WEEK ONE • RECORD BREAKER

TIM CALVAO SETS THE TAVERN ON FIRE

The Dirk Digglers hang 175.66 on Captain Jahmyrica and erase a record that survived five seasons.



EDITORIAL ILLUSTRATION • THE TAVERN REACTS TO A SCOREBOARD THAT HAS LOST ALL SENSE OF PROPORTION

A NEW NUMBER AT THE TOP

Tim Calvao entered Week 1 projected for 88.85 points. He scored 175.66 instead - nearly doubling the forecast and breaking Mux Markey's five-year opening-week record of 150.82. The Bush League now has the loudest first-place team in the building.

THE BEST LOSS IN TOWN

Captain Jahmyrica scored 131.70, the seventh-highest total across all five divisions, and lost by 43.96. Veda Edwards did not have a bad team. She had the misfortune of standing where the meteor landed.

SCOOPS CALLAHAN

Week 1 produced a 0.30-point Champion's thriller, a 69.82-point Backroom winner, three teams over 150 and immediate evidence that projections are decorative suggestions printed by cowards.

TAVERN WIRE

175.66

NEW WEEK 1 RECORD

Previous: 150.82 (Mux, 2021)

THE FIRST POWER RANKINGS

One week is too small a sample to prove anything. That has never stopped a newspaper, a podcast or a fantasy manager with a winning record.

RANKED BY WEEK 1 PRODUCTION • TIES BROKEN BY MARGIN

1	**The Dirk Digglers**	Bush League	**175.66**
2	**Stars & Bars**	Septic Tank	**156.16**
3	**Commish’s Exempt List**	Dead-Bottom	**151.16**
4	**Portuguese mosquitos 2.0**	Bush League	**136.76**
5	**Dear Mr. Fantasy**	Champion's	**135.76**
6	**Some Dumb Squad**	Champion's	**135.46**
7	**Captain Jahmyrica**	Bush League	**131.70**
8	**Blue Team**	Champion's	**126.56**
9	**BABY RUTH**	Backroom	**124.86**
10	**Back in the Pitts**	Champion's	**123.12**
11	**Kenny's Team**	Dead-Bottom	**122.56**
12	**Sleeve of Wizard**	Backroom	**122.36**
13	**FHS B&E Woodworks**	Dead-Bottom	**117.42**
14	**BIG Game James**	Backroom	**116.20**
15	**Last Mohican**	Septic Tank	**115.06**
16	**CC Chubby Chacers IV**	Bush League	**112.16**
17	**Soggy Bottom Boys**	Septic Tank	**110.76**
18	**Young Nillas**	Septic Tank	**110.66**
19	**Damnn Daniel**	Dead-Bottom	**110.62**
20	**Girth Brooks**	Dead-Bottom	**109.74**

WEEKLY AWARDS

THE HUMAN CHEAT CODE
Tim Calvao • 175.66

BAD BEAT OF THE WEEK
Some Dumb Squad • 135.46 in defeat

PHOTO FINISH
Dear Mr. Fantasy by 0.30

LOWEST OF THE LOW
Mark Andrews Look Alike • 62.24

LEGAL THEFT
No Name wins with 69.82

PROJECTION ARSON
Stars & Bars: +59.57 over projection

THE NUMBER

0.30

The margin separating Mike Caruso's Dear Mr. Fantasy from Josh Fortin's Some Dumb Squad, 135.76-135.46. Fortin posted the sixth-highest score in the Tavern and received nothing but a loss and a receipt.

EDITORIAL POSITION

Power rankings are an evidence-based process in which the evidence is one football game and the process is yelling.

THE TAVERN STARTS DIALING

One completed trade, several tight-end identity crises and enough add-drop activity to confirm that draft-day confidence has expired.



EDITORIAL ILLUSTRATION • THE WAIVER DESK ACCEPTS CALLS, EXCUSES AND INCREASINGLY BAD IDEAS

THE TRADE WIRE

Champion's Division: Back in the Pitts acquired A.J. Brown from Unholy Alliance in exchange for Jameson Williams. The league office confirms that both managers were conscious when the paperwork arrived.

TIGHT END CAROUSEL

Mark Andrews, Michael Mayer, Juwan Johnson and Travis Kelce moved through multiple divisions. At one point, the Septic Tank appeared to be passing tight ends around like a community raffle basket.

