

Division 2 Prologue:

Shockingly enough, 3 teams made the playoffs from this Division last season, meaning that if I may be permitted a cliché, “Something will have to give.” Brett had a tough year off a championship run and will be looking to rebound. Tom F. had another solid year making the playoffs and completing a run of 3 consecutive seasons without a losing record. James followed up a monster showing 2023 with a playoff run that could have went longer had he not run into some bad luck. As for myself, more of the same. I lost in the finals for the second straight year, making it 6 losses in in my last 6 finals appearances dating back to 2010.

Brett:

2024 Record: 5-9

Last 3 Years: 20-22

Where we last left off: After winning a championship in 2022, Brett is a combined 9-19 over the last two seasons. For better or worse, Brett is going to continue constructing a roster based on high upside talent and although it hasn't worked out lately, it has worked several times over the years. The question is, will he find the right formula in 2025?

QB/Superflex: Prescott, Stafford, Jones

This combination just screams Brett as it can go so many different ways. I have a sneaking suspicion that Dakota could be this year's Joe Burrow as the defense is terrible, and the running game is suspect. 5000 yards and 40tds is not out of the question, then again, neither is a season ending injury before Week 8. The same could be said for Stafford who doesn't quite have the upside Dakota has, but could overperform with two stud WR at his disposal. It's not out of the realm of possibility that he repeats his 2020 season, but if things go badly for the Rams, he may tap out before the season ends as he did in 2021. As much as I hate to admit it, Jones was a worthwhile get as a QB3. His legs should keep him fantasy relevant and it does not seem like the Colts have any interest in playing Anthony

Richardson at this point. Still, if they struggle, it's hard for me to believe he'll QB all 17 games. Riley Leonard, anyone?

Overall Grade: B-

RB: Taylor, C. Brown, J. Hill, Kareem Hunt

I have no issues with Jonathan Taylor and Chase Brown at the top as both could turn RB1 numbers. The Colts offense is built around Taylor and while Chase Brown is a bit of a forgotten asset surrounded by stud WRs and a QB, it doesn't mean he won't get to pick the bones in what may turn out to be the league's highest scoring offense. I love Chuba Hubbard as a RB3, and he's actually viable play from the flex spot if needed there. He's freshly paid, and all alone in Carolina who has one of the league's softest schedules. From there it's all downhill as I have nothing nice to say about Justice Hill and Kareem Hunt. The only constructive thing I can think of is that now that Worthy is Hurt, maybe Hunt has some appeal in a pinch, but he looks finished to me.

Overall Grade: A

WR: Jefferson, Worthy, Flowers, Samuel, Meyers, Mooney

Obviously, there's nothing to dislike at the top as Jefferson could finish as WR #1 overall. People could point to McCarthy as a potential roadblock, but he seems to be QB proof, and if you don't believe me, do a Google search on Nick Mullins and Josh Doubs. I had to go back and do a rewrite for Worthy. In my initial analysis, I pointed out that while I don't love him as a player, I like his spot in Kansas City. My concern was that he has so little awareness as a WR, and also that with his slight frame, he's a huge injury risk. At least I'll be right about one thing this year. While the Worthy injury sucks, Brett has great depth here in Flowers and Samuel. My initial concern was "choosing the right guy on a weekly basis," however, if the injury to Worthy is serious, Brett won't have that problem which could be a blessing in disguise. Meyers was supposed to be the league's best WR5 for Brett, but would slide in just as nicely as one of the better WR4s. Ironically it was Mooney's shoulder I was worried about after our draft and now I am hearing that he could play in Week 1. If he does and stays healthy, he's a great depth piece on a team already down a starter.

Overall Grade: A- (with Worthy missing 3 games or less). B+ (if he's out for the season).

TE: Evan Engram.

I'm not sure what to make of Evan Engram as Sean Payton hasn't really used a TE consistently since Jimmy Graham. Still, they paid him and he's saying nice things, so I like the upside here. Unfortunately, he's also an injury risk which knocks him down a half letter grade:

Overall Grade: B-

Kicker/Defense: C+

How he'll fare: I instantly regret selecting Brett into my division as I think he did pretty well, here. The QBs are concerning is as is the injury to Worthy, but he drafted so much depth at every position, I truly think he can sustain it. He'll need Dakota to be Burrow-lite and for Stafford to play a full season to solidify himself as a playoff team, and if they can't, he'll likely have to make a move on a QB to make the playoffs. It's rare for any team in 12-team-league to be without questions, but I just think Brett's are less complicated than most teams in the league.

Overall Grade: B+