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HOME STRETCH

Virginia clinches Eastern Division title; WN, MI, NY and MR vie for final 2 spots

The Big Virginia Bang this week clinched the Eastern Division title as the playoff picture began to take shape. The Wisconsin Cheeseheads control their own destiny in the Far Flung Division and are realistically guaranteed at least the Wild Card berth in the playoffs.

Miami could still win the Far Flung Division with a win this week coupled with a Cheesehead loss. New York and Mercer are still alive for the Wild Card berth. NY could win it outright while MR has the least-likely shot -- needing a win this week, a MI loss, and a huge scoring week to make up a 48-point deficit.

All possible playoff scenarios are addressed in this week's guest editorial, on page 2.

New York 63, Richmond 1

Griffon WRs came on strong this week, as Herman Moore scored 17, Carl Pickens added 14 and Michael Irvin chipped in 8. Fuad Reveiz added 11 points as 7 of 8 starters scored for NY. Richmond sets the all-time FFL mark for futulity with a -2 point week as only the home field advantage kept the Raptors in the black. Both Health Shuler and Gary Anderson scored -1 for RD. All other players posted goose eggs.

Wisconsin 61, Dallas 36

Emmitt Smith and Steve Young are a veritable wrecking crew. Smith scored 28 and Young scored 22 to account for over 80% of the Cheesehead total. Smith's 28 points set the high mark for the season for an individual performance by a RB, breaking a 4-way tie held by Smith, Terry Allen, Edgar Bennett and Natrone Means. Six of 8 starters scored for the Armadillos, led by TE Brent Jones who had 12 and RB Craig "Ironhead" Heyward, who chipped in 8 points.

Butler 59, State College 49

The Butler Blowfish wide receiving corps has vaulted into the league lead in total points, thanks in part to the alarm clock that woke up Sterling Sharpe. Sharpe posted the highest individual performance for the week, with a 32-point Thanksgiving day effort that included 4 touchdowns. Tight end Johnny Mitchell added 17 for the Blowfish. Sharpe and Mitchell accounted for 87% of Butler's scoring. Butler's 49 points from the WRs set the season-high mark for 4 WRs, eclipsing the 44 points the Blowfish posted last week (which, by the way, was missed by our crack statistics staff here at FFF - we apologize). The Bandits were paced by receiver Anthony Miller, who led the team with 14 points this week.

Virginia 59, Mercer 41

QB Dave Kreig and WR Terrance Mathis enjoyed huge weeks for the Big Bang, posting 23 and 22 points, respectively. The usually reliable Chris Warren was held to 2 points for Virginia, and the remainder of the roster managed only 9 more points. The Mustangs were led by a suddenly rejuvenated RB Leroy Hoard, who posted 20 on the weekend.

Pennsylvania 50, Pittsburgh 30

All 8 Wildcat starters scored, albeit Jim Everett posted negative 2 points. PA receivers Brian Blades and Alvin Harper paced the 'Cats, with 11 points each. Pittsburgh got most of their points from Brett Favre, who posted 21 for the weekend.

Miami 41, Los Angeles 22

The Muffdivers win despite being forced to play injured Troy Aikman at QB because Jason Garrett, who MI attempted to add, was not eligible as a 3rd QB on the roster, having played one year in the NFL and one year in the CFL. John Carney led the Muffs with 12. Ricky Watters paced the Riot! with 8 points.

