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COURTNEY TAKES HIS HAT— AND 94.22 POINTS OF DIGNITY



THE BIGGEST WEEK 5 BEATING ON RECORD

Maye I Take Your Hat Sir? detonated for 152.86 and buried The Real Mike Stephens at 58.64. The 94.22-point gap is the largest Week 5 margin in the recorded five-division era. The North Shore has requested the score be reclassified as coastal slander.

THREE PERFECT TEAMS REMAIN

Stars & Bars, CC Chubby Chacers IV and BABY RUTH all reached 5-0. In Black Sheep, Daks Sack stands alone at 5-0—but remains in its own half-PPR ecosystem, where the math and the livestock are different.

GAME OF THE WEEK

DIRTY D'S (4-1) vs BABY RUTH (5-0)

The projection favors Dirty D's, 106.06-90.90. Tommy Rego's unbeaten candy bar finally meets a defense with teeth. If BABY RUTH survives, we may have to stop calling it a bit.

FRAUD WATCH

The Commissioner improved to 4-1 with a real 123.22. Case dismissed? Not quite. Touchdown Syndrome still trails fellow 4-1 leader Dear Mr. Fantasy by 99.68 points scored. Week 6 provides cross-examination: they play each other.

INSIDE

Every division gets its own recap and Week 6 preview. Black Sheep remains separate. Also: awards, transaction desk, injury ward, Police Blotter and a final-page historical autopsy of Courtney's Week 5 crime scene.

THE FIVE-DIVISION WIRE

BLACK SHEEP EXCLUDED FROM CROSS-DIVISION COMPARISONS



HIGH SCORE

COURTNEY — 152.86

Maye I Take Your Hat Sir? produced the week's best standard-league score and an all-time Week 5 margin.

LOW SCORE

REAL MIKE — 58.64

Sixth-lowest standard-division Week 5 score on record. His legal claim to "Real" is being reviewed.

NAIL-BITER

GIRTH BROOKS — 2.44

Girth survived Damnn Daniel, 122.62-120.18. Peter NorthStars won by 3.08; Young Nillas by 3.82.

PERFECT STANDARD TEAMS

Stars & Bars	5-0	620.06
BABY RUTH	5-0	593.44
CC Chubby Chacers IV	5-0	548.24

TOP WEEK 5 SCORERS

Maye I Take Your Hat Sir?	W	152.86
Mike's Legit Team	W	147.46
BedBath&Bijan	W	146.48
Back in the Pitts	W	146.16
Long Live the sun god	W	141.66

AWARDS DESK

THE HAT HEIST: Courtney.

THE RESURRECTION: Mike's Legit Team, first win at 147.46.

THE PERFECT AMBUSH: Chubby ended Portuguese Mosquitos' unbeaten run.

POLICE BLOTTER

Blue Team reported missing after a 59.50-point loss. Multiple Scorgasms was last seen under a 55.64-point pile of Bijan bedding. Catalina Wine Mixon remains 0-5. Mike Stephens has filed a missing-person report for 94.22 points and possibly his identity.

WEEK 6 MARQUEE BOARD

1) Dirty D's (4-1) vs BABY RUTH (5-0): the official Game of the Week. 2) Last Mohican (4-1) vs Stars & Bars (5-0): Kevin Macedo's quiet march meets the league's loudest point differential. 3) Touchdown Syndrome (4-1) vs Dear Mr. Fantasy (4-1): standings say equals; points scored say witness protection. 4) Equalizer (4-1) vs Outsider (4-1), Black Sheep only: the half-PPR heavyweight bout.

CHAMPION'S DIVISION

FRANKIE “THE RING” BELL REPORTING



THE COMMISSIONER HAS ENTERED EVIDENCE

Touchdown Syndrome finally produced a contender’s score, beating Unholy Alliance 123.22-96.40 and moving to 4-1. Unfortunately, Dear Mr. Fantasy also won and owns 99.68 more total points. The Commissioner spent weeks identifying fake teams, discovered his own fingerprints, then responded by scoring 123. The prosecution has rested; the jury remains deeply suspicious.

