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OK, folks, it's the middle of frigging November and we've got 8 inches of snow in State College and the forecast is calling for 12-16 inches! Can you believe this? Oh, this is going to be fun trying to see folks parking in the fields for the Michigan game this Saturday!

On to Fantasy Football....

(PLEASE NOTE: These scores have not yet been confirmed with the Commish. If there are any discrepancies, I'll post them to the email list later this week).

NEW YORK WINS 7th STRAIGHT!

Yes, our illustrious commish is now the holder of the league's longest winning streak this year, and has tied LA's mark for the best start ever in the FFL. This weekend, however, the Griffons put that winning streak on the line against the team that previously held the longest winning streak in 1995... the PA Wildcats.

WOE IN WISCONSIN

If it weren't for Emmitt Smith, the Cheeseheads might be out of the playoff hunt this year. As it stands, however, the mighty Colby-ites have been acting more like warm Velveeta, and have now dropped to 3rd place in the overall point standings. And with Steve Young undergoing surgery and possibly missing another 3-4 weeks, you gotta wonder if a repeat is in the cards for the defending champs???

BIG BANG SNEAKING UP

And in case you haven't noticed, I'll go out on a limb and declare the overall point chase a 4-team race, throwing Carolina into the mix. The Big Bang is just 61 points out of the lead and looks likely to capture the Wild Card playoff spot.

LOGJAM

With only 3 weeks left in the season, only 2 teams (Pittsburgh and Mercer) are essentially out of the playoff hunt. We have a real logjam of teams with 5-6 records: Richmond, State College, Butler, Dallas, Los Angeles and Miami. It is still possible that any one of these teams could make the playoffs. All of these teams except Richmond could still potentially win their division. And after the division winners and Wild Card team is decided, we might have several teams with identical records vying for the consolation playoffs. Brush up on those tiebreaker rules!

GAME SUMMARIES:

LOS ANGELES 75, PITTSBURGH 62

The Riot! is on a hot streak and once again Pittsburgh posts some impressive points and still manages to lose. 7 of 8 starters scored for LA, which was led by WR Cris Carter's 23 points. QB Drew Bledsoe and RBs Edgar Bennett and Ricky Watters all scored in double digits. The Pachyderms were paced by QB Brett Favre, whose 28 points set the season high for all QBs and fell just 4 points shy of the all-time FFL record.

STATE COLLEGE 68, RICHMOND 60

QB Warren Moon paced the Bandits with 24 points. RBs Harvey Williams and Derek Loville each scored in double figures. Richmond was paced by WR Bill Brooks with 17 points and RB Rashaan Salaam with 14 points.

PENNSYLVANIA 67, CAROLINA 64

The home field advantage has prevented another tie, as the league still bucks the odds and avoids our first-ever tie. PA wins by virtue of home field for the first time in team history. The Wildcats were paced by WR Robert Brooks, who scored 20 points. QB Erik Kramer added 15 and RBs Barry Sanders and Marshall Faulk added 11 each. Carolina was paced by WR Curtis Conway, who scored 20. QB Scott Mitchell added 15 and WR Vincent Brisby added 14.

NEW YORK 52, WISCONSIN 40

All 8 Griffons scored, as the team with the league's best record has tied the best-ever start and set this year's longest winning streak at 7 games. The receivers paced NY's effort, as Carl Pickens led the team with 17 and Isaac Bruce added 14. Wisconsin was paced by RBs Emmitt Smith, who scored 16 and Errict Rhett, who scored 11.

DALLAS 51, MERCER 31

Three Armadillos scored in double figures, paced by WR Jerry Rice, who scored 17. QB Dan Marino added 14 and RB Bernie Parmalee added 11. Seven of 8 Mustangs scored, but none of them scored in double digits. Mercer was paced by kicker Norm Johnson's 7 points.

BUTLER 46, MIAMI 30

The Blowfish running backs, for the first time in recent memory, outscored the Butler receivers. Craig Heyward led the team, with 14 points. QB Jeff Blake added 9, and RB Vaughn Dunbar added 8, as did WR Brett Perriman. The Miami effort was paced by Jerome Bettis, who finally woke up and scored in double digits (11) for the first time this season. WR Rob Moore added 10 points.

