



# *The Official* **SIMON JOYCE** *Memorial League*

**WEEK 1  
PREVIEW**

## **THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET SERIOUS**

This is not a drill, guys! The first games of the NFL regular season are kicking off this week, but that excitement pales into insignificance beside the first ever matchups of The Simon Joyce Memorial League.

For an 8-man league in which at least half of the owners have no clue what they're doing, we've seen a fair amount of waiver wire action ready for the big week.

Some of us are already dealing with injuries (RIP Jerick McKinnon) and others have been busy righting our terrible drafting mistakes, with the result that most of the matchups this week are predicted to be very close indeed.

So who will be victorious? Let's take a look at the matchups that will go down in league history . . .

## **Teenage Mutant Ninja Bortles @ Penetration in the Backfield**

A potential grudge match in the making, this is predicted to be the highest scoring matchup of the week. Either of these teams could be reasonably confident of a victory over anyone else in the league, but versus each other? It's going to be close.

Of course, if Le'Veon Bell doesn't play on Sunday this all changes. It's hard to imagine Bell not playing (at least at time of writing) but he's certainly cutting it fine!

"Your team's gonna go bust with no Bortles."

- Jade

"Let's see. I have Gurley and Hopkins, against Bell who is too dramatic to even turn up to his job. Yeah I'm feeling pretty good . . ."

- Michelle

## Tannehill Has Risen @ Sam Francisco's 40 Miners

"It's going to be a tough match, but there are no easy games in football. It will be a game of two halves, by which I mean four quarters. And each of those quarters will be a journey. A journey of discovery, of commitment, of physicality, of *ascendance*. Man against man on the field of battle, heroes in the truest sense, the apex of the human spirit. But, ultimately, I hope that nobody shits the bed."

- David

Embroiled in another super close matchup and with one year of fantasy football experience between the two of them, I'm just going to let two of our more enthusiastic owners speak for themselves.

"Any idiot can draft a team based on last years stats, lets see who has the vision to be competitive this year."

- Graeme

## Teesside Tornado @ Queensland Quizards

The only week 1 matchup pitting nubcake against nubcake, we'll all be watching this one with interest.

"I'ma have to check my projections..."

*[does so]*

"...I don't think I should be running my mouth."

- Rolly

It's Rolly's first round defense versus Holly's apparent strategy of maintaining at least one Eric on her roster at all times. God knows, basically. God knows.

"Queensland Quizards - underdogs come good through the sneaky acquisition of better players."

Our motto : *'At least I'm not Tom'*"

- Holly

## Elway or the Highway @ Bukkake Surprise

One of the most experienced fantasy owners, versus the guy who drafted Tom Savage. This probably tells you everything you need to know.

"I'm scared to sound confident in a quote because if I lose to Tom it'll be the most shameful thing that's ever happened to me."

- Phil (maybe)

Neither decided to give me a quote, so I've used my special commissioner powers to look deep inside their minds and find their innermost thoughts.

"I don't know enough football words to give a quote. Can you ask me about rugby instead?"

- Tom (probably)