

NGG FFL Top 10 Rivalries

10 - Blind and Unicorn

To start us off, we've got Blind and Unicorn. This wasn't even on anyone's radar in the first year with The Implications being a bottom of the barrel team and the Pandas going on to set records for points for and wins, but it became one in the second year. Blind mortgaged everything to make a push in year 2, and Unicorn was right behind the entire time, and the two seemed destined for a championship matchup. Playful banter between the two fanned the flames where Blind began calling Unicorn's team the "Kung Who Pandas" and Unicorn would look for and take all opportunities to shoot back in the chat. While Blind broke the records, Unicorn broke him as they did meet in the 3rd place game where Unicorn dominated the matchup, winning by almost 40.

9 - Camhun and Morgan

We all saw this one coming, mostly because the rivalry exists more in the league chat and after the NFL playoffs more than it does in the fantasy league. Camhun has dominated both matchups they played against one another in their only two meetings, winning by a total of 44 points across those two games. That's almost as many as the Packers scored in their routing of the Cowboys in the playoffs this year, which is where the rivalry mostly stems from. Not to mention the difference in Wisconsin vs Texas (even though Cam identifies with DC now) and Cam shooting right back whenever Morgan does Morgan things.

8 - Bflynn against the Division of Death

It hurts to type this one out, but here we are. Coming out of the startup, Flynn was pegged as an early favorite with a lot of the picks and players he had snagged in the startup. Kyle Pitts, Najee Harris, CEH before Pacheco, Kamra before suspension, so much optimism. It all fell flat though as so many players disappointed and some of the contracts became extreme overpays. Flynn has been trying to dig himself out of the hole, but has gone a whopping 0-12 within the Ryan Leaf division, and a total of 8-26 overall, and second least points for per game behind only Rick.

7 - Blind and Codes

You just can't have two commissioners without there being some kind of rivalry there, and when both end up in the same division, it makes it even sweeter. Add on top that in Year 1 that Codes won both games, and was ultimately the one that pushed Blind into an immediate

rebuild. Then in the next year Blind took both games in the regular season series, but fate had them meet in the playoffs where Codes got the last laugh, taking down the record setting Implications to make their first finals appearance, and ultimately have the Implications remain winless in playoff history.

6 - Morgan and Alan

Here's your fun fact of the day that you weren't expecting, Morgan has beaten Alan in all four regular season games they've played, even when Alan was on the trajectory and did win the JR Division last year. Alan does shoot back however, he beat Morgan in the Toilet Bowl bracket in Year 1 which forced the 80 for Brady review. Both of these teams also seem to be on the same trajectory each year where they were both in the Toilet Bowl in Year 1 and then pushing for the Playoffs in Year 2, so they keep bumping into one another on their attempts to find playoff success for their division.

5 - rick and cchhaassee

Let's talk about the Akili Smith Division again, but instead discuss the other two teams. Their stories so far have been mirror images of each other. The exact same but the exact opposite still. Both took over orphan teams that were poorly run, both opted to immediately start the rebuild, and both are looking up for this season, but their methods... that's where it gets fun. Chase stockpiled pick after pick where as Rick shed cap and made game changing trades. Rick ultimately ended up with 1.01 and looks to have a solid young core with plenty of cap still to spend versus Chase who has spent a good chunk of his trading like a fanatic during the rookie draft. While this isn't exactly the sexiest rivalry or the one with much attention on it now, it will be very very soon.

4 - Unicorn and Kmigs

Surprised to see this matchup this low? I am when you think about it in your head but when you really dig into some of the stuff, I think this is where it should live. I couldn't put it above the other three you're about to read about, but it is still special. These two teams are so closely matched, and if one doesn't hold the record for whatever positive record we are discussing, there's a really good chance the other one has it. In fact, if you take away Blind's mortgaging the future in his deal with the devil, the only record in wins or points for that one of these teams doesn't hold is when ZoinksScoob fell ass backwards into Mahomes and managed to not blow it (well... until playoffs that is). In all of the except one, both teams scored over 140 points in their quest to make it to the top, and anything less than an A game will result in a loss.

3 - Cam and Kmigs

In the most heterosexual way possible, kmigs and Cam were just made for each other. One read the rulebook and bylaws thoroughly whereas one hasn't opened it once. One is calculated, manipulative, and a negotiator when the other speaks his mind, persistent, and aggressively persistent in his trade talks. What is beautiful is there is no wrong answer in picking a "side" here, as both are incredible fantasy players who have built the first dynasty's in our league and secured the first two titles. Where it gets fun is looking at the similarities in the stats. Both are 4-1 in playoffs, both have won a title and both have overall records of 21-12. They've both beaten one another once in each regular season and lost the other matchup in the regular season. Kmigs has about 10 points more for per game, Cam has about 10 points less against per game. The similarities don't stop. Kmigs can claim a better divisional record (10-4 versus 7-7) and the only playoff loss Cam has comes from Kmigs, but Cam can also claim he did it first. Expect more blood to be shed between these two in what is (presumably) their final year sharing a division together.

2 - Code and kmigs

I bet you didn't expect to see a non division rivalry this high, but every time I thought about where to put this one, I kept coming back to here and the number three spot before ending up settling here at number two, and I'm happy to defend it since it's more subtle and quiet than the last go round. First of all, the games between these two have been wild. Codes won the matchup last year by 5 points, but dominated in the year prior, winning by 112. No, that is not a typo. It was the third highest score ever dropped by a team by Codes that week. Kmigs himself has the highest score ever just four weeks later. What really drives this one home is the playoff rivalry. These are the only two teams to have met in playoffs in back to back years. Code took the win in 2022 pushing kmigs into 5th place and himself into the semis, and this year, they met in the finals where kmigs won it all. Kmigs and Codes are neck and neck in wins at 21 and 20 respectively, Kmigs has the most points for in the league with Codes only 28 points behind second place, and both teams have had playoff success, only ever playing in the grand prize bracket. This rivalry deserves the number two spot for sure.

Before the Top Rivalry is revealed, here are the honorable mentions:

- Dan and Anyone who talks shit about the Eagles
- Morgan and Anyone with a slightly differing opinion
- Project and the asshole who had this team before him
- Alan and reading the sleeper chat
- Kmigs and the Bylaws
- Unicorn and Playoff Success
- Cam and trade embargo hypocrisy
- Flynn and living up to his team's name
- Blind and healthy team building
- Code and Adam Schefter on breaking news

- Rick and the Mike Evans contract (RIP)
- Chase and trading with anyone other than Cam

1 - Unicorn and Cam

Something I didn't realize until now, but UnicornBolt has dominated the regular season matchups between Kung Suh Pandas and the Inaugurals, winning 4-0. Hell, the lowest Unicorn has scored was 162.5 in week 2 of last year, the next lowest being 189 and then 2 games over 200 points at 207 and 221. The problem is, the one game where it really mattered, in the Championship game in our first year, the Pandas fell short by 8 points to Make Fullbacks Great Again before they became the Inaugurals. Statistically, Unicorn is better, with more wins, less losses, higher points for, less points against (both lifetime and average), the highest win percentage in the league at almost 70%, 2 playoff byes attained versus 0 for Cam, more division wins, and less division losses. The main difference is just playoffs. Cam has a 4-1 record in them compared to Unicorn's 2-2, and can claim the trophy where Unicorn can't quite do that yet.