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## ALLIANCE BOWL V BRADENTON VS ORLANDO

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Miramar -- With legacies on the line in Miramar, it's fitting that two teams with so much history, both this season and in past league championships, face each other in the culmination of the 2011-12 season and playoffs.

The Bradenton Gladiators are on a 12-game winning streak to get here, besting the Miami Spartans (23-0) and the Magic City Bulls (10-7) in the divisional playoffs and AFC championship to reach the FFA title game.

The Rage are on a three-game winning streak, beating the Palm Beach Makos (64-7 last regular season game), Tri-County Soldiers (41-12) and the Daytona Beach Wildcats (30-20) in the playoffs to reach the alliance Bowl. They finished the regular season 11-1, making them the first team in FFA history to have three straight seasons with at least 11 wins.

**ABOUT THE Gladiators (12-0):** Defense has sparked the unblemished season for the G-men, who have surrendered only 7 points in two postseason. Led by #5 Darian Platt the Gladiators has only given up a league leading 7.7 points per game. If defense wins championships the Bradenton Gladiators may just win their first one. #23 Chris Hall, #55 Wickliff Lespinasse and #24 Keon Hines is the anchors of this smothering ameba we know as the G-Men defense. Offensively the Gladiators sport a balanced attack ranked third in the FFA averaging 30 points per game. The Gladiators are lead by #2 Chauncey Jones and #1 Jeff Charlton both FFA All stars and veterans to big games. The Gladiators are the FFA's only undefeated team for a reason and any one doubting them may just have to find out the hard way how good they are.

**ABOUT THE Rage (11-1):** #7 Kyle Israel followed up a 2012 record-setting effort with one of his worst postseason performances in a 30-20 win over the Daytona Beach Wildcats in the NFC title game. He was picked off three times yet he still bounced back to throw three touchdown passes. Israel overcame a wobbly start to complete four fourth down conversions on the games deciding drive against Wildcats. Levi Raines is one of the centerpieces of the Rage's high-powered offense, rushing for 1272 yards and 11 TD. The Rage sports the FFA's number one offense averaging 39.1 points per game. The Rage defense which gets over shadowed by their offense is still a main stay for the Rage's recipe for success. The defense led by #85 Donald Orelus and rookie sensation #24 Jerrel McCoy is the FFA's sixed ranked defense only giving up 17.9 points per game.

**Final Thoughts (FFA):** For three straight years, the Alliance Bowl has come down to a final play, why? It's because the FFA gets it right and the team who survives the gauntly and make it to the Alliance Bowl are battle tested. This means the two teams are evenly matched and the game comes down to three key elements turnovers, mistakes and coaching. Since both teams boast the league's best coaching staff & Special Teams look for the game to come down to turnovers and defense. The Gladiators have the edge in both categories giving up very few turnovers and leading the FFA in defense. The Rage have experience in big games and they have the rings to show for it. It's the 12-0 Bradenton Gladiators VS the 11-1 Orlando Rage in the Florida Football **Alliance's Alliance BOWL V!!**

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