

Keepers Fantasy Football XII

Super Bowl Week

(1) BIGBOY! vs. (4) BOSSMAN

Super Bowl XII is about to get underway and we have an intriguing matchup as if you like offense this one should be for you. BIGBOY! scored the most points this season and Bossman scored the second most so I don't expect a lot of defense with this one. Bossman comes in searching for their 2nd championship while

BIGBOY! will be looking to get their name on that trophy for the first time. That will be no easy task as Bossman seems to always find and key thing start players that perform each week. I heard rumors that he has Schefter's cell phone and has been asking him for advice which would be against league rules. So far the request for him to turn over his cell phone

has been denied! For now we need to presume he is doing his homework and starting the right people based on that. BIGBOY! has just had the best players week in and week out and going into Super Bowl week I think it is no secret that the best roster belongs to BIGBOY! this year now the question is will that equate to a championship? We will find out in a couple days!

BIGBOY! looks for # 1!

It feels like it has been a long journey for BIGBOY! and maybe that is because more than many others in the league I know that they have been looking forward to this opportunity ever since they joined the league 6 years ago. This is just the first step for them however to getting to that ultimate goal of a championship and it is always worrisome when you have a team entering their first ever championship against a team that has not only won a championship but has also been to the Super Bowl multiple times.

Despite not having their most ever wins in a season this was statistically speaking the best year they have ever had as they outscored their top season by more than 200 points. We have been talking about this team all season and the only sliver of doubt came in when Arian Foster went down to injury midway through the season but they proved that was merely a minor setback and other players stepped up and filled that gap. They pulled off a big mid season trade to acquire one of the games best

WR's and so far they seem to be making all the right moves in order to get to this point in the season. They will have the opportunity to do something no one else in the Lindgren household of coaches has been able to do and that is to win a championship! Sportsfreak was close last season but then they fell to Showboat and now it is BIGBOY!'s turn to try and get one for the family! I am sure that adds a little pressure however this team comes in with a lot of confidence and I expect them to play well!

Bossman looks to finish crazy run!



Bossman is back in the Super Bowl and they will be looking to finish off an improbable run to a championship. We have talked about this before but in a 14 team league with all the injuries they suffered this just isn't supposed to happen. How can a team continue to compete when they lose two top WR's in Keenan Allen and Julian Edelman and a top RB in Justin Forsett. Those three guys prior to injury were averaging a total of 50

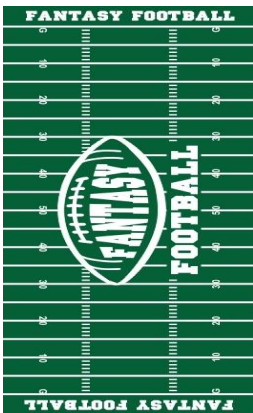
points per game and in a league where we talk about the 100 point mark being the benchmark you need to get to in order to win games that is a huge loss to make up. However they have continued to line up guys that just perform as shown last week when David Johnson a waiver wire pickup goes off for 48 points to help lead them to victory last week. Of course, it is worth mentioning the career year that Antonio Brown is

having and he has been the glue leading this team to where they are today. This is certainly a storied franchise however they want to separate themselves from the rest of the pack by getting Super Bowl win # 2. I know they will have their team ready and if the rest of the season is any indication there is no reason to believe this team won't once again go against the odds and win the Championship!

Exclusive Coach Interviews

Officially the start of the Super Bowl will be Sunday at 12:00PM CST and during media day we were able to catch up with both coaches, Kyle Lindgren and Steve Boss. Check out the unedited versions of this below:

Exclusive Interview with Bossman coach Steve Boss



Reporter: I would like to welcome to the interview room Steve Boss the coach of Bossman. Welcome back Steve! It has been a couple of years, three to be exact! In my mind this is one of the more impressive runs to a Super Bowl given all the injuries you have had to overcome. What is the mentality of your team right now heading into this Super Bowl week?

Steve: I agree with this maybe being the most rewarding run that we've put together because of what we have been able to overcome. The mentality is just celebrating getting this far & we'll see what happens in the last game. As I'm currently on vacation in Myanmar over the holidays I won't be following the games & will just read about what happened after the fact in the yahoo player news section. Let's just say I have a new appreciation for team 16 hours ahead of you & trying to figure out when to do what with the time zone difference!

Reporter: It is well known across the league that you are one of the winningest franchises, however with a win here you could put yourself into an elite group of three teams that have two championships to their name. What would that accomplishment mean to you?

Steve: I try to be a tough matchup every week & I think this year's team validated that maybe more than any other team I've had. Obviously I'm very competitive & would like to be recognized in the record books for my accomplishments. But at the same time, I think you vote against me way more than you vote for me in your projections. I like being the underdog & bringing your prediction accuracy down!