**Cumulative Season Statistics

	HIGH	LOW
QUARTERBACK	179 - WN Cheeseheads	52 - BR
Blowfish		
RUNNING BACKS	324 - PA Wildcats	52 - DS
Armadillos		

**Season-to-date Records

*TEAM SCORE	91 - WN Cheeseheads
-2 - RD Rattlin' Raptors	
2 RUNNING BACKS	34 - WN
Cheeseheads	
3 RUNNING BACKS	50 - PA Wildcats
3 RECEIVERS	43 - WN Cheeseheads
4 RECEIVERS	49 - BR Blowfish
QB INDIVIDUAL	31 - WN (S. Young/WK 3)
(W. Moon/WK 1)	-3 - tie SC
RB INDIVIDUAL	28 - WN (E. Smith/WK 13)

**All-Time FFL Records

	HIGH	LOW
*TEAM SCORE	97 [100]- NJ (1993/WK 11)	-2 - RD (1994/WK 13)
2 RUNNING BACKS	34 - WN (1994/WK 3)	
3 RUNNING BACKS	63 - RD (1992/WK 3)	
3 RECEIVERS	45 [51] - LA (1993/WK 1)	
4 RECEIVERS	54 - NJ (1992/WK 7)	
QB INDIVIDUAL	32 - NJ (S. Young 1993/WK 13)	-4 - VA (C. Erickson 1993/WK 6)
RB INDIVIDUAL	35 - RD (R. Moore 1993/WK 14)	

*Home team bonus points not included in any stat EXCEPT for Points Against. **Only FFL starters qualify. [] Number in brackets indicates what score would be under current scoring rules.

☞ -2 points were scored twice in points-only situations: PG (1992/WK 17) and SC (1993/WK 18).

WEEK FOURTEEN 🏈 🏈 🏈 🏈 🏈 GAMES



AT

Wisconsin is the FFL's hottest team, riding a 6-game winning streak. They can win the Far Flung Division outright with a win this week. The Riot! is fighting to make the consolation bracket. Either the Riot! or the Blowfish is going to make the consolation bracket. Butler hosts the Wildcats, who own the league's best record and hold a narrow margin over Wisconsin in the overall point race.



AT



This year the Wildcats have been in the catbird's seat, so to speak, watching everyone else try to grab an elusive playoff spot. Since we clinched Pennsylvania's first division title a couple weeks ago, we've had some time to ponder the seemingly endless scenarios that will determine our playoff opponents.

So without further ado, here's the playoff scenario as the Wildcats see it:

PA WILDCATS: 11-2

Playoffs: Wildcats clinch home field advantage for playoffs, will face Wild Card team UNLESS PA loses this week AND VA wins AND VA erases the National Debt (or a 145-point deficit to the Wildcats this week).

Outlook: The Wildcats gotta wear shades.

Best-Case Scenario: First FFL team with it's name engraved on both trophies in the same year.

Worst-Case Scenario: NY picks up a 2nd string Tampa Bay receiver who scores 43 against the Wildcats in the first round of the playoffs, knocking PA out. Wildcats lose overall point race to Wisconsin as Emmitt Smith averages 32 points a week through the playoffs. Wildcats owner Ron Yeany is arrested for attempted murder after trying to strangle Nibs for trading Emmitt to Zilber. With Ying in jail, the Wildcats are sold to Pam Lieberman, who wins two consecutive titles.

BIG VA BANG: 10-3

Playoffs: Clinched Eastern Division this week; will get home field vs. Far-Flung Division winner UNLESS VA loses and WN wins (VA could still host the game if they could make up the 96-point differential).

Outlook: Vulnerable, because Terrance Mathis and Chris Warren have been carrying this team recently. An injury or a bad game could spell doom for the Big Bang.

Best-Case Scenario: The FFL Championship Trophy is within their reach.

Worst-Case Scenario: Knocked out of the Fantasy Bowl; gets invited to the Cotton Bowl.

WN CHEESEHEADS: 9-4

Playoffs: Could clinch division this week with a win over LA. Has clinched at least the Wild Card berth, unless WN loses, NY wins, MI wins and NY balances the Trade Deficit (or makes up the 111-point differential with WN). If WN loses and MI wins, MI wins tiebreaker (WN is 0-2 vs. MI).

Outlook: Explosive team, with THE stars from the NFL's 2 best teams who are fighting for home field advantage. Continues to gain in the overall point race.