STANDINGS:.....W-L.....PF.....PA.....Div....Hm....Strk....Next

EASTERN DIVISION

New.York10-1....649(1)...413(12)...3-1....5-0....W7....at.PA
Carolina.....7-4....588(4)...485(9)....2-2....5-1....L1....vs.BR
Richmond.....5-6....486(7)...521(7)....2-2....4-3....L1....at.DS
Mercer.....3-8....360(12)..455(11)...1-3....2-3....L3....vs.MI

CENTRAL DIVISION

Pennsylvania....7-4....605(2)...537(5)....3-1....5-0....W1....vs.NY
Butler.....5-6....501(5)...506(8)....2-2....3-3....W2....at.CL
State.College...5-6....499(6)...531(6)....2-2....2-3....W2....vs.LA
Pittsburgh.....2-9....418(10)..564(4)....1-3....0-5....L2....at.WN

FAR-FLUNG DIVISION

Wisconsin.....7-4....602(3)...464(10)...3-1....3-2....L2....vs.PG
Dallas.....5-6....481(8)...592(1)....1-3....3-3....W1....vs.RD
Los.Angeles.....5-6....457(9)...571(3)....2-2....3-3....W2....at.SC
Miami.....5-6....393(11)..575(2)....3-1....2-3....L2....at.MR

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS

High Quarterbacks:.....Pittsburgh.....143
Low Quarterbacks:New York.....46
High Running Backs:.....Wisconsin.....290
Low Running Backs:.....Dallas.....80
High Receivers:.....New York.....383
Low Receivers:TIE...Mercer,Pittsburgh.....97
High Kickers:.....Los Angeles.....89
Low Kickers:.....Dallas.....47

SEASON TO DATE RECORDS

High Team Score:Wisconsin/wk1.....117
 Low Team Score:Richmond/wk4.....9
 2 Running Backs:Wisconsin/wk1.....49
 3 Running Backs:-----TIE-----
Pennsylvania/wk5.....41
State College/wk6.....41
 3 Receivers:New York/wk5..... 61
 4 Receivers:.....Wisconsin/wk1.....45
 High QB Individual:.....PG (B. Favre/wk11).....28 ***NEW THIS
 WEEK***
 Low QB Individual: .TIE....CL (T. Dilfer/wk3)..... -4
DS (C. Miller/wk8)..... -4
 High RB Individual:WN (E. Smith/wk1).....38
 Low RB Individual:Numerous tied at.....0
 High WR Individual:.....NY (H. Moore/wk9).....29
 Low WR Individual:Numerous tied at0
 High K Individual:.....BR (M. Anderson/wk5).....19
 Low K Individual:DS (C.Lohmiller/wk7).....-2

ALL TIME RECORDS

High Team Score:Wisconsin/1995/Wk1.....117
 Low Team Score:Richmond/1994/Wk13..... -2
 2 Running Backs:Wisconsin/1995/Wk1.....49
 3 Running Backs:.....Richmond/1992/Wk3.....63
 3 Receivers:New York/1995/Wk5.....61
 4 Receivers:.....New Jersey/1992/Wk7.....54
 High QB Individual:.....NJ (S.Young/1993/Wk13)...32
 Low QB Individual:-----TIE-----
VA (C.Erickson/1993/Wk6) -4
CL (T.Dilfer/1995/Wk3).. -4
DS (C.Miller/1995/Wk8).. -4
 High RB Individual:WN (E.Smith/1995/Wk1)...38
 Low RB Individual:Numerous tied at.....0
 High WR Individual:-----TIE-----
NJ (J.Rice/1993/Wk1).....35
 ... (would be 38 points under today's scoring rules)...
NY (M.Irvin/1992/Wk3)...35
WN (I.Fryar/1994/Wk1)...35
 Low WR Individual:VA (B.Emanuel/1994/Wk2).. -1
 High K Individual:.....MI (J.Carney/1993/Wk1)...22
 Low K Individual:-----TIE-----
VA (R.Ruzek/1992/Wk8)... -3
DS (K.Willis/1992/Wk10).. -3
 (both would be -2 under today's scoring rules)

TRANSACTIONS:

After kickoff Week 10:

----New York Griffons add Al DelGreco, K, Oilers (this is the add to
 fill out the roster spot left vacant by trades last week).
 ----Los Angeles Riot! adds Brent Moss, RB, Rams; drops Cary Blanchard,
 K, Colts.
 ----Miami Muffdivers add Blair Thomas, RB, Panthers; drop Horace
 Copeland, WR, Bucs.

WEEK 11 GAME OF THE WEEK:

New York Griffons at Pennsylvania Wildcats

The league's two top-scoring offenses go head to head this week. New
 York's receivers have shredded all opponents this year. Pennsylvania's
 running backs have been carrying the load. Both teams are coming off

wins against the other two teams most likely to make the playoffs. Could this be a Fantasy Bowl Preview???

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