



FANTASYLAW COMMENTARY

SCORING SUMMARY

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Scoring in FantasyLaw is calculated using a rotisserie method.¹ Each week the total number of points awarded will equal the number of scoring categories within a league multiplied by the number of teams in the league. So, during the FantasyLaw preseason, the total number of points awarded within a league will be 11 (the number of scoring categories) times 5 (for those leagues with 5 teams) or times 6 (for the league with 6 teams).

For each of the 11 scoring categories in FantasyLaw, the number of points awarded to the highest scoring team will equal the number of teams in the league, with each successive team receiving 1 point less than the team before. For example, for a league with 5 teams, there will be a total of 15 points awarded per category ($5+4+3+2+1=15$). The team with the highest score in a particular category will get 5 points, while the team with the second best

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¹ To become an expert – or at least a book-learned expert – on rotisserie sports, read SAM WALKER, *FANTASY LAND* (Viking Adult 2006).

score in the category would get 4 points and so on with the lowest scoring member receiving 1 point. If 2 teams are tied within a category, each will be awarded the same rank and each tied team will receive an average of the total points normally allocated to the spots those teams occupy. For example, if 3 teams are tied for first place in a 5-team league, each member would receive 4 points $((5+4+3)/3=4)$.

Once this scoring is completed for each category, each team's scores in the 11 categories are summed to determine the team's weekly point total. At the end of the season, the weekly scores are summed and the team with the highest number of points is declared the winner.

For example, for the Galloping Gophers (the league with 6 teams), the week 2 raw data for Press Releases Issued ("PRI") was: Benchwarmers had 14, A Senatorless Clerk had 18, Snack Cakes had 15, Harmless Error had 2, Wilmot Provisos had 1, and Gavel Gazers had 2.² A Senatorless Clerk, with 18 PRI, wins the category. Since there are 6 teams in the league, A Senatorless Clerk – which has the most PRI – gets 6 points. Snack Cakes, with 15 PRI, comes in second place and gets 5 points. Benchwarmers comes in third and gets 4 points. Harmless Error and Gavel Gazers are tied for fourth place with 2 PRI each. They each get 2.5 points, which is the average of the fourth and fifth place points $((3+2)/2=2.5)$. Wilmot Provisos is in last place with 1 PRI and gets 1 point.



² For a complete picture of the statistics and standing for the Galloping Gophers league – and every other FantasyLaw league, team, and player, for that matter – visit www.fantasylaw.org.