

## **LOS ANGELES KISS GAME NOTES - WEEK 9**

Los Angeles KISS at Cleveland Gladiators Saturday, May 10 – 4:00 p.m. PDT Quicken Loans Arena – Cleveland, OH

## THE RUNDOWN:

Los Angeles KISS (2-5) at Cleveland Gladiators (6-0)

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014 Kickoff: 4:00 p.m. (PDT)

Site: Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland, OH

Television: N/A Radio: ESPN3

Internet: Watch ESPN app.

**Coaches**: Los Angeles – Bob McMillen 2-5 (1<sup>st</sup> season with Los Angeles). Cleveland – Steve Thonn (5<sup>th</sup> season

with Cleveland 6-0 this season)

## TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: Larry Smith Umpire: Robert Colosimo Head Linesman: Marc Bovos Line Judge: Jeffrey Johnson Back Judge: Jason Fagan

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#### MATCH-UP:

**OVERVIEW**: LA KISS looks to get back on the winning track this Saturday, May 10 against the Cleveland Gladiators. The game kicks off at 4:00PM (PDT) and can be viewed live online through the WatchESPN app.

WHAT'S AHEAD: Next week, Los Angeles is on the road and will face the Pittsburgh Power on May 17 in Week 10 of the 2014 AFL Season. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. (PDT).

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK:**

The Philadelphia Soul (3-4) hosts the New Orleans VooDoo (1-5) for "NET10 Wireless Arena Football Saturday" on Saturday, May 10 at 4 p.m. (PDT) on CBS Sports Network in Week 9 of the 2014 AFL Season.



#### THE SCHEDULE

#### 2014 Los Angeles KISS (2-5) - PDT

Date	Opponent	Kickoff	Score
March 15	@ San Antonio	5 p.m.	W 41-38
March 21	@ Orlando	4:30 p.m.	L 69-63
April 5	Portland	7 p.m.	W 44-34
April 12	Cleveland	7 p.m.	L 40-30
April 19	@ lowa	5 p.m.	L 31-12
April 26	San Jose	7 p.m.	L 48-32
May 4	Spokane	4 p.m.	L 70-21
May 10	@ Cleveland	4 p.m.	
May 17	@ Pittsburgh	2 p.m.	
May 25	Arrizone	5 p.m.	
June 7	@ San Jose	7:30 p.m.	
June 14	Portland	7 p.m.	
June 21	@ Arizona	6 p.m.	
June 28	Spokane	7 p.m.	
July 6	San Jose	5 p.m.	
July 12	@ Portland	7:30 p.m.	
July 19	San Antonio	7 p.m.	
July 26	@ Jacksonville	4 p.m.	

## 2014 Cleveland Gladiators (6-0) - PDT

Date	Opponent	Kickoff	Score
March 15	@ Pittsburgh	-	W 63-53
March 29	@ New Orleans	-	W 37-26
April 4	lowa	-	W 54-47
April 12	@ Los Angeles	-	W 40-30
April 19	@ Spokane	=	W 52-50
April 26	Pittsburgh	-	W 55-28
May 10	Los Angeles	4 p.m.	
May 17	@ lowa	5:05 p.m.	
May 23	Philadelphia	4 p.m.	
May 31	@ Pittsburgh	2 p.m.	
June 7	lowa	5 p.m.	
June 14	New Orleans	4 p.m.	
June 21	@ Philadelphia	3 p.m.	
June 27	Tampa Bay	4 p.m.	
July 5	Portland	3 p.m.	
July 12	@ San Antonio	5 p.m.	
July 19	Jacksonville	4 p.m.	
July 26	@ Tampa Bay	4:30 p.m.	



## LAST WEEKS LA KISS RECAP

### LA KISS FALL TO SPOKANE SHOCK 70-21

LOS ANGELES (May 4, 2014) – In nationally televised game on ESPN2, LA KISS (2-5) fell to the Spokane Shock (5-2) by the score of 70-21 at home at Honda Center. Turnovers proved costly for LA KISS, as the team was unable to overcome seven in total, including two balls that hit off the bar on kickoffs and gave the Shock the ball inside the LA KISS five-yard line.

After a slow start LA KISS found some momentum with back-to-back touchdowns, the second coming on a spectacular missed-FG return by KISS DB AJ Cruz who dodged multiple tackles to take the ball the length of the field to bring the score to 28-14 in favor of the Shock. Cruz finished the game with seven returns in all for a total of 215 yards. However two quick touchdowns, separated by another KISS interception by the Shock to end the half left KISS down 42-14 going into the locker room.

KISS came out fighting in the second half and a quick touchdown from QB J.J. Raterink to WR Donovan Morgan brought the score to 42-21. That was as close as KISS would come however, as the Shock ended the game with four straight touchdowns to leave the final score at 70-21.

Dexter McCoil led KISS on defense with a team-leading six tackles, while Beau Bell added to his league-leading sack total with a vicious sack on Shock QB Erik Meyer to bring his total to 10 sacks. Meyer suffered a collarbone injury on the play and would not return to the game. He was replaced by Shock WR Rashaad Carter who finished the game 4-7 passing for 73 yards and two touchdowns, to go along with 12 rushes for 47 yards and four touchdowns.

On offense, KISS was led by Cruz and WR Morgan who finished with five catches for 56 yards and one touchdown. QB Raterink finished the game 9-30 passing for 101 yards and two touchdowns, to go along with three interceptions.

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Russell Athletic Offensive Player – SPO, Adron Tennell Riddell Defensive Player – SPO, Terrance Sanders J. Lewis Small Playmaker – SPO, Rashaad Carter Cutters Catch – SPO, Brandon Thompkins AFL Highlight – LA, AJ Cruz

#### LAST WEEKS CLEVELAND GLADIATORS RECAP

#### **GLADIATORS REMAIN ATOP VPOWER RANKINGS**

CHICAGO (May 5, 2014) – A bye in Week 8 did not hurt the Cleveland Gladiators (6-0), as they remain atop the Arena Football vPower Rankings, as tabulated on AFLFieldPass.com. The undefeated Gladiators, who are off to their best start in franchise history, will host the LA KISS (2-5) in Week 9 action this Saturday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. ET on ESPN3.

