

## Free Chee First Term Lookback

As we finish up the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the league, the committee thought it prudent to lookback and summarize the first four years of the league and grade everyone's performance. We'll be comparing each league owner to a US president. Given the accusations of bias from certain corners of the league, we devoted some time to developing a proprietary algorithm to properly rank these teams. Chat "Chuck G" GPT assisted with the math here. The algorithm is like the old BCS formula in that its on a scale of 0-1 and is sure to infuriate some people.

Without further ado, let's discuss the basics of said algorithm. Each team is assigned a Power Score that combines regular season performance, scoring strength, playoff resume and historical shame for finishing in last place.

Each stat is normalized so the different scales are comparable and then the formula weights them as follows:

- Win Percentage- 40%
  - Regular season only. We're not giving double credit for playoff wins.
- Points For- 35%
- Point Differential- 5%
  - Strong defense deserves a little boost
- Playoff Success- 30%
  - 3 points per championship
  - 2 points per finals appearance
  - 1 per semifinal appearance
- Penalty for last place finishes

All of the above is combined into a single Power Score, which determines the rankings. The results reward scholars. Please see the far right column. (Note: Zaukas and Boyle had a tie so there's one less game for them)

Human	Wins	Losses	Win Percentage	Points For	Points Against	Moves made	Champion	Finalist	Semifinalist	Playoffs	Last Place	Power Score
Sweeney	31	25	0.55	6278.36	6046.36	93	2	3	3	3	0	0.847
Deez	35	21	0.63	6386.2	6214.82	47	1	1	2	3	0	0.817
Ron	33	23	0.59	6358.82	6123.52	64	0	3	3	4	0	0.803
Mitch	33	23	0.59	6293.74	5983.98	100	1	1	1	3	0	0.724
TJ	31	25	0.55	6395.1	6078.34	63	0	0	1	3	0	0.614
Joey	27	29	0.48	6559.94	6220.44	103	0	0	1	2	0	0.580
Chris	28	28	0.50	6334.62	6256.04	75	0	0	1	2	0	0.509
Gallo	34	22	0.61	6158.82	5789.12	75	0	0	1	2	1	0.452
Ger	30	26	0.54	6008.18	5957.52	134	0	0	0	3	0	0.417
TK	30	26	0.54	5924.9	6185.64	114	0	0	0	2	0	0.371
Justin	26	30	0.46	5945.06	6224.18	80	0	0	0	1	0	0.283
Papi	29	27	0.52	6283.9	6224.96	72	0	0	1	2	2	0.213
Boyle	22	33	0.40	5890.74	6181.32	190	0	0	1	1	0	0.198
Connor	22	34	0.39	5911.26	6141.14	74	0	0	0	0	0	0.179
Zaukas	18	37	0.33	5752.72	6336.2	113	0	0	0	0	0	0.017
Mickey	18	38	0.32	5727.26	6246.04	44	0	0	1	1	1	-0.127

## **1. Sweeney- 0.847**

Sweeney's metrics are strong all the way around. He has three finals appearances in four years with two championships to show for it. After sneaking in as the last team in the field this year, he thrashed the juggernaut Scampi and rolled to the title. Some would call him the most clutch performer in the league given his win percentage is tied for 5<sup>th</sup> best and points for are 8<sup>th</sup> best. He knows how to peak at the right time. That's the sign of a great coach.

**Comparison:** FDR. Like Franklin Delano, Sweeney has been clutch when it matters most. While FDR weathered the Depression and World War Two, Sweeney has delivered clutch victories when facing elimination like his 5 straight wins to end the season this year. Neither of them compiled stats in peacetime, they both dominated in high stakes situations.

## **2. Deez- 0.817**

Deez has claimed one championship and another appearance in the semifinals but unlike Sweeney his regular season dominance is the main reason for his being ranked so high. Deez sports the highest win percentage in the league through four years with the 3<sup>rd</sup> most points for. He's an offensive juggernaut who knows how to win games. While he was disappointed with his finish in 2025, there's no doubt he'll remain a fearsome opponent going forward.