Best-Case Scenario: Same as PA.

Worst-Case Scenario: A secret videotape of Nick's bachelor party reveals that Zilb and Nibs actually arranged this year's Emmitt Smith trade last year. On a split vote, the transaction review committee overturns the trade, sending Smith back to the Raptors.

MI MUFFDIVERS: 8-5

Playoffs: Wins the Far Flung Division IF they win and WN loses. If WN wins, MI is in the Wild Card Scenario (see below).

Outlook: Bettis and Means better wake up! How bad is Aikman's injury? Is Dallas throwing their game this week against Miami?

Best-Case Scenario: MI wins the division, WN becomes the Wild Card team, and New York gets knocked out of the playoffs, despite a 76 point week. Eggo would be sure not to let Nick forget about that for several years. And they are

scheduled to see each other the following week-end in Pittsburgh for the Steelers-Eagles game.

Worst-Case Scenario: Eggo passes out in an airplane and flies to Argentina undetected by the flight staff. In the confusion, he fails to call in his lineup and has to play 3 players who were injured in the previous week.

WILD CARD SCENARIO

In Week 14 games:

1) MI wins, NY wins, MR loses: Tiebreaker - total points between MI & NY (MI leads by 1 point).

2) MI wins, MR wins, NY loses: MI is Wild Card team.

3) MI loses, NY wins, MR loses: NY is Wild Card team.

4) MI loses, MR wins, NY loses: Tiebreaker - total points between MI & MR (MI leads by 48).

NY GRIFFONS: 8-5

Playoffs: See Wild Card Scenario (above)

Outlook: Made it to Fantasy Bowl II as the Wild Card team; no reason why it can't be done again. Must beat Mercer to have a chance.

Best-Case Scenario: Rodney Hampton and Lorenzo White get hurt, allowing Griffon RBs Gary Brown and Dave Meggett to be NY's 1994 versions of Scottie Graham and Derrick Moore.

Worst-Case Scenario: Overthrown as commissioner.

MR MUSTANGS: 7-6

Playoffs: Mercer needs to beat NY this week AND have the Muffdivers lose to the Armadillos to make the Wild Card Scenario (see above).

Outlook: At least they are guaranteed a slot in the Consolation Playoffs.

Best-Case Scenario: The testicular transplant is perfected.

Worst-Case Scenario: All the potential donors are too big.

BR BLOWFISH: 6-7

Playoffs: BR makes the Consolation Playoffs if BR wins and LA loses. If BR wins and LA wins, OR if BR loses and LA loses, then it comes down to total points between the two teams. Butler holds a 33-point edge.

Outlook: Blowfish receivers are coming on strong. They could lose this week and still get in. Both BR and LA will be underdogs this week -- BR vs. PA; LA vs. WN.

Best-Case Scenario: Blowfish Cheese Dip gets bought by Kraft for millions; Cleaverbrew gets bought by Coors Brewing for millions.

Worst-Case Scenario: The Blowfish franchise folds and the Weavers have to go into business painting racing stripes on rental vans.

LA RIOT!: 6-7

Playoffs: LA makes the Consolation Playoffs if LA wins and BR loses. If both LA and BR win, or if both LA and BR lose, tiebreaker is total points. LA trails BR by 33.

Outlook: If Barry Foster is healthy and the Riot! pick the hot quarterback of the week, they can put some major points on the board. They could lose and still get in (see Butler Outlook).

Best-Case Scenario: Sam forgets to take his cellular phone to the Rose Bowl.

Worst-Case Scenario: Heidi Fleiss' diary is published.

NO PLAYOFFS FOR THESE TEAMS:

PG PACHYDERMS: 4-9

Playoffs: Eliminated last week from consolation bracket.

