

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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TROUBLE AT THE TOP?

TRADE CALLS, UNEASY VIBES AND A CHAMPION ALREADY SECOND-GUESSING?

Less than 24 hours after the FFLA Draft, Denver Disciples owner Merrick Beaumont is already working the phones. That alone would be enough to raise a few eyebrows. What made it more noticeable was Beaumont's demeanor after the draft itself. Multiple observers described the defending champion as visibly unsettled, looking less like a man pleased with his new roster and more like someone replaying a few draft-room decisions in his head.

Then came the trade calls.

According to multiple league sources, Beaumont began reaching out to other owners almost immediately, exploring potential deals before his newly assembled roster had even played a game. Which raises the obvious question:

**“ DID DENVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP DEFENSE
BEGIN WITH DRAFT-DAY REGRET? ”**

There's nothing wrong with checking the market, and Beaumont has never been shy about making moves. But there is something a little unusual about drafting players one night, looking unhappy about it, and then apparently trying to move some of them before breakfast the next morning. Somewhere in the Denver locker room, a player who was just selected may already be wondering whether he should unpack.

Maybe Beaumont is simply being proactive. Maybe he spotted weaknesses and wants to fix them before Week 1. Or maybe the defending champ walked away from the draft thinking, *what exactly did I just do?*

The Disciples haven't played a game yet, but apparently the offseason evaluation period is already over.



POWER RANKINGS - PRESEASON

RANK	TEAM	TIER	SCR
1	 Minnesota Rumps	S	.901
2	 Coronado Cobras	S	.833
3	 Boston Beavers	A	.792
4	 Jacksonville Jack-O'-Lanterns	A	.545
5	 Fresno Frogs	A	.519
6	 Denver Disciples	B	.415

RANK	TEAM	TIER	SCR
7	 New Smyrna Sharks	B	.397
8	 Prather Piranhas	B	.382
9	 Las Vegas Luchadores	B	.338
10	 Virginia Beach Pirates	C	.329
11	 Opelika Orcas	C	.165
12	 Detroit Diesels	C	.156

[Link to algorithm](#)

Preseason rankings generated
from the Rump Report algorithm.

MATCHUP PREVIEW – COBRAS VS JACK-O'-LANTERNS

WEEK 1 | FANTASY FOOTBALL

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Overall(0-0)
W-L(0-0)
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CORONADO COBRAS

2	POWER RANKING	4
133.05	PROJECTED	127.64
0	PF	0
0	PA	0
Loss	PREDICTION	Win

Week 1 wastes no time delivering a heavyweight matchup as the Coronado Cobras meet the Jacksonville Jack-O'-Lanterns. Coronado enters the season with something to prove. The Cobras were the class of the regular season a year ago, finishing as the league's best team before seeing their championship run end in the conference finals. Jacksonville, meanwhile, put together another strong campaign of its own, earning a playoff spot out of the East and reinforcing its reputation as one of the league's more dependable contenders. The offseason did little to lower expectations for either side. By the Rump Report algorithm, both teams came away from the draft with strong rosters, setting up a matchup between two teams that already look capable of being factors deep into the season. There are easier ways to ease into a new year. Instead, two historically successful franchises get an immediate measuring stick — and one of them will leave Week 1 with an early statement win. We like Jacksonville matchup wise.

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FANTASY FOOTBALL. HIGHER GROUND.

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JACKSONVILLE JACK-O'-LANTERNS

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MATCHUP PREVIEW - PIRANHAS VS BEAVERS

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Division



PRATHER PIRANHAS

8	POWER RANKING	3
130.76	PROJECTED	123.79
0	PF	0
0	PA	0
Win	PREDICTION	Loss



On paper, Prather and Boston both enter the season after missing the playoffs. In reality, last year's paths could not have looked more different. The Piranhas were not a bad team that fell short — they were one of the league's tougher outs all season, ultimately becoming more of a victim of the playoff structure than their own performance. Prather finished with the kind of resume that, in many seasons, would have been enough to keep playing. That disappointment now turns into motivation entering a new year. Boston's road was far less steady. The Beavers finished with the second-worst record in the league last season, spending most of the year trying to stay afloat. But when everything was on the line in the loser's bracket, Boston found enough resolve to avoid the league's basement and salvage some pride heading into the offseason. Now both franchises reset in new divisions, each trying to establish a different kind of momentum. For Prather, this is a chance to prove last year's exclusion was a fluke of format, not a reflection of the team's quality. For Boston, it is an early opportunity to show that last season's struggles are in the past. Same result last year. Very different expectations now. We like the Piranhas to pull this one off though.

