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POWER POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Dutch Harbor	90.2
2.	Lackawanna	87.2
3.	Dugway	85.3
4.	Limerick	80.0
5.	Narcoossee	79.2
6.	Denver	77.8
	Willow	77.8
8.	Flint	75.8
9.	Anchorage	74.2
10.	Baltimore	69.5
11.	Alaska	69.3
12.	East Hartford	62.8
13.	Arctic	57.8
14.	Bagdad	51.2

WEEK 17 SCORES

Sweeney Bowl XII

Alaska.....	38
Anchorage	37

3rd-place Game

Dutch Harbor	57
Flint.....	30

5th-place Game

Lackawanna.....	59
Denver	34

Pee Wee Bowl VI

Bagdad	27
East Hartford.....	11

9th-place Game

Willow	60
Limerick	25

11th-place Game

Narcoossee.....	60
Dugway.....	34

13th-place Game

Arctic.....	34
Baltimore.....	16

Alaska wins closest Sweeney Bowl ever

By Simon Q. Albergambi, XIII
Rainy City Gazette

JUNEAU, Alaska — The Alaska Oosiks returned the TFL's T-Rex trophy to the state of Alaska early Tuesday morning (EST), but a fumble by a player who wasn't on the Oosiks' roster nearly sent the T. Rex to Anchorage instead of its new home in Juneau.

Instead, the Alaska Oosiks were able to hold on to claim a 38-37 victory over the Anchorage Kitchen in the closest Sweeney Bowl title game in Times Football League history. The victory gave the Oosiks their first T. Rex trophy in two trips to the Sweeney Bowl game, and it also brought the T. Rex back to Alaska for the first time since the Kitchen won the 1995 Sweeney Bowl.

"It's two days after the game, and my heart's still in my throat after that fumble," Alaska Oosiks owner Charles Bingham said. "I take my hat off to Anchorage Kitchen owner Nate Sagan. His team showed a lot of heart and they nearly pulled it off. It was a helluva game and he should be proud of his team's effort."

The Oosiks nearly lost the Sweeney Bowl title when Minnesota Vikings quarterback Spergon Wynn (who has yet to win at the NFL level) coughed up a fumble with 1 minute, 37 seconds left in the final Monday Night Football game of the season. Baltimore Ravens linebacker/defensive end Peter Boulware sacked Wynn, forcing the fumble that was scooped up and returned

Sweeney Bowl champions



1990 Balboa



1991 Hogtown



1992 Scarborough



1993 Willow



1994 Denver



1995 Anchorage



1996 Limerick



1997 Baltimore



1998 East Hartford



1999 Narcoossee



2000 Baltimore



2001 Alaska

for an 8-yard touchdown by linebacker Jamie Sharper.

That fumble was enough to leave the small crowd of Alaska Oosiks' fans that had gathered at the Hangar on the Wharf, a popular Juneau watering hole, to watch the Monday Night game wondering exactly what was the final score of the Sweeney Bowl game.

The Oosiks entered the Monday Night game with a 10-point lead. But the touchdown and another three points for holding the Vikings to single-digit scoring meant the Baltimore defense had earned nine points for the Kitchen.

That meant the game was in the hands of Anchorage's other player active in the Monday Night game, Baltimore wide receiver Qadry Ismail. The Missile had two first-quarter receptions for 29 yards, but several Oosiks' fans, including Bingham, had missed part of

the third quarter and they weren't sure if Ismail had any other receptions. Another 21 yards would be enough to tie the game, and the Oosiks stood to lose the tie-breaker because of most of their reserves were idle so they could rest injuries for upcoming playoff games.

"I wasn't sure what the final score was," Bingham said about the end of the game. "I knew Ismail had 29 yards early in the game, and I couldn't remember any other receptions. But I missed a few minutes in the third quarter when I was driving to the Hangover from work. I had to run to a payphone to call a buddy and have him check the boxscore on the Internet. Then he decided to fuck with me by telling me Ismail had 59 yards, before telling me the correct total."

