



In the Zone Flag Football

Onyx (1-1) – The roster looked complete and they pulled out a TIGHT victory, scoring on the very last play of the game. Javan looked shaky in his first start at QB but was far more under control in his second. He even showed a little more arm strength than we thought he possessed. If he proves to be accurate with his throws it will help open up his running game, which is clearly his strength. They still don't look as strong as past seasons and worry about the officiating more than they need to...but they proved they will be a tough out every week. The D looked VERY good. If they can keep it up they may be better than anticipated.

Arsenal (1-1) – Fell to Onyx in a tight one and the offense looked completely out of sync....was it the weather or something more deep seeded? Outside of a great run by Alvin late in the second half the O was completely shut out. The D looked solid but the intensity needs to amp down a bit. Ricky plays better loose and if his squad is going crazy on the sidelines, he is going to go crazy on the field...and that is not a good thing. They still give up too many deep balls on defense and try for too many on offense...a short controlled passing would serve them better.

Generals (1-1) – Hard to get a handle on if any improvement happened with this team because they got a forfeit W. They came out deep and ready to play though. They have a lot of ex-Gridiron Gangstas on their team and they have never won anything...but they do have a few former Fat Meat Greasy players and maybe their championship swagger can rub off on them. If the discontent that was evident on the Gangstas carries over though they will see some tough loses and some arguments on the sidelines are sure to ensue.

Black Panthers (2-0) – The BP's looked good in week two defeating a powerful Dynasty squad. Donny looks healthier than he has in some time, even unveiling a new option play that we have never seen before. Cliff made some huge plays as he usually does and the defense looked great, holding a high scoring team to only 15 points before giving up a touchdown in garbage time and not allowing their week one opponent to cross midfield. They look and sound extremely hungry...so far they appear to be one of the teams to beat. We are a bit concerned about their depth however....the bench has looked short and if they get into a physical battle they may tire out at the end of the game. And they rely on the big play a bit too much for our taste...if a squad takes away their deep ball are they patient enough to methodically move the ball down the field??? Donnie does have a tendency to also lob the ball in the middle of the field on gender plays, which is an easy way to give away possession.

Too Damn Grown (2-0) – This is perhaps the loudest team in the league...which is a big statement with Onyx around....but with all that big talk has come some big play with two convincing victories. They are clearly deep and emotionally charged. With Aston at the controls on the sidelines and Thriller at the controls on the field they have solid leadership which could take them far. They are surely one of the top teams in the league two weeks in....You know what comes next...the butts...BUT while they have a lot of players they only have so many impact players, if the game is tight that bench is sure to shorten...BUT most of their best athletes play O, will the D be able to stand up to a good team??? BUT they beat a totally undermanned Onyx the first week and then an over matched Aftermath (who did not win a game last season) this week...BUT those high emotions always seem to be ready to spill over....how will they handle being in a tight game or, God forbid, playing from behind???

Quiet Storm (0-2) – Snappy new jerseys!!! You guys looked good out there!!! Well at least in the jerseys....there is still a lot of work to do on the actual playing field. More than anything else they lack any real leadership. Thom is trying to lead but the team does not seem willing to follow. Rather than stressing so much during the game they should loosen up and have some fun. A conventional offense is not going to work for them so put some trick plays in, some reverses, the hook and ladder, fake hand-offs, anything to get the defense on their heels. They also should try a deeper zone on defense as their team speed is sorely lacking. Make the opponent drive down the field instead of giving up big play after big play....that is what takes the wind out of your sails.

360 (1-1) – Not sure what to say about this bunch because....well...we have not seen them. We hear this a is a team full of party promoters and they are having a hard time making games...well fellas just because you leave the party late does not mean you have to go to White Palace after the joint...go home get some sleep and show us what ya got!!! You have the 1:00 game this week so sleep should not be an issue....

Reckless Abandon (1-1) – A much better showing from this bunch this week. They have a college type offense, switching QB's at the half and running lots of fake hand offs and quick pitches. The passing game still looks a bit suspect we are not sure where the defense stands having not played a quality opponent as of yet. They did come out more intense and definitely more mouthy (and for sure entertaining). As is a common theme in the league this season, they will have to harness that emotion and channel it in a positive direction...when they did that this week they came out on top.

Dynasty (1-1) – This bunch is not accustomed to losing so it will be interesting to see how they bounce back...we noticed some holes in the offense last week and they reared their ugly heads again this week...They just don't seem in sync with each other and Ashley has to make a bigger effort to get the ball in Magic and Ashton's hands... We did notice that Magic was blowing wind a bit out there last game, maybe the years of wear and tear and quick cuts are catching up with him???? The D has to be better about giving up the big play and get another stop or two a game to get the ball back in the hands of the offense. Let's see if Joaquin can right the ship...

Aftermath (0-2) – We are not sure this bunch can take much more....this season has started like the past three...and that is not a good thing... We gave Ced static about his QB'ing skills but given the other options on his team, maybe he is the best choice. They don't seem to have any confidence in anyone that is under center and if you don't have faith in your QB and you get down on the scoreboard you don't think you can come back and the game gets out of hand. This is no excuse for their lack of defensive intensity. If one area of your team is struggling then the other side of the ball has to pick it up. A few more losses and this team might splinter and toss the towel in on the season.

This weeks match-ups - Week 3 – April 26th

10:00 – Arsenal vs. Dynasty – This could be a make or break game for these two teams. The loser drops to 1-2 and will dig themselves a nice early season hole to climb out of...We think that coming off a tough loss will light a bigger fire under Dynasty than Arsenal....Plus John, Alvin and Ed have a b-day party the night before and we see hangovers in the forecast.....Dynasty 28 - Arsenal 15

11:00 – Onyx vs. Quiet Storm – Neither one of these teams has a deep passing game so we expect a low scoring game....Quiet Storm vowed to go back to the drawing board and practice hard...Onyx will be riding high after they ground out a victory...We think Onyx's speed on offense will win out in this one.....Onyx 15 – Quiet Storm 6

12:00 – TDG vs. Black Panthers (Game of the Week) – This will be the first real test for TDG, how will a tight game affect them???? The BP's just defeated a team with a lot of players that have beaten them consistently in the past few seasons. Will they have a post victory hangover??? We don't see that happening....Black Panthers 29 – TDG 14

1:00 – Aftermath vs. 360– If 360 shows up with a whole team this could be interesting...we know their QB is strong but we have no idea if he will have anyone to throw to...this might be aftermaths best chance at a victory...because of forfeit.....
Aftermath – 2 – 360 0 (Forfeit win)

2:00 – Generals vs. Reckless Abandon – Lots of semi-pro athletes on these two teams so we expect to see some razzle dazzle and some big plays...In the end in this one I think the ladies will make the difference and the Generals ladies get a slight edge in this one, mainly because of Janeen's presence.....Generals 27 – Reckless Abandon 14