The back-to-back defending ArenaBowl champion Arizona Rattlers (7-0) are off to their best start ever as well after holding off the Jacksonville Sharks (2-5), 70-61, last week. Nick Davila played a near perfect game at quarterback, tossing an AFL season-high 10 touchdown passes in the contest. The No. 2-ranked Rattlers travel to the Rose City this Sunday for their first-ever matchup with the Portland Thunder (2-5) on ESPN3. Kickoff is set for 8:00 p.m. ET.

The Spokane Shock put forth a dominating effort in Week 8, rolling past the LA KISS, 70-21, on ESPN2. Shock receiver Rashaad Carter was forced into quarterbacking duty when reigning AFL MVP Erik Meyer went down with an injury in the first half. Carter "shocked" the competition, rushing for four touchdowns and passing for two more in Spokane's win. The Shock return to Washington in Week 9 to host the No. 5-rankedPittsburgh Power (4-3) at 10:00 p.m. ET Friday, May 9 on ESPN3. The Power moved up one spot in the latest vPower Rankings after defeating the Philadelphia Soul (3-4), 65-57, last week.

Coming in at No. 4 once again in the latest vPower Rankings are the San Jose Sabercats (5-3), who handled the Orlando Predators (5-3) with ease last week, in a 70-35 victory. San Jose has a bye in Week 9 but will return to action in two weeks against the Portland Thunder on ESPN2.

AFL Field Pass is the online fan club of the NET10 Wireless Arena Football League. The AFL vPower Rankings are calculated on AFLFieldPass.com using vPower™, a scoring system based on winning percentage, strength of schedule, scoring percentage, and win-streak. The scale is normalized from 0 (lowest) to 100 (highest).



## THE COACHES:

### LOS ANGELES KISS - Bob McMillen

Bob McMillen enters his first season as the head coach of the LA KISS. McMillen earned NET10 Wireless Head Coach of the Year honors in 2013 after guiding the Chicago Rush to a 10-8 record and Central Division championship in his third season at the helm. For his career, McMillen boasts a 33-21 regular season record and has never finished a season with a non-winning record. In his first season as a head coach, he guided the Rush to a 13-5 mark and an appearance in the National Conference championship game.

As a player, McMillen won ArenaBowl championships with three different teams during his 13-year career with the Arizona Rattlers, San Jose SaberCats and Chicago Rush. Voted the 17<sup>th</sup> Greatest Player in AFL History with the Silver Anniversary Committee in 2012, McMillen was a three-time ArenaBowl champion, two-time All-Arena selection and one-time All-Ironman selection. He ranks second in AFL history with 484 career rushing attempts and third in rushing yards with 1,508. After retiring as a player, McMillen was hired by the Chicago Rush and served as Head Coach for the team for three years. In 2013, McMillen received Head Coach of the Year honors from the Arena Football League and was elected into the Arena Football Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame last Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### **CLEVELAND GLADIATORS - Steve Thonn**

Steve Thonn enters his fifth season with the Gladiators. Thonn was named head coach and director of football operations of the Cleveland Gladiators on December 23, 2009. Last season, after losing veteran QB John Dutton in the offseason, the Gladiators struggled to find consistency and finished 4-11 under Thonn. In his first year with the organization, the Gladiators compiled a 7-9 record. Prior to the Rampage, Thonn spent three seasons (2005-07) as the offensive coordinator for the Georgia Force, Prior to joining the Force, Thonn served as the offensive coordinator for the Dallas Desperados from 2003-04, where he helped introduced three-time AFL All-Ironman Team member and 2007 Ironman of the Year Will Pettis to the league.

From 1998-2001, Thonn served as head coach for the Houston ThunderBears, posting an 18-38 record and making one playoff appearance. From 1998-99, he helped transform then second-year starter Clint Dolezel into arguably the most prolific and productive passer in AFL history. Thonn's AFL coaching career also includes stints as the offensive coordinator for the Milwaukee Mustangs (1996) and the Connecticut Coyotes (1995), and he served as the Albany Firebirds' receivers and special teams coach in 1994. In addition, Thonn played for six seasons (1988-93) in the AFL as a wide receiver/defensive back with the Firebirds and the Chicago Bruisers.

## **2014 SEASON PREVIEW**

## **LOS ANGELES**

2013 Record: N/A

Last Playoff Appearance: N/A

Coach (Record): Bob McMillen (1<sup>st</sup> Season with LA) Offensive Star: Donovan Morgan, WR (87 receptions, 1351 yards, 29 touchdowns with New Orleans)

Defensive Star: Beau Bell, MLB (70 tackles, 8.5 sacks,

10.5 tackles for loss with Spokane)

Key Additions: QB J.J. Raterink (lowa), WR Donovan Morgan (New Orleans), WR Samie Parker (Free Agent), WR Markee White (Jacksonville), DE Steve Octavien (San Jose), DE David Veikune (Free Agent), MLB Beau Bell (Spokane), DB Mervin Brookins (San Jose), DB Jorrick Calvin (Chicago), DB Andre Jones (San Antonio)

### **CLEVELAND**

2013 Record: 4-14 (t-2nd in East Division)

Last Playoff Appearance: 2011 (Lost to Georgia in

Quarterfinals)

Coach (Record): Steve Thonn (55-91 overall; 29-41 with

Cleveland)

**Offensive Star:** Chris Dieker, QB (2720 combined yards, 60 combined touchdowns;, 63.7 completion percentage,

101.39 rating)

Defensive Star: LaRoche Jackson, DB (85 tackles; 5

interceptions; 9 pass break-ups)

2013 Offensive Team Ranks: 9th overall (2nd rushing;

12th passing); 10th scoring (47.1 ppg)

2013 Defensive Team Ranks: 10th overall (5th rushing;

10th passing); 13th scoring (58.2 ppg)