Reporter: When teams reach the Super Bowl I always like to look at the draft and usually we find some home run picks but in your case I can't help but look at the injuries again as picks 2-4 were all lost to injury and pick 5 was CJ Spiller. The first round pick of Antonio Brown and the 6th round of Larry Fitzgerald were great but after that there isn't much else. How have you been able to put together this team despite all of the injuries and lack of draft success?

Steve: Man, I wish I still had my 4 top 10 WRs lining up each week that I started the year with! Honestly I thought QB was my biggest weakness as I definitely missed on picking Tannehill. I guess since that wasn't talked about much I must've done a pretty good job covering for that mistake, even if it took carrying 4 QBs on the roster at times. Though this year took so much work to put a decent team out there each week. The free agent pool is always bone dry & I couldn't afford the luxury that other teams had of saving up their waiver priority & grabbing the hottest pickups available. I have a weekly evening conference call for work with China every Tuesday night & was always multi-tasking looking for any possible matchup opportunities to exploit. Pretty much every week I made a waiver claim and that player would fill a starting role.

Reporter: One of the things that has separated your team over the years is that you seem to hit another gear when the playoffs come around. How have you consistently been able to do this over the years?

Steve: I take pride in winning the best draft award as judged by Yahoo the last 2 years in a row. If I have a decent start it makes it easier to overcome the unexpected along the way. But, I'm not sure how much that applies to this year's team.

Reporter: Alright let's move on to the game at hand. You are going against a team in BIGBOY! who has scored the second most points in the league and has been picked by many to win it all. How do you approach this with your team and do you like the underdog role?

Steve: My favorite Rocky movie is Rocky IV. I relate much better to Rocky out jogging through the snow with the log on his shoulders just doing what I know how to do than to Ivan Drago who excels in every statistic on paper.

Reporter: Sticking with the same theme, you are clearly going to have to score some points and last week you had two guys put up over ½ your points so who will you be counting on having a big game for you this week?

Steve: I don't really look for big games out of certain players. I'm just trying to squeeze out a few more points from any position where I think I can do that. Even going into this championship game, I was looking to pickup a couple more potential starters this week & was beat out by higher waiver priorities. Story of my season I guess! Antonio Brown is going to do fine, but its the TBD flex starter & fill-in TE & Ruben Randle that are going to have to put-up something in order for me to have a chance.

Reporter: Let's look more closely at your opponent. They obviously got some guys that can put up some points but who are a few players on their team that you are most worried about leading up to the Super Bowl?

Steve: Well you said it already, they have the best starting lineup on paper. I could mention any of their starters as threats, but even the overlooked DEF & D players scare me with their great matchups this week.

Reporter: Staying on the subject of your opponent and as you are preparing for this matchup what have you seen that you would identify as a weakness for the BIGBOY! squad?

Steve: Uh, kicker I guess :). In other weeks I would've said depth, but obviously this team didn't need it. For the record I thought Pack Attack had the most depth in the league.

Reporter: What would you identify as the key to you and your team winning the championship this week?

Steve: Getting a consistent 10+ points from every position & 2 players with 20+.

Reporter: Lastly, If you could send one message to your opponent what would it be?

Steve: Good luck, as the projected favorite with all the hype all season the pressure's on you!



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- Steve Boss

Exclusive Interview with Kyle Lindgren coach of BIGBOY!

Reporter: I would like to welcome to the interview room Kyle Lindgren the coach of BIGBOY!. Kyle has been a part of the league since it started in 2010 but this will be their first trip to the Super Bowl. So Kyle let's get right to this, how are you feeling about your first Super Bowl appearance and are you at all worried about first time jitters or your players getting side tracked by the bright lights of the Super Bowl?



Kyle: Ya know Ryan it just feels right. I've lost every year but somehow I feel like I've been here before and I know my team feels the same way. So no, no pressure.

Reporter: This is now your 6th season in the league and your 3rd playoff appearance. You have struggled when it comes to playoff time so what was different this year that helped to get over that hump?

Kyle: I think the difference this year is my strategy. I mean I came into this league picking an old running back who hasn't played in like 2 years, you can't tell me that's a little bit of a risk. My team didn't look like they were gonna win the first 4 weeks with Brady who was suppose to be suspended for 2 games and Foster who was missing the first 4 games, everything fell in place though and worked in my advantage.

Reporter: This was no doubt a year in which your team dominated their opponent on a regular basis do you think that being the heavy favorite to win the Super Bowl has any added pressure?

Kyle: Yeah I feel some extra pressure. People usually want the underdog to win and I know my team is hated by some. So yeah I feel a little more pressure.. But we will be ready..

Reporter: In many cases during a successful season all you need to do is look back at the draft and that tells the story. It is no different in your case as you drafted AP #1, Brady in the 5th round and quite possibly the steal of the draft in Devonta Freeman in the 9th. What was your thought process on draft day?

Kyle: First thing I knew I needed to do is get my boy AP. And I also knew I needed to get Brady. That's all I really knew. The rest was me sitting back and letting the draft come to me.

Reporter: Last year you finished as the #2 seed and had the first round bye but were eliminated in the first round by your brother Sportsfreak. What did you learn from this? Did you at all pick his brain in the offseason?

