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No Fun League strikes again

Don't worry, football fans. It's safe to go to NFL games now. The league is protecting your best interests. (I'm trying as best I can to tone down my sarcasm. But it's much too hard in this case.)

For instance, fans here in the Carolinas can walk into Bank of America Stadium on autumn Sundays and not even worry that they might see a guy's leg or arm get mangled.



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These days, NFL fans can watch the games and not give another thought to the possibility they might be watching the next player to get arrested for beating his wife.

See, the NFL is about integrity, about making sure all the bad stuff is taken out of the game that America loves.

That's why, starting next season, the NFL is taking a firm hand to all the players who really ruin the game.

Next season, the NFL will have zero tolerance with (drum roll) all the guys who taint the game by executing pre-planned celebrations after they score touchdowns.

Do you feel safer all of a sudden?

Do you feel that everything is right with football now?

Here's my answer: Please!

At the NFL owners meetings in Palm Beach, Fla., last month, the league adopted a rule that gives a 15-yard penalty to the team of any player who celebrates excessively. This on top of the hefty fines with which players already are hit for excessive celebration.

Are you kidding me?

This is one of the most frivolous rules the NFL could adopt. For years, far too many NFL players

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N.C. A&T golf outing to boost bottom line

By Harold Tyson
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The N.C. A&T Charlotte Metro Aggie Club will host a golf tournament at The Tradition Golf Club in Charlotte Saturday. Proceeds from the tournament will go to support athletics programs.

Joe Bloomfield, an alumnus and former football team member, is president of the club.

"The purpose of the event is to raise funds that will be used to support Aggie athletic scholarships. The national Aggie Club has stated a goal of raising funds so that in ten years a one million dollar donation can be made," says Bloomfield.

According to Bloomfield there are six chapters nationally active in the fundraising campaign. The Charlotte chapter, chartered in 2000, has 20 active members.

Among the contributions made by the national organization is the \$13,000 donation made this past football season which provided airline flight for the football team to the game against Jackson State in Jackson, Miss.

"Without that donation, the football team would have had to make that trip by bus," Bloomfield

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CIAA SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Freshman Aisha Lide helped Johnson C. Smith to second place in the CIAA women's track and field championship last week. The Charlotte freshman and the Golden Bulls' 400 meter relay team qualified for the Division II national meet next month.



JCSU's Nick Holmes rallied to win the individual competition at the CIAA golf tournament.

Michael White led the Golden Bulls to a school record sixth straight CIAA men's tennis championship with a one-point win over Shaw.



Powers reign while Bulls make splash

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Saint Augustine's did what it usually does in track and field at the CIAA spring championships. So did Johnson C. Smith men's tennis.

St. Aug's continued its track dominance by winning both men's and women's team titles at JCSU. It was St. Aug's seventh consecutive men's team title and eighth straight women's crown.

Smith captured a school-record sixth straight tennis championship, topping Shaw by a point.

The Golden Bulls also finished fourth in golf with Nick Holmes winning the individual championship. Women's tennis finished fourth as well.

St. Augustine's women totaled 226 points. Smith, which placed eighth a year ago and whose best team result since 1990 was fifth, was second with 90 points. Livingstone and Virginia State

led for third with 85 points.

The men's top three were the same as last year, with St. Augustine's tallying 206.5 points. Livingstone was second with 125, and Virginia State's 98 good for third.

Doris Thompson scored 30 points for St. Aug's with wins in the shot put, discus throw and javelin throw, earning most outstanding female field athlete award. St. Aug's teammates Melissa Murillo and Maria Medina were co-most outstanding track athletes.

Murillo won the 100 and 200-meter dashes and ran a leg of the winning 400 relay squad. Medina repeated in both the 800 and 1500 and was a member of the repeat 1600m relay team.

Smith's 400 meter relay team of Aisha Lide, Porcia Douglas, LaKeisha Bryant and Brittni Dash earned a provisional qualification for the NCAA Division II

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Draft picks bring depth, talent to Sting roster

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The Charlotte Sting, which added versatility and depth to during free agency, got an extra helping in last week's WNBA Draft.

Stanford's Nicole Powell was selected with the third overall pick, while Penn State's Kelly Mazzante and

Vanderbilt's Jenni Benningfield were selected in the second round with 18th and 22nd overall picks, respectively. The Sting completed its draft by selecting Jia Perkins of Texas Tech with the 35th pick.

"We really feel very good about (the) draft," said Sting general manager and head coach Trudi Lacey. "I

think that we definitely helped ourselves in some of the areas we needed to improve, and we added two NCAAAll-Americans to our roster."

Powell, a 6-2 forward/guard, averaged 17.3 points and 9.6 rebounds per game during her four-year career with the Cardinal. She finished her career as Stanford's all-

time leading rebounder (1,143) and third all-time leading scorer (2,062 points). Powell also recorded six career triple doubles, the only player in Pac-10 history to tally more than one.

"We are extremely excited to add Nicole Powell to our roster," Lacey said. "She has a very high basketball

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Powell



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Rickey Foggie threw for five touchdowns and 338 yards in his first start as Carolina Cobras quarterback in a 63-59 win over Philadelphia.

Feelin' Foggie: Veteran backup leaps into new role

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Rickey Foggie doesn't doubt he can still be a productive quarterback.

And maybe the Carolina Cobras do, too.

Foggie, who is in his eighth Arena League season, passed for 338 yards and five touchdowns in his first game as a starter in the Cobras' 63-59 win over Philadelphia last week. After sitting on the bench for 10 games, Foggie played like he hadn't accumulated much rust.

"I'm old and I've been in the game - this is my 16th year in professional football with Arena

and Canadian football," he said. "I stay sharp during the week by practicing and watching film, so I prepare myself as a starter and I know the game. I was just a little rusty from not being able to play all year, but I've been ready to play."

Foggie's effort was what the Cobras (4-7) need to keep their playoff hopes alive. Carolina, which had averaged 34 points during a three-game losing streak, exceeded that mark by two by halftime against Philadelphia.

With Foggie calling the offensive plays - a rarity in pro football at any level - the Cobras

scored touchdowns on every possession but one.

"I've known Foggie a long time," Cobras interim head coach Ron Selesky said. "He's a veteran in every sense of the word, he's a professional in every sense of the word. There's nothing that he hasn't seen in this league as far as defenses in terms of personnel matchups and things like that."

That's what carried Carolina. Foggie utilized a quick-hitting passing scheme that kept the Soul off-balance. Because every game is must-win from here on, Carolina took a what-the-heck approach to offense, with

Foggie leading a revamped lineup that included a new offensive specialist in D.J. Humpries and receiver in Lenzie Jackson.

"We didn't have anything to lose," Foggie said. "We lost six of the last seven games, so we came out and played and had some fun."

Said Selesky: I would rather be aggressive than not. I think we showed we've got a variety of people we can get the ball to and make something happen. If we have to win like this every week, I'll take it."

The Cobras, who have

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