Elsewhere, Back in the Pitts erased Blue Team 146.16-86.66, while Some Dumb Squad and Bob both banked useful wins. Billy’s Blue Team has scored 524.50—more than half the division—but sits 1-4 after allowing 581.46. Fantasy football remains a fair sport administered by a malicious god.

STANDINGS

Dear Mr. Fantasy	4-1
Touchdown Syndrome!	4-1
Bobs 39point team	3-2
Put on a wig	3-2
Back in the Pitts	3-2
Some Dumb Squad	3-2
Forever SOCO	2-3
Blue Team	1-4
Unholy Alliance	1-4
Cook Brown Rice	1-4

WEEK 6: TRUTH SERUM

TOUCHDOWN SYNDROME (100.70) vs DEAR MR. FANTASY (102.19)

First place meets second, and the projections refuse to take a side. A Commissioner win would convert “fake 4-1” into “annoying 5-1.”

Also: Bob-Forever SOCO; Dumb Squad-Pitts; Cook-Put on a Wig; Blue-Unholy. Blue finally gets a fellow 1-4 patient.

TRADE HANGOVER

Last week’s Nico Collins/Chuba Hubbard-for-Ja’Marr Chase deal remains a developing emergency. Chase’s injury turned the Commissioner’s consolidation play into immediate slapstick, while Billy received two huge performances. Nico is now limited at practice entering Week 6, so the fantasy gods may not be finished editing the punchline.

THE RING’S CALL

The division has six teams at 3-2 or better, plus a 1-4 Blue Team with the fourth-highest points scored. There is no safe middle. Week 6 can create a clear favorite at the top, a seven-car collision behind him, and a Commissioner who will either publish a victory lap or quietly change the newspaper’s subject.

BACKROOM DIVISION

MARLA BACKPAGE REPORTING



CANDY BAR WITH A SWITCHBLADE

BABY RUTH reached 5-0 by beating Big Game James 99.38-88.64. It was not pretty, but undefeated records are graded pass/fail. Dirty D's improved to 4-1 with a 133.62 hammering of Sleeve Wizard and now draws BABY RUTH in the week's headline fight. Yahoo's projection favors Dirty D's by more than 15, which makes the unbeaten team the underdog and the Backroom exactly as sensible as advertised.

Mike's Legit Team finally won—and did it with 147.46, the second-highest standard score of the week. Apparently legitimacy arrived all at once and brought fireworks.

STANDINGS

BABY RUTH	5-0
Dirty D's	4-1
Soco Dave	4-1
BedBath&Bijan	3-2
Multiple Scorgasms	2-3
Big Game James	2-3
No Name	2-3
Sleeve Wizard	1-4
Mike's Legit Team	1-4
Mark Andrews Look Alike	1-4

GAME OF THE WEEK

DIRTY D'S (106.06) vs BABY RUTH (90.90)

Tommy Rego has escaped the Bush League and arrived in the Backroom carrying a perfect record and a candy bar. Dirty D's, however, brings the division's best point differential and no interest in the promotion story.

THE REST OF WEEK 6

Scorgasms-Sleeve Wizard; Soco Dave-Big Game James; No Name-BedBath&Bijan; Mark Andrews Look Alike-Mike's Legit Team. The last one asks whether legitimacy can survive a second consecutive week without becoming false advertising.

BACKPAGE VERDICT

BABY RUTH owns the record. Dirty D's owns the projection and a +130.48 differential. Soco Dave waits at 4-1 like a man watching two neighbors fight over a lawnmower. This is the cleanest title race in the TCT—and therefore the one most likely to become completely unrecognizable by Sunday night.

BUSH LEAGUE DIVISION

BUCK LEDGER REPORTING



CHUBBY CATCHES THE MOSQUITO

CC Chubby Chacers IV beat Portuguese mosquitos 100.20-88.00, ending one perfect season and extending another. The Mosquitos still lead the division in points scored at 621.16, but Chubby owns the only number that cannot be cross-examined: 5-0.

History's warning label remains attached. Chubby opened 2025 at 4-0 and finished sixth. This year's edition has already crossed the fifth-win border. The sequel is officially better than the original, although there is still plenty of runtime left for an unnecessary third act.