THIS WEEK'S TRANSACTIONS:

- LA Riot! drops Ernest Givens, WR, Oilers; adds Mike Tomczak, QB, Steelers.
- MR Mustangs drop Steve Walsh, QB, Bears; adds Don Majkowski, QB, Colts.
- BR Blowfish drop Neil O'Donnell, QB, Steelers; adds Dave Brown, QB, Giants.
- WN Cheeseheads drop Erik Kramer, QB, Lions; add Elvis Grbac, QB, 49ers
- WN Cheeseheads drop James Joseph, RB, Eagles; adds Chris Miller, QB, Rams.

● OPEN EDITORIAL DATES:

There are 3 or 4 newsletters at the end of the year we have open. If anyone would like to write another editorial, let me know.

DID YOU NOTICE: NY Griffons broke into double-digits from their kicker position this week for the first time this year. Wisconsin and Dallas are the only other teams without a 2-digit kicking performance this year. Dallas, in 1992, is the only team to never have a 2-digit kicking performance during a season.

Outlook: The Pachyderms are solid at quarterback and kicker, but need to acquire consistent scoring threats in the running and receiving corps.

SC BANDITS: 3-10

Playoffs: Eliminated weeks ago.

Outlook: The Bandits made the playoffs the first two years and won the 1992 Championship. They won't be down for long.

DS ARMADILLOS: 3-10

Playoffs: Eliminated weeks ago.

Outlook: Dallas is just a star running back away from being a contender. They lost a lot of close games early this season.

RD RATTLIN' RAPTORS: 3-10

Playoffs: Eliminated from playoffs when they traded Jerry Rice. Eliminated from consolation playoffs when they traded Emmitt Smith.

Outlook: Point champ to Cellar Dweller in one year; will now need to rebuild from the cellar. Has lots of first-round draft picks in the future, but Richmond has never been accused of drafting very well in the past.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ISN'T A PLAYOFF FOR THIS TEAM:

PSU NITTANY LIONS: 11-0

Playoffs: Why the hell can't the NCAA wake up? We'd crush anyone who got in our path!

Outlook: Doesn't control their own destiny, but God is a Penn State fan (let the Irish have touchdown Jesus if they want!).

Best-Case Scenario: Miami beats Nebraska the night before the Rose Bowl. Hell has definitely frozen over, because I'll be rooting for Miami (UGH!).

Worst-Case Scenario: Joepa's fourth unbeaten, untied season with no National Championship.

1994-95 Schedule and Results

EASTERN DIVISION

New York Griffons (NY)

LA Riot! 26, **NY Griffons 36**
NY Griffons 41, **PG Pachyderms 80**
NY Griffons 65, SC Bandits 38
NY Griffons 44, **Big VA Bang 46**
NY Griffons 10, **MR Mustangs 21**
PA Wildcats 39, **NY Griffons 65**
Big VA Bang 9, **NY Griffons 19**
DS Armadillos 36, **New York Griffons 43**
NY Griffons 54, **MI Muffdivers 56**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 14, **NY Griffons 65**
BR Blowfish 27, **NY Griffons 62**
NY Griffons 28, **WN Cheeseheads 78**
NY Griffons 63, RD Rattlin' Raptors 1
Thu 12/1 vs. MR Mustangs

Mercer Mustangs (MR)

MR Mustangs 33, **WN Cheeseheads 94**
LA Riot! 47, **MR Mustangs 63**
PG Pachyderms 36, MR Mustangs 35
MR Mustangs 38, RD Rattlin' Raptors 18
NY Griffons 10, **MR Mustangs 21**
MR Mustangs 40, BR Blowfish 31
RD Rattlin' Raptors 35, **MR Mustangs 47**
MR Mustangs 43, MI Muffdivers 32
MR Mustangs 53, **PA Wildcats 78**
Big VA Bang 30, Mercer 27
DS Armadillos 28, **MR Mustangs 50**
SC Bandits 66, MR Mustangs 60
MR Mustangs 41, **Big VA Bang 59**
Thu 12/1 at NY Griffons

Richmond Rattlin' Raptors (RD)