Luckily for the Oosiks, after the first quarter Baltimore seemed to forget about the

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TFL LEADERS

Quarterbacks

Rk	Name	pts
1.	Warner, DG	211
2.	Garcia, DH	195
3.	Manning, AK	194
4.	Favre, WI	190
5.	Gannon, NA	163
6.	Brooks, LI	146
	McNabb, LK	146
8.	Culpeppr, FL	135
9.	Griese, DV	133
10.	Grbac, EH	96
11.	Brady, BT	89
12.	Green, AN	65

Receivers

Rk	Name	pts
1.	Owens, LK	120
2.	Harrison, NA	117
3.	R. Smith, LK	116
4.	Moss, BT	105
5.	Boston, DG	90
6.	Ti. Brown, DH	86
7.	Horn, WI	82
	J. Smith, LI	82
9.	Mason, AR	74
10.	Q.Ismail, AN	67
11.	Tr. Brown, DH	62
	Kv.Johnson, LI	62

Rushers

Rk	Name	pts
1.	Faulk, AN	135
2.	Martin, EH	93
3.	Dillon, WI	91
4.	Green, DH	85
5.	A. Smith, FL	84
6.	Tomlinson, AR	75
7.	Williams, DV	74
8.	Alexander, DV	69
9.	Holmes, DG	61
10.	Bettis, LK	60
11.	Alstott, AN	57
	Hearst, FL	57

Kickers

Rk	Name	pts
1.	Elam, DV	120
2.	Wilkins, NA	109
3.	Brown, DH	108
4.	Janikowski, LI	105
5.	Vanderjagt, FL	102
6.	Carney, BT	85
7.	Andersen, BG	82
	Longwell, LK	82
9.	Richey, AR	80
10.	Stover, EH	76
11.	Mare, WI	68
12.	Peterson, AK	62

MONEY MATTERS

Here is the status of the the TFL prize money pot:

Team	Entry	Deals	Total	Left
Alaska	\$100	\$35	\$135	\$15
Anchorage	\$100	\$25	\$125	\$25
Arctic	\$100	\$ 5	\$105	\$45
Bagdad	\$100	\$25	\$125	\$25
Baltimore	\$100	\$40	\$140	\$10
Denver	\$100	\$15	\$115	\$35
Dugway	\$100	\$20	\$120	\$30
Dutch Harbor	\$100	\$30	\$130	\$20
East Hartford	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$ 0
Flint	\$100	\$25	\$125	\$25
Lackawanna	\$100	\$65	\$165	-\$15
Limerick	\$100	\$35	\$135	\$15
Narcoossee	\$100	\$40	\$140	\$10
Willow	\$100	\$20	\$120	\$30
Total			\$1830	
Est. CD interest			\$40	
Total prize money			\$1870	