**Key Additions:** OL Dominic Alford (Free Agent), OL Vinnie Rizzo (Free Agent), DE Julian Miller (Utah), NG Willie McGinnis (Pittsburgh), DB Dominic Jones (Orlando),

DB Chris LeFlore (Pittsburgh)

Key Departures: FB Derik Steiner (San Jose)

#### RECENT LA ROSTER MOVES

Date	Action	Player
05-05	Recallable Reassignment	Levi Horn
05-05	Recallable Reassignment	Samie Parker
05-05	Recallable Reassignment	Tyler Hansen
05-02	Assigned	AJ Cruz
05-02	League Suspension	Jason Shirley
05-02	Reassignment	Ollie Ogbu
05-02	Refuse to Report	Raymond Radway
05-01	Assigned	Brian Price
05-01	Activate from RR	Colin Baxter
05-01	Activate from League Exempt	Raymond Radway
05-01	Reassignment	Taveon Rogers
04-29	Reassignment	AJ Cruz
04-29	Recallabel Reassignment	Colin Baxter
04-28	Activate from suspension	Dexter McCoil
04-28	Recallable Reassignment	Jason Shirley
04-24	Assigned	AJ Cruz
04-24	Assigned	Levi Horn



#### TEENAGE TAKEOVER LAST WEEK

With LA KISS Action Sports Team and Gene Simmons



#### 2014 LA KISS GIRLS DANCE COORDINATOR

LA KISS announce LeighAnn Macias as the LA KISS Girls Coordinator, Choreographer and Fitness Expert for the 2014 Arena Football season.

Macias' professional background includes the Denver Broncos of the NFL where she spent three years as a Denver Broncos Cheerleader and served as a captain. Macias says one of her fondest memories of being a Broncos' cheerleader were the AFE (Armed Forces Entertainment) Tours. She traveled to perform and support our troops in places that included: Egypt, the Sinai, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

For the past six seasons she has appeared as a guest choreographer for the Denver Broncos Cheerleaders, other various professional sports teams, female music artists, & other gigs in the entertainment industry. In addition to her already impressive resume, LeighAnn currently hosts master classes, workshops, and teaches "Heels Class" at the world famous, Millennium Dance Complex, in Los Angeles. LeighAnn is studio trained in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, hip-hop and poms; she has a true passion for infusing dancing in heels with hip hop music.

LeighAnn made her move to Los Angeles after making it onto the Los Angeles Laker Girls team. From there she went on to dance in the entertainment industry & is currently represented by one of LA's top dancing and choreography agency's, Bloc Talent Agency. Macias is also the CEO and Founder of the all-purpose entertainment group, "The Ultimate Squad," which is intended to perform at various types of events: halftime shows, concert intermissions, cruises, special events, private parties, night clubs, USO/AFE Tours.

When presented with the opportunity to join LA KISS, LeighAnn jumped at the idea of getting involved with a new and edgy brand. "I was interested in doing this because LA KISS clearly differentiated themselves from other pro sports teams and had an "outside of the box" mentality for its dance team," said Macias. "Gene and Paul embraced my style of choreography and encouraged me to do what I always wanted to do with a professional dance team."

Macias has a degree in Human Performance and Sport along with a Minor in Nutrition. She has been running her own personal training company, Training Wheels, for the past seven years and has trained some of LA's top celebrities. With her extensive background in health and fitness, Macias has also taken on the role of Fitness Expert with the LA KISS Girls and aids them with personal training and nutritional expertise.

Brandy Bouchy, Director for the LA KISS Girls, is ecstatic to have LeighAnn on the LA KISS team. "Her amazing choreography and unique eye for creativity that she brings to the LA KISS Girls is unparalleled," says Brandy.

Owner, Brett Bouchy adds, "LeighAnn really takes the LA KISS Girls to the next level. She is an incredible choreographer and a great performer. In fact, I asked her to perform in the game with the Girls because, she enhances the entire team."

For more information on LeighAnn or to contact her, visit www.LeighAnnMacias.com - See more at: <a href="http://www.lakissfootball.com/news.html?n">http://www.lakissfootball.com/news.html?n</a> id=212#sthash .WX8H6u07.dpuf





## LA KISS NEWEST EXPANSION TEAM

LA KISS is the newest team in the AFL, founded in partnership between rock legends Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley of KISS and AFL veteran, Brett Bouchy and entertainment mogul Doc McGhee. The team's home games will be played at the Honda Center and will feature exhilarating, high scoring football action that is highly affordable. LA KISS will champion the fusion of professional football with cutting-edge entertainment to create a live experience that sports fans have never seen before

## INJURY REPORT

Player	Injury	Status
Andres Vargas		IR
Johan Asiata	Wrist	OUT

## **WEEKLY PLAYERS OF THE GAME:**

### RUSSELL ATHLETIC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

THE OFFENSIVE FLATER OF THE GAINE
Player
D.J Stephens (SAN)
Khalil Paden (ORL)
J.J Raterink (LAK)
Shane Austin (CLE)
Carson Coffman (IOW)
Rod Harper (SJ)
Adron Tennell (SPO)

## RIDDELL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

Opponent	Player
@ San Antonio	Carlton Brown (SAN)
@ Orlando	Tanner Varner (ORL)
Portland	Beau Bell (LAK)
Cleveland	Andre Jones (LAK)
@ lowa	Mike Lewis (IOW)
San Jose	Clevan Thomas (SJ)
Spokane	Terrance Sanders (SPO)
@ Cleveland	
@ Pittsburgh	
Arrizona	
@ San Jose	
Portland	
@ Arizona	
Spokane	
San Jose	
@ Portland	
San Antonio	
@ Jacksonville	

### J LEWIS SMALL PLAYMAKER OF THE GAME

Opponent	Player
@ San Antonio	Mitch Mustain (SAN)
@ Orlando	Jason Boltus (ORL)
Portland	Donovan Morgan (LAK)
Cleveland	Thyron Lewis (CLE)
@ lowa	Darius Reynolds (IOW)
San Jose	Russ Michna (SJ)
Spokane	Rashaad Carter (SPO)
@ Cleveland	
@ Pittsburgh	
Arrizona	
@ San Jose	
Portland	
@ Arizona	
Spokane	
San Jose	
@ Portland	
San Antonio	
@ Jacksonville	