**Comparison:** Dwight "Deez" Eisenhower. Eisenhower and Deez both displayed calm, sustained dominance without chaos. Eisenhower presided over a clean stretch of economic growth in the 1950s which maps favorably onto Deez's strong regular season performance year over year. Neither's resume is built on flashy moments, just doing the small things day in and day out.

## **3. Ron- 0.803**

If just one of his three title game appearances had gone his way, Ron would be the clear #1 in these ratings. As it sits, he looks like the early 90s Bills with three championship appearances and no titles. However, his resume is strong even without a championship. His three title game appearances match Sweeney's for most in the league. He's the only human to have made the playoffs in all four seasons. He's tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in win percentage and sits 4<sup>th</sup> in points for. Elite roster management will continue to be his calling card.

**Comparison:** Gerald Ford. Ford and Ron both have kept things stable but didn't quite get the crowning validation of a title. Ford ascended to the Presidency but was never elected himself while Ron has reached the championship three times without claiming the crown. Ron mimics Gerald's steady, competent leadership.

#### 4. Mitch- .724

Often compared to Nostradamus, Mitch can see around corners. It has led to three playoff appearances in four years and one title with a team that peaked at the perfect time last year. He is tied with Ron for 3<sup>rd</sup> best winning percentage and is 6<sup>th</sup> in points for. He often relies on the stars and scrubs strategy which can backfire when executed poorly. While a cut below the top three, he is firmly in 4<sup>th</sup> place here as nobody below him even has a championship appearance.

**Comparison:** George H. W. Bush. Mitch's legacy is built around one big defining win similar to Bush. Bush's legacy hinges on the undeniable success of Operation Desert Storm. He didn't dominate in all aspects but this one accomplishment is something history can't take away and that's how many view Mitch's championship in 2024. Hasn't always been dominant but he's overall pretty solid with one crowning achievement.

#### 5. TJ- 0.614

TJ has had some strong teams but luck hasn't gone his way when it matters most. With three playoff appearances and the 2<sup>nd</sup> most points for, you'd think he would have better than just one semifinal appearance. Still, he's tied for 5<sup>th</sup> in winning percentage is one of only six humans to have made the playoffs three times. He won't be firing his GM anytime soon.

**Comparison:** James K. Polk. Polk profiles as a president who was very productive but somehow still feels a little underappreciated. Polk dramatically expanded US territory with the resounding victory in the Mexican-American War. He also negotiated with Britain resulting in the Oregon Treaty of 1846. This maps well to TJ's dominance in points for (2<sup>nd</sup> most in the league) and his top-5 win percentage with three playoff appearances. Neither is among the most celebrated of their cohort, as each are less decorated than their stats would suggest.

#### 6. Joey- 0.580

Oh man he is going to be PISSED when he sees this. Joey has two playoff berths and one semifinal in four years. He has the most points for in the league. And yet his winning percentage is under .500. He has the most points in the league and has the 11<sup>th</sup> best winning percentage. Let's do a quick comparison. Ron is similar to Josh Allen. He balls out

every year, puts the team in a position to win and has had some bad luck in big games which leads to him having no championships. Mitch is like Jalen Hurts. He's been mostly good not great, and has one title because a super team with unbelievable talent carried him to the title. Joey is like Lamar Jackson. He puts up lots of points, the fans love him and each preseason bettors shower him with love. But when it comes down to it he isn't very clutch.

Again as a reminder, he has the most points for in the league over four years and his record is 27-29 in the regular season. I'd say he needs a new defensive coordinator but he's only 6<sup>th</sup> in points against.

**Comparison:** Woodrow Wilson. Wilson talked big and swung for the fences on big projects like the League of Nations, but the results didn't fully pan out. Similarly, Joey's rosters and ambitions have often warranted some big talk but the final results haven't necessarily lived up to their initial billing.

