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## CANNED! Riot! fires coach

A highly-placed FFL source has told Fantasy Football Flyer that LA Riot! owner Sam McClain has fired the team coach.

Although details are sketchy at presstime (on THIS story, that is), there apparently is a "smoking gun list" of items the owner has compiled in reaching the decision to fire the coach of the defending FFL champions.

Mr. McClain did not return repeated calls the Fantasy Football Flyer staff made to both his office and his residence.

FFL Commissioner Nick Fisher, who is in California on non-league business, saw McClain on Sunday

and confirmed that McClain does indeed have a "bulleted list," but Fisher would not comment on the contents of the list.

The Riot! this past weekend lost for the fourth consecutive week, a crushing 80-27 loss at the hands of the PA Wildcats, who had lost to the Riot! in both previous meetings between the two teams. The Riot! is the only winless team in the league.

The Riot! this year has been plagued by coaching gaffes, including more this past week: Dan Marino (25), Flipper Anderson (11) and Edgar Bennett (6) accounted for 42 potential points that were left sitting on the LA bench.

### \*\*Cumulative Season Statistics

	HIGH	LOW
QUARTERBACK	71 - WN Cheeseheads	19 - MI Muffdivers
RUNNING BACKS	110 - PA Wildcats	13 - DS
Armadillos		
RECEIVERS		117 - DS Armadillos

### \*\*Season-to-date Records

*TEAM SCORE	18 - RD Raptors	91 - WN Cheeseheads
2 RUNNING BACKS	Cheeseheads	34 - WN
3 RUNNING BACKS	3 RECEIVERS	48 - PA Wildcats
4 RECEIVERS	42 - PG Pachyderms	
QB INDIVIDUAL	31 - WN (S. Young/WK 3)	-3 - tie SC

### \*\*All-Time FFL Records

	HIGH	LOW
*TEAM SCORE	0 - PN (1993/WK 4) 📺	97 [100] - NJ (1993/WK 11)
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	13) -4 - VA (C. Erickson 1993/WK 6)	32 - NJ (S. Young 1993/WK 13)
RB INDIVIDUAL	14)	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).

## News and Notes:

**MORE CONTROVERSY IN VIRGINIA:** The Big Virginia Bang — which last week asked for an "independent" inquiry into allegations that the NY Griffons orchestrated an "attack" on one of his players in a bar brawl — is this week reportedly alleging that the Griffons purposely ordered their placekicker, Jason Hanson, to miss a potential game-winning field goal in order to prolong the game, allowing Barry Sanders to surpass 175 yards rushing and thus provide the PA Wildcats with their margin of victory in a 49-46 win over the Big Bang.

The Big Bang was also slapped with a double-dose of bad news this

past weekend; potential season-ending injuries to both RB Terry Kirby and WR Mike Pritchard. No news yet as to whether Virginia is alleging any NY Griffon involvement in the injuries to Kirby or Pritchard.

**RICHMOND PLAYERS MISS TEAM BUS:** Eleven Rattlin' Raptors missed the team bus this weekend, leaving only 5 players to start for the team. The Raptors had to play without any running backs, but did manage to start a quarterback, three wide receivers and a kicker.

Fans were baffled as to how such a mishap could take place, considering that it was a home game.

WEEK FIVE 🏈 🏈 🏈 🏈 🏈 GAME

If the defending champion L.A. Riot! can't break out of their losing streak this week, they'll find themselves 4 full games behind the leaders in the Far-Flung Division, the Cheeseheads. Both the owners for these two former Coastal Division rivals were talking trash this week, too. Riot! owner Sam McClain said "who the hell is Dave Zilberfarb," likening him to the draft-day Mel Kyper incident. Zilberfarb ridiculed the Riot! for "dropping their opening-day quarterback!" This week, they'll try to settle it on the field. They'll meet again in the final week of the season.



# Week 4 Game Summaries

## Pennsylvania 80, Los Angeles 27

The third time's the charm for the Wildcats, who manage their first win against the Riot! in three consecutive tries on the road. All 8 starters scored for the Wildcats, albeit QB Stan Humphries' contribution was a -2. The team set a league season record for points from 3 running backs (48), which were led by Barry Sanders' 24 and Gary Brown's 17. The Riot! managed only one TD, a Drew Bledsoe to Ben Coates pass which garnered more points for the 'Cats than it did for the Riot!

## Wisconsin 61, Butler 49

Johnny Johnson (17), Terry Allen (14) and former Blowfish Irving Fryar (13) all scored in double digits for the Cheeseheads as they retain the overall point lead by a slim margin over Pennsylvania. Steve Young and Keith Jackson added 8 apiece for Wisconsin. The Blowfish had 7 of 8 starters score, but in a losing effort. Eric Metcalf's 14 points led the way for the Blowfish. Butler's 4 receivers, however, managed only 13 points amongst them.