MI Muffdivers 37, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 55**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 38, **DS Armadillos 41**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 26, **BR Blowfish 52**
MR Mustangs 38, RD Rattlin' Raptors 18
RD Rattlin' Raptors 34, **Big VA Bang 49**
PG Pachyderms 21, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 24**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 35, **MR Mustangs 47**
WN Cheeseheads 38, RD Rattlin' Raptors 36
RD Rattlin' Raptors 40, **LA Riot! 60**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 14, **NY Griffons 65**
SC Bandits 5, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 20**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 11, **PA Wildcats 44**
NY Griffons 63, RD Rattlin' Raptors 1
Thu 12/1 vs. Big VA Bang

Big Virginia Bang (VA)

Big VA Bang 86, DS Armadillos 45
BR Blowfish 33, **Big VA Bang 39**
PA Wildcats 49, Big VA Bang 46
NY Griffons 44, **Big VA Bang 46**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 34, **Big VA Bang 49**
Big VA Bang 34, SC Bandits 33
Big VA Bang 9, **NY Griffons 19**
Big VA Bang 68, LA Riot! 42
Big VA Bang 59, PG Pachyderms 43
Big VA Bang 30, MR Mustangs 27
WN Cheeseheads 67, Big VA Bang 38
MI Muffdivers 34, **Big VA Bang 50**

CENTRAL DIVISION

Butler Blowfish (BR)

BR Blowfish 39, **SC Bandits 41**
BR Blowfish 33, **Big VA Bang 39**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 26, **BR Blowfish 52**
WN Cheeseheads 61, BR Blowfish 49
BR Blowfish 44, **PA Wildcats 54**
MR Mustangs 40, BR Blowfish 31
BR Blowfish 32, PG Pachyderms 26
PG Pachyderms 25, **BR Blowfish 70**
BR Blowfish 20, DS Armadillos 7
MI Muffdivers 56, BR Blowfish 33
BR Blowfish 27, **NY Griffons 62**
BR Blowfish 55, LA Riot! 31
SC Bandits 49, **BR Blowfish 59**
Thu 12/1 vs. PA Wildcats

Pennsylvania Wildcats (PA)

PA Wildcats 62, PG Pachyderms 35
WN Cheeseheads 30, **PA Wildcats 79**
PA Wildcats 49, Big VA Bang 46
PA Wildcats 80, LA Riot! 27
BR Blowfish 44, **PA Wildcats 54**
PA Wildcats 39, **NY Griffons 65**
SC Bandits 19, **PA Wildcats 50**
PA Wildcats 79, SC Bandits 38
MR Mustangs 53, **PA Wildcats 78**
PA Wildcats 34, **DS Armadillos 43**
MI Muffdivers 31, **PA Wildcats 60**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 11, **PA Wildcats 44**
PG Pachyderms 30, **PA Wildcats 50**
Thu 12/1 at BR Blowfish

Pittsburgh Pachyderms (PG)

PA Wildcats 62, PG Pachyderms 35
NY Griffons 41, **PG Pachyderms 80**
PG Pachyderms 36, MR Mustangs 35
PG Pachyderms 33, **MI Muffdivers 41**
SC Bandits 16, **PG Pachyderms 39**
PG Pachyderms 21, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 24**
BR Blowfish 32, PG Pachyderms 26
PG Pachyderms 25, **BR Blowfish 70**
Big VA Bang 59, PG Pachyderms 43
PG Pachyderms 36, **WN Cheeseheads 60**
LA Riot! 34, PG Pachyderms 32
DS Armadillos 14, **PG Pachyderms 32**
PG Pachyderms 30, **PA Wildcats 50**
Thu 12/1 at SC Bandits

State College Bandits (SC)