Expenses

Web site	\$150
Media guide	\$150
NFL picks	\$ 65
Total	\$365

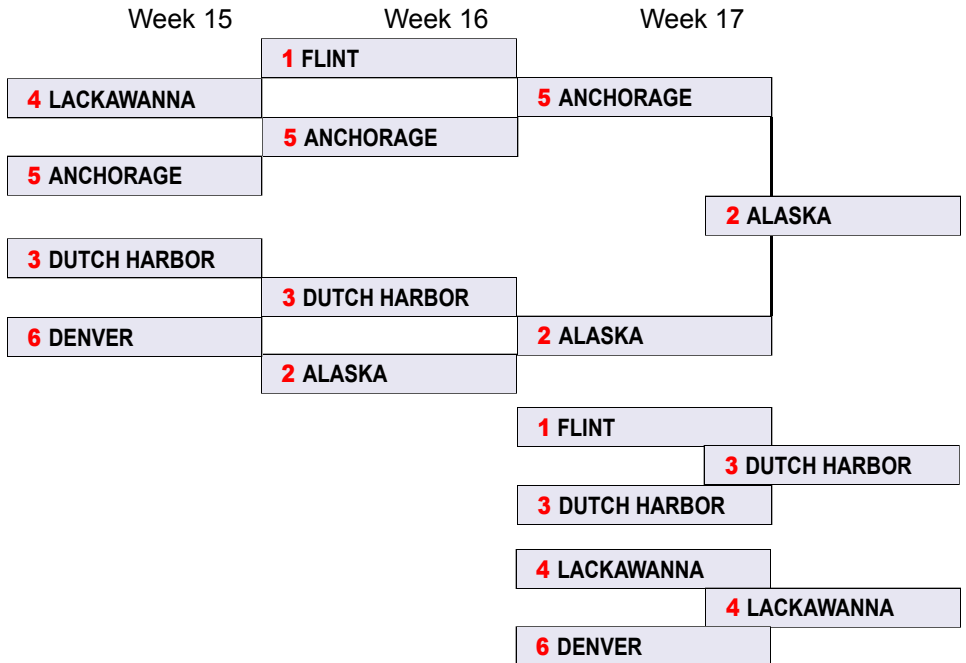
Winnings

Sweeney	\$600.00
2nd place	\$225.00
3rd place	\$165.00
4th place	\$135.00
5th place	\$105.00
6th place	\$ 75.00
Pee Wee	\$ 45.00
RS champ	\$ 75.00
Pts champ	\$ 75.00