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BOSTON BEAVERS

MATCHUP PREVIEW – ORCAS VS PIRATES

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OPELIKA ORCAS

11	POWER RANKING	10
124.37	PROJECTED	127.56
0	PF	0
0	PA	0
Loss	PREDICTION	Win

Every new season brings a few clean slates, but few games on the Week 1 schedule offer one quite like this. For the Opelika Orcas, this is more than a season opener — it is the first game in franchise history. A new team, a new identity, and a first chance to show the rest of the league what kind of presence they plan to bring from the start. Expansion teams are often judged quickly, and Opelika's debut gives the Orcas an immediate opportunity to make sure their introduction is a memorable one. Across from them, Virginia Beach enters with a very different kind of motivation. The Pirates finished with the worst record in the league last season, though they did just enough in the loser's bracket to avoid finishing dead last when it mattered most. That may not have erased the frustration of the year, but it at least gave the franchise something to build on heading into a reset. So while Opelika is trying to make a first impression, Virginia Beach is trying to change an old one. Both teams come into this matchup desperate to open the year with momentum. For the Orcas, a win would be the perfect launch to their inaugural season. For the Pirates, it would be an early sign that last year's struggles do not have to define this one. One team gets a dream beginning. The other risks an all-too-familiar start.

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VIRGINIA BEACH PIRATES

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MATCHUP PREVIEW – LUCHADORES VS SHARKS

WEEK 1 | FANTASY FOOTBALL

9	POWER RANKING	7
129.50	PROJECTED	122.82
0	PF	0
0	PA	0
Loss	PREDICTION	Win

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Overall

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LAS VEGAS LUCHADORES



Neither Las Vegas nor New Smyrna enters Week 1 carrying much momentum from last season. The Luchadores and Sharks both missed the playoffs a year ago, but neither fell far enough to become a serious factor in the loser's bracket either. In many ways, both teams spent last season stuck in the middle – not good enough to contend, but not bad enough to completely bottom out. That makes this opener especially important. For Las Vegas, Week 1 is a chance to establish a new tone immediately and prove that last year's uneven season was just that – last year. New Smyrna enters with the same kind of opportunity, looking to turn a quiet campaign into something more meaningful this time around. There may not be a championship rematch storyline here, but there is plenty at stake for two franchises trying to change the direction of their seasons before old habits have a chance to return. Both teams want a clean restart.

Only one gets to begin 1-0.

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NEW SMYRNA SHARKS

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MATCHUP PREVIEW – DIESELS VS FROGS

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12	POWER RANKING	5
120.61	PROJECTED	130.91
0	PF	0
0	PA	0
Loss	PREDICTION	Win

Respect Earned, Doubt Arrives Early. At first glance, this looks like one of the more straightforward matchups of Week 1. But that may be exactly what makes it interesting. Both Detroit and Fresno made the playoffs last season and gave themselves reason to believe they could carry momentum into the new year. The Frogs, in particular, enter the season with real expectations. After a strong campaign last year, Fresno looks like a team capable of putting together another serious run — and maybe even turning that into championship contention. Detroit's outlook is a little different. The Diesels may have reached the postseason last year, but that did not stop them from landing dead last in the preseason power rankings. Whether that says more about the roster, the projections, or the level of skepticism surrounding the team, Detroit opens the year with something to prove. And for a team being picked near the bottom despite last season's success, motivation should not be hard to find. From a pure numbers standpoint, this shapes up as one of the most lopsided matchups on the Week 1 slate, with Fresno entering as the clear favorite. But projections only carry so much weight once the games begin, and Detroit now has an early opportunity to make the league look foolish for doubting them. The Frogs are trying to keep climbing. The Diesels are trying to remind everyone they belong.

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DETROIT
DIESELS

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DETROIT DIESELS

FRESNO
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FRESNO FROGS

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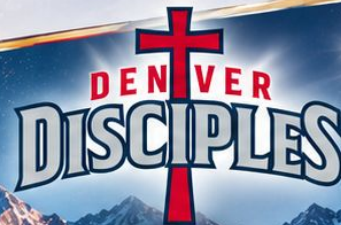
MINNESOTA RUMPS

1	POWER RANKING	6
134.10	PROJECTED	134.14
0	PF	0
0	PA	0
Win	PREDICTION	Loss

The Championship Rematch Comes Early. There is no easing into the new season for Minnesota or Denver. Week 1 brings an immediate rematch of last year's FFLA Championship Game, where the Disciples narrowly denied the Rumps their first league title in a finish that left very little separating the two teams. Months later, they meet again with the trophy no longer on the line, but with plenty of unfinished business still hanging over the matchup. Denver begins the season as the defending champion and gets an immediate opportunity to remind the league why. A win over the team it defeated for the title would be about as strong a start to a championship defense as the Disciples could ask for. Minnesota enters from the opposite side of that result. The Rumps have come painfully close to reaching the top before, and last season added another near miss to that history. There is also plenty of history between these franchises beyond one championship game, which makes a Week 1 meeting feel less like an ordinary opener and more like the continuation of something that never really ended. Denver wants to begin its title defense by proving last year was no fluke. Minnesota would probably prefer to start the new season by settling an old score.

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DENVER DISCIPLES