

# FantasyLaw Reporting: A Guide

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Every week in the FantasyLaw season we editors will collect, collate, and publish statistics and standings for each FantasyLaw league. A week for data collection purposes ends every Sunday, and we hope to post new data to <http://www.fantasylaw.org> by the following Monday or Tuesday. Team Owners (or any interested surfer) can visit the website and click on their League to view a .pdf file like the one pictured to the right. (This is a sample page from Week 6 of our Preseason beta test conducted last fall.) For the benefit of our new Owners, or preseason Owners who failed to decipher our cryptic postings last year, what follows is a brief explanation of the not-so-self-explanatory sections of each week's printout. New participants should also be sure to check out Daniel Klionsky's *Scoring Summary*, 12 Green Bag 2D 487 (2009) and "FantasyLaw Performance Data Sources" for an introduction to our scoring methods (links to both are available on the front page of the website).

**PRO SE LEAGUE - Week 6 (8-16-09)**

**ROSTERS**

Team Name	Leader	Sen	Sen	Sen	Sen (1st Term)	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep	Rep (1st Term)
Franking Fastballers	Dick Durbin	Edward Kennedy	Chris Dodd	Kay Bailey Hutchinson	Kirsten Gillibrand	John Spratt	Ike Skelton	John Sarbanes	Edward Markey	Erik Paulsen
Las Vegas 51s	Harry Reid	Daniel Inouye	Jeff Bingaman	Robert Byrd	Edward Kaufman	Barney Frank	James Oberstar	Dennis Kucinich	Patrick Kennedy	Gary Peters
Philly Busters	Eric Cantor	Max Baucus	Evan Bayh	John McCain	Al Franken	Charles Rangel	George Miller	John Murtha	Ron Paul	Anh Cao
Boulder City Cliffhangers	Mitch McConnell	Richard Lugar	John D. Rockefeller	Carl Levin	Mark Begich	John Conyers	Bennie Thomson	Steven LaTourette	Jerrold Nadler	Christopher Lee
Bicameral Bombers	Nancy Pelosi	Patrick Leahy	Joe Lieberman	Arlen Specter	Roland Burris	Henry Waxman	David Obey	Niki Tsongas	John Lewis	Tom McClintock

**STANDINGS**

Team Name	Week 1 Points	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Total
Bicameral Bombers	27	36.5	42	34.5	38	41	0	0	0	0	229
Philly Busters	32	36.5	29.5	44.5	35.5	34.5	0	0	0	0	212.5
Boulder City Cliffhangers	27.5	36.5	36	20	40	29.5	0	0	0	0	199.5
Las Vegas 51s	35	33	30.5	38.5	23	27	0	0	0	0	197
Franking Fastballers	33.5	22.5	27	27.5	28.5	33	0	0	0	0	172

**RAW DATA**

Team Name	SBI	SBB	SBIH	SBS	SBE	ACR	ADN	AHP	ATS	ACC	PRI
Franking Fastballers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Las Vegas 51s	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philly Busters	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	29	5	1	0
Boulder City Cliffhangers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	1	0	0
Bicameral Bombers	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	4	1	2	2

**SCORES**

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Franking Fastballers	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	4
Las Vegas 51s	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	4	4	4.5	2.5	3	34.5
Philly Busters	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	1	1	2	2.5	2.5	29.5
Boulder City Cliffhangers	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	5	5	4.5	5	5	43

**RAW DATA cumulative**

Team Name	SBI	SBB	SBIH	SBS	SBE	ACR	ADN	AHP	ATS	ACC	PRI
Franking Fastballers	10	3	9	12	1	32	50	49	2	4	20
Las Vegas 51s	15	3	19	14	0	56	151	66	0	1	23
Philly Busters	12	4	13	13	2	132	146	95	6	6	9
Boulder City Cliffhangers	14	4	11	22	1	167	99	29	4	2	23
Bicameral Bombers	9	3	17	14	1	49	292	94	5	6	37

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The top of the page shows the name of the League and the week of the season being reported. Dates correspond to the Sunday ending the week of data collection. This sample page shows a date of August 16, 2009, meaning that all data presented on this sheet corresponds to data collected between August 9, 2009 and August 16, 2009.

