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HOT SEAT

Defending champions start 0-2; Rumors rampant that heads will roll among the coaching staff

The LA Riot!, defending FFL champions and 1992 overall point champions, have staggered out of the gate in 1994 to an 0-2 start, and rumors are circulating that heads will roll among the coaching staff if this trend isn't reversed soon.

The Riot! has shown consistency during the first two weeks of the FFL season at starting the wrong players off their roster, a roster many analysts have proclaimed to be a step below previous LA teams.

Four players that sat out LA's Week One loss to the New York Griffons had a combined 89 points. In Week Two, the decisions to play Dan Marino at QB instead of Drew Bledsoe and to NOT play WR Flipper Anderson cost the Riot! as much as 28 points, which would have more than made up for the losing deficit of 16 points in their loss to the Mercer Mustangs.

LA Riot! owner Sam McClain, who has been actively and openly seeking a move back East for his team, has also been criticized for some of this year's Riot! draft picks. In particular, the move to trade up in the first round of this year's draft, and then the selection of Edgar Bennett with that first-

round pick, was widely regarded as a surprise to many draft experts. Los Angeles' other drafted running backs - Kenneth Davis, Merrill Hoge and Tom Rathman, aren't exactly striking fear into the hearts of opposing defensive coordinators in the FFL.

Riot! fans, who are known to be rowdy, are reportedly organizing a campaign to smuggle six-packs into the home opener this weekend against the Miami Muffdivers - six packs of size C batteries, that is. The fans' drive has been loosely organized as an "Energize the Riot!" campaign.

Security officials within the Riot! organization are reportedly aware of the potential for violence and have informed FFL that they are taking steps to make sure no violence erupts at the home opener.

Rodney King will be on hand for the ceremonial coin toss, and this year's Riot! home-opener halftime show will feature newlyweds Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley performing an eclectic selection of music including "Babe, I Got You Babe," "Jailhouse Rock," "Have You Never Been Mellow," and will close with "People Are Strange."

**Cumulative Season Statistics

	HIGH	LOW	
QUARTERBACK	34 - MR Mustangs		2 - SC
Bandits			
RUNNING BACKS	61 - Big VA Bang		0 - MR Mustangs

**Regular Season Records

*TEAM SCORE	91 - WN Cheeseheads
26 - LA Riot	
2 RUNNING BACKS	14 - BR Blowfish
3 RUNNING BACKS	35 - Big VA Bang
3 RECEIVERS	43 - WN Cheeseheads
4 RECEIVERS	42 - PG Pachyderms
QB INDIVIDUAL	25 - WN (S. Young/WK 1)
Moon/WK 1)	-3 - SC (W.
RB INDIVIDUAL	20 - tie (RD-Smith, VA-Warren/WK 1)

**All-Time FFL Records

	HIGH	LOW
*TEAM SCORE		97 [100]- NJ (1993/WK 11)
0 - PN (1993/WK 4)		
2 RUNNING BACKS		32 - RD (1992/WK 8)
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)
35 - RD (E. Metcalf 1992/WK 3)		

*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 THREE GAME



Two of the league's three remaining undefeated teams square off this week in Virginia. Both teams are off to a quick start with strong running games and surprising receivers, but Virginia's Shannon Sharpe and Pennsylvania's Rodney Hampton are both hurt ...

Week 2 Game Summaries

PG Pachyderms 80 NY Griffons 41

Pittsburgh's Monday Night receiving duo of the Eagle's Calvin Williams and the Bears' Curtis Conway posted a spectacular 42 points between the two of them, scoring 4 of the 6 TDs scored in the Monday Night game. QB Brett Favre also contributed 19 points. Pachyderm RB Marcus Allen also contributed a TD as Pittsburgh evened their record to 1-1.

Over half of New York's 43 points came from QB Randall Cunningham's 20-point Monday night performance. Thurman Thomas also pitched in 14 points for the Griffons.

PA Wildcats 79 WN Cheeseheads 30

Wildcat TE Ben Coates posted his second consecutive 20+ point week, and QB Jim Everett continued to show renewed signs of life with the Saints by chipping in 19 points. PA's kicking woes continue, however. PA now has a cumulative 1 point from their K in the first two weeks. 7 of 8 PA starters scored, with the only exception being RB Barry Sanders.

