Division 1 Prologue:

Two-year outlook: It's been a strong last two seasons for 3 out of 4 teams in this division. While Nick has had a rough go of it, Brett, Manzo and myself have 3 of the best 4 records in the league during that stretch. We'll start with Brett who's had a hell of a run. He went wire to wire as the league's best team and was rewarded with his first ever league championship. Manzo overperformed last season finishing with the second-best record and I do that little thing I do which is win a bunch of games and then lose to in the playoffs not because I am unlucky, but because I simply just never have the better team come that time, ever. It makes me wonder why so many guys from my team always land at the top of the following year's draft. Without looking at any team as of this moment other than my own, I feel like the theme for this Division will be Something's Gotta Give. I think it's time for Nick to climb back to the pack and one of us three to fall from Grace: The question is, "When and where will those dominos fall?"

Team Daniel Stein:

Where we last left off: "After a self-induced sabbatical, I have reintegrated myself back into the league nicely with consecutive 9-5 finishes. While I must admit that it is pretty douchey to review my own team, I hold my journalistic integrity in high regard. My meta take on my performance over the last decade is that my finishes have been frustrating. Two points cost me a league title last year and it's been 12 years since I last won one. "The question is can I once again become the guy I keep telling you all I am or will the 98% of you that think I'm all talk be proven right?"

QB: Lamar Jackson, Trevor Lawrence, Russell Wilson: Everyone knows I love QBs, but even I must admit that I may have gone overboard with the draft capital, this time. Lamar Jackson returns healthy, freshly contracted and with the greatest supporting cast he's ever played with. We all know what the upside is (overall QB1), but I am mainly concerned with the downside which is "September-October season ending injury with a possible Verizon remote control-sized hole through my LG television." Lawrence is now in year 3, surrounded with talent and plays in a division that gives up more points than a republican candidate during the mail-in voting registration cycle. Russell Wilson is probably the league's best QB3 and my team he's gratuitous with what I have in front of him. It was the one panic pick I made as the idea of losing Lamar forced me into locking in a third QB I could trust. To sum up the position, it's like being a single guy in a one-bedroom apartment who shops at Costco… "I have no idea where I'm going to put all this shit, but at least I know that I will never run out."

Overall Grade: A

RB: JK Dobbins, Ken Walker, David Montgomery, Devon Achane: While it wasn't the initial plan, circumstances had me punt the position until the mid-rounds and it shows with no clear RB1 on the roster. Still, Dobbins and Walker, have the ability to be strong mid to high RB2s and if Montgomery gets

the Jamal Williams treatment in Detroit, he could also finish in that zone. I got a little lucky with Achane as he avoided the Jonathan Taylor death blow, but even if Miami revisits that trade in a couple of weeks it may be Achane heading to Indy to play a prominent role in that backfield. I don't love the group, but it's also probably better than most of you think:

Overall Grade: B-

WR: Justin Jefferson, Amon-Ra St. Brown, Elijah Moore, Treylon Burks, Romeo Doubs, Marvin Mims:
Jefferson is the favorite to land as League WR1 and St. Brown, himself is a fantasy WR1 playing WR2 on my team. This duo easily bests any other in the league, but the potential problem lies with what to do at WR3. Moore, Burks, and Doubs will all start for their teams and it's not out of the realm of possibility that at least one of them will leave this season as its team's top target. I seem to like Marvin Mims more than most, but before you bury him, consider that he's the only player catching passes in Denver that the current regime selected and so long as Jerry Jeudy is out, he should be heavily targeted. That's not bad for a WR7. Obviously, this group is stacked, but I must deduct half a letter grade due to the uncertainty of who to play at WR3 on a weekly basis:

Overall Grade: A-

TE: Darrin Waller: It's a little scary relying so heavily on Waller, but he's the only TE in football not named Travis Kelce that is his team's consensus #1 target, and that includes Marc Andrews. He's healthy, motivated, and everyone reading this would blow his quarterback if he asked them to. What's not to like?

Overall Grade: B+

What the Magic 8-Ball Tells Me: Although I'm posting my division first, this is actually the final write-up that I did. The running joke is that I get these reviews wrong, but the truth of the matter is, I do well each year with the notable exception of who I pick to be the league's best team. This year I'm going to do everyone a favor and fall on the sword. Barring any major injury to Waller, Jefferson, or Aman Ra, I can't see what can go wrong here. That being said, I once again play in the league's toughest division and it's going to be a 14 week dog-fight to get to the top: Magic 8-ball: Will I make the playoffs "You may rely on it"

Overall Grade: A-