The "Rosters" table displays the Players of each Team. According to FantasyLaw's rules (see "Rules, tools and forms" on the website), each Team must consist of at least one "Leader" (e.g., Speaker of the House, Minority Whip, etc.), four Senators (at least one of which is in his or her first term), and five Representatives (also with at least one freshman). Owners and Managers are reminded to adhere to drafting rules; conspicuous red ink has been known to taint a Team's roster if editors discover Teams with an illegal player!

## STANDINGS

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Philly Busters	32	36.5	29.5	44.5	35.5	34.5	0	0	0	0	212.5
Boulder City Cliffhangers	27.5	36.5	36	20	40	29.5	0	0	0	0	189.5
Las Vegas 51s	35	33	30.5	38.5	23	27	0	0	0	0	187
Franking Fastballers	33.5	22.5	27	27.5	28.5	33	0	0	0	0	172

Below “Rosters” is “Standings,” which ranks each Team according to its cumulative points earned. Each column displays points earned week-by-week, with the last column displaying the totals for the season. In the interest of horizontal space only the past ten weeks’ points are displayed; printouts for weeks late in the season will probably consolidate earlier weeks’ point totals.

## RAW DATA

Team Name	SBI	SBR	SBH	SBS	SBE	ACR	ADN	AHP	ATS	ACC	PRI
Franking Fastballers	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	6	0	0	3
Las Vegas 51s	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	0	0	1
Philly Busters	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	5	1	0	0
Boulder City Cliffhangers	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	1	0	0	1
Bicameral Bombers	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	4	1	2	7

The acronym-laden “Raw Data” table shows Teams’ performance in each of FantasyLaw’s eleven data categories. Owners and interested persons should consult “FantasyLaw Performance Data Sources” ([www.fantasylaw.org](http://www.fantasylaw.org)) for an explanation of each category’s criteria, but here is a quick reference table for those already familiar with the categories:

Acronym	Category	Acronym	Category
SBI	Sponsorship of Bills Introduced	ADN	Appearances in Five Major Daily Newspapers
SBR	Sponsorship of Bills Reported	AHP	Appearances in Four Major Hill Publications
SBH	Sponsorship or Co-Sponsorship of Bill Passing the House	ATS	Appearances on Five Major Sunday Morning Talk Shows
SBS	Sponsorship or Co-Sponsorship of Bill Passing the Senate	ACC	Appearances on The Daily Show and The Colbert Report
SBE	Sponsorship of Bills Enacted	PRI	Press Releases Issued
ACR	Appearances in the Congressional Record, Daily Digest		

The numbers in each cell of the “Raw Data” table represent a tally of the entire Team’s performance in that category for the week. For example, the ten Players from the Franking Fastballers team had a combined total of eight mentions in the major daily newspapers in Week 6. Data for individual Senators and Representatives is available in an Excel spreadsheet, also posted to the website weekly.

## SCORES

Team Name	SBI	SBR	SBH	SBS	SBE	ACR	ADN	AHP	ATS	ACC	PRI	Total
Franking Fastballers	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	1	5	2	2.5	4	33
Las Vegas 51s	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	27
Philly Busters	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	4	4	4.5	2.5	1	34.5
Boulder City Cliffhangers	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	3	1	2	2.5	2.5	29.5
Bicameral Bombers	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	5	3	4.5	5	5	41

“Raw Data” is used to calculate the “Scores” table according to the FantasyLaw scoring algorithm (see Klionsky, *Scoring Summary*, 12 Green Bag 2d 487 (2009), [www.fantasylaw.org](http://www.fantasylaw.org)). Teams earn points in each of the eleven performance categories, which are then summed. The points in the “Total” column of this table correspond to points displayed in the appropriate week of the “Standings” table (explained above). Notice that the “Standings” table has the teams re-ordered according to their ranking in the League.

## RAW DATA cumulative

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Las Vegas 51s	13	3	19	14	0	56	153	66	0	1	23
Philly Busters	12	4	13	13	2	132	346	85	6	6	9
Boulder City Cliffhangers	14	4	11	22	1	167	98	28	4	2	23
Bicameral Bombers	9	3	17	14	1	40	292	94	5	6	57

The bottom of each week’s printout will also show a running total of each Team’s Raw Data for the season. For example, this table shows that as of Week 6, the players of the Las Vegas 51s had issued a combined total of twenty-three press releases. This data is not used directly for any point computation, but we provide it anyway as an indicator of each Team’s strong and weak categories.