## **CUTTER'S CATCH OF THE GAME**

Opponent	Player
@ San Antonio	Donovan Morgan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter TD (LAK)
@ Orlando	Markee White – one handed catch (LAK)
Portland	Donovan Morgan (LAK)
Cleveland	Thyron Lewis (CLE)
@ lowa	Marco Thomas (IOW)
San Jose	Donovan Morgan (LAK)
Spokane	Brandon Thompkins (SPO)
@ Cleveland	
@ Pittsburgh	
Arizona	
@ San Jose	
Portland	
@ Arizona	
Spokane	
San Jose	
@ Portland	
San Antonio	
@ Jacksonville	

## **AFLHIGHLIGHT OF THE GAME**

Opponent	Player
@ San Antonio	Kenny Spencer – game-winning FG (LAK)
@ Orlando	Tanner Varner – interception 1 min left (ORL)
Portland	Romeo Pellum – 1 <sup>st</sup> half interception (LAK)
Cleveland	Donovan Morgan – one handed 45 yrd catch
@ lowa	Carson Coffman – 45yrd TD pass to Thomas
San Jose	Donovan Morgan (LAK)
Spokane	AJ Cruz (LAK)
@ Cleveland	
@ Pittsburgh	
Arrizona	
@ San Jose	
Portland	
@ Arizona	
Spokane	
San Jose	
@ Portland	
San Antonio	
@ Jacksonville	



#### **WEEK 8 - AWARD WINNERS**

<u>Davila, Simpson and Carter Earn Weekly Honors</u> Rogers & Cruz also awarded for weekend's highlights

### Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Week

Davila (6-3, 220, Cincinnati) threw more touchdowns than incompletions in Week 8, going 24-for-31 for 389 yards and 10 touchdowns in Arizona's 70-61 victory over the Jacksonville Sharks. His 389 yards and 10 touchdowns are the most by any passer in the AFL this season. It was also Davila's third consecutive game with 300-plus passing yards and at least nine touchdowns. Davila is now one touchdown pass shy of becoming just the ninth player in AFL history to pass for 500 touchdowns or more in a career.

#### Riddell Defensive Player of the Week

Simpson (6-1, 210, Missouri) showcased his versatility on defense in Week 8, recording five tackles, one forced fumble, a fumble recovery, an interception and a sack in Iowa's 62-52 win over the San Antonio Talons in Week 8. The interception was the 33rd of Simpson's five-year career, while the sack was his very first.

## J. Lewis Small Playmaker of the Week

Carter (6-2, 210, Tusculum), a receiver by trade, was forced into quarterbacking duty after reigning AFL MVP Erik Meyer went down with a shoulder injury in the second quarter of Spokane's 70-21 victory over the LA KISS in Week 8. The rookie proceeded to put on a show, tossing a pair of touchdown passes and tying the Spokane franchise record for rushing scores with four in the game. He will be awarded a timepiece crafted by J. Lewis Small for his efforts.

## **Cutters Catch of the Week**

Rogers (6-4, 210, Cal Lutheran) hauled in a touchdown reception and hung on as he was hit over the wall in the second quarter of Portland's 61-42 victory over the Tampa Bay Storm in Week 8. Rogers set a new single-game Thunder record with five receiving touchdowns in the game and his highlight reel catch came in at No. 10 on ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays. He will receive a Cutters hat and shirt in recognition of the catch.

#### AFL Highlight of the Week

Cruz (5-9, 195, Brown) returned a missed field goal 58 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter of LA's 21-70 loss to the Spokane Shock in Week 8. The rookie defensive back – in just the second AFL game of his career – slipped out of four tackles before even reaching the KISS' five-yard line. His dazzling return came in at No. 6 on ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays.

#### **WEEK 9 AFL SCHEDULE - PDT**

May 9	Pittsburgh	@	Spokane	7 p.m.
May 10	New Orleans	@	Philadelphia	3 p.m.
May 10	Los Angeles	@	Cleveland	4 p.m.
May 10	Jacksonville	@	Iowa	5:05 p.m.
May 11	Arizona	@	Portland	5 p.m.

#### 2014 STANDINGS:

#### **AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	S
Cleveland	6	0	1.000	2-0	4-0	W-6
Pittsburgh	4	3	0.571	3-1	1-2	W-1
lowa	4	3	0.571	2-0	2-3	W-1
Philadelphia	3	4	0.429	2-0	1-4	L-1

#### South Division

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	S
Orlando	5	3	0.625	4-1	1-2	L-1
Tampa Bay	3	5	0.375	2-3	1-2	L-4
Jacksonville	2	5	0.286	2-2	0-3	L-3
New Orleans	1	5	0.167	1-2	0-3	L-3

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	S
Spokane	5	2	0.714	2-1	3-1	W-2
San Jose	5	3	0.625	2-2	3-1	W-3
Portland	2	5	0.286	0-3	2-2	W-2

#### West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	S
Arizona	7	0	1.000	5-0	2-0	W-7
Los Angeles	2	5	0.286	1-3	1-2	L-4
San Antonio	1	7	0.125	0-4	1-3	L-2

## LA KISS WEEKLY HONORS

Week	Award	Player
Week 1	Riddell Defensive Player	Beau Bell
Week 4	Riddell Defensive Player	Beau Bell
Week 8	AFL Highlight	AJ Cruz

**AFL Week 4** - Bell (6-2, 240, UNLV) broke his own single-game franchise record for sacks with four in Week 4. It was his second multi-sack game of the year, having totaled three sacks in his debut game with the KISS in Week 1. He earned Riddell Defensive Player of the Week honors for that performance as well. The fourth-year pro leads the League with seven sacks on the season.

**AFL Week 1 -** Bell (6-2, 240, UNLV) collected 4.5 tackles, three sacks, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup in LA's 41-38 victory over the San Antonio Talons in Week 1. His three sacks represent a new single-game franchise record and brings his career sack total to 20.