## Dallas 54, State College 52

In a real tight game, Dallas scored an all-time team high, led by Kris Carter's 23, Jerry Rice's 14 and Rosie Potts's 11. Joe Montana, however, managed to tie the season low for an individual QB performance (-3). For State College, the balance hung in Monday night's performance by Anthony Miller, whose 6 points left the Bandits 2 points short.

## Virginia 46, New York 44

Home field advantage and a Monday night injury to Thurman Thomas allowed the Big Bang to snatch a victory from the jaws of defeat. Thomas' 20 point performance was tallied in slightly over 2 quarters of play, as he sat out most of the second half with an injury. The Griffons' Jeff Hostetler also chipped in 12 points for NY. Virginia's Chris Warren continues as the FFL pacesetter, adding another 17 points this week..

## Miami 41, Pittsburgh 33

Muffdiver sophomore RBs Jerome Bettis and Natrone Means contributed 11 and 8 point performances, respectively, for Miami, and kicker John Carney's 14 points led the squad. Miami wins despite getting only 2 points from 4 starting receivers. Over half the total Pachyderm score came from QB Brett Favre. Four Pittsburgh receivers took the collar for the weekend. Kicker Steve Christie continues to be solid, adding another 9 points.

## Mercer 38, Richmond 18

Jeff George propelled the Mustangs to the win over the hapless Rattlin' Raptors, who could only start 5 players. George's 12 led Mercer, and K Norm Johnson added 9, with RB Keith Byars chipping in 8. Richmond did not start any running backs, and the three receivers that started - David Palmer, David Mims and Tim McGee, all posted goose-eggs. Only John Elway, Gary Anderson and home field advantage prevented the shutout.

## TRANSACTIONS etc...

### THIS WEEK'S TRANSACTIONS:

- Butler Blowfish dropped Anthony Carter, WR, Lions and added Jake Reed, WR, Vikings.
- LA Riot! dropped Steve Beuerline, QB, Cardinals and Merrill Hoge, RB, Bears and added Steve Broussard, RB, Bengals and Matt Bahr, K, Patriots.
- Miami Muffdivers dropped Chris Miller, QB, Rams and added John Friesz, QB, Redskins.
- State College Bandits dropped Ron Hall, TE, Lions and added Tyrone Montgomery, RB, Raiders.
- Pittsburgh Pachyderms dropped Brad Muster, RB, Saints and Mark Higgs, RB, Dolphins and added Derrick Alexander, WR, Browns and Daryl Johnston, RB, Cowboys (you knew Trz was going to end up with a Cowboy on the roster eventually, didn't you...).

### REMINDER TO:

**Miami Muffdivers**, who are next on the list of guest editorials this year in the Fantasy Football Flyer. Your article is due Monday, October 3.

**New York Griffons** are next, following Miami. Your article is due Monday, October 10.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

As we here in Happy Valley meandered through the dog days of summer, anticipation of the upcoming FFL season began to grow as rumors of trades filtered through the phone lines. Then it happened, on the second of August, the first Fantasy Football Flyer of the new season. I tingled with anticipation (I haven't been laid in a long time!) as I savored the Quotables and the Nibs-isms and read with earnest the trades (I will certainly comment more on them later) and the shock of the scandal on the front page. Then not being able to resist any longer, I opened that first issue of the FFL, and there it was in black and yellow, an assignment.

Now I am **almost** 34 years old (Yes, I am old enough to be the father of most of these players but none of them are short and balding, so you can't prove it) and I have not been in school for 10 years!! I could not believe what I was reading - we had a writing assignment. Oh sure it was not mandatory, but who was going to risk not turning one in? Whose idea was this? Was it the brainstorm of our beloved PRINCIPAL, Nick Fisher (you all saw the movie The Principal with Jim Belushi who carries a baseball bat and beats into submission anyone who does not follow his orders, sound familiar?) or was it Ying's, in the role of Sister Mary Elephant (Cheech & Chong)? Hey Elephant can I go to the can? Was this a conspiracy between the two to keep most of us worried about when our article was due and not concentrating on FFL matters? It could be!

Now that that is out of the way, I can turn to a few of the things that have been keeping me awake at night. First of all let us talk about Jerry Rice. This man is the ultimate wide receiver, be it in the FFL, the NFL or any other FL. But in our league Mr. Rice

has been traded not once but twice. I know I read Nibs's letter to the editor, he traded Rice because Rice had an "attitude". The real reason Rice was traded is because Nibs panicked about not having any draft choices in the first five rounds. So what, Nibs! You had Elway, Smith and Rice! Who cares about draft choices!