STANDINGS

CC Chubby Chacers IV	5-0
Portuguese mosquitos	4-1
Fuel Man	4-1
Captain Jahmyrica	3-2
Jalen had little Lamb	3-2
Dirk Digglers	2-3
Men of Steel	2-3
Legal Eagles	2-3
Kat's Kittys	0-5
GillisTime	0-5

WEEK 6 SPOTLIGHT

DIRK DIGGLERS (98.47) vs FUEL MAN (98.85)

The closest projection on the Bush board. Dirk is only 2-3 despite 554.84 points; Fuel Man is 4-1 with fewer. This matchup is the standings arguing with the scoreboard in public.

PERFECT PRESSURE

Chubby gets Jalen had little Lamb. Mosquitos draws Captain Jahmyrica. Men of Steel faces winless Kat; Legal Eagles gets winless GillisTime. Two teams enter 0-5, and only one matchup offers immediate parole.

LEDGER LINE

The division's best offense just lost to its best record. Captain Jahmyrica is lurking with 562.76 points. Dirk is a dangerous losing team. Kat and GillisTime are digging parallel tunnels through the basement. The Bush League has achieved perfect competitive disorder.

SEPTIC TANK DIVISION

RITA “PIPE” DONNELLY REPORTING



COACH COURTNEY’S ADJUSTMENT

Courtney Duarte entered TCT as a softball coach, got relegated in Year One, won the 2025 Dead-Bottom title in Year Two, and now has produced the most violent Week 5 scoreline in the archive. Maye I Take Your Hat Sir? beat The Real Mike Stephens 152.86-58.64. The name was not a request.

Stars & Bars quietly improved to 5-0 with a 128.20 win. Last Mohican lost for the first time to Auto Draft is Yo Daddy, setting up a perfect Week 6 confrontation between the league’s quiet original and its calmest unbeaten manager.

STANDINGS

Stars & Bars	5-0
Last Mohican	4-1
Soggy Bottom Boys	4-1
Maye I Take Your Hat Sir?	2-3
Aubrey's Angels	2-3
Wild Pony 2.0	2-3
Auto Draft is Yo Daddy	2-3
Young Nillas	2-3
The Real Mike Stephens	1-4
New League Same Hands	1-4

WEEK 6 MAIN EVENT

LAST MOHICAN (105.37) vs STARS & BARS (118.92)

Kevin Macedo has survived eleven seasons, four divisions and a self-imposed title curse. Mike Roy has committed the rare TCT offense of being normal, pleasant and 5-0. Something has to give.

IDENTITY CRISIS DESK

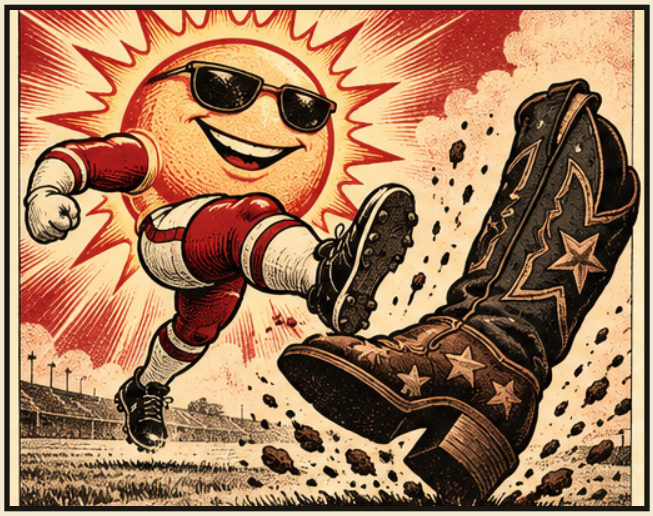
Michael Stephens legally owns “The Real Mike Stephens,” but 58.64 points is an alarming use of the trademark. His Week 6 opponent is Soggy Bottom Boys—managed by the other Mike Stephens, the cousin who lost the naming contest. This is no longer a matchup. It is an appeal hearing.

PIPE DREAM

Stars & Bars can seize the division. Last Mohican can restore the chase. Courtney can turn one atomic week into a real run against Auto Draft. And the two Mike Stephenses can settle absolutely nothing while making the standings much funnier.

