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MIAMI KICKER APPEAL DENIED

Miami Muffdivers Owner Pat Landy's appeal of the commissioner's ruling on an illegal player has been denied by the commissioner's office.

To recap, Miami called in a lineup for Week Four play that included the kicker for the New York Griffons. Since this was an illegal player for the Muffdivers, commissioner Fisher reverted to league stipulations concerning illegal players and ruled that Miami's kicker for week 4 had to be John Carney, who just happened to have that week off.

The ruling, and the denial of Miami's appeal, deals a serious blow to Miami's run at the league's all-time kicking records as well as this year's competitive overall point race.

Tribunal member and FFF editor Ron Yeany felt that Miami might have the basis for an appeal because the rules state that an illegal player will be substituted with the "active" player on the team's roster for the longest time. Technically, because San Diego had an off week, Carney was not an active NFL player in week four. But commissioner Fisher's interpretation of the rule is an active FFL player, regardless of his team's status that week. Regardless, Miami did not base its appeal on the definition of an active player, and the ruling stands.

Miami owner Pat Landy has been quick to point out that his first four wins of the season were all against the three members of the FFL Tribunal (2 wins over NJ owner David Zilberfarb, and 1 win each over Yeany and Fisher). Sour grapes, he asks? This editor thinks NOT! If I were 5-0 and did a bonehead move such as this, I'd let the issue die a quiet death and get on with the business of wrapping up a Division Title, as it appears Miami is well on its way to doing.

Don't expect the issue of Miami's "off-color" team name to die a quick and silent death, however. Rumblings around the league are continuing and this editor has heard that the last of this controversy is not

1993 STANDINGS - WK. 5

COASTAL	W	L	T	PF*	DIV	HOME	STREAK	NEXT GAME
Los Angeles Riot	5	0	0	273(1)	1-0	3-0	Won 5	at Pennington
New York Griffons	3	2	0	144(8)	0-1	2-0	Won 2	at New Jersey
Pennington Penetrators	2	3	0	127(10)	1-0	1-1	Lost 3	vs. Los Angeles
New Jersey Kings	1	4	0	136(9)	0-1	1-0	Lost 2	vs. New York
CENTRAL								
State College Bandits	4	1	0	213(3)	1-0	2-0	Won 4	at Pittsburgh
Butler Blowfish	3	2	0	180(6)	0-1	1-1	Won 1	at Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Wildcats	1	4	0	189(4)	0-1	1-1	Lost 2	vs. Butler
Pittsburgh Pachyderms	1	4	0	120(11)	1-0	1-1	Lost 1	vs. State College
SOUTHERN								
Miami Muffdivers	5	0	0	231(2)	1-0	3-0	Won 5	vs. Virginia
Richmond Rattlin' Raptors	2	3	0	183(5)	0-1	0-1	Lost 2	at Dallas
Dallas Armadillos	2	3	0	117(12)	0-1	1-1	Lost 1	vs. Richmond
Virginia No-Names	1	4	0	145(7)	1-0	1-1	Won 1	at Miami

*Points For does NOT include home team bonus points.

STAT SHEET

**Cumulative Season Statistics

	HIGH	LOW
Quarterback:	(60) LA Riot	(8) Virginia
Running Backs:	(115) MI Muffdivers	(14) T-RD & NJ
Receivers:	(86) BR Blowfish	(17) MI Muffdivers
Kicker:	(46) BR Blowfish	(17) NJ Kings

**Regular Season Records

*Team Score:	(73) LA Riot - wk1	(0) PN-wk4
2 Running Backs:	(20) Virginia - wk3	
3 Running Backs:	(37) LA Riot - wk4	
3 Receivers:	(45) LA Riot - wk1	
4 Receivers:	(34) NJ Kings - wk1	
Quarterback:	(21) T-Esiason/MI-wk1; Cunningham/NY-wk3	(32) Hebert/PN-wk4&5
RB Individual:	(20) T-Mitchell/MI-wk1; Brooks/SC-wk3; Warren/VA-wk3	
WR Individual:	(32) Williams/RD-wk3	
Kicker:	(22) Carney/MI-wk1	(-2) Lowery/VA-wk2

