

Division 3 Prologue:

This Division is fascinating to me as it features 3 teams that can be defined on a yearly basis as the haves and the have-nots. Nick, Ferna and Ray have all swung wildly on the winning and losing side in recent years, while the Gemmas have remained relatively steady. A strong showing for Ray or Ferna would move either in the discussion of perennial powerhouse while a good year for Nick, would turn back the clock for the league's most unsuccessful team over the last 3-years. As for the Gemmas, It sort of feels like this year will be a make or break spot as they've landed in the middle far too long.

Team Nick:

2024 Record: 6-8

Last 3 Years: 17-25

Where we last left off: Another tough year for Nick as he finished below .500 for the third consecutive year. This once great franchise has been ravaged by something far worse than injury... "Marriage." Gone are the days of 11:30 café visits to scout the league's next set of breakout players. Gone are the days of fantasy glory, bragging rights and the right to talk shit (even though he never really had a clue how to talk shit). It's all been replaced by a beautiful family, a prime piece of Long Island real estate, and a pension. No questions, here, just my undying sympathy for a life gone tragically wrong.

QB/Superflex: J. Daniels, D. Maye, A. Richardson

By now, operation "Make Stein eat those words" has commenced, and my God, what a start. Jayden Daniels may be the league's best keeper allowing for tremendous value by taking Drake Maye as a QB2. Both are young, and with that comes some risk, but overall this tandem is one of the league's best. While I'd like to mock Nick's insatiable need for upside with Richardson as QB3, the move actually makes sense to me. Daniels and Maye

both have bye weeks that are week 12 or later, and by that time it's conceivable that the Colts will have gone back to Richardson, unless they are in playoff contention.

Overall Grade: A-

RB: Irving, Chubb, J. Williams, Sampson

After a solid start at QB, Nick is a little light, here both in talent and depth. Irving is fine as a back end RB 1, but there is barely a #2 option with Chubb and Jevonte's best days behind them. Still, both are starters and could score enough each week based on volume alone, but the real intriguing piece here is Dylan Sampson. The Browns know what Jerome Ford is and if they thought it was much, they probably wouldn't have drafted Two RBs. That just leaves Quinshon "Misdemeanor" Judkins to come up the works and the longer he goes unsigned, the more the door opens for Sampson. He may be undersized, but that didn't stop him from being a TD monster in college. I don't this group, but it won't kill Nick.

Overall Grade: B-

WR: Chase, Harrison, T.Mac, Odunze, Mims, Thornton

After doing two divisions of reviews, I was wondering where all the good receivers went, and it appears that I have found my answer. Trying to articulate how great Jamar Chase is at football would be like trying to explain how great Sydney Sweeney's tits look in a bikini top that is just one cup size too small on her. I'm not sure why one made me think of the other, but since I'm 40, unmarried and prone to having conversations with two cats that I live with, I'll just file that thought under "For my psychologist" which reminds me... I need more cloud space. Harrison is perfectly cast as a WR2 as he has nuclear upside in year 2 and a solid floor if Kyler Murray can't shake his Call of Duty addiction. There are few people that hate Bryce Young as a football player more than I do, but it would be very self serving to deny the upside Tate McMillan has in this offense. The Mike Evans comparisons make sense from a physical standpoint and I can't help but think that a short QB that has trouble seeing the field could benefit greatly from a WR of his size. Solid WR3 with that word I like to use that starts with "U". Odunze... Upside.... Marvin Mims.... Upside.... Don't'e Thornton.... Upside. It's almost as if Nick has taken every horrible roster construction mistake he's made in the last 5 years, and rectified it with this group he's assembled, without investing an overwhelming amount of Draft capital. I could make the argument that teams have a better WR2 and WR3, but every guy here other than Chase could likely see a better than projected season based on age and opportunity.

Overall Grade: A

TE: Trey McBride

Two thoughts, here. 1. I would have lost my fucking mind if I saw a second TE on this roster. 2. Thank God I'm not in this division.

Overall Grade: A

Kicker/Defense: C+

How They'll Fare: Forgive me as I break the 4th wall, but you should probably know I only have enough time to write this through stream of consciousness. I did Gemma's team first and thought, easy Division win, possibly the best team in the league. I literally had to go back and rewrite my final thoughts as this team is just as good, and it may even be better. Barring injury, the QBs, and TEs are a Top 3 combo and even if with injury, the WRs may finish there as well. I don't love the RBs, but there is no way to nail every position group in these drafts and Nick boarded up that weak spot by stacking the position with guys who start for their team. While I full understand this has been the kiss of death, it's been a long time since I've seen a team in this league I have liked this much before the season started.

Overall Grade: A