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TRADING FRENZY PRECEDES DEADLINE

Tuesday night's deadline for submitting protected rosters saw a last-minute flurry of trade activity with several more big names changing teams going into the 1994 FFL Season.

Fantasy team dream but Super Bowl flop Thurman Thomas was the marquee name as 1993 FFL runner-up New York Griffons landed the stud running back they've been searching for since day one. The Griffons gave up new Atlanta Falcon QB Jeff George, who many predict may be an FFL goldmine should

he hit his potential in a new city.

The Butler Blowfish, faced with almost certainly having to cut one of their top WRs at the protection deadline, traded Irving Fryar to the Wisconsin Cheeseheads, who are starting to pick up the pieces in their receiving corps after last year's departure of Jerry Rice.

The Blowfish also gambled a 2nd round draft pick in hopes that RB Leonard Russell will be the big point-producing back that they've been seeking.

FFL Champion LA Riot! held a fire sale

and picked up 3 additional draft picks while dealing away Russell, WR Andre Reed and RB Tim Worley.

Dallas and Richmond made their second deal of the preseason, with the Armadillos acquiring RB Leroy Thompson for a 4th round pick.

State College Bandits also made two moves, dealing the talented new Green Bay Packer RB Reggie Cobb to the Pittsburgh Pachyderms and dealing Denver kicker Jason Elam to the LA Riot!

Receiving yardage, missed FGs are only proposed rules/scoring changes to pass

Fantasy points will start accumulating at 50 yards for wide receivers this year, and missed field goals 45 yards and over will only count as negative one under the 1994 FFL rules released by the commissioner's office this week.

Several other rules changes, many of them proposed by Dallas Armadillos owner and "self-appointed member of the Competition Committee" Paul Gilgallon, met with heated discussions in owner meetings but failed to carry a majority vote.

Gilgallon, in a letter to Fantasy Football Flyer, said the rule changes "were compiled through countless discussions with concerned owners over the past 2 FFL seasons. I am submitting these with the intent of having them voted on" by the owners prior to the August 14th protection deadline.

The letter also stated that "there may be variations of these rules that would make more sense, so any discussion can be used" to fine-tune the proposals. Dallas' correspondence also said "the intent of most of these rule changes is to address concerns regarding competition and the overall intent of the league, which is to have fun."

In addition, we here at FFF won't pass up the opportunity to allow the Dallas owner to pat us on the back. "I would also like to express the sincere gratitude of the Dallas Armadillos organization on the quality of the newsletters distributed by the FFF editor during the 1993/94 season. The Armadillos are looking forward to the upcoming season and most certainly the upcoming FFF

publications."

The 1994 FFL rules, sent to all owners recently, details the proposed rules changes. We'll offer just a quick re-cap here.

Proposition 1: The Dallas proposal suggested missed FGs of 41 yards or more be penalized only one point. The other half of the proposed changes in kick scoring suggested a two point penalty for missed PATs. The approved change only affects missed FGs 45 yard or above.

Proposition 2: Dallas' proposal for scoring receiving started at 50 yards and went in 25 yard bonus increments. The approved change starts yardage points at 50 yards but still only increases in 30 yard increments.

Proposition 3: Dallas suggested a 2 point penalty for interceptions. It was soundly defeated.

Proposition 4: Dallas suggests a 2 point home field advantage during the regular season and 3.5 points during playoffs. The issue is still under discussion.

Propositions 5 and 6: Dallas suggested several possible penalties for those owners who inconsiderately fail to call in lineups and report scores. The league office felt the penalties would be too difficult to police but did re-emphasize the importance of adhering to the rules for calling in lineups and scores to both the central office and your opponents.

Proposition 7: Dallas suggested a lottery-type drawing for draft picks of non-money winners, with the remaining draft picks being determined by money winners as in

Mustangs are here!

In a well planned and long awaited move, the Pennington Penetrators of the FFL packed up their headquarters and headed to the friendly confines of their new home stadium at Mercer County Waterfront Park. A rift between Penetrators owner and general manager Jim Waugh and the Pennington borough council concerning stadium improvements prompted Waugh to search for greener pastures.

The commissioners of Mercer County were more than happy to welcome the franchise to their new facilities. During ceremonies at the new stadium, officials revealed that the franchise will now be known as the Mercer Mustangs. A new team logo was also unveiled.

The stadium, dubbed "The Corral," is ready to host other league members for an "old fashioned bronco busting that is sure to leave the visitors sore and bruised," according to Mr. Waugh.

past years. Additional suggestions by other owners were offered, all in an effort to eliminate teams from "throwing" games at the end of the year. The owners are still very divided on this issue, with a couple of them believing teams should be allowed to throw games. No changes were enacted, however, the FFL will continue to "assign" players under current league rules when illegal players are placed on the roster

Other proposed changes regarding the maintenance of roster size and line-up changes after Thursday NFL games were rejected. Established league rules will continue to apply in these situations.