* Home team bonus pts. not included; ** Only FFL starters qualify

**ALL-TIME FANTASY LEAGUE RECORDS

*Team Score:	HIGH	LOW
	(96) NJ (1992)-wk7	(0) PN (1993)-wk4 (-2) PG (1992)-wk17
2 Running Backs:	(32) RD (1992)-wk8	
3 Running Backs:	(63) RD (1992)-wk3	
3 Receivers:	(45) LA (1993)-wk1	
4 Receivers:	(54) NJ (1992)-wk7	
Quarterback:	(27) NJ/Young (1992)-wk2	(-3) BR/Rypien (1992)-wk3 SC/Carlson; PG/Favre ('92)-wk17
RB Individual:	(35) RD/Metcalf (1992)-wk3	
WR Individual:	(35) NY/Irvin (1992)-wk3	
Kicker:	(22) MI/Carney (1993)-wk1	(-3) VA/Ruzek (1992)-wk8 DS/Willis (1992)-wk10

Week 5 Game Summaries

MIMuffdivers 46, RD Raptors 37

Miami extends it's lead in the Southern Division to three full games with a win over the 2nd-place Rattlin' Raptors. The Muffdivers shake off the ill effects of losing their appeal over the illegal kicker controversy in Week 4. Boomer Esiason continues to impress, but Miami could have lost backup QB Joe Montana to injury.

The rumor mill in Richmond heated up instantly Tuesday night. With Michael Jordan announcing his retirement, speculation is running high that the Raptors will add Jordan to their roster.

PN Penetrators 20, BR Blowfish 65

The Penetrators, coming off the worst week ever for an FFL team, ran into a hot Blowfish receiving corps and suffered their third straight defeat. The Blowfish, who reportedly had inked a deal to trade TE Johnny Mitchell, backed out of the deal after Mitchell's 3 TD performance propelled the fish to their highest point total since Wk 14 of last year.

NY Griffons 27, PG Pachyderms 17

The Griffons and Pachys didn't exactly light up the scoreboard, but NY comes away with the win as the Griffons try to keep pace in the Coastal Division. The Griffons were dealt a blow this weekend, however, when QB Randall Cunningham went down with a broken leg and may miss 8-10 weeks.

In addition to the loss, Pachyderm owners and special consultant were suffering post-bachelor party hangovers on Sunday.

PA Wildcats 41, LA Riot! 50

Waiver wire pickup K Eddie Murray came within one point of tying an FFL League record as the Riot! express continues to roll on undefeated and now at 5-0. Riot! rookie RB Roosevelt Potts became the first player this year to receive the consolation point bonus with 41 rushing yards and 51 receiving yds.

The Wildcats, 4th-highest in total points scored but buried under a 1-4 record, are in turmoil. Team owner Ron Yeany has apparently fired all his defensive coaches and has put K Chip Lohmiller on the trading block (again). Wildcats fans, worried that the pressure of running a team and publishing a high-profile magazine are beginning to take their toll, also say Yeany is despondent over a death threat he received this weekend when he made fun of someone's tie.

Virginia 30, DS Armadillos 20

The team without a name is no longer the team without a win. Defending Division champ Virginia picked up its first win of the season and moved to within one game of climbing out of the cellar. The Dallas offense continues to sputter along in last place in overall points.

SC Bandits 60, NJ Kings 24

The defending FFL champion Bandits have won their 4th in a row. RBs Reggie Cobb and Marion Butts had their first productive games of the season and QB Wade Wilson is challenging Warren Moon for the starting job. NJ's woes continue. They are last in season stats for kickers and tied for last in running backs.

TRANSACTIONS:

WEEK 5 TRANSACTIONS:

I Pittsburgh Pachyderms drop Roger Ruzek, former K for Eagles, because he told Randall to "break a leg!" The Pachys add K Tony Zendejas from the LA team that doesn't have an autocratic owner.

I Virginia STILL DOESN'T HAVE A TEAM NAME! They drop David Klingler, QB, Bungals and add Andre Ware, QB, Motor City QB-go-round.

I Richmond Rattlin' Raptors drop Kevin Mack, RB, Baltimore Colts, no, wait, Vince Lombardi tells me Mack last played for the Cleveland Browns, and adds Derek Russell, WR, Denver Broncos. Actually, Nibs never heard of Russell before Sunday morning because his name wasn't in the copy of the 1974 Street & Smith's that Nibs keeps on his coffee table. But Russell scored a

CORRECTIONS:

I LA Riot! score vs. Richmond in week 4 should have been LA 69, Richmond 35. Last week's score was incorrectly reported as 64-35.

I Due to a small amount of confusion on the editor's part last week, a transaction clause for the NY Griffons was mis-reported. NY actually traded a 9th round pick to Richmond, NOT to Pennington.



Confucius says
Only ½ of prediction
will come true . . .