The other trade I would like to rag about involved Troy Aikman for a washed-up Barry Sanders. Through the first three weeks Aikman's numbers are 5,5,6 respectively, while Barry's numbers are 8,0,17. Now in week 2 the Lions did face an awesome Viking defense, therefore a score of zero is not unexpected. From this short analysis it looks like the Miami team made the right trade (yeah right!). OK, so maybe this bothers me more than the Rice trade because the Elephant is in my division. But after a recent trouncing at the hands of the Bandits, Miami owner Eggman called to congratulate me on the victory and then proceeded to tell me I needed to get rid of Warren Moon. Now, Moon's numbers through the first three weeks are -3,5,6. Maybe I could have gotten Barry Sanders for Warren Moon! Is it possible the good Sister made the Eggman stay after school, if you know what I mean.

This brings me to the subject of realignment. It is my belief that our Principal, excuse me Commissioner, spent the entire off season trying to find a way of getting the L.A. Riot! out of his division. How do I know this you ponder. About once a month in the off season I would get a call from the Comish to find out if Sister Mary Elephant, Trz and I were happy living in Happy Valley. I was

touched that the Comish was so concerned about our happiness. Then I bought a house and the phone calls to me stopped. I thought nothing of this, until moments after the N.J. Kings released to the press that they intended to relocate to Wisconsin, the divisions were realigned. Coincidence? I think not.

Is it a coincidence that the L.A. Riot!, one of the most respected, profitable, and well run organizations (the things you have to say to make a point!), decided to start Steve, I was not even activated for game 3, Beuerlein instead of Marino or Bledsoe, causing the Riot! to lose to the Griffons? (Do you see where I am going with this?) Is it possible that the Riot! organization has sold out?

Is it also a coincidence that in week 3, when Bandits played the Griffons, that the Comish made teams wear those ridiculous throwback uniforms? Talk around the Bandits' locker room was that the team was embarrassed to be seen in these uniforms, which undoubtedly contributed to their subpar performance.

Do our Principal and beloved teacher Sister Mary Elephant have no shame? Is there no level to which they will not stoop to guarantee themselves a spot in the Fantasy Bowl? I am going to go out on a limb here and predict the two teams in the Fantasy Bowl will be: (drum roll please)

### Pennsylvania Wildcats vs. New York Griffons

Who better to influence the outcome of games other than the Commissioner and the Press!!!!

Finally, I have to agree with the L.A. Riot!'s owner Sam McClain - Paul you did get the best draft pick! The Bandit's organization wishes you and Jackie the best of luck!

## State College

# 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**  
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**  
**PG Pachyderms 36**, MR Mustangs 35  
**MR Mustangs 38**, RD Rattlin' Raptors 18  
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**  
RD Rattlin' Raptors 26, **BR Blowfish 52**  
**MR Mustangs 38**, RD Rattlin' Raptors 18  
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 45  
BR Blowfish 33, **Big VA Bang 39**  
**PA Wildcats 49**, Big VA Bang 46  
NY Griffons 44, **Big VA Bang 46**  
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**  
RD Rattlin' Raptors 26, **BR Blowfish 52**  
**WN Cheeseheads 61**, BR Blowfish 49  
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**  
**PA Wildcats 49**, Big VA Bang 46  
**PA Wildcats 80**, LA Riot! 27  
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)**

**PA Wildcats 62**, PG Pachyderms 35  
NY Griffons 41, **PG Pachyderms 80**  
**PG Pachyderms 36**, MR Mustangs 35  
PG Pachyderms 33, **MI Muffdivers 41**  
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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  
**NY Griffons 65**, SC Bandits 38  
**DS Armadillos 52**, SC Bandits 52  
Sun 10/2 at PG Pachyderms  
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## 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  
Sun 10/2 vs. MI Muffdivers  
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Thu 10/20 at NY Griffons  
Sun 10/30 vs. BR Blowfish  
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Sun 11/13 at MR Mustangs  
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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**  
**MI Muffdivers 58**, LA Riot! 44  
**PA Wildcats 80**, LA Riot! 27  
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# QUOTABLE

“

This is my last year in the FFL. It's too competitive.’

- John Trzeciak, Pittsburgh co-owner. No word on whether Trz will also stop playing caps, cards, or stop competing in the Road Rally.

“

He should be in the Far-Flung division all by himself.”

- Jim Waugh, Mercer Mustangs owner, talking about Chris Lieberman after reading Richmond's guest editorial.

“

If there are any rules that would allow me to play some more players, go ahead and play them.”

- Chris Lieberman, Richmond owner, while calling in his lineup for Week 4. Richmond could only start 5 players because they had no active running backs or tight ends for Week 4 action.

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