DEAD-BOTTOM DIVISION

DUSTY BOTTOMS REPORTING



THE STANDINGS ARE LYING AGAIN

FHS B&E Woodworks moved to 4-1 with 128.04. Girth Brooks survived Damnn Daniel by 2.44 and also reached 4-1. Meanwhile, Commish's Exempt List sits 2-3 despite leading the entire division with 581.52 points. That is 31.56 more than first-place FHS—and two fewer wins.

Long Live the sun god erupted for 141.66, then traded Tetairoa McMillan for Trey McBride. Peter NorthStars acquired the receiver and immediately earned his first win, proving causation whenever it is funniest.

STANDINGS

FHS B&E Woodworks	4-1
Girth Brooks	4-1
Kenny's Team	3-2
Off Constantly	3-2
Are you not entertained??	3-2
Commish's Exempt List	2-3
Long Live the sun god	2-3
Frank White	2-3
Damnn Daniel	1-4
Peter NorthStars	1-4

WEEK 6 SPOTLIGHT

GIRTH BROOKS (102.60) vs COMMISH'S EXEMPT LIST (95.53)

A 4-1 team with 506.58 points meets a 2-3 team with 581.52. If the Exempt List loses again, mathematicians will be called to testify.

TRADE DESK

SUN GOD GETS: Trey McBride.

PETER NORTHSTARS GETS: Tetairoa McMillan.

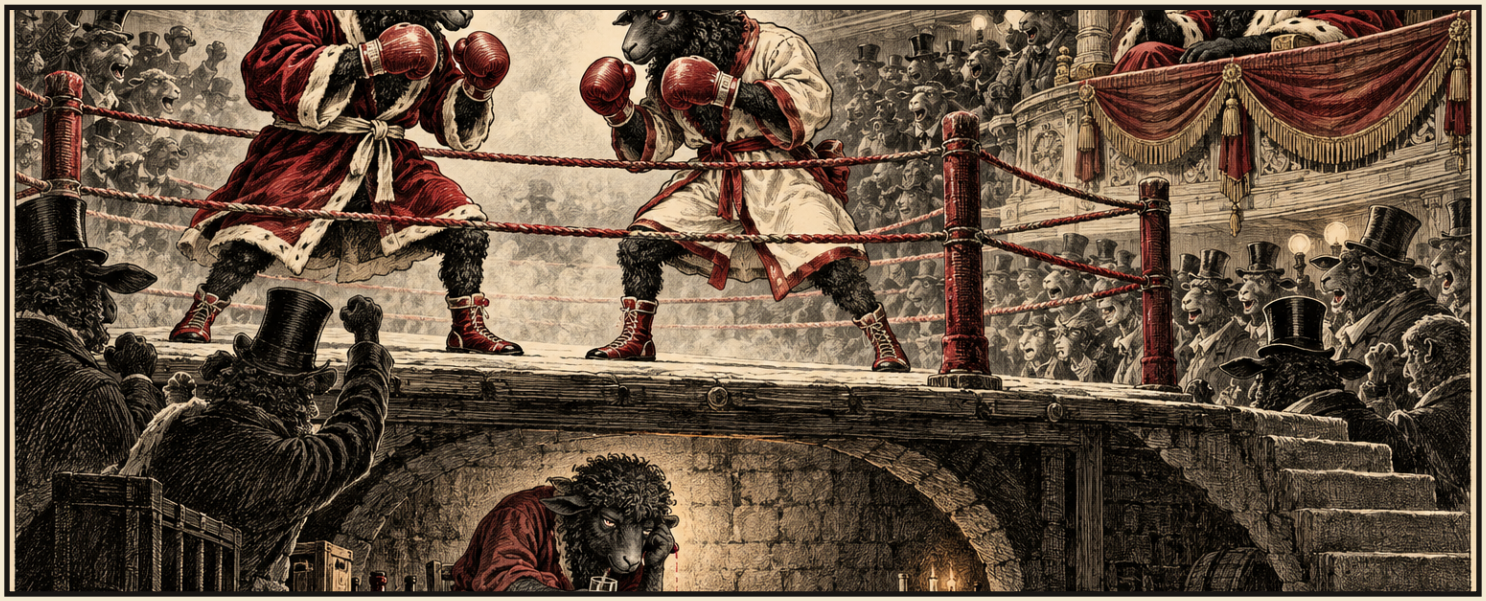
The deal is a clean roster-shape swap: elite tight-end stability for wideout ceiling. Week 6 begins the public grading period, because patience has never survived contact with a group chat.

