

2 burning questions for Seahawks after Cooper Kupp signing

The former Triple Crown and Super Bowl MVP wide receiver Cooper Kupp is back in his home state of Washington, after he recently signed a three year 45 million dollar contract with the Seattle Seahawks. Seattle said 2025 is a rebrand year after releasing Seattle legend Tyler Lockett, trading quarterback Geno Smith to the Las Vegas Raiders, and trading one of the league's best receivers DK Metcalf to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Seattle's new wide receiver room looks very different but still very dangerous, with Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Cooper Kupp, they also added Marquez Valdes-Scantling, and you can't forget about Jake Bobo. While the wide receiver room is looking good, they signed a new quarterback to a three year \$100.5 million contract, Sam Darnold. Will Darnold be able to perform like last season with Minnesota, or will he be seeing ghosts like in Metlife Stadium as a former Jet? One upside to Darnold signing with Seattle is that former Jets quarterbacks thrive in Seattle.

Can Cooper Kupp get back to that Triple Crown level and help Darnold progress?

Cooper Kupp, yes Kupp is arguably a first ballot hall of famer... is coming off back to back injury riddled seasons, but injuries have never stopped Kupp in the past, the triple crown season came after Kupp tore his ACL. Injuries have never stopped Kupp, and he has overcome so much from being an overlooked wide receiver from Eastern Washington, and being a former third round pick, Kupp is used to being doubted. Plus Kupp has the potential to explode this season with how well Jaxon Smith-Njigba has been producing in his early career. JSN overperformed

last season becoming their lead wide receiver over Lockett and Metcalf, Geno found JSN for 100 catches, over 1,000 yards and six house calls.

Darnold has the pass catchers to thrive in this offense and lead them to the promise land, but Darnold has had inconsistency problems in his career. The most highlighted problem in his career was being thrown into the fire as a New York Jet..., the jets didn't give Darnold any playmakers truly and that is where any young quarterback is destined to fail. But Minnesota helped Darnold thrive this past season with having superstar wide receiver Justin Jefferson, and a young and emerging star in Jordan Addison, a pro bowl tight end in TJ Hockenson and a stellar running back in Aaron Jones, and Darnold led this team to a 14 win season, and his first pro bowl invite.

Can Seattle protect Darnold?

Something Seattle has struggled with the last couple seasons has been the offensive line. The Seahawks have always had stellar weapons, and good defense... but the offensive line struggles is what holds them back. And they brought the man that had seen ghosts on the field while facing the blitz, which leads to those inconsistencies in Darnold's career.

The Seahawks were a pass heavy team last season and that really put a strain on the offensive line, leading to Seattle having the 21st ranked pass blocking win rate, opposed to Minnesota finishing with the second best win rate. Seattle has to be able to protect Darnold to see him thrive like last season, or it's going to be a ghost filled season for the 12th man.

