THE CHOPPING BLOCK

WEEK 4 • THE FAREWELL EDITION



BYE, CUNTS.

Rich P saw the blade coming Sunday night and wrote his own obituary. After Matt Lincoln, Nick Downey and Kat Downey spent the weekend passing around the league's newest term of endearment, Rich renamed his team **Bye cunts**, waved to the tavern and finished last at 59.70.

59.70	2.18	1.50
Rich P's final score	Margin to survival	Saquon's betrayal

The condemned did not need a headline. He supplied his own.

THE EXECUTION: DEATH BY STAR POWER

Starter	Pos	Pts
Patrick Mahomes	QB	17.00
Tony Pollard	RB	12.00
Saquon Barkley	RB	1.50
Jauan Jennings	WR	1.30
Garrett Wilson	WR	4.20
Trey McBride	TE	6.60
Luther Burden	FLEX	9.40
Braelon Allen	FLEX	7.70

A roster full of names, a scoreboard empty of mercy

Patrick Mahomes and Tony Pollard did their jobs. Almost everyone else delivered a recognizable name followed by an unrecognizable score. Saquon Barkley left early with 1.50. Jauan Jennings managed 1.30. Garrett Wilson added 4.20. Trey McBride supplied 6.60.

The bench was not hiding salvation

Bench	Pts
Khalil Shakir	9.70
Tre Tucker	6.40
Ted Hurst	3.50
Blake Corum	2.60
Justin Jefferson	0.00
Caleb Douglas	0.00

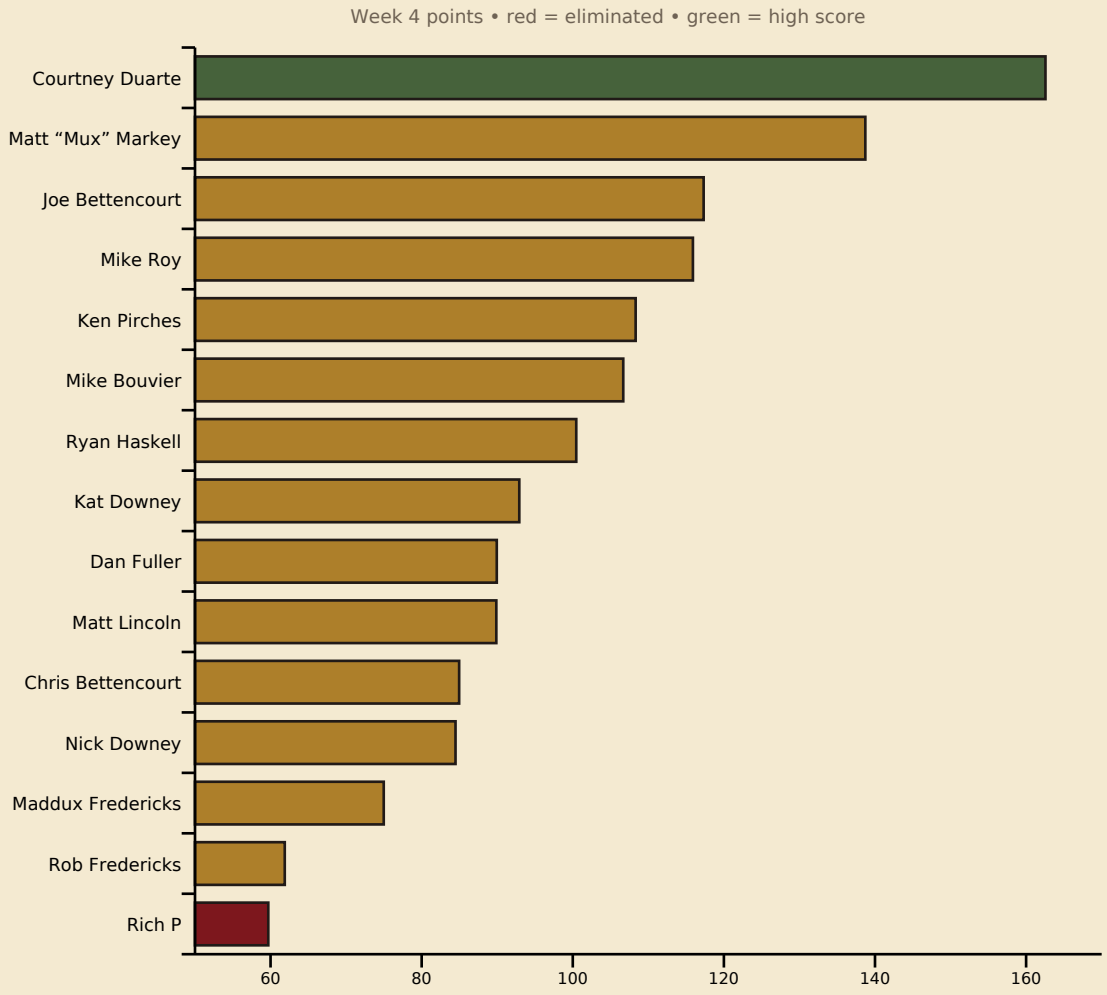
Shakir over Jennings would have added 8.40 and lifted Rich to 68.10 - safely above Rob. It was a possible rescue, but hardly an obvious Sunday decision. Rich did not ignore the lineup. He simply chose the wrong ordinary receiver in a format that punishes every ordinary mistake.