OK, so I popped off last week and predicted the PA Wildcats would beat the LA Riot! 41-36. Half of my prediction was right on the mark. The Wildcats scored exactly 41 points (to LA's 50). HOWEVER ... LA juggled the idea of starting their other kicker, SF's Mike Cofer. HAD the Riot! started Cofer, the PA Wildcats would have won 41-37. Since I'm on a roll, I'll go really far out on a limb this week and predict that, well, sorry, Iran out of room.

From the editor...

DEADBEAT UPDATE: Paul Gilgallon is still the deadbeat of the week. There are, however, many of you who have not paid the additional \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of the draft conference call. Get those checks in the mail so the money can accumulate interest that we can give to Sam, Slick and Eggo at the end of the year.

With this issue, we'll be sending out some complimentary copies of the Fantasy Football Flyer. This week's copies go to Terry "Ver" Muth and Howard "Zack" Frey. There is some interest, apparently, in some out-of-league subscriptions. We'll keep you posted on developments.

REMINDER: There is a THURSDAY NIGHT GAME in Week 7 (October 14th, Rams vs. Falcons). Don't forget to get your lineups in before the start of that game in Week 7!

1993 Schedules and Results

COASTAL

Los Angeles Riot

WK 1	LA 73, State College 43
WK 2	New York 27, LA 33
WK 3	LA 57, Butler 16
WK 4	Richmond 35, LA 69
WK 5	Pennsylvania 41, LA 50
WK 6	LA at Pennington
WK 7	Miami at LA
WK 8	LA at Dallas
WK 9	New Jersey at LA
WK 10	LA at Pittsburgh
WK 11	State College at LA
WK 12	LA at Virginia
WK 13	LA at New York
WK 14	Pennington at LA
WK 15	LA at New Jersey

New York Griffons

WK 1	NY 37, Penna. 33
WK 2	NY 27, Los Angeles 33
WK 3	NY 26, Miami 41
WK 4	Virginia 17, NY 33
WK 5	Pittsburgh 17, NY 27
WK 6	NY at New Jersey
WK 7	Dallas at NY
WK 8	NY at State College
WK 9	Pennington at NY
WK 10	NY at Pennsylvania
WK 11	Butler at NY
WK 12	NY at Richmond
WK 13	Los Angeles at NY
WK 14	New Jersey at NY
WK 15	NY at Pennington

New Jersey Kings

WK 1	NJ 57, Miami 69
WK 2	NJ 18, Pennington 31
WK 3	Pittsburgh 7, NJ 23
WK 4	NJ 17, Miami 42
WK 5	NJ 24, State College 60
WK 6	New York at NJ
WK 7	NJ at Richmond
WK 8	Virginia at NJ
WK 9	NJ at Los Angeles
WK 10	Dallas at NJ
WK 11	NJ at Pennsylvania
WK 12	Butler at NJ
WK 13	Pennington at NJ
WK 14	NJ at New York
WK 15	Los Angeles at NJ

Pennington Penetrators

WK 1	PN 41, Dallas 20
WK 2	New Jersey 18, PN 31
WK 3	Richmond 61, PN 41
WK 4	PN 0, Dallas 24
WK 5	PN 20, Butler 65
WK 6	Los Angeles at PN
WK 7	PN at Virginia
WK 8	Pennsylvania at PN
WK 9	PN at New York
WK 10	Miami at PN
WK 11	PN at Pittsburgh
WK 12	State College at PN
WK 13	PN at New Jersey
WK 14	PN at Los Angeles
WK 15	New York at PN

CENTRAL

Butler Blowfish

WK 1	BR 52, Virginia 36
WK 2	BR 29, Virginia 25
WK 3	Los Angeles 57, BR 16
WK 4	BR 26, State College 40
WK 5	Pennington 20, BR 65
WK 6	BR at Pennsylvania
WK 7	Pittsburgh at BR
WK 8	BR at Miami
WK 9	Dallas at BR
WK 10	Richmond at BR
WK 11	BR at New York
WK 12	BR at New Jersey
WK 13	State College at BR
WK 14	Pennsylvania at BR
WK 15	BR at Pittsburgh

State College Bandits

WK 1	SC 43, Los Angeles 73
WK 2	SC 25, Richmond 21
WK 3	SC 51, Dallas 27
WK 4	Butler 26, SC 40
WK 5	New Jersey 24, SC 60
WK 6	SC at Pittsburgh
WK 7	SC at Pennsylvania
WK 8	New York at SC
WK 9	Miami at SC
WK 10	Virginia at SC
WK 11	SC at Los Angeles
WK 12	SC at Pennington
WK 13	SC at Butler
WK 14	Pittsburgh at SC
WK 15	Pennsylvania at SC

