THE CHOPPING BLOCK

WEEK 1 • THE FIRST EXECUTION



BOB'S ALREADY DEAD TEAM IS NOW ACTUALLY DEAD

Bob Simmons scored 65.26 points and became the first victim of the 2026 GuilloTINe Can Tavern season. The team name was not branding. It was advance notice.

65.26	1.20	138.96
Bob's final score	Rob's escape margin	Mux's league-high score

Meanwhile, a team named 1stOneOut finished first. Guillotine football has discovered irony.

THE FIRST EXECUTION: AN AUTOPSY

THE CONDEMNED	THE CAUSE
Bob Simmons **Bobs Already Dead Team** 18th of 18 • 65.26 points	Jonathan Taylor and Jayden Daniels combined for 41.26 points. The other six starters combined for only 24.00. A roster can survive one bad performance. Bob received a bulk shipment.

The lineup that went to the block

Starter	Pos	Pts
Jayden Daniels	QB	17.66
Jonathan Taylor	RB	23.60
Kenny Gainwell	RB	2.30
DeMario Douglas	WR	4.50
Marvin Harrison	WR	3.80
Jake Ferguson	TE	1.60
Rashee Rice	FLEX	8.90
Chris Brooks	FLEX	2.90

The fatal cluster

Gainwell, Douglas, Harrison, Ferguson and Brooks combined for 15.10 points. Rashee Rice added 8.90, but Taylor and Daniels were left trying to drag six teammates across the survival line by themselves. They got close enough to see Rob sweating, but not close enough to keep Bob breathing.

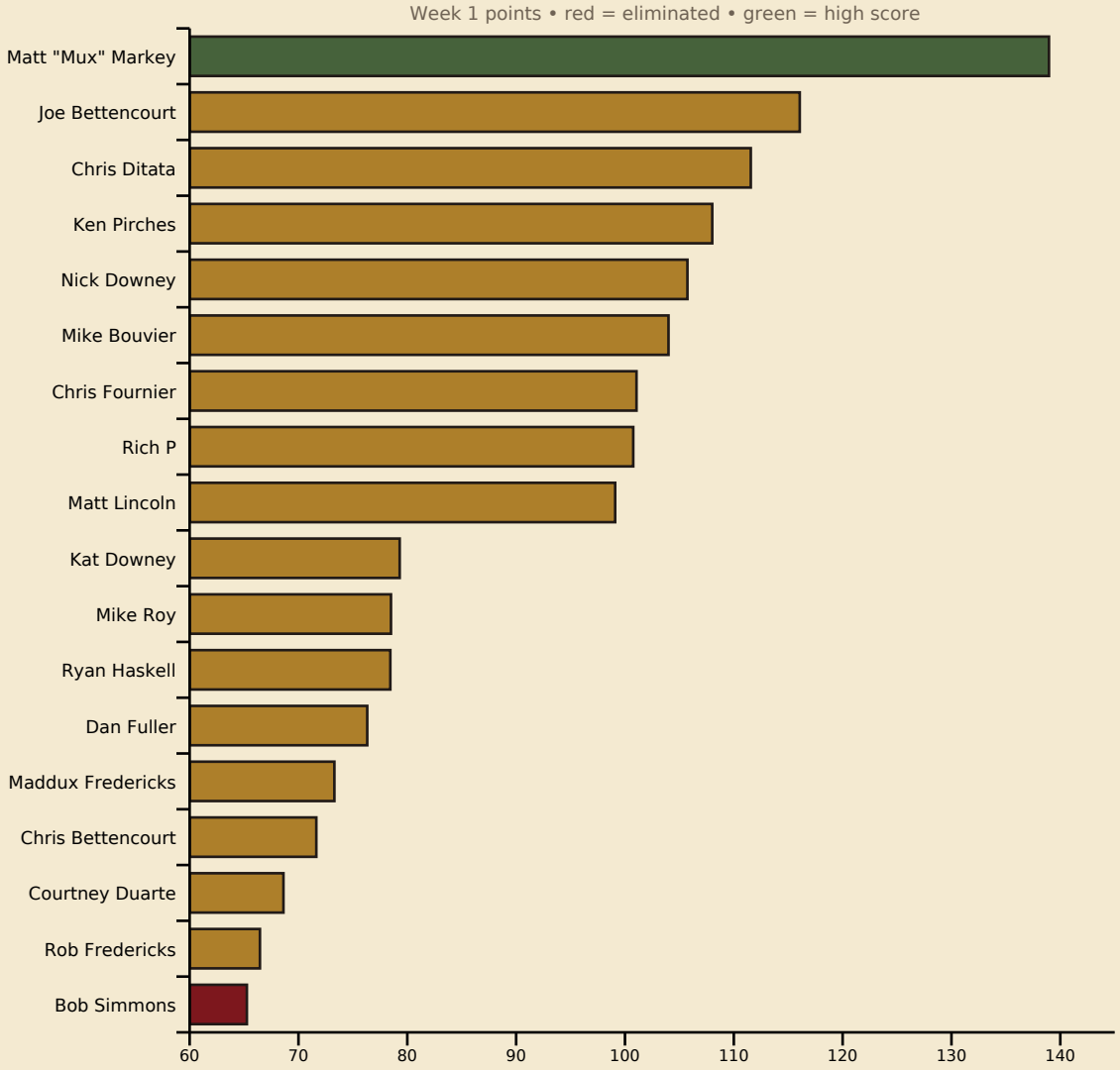
Was there a rescue on the bench?

