESTIGATION**
Five draft rooms independently placed Jahmyr Gibbs at No. 1. No arrests are expected because everyone involved believes they won the draft.

**POSITIONAL ANXIETY REPORTED**
Several managers were observed drafting a second quarterback before securing emotional stability at tight end.

**SLEEPER PICK DECLARED MISSING**
The phrase vanished after being used to describe players selected in six consecutive rounds.

**SCOOPS CALLAHAN**
*FINAL WORD*

Five divisions are on the record. The receipts are printed. When the season begins, Scoops returns with the first Tavern-wide power rankings and enough unnamed

## CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED**
One reliable tight end. Must score points, remain healthy and stop inspiring Thursday waiver claims.

**FOR SALE**
Preseason confidence. Unopened. Unlimited supply. Value expected to collapse by Tuesday.

**LOST**
Draft-day restraint. Last seen before someone said, “I cannot believe he is still available.”

## MEET THE TRIBUNE NEWSROOM

**FRANKIE “THE RING” BELL** — **CHAMPIONSHIP BEAT**
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**DUSTY BOTTOMS** — **DEAD-BOTTOM DESK**
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## CORRECTIONS

The Tribune previously implied that every manager had a plan. We regret the error.

## NEXT ISSUE

The Week 1 verdict, the first league-wide power rankings, Fraud Watch, the transaction desk and a Police Blotter with actual evidence.

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