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Renegades Plan Return to Their Roots in Miami

TALLAHASSEE – In an effort to excite fans of the new league and the old FAFF/FFL leagues in the Florida region, Head Coach McLane happily announced on behalf of the team plans for the North Florida Renegades to hold their Week 13 game against the New York Titans in Miami's Atlantic Shores Stadium. The Renegades plan to wear the retro uniforms of the Heat, a bright red jersey, black pants, and fiery orange/yellow pinstripes.

The game is, in part, thanking of old fans from the era of the Miami Heat, who were a successful team in the FAFF prior to the closing of its doors. In an attempt to broaden their fanbase and get back to their roots. Many of the players and management came over this year from Miami to play and coach for the Renegades. The Miami Marines, a startup franchise from the FFL, also played in the region for a year before closing in 2012.

The game could be an important matchup for both teams, as well as the fate of the United Conference. Both teams are still in great positions to take the conference crown, and the Titans hold a 1-0 tiebreaker over the Renegades at the moment.



Zingora Slams Waves on Social Media; Requests Trade

TAYLOR, Mich. – Unfortunate things happen in the game of football, but a series of unfortunate events over a period of time can really bite. Thus is the situation of Draco Zingora (K) of the Downriver Waves, who took to Tweeter following Sunday's game to express his frustration and exhortation by his teammates to take blame for the loss against the Abilene Lancers.



DracoZingora @DracoZingora · Oct 19

Congrats to the lancers. As for Downriver, it'll be a farewell from me. I'll either go for a trade or retire if no team wants me. Bye.





DracoZingora @DracoZingora · Oct 19

Also I feel as if I'm being blamed for last weeks and today's losses. If it's true I'll decide on if I'll go for a trade or retire for good.



It's alarming behavior to see from a rookie, seven games into his career, threatening his organization to "retire" from football. In any case, the Waves' special teams unit - including the coordinator - may be to blame. Many fans and critics have been questioning the decisions behind the team's choice to kick 60 to 70-yard field goals that have no chance of making it through the uprights, especially from a rookie. The record distance for a field goal in the FFL was 63 yards, set in 2006 by retired San Jose Condors kicker Jack Kearney.

In addition, the players are still paying dues from the miscues of their benched quarterback, Nigel Seals, by participating in military-like drills. It could be frustrations from Zingora and the rest of the players of the Waves that are resulting in a rather unfortunate two-game losing streak.

For the time being, it seems Zingora is willing to give it one more try:



DracoZingora @DracoZingora · 8h

Trained a lot for this week's game. I don't care. I'm going for a trade or retiring if we lose again. No doubt Downriver blames it on me.



Let's hope that Downriver can turn things around and get everyone feeling happy again!

Seven Arrested in Chicago Following Shutout

CHICAGO – In a relative low for the franchise, the Chicago Outlaws reported late Sunday the arrest of seven individuals following a 29-0 blowout defeat handed to them by the (at the time) 1-and-5 Grand Rapids Dragons. Simply put: the fans were not happy.

The Chicago Furballer reported a "fan brawl" erupted at the 35-yard line about ten rows up from the Outlaws bench. The initial



source of the eruption could not be pinpointed, but fans had been also reportedly throwing food down onto the field in the closing minutes.

This team has been restless lately, so trying to contain it all was insanely difficult. In the end, local police were called to the stadium to take away the lawbreakers, and additional individuals - including a 62-year-old snapping turtle - were escorted from the stadium.

Head Coach Routledge, in the post-game conference:

"I am concerned, yes, for the safety of the fans. I trust that the league will handle the matter effectively. But I'm also concerned for the safety and well-being of my players, and that will be my number one focus going into next week. We need to improve. We can't be too worried and focusing about what's going on off the field... No further questions on this, please."

Routledge and the Outlaws face the Fargo Axemen on Sunday. QB Darius Smith is not expected to be ready to start, leaving third-string QB Alfredo Cash to lead the huddle.

OPINION: Partner "Stirs the Pot" With Teammates

Matt Lewis: **CALIFORNIA** Correspondent

Excuse me: Who are we talking about again?

That's the last thing that popped into my mind - as well as several others - when I finished writing about the person causing a ruckus on the Dons' field... and it was Brian Partner. Who's "partner" could he be, if I hadn't heard about him? After all, I'm an official UFFL correspondent - and my duty is to essentially memorize the rosters of all twelve teams - so it only added to my frustrations and curiosity.



As it turns out, Partner is a puppy with a bit of an explosive personality - not as tragically broken as others, but definitely somewhere outta left field. The league seems to exploit these individuals from time to time - a matter I will get to in another segment in the future - but Partner had the opportunity to run the Tweeter feed for the California Dons organization this past week. They have been casually giving this opportunity to several of their players over the last month, including offensive lineman Dusty Redburner and quarterback Darnell Paige. But this guy seemed to irk me the most.