# **GLADIATORS WEEK 9 - GAME CAPSULE**

SERIES				
Series Leader				
Streaks	W6			
Coaches	Steve Thonn			
Las Week	BYE			
Last Meeting	W 40-30 (04/12/14) at LA			
Last Meeting at Site	First meeting at Quickens Arena			
Broadcast	Watch ESN3 App			
	STATS			
Passing				
Rushing				
Receiving				
Offense				
Turnover Margin				
Defense				
Sacks				
Interceptions				
Kicking				

**GLADIATORS**: TBD

# KISS WEEK 9 - GAME CAPSULE

SERIES				
Series Leader				
Streaks	L4			
Coaches	Bob McMillen			
Las Week	L 70-21 vs. Spokane			
Last Meeting	L 30-40 (04/12/14) at LA			
Last Meeting at Site	First meeting at Quickens Arena			
Broadcast	Watch ESPN3 App			
	STATS			
Passing				
Rushing				
Receiving				
Offense				
Turnover Margin				
Defense				
Sacks				
Interceptions				
Kicking				

KISS: TBD



# **CLEVELAND TEAM LEADERS**

Passing	Yards	Comp-Att-Int	t TDs
#10 AUSTIN, Shane	1081	91 - 149 - 2	24
Rushing	Yards	Att T	Ds
#14 DIEKER, Chris	72	19 4	
#10 AUSTIN, Shane	44	16 6	1
#96 HOWARD, Corey	18	4 1	
Receiving	Yards	No T	Ds
#6 LEWIS, Thyron	475	31 1	0
#16 GOODMAN, Domini	401	43 8	}
#88 COLLINS, Tyrone	306	30 6	;
#17 TAYLOR, Collin	223	18 4	
#79 O'BREIN, Kitt	43	4 1	
Sacks	Total	Yards	
#33 BRIKOWSKI, Bria	2.5	14	
#55 BLACK, Luke	2.5	12	
#56 McGINNIS, Willi	3.5	19	
Tackles	Total		
#3 JACKSON, LaRoch	46.5		
#1 NORMAN, Marrio	41.5		
#2 JONES, Dominic	37.5		
Interceptions	Total	Yards	
#1 NORMAN, Marrio	6	101	
#3 JACKSON, LaRoch	1	0	
#5 PHINISEE, Joe	1	30	
Kick Returns	Yards	No L	.ong
#2 JONES, Dominic	533	30-39	
#6 LEWIS, Thyron	20	1-20	
Kicking	Points	FG - P	AT
#4 PETTREY, Aaron	47	5-32	

# American Conference - East Division

Team	Overall	Points	Pct.	Division	Pct.
CLE	6-0-0	301-234	1.000	3-0-0	1.000
PIT	4-3-0	389-326	0.571	1-2-0	0.333
IOW	4-3-0	333-340	0.571	0-1-0	0.000
PHI	3-4-0	377-412	0.429	0-1-0	0.000

# KISS TEAM LEADERS

Passing	Yards	Comp-A	tt-Int TDs
#11 RATERINK, J.J.	1517	145 - 26	3 - 14 23
Rushing	Yards	Att	TDs
#11 RATERINK, J.J.	44	24	5
#42 MORTENSEN, Joe	24	10	2
#12 HANSEN, Tyler	13	1	0
Receiving	Yards	No	TDs
#1 MORGAN, Donovan	650	51	13
#8 WHITE, Markee	459	47	5
#4 PARKER, Samie	351	37	5
#15 MOSS, Dale	51	9	1
#42 MORTENSEN, Joe	41	3	0
Sacks	Total	Υ	ards
#2 BELL, Beau	10	4	7
#52 PITTMAN, Domini	3.5	1	1
#94 BELL, B.J.	3	1:	2
Tackles	Total		
#3 JONES, Andre	41		
#2 BELL, Beau	31.5		
#6 PELLUM, Romeo	26		
Interceptions	Total	Υ	ards
#3 JONES, Andre	2	4	
#6 PELLUM, Romeo	2	8	5
#13 BROOKINS, Mervi	2	-5	5
Kick Returns	Yards	N	o Long
#13 BROOKINS, Mervi	254	1:	5-44
#15 CRUZ, AJ	238	1	1-34
Kicking	Points	F	G - PAT
#19 SPENCER, Kenny	37	4	-25

# National Conference - West Division

Team	Overall	Points	Pct.	Division	Pct.
ARI	7-0-0	462-382	1.000	1-0-0	1.000
LA	2-5-0	243-330	0.286	1-0-0	1.000
SA	1-7-0	363-449	0.125	0-2-0	0.000



# 2014 LA KISS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NAME	#	POS	HT	WT	EXP	DOB	COLLEGE
Allen, Zach	72	OL	6-3	330	R	08/31/90	North Carolina State
Baxter, Colin	64	С	6-3	310	R	07/31/87	Arizona
Bell, Beau	2	MLB	6-2	240	3	05/26/86	UNLV
Bell, BJ	94	DL	6-3	265	R	07/31/87	UNLV
Cruz, AJ	23	OL	5-9	195	R	02/20/91	Brown
Diaz, Michael	70	OG	6-5	325	3	02/20/88	Arizona
Estrada, Matt	5	DB	5-11	200	R	10/20/88	Northern Arizona
Hansen, Tyler	12	QB	6-2	220	R	12/06/89	Colorado
Horn, Levi	79	OL	6-6	325	R	10/02/88	Montana
Jones, Andre	3	DB	5-11	200	3	05/25/85	Akron
Madsen, Joe	63	С	6-3	315	R	09/01/89	West Virginia
McCoil, Dexter	26	JLB	6-4	220	R	09/05/91	Tulsa
Morgan, Donovan	1	WR	6-3	225	5	07/29/82	Pearl River CC
Mortensen, Joe	42	MLB	6-0	270	2	07/27/86	Kansas
Neal, J.C.	14	DB	6-0	200	3	01/14/87	North Carolina State
Nicholas, Nigel	99	DE	6-4	270	R	05/03/90	Oklahoma State
Parker, Samie	4	WR	5-11	180	2	03/25/81	Oregon
Pellum, Romeo	6	DB	5-10	190	R	02/27/89	Hampton
Pendleton, Wesley	22	DB	5-11	180	R	11/29/89	Mississippi
Pittman, Dominie	52	DE	6-3	255	2	12/13/86	North Alabama
Price, Brian	92	DL	6-1	310		04/10/89	UCLA
Raterink, J.J.	11	QB	6-2	210	4	08/04/81	Wyoming
Spencer, Kenny	19	K	6-1	220	2	10/15/86	North Alabama
White, Markee	8	WR	6-7	215	4	10/04/83	Texas State