BOTTOMS UP

Kenny faces Off Constantly; Frank White draws first-place FHS; Peter meets Damnn Daniel in a basement pressure test; and Sun god plays Are you not entertained?? in the closest name-to-name threat assessment of the season.

BLACK SHEEP DIVISION

STANDALONE COVERAGE — NO CROSS-DIVISION SCORE COMPARISONS



STANDINGS

Daks Sack	5-0
Outsider	4-1
Equalizer	4-1
Squirtle Squad	4-1
Dark Horse	3-2
Polish-Hammer	2-3
Middle-finger emoji	2-3
Jerry's Kid	2-3
HandsLikeWayneMello	2-3
Benoiting	1-4
MattSobral is a Cuck	1-4
Catalina Wine Mixon	0-5

THE CROWN AND THE CHALLENGER

Daks Sack survived Jerry's Kid 128.30-123.26 and stands alone at 5-0. Outsider owns the division's largest point total at 669.42. Equalizer's perfect season ended against Dark Horse, 136.80-110.84. Squirtle Squad is 4-1 despite being outscored overall, which is not fraud—it is apparently amphibian magic.

WEEK 6 RING CARD

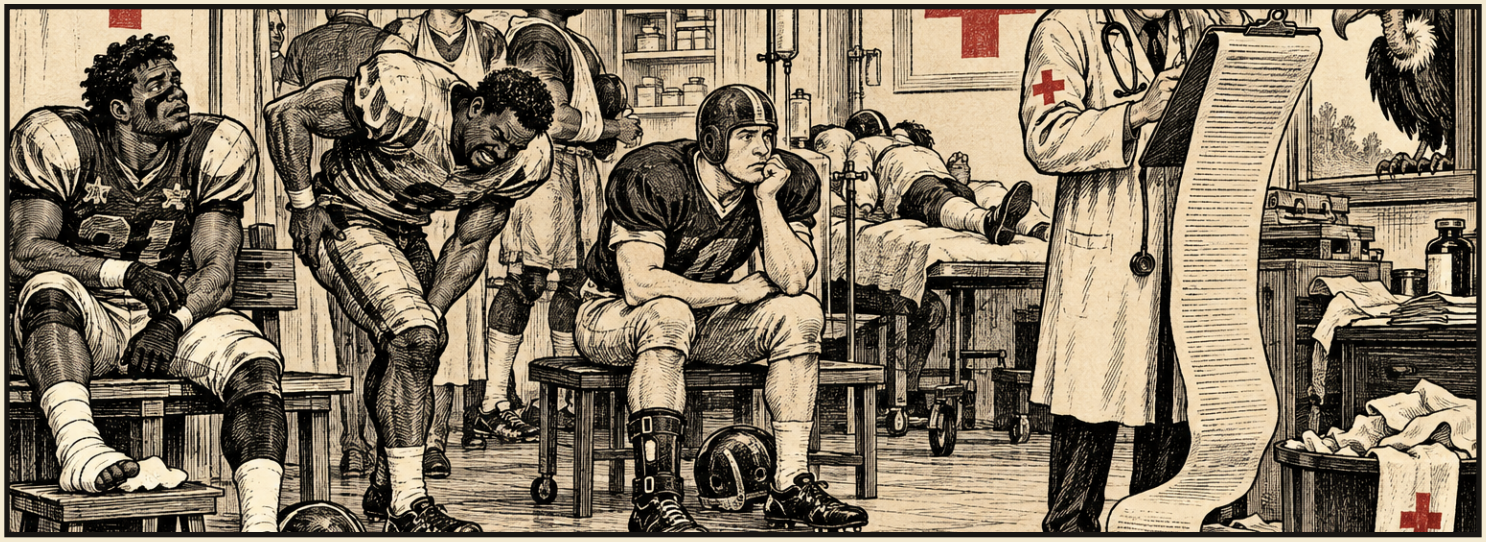
EQUALIZER (106.82) vs OUTSIDER (120.21) is the heavyweight bout. Daks Sack gets 1-4 MattSobral. Benoiting and 0-5 Catalina meet in the cellar bowl. Squirtle faces Dark Horse; Polish-Hammer gets Jerry's Kid; HandsLikeWayneMello draws the emoji.