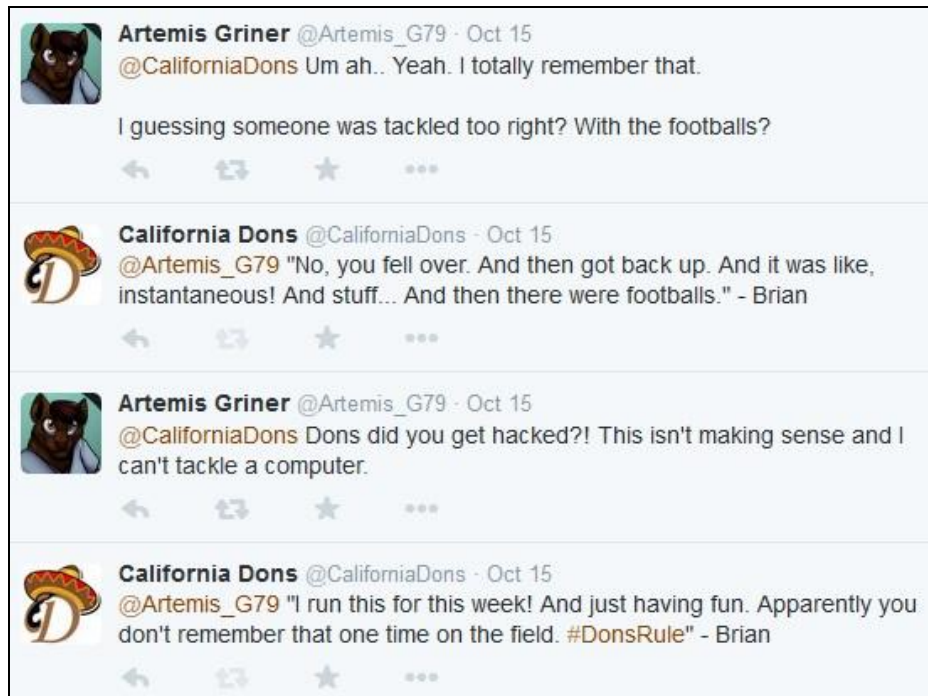
A slew of teammates from the Dons seemed to be just as confused. Linebacker Artemis Griner, a young



"Oh my g its Tweeter! Tweeter! Finally hey @Artemis_G79 look they let me on here and not you! Remember that one time on the field?" - Brian



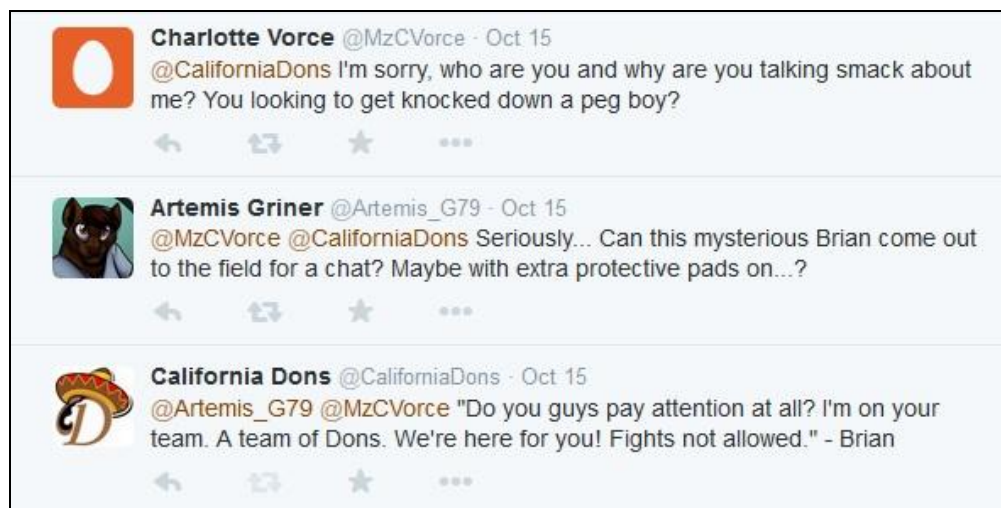
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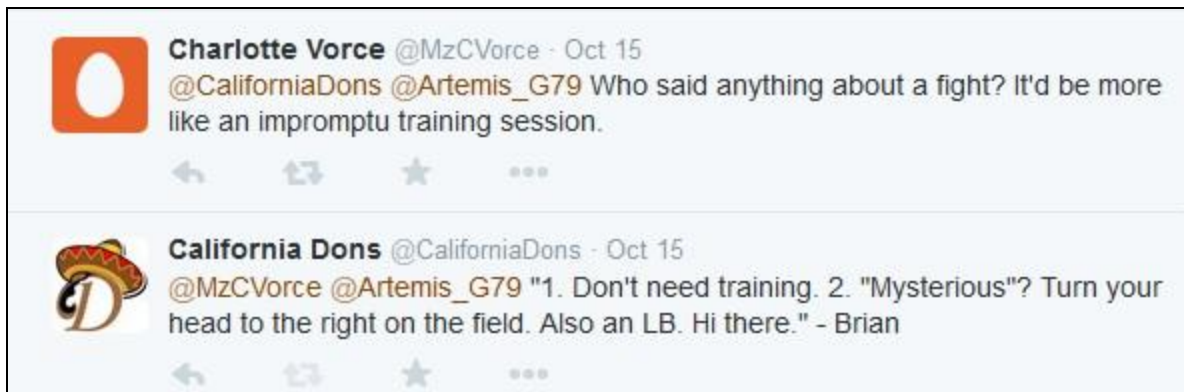


There's nothing wrong with a bit of support from fellow team-mates, but the tweet came off as bizarre. Griner's response was more classic that Griner herself. It told me a few things about Brian - he had been given an opportunity, and he wasn't going to let the opportunity slip away. First test? Throw out some random situation onto social media and see who takes the bait.