## 7. Chris- 0.509

Chris is a good solid playoff contender most years. He's only .500, but sits with the 2<sup>nd</sup> most points against and the 5<sup>th</sup> most points for. With marginal defensive improvement, his win percentage could tick up significantly. Given the way Ron and Sweeney have hogged chip appearances, two playoffs and one semifinal is about right for the 7<sup>th</sup> rated team in the league.

**Comparison:** James Madison. Madison was smart, capable and the architect of some major US systems. Even people who don't rank him among the best presidents must acknowledge he was solidly above average. That's Chris to a tee. Solid metrics, competitive all the time, and a consummate professional.

## 8. Gallo- .0452

Gallo has the 2<sup>nd</sup> best winning percentage in the league, but he's docked some because it's mostly due to having the fewest points against in the league. He's 9<sup>th</sup> in points for and committed the cardinal sin of coming in last. Our formula despises those who come in last so he falls at least a couple spots due to that. Still he's got the best point differential in the league so deserves some credit.

**Comparison:** William Henry Harrison. Harrison's profile is technically successful. He has a solid resume and he won the presidency in a clean election, but he died a month into office. Think of that death as equivalent to Gallo's last place finish. If either Harrison or Gallo didn't have that one black mark against them, they might be considered among the greats.

## **9. Ger- 0.417**

It's hard for people to forget the infamous Tyreek incident. Some would even call it defining moment of Ger's first term. Even still, he's been able to scratch together the 7<sup>th</sup> best winning percentage in the league. His good defense tactics have allowed him to face the 2<sup>nd</sup> fewest points against. He's also been quite active on the waiver wire as he has 134 moves across four years which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most in the league. Credit him.

**Comparison:** Lyndon Baines Johnson. LBJ was hyperactive, very deal driven and often pulling strings behind the scenes. Similarly, Ger is extremely active on the wire with the 2<sup>nd</sup> most moves in the league. His desire to constantly churn the roster and keep his team in flux is akin to LBJ's style of governance.

## **10. TK- 0.371**

TK is tied with Ger for 7<sup>th</sup> best winning percentage despite having the 5<sup>th</sup> worst point differential in the league. Our analysts say when he wins he wins small, but when he loses he loses big. Profound analysis from them, right? The thing the committee remembers most from TK was his absolute fleecing of Boyle in our inaugural season of 2022. People forget, but TK had the wherewithal to send Javonte Williams and Michael Pittman to Boyle in return for Derek Carr, a rookie Amon-Ra St. Brown, Nyheim Hines and Robert "Bobby Trees" Woods. Some were up in arms accusing Boyle of rigging the league and calling TK a "retarded pussy" but he held strong in his belief. He ended up losing to eventual champion Sweeney by .02 in the quarterfinals.

**Comparison:** Rutherford B. Hayes. Hayes lost the popular vote and became president in a razor thin result which is why he's famous for winning small. Hayes' presidency was essentially decided by recounts and disputed electors while most of TK's wins end up happening in a similar vein. He eeks out 85-82 victories in the spirit of Rutherford B. but when he loses he ends up getting clobbered. Additionally, they're both remembered for one big event. For Hayes, it's the Compromise of 1877 which ended Reconstruction in the South in return for the Democrats accepting him as president. For TK, it's his fleecing of Boyle in one of the great trades in league history.

## **11. Justin- 0.283**

Justin has had one very good team in four years. Sadly, they didn't turn it up at playoff time and he lost in the first round. He's 26-30 (46% win pct) so much closer to the middle of the pack than the cellar dwellers that we are about to discuss. Credit him for never coming in last. Great coaches know how to get their teams to buck up when they're at risk.

**Comparison:** James Garfield. Garfield didn't have a long presidency but while active he was generally agreed to be legitimately competent. Justin hasn't stacked up victories year after year but he has shown one stretch of extremely strong play in 2024. Garfield and Justin's resumes aren't empty, they just fall short of the elite tier.

### **12. Papi- 0.213**

Papi actually sits above .500 at 29-27 but two last place finishes kill him. He's 7<sup>th</sup> in points for, has a positive point differential and two playoff appearances. What really kills him is the year he finished 7-7 but came in last. That's the type of stuff you just can't do.

