

The weather outside is frightful, in fact, it's ghostly. Nothing but white... everywhere you look. What a good evening to put together the final Fantasy Football Flyer of the year.

New York managed to maintain their point lead and captured the points trophy. Pennsylvania finished second in the point race for the second consecutive year. Next year, a prize money category is being added for 2nd place in points. The Griffons will take home the most prize money. Wisconsin, however, will retain the coveted FFL Championship Trophy, becoming the first team to repeat as champions. Steve Young stands as the two-time Fantasy Bowl MVP, capping 1994's 22 point performance with a stunning 30 point performance this year... the highest output from a QB for the entire year.

Los Angeles made the late run this year and managed to capture the consolation championship with a narrow win over State College. Butler surged late, also, and managed to capture the final cash prize for highest point total among non-playoff teams. Butler and New York are the only two teams who have won prize money in each of the league's first four seasons.

In case you weren't paying attention, our new draft-lottery system seemed to (in my opinion) eliminate any throwing of games this year. I think we managed to come up with a near-perfect solution. We've also added another twist to the league. We now have four teams vying for the first draft pick. The lottery chances are broken down later in this newsletter.

Thanks again this year to Nick, our commissioner/dictator, as well as hard-working friend who puts an extraordinary amount of time into this league. Based upon my own experiences, I'm certain he isn't thanked enough for his efforts. Thank you, Nick.

I've enjoyed putting together the newsletter for the past three years, and I hope you all have enjoyed some of the things I've included. I suspect that my involvement in producing a weekly newsletter and/or standings on a weekly basis will be greatly reduced next year. As a matter of fact, rumor has it that the Wildcats owner was recently scouting sites in Northern and Central California for a possible relocation of the franchise. Can you spell r-e-a-l-i-g-n-m-e-n-t? I'll keep you posted.

1995 FFL AWARDS

COACH OF THE YEAR: Paul Gilgallon, Dallas Armadillos
Yes, Dallas didn't make the playoffs. Yes, Dallas had a losing record. BUT the Armadillos are very close. Don't forget they had the most points scored against them in the regular season. They made a couple key trades and have a solid core to build upon. Should they acquire a stud running back, we'll see a solid playoff contender from the Lone Star State.
Runner-up: Nick Fisher, New York Griffons. Not a one of his star wide receivers finished in double-digits in the Fantasy Bowl, or Nick would have walked away with everything.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Brett Favre, Pittsburgh Pachyderms
And you thought Steve Young was THE quarterback to have in a fantasy league... Favre is the real deal. And he gets knocked down, knocked around, and knocked out. He just throws up and throws a few more touchdowns.

Runner-up: Emmitt. See last year, or the year before, or the year before...

COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Isaac Bruce, New York Griffons
Yes, that 4th round draft pick from the lowly Rams scored 191 points for the Griffons and was second only to Mr. Rice in receiving points on the year.

Runner-up: Scott Mitchell, Big Carolina Bang. A lot of folks had given up on Mitchell after his not-so-spectacular debut season in the Motor City. 196 points later, the Big Bang is quite happy they stuck with him.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Terrell Davis, New York Griffons
The Griffons snatched up Davis in the 2nd round of the draft, and the gamble paid off handsomely for NY, as Davis' 113 points led all New York running backs, including Thurman Thomas. Davis was sorely missed in the Fantasy Bowl, as injuries forced him out of the lineup.

Runner-up: Curtis Martin, Pennsylvania Wildcats. The Wildcats used Martin sparingly so he would be eligible as a prospect for the 1996 season, but this 1st round pick shows long-term promise.

TRADE OF THE YEAR:

Dallas and Los Angeles scuttled Dan Marino, Bernie Parmalee, Cris Carter, and a few others before this year's draft. Everyone fit nicely onto their new teams and each team benefitted from this deal.

WAIVER PICKUP OF THE YEAR: Erik Kramer, Pennsylvania Wildcats
Kramer was picked up in Week 6 and played sparingly while Jim Everett dodged the 49ers and Packers. Kramer managed 68 points in 6 starts -- not back for a backup.

Runner-up: Billy Brooks, Richmond Raptors. Brooks was added in week 8 and managed 61 points down the stretch to help keep the Raptors in contention until the last week of the season.

WEEK 16 SCORES:

Fantasy Bowl: Wisconsin 60, New York 57
3rd Place: Pennsylvania 107½, Carolina 61
Consolation: Los Angeles 45, State College 41½

OTHER SCORES:

Dallas 71, Richmond 47, Butler 44, Miami 37, Mercer 36, Pittsburgh 34

WEEK 17 SCORES:

Butler 74, Los Angeles 68, Dallas 64, Carolina 53, Wisconsin 51, State College 45, Mercer 45, New York 44, Pittsburgh 43, Pennsylvania 39, Richmond 36, Miami 29

DRAFT LOTTERY STANDINGS:

Here is how the draft/lottery system stands:

Team.....	Balls from record.....	Balls from points.....	TOTAL
Pittsburgh.....	4.....	2.....	6
Mercer.....	3.....	3.....	6
Dallas.....	1.....	4.....	5
Miami.....	2.....	1.....	3

NOTE: Butler won prize money for highest remaining point total and were knocked out of the draft lottery.

