

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 Robert Manzo

Where we last left off: Phenomenal year for Manzo last year as he survived both a QB debacle and the league's best division. Quietly, Manzo has put together one of the best franchises in the league and you have to feel it's only a matter of time before he grabs the big prize, only to have Tommy fuck him out of his choice of Draft chair due to an abundance of apathy. It's no secret that he's a Chiefs mark and that sort of thing usually turns out bad (just ask Greg), but lucky for Manzo, all the Chiefs do is score. For Bob, he's hitching his wagon to Mahomes instead of Kelce this year. The question is "Is there a record-breaking season for a highly drafted Chief that will once again, put him over the top?"

QB: Pat Mahomes, Jimmy Garapallo: Fool me once, shame on you. Draft Jimmy Garapallo as QB2, well... shame on you. No need to gas up Mahomes as he'll likely finish no worse than a Top 3 league QB: Jimmy G. may be a huge problem for Manzo. While I like the upside if he plays, the guy's insurance company purchases his surgeries from Costco. Manzo is playing with fire with this position, and we all know how this turns out. If he gets away with it, Stein's an idiot. If he doesn't, "Man I'm so unlucky with drafting quarterbacks

Overall Grade: B+

RB: Josh Jacobs, Dameon Pierce, James Cook, Tank Bigsby: Not only do I like this RB group, I like the construction as he only owns four of them. Jacobs and Pierce are bell-cows. While there is a slight concern about Jacobs 2022 usage, and Training camp absence, I see no reason he won't wind up as a solid RB1. Pierce quietly had a great season and figures to see his stat line improve with a better O-Line and more help at the other skill position players. James Cook is in a smash spot for a breakout. He plays in one of the league's best offenses and is a former 2nd Round pick. The only thing that concerns me

here is that he's likely not to be used on the goal line, and Josh Allen has yet to show that he's willing to throw to his RBs. If things go right, Manzo won't need a RB4, but Tank has major upside. Even if Etienne stays healthy, he seems to be allergic to the endzone which means Bigsby may very well get those looks on one of the league's best offenses. Nice positional group.

Overall Grade: A-

WR: Garrett Wilson, DK Metcalf, Mike Williams, DJ Moore, Kadarius Toney, Michael Gallop, : The Rich get richer as this positional group is loaded. While Wilson may not be a WR1, he's close and has that kind of upside. Metcalf is a solid WR2, and Mike Williams (if healthy) should overproduce as a WR3. Where it gets scary for the league is DJ Moore and Kadarius Toney as depth pieces. There aren't too many teams that have guys on their benches that could conceivably land as Top 20 pieces by years end. While the lack of buzz around Gallop is a little scary, it's not a concern here as he is just a WR6. People forget he's coming off an ACL tear and was widely considered a breakout candidate before tearing it in 2021. I love this group, but I have one weird issue that's causing me to knock it down by a half letter grade: Metcalf, Williams (due to injury), Moore and Toney (due to injury) are all very much boom or bust options. I feel that it will be difficult to predict which guy will off on a weekly basis and I wouldn't be surprised to see Manzo leave a lot of points on his bench, here.

Overall Grade: B+

TE: David Njoku: Considering the firepower on this squad, and TEs being thin with so many premium ones double rostered, Njoku was a nice grab for Manzo. While I don't think he'll outperform the big boys, a Top 10 finish figures to be in play.

Overall Grade: B-

What the Magic 8-Ball Tells Me: There's good news for both Manzo and myself. For Manzo, he's drafted a solid team that should perform at the top of the league. As for me, the good news is that Manzo will likely do well enough to not complain to Tommy to change the league rules for a third straight year because he doesn't know how to draft to the ones we have now. All kidding aside, this team is strong. Garappolo is a huge concern for me but if he stays healthy, he's fine as an every week starter. If he goes down, I'd love to see Manzo put a package of those receivers together to try to get another QB: Magic 8-ball will Manzo make the playoffs: "Without a doubt"

Overall Grade: B+