# 2014 LA KISS NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	DOB	COLLEGE
1	Donovan Morgan	WR	6-3	225	5	07/29/82	Pearl River CC
2	Beau Bell	MLB	6-2	240	3	05/26/86	UNLV
3	Andre Jones	DB	5-11	200	3	05/25/85	Akron
4	Samie Parker	WR	5-11	180	2	03/25/81	Oregon
5	Matt Estrada	DB	5-11	200	R	10/20/88	Northern Arizona
6	Romeo Pellum	DB	5-10	190	R	02/27/89	Hampton
8	Markee White	WR	6-7	215	4	10/04/83	Texas State
11	J.J. Raterink	QB	6-2	210	4	08/04/81	Wyoming
12	Tyler Hansen	QB	6-2	220	R	12/06/89	Colorado
14	J.C. Neal	DB	6-0	200	3	01/14/87	North Carolina State
19	Kenny Spencer	K	6-1	220	2	10/15/86	North Alabama
22	Wesley Pendleton	DB	5-11	180	R	11/29/89	Mississippi
23	AJ Cruz	OL	5-9	195	R	02/20/91	Brown
26	Dexter McCoil	JLB	6-4	220	R	09/05/91	Tulsa
42	Joe Mortensen	MLB	6-0	270	2	07/27/86	Kansas
52	Dominie Pittman	DE	6-3	255	2	12/13/86	North Alabama
63	Joe Madsen	С	6-3	315	R	09/01/89	West Virginia
64	Colin Baxter	С	6-3	310	R	07/31/87	Arizona
70	Michael Diaz	OG	6-5	325	3	02/20/88	Arizona
72	Zach Allen	OL	6-3	330	R	08/31/90	North Carolina State
79	Levi Horn	OL	6-6	325	R	10/02/88	Montana
92	Brian Price	DL	6-1	310		04/10/89	UCLA
94	BJ Bell	DL	6-3	265	R	07/31/87	UNLV
99	Nigel Nicholas	DE	6-4	270	R	05/03/90	Oklahoma State



## FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Head Coach	Bob McMillen
Assistant Head Coach	Walt Housman
Player Personnel	Scott Bailey
Head Equipment Manager	Darryl MaGee
Head Trainer	Joel Noland
Videographer	Spencer Lee

# PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Romeo Pellum (pell-um)
Markee White (mar-kee)
J.J. Raterink (rat-er-ink)
Dominie Pittman (dom-in-ee)
Andre Jones (on-dray)

## LA KISS PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

## **KISS DEFENSE**

DB	14	NEAL, J.C	23	CRUZ, AJ
DB	6	PELLUM, Romeo	23	CRUZ, AJ
DB	3	JONES, Andre	23	CRUZ, AJ
JLB	5	ESTRADA, Matt		
MLB	2	BELL, Beau		
DE	52	PITTMAN, Dominie	92	PRICE, Brian
DL	94	BELL, B.J	92	PRICE, Brian
DL	99	NICHOLAS, Nigel	92	PRICE, Brian

## **KISS OFFENSE**

QB	11	RATERINK, J.J	12	HANSEN, Tyler
WR	1	MORGAN, Donovan		
WR	4	PARKER, Samie		
WR	8	WHITE, Markee		
FB	42	MORTENSEN, Joe		
OL	63	MADSEN, Joe	64	BAXTER, Colin
OL	79	HORN, Levi	64	BAXTER, Colin
OL	70	DIAZ, Mike	64	BAXTER, Colin

## **KISS SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	19	SPENCER, Kenny		
Н	11	RATERINK, J.J.		
LS	63	MADSEN, Joe	2	BELL, Beau
RTN	70	DIAZ, Mike	23	CRUZ, AJ



#### **GAME RECAPS**

# LA KISS WIN INAGURAL GAME, DEFEAT SAN ANTONIO TALONS 41-38

LA KISS Wins First Game in Franchise History

LOS ANGELES (March 15, 2014) – The LA KISS opened up their inaugural 2014 season on the road tonight with a thrilling last minute 41-38 victory over the San Antonio Talons at the Alamodome.

The KISS were lead by MAC linebacker Beau Bell, who turned in an excellent performance with 5 tackles and 3 sacks.

After the first half the game was tied 14-14. Los Angeles took the lead in the second half with quarterback, J.J. Raterink's sideline pass completed to Markee White for 6 yards for a first down, touchdown LA. But the KISS were still in for a second half battle when San Antonio took the lead late in the game making it 38-35.

The battle continued as Los Angeles kicker, Kenny Spencer's field goal attempt was good making it 38-38 with just 43 seconds left on the clock. A big sack from Bell put the Talons at a loss of 6 yards and a missed field goal from San Antonio left just 5 seconds left in play. After a completed pass to Markee White, Spencer's 35-yard field goal that got LA the win in the final seconds of the game.

"We played like a first year team tonight," says Head Coach Bob McMillen. "The players showed how much they play together as a team, everyone stepped up to the plate and did what they were supposed to do. When you have guys that believe in their teammates, you are going to have a successful team."

LA KISS travel to Orlando to take on the Predators next Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30PM (PST). LA KISS single game tickets are now on sale at ticketmaster.com or the Honda Center box office. For more information visit lakissfootball.com or call 714-462-KISS.