This was only confirmed later, when he went after fellow rookie Charlotte Vorce:

At this point, the Dons organization really have should pulled the plug. Partner was not only abusing the right to use the social media campaign as an outlet for his personal beliefs, but was concerningly targeting the women of his team and asking discomfoting information from them. Vorce, who is not afraid to bite right back, had this to say:





In summary, Partner is the type of player that we don't need playing for the UFFL. He specializes on attention-grabbing and bringing the spotlight to himself - constantly questioning others about their sense of direction, and negating the sense of team that should come as second nature to any fur who "dons" a jersey and helmet.

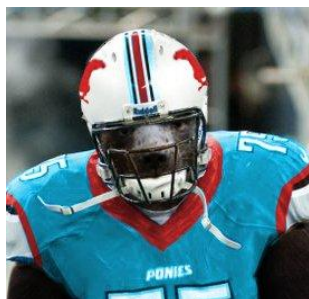
We're lucky to have football back in our lives again; we don't need someone spoiling it all over again. I'm sorry, Partner, but you're no buddy of mine.

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Brown, Schmitt Return to Lineups

LAS VEGAS – In happier news, two key rookies have been reported to be returning from injury to their respective positions on the team for Sunday's games. Las Vegas' DL Justin Brown (Gecko-Western-banded), who only managed three tackles before he was immediately sidelined in Game 1, has the potential to bounce back in Week 8 and bring back a tour-de-force defensive stronghold to his team, who was recently ranked #2 in the league in defensive play.



BALTIMORE - Odell Schmitt's three week injury sidelined the wolverine from continuing his stronghold streak, but Ponies trainers confirmed rumors that Schmitt is ready to return for Week 8. Prior to Week 5, he was ranked the 2nd-best offensive lineman on the team (solely based on stats), behind veteran orangutan Bill Jarrett. The Ponies face the New York Titans on Sunday.

Rookie of the Week:

Flip Penguinator - QB

FARGO – This is the fourth iteration of the “Rookie of the Week” series, and this week we travel to the northern extremities of our league to meet with an unsuspecting force. Out of the 2014 draft, the Fargo Axemen picked Flip Penguinator at #46 (of 48) - however, he has brought nothing but wins to the franchise since starting in Week 2. A man of few words, “Flip” talked with us briefly to discuss his newfound fame and success. ((As we do in this segment of *The Scoop*, we ask the player some questions and they are featured on the league Wiki site.))



Congratulations on six wins as starting quarterback! How are you feeling? How are you liking Fargo?

I'm feeling real good about the start to the season. Fargo isn't like being home, but I do love it here. A little cold, even for my taste.

You were almost not drafted, but now you're starting ahead of fellow rookie Christina Carson. Is there any hard feelings between you and her?

No, absolutely not. We, as rookies, have two jobs: improve our skills, and help the team win. We both put our differences aside to help accomplish that.

Someone told me you were nicknamed "The Cannon". Who gave you that one, and why?

My brother Pat nicknamed me that. It's because, in high school, I could throw a football 70 yards in the air downfield.

The question everyone gets asked: What's your favorite food?

A tuna melt, with lots of tuna fish in it.

And, finally, what is your ultimate goal for this season, and beyond?

Well, I hope to help lead Fargo to the playoffs, at least. Ultimately, I hope to help them win many championships over my time here. Getting the best stats isn't important to me. What is important is to bring Fargo a championship.

Penguinator and the Fargo Axemen face the Chicago Outlaws on Sunday.

Stats Column: Quarterbacks (as of Week 8):

Passer Rating: (min. 2 games starting)

Flip Penguinator - FAR - 100.80
Joe Bowers - CAL - 91.07
Darius Smith - CHI - 88.12
Andrew Calder - TEX - 85.48

Pass Completions:

Robert Goady - ABI - 164
Aspen Redfield - BAL - 160
Morton Ritter - EAS - 135
John Cameron - NYT - 134

Most Interceptions:

Robert Goady - ABI - 8
Sylvester Stapler - LV - 8

Most Fumbles (QB):

Robert Goady - ABI - 5
Andrew Calder - TEX - 4

Most Passing Yards:

Aspen Redfield - BAL - 1897
Robert Goady - ABI - 1789
Morton Ritter - EAS - 1492
John Cameron - NYT - 1466
Sylvester Stapler - LV - 1463

Pass Completion % (min 2 games):

Flip Penguinator - FAR - 73.88%
Joe Bowers - CAL - 65.31%
Terence Curran - GR - 62.90%
Andrew Calder - TEX - 62.31%
Bobby Burnette - DWN - 61.90%

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