

TEAM ED:

2024 Record: 10-4

Last 3 years: 18-24

Where we last left off: It's kind of funny how things workout. Ed easily, had the worst team in 2022-2023, but that did not stop him from pulling off the ultimate turnaround last season. Ed fits the profile of a few people in this league who are willing to take bold chances to separate himself from the pack and it finally paid off in a big way. Both champions in 2022 and 2023 missed the playoffs the following season so the question is has Ed unlocked something, or did we witness, yet another Cinderella story?

QB: CJ Stroud, Jordan Love

Besides myself, there are few other guys who ever dare to take QBs as early as historically has. Last season he not only backed off the strategy, but failed as he tried by taking Richardson. This year, he has decided to pair to solid QBs with high floors and reasonably high ceilings. At this time last year, Stroud was everyone's darling, and save a coordinator change that will put the ball in his hands more, all that's happened is the team improved its receivers. I'd bet on a rebound. Love his the harder guy to project as the WR room is more baron than a Gaffney house party the moment he sells off the final boat. The guy is a certified gunslinger, but did his team forget to leave him with bullets? Once again, a team has decided to go without a QB3 which is a risky proposition, especially with the way these two QBs get hit.

Overall Grade: B-

RB: Barkley, Harvey, Pollard, Shipley, Marks, Lil Bill

It's not the best group in the league, but it's very well constructed. Barkley is a stud, but is coming off a huge workload entering his age 28 season which is a cause for concern. Will there be any incentive to play through even a minor injury with the Eagles having Super Bowl aspirations? Pollard is a great RB2, especially to open the season as Spears is out for at least a month. I like backing Pollard with Harvey who should grow into a larger workload

as Pollard begins to share with Spears. Anyone who looks at my roster should know I am a fan of handcuffing which means I love Will Shipley for this team. Not a huge fan of Marks, but as a dart throw... what the hell! Barkley, alone pulls this group above average.

Overall Grade: B+

WR: London, McConkey, B. Thomas Jr., K. Coleman, Doubs

It's not easy securing 3 Top 15 receivers in a Superflex league, but Ed may have done just that, here. London and Ladd are target monsters, though they lack the TD upside that could conceivably place them in the Top 5 in the position. That upside isn't total lacking here, as Bryan Thomas could be WR 1 in fantasy football if things break right. Then again, Trevor Lawrence could spoil that party like an ICE raid at the Puerto Rican Day parade. Coleman and Doubs provide solid depth, as both have TD upside, and play the X receiver spot for their respective teams. Excellent, group, overall.

Overall Grade: A

TE: Pitts, Loveland:

See my previous comment on rostering more than one TE and now that that is out of the way, I'll leave you with some clever word play: Kyle is absolutely the Pitts and it's hard to find love in the land of Colston as the WR/TE room is more crowded in Chicago than the Nguyen side of the dinner table of a meal John Gaffney Sr. is paying for.

Overall Grade: B-

Kicker/Defense: B

How he'll fare: Repeats are tough, but Ed set himself up nicely, here. Although he's a bit thin at QB/Superflex, his high end talent at the WR, and Barkley should give him a slight edge over the rest of the division. I don't love having to decide between two mediocre TEs, but both have breakout potential and should that come to fruition, this team could be one

of the league's best. Of course, I have been here before with evaluations of Ed's teams and it hasn't always worked out the best.

Overall Grade: B+