# LA KISS ENTER BYE WEEK 1-1 FOLLOWING OVERTIME LOSS IN ORLANDO

Los Angeles Looks to Bounce Back in Franchise's First Home Opener April 5

LOS ANGELES - (March 21, 2014) – LA KISS continued their inaugural campaign Friday night against Arena Football League mainstay, the Orlando Predators at CFE Arena. The first-year team came up just short on the road, losing 69-63 in overtime.

LA KISS dominated the first quarter of the game, and jumped out to a 21-0 lead after tallying scores on both sides of the ball. They maintained the lead going into halftime up 42-34.

Orlando fought back in the second half of what proved to be another hard-fought, back-and-forth contest. The Predators took their first lead late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, going up 63-56 with 43 seconds left in regulation. LA KISS quarterback J.J. Raterink quickly tied the game 12 seconds later on a 35-yard touchdown pass and the Los Angeles defense held the home team on the ensuing drive to take things into overtime.

LA KISS received the ball in the opening possession of overtime, but turned it over on a Raterink interception. Two plays later, Orlando scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak to win the game.

Veteran wide receiver Donovan Morgan was impressive on the offensive side of the ball Friday night, totaling six receptions for 63 yards and three touchdowns. Linebacker Beau Bell led the team once again with eight total tackles.

LA KISS have a bye next weekend and resume play Saturday, April 5th, against the Portland Thunder in the heavily anticipated home opener of their inaugural season. The game will be nationally televised by CBS Sports Network, beginning at 6:30PM (PST). Single game tickets are available at ticketmaster.com or the Honda Center box office.



# LA KISS WINS HOME OPENER, DEFEATS PORTLAND THUNDER 44-34

LA KISS Wins Home Opener

LOS ANGELES (April 5, 2014) — With a packed arena of over 12,000 fans, LA KISS hosted their home opener of the 2014 Arena Football League season at the Honda Center tonight. After a thrilling show and on field performance, Los Angeles secured the 44-34 victory over the Portland Thunder.

Quarterback J.J. Raterink led the LA KISS with 4 touchdowns, 237 yards and WR Donovan Morgan who also turned in 4 touchdowns, 169 yards.

Off to a slow start in the first quarter, Raterink's completed pass to Morgan for 25 yards got KISS a first down. The duo quickly followed up with a first touchdown of the game. Los Angeles kept the momentum going with a 41-yard interception and score by DB Romeo Pellum. Kenny Spencer's kick was good to finish out the quarter.

Los Angeles led after the first half 21-13. Then the Thunder fired back as QB Dan Southwick's completed pass to Justin Monahan lead to an early touchdown. But KISS was still able to keep the lead as Morgan pulled down a 26-yard pass from Raterink making it 27-20 with less than five minutes left in the third.

An early touchdown by Raterink and completed kick by Spencer started off the fourth quarter. Portland's Southwick then completed a 15-yard pass to WR Jeffrey Solomon for a touchdown and later followed by a 45-yard return by Duane Brooks. But Los Angeles was not done yet; with just 56 seconds left in play Raterink completed a 24-yard pass to Morgan, touchdown KISS.

LA KISS are back at the Honda Center next Saturday, April 12 to take on the Cleveland Gladiators at 7PM (PST). LA KISS single game tickets are now on sale at ticketmaster.com or the Honda Center box office. For more information visit lakissfootball.com or call 714-462-KISS.

Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game – LAK J.J Raterink
Riddell Defensive Player of the Game – LAK Beau Bell
J. Lewis Small Playmaker of the Game – LAK Donovan Morgan
Cutters Catch of the Game – LAK Donovan Morgan
AFL Highlight of the Game – LAK Romeo Pellum, 1<sup>st</sup> Half Interception



## LA KISS FALL JUST SHORT TO CLEVELAND GLADIATORS 40-30

KISS Battles Gladiators but Fall Just Short in Final Plays

LOS ANGELES (April 12, 2014) – The Los Angeles KISS fell just short tonight in a nail biting finish against the now 4-0 Cleveland Gladiators. Quarterback J.J. Raterink led the KISS with 4 touchdowns, 259 yards. Also contributing a strong performance was receiver Donovan Morgan who accounted for 3 touchdowns, 115 yards and a 1 handed catch for 45 yards in the first.

Cleveland pulled ahead in the first quarter with a completed pass by quarterback Shane Austin for 5 yards to receiver Dominick Goodman, touchdown Cleveland. Followed by an incomplete kick by kicker Aaron Pettrey, Gladiators lead 6-0. But Los Angeles quickly fired back with a 45-yard completion from Raterink to "Captain" Morgan who would on-handedly pull down the pass and run it in for a touchdown. With a completed kick from Kenny Spencer, KISS led 7-6 with a little over 3 minutes left in the first.

With 3 penalties and 3 touchdowns, the second quarter was a battle. Cleveland started the quarter with an 11-yard pass from Austin to receiver Thyron Lewis for a touchdown. KISS fought back with a blocked kick by the Arena Football League's Week 4 Riddell Defensive Player of the Week and LA KISS MAC linebacker Beau Bell. Keeping momentum, Raterink's pass to receiver Markee White was good for a touchdown with just under 8 minutes left in the half. Spencer's kick was also good, KISS leads 14-12. Cleveland lineman Corey Howard then rushed for 8 yards for a touchdown and Pettrey followed with a completed kick making it 19-14 Gladiators with less than 5 minutes left in the half. KISS wrapped up the half with a completed field goal attempt by Spencer, 19-17 Gladiators lead at the half.

With back-to-back touchdowns from each team to start off the third, it was defensive back Mervin Brookins' 44-yard return that really got things rolling. Moments later, Raterink would pass to receiver Samie Parker for a touchdown. With 3:12 on the clock and the score 30-26 Los Angeles, the Gladiators were not done yet; a 35-yard pass to Lewis would put Cleveland back in the lead 33-30 to end the third quarter. After a strong defensive fourth quarter, Cleveland got one final touchdown to seal the deal, final score 40-30 Gladiators.