CORRECTION TO LAST NEWSLETTER:

The Dallas-Richmond trade involving Jerry Rice also saw WR Derrick Russell going to the Armadillos. Not that it really matters that much, since Dallas didn't even protect him.

THIS WEEK'S TRANSACTIONS:

- Richmond trades RB Leroy Thompson (Patriots) to Dallas for Dallas' 4th round draft pick.
- Mercer trades RB Thurman Thomas (Bills) and their 4th round draft pick to New York for QB Jeff George (Falcons), TE Jacke Harris (Bucs) and NY's 3rd round draft pick.
- Butler trades WR Irving Fryar (Dolphins) to Wisconsin for WN's 5th round draft pick.
- Los Angeles trades RB Leonard Russell (Broncos) to Butler for BR's 2nd round draft pick.
- Los Angeles trades RB Tim Worley (Bears), WR Andre Reed (Bills) and LA's 9th round draft pick to Mercer for MR's 3rd round pick and 6th round pick.
- State College trades RB Reggie Cobb (Packers) to Pittsburgh for PG's 3rd round draft pick.
- State College trades K Jason Elam (Broncos) to Los Angeles for LA's 6th round pick.

IMPORTANT DRAFT DAY INFORMATION:

The draft will be held on Sunday, August 28, 1994. It will begin promptly at 11:00am Eastern Standard Time. The phone number to call is 1-800-857-4893. The codeword is the same as last year: GOO!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your \$140.00 sent in to the league office (Nick) so we don't have to hound the deadbeats this year!

New owner info -- address and phone number changes:

- (8/27/94) Doug and Cathy Weaver
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Allison Park, PA 15101
412-487-6641
- (8/19/94) Jim Waugh
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Ewing, NJ 08638
609-883-7123
- (current) Mike Cerenzia
3049 Sheffield Drive
State College, PA 16801
814-231-4835
- (current) John Trzeciak
toll free work phone:
1-800-488-3555 (ext. 385)

PROTECTED PLAYERS:

This is the list of players protected by their teams prior to the 1994 FFL draft (in regular draft order). (P) indicates player qualifies as a prospect.

PA Wildcats: QB Jim Everett, RB Barry Sanders, RB Rodney Hampton(P), RB Gary Brown, WR Brian Blades, TE Ben Coates(P).
DS Armadillos: QB Jim Kelly, RB Leroy Thompson, WR Cris Carter, WR James Jett(P), WR Jerry Rice, K Al DelGreco.
WN Cheeseheads: QB Steve Young, RB Terry Allen(P), RB Johnny Johnson, WR

Irving Fryar, TE Keith Jackson, K Pete Stoyanovich.

PG Pachyderms: QB Brett Favre, RB Reggie Cobb, RB Marcus Allen, WR Michael Jackson, WR Curtis Conway(P), K Steve Christie.

MR Mustangs: QB Jeff George, RB Tim Worley(P), WR Willie Davis, WR Andre Reed, TE Jacke Harris, K Norm Johnson.
Big VA Bang: QB Scott Mitchell(P), RB Terry Kirby, RB Chris Warren, RB Erric Pegram, WR Mike Pritchard, TE Shannon Sharpe.
BR Blowfish: QB Rick Mirer, RB Leonard Russell, WR Sterling Sharpe, WR Tim Brown, WR Ricky Proehl(P), TE Johnny Mitchell.

MI Muffdivers: QB Troy Aikman, RB Jerome Bettis, RB Lewis Tillman, RB Natrone Means(P), WR Webster Slaughter, TE Eric Green.

SC Bandits: QB Warren Moon, RB Marion Butts, RB Reggie Brooks, WR Andre Rison, WR Anthony Miller, TE Ron Hall(P).

NY Griffons: QB Randal Cunningham(P), RB Thurman Thomas, WR Michael Irvin, WR John Taylor, WR Herman Moore, K Jason Hanson.

LA Riot!: QB Dan Marino, QB Drew Bledsoe(P), RB Ricky Watters, RB Barry Foster, WR Michael Haynes, K Jason Elam.
RD Rattlin' Raptors: QB John Elway, RB Emmitt Smith, RB Ron Moore, RB Garrison Hearst, WR Desmond Howard(P), K Gary Anderson.

