



In the Zone Flag Football

Onyx (0-1) – This looked like the Onyx of old...undermanned, over powered and not ready for prime time. The defections to Dynasty certainly looked like they hurt this squad. Maybe some of their players couldn't make it this week and that was the reason for the bad showing. If not teams will relish giving them some pay pack for the beatings they have doled out over the past few seasons.

Arsenal (1-0) – This squad reloaded with some talent from indoor season and looked good dismantling Aftermath. John had a stellar day tossing 4 td's and they look good out of the gates. As always the question remains if they will continue this solid play into the play-offs. They always look good in the regular season and then bow out early when the games count. Will this season be different?

Generals (0-1) – First time on the field for this team together and it showed. They have lots of iTZ vets but it takes awhile to jell and get to know all your teammates strengths and weaknesses. They have some talent...the question is how long will it take them to jell...or will they jell at all???

Black Panthers (1-0) – The Panthers came out blazing scoring on the very first play from scrimmage. They didn't make any free agent pick ups, sticking with same roster and hoping consistency will be the difference maker. Rumor has it they actually have been PRACTICING this season (a first for this bunch). Donnie looked healthier then he did at the end of last season (tossing 4td's himself) and Denise seems to have gained confidence in the off season. Cliff as always made a big play for his team...and a couple of big plays that hurt his team. Let's see how they look when the competition increases.

To Damn Grown (1-0) – This spin off of Arsenal looked impressive in their first game out. They are deep and definitely intense. Thriller finally has the controls of his own team and it will be interesting to see where he leads them. We are a bit concerned about their over all team speed. Outside of Felix we are not sure they have anyone that can stretch defenses. They may be TO to damn grown/old. They do look good in those

uni's...however we must say we can not condone the sponsor. iTZ promotes healthy living and eating and nothing about a Gyro spot says "healthy lifestyle choices."

Quiet Storm (0-1) – This squad got WAY deeper in the off season. Having a lack of warm bodies out there will not be a problem anymore. They even have plays mapped out and distributed on wrist bands. They are still in desperate need of a QB though and no one on their offense or defense seems capable of a big play. If they find a nice short rhythm passing game though and play some ball control, they could pull out a few unexpected victories

360 (1-0) – Hard to judge what this team may look like since they only showed up with 3 people and their captain was sidelined with an injury. They did a nice job picking up random people from the sidelines and somehow pulled out a victory. They do seem to have the one ingredient that can lead to a winning season though....a QB. Put some decent receivers around him and this will be a unit to watch.

Reckless Abandon (0-1) – They looked great in their warm up circle....not so much when they hit the field. They clearly have athletes on the team but seem to lack any real leadership. Also don't seem to do well when the score is not in their favor. They better get over the lack of real hitting or helmets and pads real quick or this will be a LLLLLOOOONNNGGG season for them.

Dynasty (1-0) – "The Jefferson's" to Onyx's "All in the Family" came out firing on all cylinders in the first week. They were organized and lead well by Ashley in the huddle. The defense didn't really get tested though and the offense did bog down a few times. We will see if those were just early season kinks or signs of trouble to come.

Aftermath (0-3) – New season, same story for this bunch. They have some quality receivers and a potential game breaker or two....but we are not sure they have figured out their QB situation sticking with Grossman...um we mean Cedric. He is mobile and looks like he hit the weights before training camp, but he does not appear to have the natural instincts a true QB has. You can bet this bunch will show up to play week in and week out though and if you sleep, you will be taking an L home with you.

This weeks match-ups - Week 2 – April 19th

10:00 – Generals vs. 360 – We are sure these two will have several practices and will come back strong for this next game....The Generals look like they are more organized and that organization will probably be the difference in this game....Generals 20 – 360' 14

11:00 – Dynasty vs. Black Panthers (Game of the Week) – An early season match-up of what may be the best two teams in the league...We have a feeling this will come down to who scores last...Prepare for a shootout.....Dynasty 33 – Black Panthers 31

12:00 – Reckless Abandon vs. Quiet Storm – We predict Reckless will pull it together and play with a little bit of the fire their name insinuates ...Storm will make a gallant effort as always but we don't see that effort leading to a W...Reckless Abandon 19 – Quiet Storm 7

1:00 – Aftermath vs. TDG– The two deepest squads will have a battle of attrition. This one will be closer than we think first glance would tell you.....Not close enough for us to pick the upset however.... TDG – 26 – Aftermath 13

2:00 – Arsenal vs. Onyx – Onyx took some lumps last week and we don't see this changing much this week. Arsenal is out for some deep seeded revenge and will probably attempt to run up the score if they can...Onyx does have the heart of a champion though so we don't see this score getting out of hand...Arsenal 21 – Onyx 12