LA KISS are on the road next Saturday, April 19 to take on the Iowa Barnstormers at 5PM (PST). LA KISS single game tickets are now on sale at ticketmaster.com or the Honda Center box office. For more information visit lakissfootball.com or call 714-462-KISS.

Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game – CLE Shane Austin

Riddell Defensive Player of the Game – LAK Andre Jones

J. Lewis Small Playmaker of the Game – CLE Thyron Lewis

Cutters Catch of the Game – CLE Thyron Lewis

AFL Highlight of the Game – LAK Donovan Morgan's 1-handed catch for 45 yards in the first quarter



# LA KISS SUFFER LOSS TO IOWA BARNSTORMERS 31-12

LOS ANGELES (April 19, 2014) – Los Angeles KISS struggled to put points on the board tonight against the Iowa Barnstormers. The day after KISS head coach Bob McMillen was inducted into the Arena Football Hall of Fame, Los Angeles just did not give an on field performance to follow.

The KISS knew they were in for a battle when the Barnstormers came out strong in the first quarter with back-to-back touchdowns passes from quarterback Carson Coffman. The first Iowa score came on an 11-yard pass to receiver Darius Reynolds and the second a 45-yard pass to receiver Marco Thomas. Both touchdowns were followed by completed kicks from kicker Ross Gornall. Iowa led 14-0 after the first.

The Barnstormers came out firing again in the second quarter. Coffman passed for 15-yards to Reynolds giving Iowa a three touchdown lead over Los Angeles. But the KISS were not going to go down without a fight. Quarterback J.J. Raterink completed a 14-yard pass to receiver Donovan Morgan to put some points on the board for the KISS. However, kicker Kenny Spencer surprisingly failed to complete the kick to follow. The Barnstormers continued to add fire to the fight when Coffman ran the ball in for 11-yards to close out the half. Iowa led 28-6 at the half.

The third quarter was slow with no points and the fourth quarter was an even battle. Both teams produced late touchdowns making the final score 31-12 lowa.

LA KISS are back at the Honda Center next Saturday, April 26 to take on the San Jose SaberCats at 7PM (PST). LA KISS single game tickets are now on sale at ticketmaster.com or the Honda Center box office. For more information visit lakissfootball.com or call 714-462-KISS.



# LA KISS FALL TO THE SAN JOSE SABERCATS 32 – 48

LOS ANGELES (April 26, 2014) – The LA KISS (2-4) fell to long-time Arena Football League mainstay, the San Jose SaberCats (4-3), 32-48 Saturday evening.

Following a back-and-forth contest through much of the first half, the SaberCats went into the break with a nine-point lead (27-18) after a Rod Harper touchdown grab that sent the wide receiver over the wall in the back of the end zone. Los Angeles was unable to close the gap after the half, despite a hard fought battle in the third and fourth quarters and inspired performances from respective team leaders.

Quarterback J.J. Raterink led the LA KISS offense with his arm and legs, passing for 305 yards and three touchdowns and rushing for a three-yard touchdown and an ensuing two-point conversion. Meanwhile, Andre Jones helped steer the defensive effort with seven total tackles, several passes defensed and an interception.

The determined LA KISS play at home next Sunday, May 4 against the Spokane Shock. The game kicks off at 4:00PM (PST) and will be nationally televised on ESPN2. Single game tickets are still available at ticketmaster.com or the Honda Center box office.

For more information about LA KISS visit lakissfootball.com or call 714-462-KISS.

Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game – SJ Rod Harper Riddell Defensive Player of the Game – SJ Clevan Thomas J. Lewis Small Playmaker of the Game – SJ Russ Michna Cutters Catch of the Game – LAK Donovan Morgan AFL Highlight of the Game – LAK Donovan Morgan



## LA KISS FALL TO SPOKANE SHOCK 70-21

LOS ANGELES (May 4, 2014) – In nationally televised game on ESPN2, LA KISS (2-5) fell to the Spokane Shock (5-2) by the score of 70-21 at home at Honda Center. Turnovers proved costly for LA KISS, as the team was unable to overcome seven in total, including two balls that hit off the bar on kickoffs and gave the Shock the ball inside the LA KISS five yard line.

After a slow start LA KISS found some momentum with back-to-back touchdowns, the second coming on a spectacular missed-FG return by KISS DB AJ Cruz who dodged multiple tackles to take the ball the length of the field to bring the score to 28-14 in favor of the Shock. Cruz finished the game with seven returns in all for a total of 215 yards. However two quick touchdowns, separated by another KISS interception by the Shock to end the half left KISS down 42-14 going into the locker room.

KISS came out fighting in the second half and a quick touchdown from QB J.J. Raterink to WR Donovan Morgan brought the score to 42-21. That was as close as KISS would come however, as the Shock ended the game with four straight touchdowns to leave the final score at 70-21.

Dexter McCoil led KISS on defense with a team-leading six tackles, while Beau Bell added to his league-leading sack total with a vicious sack on Shock QB Erik Meyer to bring his total to 10 sacks. Meyer suffered a collarbone injury on the play and would not return to the game. He was replaced by Shock WR Rashaad Carter who finished the game 4-7 passing for 73 yards and two touchdowns, to go along with 12 rushes for 47 yards and four touchdowns.

On offense, KISS was led by Cruz and WR Morgan who finished with five catches for 56 yards and one touchdown. QB Raterink finished the game 9-30 passing for 101 yards and two touchdowns, to go along with three interceptions.

LA KISS looks to get back on the winning track next Saturday, May 10 against the Cleveland Gladiators. The game kicks off at 4:00PM (PST) and can be viewed live online through the WatchESPN app.

For more information about LA KISS visit lakissfootball.com or call 714-462-KISS.

Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game – Spokane Shock, Adron Tennell
Riddell Defensive Player of the Game – Spokane Shock, Terrance Sanders

J. Lewis Small Playmaker of the Game – Spokane Shock, Rashaad Carter

Cutters Catch of the Game – Spokane Shock, Brandon Thompkins 45 yd TD pass from Carter

AFL Highlight of the Game – LA KISS, AJ Cruz 50 yd FG return for TD