SELECTED TRANSACTIONS FILED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

CHAMPION'S	A.J. Brown / Jameson Williams trade filed
	Put on a wig: added Jared Goff; dropped De'Zhaun Stribling
BACKROOM	Soco Dave: added Jake Ferguson; dropped Josh Downs
	Dirty D’s: added Michael Mayer; dropped Jacob Saylors
BUSH LEAGUE	CC Chubby Chacers IV: added No addition; dropped De'Zhaun Stribling
	Captain Jahmyrica: added Travis Kelce; dropped Dylan Sampson
SEPTIC TANK	Stars & Bars: added Brian Thomas Jr.; dropped De'Zhaun Stribling
	New League Same Hands: added Harrison Butker; dropped Jason Myers
DEAD-BOTTOM	Bo Callahan’s Birthday Party: added Kayshon Boutte; dropped Tyler Shough
	Off Constantly: added Juwan Johnson; dropped Kyler Murray

Yahoo transaction feeds use a recent 14-day window; this desk reports completed activity visible through September 15.

WEEK 1 FINAL • FRANKIE “THE RING” BELL REPORTING

CHAMPION'S DIVISION

Mike Caruso survived Josh Fortin by three-tenths of a point. The Champion's Division has already produced a title-fight finish without the courtesy of a warm-up round.

WEEK 1 SCOREBOARD

Put on a wig	**100.64**	Touchdown Syndrome!	72.40
Blue Team	**126.56**	Bobs 39point team	105.06
Dear Mr. Fantasy	**135.76**	Some Dumb Squad	135.46
Back in the Pitts	**123.12**	Forever SOCO	82.12
Unholy Alliance	69.06	**Gloryhole Reliance**	**91.30**

FRANKIE “THE RING” BELL

The beat writer files the opening verdict with no obligation to remain reasonable after Week 2.

135.76

Dear Mr. Fantasy

AFTER ONE

1	**Dear Mr. Fantasy**	1-0	135.76
2	**Blue Team**	1-0	126.56
3	**Back in the Pitts**	1-0	123.12
4	**Put on a wig**	1-0	100.64
5	**Gloryhole Reliance**	1-0	91.30
6	**Some Dumb Squad**	0-1	135.46
7	**Bobs 39point team**	0-1	105.06
8	**Forever SOCO**	0-1	82.12
9	**Touchdown Syndrome!**	0-1	72.40
10	**Unholy Alliance**	0-1	69.06

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

Some Dumb Squad at Touchdown Syndrome!

Yahoo lean: Touchdown Syndrome! by 0.73

Back in the Pitts at Bobs 39point team

Yahoo lean: Back in the Pitts by 1.71

Unholy Alliance at Forever SOCO

Yahoo lean: Forever SOCO by 7.72

Gloryhole Reliance at Dear Mr. Fantasy

Yahoo lean: Dear Mr. Fantasy by 2.73

Put on a wig at Blue Team

Yahoo lean: Blue Team by 4.49

GAME TO WATCH

Some Dumb Squad vs. Touchdown Syndrome!. The projection gap is 0.73, which is close enough for both managers to spend Sunday blaming one lineup decision.

WEEK 1 FINAL • MARLA BACKPAGE REPORTING

BACKROOM DIVISION

BABY RUTH escaped Sleeve of Wizard by 2.50 while No Name won 69.82-62.24, a result that technically satisfies the league constitution.

WEEK 1 SCOREBOARD

BIG Game James	**116.20**	Multiple Scorgasms	99.76
ToTheTop	92.26	**Soco Dave**	**101.56**
Mark Andrews Look Alike	62.24	**No Name**	**69.82**
Mike’s Legit Team	73.52	**Dirty D’s**	**92.20**
BABY RUTH	**124.86**	Sleeve of Wizard	122.36

MARLA BACKPAGE

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124.86

BABY RUTH

AFTER ONE

1	**BABY RUTH**	1-0	124.86
2	**BIG Game James**	1-0	116.20
3	**Soco Dave**	1-0	101.56
4	**Dirty D’s**	1-0	92.20
5	**No Name**	1-0	69.82
6	**Sleeve of Wizard**	0-1	122.36
7	**Multiple Scorgasms**	0-1	99.76
8	**ToTheTop**	0-1	92.26
9	**Mike’s Legit Team**	0-1	73.52
10	**Mark Andrews Look Alike**	0-1	62.24

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

BABY RUTH at Multiple Scorgasms

Yahoo lean: BABY RUTH by 7.45

Sleeve of Wizard at Soco Dave

Yahoo lean: Sleeve of Wizard by 3.56

BIG Game James at No Name

Yahoo lean: BIG Game James by 3.76

Mark Andrews Look Alike at Dirty D’s

Yahoo lean: Dirty D’s by 8.45

Mike’s Legit Team at ToTheTop

Yahoo lean: Mike’s Legit Team by 1.16

GAME TO WATCH

Mike’s Legit Team vs. ToTheTop. The projection gap is 1.16, which is close enough for both managers to spend Sunday blaming one lineup decision.

