THE CHOPPING BLOCK

WEEK 3 • GARGAMEL GETS THE AXE



WHAT CLOCK? TIME'S UP.

Chris Fournier hunted Smurfs, started a fullback and found the bottom instead. What Clock? finished at 67.04 - only 4.74 points behind Ocean Clams - after Friday's emergency addition Kyle Juszczyk contributed the precise fantasy value traditionally associated with a decorative houseplant.

67.04	4.74	0.00
Fournier's final score	Margin to survival	Juszczyk's contribution

The clock struck zero. Unfortunately, so did the running back.

THE EXECUTION: FULLBACK TO THE FUTURE

Starter	Pos	Pts
Lamar Jackson	QB	20.44
Ashton Jeanty	RB	10.80
Kyle Juszczyk	RB	0.00
Stefon Diggs	WR	5.30
Khalil Shakir	WR	1.10
Juwan Johnson	TE	19.30
Dontayvion Wicks	FLEX	4.20
Rome Odunze	FLEX	5.90

The condemned made one fatal appointment

Fournier’s roster was not empty. Lamar Jackson scored 20.44. Juwan Johnson erupted for 19.30. Ashton Jeanty supplied 10.80. Those three accounted for 50.54 points and gave What Clock? a perfectly reasonable path to another week.

Then came the supporting cast: Kyle Juszczyk 0.00, Khalil Shakir 1.10, Dontayvion Wicks 4.20, Stefon Diggs 5.30 and Rome Odunze 5.90. Five lineup positions produced 16.50 combined. Fournier had added Juszczyk on Friday, dropped Sean Tucker and placed the new fullback directly into the starting lineup. The guillotine appreciates punctual paperwork.

The bench offered no clean pardon

Bench	Pts
Cam Ward	10.44
Makai Lemon	4.40
Michael Pittman	2.60
Jalen McMillan	0.00
Rico Dowdle	0.00
Puka Nacua	0.00

Cam Ward over Juszczyk would have added 10.44 and produced 77.48 - enough to survive. That is hindsight arithmetic, not an obvious Sunday-morning decision, but it makes the zero even crueler.