**Comparison:** Andrew Johnson. The record on paper isn't awful but the legacy is defined by the lows. Andrew Johnson technically didn't do nothing. He had some competent stretches, but he'll always be defined by his mismanagement of Reconstruction and his impeachment. Those massive negatives are Papi's two last place finishes. Despite mostly adequate management, those last place finishes are like an anchor on Papi's legacy to this point.

### **13. Boyle- 0.198**

Here's where we really start to get into the dogshit teams. Boyle is 13<sup>th</sup> with a winning percentage of .400. That's 22-33. He has one playoff appearance. He's scored the 3<sup>rd</sup> fewest points in the league and he has the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst point differential. It's been a bad football team. And the best part is he knows it. With 190 moves, he has 56 more moves than the next closest guy (Ger). Every week he wakes up quaking in his boots on the waiver wire and just spams pickups of abysmal players hoping they'll rescue him. I guess he's never come in at last at least, right?

**Comparison:** Herbert Hoover. The numbers are just ugly. Hoover's presidency was marred by disastrous economic performance with brutal headlines (unemployment, bank failures, GDP collapse) which all happened on his watch. Similarly, Boyle's headlines are scrambled ass. He has a bad record, bad points scored, bad point differential and one playoff appearance. We can try to talk nuance for Hoover and Boyle but the numbers are just rough.

### **14. Connor- 0.179**

At 22-34, Connor is just behind Boyle in win percentage. He's 13<sup>th</sup> in points for. And he has never made the playoffs. One of only two members of our society to have never touched foot in the sacred ground that is the playoffs. I guess that happens when you draft Cam Ward and Geno Smith, right?

Obviously the committee remains committed to the highest level of unbiased analysis, but when the formula spits out a result like this? It feels sort of like this picture.



**Comparison:** Millard Fillmore. Like Fillmore, Connor isn't the absolute worst. His teams are just deeply forgettable. Fillmore never humiliated himself, but he also never had any signature moments we can point to. That's sort of like Connor's resume. He's not historically awful, but he's never made the playoffs and has no real highlights to counterbalance the resume. The one major difference is that historians mostly consider Fillmore's sleep habits to be highly regular, while Connor is known to get 11-12 hours of sleep a day.

### 15. Zaukas- 0.017

Team has been flat bad. There's no other way to say it. He has the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst winning percentage in the league at 18-37 (0.33) and the worst point differential. Significantly worse than Mikey. Perhaps the defining moment of his tenure was draft day in 2022, when he infamously asked if we could get more money after spending \$131 on Justin Jefferson and Ja'Marr Chase. While that strategy did not pan out, it showed his dedication to his guys and that's something the league at large has come to revere.

**Comparison:** Franklin Pierce. Pierce is consistently ranked among the worst US Presidents due to poor outcomes. Zaukas, like Connor, has never made the playoffs so there's no real wins to point to. We'd like to compare his consistently poor record (18-37) to Franklin Pierce's disastrous decision to sign the Kansas-Nebraska Act. This act repealed the Missouri Compromise and allowed new territories to adopt slavery. This weak leadership

cost him support in the North. Sadly, many of Zaukas' fans are abandoning ship after this year's showing. Preliminary data shows some are adopting new allegiances.

## 16. Mikey- -0.127

Can we get some credits in the chat? Mikey and Zaukas were close but Mikey's one last place finish drug him down enough to be 16<sup>th</sup>. With the fewest points scored and 2<sup>nd</sup> worst point differential, we can't say the algorithm is wrong. If he'd actually set his lineup every week, we might have a different result here. As one great philosopher once put it, apathy can be more damaging than incompetence.

**Comparison:** James Buchanan. Buchanan is consistently ranked among the worst presidents. Similar to Mikey's apathy in setting his lineup, Buchanan's inability to take meaningful action to stop the Civil War is the biggest criticism against him. So the parallel is that both Buchanan and Mikey lost and did so while seeming sort of checked out. At least in Mikey's case he was able to salvage his season and avoid relegation while Buchanan's term did not end on such a positive note.