WEEK 1 FINAL • BUCK LEDGER REPORTING

BUSH LEAGUE DIVISION

Tim Calvao broke the Week 1 record. Steve Estrella scored 136.76. Rob Fredericks won by 0.92. The Bush League delivered spectacle, destruction and paperwork.

WEEK 1 SCOREBOARD

GillisTime	71.36	**CC Chubby Chacers IV**	**112.16**
LEGAL EAGLES	**86.22**	Men of Steel	85.30
The Dirk Digglers	**175.66**	Captain Jahmyrica	131.70
Fuel Man	**102.16**	Kat’s Kittys	72.86
Portuguese mosquitos 2.0	**136.76**	Jalen had a little Lamb	71.22

BUCK LEDGER

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175.66

The Dirk Digglers

AFTER ONE

1	**The Dirk Digglers**	1-0	175.66
2	**Portuguese mosquitos 2.0**	1-0	136.76
3	**CC Chubby Chacers IV**	1-0	112.16
4	**Fuel Man**	1-0	102.16
5	**LEGAL EAGLES**	1-0	86.22
6	**Captain Jahmyrica**	0-1	131.70
7	**Men of Steel**	0-1	85.30
8	**Kat’s Kittys**	0-1	72.86
9	**GillisTime**	0-1	71.36
10	**Jalen had a little Lamb**	0-1	71.22

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

Captain Jahmyrica at CC Chubby Chacers IV

Yahoo lean: Captain Jahmyrica by 4.00

The Dirk Digglers at Men of Steel

Yahoo lean: Men of Steel by 4.32

LEGAL EAGLES at Kat’s Kittys

Yahoo lean: Kat’s Kittys by 2.74

Jalen had a little Lamb at GillisTime

Yahoo lean: GillisTime by 4.70

Fuel Man at Portuguese mosquitos 2.0

Yahoo lean: Portuguese mosquitos 2.0 by 4.25

GAME TO WATCH

LEGAL EAGLES vs. Kat’s Kittys. The projection gap is 2.74, which is close enough for both managers to spend Sunday blaming one lineup decision.

WEEK 1 FINAL • RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY REPORTING

SEPTIC TANK DIVISION

Stars & Bars posted 156.16 and immediately made the Septic Tank look less like a punishment and more like an active industrial hazard.

WEEK 1 SCOREBOARD

Maye I take your hat sir?	102.02	**Last Mohican**	**115.06**
Soggy Bottom Boys	**110.76**	Wild Pony	104.22
Auto Draft is Yo Daddy	67.86	**Young Nillas**	**110.66**
The Real Mike Stephens	105.36	**Stars & Bars**	**156.16**
New League Same Hands	**95.60**	Aubrey's Angels	77.40

RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY

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156.16

Stars & Bars

AFTER ONE

1	**Stars & Bars**	1-0	156.16
2	**Last Mohican**	1-0	115.06
3	**Soggy Bottom Boys**	1-0	110.76
4	**Young Nillas**	1-0	110.66
5	**New League Same Hands**	1-0	95.60
6	**The Real Mike Stephens**	0-1	105.36
7	**Wild Pony**	0-1	104.22
8	**Maye I take your hat sir?**	0-1	102.02
9	**Aubrey's Angels**	0-1	77.40
10	**Auto Draft is Yo Daddy**	0-1	67.86

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

Soggy Bottom Boys at Last Mohican

Yahoo lean: Last Mohican by 8.16

Aubrey's Angels at Wild Pony

Yahoo lean: Wild Pony by 8.50

Maye I take your hat sir? at Young Nillas

Yahoo lean: Young Nillas by 2.12

Stars & Bars at Auto Draft is Yo Daddy

Yahoo lean: Stars & Bars by 13.41

The Real Mike Stephens at New League Same Hands

Yahoo lean: New League Same Hands by 1.85

GAME TO WATCH

The Real Mike Stephens vs. New League Same Hands. The projection gap is 1.85, which is close enough for both managers to spend Sunday blaming one lineup decision.

WEEK 1 FINAL • DUSTY BOTTOMS REPORTING

DEAD-BOTTOM DIVISION

Commish's Exempt List opened with 151.16. Kenny's Team scored 122.56 and still got welcomed to the division with a 28.60-point loss.