FINAL

REGULAR SEASON

STANDINGS:.....W-L.....PF.....PA.....Div....Home

(note: points for (PF) is the only stat accumulated through Week 17. The rest are cut off at the end of the regular season.)

EASTERN DIVISION

New York13-1....1040(1)...572(12)...5-1....7-0
Carolina.....8-6.....916(4)...699(8)...3-3....5-2
Richmond.....7-7.....789(9)...713(6)...3-3....4-3
Mercer.....4-10.....644(11)..604(10)...1-5....3-4

CENTRAL DIVISION

Pennsylvania....8-6....1003(2)...740(3)...4-2....6-1
State College...7-7....793(8)...707(7)...3-3....4-3
Butler.....7-7.....821(6)...639(9)...3-3....3-4
Pittsburgh.....3-11....657(10)..726(4)...2-4....1-6

FAR-FLUNG DIVISION

Wisconsin.....9-5.....928(3)...577(11)...3-3....4-3
Los Angeles.....7-7.....826(5)...719(5)...4-2....4-3
Dallas.....6-8.....807(7)...792(1)...2-4....3-4
Miami.....5-9.....551(12)..755(2)...3-3....2-5

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS

High Quarterbacks:.....Pittsburgh.....246
Low Quarterbacks:.....New York.....94
High Running Backs:.....Pennsylvania.....458
Low Running Backs:.....Butler.....113
High Receivers:.....New York.....556
Low Receivers:.....Pittsburgh.....145
High Kickers:.....Los Angeles.....143
Low Kickers:.....Richmond.....91

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
3 Receivers:.....New York/wk5.....61
4 Receivers:.....Butler/wk17.....51 *NEW*
High QB Individual:.....WN (S. Young/wk16).....30 *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/wk15)....20
Low K Individual:.....RD (G.Anderson/wk13).....-3

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

 FFL YEAR-BY-YEAR:

FANTASY BOWL:

1992: State College 47, Butler 40
 1993: Los Angeles 44, New York 32
 1994: Wisconsin 62, Pennsylvania 51
 1995: Wisconsin 60, New York 57

POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP:

1992: Los Angeles 843
 1993: Richmond 855
 1994: Wisconsin 960
 1995: New York 1040

THIRD-PLACE GAME:

1992: Los Angeles 39½, Virginia 23
 1993: Richmond 58½, State College 35
 1994: New York 59, Virginia 58½
 1995: Pennsylvania 107½, Carolina 61

CONSOLATION GAME:

1992: Pennsylvania 58½, Pittsburgh 24
 1993: Miami 59½, Virginia 13
 1994: Butler 39, Miami 18½
 1995: Los Angeles 45, State College 41½

CONSOLATION POINTS WINNER:

1992: New York
 1993: Butler
 1994: Miami
 1995: Butler

LOW POINTS:

1992: Miami 378
 1993: Pittsburgh 460
 1994: Richmond 413
 1995: Miami 551

HIGHS/LOWS

1992: QB: New Jersey-179; Miami-12
 RB: Los Angeles-502; Virginia-93
 WR: State College-285; Pittsburgh-89
 K: Butler & Pittsburgh-121; Dallas-57

1993: QB: New Jersey-193; Virginia-49
RB: Miami-375; Dallas-55
WR: Butler-304; Pittsburgh-91
K: Los Angeles-145; Pennsylvania-70
1994: QB: Wisconsin-249; Butler-72
RB: Pennsylvania-443; Dallas-71
WR: Butler-374; Richmond-38
K: Miami-139; Dallas-61
1995: QB: Pittsburgh-246; New York-94
RB: Pennsylvania-458; Butler-113
WR: New York-556; Pittsburgh-145
K: Los Angeles-143; Richmond-91

BEST OVERALL RECORD:

1992: Los Angeles 12-4
1993: Los Angeles 15-2
1994: Wisconsin & Pennsylvania 13-3
1995: New York 14-2

BEST RECORD - REGULAR SEASON:

1992: Los Angeles 11-3
1993: Los Angeles 13-2
1994: Pennsylvania 12-2
1995: New York 13-1

WORST RECORD:

1992: Dallas 2-12
1993: Pennsylvania 4-11
1994: Richmond 3-11
1995: Pittsburgh 3-11

STREAKS:

1992: Winning - State College & Virginia - 6
Losing - Dallas 10
1993: Winning - Los Angeles 10
Losing - Dallas 7
1994: Winning - Wisconsin 9
Losing - State College 9
1995: Winning - New York - 11
Losing - Miami - 5

I was contemplating putting all of the 100 + point performers in this newsletter, but there were twice as many as in previous years and I've run on long enough.

Happy offseason... I'm sure I'll speak with everyone regarding other things. After all, there's more to life than football!

Congrats to the Weavers on the birth of Kevin Patrick Weaver, a future Penn State linebacker, no doubt. At 9+ pounds birth weight, even I had difficulty holding him up. But he didn't scream, cry, or throw up on me, and that's better than most babies deal with me, so chances are he'll get along fine with all of his parents' other strange friends.

Hasta luego.
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