Bench player	Pts
Tyler Shough	25.20
Cade Otton	4.10
Travis Hunter	1.60
Tyrone Tracy	-0.60
Alvin Kamara	0.00
Josh Jacobs	0.00

Tyler Shough scored 25.20 on the bench, but replacing Jayden Daniels would have added only 7.54 points. That would have lifted Bob to 72.80 and saved him. Unfortunately, asking Bob to bench Daniels for Shough before kickoff would have required either prophecy or a head injury.

THE SURVIVAL LADDER

Every Week 1 score, from the penthouse to the trapdoor.



Bottom five	Score	Above Bob
Bob Simmons	65.26	ELIMINATED
Rob Fredericks	66.46	+1.20
Courtney Duarte	68.62	+3.36
Chris Bettencourt	71.64	+6.38
Maddux Fredericks	73.30	+8.04

One point and twenty cents worth of mercy

Rob Fredericks survived by 1.20 despite Ja'Marr Chase scoring 2.20, Jaylen Waddle scoring 0.70 and De'Zhaun Stribling scoring zero. Caleb Williams produced 37.26 points—more than half of Rob's entire total—and personally dragged The Strib Club away from the blade.

FIRST OUT? FIRST PLACE.

138.96	**Matt “Mux” Markey** **1stOneOut**
22.90	Points clear of second-place Joe Bettencourt. Mux did not merely survive; he removed the blade, sharpened it, and returned it with a warranty.

Mux's starting lineup

Starter	Pos	Pts
Josh Allen	QB	35.66
Kenneth Walker	RB	32.60
Chuba Hubbard	RB	22.20
Zay Flowers	WR	23.50
Jameson Williams	WR	6.50
T.J. Hockenson	TE	11.60
Xavier Worthy	FLEX	3.30
J.K. Dobbins	FLEX	3.60

The engine room

Josh Allen, Kenneth Walker, Chuba Hubbard and Zay Flowers combined for 113.96 points. Those four alone would have ranked third in the league and beaten Bob's full lineup by 48.70. The bottom of Mux's lineup barely mattered because the top arrived with demolition equipment.

The century club

Rank	Manager	Team	Pts
1	Matt "Mux" Markey	1stOneOut	138.96
2	Joe Bettencourt	Unholy Alliance	116.06
3	Chris Ditata	Team Crit	111.56
4	Ken Pirches	KP Squad	108.02
5	Nick Downey	Dirty D	105.74
6	Mike Bouvier	Smoove Bouv	104.00
7	Chris Fournier	What Clock?	101.06
8	Rich P	Team RichP69	100.76
9	Matt Lincoln	You Mayer	99.10

BOB'S ESTATE SALE



One manager's execution became seventeen managers' shopping trip. Bob's roster released a first-round running back, a starting quarterback, two premium receivers and enough depth to turn the waiver period into open combat.

Winning claims from the fallen roster

Player	New manager	FAAB
Jonathan Taylor	Matt “Mux” Markey	$830
Rashee Rice	Matt “Mux” Markey	$70
Jayden Daniels	Maddux Fredericks	$80
Jake Ferguson	Courtney Duarte	$51
Marvin Harrison	Chris Ditata	$25
Josh Jacobs	Nick Downey	$25
DeMario Douglas	Nick Downey	$10
Chris Brooks	Joe Bettencourt	$0

THE $900 SURVIVAL PACKAGE

$830	$70	$100
Jonathan Taylor	Rashee Rice	Mux's remaining budget

Mux wins the week, then purchases insurance against ever feeling fear again

After leading the league by nearly 23 points, Mux spent 90% of his original FAAB on Jonathan Taylor and Rashee Rice. Taylor alone cost $830, beating Rob Fredericks' $501 bid, Ken Pirches' $450, Chris Fournier's $427 and Mike Roy's $401. It was less a waiver claim than a hostile takeover.

The Jonathan Taylor bidding war

Taylor bidder	Bid	Result
Matt “Mux” Markey	$830	WON
Rob Fredericks	$501	Lost by $329
Ken Pirches	$450	Lost by $380
Chris Fournier	$427	Lost by $403
Mike Roy	$401	Lost by $429
Ryan Haskell	$300	Lost by $530
Chris Bettencourt	$260	Lost by $570
Dan Fuller	$203	Lost by $627
Courtney Duarte	$201	Lost by $629
Kat Downey	$178	Lost by $652

Editorial ruling

Spending aggressively early can make sense in guillotine. Spending $900 immediately after posting the league's highest score is something else entirely. Mux now owns a monstrous roster and a wallet containing two buttons and a receipt.

THE WEEK 1 BLADE REPORT

Execution of the Week

Bob Simmons • 65.26

The name predicted the ending. The lineup supplied the evidence.

Escape Artist

Rob Fredericks • +1.20

Caleb Williams carried seven passengers across the survival line.

High Score

Matt “Mux” Markey • 138.96

1stOneOut finished first because guillotine leagues enjoy sarcasm.

Waiver Winner

Matt “Mux” Markey

Jonathan Taylor and Rashee Rice acquired for a combined $900.

Quietly Comfortable

Joe Bettencourt • 116.06

Second-highest score, full $1,000 budget still intact.

Danger Reminder

Courtney, Chris and Maddux

The three closest survivors behind Rob enter Week 2 knowing exactly how loud the blade sounds.

THE BLADE HAS TASTED BLOOD. SEVENTEEN REMAIN.

DATA NOTE

Scores, Week 1 lineups, player points and waiver claims are taken from the GuilloTINe Can Tavern Sleeper league. Week 1 standings are ranked by points scored because this guillotine format does not use head-to-head opponents. Failed waiver bids are included only where the league transaction record reported them.