Wisconsin's Steve Young and Irving Fryar came crashing back to earth after phenomenal numbers in Week 1. Young posted only 7 points on the weekend, and Fryar took a goose-egg after posting 35 points last week.

SC Bandits 75 MI Muffdivers 58

Seven of 8 Bandits starters scored, lead by Andre Rison, who made good on his "guarantee" of a Falcons win by chipping in 20 points for SC. Marion Butts added 17 and Anthony Miller added 11. Saints RB Derek Brown was the lone SC starter not the score.

Miami had a huge 19-point game from WR Rob Moore and strong performances by RBs Natrone Means (14), Jerome Bettis (8) and K John Carney (9) in the losing effort.

MR Mustangs 63 LA Riot! 47

Jeff George has sprinted out into the front of the pack among hot FFL commodities. He has now posted back-to-back 17 point weeks for the Mustangs. Mercer also got a big game from former Riot! WR Andre Reed, who contributed 17 points himself in drubbing his old teammates. TE Jackie Harris and K Norm Johnson contributed significantly. MR has still not scored any points from their RBs in 1994.

All eight Riot! starters scored, but none of them delivered a multiple-TD knockout punch. Barry Foster's 11, Jason Elam's 10 and Dan Marino's 8 points led the Riot!

DS Armadillos 41 RD Rattlin' Raptors 38

Home field advantage prevented this game from ending in a tie. Dallas has now scored 40+ for two consecutive weeks, despite the fact that Jerry Rice scored a paltry 2 points this week. Dallas' stud on the weekend was Jim Kelly, who rebounded from a miserable Week 1 to produce 21 points. Brent Jones added a TD, and Ironhead Craig Heyward chipped in the first two points this season for DS RBs.

The Raptors' Elway-Smith combo scored 11 apiece, and WR Desmond Howard continues to show improvement, adding his second TD on the season.

Big VA Bang 39 BR Blowfish 33

Big Bang RBs continue to pound the opposition, with Chris Warren (16) and Terry Kirby (8) leading the way. Kirby, it should be noted, last week became the first FFL player to ever score a 2-pt conversion (several did it this week).

Butler QB Rick Mirer's 14 points accounted for almost half the team's scoring while 4 Butler receivers managed only 8 combined points.

TRANSACTIONS etc...

THIS WEEK'S TRANSACTIONS:

- Miami Muffdivers dropped WR Jake Reed, Vikings, and added WR Mark Seay, Chargers.
- PA dropped WR Vincent Brisby, Patriots, and added WR Henry Ellard, Redskins.

● **DID YOU NOTICE:** That the only two Vikings WRs drafted this year, Qadry Ismael and Jake Reed, were 2 of the first three players dropped this year?

● **DID YOU NOTICE:** That 4 of the top 5 scores in Week One were by the 4 worst teams in 1993? Richmond's presence in the top 5 was the only exception.

REMINDER TO:

Wisconsin Cheeseheads, who are next on the list of guest editorials this year in the Fantasy Football Flyer. Your article is due Monday, September 19.

State College Bandits are next, following Wisconsin. Your article is due Monday, September 26.

PITTSBURGH and **RICHMOND** are the only two teams not to have paid their league fees. Ante up, boys!

SEVERAL CORRECTIONS to last week's newsletter (hey, I worked late!):

Page One: Regular Season Records 1) High team score should have been WN, not PA; and 2) Low team score for LA should have been 26 instead of 24.

Page Two: LA Riot! game summary score should have been 26 instead of 24.

Page Three: Butler's schedule should have listed the Wk. 1 score with State College listed second since SC was the home team.

They've all been corrected in this issue.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Richmond

What the hell's going on this season, CD's to the top!

When the LA Riot! starts the year at 0-2, you can be sure that the trophy is up for grabs. I've seen quality organizations involved in trading star players to weaker teams, but at the same time strengthening the CD's who have little hope. (The true reason Rice was traded is that he had an attitude.) Quality organizations like the Raptors develop talent and tend to hold young players, only to watch the team get drafted away by the **Cellar Dwellers**. CD's have no management experience at top level playoff games. In fact, CD's have thrown games to undermine the integrity of the FFL.