WEEK 1 SCOREBOARD

Commish’s Exempt List	**151.16**	Kenny's Team	122.56
Bo Callahan’s Birthday Party	**100.56**	Frank White	73.16
The Peter NorthStars	76.70	**Girth Brooks**	**109.74**
Long Live the sun god	95.40	**Off Constantly**	**109.20**
Damnn Daniel	110.62	**FHS B&E Woodworks**	**117.42**

DUSTY BOTTOMS

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151.16

Commish’s Exempt List

AFTER ONE

1	**Commish’s Exempt List**	1-0	151.16
2	**FHS B&E Woodworks**	1-0	117.42
3	**Girth Brooks**	1-0	109.74
4	**Off Constantly**	1-0	109.20
5	**Bo Callahan’s Birthday Party**	1-0	100.56
6	**Kenny's Team**	0-1	122.56
7	**Damnn Daniel**	0-1	110.62
8	**Long Live the sun god**	0-1	95.40
9	**The Peter NorthStars**	0-1	76.70
10	**Frank White**	0-1	73.16

WEEK 2 PREVIEW

Bo Callahan’s Birthday Party at Kenny's Team

Yahoo lean: Kenny's Team by 4.76

Damnn Daniel at Frank White

Yahoo lean: Frank White by 1.75

Off Constantly at Girth Brooks

Yahoo lean: Girth Brooks by 1.07

Commish’s Exempt List at The Peter NorthStars

Yahoo lean: Commish’s Exempt List by 8.93

Long Live the sun god at FHS B&E Woodworks

Yahoo lean: FHS B&E Woodworks by 3.09

GAME TO WATCH

Off Constantly vs. Girth Brooks. The projection gap is 1.07, which is close enough for both managers to spend Sunday blaming one lineup decision.

THE TCT POLICE BLOTTER

Complaints, suspicious behavior and offenses against projected competence. All charges remain fantasy-related.

RECORD BOOK VANDALIZED

Tim Calvao was observed replacing 150.82 with 175.66. Mux Markey has been notified that the property no longer belongs to him.

GRAND THEFT VICTORY

No Name escaped the Backroom with a win after scoring 69.82. Investigators recovered 62.24 points from the scene and released everyone out of pity.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL SCHEDULING

Some Dumb Squad scored 135.46 and lost by 0.30. Captain Jahmyrica scored 131.70 and lost by 43.96. The schedule declined comment.

PROJECTION FRAUD

The Dirk Digglers beat projection by 86.81. Stars & Bars beat projection by 59.57. Yahoo has requested that managers stop treating estimates as subpoenas.

MOSQUITO ACTIVITY

Portuguese mosquitos 2.0 scored 136.76 and won by 65.54. Authorities describe the swarm as loud, elderly and extremely difficult to contain.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

One opponent who scores 135.45 or fewer. Contact Josh Fortin.

FOR SALE

Unused Week 1 projections. Mostly decorative. No refunds.

FOUND

A 69.82-point victory hiding in the Backroom.

LOST

Mux Markey’s Week 1 record. Last seen before Tim Calvao checked the scoreboard.

HELP NEEDED

Five divisions seek emotional support before Thursday night.

CORRECTIONS

The preseason edition suggested projections might identify favorites. Week 1 has corrected the paper.

BY THE NUMBERS

50	5	3	0.30
TEAMS SCORED	DIVISIONS	TEAMS OVER 150	SMALLEST MARGIN

SCOOPS’ FINAL WORD

The opening week settled nothing except the fact that everybody now has evidence for whatever argument they were already planning to make.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

THE RECORD FALLS - BUT THE WARNING REMAINS

For five years, the greatest Week 1 performance in TinCan Tavern history belonged to Mux Markey.

In 2021, Mux's EmptyNutz erupted for 150.82 points in the Backroom Division, annihilating Anthony Caton's Donald Trump, 150.82-76.26. The 74.56-point demolition announced Mux as a serious championship contender and established a Week 1 record that stood until this past weekend.

Tim Calvao has now taken the crown. The Dirk Digglers opened 2026 by scoring an absurd 175.66 against Captain Jahmyrica in the Bush League. Captain Jahmyrica scored 131.70 - enough to win almost any ordinary matchup - and still lost by 43.96. Tim shattered Mux's record by 24.84 points.

The record is Tim's.
The warning still belongs to Mux.



FORMER RECORD-HOLDER MUX MARKEY

Mux has never had much trouble making a strong entrance. It's staying upright until the end that gives him problems. His 2021 season followed the same trajectory as one of his legendary appearances on The Commissioner's Desk podcast. He arrived sober, coherent and fully capable of forming complete sentences. By the end, he was tanked, slurring his speech and operating under entirely different rules of communication.

EmptyNutz did essentially the same thing. After producing what was then the greatest Week 1 score in league history, Mux stumbled to a 7-7 regular-season record. He lost his consolation semifinal to Michael's Legit Team before defeating Real Strength in the ninth-place game. The team that opened with 150.82 ultimately finished ninth.

Now Tim begins 2026 where Mux began 2021: holding the Week 1 scoring record and looking like a legitimate contender. The question is whether Tim just announced a championship run - or merely started another podcast episode.

THE COMMISSIONER'S VERDICT

Opening week can make a legend. Surviving the next sixteen is what makes a champion.