THE C-WORD CONTAGION

Lincoln, Nick and Kat spent the weekend using the same insult as punctuation. Rich borrowed it for one final transmission from death row. The league chat supplied the vocabulary; the guillotine supplied the period.

THE SURVIVAL LADDER

Fifteen active teams entered Week 4. Fourteen escaped.



Danger zone	Score	Above Rich
Rich P	59.70	ELIMINATED
Rob Fredericks	61.88	+2.18
Maddux Fredericks	74.98	+15.28
Nick Downey	84.48	+24.78
Chris Bettencourt	84.96	+25.26

Courtney outscored Rich by 102.86 points. That is not a gap. That is a separate sport.

THE EMPTY-SLOT GAMBIT



Starter	Pos	Pts
Lamar Jackson	QB	18.88
Jaylen Warren	RB	14.10
EMPTY	RB	0.00
Ja’Marr Chase	WR	4.20
Jaylen Waddle	WR	12.00
Travis Kelce	TE	2.50
George Holani	FLEX	2.50
Marvin Harrison	FLEX	7.70

Rob did not forget a running back

With Monday night approaching and Rich already finished at 59.70, Rob intentionally removed his final running back. The Strib Club sat at 61.88. A zero guaranteed survival; a fumble or negative rushing night could have opened the trapdoor.

This was not cowardice. It was guillotine math. Rob refused to chase points that no longer mattered and protected the only statistic that did: not finishing last.

Zero was not nothing. Zero was the winning play.

COURTNEY DETONATES THE SCOREBOARD

162.56	38.20	102.86
League-high total	Tetairoa McMillan	Clear of the blade

Starter	Pos	Pts
Drake Maye	QB	27.16
Kyren Williams	RB	31.70
Aaron Jones	RB	14.80
CeeDee Lamb	WR	32.80
Tetairoa McMillan	WR	38.20
Jake Ferguson	TE	2.60
Woody Marks	FLEX	8.20
Jordan Addison	FLEX	7.10

Four separate explosions

Tetairoa McMillan scored 38.20, CeeDee Lamb 32.80, Kyren Williams 31.70 and Drake Maye 27.16. Those four alone totaled 129.86 - more than twelve complete teams scored this week.

Ocean Clams finally breathe

Ocean Clams finished at 84.96, powered by Nico Collins' 27.30 and Brock Bowers' 17.60. The running backs still combined for only 13.40 and Ladd McConkey scored zero, but this was the first week the Clams were not pressed directly against the blade.

Courtney did not survive Week 4. Courtney committed a public act of violence against it.

