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THE LEAGUE 3.0 · TEN CLUBS

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PROPHECY FULFILLED: BIJAN AL-GAIB TAKES BIJAN AT N^o1

*Club named for the Atlanta runner spends the first overall pick exactly
where scripture said it would. As written. As foretold.*

FROM THE LEDGER DRAFT DESK

It took eleven seconds. With the first pick of the 2026 draft, Bijan al-Gaib selected Bijan Robinson, running back, Atlanta, and somewhere in the desert a thousand voices cried out that the old stories were true. The franchise did not consider another name. There was no other name.

The faithful club then spent the evening cornering the wide receiver market: Chris Olave, Emeka Egbuka, Garrett Wilson and Marvin Harrison Jr. arrived in a four-round span, with Jalen Hurts (Rd 9) and George Kittle (Rd 10) falling to them like manna. Skeptics note the backfield behind Robinson is Kenneth Walker III and a prayer. Believers note that prayer has worked for this club before.

ROUND ONE — OFFICIAL BOARD

1	B. Robinson, RB	<i>Bijan al-Gaib</i>	6	J. Taylor, RB	<i>The Joshfather</i>
2	J. Gibbs, RB	<i>Gibb Me More</i>	7	P. Nacua, WR	<i>Royal Farm's Finest</i>
3	J. Chase, WR	<i>Zero Drake Thirty</i>	8	J. Smith-Njigba, WR	<i>The Phoenix Flames</i>
4	C. McCaffrey, RB	<i>Jordan's Scary Team</i>	9	C. Lamb, WR	<i>LambChop</i>
5	J. Cook III, RB	<i>Cooking Coke</i>	10	D. Achane, RB	<i>CutDak</i>

LATE EDITION · COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

SETTINGS SCANDAL: COMMISSIONER FORGETS FAAB, RE-ENTERS ENTIRE DRAFT BY HAND, ALONE, TWO HOURS LATER

The night's true drama came after the podium closed. League commissioner and Bijan al-Gaib general manager Matthew discovered the waiver wire had never been switched to FAAB, a setting the ESPN app refuses to change once a draft is complete. The remedy was medieval: reset the league and re-enter all 160 picks manually, by himself, in the dark, roughly two hours after everyone else had gone to bed happy. Witnesses describe a man clicking through sixteen rounds of his own free will, a commissioner and his consequences. The Ledger salutes his service and notes the prophecy said nothing about this part.

AUTOPILOT DISASTER: ZERO DRAKE THIRTY LOSES INTERNET, MACHINE DRAFTS THREE QUARTERBACKS

Disaster struck Zero Drake Thirty mid-draft when the club lost its internet connection, leaving ESPN's autopilot at the controls. The machine calmly selected Drake Maye, Matthew Stafford AND Brock Purdy — three quarterbacks for one lineup slot. The front office could not be reached for comment, which was the whole problem. Sources note the club also finished last season a loser, and the league is now openly debating whether the robot should keep the job full time.

MAHOMES FALLS TO PICK 138

Patrick Mahomes, three rings, sat unclaimed until Round 14, when The Phoenix Flames ended the most dignified free fall in league history. Reached for comment, nine other clubs suddenly remembered urgent business elsewhere.

MIDNIGHT REBRANDS SWEEP THE LEAGUE

BrockChain finished the night holding zero Brocks (Zero Drake Thirty collected Bowers AND Purdy between quarterback purchases) and did the honorable thing: folded the brand and relaunched as Gibb Me More, in honor of the runner it actually drafted. Goff'n it Up, Goffless after sixteen full rounds, followed suit and went LambChop behind CeeDee. Two franchises entered the draft as bits; both left as different bits.

QUARTERBACK MARKET REPORT

Josh Allen went home to The Joshfather in Round 3: the family takes care of its own. Lamar Jackson signed with Royal Farm's Finest, a hometown Baltimore arrangement nobody dared question. And Joe Burrow went to the club formerly known as Goff'n it Up, ending the Goff era without a single Goff ever having appeared.

AROUND THE LEAGUE — TEN CLUBS, TEN VERDICTS

BIJAN AL-GAIB — The chosen one arrived at N^o1 and the receivers followed. Thin at RB; strong with destiny.

GIBB ME MORE (*née BrockChain*) — Gibbs, Henry, Kelce and Dak: a proper veteran empire. Rebranded at midnight to face the facts.

ZERO DRAKE THIRTY — Chase at N^o3, both Brocks, one illegal Drake, three autopilot quarterbacks. Lost the internet, kept drafting anyway.

JORDAN'S SCARY TEAM — McCaffrey, Nabers, Jeanty. The name is not a bluff. Genuinely scary.

COOKING COKE — Took James Cook with pick 5 because of course they did. A backfield of Cook, Hampton and Love; dinner is served.

THE JOSHFATHER — Jonathan Taylor, Justin Jefferson, then their own Josh Allen: the family did its business early. Also took kicker Brandon Aubrey in ROUND 11, an offer the league couldn't understand.

ROYAL FARM'S FINEST — Puka Nacua plus Lamar Jackson. Baltimore's finest convenience empire remains loyal to the crown.

THE PHOENIX FLAMES — Smith-Njigba, Saquon Barkley in Rd 2, and the Mahomes heist at 138. Rose from the draft's ashes, as advertised.

LAMBCHOP (*née Goff'n it Up*) — CeeDee, A.J. Brown, Burrow. Excellent picks, zero Goffs, and a new name that finally tells the truth.

CUTDAK — Achane, Pickens, Kamara, Herbert. The league's longest-running bit: three seasons, zero name changes, zero Daks drafted. They watched Gibb Me More take Dak in Round 7 and felt nothing. That's commitment.