Kyle: Not really. The loss was tough but I learned not to dwell on the past, it took me a couple months to talk to my brother again but all was forgiven now.

Reporter: Sticking with that same theme, you have a number of family members in this league but yet you could be the first one in your family (in-laws not included) to win a championship and have that trophy displayed in your house for all to see. Does that at all make this game that much more meaningful?

Kyle: Yes having a trophy hanging right in the kitchen would be great and all, but I'm more concerned about my legacy in the long run.



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- Kyle Lindgren

Reporter: Alright let's move to the game. Your opponent Bossman has been here before and just put up 185 points last week. Who on your team is going to need to have a big game for you to win the Super Bowl?

Ryan: Julio for sure, I think he will need to really step up this week for me to be successful, also i feel like Watt will need to do something too.

Reporter: Bossman has some star players on their team but who are a few players that you are most worried about leading up to the Super Bowl?

Kyle: Brown is a monster, nothing you can really do to prevent him from having a big game. Also Larry, never know when he's going to catch 4 TDs again..

Reporter: Staying on the subject of your opponent and as you are preparing for this matchup what have you seen that you would identify as a weakness for the Bossman squad?

Kyle: Bossman had a solid team I have nothing but respect. But I need to say his TE situation and Flex spot.

Reporter: What would you identify as the key to you and your team winning the championship this week?

Kyle: Key to my team is to stay focused, we need to finish out strong like we started.

Reporter: Lastly, If you could send one message to your opponent what would it be?

Kyle: Bossman I've always loved and respected your team.. But this is my year.



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Who's Going to Win?

So now what you have all been waiting for, who wins Super Bowl XII? Let's break down the positions:

Quarterback: *Tom Brady vs Blake Bortles*

With the way that Brady has been playing it would be hard to believe that Bortles vs Brady in week 16 was even a option of who might win this matchup but for Bossman you can't ask for a whole lot more then Bortles playing against a Saints pass D that is one of the worst in the History of the league. With that said, **Bossman** and Bortles with the edge.

Wide Receivers: *G. Tate, Julio Jones, E. Sanders vs Brown, Fitzgerald, R. Randle*

The big trade for Julio Jones was meant for this moment as BIGBOY! will be looking for a big game from him this week and for Bossman the breaks just keep coming as with the suspension of OBJ that makes Rueben Randle be the #1 receiver for the Giants this week. The matchups are once again in the favor of Bossman as Julio is going up against Josh Norman and the Carolina D so I don't expect a monster game. **Bossman** with the edge this week here too.

Running Backs: *Adrian Peterson, Lamar Miller vs David Johnson, Ryan Matthews*

BIGBOY! has been loaded all year with RB talent especially early on in the season when they had Arian Foster and Devonta Freeman. They were able to move Freeman in order to aquire Julio Jones and still are left with quite possibly the best RB tandem in the league. David Johnson and Ryan Matthews are no slouch's as proven by Johnsons big game last week but I have to go with the best RB in the league in AP and **BIGBOY!** to win this position.

Tight Ends: *Gary Barnidge vs Zach Miller*

These are for sure not any household names at the TE position but Barnidge has to be one of the better free agent adds for BIGBOY! as he has turned into the 2nd highest scoring TE in the league behind only Gronkowski. For Bossman they had one of the better TE's in Eifert but of course he is out with injury so in steps Zach Miller. I like Barnidge and **BIGBOY!** in this one.

FLEX: *Bilal Powell vs Shaun Draughn*

Draughn has taken over the starting duties for SF and for Bossman while Powell has also been a really valuable late season addition for BIGBOY! I really like Powell in this one as I expect them to be playing from behind. Powell and **BIGBOY!** with the slight edge.

Kicker: *Boswell vs Catanzaro*

Not much to talk about as they are kickers but I think Boswell and **BIGBOY!** win this one!

Team Defense: *Carolina vs Pittsburgh*

I expect Carolina D to come out strong after a rough second half last week. **BIGBOY!** wins.

Defensive Player: *Watt vs Jones*

I am not sure how you pick against Watt so therefore I am not going to. **BIGBOY!** with the win in this one as well!

The Verdict:

BIGBOY! has been the team to beat all year and have the best roster of any team in the league but that doesn't always equate to championships and this week I many of the matchups favor Bossman and there is some question of whether or not AP will get his full workload. The determining factor in this one will likely be the QB and WR positions as I expect Bossman to win these handily and if they don't then that would certainly bode well for BIGBOY! I expect Antonio Brown to lead this team to their 2nd Super Bowl win! **Bossman** gets the win!

The Other Two Teams

There are two other teams playing as well this week as (2) Sportsfreak will be taking on (6) pack slayer for a battle to see who finishes in 3rd place. I know that finishing in 3rd place is not at all what either of these two teams had in mind when these playoffs started however now that they are here in this position they will do whatever they can to win this game and have something to build on going into next year.