DID YOU NOTICE:

NY and SC are protecting 5 players that were on their rosters during the inaugural

1994 DRAFT - TEAMS PICKING

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| R O U N D | 1 | PA | RD from DS | WN | PG | MR | VA | BR | DS from MI | PA from SC | NY | LA | WN from RD** |
| | 2 | PA | DS | WN | DS from PG | NY from PN | VA | LA from BR | MI | SC | LA from NY | LA | WN from RD |
| | 3 | PA | DS | DS from WN | SC from PG | LA from MR | VA | BR | MI | SC | MR from NY | LA | VA from RD |
| | 4 | PA | RD from DS | WN | PG | NY from MR | VA | BR | MI | SC | NY | LA | VA from RD |
| | 5 | VA from PA | DS | BR from WN | PA from PG | MR | VA | BR | MI | SC | NY | DS from LA | NY from RD |
| | 6 | PA | PG from DS | WN | PG | LA from MR | RD from VA | BR | MI | PA from SC | NY | SC from LA | RD |
| | 7 | SC from PA | DS | WN | PG | MR | VA | BR | MI | SC | NY | LA | RD |
| | 8 | PA | WN from DS | WN | PG from PA*** | MR | VA | BR | MI | PG from SC | NY | LA | RD |
| | 9 | PG from PA | MI from DS | WN | PG | MR | NY from VA* | BR | MI | SC | MR from NY | MR from LA | RD |
| | 10 | PA | DS | WN | PG | MR | VA | BR | MI | SC | NY | LA | RD |

White with black outline indicates picks exceeding 10. Richmond is 2 picks short; Dallas and Mercer are 1 pick short

*NY's pick in round 9 from VA is from a trade during the 92-93 season. **RD also traded it's 1st round 1995 pick to NJ. ***This pick was originally PG's, was traded to PA, who traded it back to Pittsburgh.

1994-95 Schedule and Results

EASTERN DIVISION

New York Griffons (NY)

Sun 9/4 vs. LA Riot!
Sun 9/11 at PG Pachyderms
Sun 9/18 at SC Bandits
Sun 9/25 at Big VA Bang
Sun 10/2 at MR Mustangs
Sun 10/9 vs. PA Wildcats
Thu 10/13 vs. Big VA Bang
Thu 10/20 vs. DS Armadillos
Sun 10/30 at MI Muffdivers
Sun 11/6 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 11/13 vs. BR Blowfish
Sun 11/20 at WN Cheeseheads
Thu 11/24 at RD Rattlin' Raptors
Thu 12/1 vs. MR Mustangs

Mercer Mustangs (MR)

Sun 9/4 at WN Cheeseheads
Sun 9/11 vs. LA Riot!
Sun 9/18 vs. PG Pachyderms
Sun 9/25 at RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 10/2 vs. NY Griffons
Sun 10/9 at BR Blowfish
Thu 10/13 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Thu 10/20 at MI Muffdivers
Sun 10/30 at PA Wildcats
Sun 11/6 vs. Big VA Bang
Sun 11/13 vs. DS Armadillos
Sun 11/20 vs. SC Bandits
Thu 11/24 at Big VA Bang
Thu 12/1 at NY Griffons

Richmond Rattlin' Raptors (RD)

Sun 9/4 vs. MI Muffdivers
Sun 9/11 at DS Armadillos
Sun 9/18 at BR Blowfish
Sun 9/25 vs. MR Mustangs
Sun 10/2 at Big VA Bang
Sun 10/9 vs. PG Pachyderms
Thu 10/13 at MR Mustangs
Thu 10/20 vs. WN Cheeseheads
Sun 10/30 at LA Riot!
Sun 11/6 at NY Griffons
Sun 11/13 vs. SC Bandits
Sun 11/20 at PA Wildcats
Thu 11/24 vs. NY Griffons
Thu 12/1 vs. Big VA Bang

Big Virginia Bang (VA)

Sun 9/4 at DS Armadillos
Sun 9/11 vs. BR Blowfish
Sun 9/18 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 9/25 vs. NY Griffons
Sun 10/2 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 10/9 at SC Bandits
Thu 10/13 at NY Griffons
Thu 10/20 at LA Riot!
Sun 10/30 at PG Pachyderms
Sun 11/6 at MR Mustangs
Sun 11/13 vs. WN Cheeseheads
Sun 11/20 vs. MI Muffdivers
Thu 11/24 vs. MR Mustangs
Thu 12/1 at RD Rattlin' Raptors

CENTRAL DIVISION

Butler Blowfish (BR)

Sun 9/4 at SC Bandits
Sun 9/11 at Big VA Bang
Sun 9/18 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 9/25 vs. WN Cheeseheads
Sun 10/2 at PA Wildcats
Sun 10/9 vs. MR Mustangs
Thu 10/13 at PG Pachyderms
Thu 10/20 vs. PG Pachyderms
Sun 10/30 at DS Armadillos
Sun 11/6 vs. MI Muffdivers
Sun 11/13 at NY Griffons
Sun 11/20 at LA Riot!
Thu 11/24 vs. SC Bandits
Thu 12/1 vs. PA Wildcats

