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AND WHEN THE DUST CLEARED...

It was the Big Carolina Bang making the playoffs as the Wildcard team. This was actually quite easy, since the Big Bang was the only team out of a possible three teams that finished the season at 8-6. Carolina will travel to Wisconsin to face the defending champions in Week 15 action. In the other playoff game, the Pennsylvania Wildcats will travel to New York to try and snap the Griffons' 10-game winning streak. The four teams in the playoffs are the same four teams that appeared in the playoffs in 1994.

CONSOLATION:

Four teams ended up tied at 7-7 for the consolation bracket and all of them were within 20 points of each other. The Butler Blowfish were the only ones dumped. State College will get the Week 15 bye and will play the winner of the Richmond at Los Angeles game for the Consolation Prize Money. The Riot! gained the home field advantage by a mere 2 points total over Richmond. State College gained the bye by a total of 8 points.

WEEK 14 SCORES:

Los Angeles 70, Dallas 42

Cris Carter has come on strong for the Riot!, and led the team with 20 points. Jerry Rice posted his first zero on the season for the Armadillos.

New York 66, Richmond 49

The Griffon triumvirate of Moore, Pickens and Bruce posted 45 points alone. Amp Lee posted a surprising 13 points for Richmond, but Billy Brooks and Fred Barnett failed to carry the Raptors down the stretch, as they both posted goose-eggs.

Carolina 64, Mercer 55

The Big Bang enjoyed a huge night from QB Scott Mitchell (20), who has finally put to rest the QB woes for the Carolina squad. Terry Allen's 17 paced the Mustangs.

Pittsburgh 46, Pennsylvania 37

Brett Favre is emerging as the best fantasy quarterback, and proved it again this week after posting 19 points. He leads all QBs this season. The Wildcats limp into the playoffs having lost 5 out of their last 7 games. Barry Sanders' 16 points accounted for nearly half the team score.

State College 43, Butler 28

Anthony Miller is coming on strong, and Warren Moon remains hot. Both scored 11, but Derek Loville led the charge with 16. Butler's rollercoaster season ended on a down note. Mark Chmura led the Blowfish with 11 points.

Wisconsin 34, Miami 21

Wisconsin notched the team's second-lowest point total on the year but still came away with the win. Who else but Emmitt Smith paced the Cheeseheads with 11 points. A disappointing season for Miami ended with the Muffdivers scoring 30 or fewer points for the seventh time this season.

DID YOU NOTICE:

The top two seeds going into the playoffs (New York and Wisconsin) have had by far the fewest points scored against them than any of the other playoff-bound teams.

DRAFT STANDINGS: Going into Week 15, here is how the draft/lottery system stands:
Team. Balls.so.far Points.to.date.(weeks.11-15) Pittsburgh 5 170 Mercer. 4 192 Miami. 3 103 Dallas. 2 215 Butler. 1 195
-Balls so far- is lottery chances based on record through first 11 weeks -Points to date- will accumulate through the end of THIS WEEKEND, and then high points will receive an additional 5 balls, next highest = 4 balls, etc.
NOTE: Should Dallas or Butler win prize money for highest remaining point total (and both are in a position to possibly do so), they will be knocked out of the draft lottery.
FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS:W-LPFPADivHmStrkNext
EASTERN DIVISION New.York13-1859(1)572(12)5-17-0W10vs.PA Carolina8-6758(4)699(8)3-35-2W1at.WN Richmond7-7663(7)713(6)3-34-3 . L1at.LA Mercer4-10521(11) .604(10) . 1-53-4L2done
CENTRAL DIVISION Pennsylvania8-6792(2)740(3)4-26-1L1at.NY Butler7-7653(6)639(9)3-33-4L1done State.College7-7673(5)707(7)3-34-3W1bye Pittsburgh3-11529(10)726(4)2-41-6W1done
FAR-FLUNG DIVISION Wisconsin9-5764(3)577(11)3-34-3W1vs.CL Dallas6-8648(8)792(1)2-43-4L1done Los.Angeles7-7665(9)719(5)4-24-3W2vs.RD Miami5-9466(12)755(2)3-32-5L5done
SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS High Quarterbacks: Pittsburgh. 198 Low Quarterbacks: New York70 High Running Backs: Pennsylvania 369 Low Running Backs: Butler89 High Receivers: New York 481 Low Receivers: Mercer 121 High Kickers: Los Angeles 118 Low Kickers: Miami .70
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

High QB Individual:
ALL TIME RECORDS High Team Score: Wisconsin/1995/Wk1
(both would be -2 under today's scoring rules)RD (G.Anderson/wk13)3

TRANSACTIONS:

After kickoff Week 12:

----Wisconsin Cheeseheads drop WR JJ Birden, Chiefs; add WR Tamarick Vanover, Chiefs.

----Big Carolina Bang drops WR Russell Copeland, Bills; adds QB Don Majkowski, Lions.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYOFF TEAMS!

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