

## Pork Butt Pre-Season Write-Up

### Intro

Whew, it is that time of the year again, colder weather, pumpkin spice edible undies, and fantasy football! Teams showed up at the UFAA with their checkbooks, and daddy had a pen full of ink. The UFAA started out with ho-hum as Tank Dell was the first player auctioned. After he was gone, the fireworks started with the next three (Hill, Jefferson, and Lamb) walking out with a combined total of 5 years and 114 million in contract money. It did not stop there; the high-profile running backs were next. Henry, Barkley, and Etienne walked with a nice chunk of change (219 million!) GMs were willing and able to spend the dough to make the season a worthy one. Fast forwarding to some more noteworthy moments this auction. I assess team needs based upon roster spots that are open, and current rostered players.

### Teams

#### **Chinga.... It's Caleb**

Team needs: WR, K

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yep. After losing the bid on Tyreek, they went out and won the bid on Lamb, filling the final WR slot on the roster. They also locked in Butker on a two-year deal solidifying the open kicker spot.

Conclusion: They addressed the needs that they had, but I do not see the addition of Lamb, Butker, and Swift as enough to make them a playoff contender. Regular season finishes on 7<sup>th</sup>, missing the playoffs for the third consecutive year.

#### **Trainwreck**

Team needs: K

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes. This team had the lowest amount of capital to spend, but that did not mean they could not address their open roster spots. They showed up, landed two kickers, and left. Clean, efficient, effective.

Conclusion: Last year this team lost four games by less than ten points. Flip those four games around and this team is playoff bound, which is where I have them landing this year, the 6<sup>th</sup> seed and making the playoffs.

#### **Shootin' Blanks**

Team needs: RB, K

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes, they did.

Conclusion: Adding two kickers to their roster and Kamara (albeit, on the twilight aspect of his career) to boost their chances for a playoff run. I think they will repeat that run and enter the playoffs as the 4 seed.

### **Thanks for Playing**

Team needs: RB, TE, K, D/ST, WR, QB

Needs addressed in UFAA: Technically yes, but they filled their roster with Tier 3 or lower players.

Conclusion: This team had the most work to do via the UFAA, and they did not do it. The roster is filled with lower tier players, making it hard to compete for a playoff spot this year. I have them finishing the year as the 9<sup>th</sup> seed and missing the playoffs for the 2024 season.

### **Here there be dinosaurs**

Team needs: All positions filled

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes

Conclusion: Not a lot of work was needed heading into the UFAA. Landing a tier 1 QB, and some tier 2 RBs finished out their roster and 2024 UFAA. I am not sure they can replicate that magical run to the playoffs from last year but coming in with the least amount of work to do on the roster, I can see them making a late season run and sliding into the playoffs as the 5<sup>th</sup> seed.

### **McGibblets**

Team needs: TE, K, WR

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes.

Conclusion: Last year can be summed up with one word, injuries. This team was decimated via injuries and while a valiant effort was made to make the playoffs, they fell short, which is what I have them doing this year as well. When the dust settles from the regular season, I have them landing at the 8<sup>th</sup> spot.

### **MOJO**

Team needs: All positions filled

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes

Conclusion: 2023 champion did not have much work to do in the UFAA, they addressed the RB position, and with a solid roster I have them finishing with the 1<sup>st</sup> seed and making the playoffs.

### **Jew Magic**

Team needs: RB, TE, K, D/ST

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes

Conclusion: Adding some quality players to a roster that is thin in talent will help, but it will not be enough to overcome the roster damage done by the previous manager. This team will have its difficulties, and will finish the season 10th, and miss the playoffs.

### **Gone Fishing**

Team needs: TE, K, D/ST

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes

Conclusion: The roster was rounded out with quality bids in the UFAA which should help this team remain atop the standings and finish the regular season with a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, and cruising into the playoffs.

### **Snake Pit**

Team needs: TE, QB, D/ST

Needs addressed in UFAA: Yes.

Conclusion: This is my outside pick for the 2024 season. A roster that can put up points (WR core is little weak) I see this team competing each week and making the playoffs for the first time as the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed.

### **Final Handy**

Quite a night for the UFAA, sixty-nine players were bid on in a time span of two hours. Roster spots were addressed, money was spent. Now it is time for teams to avoid the injury curse, and what-ifs of roster Ruxin. Lads, our 2024 season is officially upon us, fuck your team, may karma find you, and your beer cold, 'mish out.