THE THREE-TIGHT-END REVOLUTION



Joe builds the cathedral

Unholy Alliance TE	Points
Isaiah Likely	10.10
Pat Freiermuth	9.20
T.J. Hockenson	18.40

Joe’s three tight ends combined for 37.70 points and helped Unholy Alliance reach 117.32, the third-highest score of the week. Hockenson’s 18.40 made the formation look less like desperation and more like doctrine.

Kat constructs the annex

Team Katskitty TE	Points
Tyler Warren	6.60
Brenton Strange	13.00
Darren Waller	5.10

Kat received 24.70 from her three tight ends and survived comfortably at 92.92. It was not elegant. It was not conventional. It was three large men standing between Kat and an axe.

RICH P’S ESTATE SALE

The roster looked disappointing on Sunday and irresistible by Wednesday. Fifteen survivors arrived with cash, injury reports and absolutely no memory of the previous three auctions.

Player	Winning manager	FAAB
Justin Jefferson	Mike Roy	$402
Trey McBride	Mike Roy	$402
Saquon Barkley	Ken Pirches	$351
Tony Pollard	Kat Downey	$207
Garrett Wilson	Courtney Duarte	$203
Blake Corum	Joe Bettencourt	$101
Luther Burden	Rob Fredericks	$32
Patrick Mahomes	Chris Bettencourt	$28
Khalil Shakir	Nick Downey	$21
Braelon Allen	Rob Fredericks	$19
Mike Gesicki	Courtney Duarte	$1

$804	$351	$28
Mike Roy’s double purchase	Ken buys injured Saquon	Mahomes to Ocean Clams

Mike Roy did not win the auction. He annexed it.

Ocean Clams missed Jefferson at $178, Saquon at $128, Wilson at $88 and Pollard at $78. The consolation prize was Patrick Mahomes for $28 - acquired precisely in time for his bye week.

THE $804 SHOPPING TRIP

Justin Jefferson

Bidder	Bid	Result
Mike Roy	$402	WON
Ryan Haskell	$352	Lost by $50
Ken Pirches	$351	Lost by $51
Dan Fuller	$218	Lost by $184
Nick Downey	$189	Lost by $213
Chris Bettencourt	$178	Lost by $224
Matt Lincoln	$169	Lost by $233

Trey McBride

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Mike Roy	$402	WON
Ryan Haskell	$353	Lost by $49
Ken Pirches	$351	Lost by $51
Dan Fuller	$218	Lost by $184
Matt Lincoln	$169	Lost by $233
Rob Fredericks	$159	Lost by $243

The running-back tax

Player	Winner	Price	Next bid
Saquon Barkley	Ken Pirches	$351	$231
Tony Pollard	Kat Downey	$207	$78

The market paid $558 for two running backs coming out of the same 59.70-point lineup. One is injured. The other cost $129 more than the second-place bid. Guillotine FAAB is not an economy. It is a weekly panic attack with receipts.

THE WEEK 4 BLADE REPORT

Execution

Rich P • 59.70

Changed his name Sunday night, said goodbye and lost by 2.18.

Escape Artist

Rob Fredericks • +2.18

Pulled his final running back to eliminate the possibility of negative points.

King of the Block

Courtney Duarte • 162.56

Four starters scored at least 27.16. The rest of the league was scenery.

Formation of the Week

Joe & Kat • six tight ends

The two three-TE lineups combined for 62.40 points from the position.

FAAB Occupation

Mike Roy • $804

Purchased Jefferson and McBride for matching $402 bids.

Injury Investor

Ken Pirches • $351

Bought Saquon while the hamstring report was still warm.

Consolation Prize

Chris Bettencourt • Mahomes for $28

Missed every immediate roster fix and acquired a quarterback on bye.

Chat Department

Lincoln, Nick & Kat

Turned one insult into the league’s unofficial Week 4 greeting.

FOURTEEN REMAIN. SOMETIMES THE SAFEST PLAYER IS NO PLAYER AT ALL.

DATA NOTE

Scores, Week 4 lineups, player points, roster moves, winning bids and failed bids are from the GuilloTINe Can Tavern Sleeper league. Rob Fredericks’ intentional lineup decision and the league-chat context were supplied by the commissioner. Injury references are a publication-time snapshot.