THE HALF-PPR RULING

These scores live in a 12-team half-PPR environment and are intentionally not ranked against the five standard divisions. Inside this ecosystem, Outsider's offense is king, Daks Sack owns the record, and Catalina Wine Mixon is still waiting for the cork to come out.

THE TRAINER'S ROOM

WEDNESDAY REPORT — STATUSES CAN CHANGE BEFORE KICKOFF



RED ALERT

LAMAR JACKSON — ankle, did not practice Wednesday.

SAQUON BARKLEY — hamstring, working back; monitor.

A.J. BROWN — high ankle, 21-day practice window opened.

BREECE HALL — did not practice Wednesday.

YELLOW FLAGS

NICO COLLINS — limited.

DAVID MONTGOMERY — did not practice.

JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA — limited before Thursday.

TREVeyON HENDERSON — limited with ankle issue.

RETURN LANE

CALEB WILLIAMS — expected full practice as QB situation remains fluid.

DeVONTA SMITH — has a chance to return.

Ja'KOBI LANE — practice window opened after wrist surgery.

TANK DELL — full participation.

WAIVER-WIRE VULTURE

The important distinction this week: "limited" is information, not a funeral. Nico Collins and JSN require monitoring, not panic sales. A.J. Brown's return window is encouraging but not a promise. Lamar, Barkley and Breece can materially change Sunday lineups, so final practice reports matter more than Wednesday drama.

TRANSACTION DESK

The only featured league trade in the current window belongs to Dead-Bottom: Sun god acquired Trey McBride; Peter NorthStars acquired Tetairoa McMillan. In Champion's, the Collins/Hubbard-for-Chase blockbuster remains the emotional center of the market, even without a fresh transaction this week.

MEDICAL DISCLAIMER FOR PEOPLE WHO IGNORE DISCLAIMERS

The report reflects Wednesday information from the official NFL injury report and current news as of publication. Game designations and practice participation can change. Check final Friday reports and inactive lists. The Tribune assumes no liability for managers who set a lineup on Wednesday, disappear into the woods, and return Monday demanding an investigation.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

HISTORICAL FILE NO. 94.22

SIXTH DEGREE: THE HAT HEIST



THE VERDICT

Courtney Duarte's 94.22-point demolition ranks SIXTH among all 2,142 recorded five-tier games, playoffs included. It is the THIRD-largest regular-season margin in TCT history.

THE SCORELINE

MAYE I TAKE YOUR HAT SIR? 152.86

THE REAL MIKE STEPHENS 58.64

MARGIN: 94.22

Only five games in eleven completed seasons

THE ADJUSTMENT

Courtney was relegated in Year One, won the 2025 Dead-Bottom title in Year Two, and has now coached herself into the all-time blowout gallery. Mike's North Shore dignity is day-to-day.

THE FIVE MARGINS STILL AHEAD OF COURTNEY

	MARGIN	FINAL SCORE
2025 PO: Gloryhole > Dumb Squad	101.02	183.76-82.74
2020 PO: Mohican > Backroom Bandits	98.68	172.90-74.22
2019 W9: Balloon knots > Wild Pony	97.82	174.38-76.56
2024 W14: Wild Pony > Pet Eaters	96.20	160.92-64.72
2025 PO: Liquid A-team > Bob	95.24	134.94-39.70

REGULAR-SEASON PODIUM

1. Balloon knots — 97.82 (2019)

2. Wild Pony 2.0 — 96.20 (2024)

3. COACH COURTNEY — 94.22 (2026)

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The overall record remains Matt Lincoln's 101.02-point playoff demolition of Josh Fortin in 2025. Courtney fell just 6.80 points short of the all-time mark—and did it against the legally recognized Real Mike Stephens.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER

"The hat belongs to Courtney. The sixth-largest margin ever belongs to Courtney. Mike may remain legally Real, but this week he became historically small." — Chris Bettencourt, Commissioner