

Pork Butt Playoff Write-Up

The Plot

It has begun, and the battles begin now. Yes, the regular season is over, we are in the playoffs, throw out the stats, the logic, everything, as we all know the playoffs are luck based (last year's sixth seed winning the title? Get the fuck outta here).

The Crew

Sky: This is his second year in the league, and second appearance in the playoffs, not a bad ratio to be honest. Finishing third place last year he is looking to increase that and take their first title. During the regular season, his offense was the league's second best (only 135 points from league leader Jason) and averaged 146 per week. However, his team does stumble, and that is a weakness that teams can exploit. His team does have a solid roster which should allow him to make a deep run in the playoffs.

Dave: Finishing the season as the fourth seed he is seeing his team in the playoffs for a consecutive season and that is where the positives end. While he is the fourth seed, he does possess the league's second worst offense, which makes him the most opportunistic team in the league. His roster is built to provide a weekly average (which currently stands at 119.6) which puts the pressure on his opponents as his team is opportunistic. I am not sure if that opportunistic characteristic will translate to playoff wins, but there will be a fight, and his team is ready.

Brandon: Welcome to last year's champion, and the first team ever to win the title with the lowest seed (he was last year's sixth seed) and is looking to repeat. His team is truly Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, projecting his outcomes has driven me nuts (and tanked my picking percentage) as the games he should win, he loses, and vice versa. I did not think he would make a deep run last season, and he proved me wrong (fucker), so I throw my hands up and say fuck it as his weekly average is 120.5, and I am not sure how that will translate to playoff wins.

Chaka: First year owner and first year in the playoffs (albeit by the hair on his chinny chin chin), but still in the playoffs. His team enters the first round extremely cold as he rides a three-game skid. The roster has potential; I am not sure he can translate that talent to enough playoff victories to make a deep run. The

team's weekly average (131.64) is respectable, but that is also a misleading stat as some weeks the team struggles to break the century mark. He enters the playoffs as the sixth, and final seed, which we know is not a terrible thing (see Brandon's run last year), but the positive here is that he made the dance.

The Set

#3 Sky v #6 Chaka

On paper this should be a smooth victory for Sky as his offense is more efficient and proven. Their weekly averages 146(Sky)-131(Chaka) give us a glimpse of who the favorite is. However, with games in the playoff stats do not always cross translate to wins (need some luck too). So, with that I do believe that Sky's offense shows up and makes quick work of Chaka's team. If we look at their regular season matchups Chaka has lost both contests, and I do not see him bucking that trend.

#4 Dave v #5 Brandon

This is by far the hardest game to predict this week as both teams can put up serious numbers or shit the bed. Dave is the higher seed, but Brandon has proved that seeding does not mean much when translating to playoff victories. Brandon's weekly average of 120.5 slightly edges Dave's 119.61 (yes, that is how equally matched these two are) which makes this game hard to predict, but I do not have the luxury of not predicting a team. Earlier this year Dave won both matchups by quite a margin which is why I am thinking his team gets the win (I know I am going miss this pick but fuck it) this week and moves on.

Mish Picks

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Final Handy

Four teams are going to kick off the first round, and we have some very evenly matched squads which should make for some good competition. If there was a crystal ball, we would be wise to use it to predict the outcomes, but we all know that it is a pipedream so we must watch and wait. It is that time of the season, so sit back, grab the lotion and the sock, and enjoy! With that, may your beer be cold, Karma finds you today, and fuck your team....'mish out.