Gee Whiz Darnell: The Team That Deserved the Sacko, Part II

Gee Whiz Darnell threw away their season in the first 5 minutes of the draft, wasting nearly $150 to acquire Christian McCaffrey and Tyreek Hill. Gee Whiz Darnell staggered to an 11th place finish and scored only **101.1 PPG (11th of 12 teams, -11.6 PPG vs. league baseline)**

Gee Whiz Darnell’s roster was okay at most positions, but horrendous at RB:

* **QB: 16.0 PPG (8th of 12 teams, -1.0 PPG vs. league average)**. Gee Whiz astutely picked up Baker Mayfield (19.5 PPG in ten starts) on waivers after drafting Trevor Lawrence and Aaron Rodgers. Besides Baker, Gee Whiz was too cute and made bad start decisions (Derek Carr, Daniel Jones, Tua) the other five weeks.
* **RB (top 2): 17.8 PPG (12th of 12 teams, -10.3 PPG vs. league average).** Gee Whiz struggled mightily at RB with McCaffrey sidelined. Gee Whiz’s top producers were Tyrone Tracy (9.8 PPG in starts), Jerome Ford (9.9 PPG in five starts), and McCaffrey (8.1 PPG in five starts). Gross.
* **WR (top 3): 34.5 PPG (7th of 12 teams, -1.3 PPG vs. league average)**. Tyreek Hill (11.5 PPG) was one of the biggest busts of the season. Courtland Sutton (14.1 PPG) surprisingly was Gee Whiz’s highest-scoring receiver. Jayden Reed (12.1 PPG in starts) and Zay Flowers (9.9 PPG in starts) were ok but inconsistent.
* **TE: 12.3 PPG (1st of 12 teams, +3.7 PPG vs. league average)**. Gee Whiz benefitted from both Trey McBride’s consistency (10.9 PPG) and a late season surge from Jonnu Smith (17.6 PPG (!) from Weeks 11-15).

Gee Whiz Darnell was dreadful in the first half of the season, starting 1-6 and scoring only 92.6 PPG in that stretch (-18.2 PPG below league average). It was the 7th-worst ever start to a season. Gee Whiz recovered in midseason (including a 3-1 stretch from Weeks 9-12), doing just enough to survive.

Brady come back u can blame it: From First to Worst

After winning his second DKEHeads title in 2023, Will crashed down to earth and “earned” the Sacko in 2024. Brady come back u can blame it… did not light up the scoreboard (**106.5 PPG, 10th of 12 teams, -6.3 PPG vs. league average**) but was unfortunate to finish with a terrible 3-12 record. (The metrics suggest Brady come back u can blame it… should have finished around 6-9).

Brady come back u can blame it… surprisingly *led the league in WR scoring*, but was weak at other positions:

* **QB: 13.7 PPG (11th of 12 teams, -3.6 PPG vs. league average)**. Geno Smith (16.7 PPG in 7 starts) was decent, but Will suffered from Caleb Williams’s poor rookie year (11.8 PPG in 7 starts).
* **RB (top 2)**: **20.4 PPG (11th of 12 teams, -7.7 PPG vs. league average)**: Travis Etienne (7.7 PPG) was arguably the biggest bust of the season. Tony Pollard (11.2 PPG in 7 starts) was a good late season pickup, Zach Charbonnet had several excellent games (14.5 PPG in 7 starts), and Austin Ekeler provided depth (9.1 PPG). But Etienne’s disappearing act was a crushing blow.
* **WR (top 3): 42.2 PPG (1st of 12 teams, +6.5 PPG vs. league average)**: it’s shocking that the Sacko recipient led the league in a position as important as WR. Will had awesome depth at WR, including Amon-Ra St. Brown (15.4 PPG), Drake London (12.3 PPG), Jaxon Smith-Njigba (11.6 PPG), and Ladd McConkey (11.1 PPG).
* **TE: 8.8 PPG (5th of 12 teams, +0.1 PPG vs. league average).** Travis Kelce (8.8 PPG) was “washed up” for most of the season. With a star as big as Kelce at TE, finishing at league average was very disappointing. Week 1 waiver wire sensation Isaiah Likely contributed nothing.
* **K:** **7.0 PPG (12th of 12 teams, -2.0 PPG vs. league average):** Will’s team was last in the league in kicking points. Jason Myers and Jake Moody were both underwhelming.

Brady come back u can blame it… started the year with a dreadful 67.42 point performance in Week 1. It was the worst Week 1 performance of any team in the PPR era (2021-2024) and the worst since 2019.

Will rebounded a bit, splitting his next four games to improve to 2-3. But a six-game losing streak dropped the Brady bunch to last place at 2-9. A Week 12 win gave the squad some hope, but Will lost his last 3 games (opponents scored +130 points in each game) en route to Sacko humiliation.

Will’s team was very unlucky in the second half of the season, scoring 115.8 PPG from Weeks 10-15 (+1.7 PPG vs. league average) but going just 1-5 in that span.

Brady come back u can blame it… was the **XXth best** Sacko team of all time (see table below). Small consolation after a miserable campaign.