Pennsylvania Wildcats

WK 1	PA 33, New York 37
WK 2	Miami 42, PA 40
WK 3	Virginia 43, PA 48
WK 4	PA 33, Pittsburgh 49
WK 5	PA 41, Los Angeles 50
WK 6	Butler at PA
WK 7	State College at PA
WK 8	PA at Pennington
WK 9	PA at Richmond
WK 10	New York at PA
WK 11	New Jersey at PA
WK 12	PA at Dallas
WK 13	Pittsburgh at PA
WK 14	PA at Butler
WK 15	PA at State College

Pittsburgh Pachyderms

WK 1	PG 31, Richmond 32
WK 2	Dallas 32, PG 22
WK 3	PG 7, New Jersey 23
WK 4	Pennsylvania 33, PG 49
WK 5	PG 17, New York 27
WK 6	State College at PG
WK 7	PG at Butler
WK 8	Richmond at PG
WK 9	PG at Virginia
WK 10	Los Angeles at PG
WK 11	Pennington at PG
WK 12	PG at Miami
WK 13	PG at Pennsylvania
WK 14	PG at State College
WK 15	Butler at PG

SOUTHERN

Virginia No-Names

WK 1	VA 36, Butler 52
WK 2	Butler 29, VA 25
WK 3	VA 43, Pennsylvania 48
WK 4	VA 17, New York 33
WK 5	Dallas 20, VA 30
WK 6	VA at Miami
WK 7	Pennington at VA
WK 8	VA at New Jersey
WK 9	Pittsburgh at VA
WK 10	VA at State College
WK 11	VA at Richmond
WK 12	Los Angeles at VA
WK 13	Richmond at VA
WK 14	Miami at VA
WK 15	VA at Dallas

Richmond Rattlin' Raptors

WK 1	RD 32, Pittsburgh 31
WK 2	State College 25, RD 21
WK 3	RD 61, Pennington 41
WK 4	RD 35, Los Angeles 69
WK 5	RD 37, Miami 46
WK 6	RD at Dallas
WK 7	New Jersey at RD
WK 8	RD at Pittsburgh
WK 9	Pennsylvania at RD
WK 10	RD at Butler
WK 11	Virginia at RD
WK 12	New York at RD
WK 13	RD at Virginia
WK 14	Dallas at RD
WK 15	Miami at RD

Miami Muffdivers

WK 1	MI 69, New Jersey 57
WK 2	MI 42, Pennsylvania 40
WK 3	New York 26, MI 41
WK 4	New Jersey 17, MI 42
WK 5	Richmond 37, MI 46
WK 6	Virginia at MI
WK 7	MI at Los Angeles
WK 8	Butler at MI
WK 9	MI at State College
WK 10	MI at Pennington
WK 11	MI at Dallas
WK 12	Pittsburgh at MI
WK 13	Dallas at MI
WK 14	MI at Virginia
WK 15	MI at Richmond

Dallas Armadillos

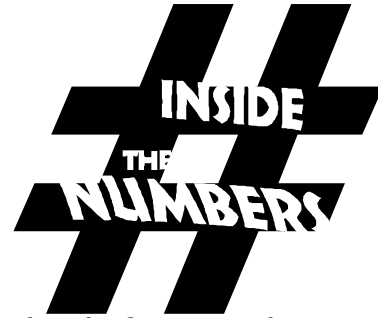
WK 1	DS 20, Pennington 41
WK 2	DS 32, Pittsburgh 22
WK 3	State College 51, DS 27
WK 4	Pennington 0, DS 24
WK 5	DS 20, Virginia 30
WK 6	Richmond at DS
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Quotable

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We've been a very opportunistic team this year. Turnovers will be especially important to the outcome (sic) of this game. For them to have any chance of scoring, Pennington definitely cannot afford to lose **the ball.**”

— L. A. Riot! coach Sam McClain, on this week's crucial inter-divisional showdown with the PN Penetrators.



Don't look for weaknesses here...

First of all, apologies to LA for messing up their score last week. The Riot! should have been atop the cumulative QB totals last week, as well as RB and WR. So after week 4, LA was No. 1 in all categories except kicker. This is only the second time this has happened. It also happened earlier this year when Miami topped all categories except WR (they were lowest in that category). Not once in all of 1992 was any one team atop 3 of the 4 categories for cumulative season statistics.

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