

## Division 2 Prologue:

Two-year outlook: It truly is a tale of two different last two seasons for most of the division. In 2021, James and Ed went on strong playoff runs with James ultimately taking the league prize. Tom after a rough rookie season went all the way to the finals while James and Ed had forgettable years. Ray Finn is the only consistent team of the bunch, unfortunately it's not the consistency one would be hoping for. The question for Tom, James and Ray is "What type of season will it be?" and as for Ray Finn... "Is this the year he breaks through?":

### Team Ray Finn

Where we last left off: Tough year for Ray Finn as he was riddled with injury and inconsistency from his core players. As we all know, Fantasy Football is a fickle bitch and although draft strategy plays a huge role, no one can survive the number of injuries suffered by Ray Finn in 2022. So the question is "Will the ball finally bounce Ray's way, or will there once again be metaphorical Air Marshall demanding that he download an App for his phone that just doesn't seem to work?"

**QB: Josh Allen, Matt Stafford, Sam Darnold:** Right out of the gate, Ray is playing with fire: Allen as about as good as it gets, however Stafford has big boom or bust potential with his injury history and dwindling core talent. Darnold is an intriguing option for this team as Brock Purdy is coming off a major injury. San Francisco seismically shifted its QB room while paying him handsomely in the process. If Stafford plays the whole season, I'd be willing to bump this group a full letter grade, but if he misses significant time, I'd reduce by the same margin: I'll split the baby.

Overall Grade: B

**RB: Najee Harris, Rachad White, Breece Hall, Raheem Mostert:** Raise your hand if any RB excites you other than a returning from Injury Breece Hall... I'm going to assume that none of you raised your hand which is precious why I like this group of RBs. Harris played hurt last season and still led the league in touches. He's a bull and his health, offensive line, and core group of skill players have all improved. My take on Breece Hall is about as hot as Anne Hathaway's haircut in Interstellar: "The guy could be a league winner if healthy"... but only "if". Rachad White embodies the overall lack of pizzazz attached to the group. The fact is, he is a bell-cow RB in a league with a lot less of those than you think. Mostert gets a big bump as an RB4 as every attempt by Miami to upgrade their RB has ended the way of The Challenger in 86. Solid group that won't dazzle, but will likely overproduce the position:

Overall Grade: B+

**WR: CeeDee Lamb, Brandon Aiyuk, Sky Moore, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Sterling Shepard:** The first thing that jumps out at me as the sheer number of team names I can conjure using the last name of these players. Across the board, Lamb, Aiyuk, and Smith-Schuster represent mid-level options at WR 1-3. Like my sentiments with the RBs, that may not dazzle, but it can and likely will be very productive: As far as upside at the position is concerned, “The Sky is the Limit” for the Chiefs likely slot receiver (that one’s on me Ray Finn). When it comes to Sterling Shepard, I was told by my mother if you don’t have something nice to say, don’t say anything at all. What can I tell you Ray other than if you need help locating the “Drop” button, please let me know:

Overall Grade: B

**TE: Dallas Goedert, Evan Engram:** Rather than evaluate two Top 10 TEs that inexplicably wound up on the same team, I’ll just pose this question to the league: “Who loves Tight Ends the most? A) Ray Finn B) Tom Feraco C) Stephen Gervasi

Overall Grade: A-

**What the Magic 8-Ball Tells Me:** “Ray Finn has learned a few valuable lessons while continuing to ignore some of the more important ones: I really like what he did at RB, and WR. Not one guy here likely made anyone jump out of the chair on draft night and that’s a good thing. Year after year, the best values on draft day are the players that no one is reaching for in drafts (see Josh Jacobs 2022). Unfortunately for Ray, he made one error. Instead of drafting the second TE, I would have loved to see him bring in any starting QB to be his third, protecting the downside of Stafford. Magic 8-Ball... Will Ray make the playoffs this season? “Outlook not so good”

Overall Grade: B-