Pennsylvania Wildcats (PA)

Sun 9/4 at PG Pachyderms
Sun 9/11 vs. WN Cheeseheads
Sun 9/18 at Big VA Bang
Sun 9/25 at LA Riot!
Sun 10/2 vs. BR Blowfish
Sun 10/9 at NY Griffons
Thu 10/13 vs. SC Bandits
Thu 10/20 at SC Bandits
Sun 10/30 vs. MR Mustangs
Sun 11/6 at DS Armadillos
Sun 11/13 vs. MI Muffdivers
Sun 11/20 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Thu 11/24 vs. PG Pachyderms
Thu 12/1 at BR Blowfish

Pittsburgh Pachyderms (PG)

Sun 9/4 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 9/11 vs. NY Griffons
Sun 9/18 at MR Mustangs
Sun 9/25 at MI Muffdivers
Sun 10/2 vs. SC Bandits
Sun 10/9 at RD Rattlin' Raptors
Thu 10/13 vs. BR Blowfish
Thu 10/20 at BR Blowfish
Sun 10/30 vs. Big VA Bang
Sun 11/6 at WN Cheeseheads
Sun 11/13 vs. LA Riot!
Sun 11/20 vs. DS Armadillos
Thu 11/24 at PA Wildcats
Thu 12/1 at SC Bandits

State College Bandits (SC)

Sun 9/4 vs. BR Blowfish
Sun 9/11 at MI Muffdivers
Sun 9/18 vs. NY Griffons
Sun 9/25 vs. DS Armadillos
Sun 10/2 at PG Pachyderms
Sun 10/9 vs. Big VA Bang
Thu 10/13 at PA Wildcats
Thu 10/20 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 10/30 at WN Cheeseheads
Sun 11/6 vs. LA Riot!
Sun 11/13 at RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 11/20 at MR Mustangs
Thu 11/24 at BR Blowfish
Thu 12/1 vs. MR Mustangs

FAR-FLUNG DIVISION

Dallas Armadillos (DS)

Sun 9/4 vs. Big VA Bang
Sun 9/11 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 9/18 at WN Cheeseheads
Sun 9/25 at SC Bandits
Sun 10/2 vs. MI Muffdivers
Sun 10/9 vs. LA Riot!
Thu 10/13 at LA Riot!
Thu 10/20 at NY Griffons
Sun 10/30 vs. BR Blowfish
Sun 11/6 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 11/13 at MR Mustangs
Sun 11/20 at PG Pachyderms
Thu 11/24 vs. WN Cheeseheads
Thu 12/1 at MI Muffdivers

Los Angeles Riot! (LA)

Sun 9/4 at NY Griffons
Sun 9/11 at MR Mustangs
Sun 9/18 vs. MI Muffdivers
Sun 9/25 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 10/2 at WN Cheeseheads
Sun 10/9 at DS Armadillos
Thu 10/13 vs. DS Armadillos
Thu 10/20 vs. Big VA Bang
Sun 10/30 vs. RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 11/6 at SC Bandits
Sun 11/13 at PG Pachyderms
Sun 11/20 vs. BR Blowfish
Thu 11/24 at MI Muffdivers
Thu 12/1 vs. WN Cheeseheads

Miami Muffdivers (MI)

Sun 9/4 at RD Rattlin' Raptors
Sun 9/11 vs. SC Bandits
Sun 9/18 at LA Riot!
Sun 9/25 vs. PG Pachyderms
Sun 10/2 at DS Armadillos
Sun 10/9 vs. WN Cheeseheads
Thu 10/13 at WN Cheeseheads
Thu 10/20 vs. MR Mustangs
Sun 10/30 vs. NY Griffons
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Thu 12/1 vs. DS Armadillos

Wisconsin Cheeseheads (WN)

Sun 9/4 vs. MR Mustangs
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QUOTEABLE



Butler? Trade? The Weavers made a trade? Alert the media! Wait a minute! **I am** the media!"

- Fantasy Flyer editor-in-chief and PA Wildcats owner Ron Yeany upon hearing the news that the usually trigger-shy Blowfish made an off-season deal.

Mercer



Mustangs

Illas Armadillos owner Paul Gilgallon, with the statistical analysis of Mercer Mustangs (formerly Pennington Penetrators) owner Jim Waugh spearheaded some proposed rule changes in the preseason. This issue of FFF recaps the proposals, which ones made it and which ones didn't, and the suggested alternatives to the rules changes.

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

- Protected Rosters
- New, Improved schedule layout
- The trading frenzy leading up to deadline
- And all the pertinent information you will need to know for draft day

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