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Welcome back for another SFFL season...

A number of changes were proposed, but SFFL team ownership voted to keep-it-simple-stupid. That's ok in our book we're not real bright anyway. But, we are reverting back to \$1 FAAB... and that's a good thing for managers seeking next year's keepers.

Much like any season this one looks to be up for grabs. Last year we could of all sworn that the Widowmakers were the clear cut favorite... they finished 8th.

Doomsday Division					
	W	L	T	PF	PA
Matt Augustine (1st)	11	2	1	1230	1081
Paul Mersch (4th)	10	4	0	1276	1035
David Taylor (7th)	8	6	0	1101	1183
Drew Dockery (11th)	4	10	0	999	1110
C Division					
	W	L	T	PF	PA
Brad Schumann (2nd)	9	5	0	1133	1004
Butch Eads (5th)	8	6	0	1136	1065
Greg Rueter (12th)	4	10	0	964	1181
Dave Boden (10th)	4	10	0	973	1111
Three Athletes & a Thinker Division					
	W	L	T	PF	PA
Matthew Spencer (3rd)	10	4	0	1288	1041
Mike Hennings (8th)	8	6	0	1147	1124
Roosevelt Moore (6th)	4	9	1	1041	1127
Brian Cunningham (9th)	3	11	0	956	1182

Year in and year out it's hard to predict. The past is not an indication of future performance. The past is the past and nothing more.

Time for the Draft...

Although it's tough to make any preseason predictions, we know some things will never change. I will bring cheesy potatoes to the draft... Hennings' leg will bounce up and down rapidly when he's bidding on a player he really wants... Matt will bring monster sized cupcakes... Brian will receive a phone call from home... DT will sit in a lazy boy... Roosevelt will show pictures of his kids... Brad will bring a veggie tray and bid on a Buckeye... Boden will bid on a Jaguar... Butch will bid on a Bear... Augie will bid on a Viking... Drew will call "time out"... as Rueter wonders, "will this draft ever end!"

If you're like me, I just can't wait!

LaDainian Tomlinson had a record breaking season...

Player	Team	Season	TDs
Tomlinson	SD	2006	29*
Shaun Alexander	SEA	2005	28
Priest Holmes	KC	2003	27
Marshall Faulk	STL	2000	26
Emmitt Smith	DAL	1995	25
Priest Holmes	KC	2002	24
John Riggins	WAS	1983	24

What they're saying....

"He is the finest running back to ever wear an NFL uniform," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Mike Ditka says it's tough to label Tomlinson the greatest ever -- but L.T. is certainly making a case.

Joe Theismann thinks LaDainian Tomlinson will put the touchdown record out of reach.

Paul Mersch (SFFL) says, "I think Boden is the odds on favorite to get LT."

David Taylor (SFFL), "We're thinking \$200 for LT."

Michael Hennings (SFFL), "That is a TON of money regardless if he is that price or even higher! Hey, where's the cheesy potatoes?" **Geet in my Bel-lay!**

The Madden Curse...

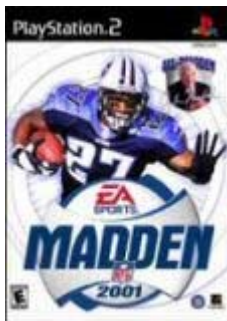
It is alleged that the pro athlete who graces the annual cover of the Madden NFL video game will be cursed throughout the season following his appearance on the front of the game either by poor performance, injury, or retirement. Such allegations proven in the years past have coined the term, The Madden Curse.

The "Madden Curse" has evolved into a much-reported phenomenon, with several news and sports media outlets referring to it as even being on par with the fabled Sports Illustrated Cover Jinx.

The Madden Curse has also largely played a role in the determination of fantasy football drafts. Skeptics of the curse soon turn into believers after using their first pick to draft he who appears on Madden's cover.



This was the easing in of the curse. **Barry Sanders** is included as a background picture. Sanders did not play a single down and abruptly announced his retirement after the season.



Eddie George failed to break 1000 yards. In a playoff loss he bobbled a pass that was intercepted and returned for a touchdown. From that point on he consistently battled injury and a rapid decline in playing skills.



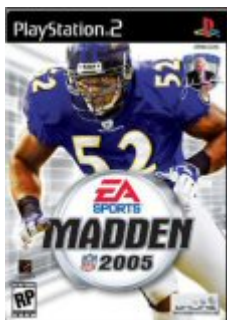
Daunte Culpepper suffered a season-ending knee injury that caused him to miss the team's last five games.. He threw for 1300 less yards and 19 less touchdowns than in 2000. Minnesota's worst record since 1984.



Despite playing the same amount of games, **Marshall Faulk** rushed for 430 less yards and had 4 less TDs compared to 2001. Faulk's worst season since 1996.



Michael Vick didn't even make it out of the preseason before breaking in just 5 games. Vick's QB rating, comp pct, and yards per attempt were all down from 2002.



The curse had a bit of a delayed reaction when it came to **Ray Lewis**. It was a down year by Lewis and he missed the final game of the year. The following season ended prematurely when he was injured during week six.



Donovan McNabb was embroiled in a huge controversy surrounding teammate Terrell Owens and also suffered a sports hernia, which severely hindered his play. He was later lost for the season.



Shaun Alexander missed 6 regular season games with a broken foot. His 896 yards and 7 touchdowns were the lowest since his rookie season. The Pigskins who relied on the back lost two consecutive playoffs games for the first time ever.

In conversations with Dave Boden, he has never heard of the Madden curse before. Vince Young is on the cover of Madden 08. Dave Boden's Blackcats picked up Vince Young and in a mid-season trade sending Steven Jackson to the Bear Necessities.



Good luck Blackcats!

Good Rex, Bad Rex...

The problem with Chicago QB Rex Grossman is his well-documented “Good Rex/Bad Rex” inconsistency. Grossman had looked terrific in this preseason until the Colts game, when he lost a fumble, threw an interception and botched two snaps.

So, that leaves Bears fans wondering: Will he implode as he did in last year’s Super Bowl once the games start to count?

I say get rid of Olin Kruetz and pick up this blonde snapper...



Do you think Rex will have any problems now?