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HOWDY, FOLKS!

The Fantasy Football Flyer offices will once again be doing computer work Tuesday evening, so I thought I'd kick out the newsletter a little early this week.

REMEMBER:

There is another Thursday night game this week, so get your lineups in.

ALSO:

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE call the home team with your lineup. It has been reported that the "away" owners have been slacking in the last few weeks. Let's all make sure we know who is playing who during this last critical week, with several teams still vying for playoff spots!

ONLY THE WILDCARD TEAM IS LEFT TO BE DECIDED...

Heading into the last weekend of the regular season in the Fantasy Football League, only the Wildcard playoff team has yet to be decided. The Pennsylvania Wildcats nailed down their second consecutive division title with a 98-68 drubbing of State College in becoming the third and final team to clinch their division, following the seemingly unstoppable New York Griffons and the defending champions Wisconsin Cheeseheads.

WILDCARD POSSIBILITIES:

With one week left, Carolina, Richmond, Butler, State College, Dallas and Los Angeles all are still potential Wildcard teams. Here's the breakdown:

1) 8-6 teams: Carolina, Richmond and Butler could all finish the year at 8-6. Carolina lost twice to Richmond this year so they would lose the intradivision tiebreaker to them. The Big Bang holds a significant point edge over Butler. Even though Carolina lost the head-to-head matchup, the first interdivision tiebreaker is total points.

---BUTLER needs a win over State College AND Richmond and Carolina losses, OR outscore Carolina by more than 66 points, OR maintain a point edge over Richmond (currently Butler leads by 14 points).

---CAROLINA needs a win at Mercer, a loss by Richmond and they need to maintain the point lead over Butler (currently at 66 points) if Butler should also win.

---RICHMOND needs a win at New York and either (1) Butler to lose OR (2) score 15 points more than Butler.

2) 7-7 teams: State College, with a win at Butler, could finish at 7-7. The winner of Dallas at Los Angeles will also finish at 7-7. If Carolina, Richmond and Butler all lose this week, we'll have a 5-way tie for the Wildcard spot. In this case, Carolina holds a significant point edge, with State College and Butler currently the two closest teams. But in a 5-way tie, I don't have a clue as to how and when interdivision vs. intradivision tiebreakers would be applied.

VERY QUICK GAME SUMMARIES:

PENNSYLVANIA 98, STATE COLLEGE 68

The Wildcats clinched the division and made up some serious ground in the total point race. Six PA starters scored in double digits, led by WR Robert Brooks and TE Ben Coates (20 apiece). State College was paced by WR Anthony Miller (23) and QB Warren Moon (21).

LOS ANGELES 91, MIAMI 43

All 8 starters scored for the Riot!, paced by RB Ricky Watters (20) QB Jim Harbaugh (18) and WR Cris Carter (14). Miami was led by WR Rob Moore's 14 points.

NEW YORK 64, MERCER 52

All 8 starters scored for the Griffons, led by RB Terrell Davis and WR Herman Moore, with 14 each. Mercer was paced by QB Jeff George's 16 points.

DALLAS 56, WISCONSIN 55

If Dallas has players in the Monday night game, watch out! They nearly pulled a miraculous comeback last week, and this week they managed a come-from-behind win as kicker John Carney's 11-point effort in the Mon. Night game pushed them just over the top. And this was a legitimate win -- Wisconsin held the home field. QB Dan Marino paced the Armadillos with 22; QB Steve Young and K Jason Hanson led Wisconsin with 12 points each.

RICHMOND 56, CAROLINA 54

The home field advantage plays well YET AGAIN for undoubtedly the luckiest owner ever to walk the sidelines. Carolina suffers their second loss this year via the home field points. The Raptors were paced by QB John Elway and WR Michael Irvin, with 14 each. Carolina was paced by QB Scott Mitchell's monster 29-point day. The Big Bang holds both the season's high and season's low for QB points.

BUTLER 49, PITTSBURGH 35

The Blowfish keep their playoff hopes alive with a win over the Pachyderms. WR Brett Perriman paced the fish with a 23-point effort. Pittsburgh was led by QB extraordinaire Brett Favre's 17 points.

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

EASTERN DIVISION

New.York12-1....796(1)...523(12)...4-1....6-0....W9....vs.RD
Carolina.....7-6....694(4)...644(8)....2-3....5-2....L3....at.MR
Richmond.....7-6....614(7)...647(7)....3-2....4-3....W2....at.NY
Mercer.....4-9....469(11)..540(11)...1-4....3-3....L1....vs.CL

CENTRAL DIVISION

Pennsylvania....8-5....755(2)...694(3)....4-1....6-1....W1....at.PG
Butler.....7-6....628(6)...596(9)....3-2....3-3....W4....vs.SC
State.College...6-7....630(5)...679(5)....2-3....4-3....L1....at.BR
Pittsburgh.....2-11...486(10)..689(4)....1-4....0-6....L4....vs.PA

FAR-FLUNG DIVISION

Wisconsin.....8-5....730(3)...556(10)...3-2....4-3....L1....at.MI
Dallas.....6-7....606(8)...722(1)....2-3....3-4....W1....at.LA
Los.Angeles....6-7....598(9)...677(6)....3-2....3-3....W1....vs.DS
Miami.....5-8....448(12)..721(2)....3-2....2-4....L4....vs.WN

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS

High Quarterbacks:.....Pittsburgh.....179
Low Quarterbacks:New York.....63
High Running Backs:.....Pennsylvania.....351
Low Running Backs:.....Butler.....89
High Receivers:.....New York.....436
Low Receivers:Mercer.....113
High Kickers:.....Los Angeles.....111

Low Kickers:.....Miami.....64

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
.....Pennsylvania/wk13.....41 **NEW**
3 Receivers:New York/wk5..... 61
4 Receivers:.....Wisconsin/wk1.....45
High QB Individual:.....CL (S. Mitchell/wk13)....29 **NEW**
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:.....CL (T. Mathis/wk12).....32
Low WR Individual:MI (R. Moore/wk12).....-1
High K Individual:.....BR (M. Anderson/wk5)....19
Low K Individual:RD (G.Anderson/wk13).....-3 **NEW**

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:-----TIE-----
.....VA (B.Emanuel/1994/Wk2). -1
.....MI (R.Moore/1995/Wk12).. -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)
.....RD (G.Anderson/wk13).....-3 **NEW**

TRANSACTIONS:

After kickoff Week 12:

-----Wisconsin Cheeseheads drop K Greg Davis, Cardinals; add Kordell Stewart, QB, Steelers.

-----WISCONSIN PETITIONS to have Stewart changed to a WR. After consultation with the transaction committee, Commish Fish OKs the petition, so Kordell Stewart is now a WR.

Editorial Note: I see the Steelers more than any other team, and I must admit that Kordell Stewart lines up at QB as much as, or more than, he lines up at WR. I only saw the first half of Sunday's game, but by my count he lined up 4 times at QB, 3 times at WR, and once at RB. Is this evidence enough to allow this FLAGRANT misuse of league rules to allow the Cheeseheads, a team in serious need of an adrenaline kickstart, to take a rookie 4th string QB and use him as a WR? I THINK NOT, and would encourage the league to reconsider the allowance of Kordell Stewart as a WR.

In fact, the PA Wildcats will formally challenge the league ruling and petition the league to re-classify Kordell Stewart BACK TO a quarterback.

Any more comments on this, ladies and gentlemen???

Week 14 games of the week:

Carolina plays at Mercer, Richmond plays at New York and State College plays at Butler.

These three games will most likely decide the Wildcard playoff team, or will at least determine what teams will be chosen via the tiebreaker.

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