So what do the league rules state? The rules concerning game-throwing will now force the CD's to field a team. This is embarrassing to the quality organizations of the FFL that try to win every game and maximize their point totals. Take the best teams, give them the worst

draft positions, make the CD's see the points that quality teams can generate from proper strategies, and then let the CD's take over their personnel. Perhaps in this year's final game, the CD's with the least amount of points should win! They'd manage it much better.

Let's shift my team to a division I want to be in. Let's see, if Sam moves East and Zilb comes back to State College, can I realistically expect to see Sam in Nick's division this century? Perhaps if LA Riot! becomes a CD.

It is truly the year of the one-ball boning the cheeser with eggman-like bangs. Or shall we say, the year looks like the CD's will rise to the occasion as past champions will be caught in indecisiveness and poor management. As far as the quality teams exposing their strategies a bit early, look at the Champion's record this year. The CD Suzie Homemaker thrashing of

the Raptors this past week (41-38) was a bonafide example of a CD rising to the occasion. Could this be due to the Raptor strategic move to a better draft choice? Or was it simply a gift that the Raptors presented to St. Paulie as an early wedding gift similar to the playoff-loss gift the Raptors gave to the commissioner for brownie points on his special day.

Go CD's GO back to where you belong!

P.S. Sorry I missed the draft, I was able to play in a tourney with last year's winnings!

1994-95 Schedule and Results

EASTERN DIVISION

New York Griffons (NY)

LA Riot! 26, **NY Griffons 36**
NY Griffons 41, **PG Pachyderms 80**
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)

MR Mustangs 33, **WN Cheeseheads 94**
LA Riot! 47, **MR Mustangs 63**
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)

MI Muffdivers 37, **RD Rattlin' Raptors 55**
RD Rattlin' Raptors 38, **DS Armadillos 41**
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)

Big VA Bang 86, DS Armadillos 44
BR Blowfish 33, **Big VA Bang 39**
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)

BR Blowfish 39, **SC Bandits 41**
BR Blowfish 33, **Big VA Bang 39**
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)

PA Wildcats 62, PG Pachyderms 35
WN Cheeseheads 30, **PA Wildcats 79**
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
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Thu 11/24 vs. PG Pachyderms
Thu 12/1 at BR Blowfish

Pittsburgh Pachyderms (PG)

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NY Griffons 41, **PG Pachyderms 80**
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Sun 11/20 vs. DS Armadillos
Thu 11/24 at PA Wildcats
Thu 12/1 at SC Bandits

State College Bandits (SC)

BR Blowfish 39, **SC Bandits 41**
SC Bandits 75, MI Muffdivers 58
Sun 9/18 vs. NY Griffons
Sun 9/25 vs. DS Armadillos
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Thu 10/20 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 10/30 at WN Cheeseheads
Sun 11/6 vs. LA Riot!
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Sun 11/20 at MR Mustangs
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FAR-FLUNG DIVISION

Dallas Armadillos (DS)

Big VA Bang 86, DS Armadillos 44
RD Rattlin' Raptors 38, **DS Armadillos 41**
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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)

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LA Riot! 47, **MR Mustangs 63**
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Sun 9/25 vs. PA Wildcats
Sun 10/2 at WN Cheeseheads
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Miami Muffdivers (MI)

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QUOTEABLE

“

Come on, Ying. I'll trade you team for team. Even up. I'll even pay the transaction costs. What would it be? About \$90.00 per team?”

- The league's consummate wheeler-dealer, Chris Lieberman

INSIDE THE NUMBERS:

Big Virginia Bang WR Bert Emanuel this week gained the dubious distinction of becoming the first running back or receiver in FFL history to post negative points for a week. Emanuel, a rookie converted QB from Rice University, attempted one pass and was intercepted. He had no touchdowns and didn't post enough yardage to gain bonus points.

NIBS-isms

THIS WEEK'S NIBS-ISM:

These are the rules:

1. We give the name that he actually said.
2. You guess what he really is talking about.

“TRIPLE SEX”

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