



**INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY**

Sheila, Trevor, and Mark sit on the couch. It's 10 minutes until game time, Steelers at Browns. Trevor munches on some pretzel, Mark is furiously texting someone, and Sheila sips from a bottle of Jaegermeister with a sour look on her face.

**Mark** (reading his phone): *Ha! □ What rhymes with sheep?*

**Trevor:** *Deep. □ Sleep. □ Heap. □ Creep. □ Beep.*

**Sheila:** *How the hell can you not think of a rhyme for sheep?*

**Trevor:** *Don't you usually wait until the game actually starts to get all bitchy?*

**Sheila:** *□ I sense impending doom. □ You sure there's not another game on that we can watch?*

**Trevor:** *We're not missing Browns-Steelers. □ I want to see Mingo decapitate Piece of Shit.*

**Sheila:** *If only I remotely felt that was what was coming...*

**Mark** (reading his phone): *What rhymes with toothless?*

**Trevor:** *Ruthless. (to Sheila) I think they win this game. □ Campbell regains his form and the Defense has a huge game.*

**Sheila:** *Regains his form? □ He's Jason freakin' Campbell! □ Mediocre-to-shit IS his form.*

**Trevor:** *You do realize that if the Browns win and the Jets and Dolphins both lose - which is likely - that we could be tied for the last Wild Card spot with 5 to play and Jacksonville coming to town next week? □ They finish 4-2, that's an 8-8 record, that might get it done, sneak in the playoffs, start a dynasty just like the '85 Browns.*

**Sheila:** *OK, A, that team had a franchise QB with Kosar when they started that run in '85 and this team has jack shit and, B, I loved that team as much as anyone, but how do you call a squad that never even made it to the Super Bowl a "dynasty"?*

**Mark** (reading his phone): *What rhymes with crotchburn?*

**Trevor:** *Nothing. □ Nothing rhymes with crotchburn.*

**Sheila:** *Stop texting your stupid bandwagon Steelers fan co-workers. □ Dumbass.*

**Trevor:** *You gonna be like this the whole game?*

**Sheila:** *Yep. ☐ Until I pass out at Halftime. (she raises her bottle in salute)*

**Trevor:** *Lovely. ☐ Maybe you shouldn't watch.*

**Sheila:** *I just need to stop caring. ☐ One less thing I need to worry about in life. ☐ As Thoreau said, "Life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify, simplify!"*

**Mark** (finally looking up from his phone): *If he wanted to simplify, why'd he say it 3 times?*

Silence.

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And now for the rankings, which have seen the Steelers creep out of their deep, dark hole and actually overtake the hapless Browns, 21 vs. 22. I suppose that's why the Browns are only a 2 point home favorite this week.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Ties</b>
<b>Seattle</b>	10	1	0

<b>New Orleans</b>	8	2	0
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<b>Carolina</b>	7	3	0
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<b>Kansas City</b>	9	1	0
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<b>Denver</b>	9	1	0
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<b>New England</b>	7	3	0
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**San Francisco**      6                                      4                                      0

**Cincinnati**              7                                      4                                      0

**Indianapolis**              7                                      3                                      0

**Green Bay**                      5                                      5                                      0

**Chicago**                              6                                      4                                      0

**Philadelphia**                  6                                  5                                  0

**Detroit**                        6                                  4                                  0

**Arizona**                      6                                  4                                  0

**Dallas**                         5                                  5                                  0

**San Diego**                    4                                  6                                  0



**Cleveland**                    4                                    6                                    0

**Oakland**                    4                                    6                                    0

**Buffalo**                    4                                    7                                    0

**N.Y. Giants**                4                                    6                                    0

**Washington**                3                                    7                                    0



**Jacksonville**

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As for the expert picks... they say the difference between your average Joe and some guy lounging by his pool in Vegas wearing a gaudy gold medallion is 5% points - 50% winning percentage betting games for Average Joe and 55% for Moneybags Smith.

Right now, we've got 2 guys (myself and BT) running at 51.5%. Not sure what that means, but there ya go.

**Last Week:**

DJC: 5-1

Me: 4.5-1.5

BT: 3-3

MO: 1-5

**YTD:**

BT: 34-32

Me: 34-32

MO: 29.5 - 36.5

DJC: 27-39

**This week's games** (lines provided by VegasInsider.com):

BYU Pick at ND  
Baylor -9.5 at OK St.  
ASU -2.5 at UCLA  
JAX +10 at HOU  
MIN +4.5 at GB  
SD +5 at KC  
CAR -4.5 at MIA  
PIT +1.5 at CLE  
CHI +1 at STL  
NYJ +3.5 at BAL  
TEN -1 at OAK  
IND +2.5 at ARI  
DAL +2.5 at NYG  
DEN -2.5 at NE

**BT:**

**OK St. +9.5 vs Baylor** – Baylor looks really good but Stillwater is not a fun place to play and 9.5 is lot of points to give. Gimme the Cowboys. Lock of the week.

**PIT +1.5 at CLE** - Rothlisberger torches the Browns. Give the points.

**STL -1 vs CHI** - Would the real Rams or the real Bears please stand up? I like the Rams at home.

**BAL -3.5 vs NYJ** - The Ravens are making a playoff push. The Jets are still looking for a QB.  
Ravens

**NYG -2.5 vs DAL** - Dallas will find a way to lose. G-men will cover.

LOCK - Oklahoma State

**DJC:**

**OK St. +9.5 vs Baylor** - The dream comes to an end.

**CLE -1.5 vs PIT** - I miss Bernie Kosar.

**STL -1 vs CHI** - Josh McCown. Uh, no.

**NYG -2.5 vs DAL** - Eli Manning is my favorite Manning (2 rings).

**DEN -2.5 at NE** - DENVER. LOCK IT DOWN AND STICK IT DOWN BILL B'S THROAT.

LOCK - Denver

**MO:**

**BYU over ND** - Still hating on the Irish.

**OKST +9.5 vs Baylor** - I like what Baylor has been doing. I might be hedging here, but it is a tough away game.

**CHI +1 at STL** - Don't ask. I'm completely confused since DJC went 5-1 last week.

**MIN +4.5 at GB** - Matt Flynn to the rescue! Only a 3 point rescue.

**PIT +1.5 at CLE** - The best for last. To try to possibly prove that the Browns fall into my circle of pain - Cleveland is a better team at home and their only chance to win is to pick Pittsburg as my lock. So thy will has been done.

LOCK - Pittsburgh

**Me:**

**MIN +4.5 at GB** - Without Rodgers, the Packers just look lost. Don't care what scrub they put back there.

**PIT +1.5 at CLE** - The Steelers have a QB, the Browns do not. The Steelers have orginazational pride that helps dig even a bad team back into a bad Wild Card race, the Browns are not there yet. Since I think PIT wins this game outright and there are no points to cover, this one's pretty easy.

**NYJ +3.5 at BAL** - Since they played like shit last week, they'll inexplicably win this game. Lock on this one.

**DAL +2.5 at NYG** - The Giants have beat some pretty awful QB's on their "run". Dallas easy unless the weather takes a hand.

**DEN -2.5 at NE** - I think this game will be closer than many feel, but the 2.5 means the Horsies only need to win by a FG, so...

LOCK - New York Jets