BR Blowfish 39, **SC Bandits 41**
SC Bandits 75, MI Muffdivers 58
NY Griffons 65, SC Bandits 38
DS Armadillos 54, SC Bandits 52
SC Bandits 16, **PG Pachyderms 39**
Big VA Bang 34, SC Bandits 33
SC Bandits 19, **PA Wildcats 50**
PA Wildcats 79, SC Bandits 38
SC Bandits 23, **WN Cheeseheads 31**
LA Riot! 50, SC Bandits 39
SC Bandits 5, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 20**
SC Bandits 66, MR Mustangs 60
SC Bandits 49, **BR Blowfish 59**
Thu 12/1 vs. PG Pachyderms

FAR-FLUNG DIVISION

Dallas Armadillos (DS)

Big VA Bang 86, DS Armadillos 45
RD Rattlin' Raptors 38, **DS Armadillos 41**
DS Armadillos 45, **WN Cheeseheads 90**
DS Armadillos 54, SC Bandits 52
MI Muffdivers 28, DS Armadillos 21
LA Riot! 45, DS Armadillos 44
DS Armadillos 39, **LA Riot! 44**
DS Armadillos 36, **NY Griffons 43**
BR Blowfish 20, DS Armadillos 7
PA Wildcats 34, **DS Armadillos 43**
DS Armadillos 28, **MR Mustangs 50**
DS Armadillos 14, **PG Pachyderms 32**
WN Cheeseheads 61, DS Armadillos 36
Thu 12/1 at MI Muffdivers

Los Angeles Riot! (LA)

LA Riot! 26, **NY Griffons 36**
LA Riot! 47, **MR Mustangs 63**
MI Muffdivers 58, LA Riot! 44
PA Wildcats 80, LA Riot! 27
LA Riot! 39, WN Cheeseheads 21
LA Riot! 45, DS Armadillos 44
DS Armadillos 39, **LA Riot! 44**
Big VA Bang 68, LA Riot! 42
RD Rattlin' Raptors 40, **LA Riot! 60**
LA Riot! 50, SC Bandits 36
LA Riot! 34, PG Pachyderms 32
LA Riot! 31, **BR Blowfish 55**
LA Riot! 22, **MI Muffdivers 41**
Thu 12/1 vs. WN Cheeseheads

Miami Muffdivers (MI)

MI Muffdivers 37, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 55**
SC Bandits 75, MI Muffdivers 58
MI Muffdivers 58, LA Riot! 44
PG Pachyderms 33, **MI Muffdivers 41**
MI Muffdivers 28, DS Armadillos 21
WN Cheeseheads 30, **MI Muffdivers 60**
MI Muffdivers 64, WN Cheeseheads 48
MR Mustangs 43, MI Muffdivers 32
NY Griffons 54, **MI Muffdivers 56**
MI Muffdivers 56, BR Blowfish 33
MI Muffdivers 31, **PA Wildcats 60**
MI Muffdivers 34, **Big VA Bang 50**
LA Riot! 22, **MI Muffdivers 41**
Thu 12/1 vs. DS Armadillos

Wisconsin Cheeseheads (WN)

MR Mustangs 33, **WN Cheeseheads 94**
WN Cheeseheads 30, **PA Wildcats 79**
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WN Cheeseheads 61, BR Blowfish 49
LA Riot! 39, WN Cheeseheads 21
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NY Griffons 28, **WN Cheeseheads 78**

QUOTABLE

“Ying’s girlfriend is pretty cute.”

- Bill Morgan, former Penn State Defensive football player. Yes, he really said it ... Morgan is a football house guest at Russ Fisher's house (Matt's dad). Ying and Suepa used the Penn State tickets usually occupied by Russ Fisher for the game against Michigan State.

Inside:

- Records fall in WK 13, as Wisconsin and Butler set season highs and Richmond sets an all-time low.
- The PA Wildcats, in this year's final guest editorial, sort out the playoff picture, the Wild Card possibilities, and the Consolation bracket hopefuls, and offers individual outlooks for each team.
- Complete game recaps for all the action in the next-to-last week of the regular season.

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