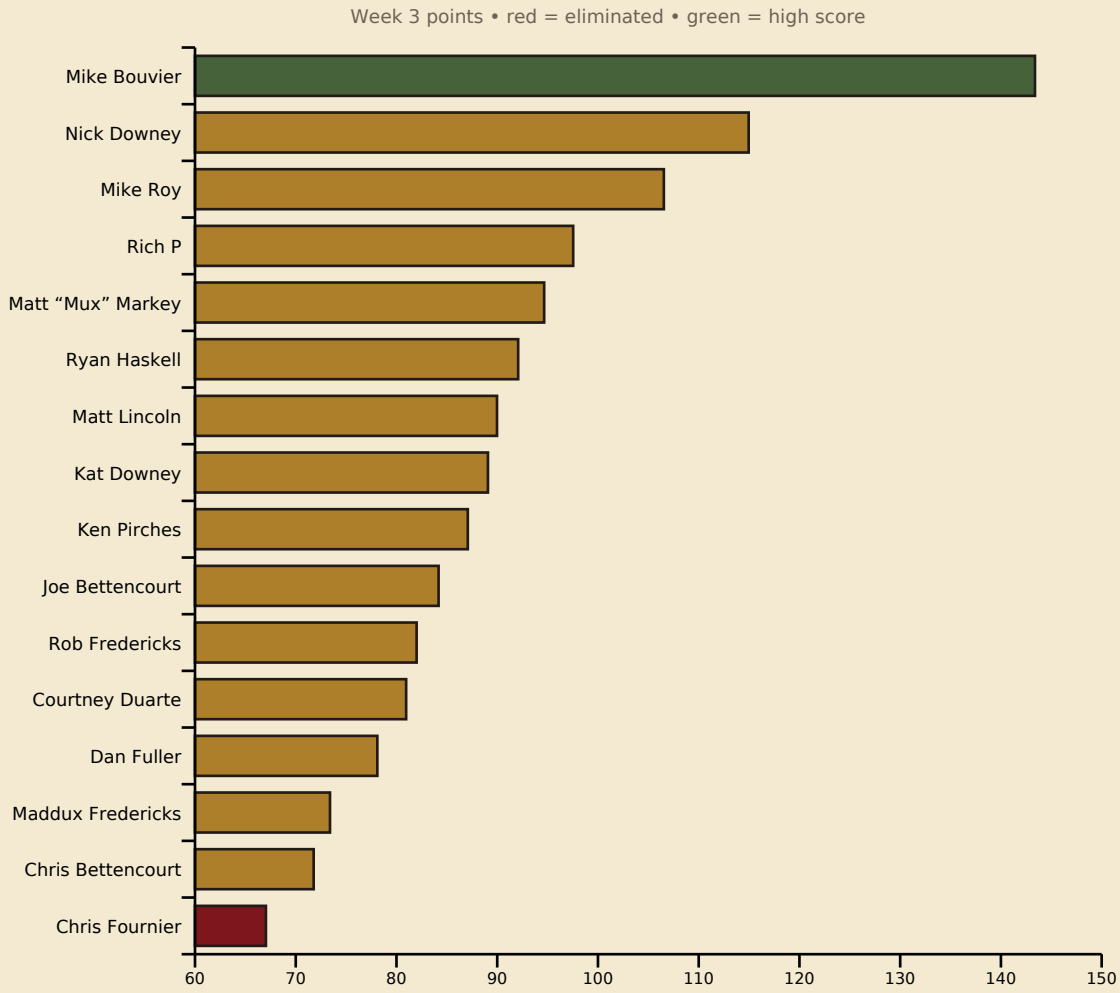
Gargamel’s final scheme

The photograph says master villain. The box score says man who spent Sunday waiting for a fullback touchdown. Fournier arrived prepared, stayed active and built a lineup that looked survivable. Then one ordinary bad week turned the entire roster into free merchandise.

Editorial verdict: not negligence. Just one extremely funny zero.

THE SURVIVAL LADDER

Sixteen active teams entered Week 3. Fifteen escaped with their heads attached.



Danger zone	Score	Above Fournier
Chris Fournier	67.04	ELIMINATED
Chris Bettencourt	71.78	+4.74
Maddux Fredericks	73.40	+6.36
Dan Fuller	78.10	+11.06
Courtney Duarte	80.96	+13.92

The bottom of the standings was not a neighborhood. It was a crowded elevator with the cable fraying.

THE GREAT CLAM ESCAPE



Starter	Pos	Pts
C.J. Stroud	QB	11.68
Jacory Croskey-Merritt	RB	4.80
MarShawn Lloyd	RB	2.80
Ladd McConkey	WR	8.60
Denzel Boston	WR	7.10
Dalton Schultz	TE	4.50
Brock Bowers	FLEX	22.60
DJ Moore	FLEX	9.70

Two running backs, one minor contribution

Jacory Croskey-Merritt and MarShawn Lloyd combined for 7.60 points. C.J. Stroud added only 11.68. Ocean Clams survived because Brock Bowers returned with 22.60 and because Fournier’s lineup discovered an even lower basement.

The bench contained Bo Nix’s 25.14, which means the Clams voluntarily left 13.46 quarterback points unused. The correct lineup would have been comfortable. The submitted lineup required prayer, arithmetic and a fullback.

SMOOVE BOUV OWNS THE WEEK

143.38	34.30	76.34
League-high total	Bijan Robinson	Margin above the blade

Starter	Pos	Pts
Trevor Lawrence	QB	20.78
Bijan Robinson	RB	34.30
Jeremiyah Love	RB	19.40
DeVonta Smith	WR	9.50
Matthew Golden	WR	18.50
Harold Fannin	TE	20.60
Mike Evans	FLEX	10.90
AJ Barner	FLEX	9.40

No weak link. No drama. No problem.

Mike Bouvier received at least 9.40 points from every starter. Bijan Robinson led the charge, but Jeremiyah Love, Harold Fannin, Trevor Lawrence and Matthew Golden all cleared 18.50. Smoove Bouv beat second-place Nick Downey by 28.42 and Fournier by 76.34.

The penthouse

Manager	Score	Clear of blade
Mike Bouvier	143.38	+76.34
Nick Downey	114.96	+47.92
Mike Roy	106.54	+39.50

Bouvier’s lowest starter, DeVonta Smith, scored 9.50. Fournier started five players below that mark. One lineup had a floor; the other had a trapdoor.

This was less a survival performance than an unnecessary public demonstration of force.

FOURNIER'S ESTATE SALE



Fournier left behind Lamar Jackson, Ashton Jeanty, Puka Nacua, Rome Odunze, Stefon Diggs and Juwan Johnson. Fifteen survivors responded by setting fire to the concept of fiscal restraint.

Player	Winning manager	FAAB
Ashton Jeanty	Maddux Fredericks	$650
Puka Nacua	Mike Bouvier	$450
Lamar Jackson	Rob Fredericks	$202
Stefon Diggs	Nick Downey	$87
Ollie Gordon	Maddux Fredericks	$60
Juwan Johnson	Ryan Haskell	$50
Rome Odunze	Ken Pirches	$36
Dontayvion Wicks	Ken Pirches	$20
Michael Pittman	Chris Bettencourt	$0

THE $650 ARMS RACE

$650	$450	$411
Maddux buys Jeanty	Bouv buys injured Puka	Ocean Clams loses Jeanty

Jeanty: Maddux detonates the market

Bidder	Bid	Result
Maddux Fredericks	$650	WON
Ryan Haskell	$451	Lost by $199
Rob Fredericks	$451	Lost by $199
Chris Bettencourt	$411	Lost by $239
Courtney Duarte	$402	Lost by $248
Kat Downey	$379	Lost by $271
Ken Pirches	$351	Lost by $299

Puka: hospital pricing

Bidder	Bid	Result
Mike Bouvier	$450	WON
Ryan Haskell	$401	Lost by $49
Dan Fuller	$257	Lost by $193
Nick Downey	$257	Lost by $193
Ken Pirches	$251	Lost by $199
Matt Lincoln	$214	Lost by $236
Rob Fredericks	$202	Lost by $248
Chris Bettencourt	$137	Lost by $313

Ocean Clams left the auction without Jeanty, Puka or Lamar and instead acquired Michael Pittman for zero dollars. This is either admirable discipline or the opening paragraph of next week’s obituary.

THE WEEK 3 BLADE REPORT

Execution

Chris Fournier • 67.04

What Clock? ran out of time after five starters combined for 16.50.

Escape Artist

Chris Bettencourt • +4.74

Survived two starting running backs combining for 7.60 and Bo Nix scoring 25.14 on the bench.

King of the Block

Mike Bouvier • 143.38

Every starter scored at least 9.40. A complete and deeply inconsiderate performance.

Zero Hour

Kyle Juszczyk • 0.00

Added Friday, started Sunday, contributed nothing, released Wednesday.

FAAB Arsonist

Maddux Fredericks • $650

Outbid two $451 offers and turned a competitive auction into a hostage negotiation.

Hospital Shopper

Mike Bouvier • $450

Bought injured Puka immediately after posting the league’s best score.

Quietly Dangerous

Nick Downey • 114.96

Second-highest score, then added Stefon Diggs for $87.

Dollar-Store Winner

Chris Bettencourt • $0

Michael Pittman was not Plan A, B, C, D or probably E. He was free.

FIFTEEN REMAIN. THE PRICES ARE RISING FASTER THAN THE SURVIVAL ODDS.

DATA NOTE

Scores, Week 3 lineups, player points, roster moves, winning bids and failed bids are from the GuilloTINe Can Tavern Sleeper league. The Survival Ladder excludes previously eliminated teams. Team names reflect the league at publication time; manager identities follow the league’s established manager map.