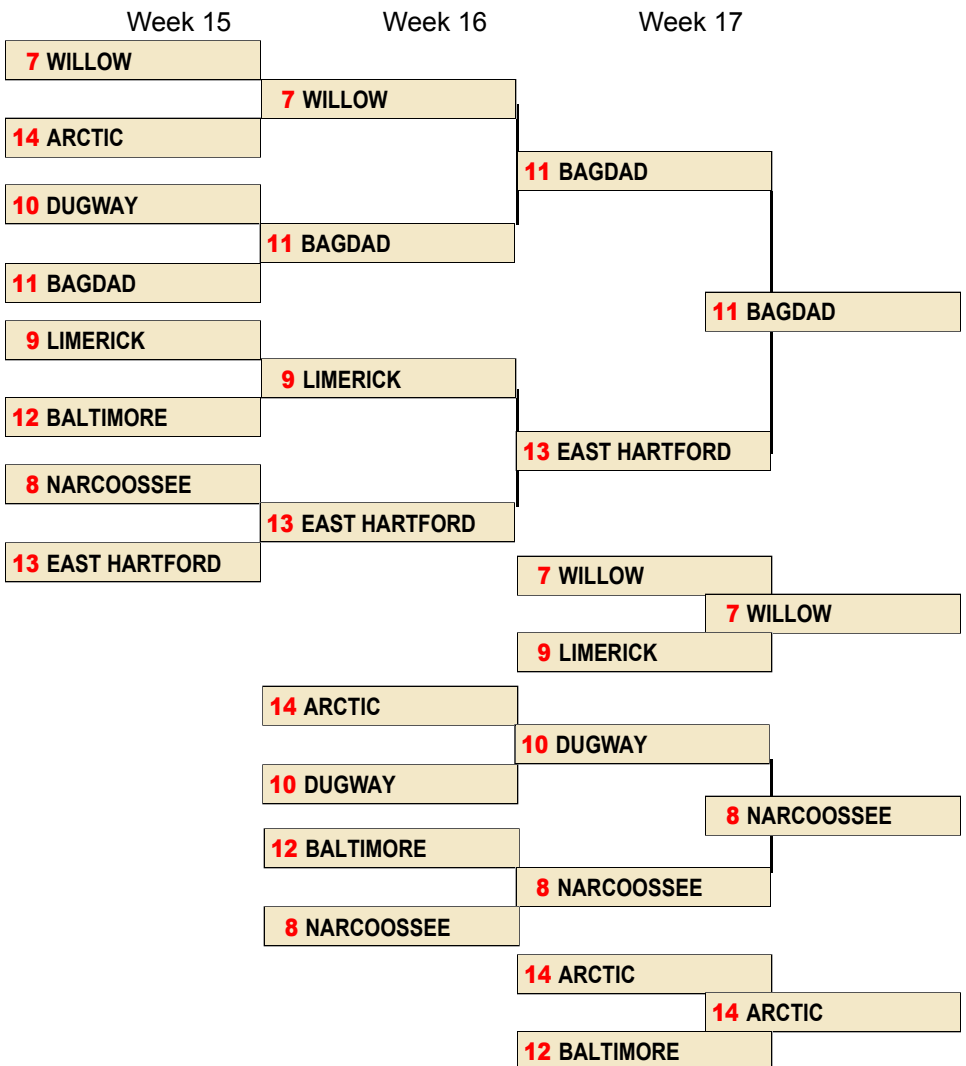
Total to be paid out

Income	\$1870
Expenses	\$ 365
Total	\$1505

Sweeney Bowl Tournament



Pee Wee Bowl Tournament



THE TRADE

Katz admits he made a mistake

By Baron von Butterbrain

Correspondent E-fucking-meritus

BALTIMORE — It started with what was thought a gamble but was, in hindsight, a pretty bad mistake: The Trade

The Baltimore Barons almost traded the store to the Lackawanna Lancers last summer to get the fifth pick in the draft, feeling confident about things after having won the T. Rex the year before.

The swap precipitated some of the worst lambasting anybody ever absorbed, but even worse, put the Barons in an 0-5 hole to start the season, as Randy Moss, whom they selected with the No. 5 pick, took some time to start wanting to play.

Then, the Barons picked up Tom Brady and started looking like a team for a while, but after New England Dilferized its offense, Brady cooled off, leaving Baltimore's fortunes to sag again. A couple of two-game win streaks was all the Barons could muster on their way to a rather ignominious, double-digit loss record.

But owner Steve Katz waited until the dust settled and took note of a few details.

"The Lancers pedered out toward the end of the season," he said, "and we actually outscored them in our



Katz

respective first playoff games." The clear, albeit desperate message: The Lancers didn't get all they thought they did in The Trade.

Baltimore lost its Pee Wee opener to Limerick, 52-24, while Lackawanna got beat in its playoff opener, 59-20, by Anchorage. And in the season's final whimper, a 36-11 defeat to Arctic, the Barons actually were not the low-point team of week 17. East Hartford lost the Pee Wee Bowl to Bagdad, 27-11.

"What we conclude," Katz said, "is that you can suck after having a normally constructed draft, as much as you can after having a sucky draft."

He has, of course, been on both sides of that fence now. In addition to those two rings.

But Katz won't let any part of the experience stop him from playing the game his way. With revenge next year already on his mind, he said, "We'll still make trades now and then, we'll just make sensible ones. If anyone will let us. And if they won't, we'll win anyway."

the true key to tfl success

Let's look at what truly decides your team's fate: The random schedule maker. What if each team had faced the teams in the order that Lackawanna and Arctic did in 2001. If they had, here is how they would have fared:

■ What if these teams played opponents in the same order Lackawanna did:

■ What if these teams played opponents in the same order Arctic did:

Team	Record	Team	Record
Alaska	8- 5-1	Alaska	4- 9-1
Anchorage	6- 8-0	Anchorage	7- 7-0
Arctic	8- 6-0	Arctic	4-10-0
Bagdad	4-10-0	Bagdad	1-13-0
Baltimore	10- 4-0	Baltimore	5- 9-0
Denver	11- 3-0	Denver	5- 9-0
Dugway	10- 4-0	Dugway	9- 5-0
Dutch Harbor	10- 4-0	Dutch Harbor	6- 8-0
East Hartford	8- 5-1	East Hartford	4-10-0
Flint	10- 4-0	Flint	6- 8-0
Lackawanna	10- 4-0	Lackawanna	5- 8-1
Limerick	12- 1-1	Limerick	6- 8-0
Narcoossee	11- 3-0	Narcoossee	6- 8-0
Willow	9- 5-0	Willow	6- 8-0

Lackawanna and Arctic were chosen for comparisons because they had either the most points scored against them (Arctic) or fewest (Lackawanna).

Sweeney

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Missile. Ismail finished the game with the same two receptions for 29 yards. With a lead, the Ravens decided to run the ball and three-time former Alaska Oosiks running back Terry Allen became the focal point of what little offense the Ravens could muster.

Instead of throwing the ball, Baltimore quarterback Elvis Grbac spent the rest of the night handing it off to Allen who gained 133 yards.

The Oosiks, who had to duct tape a team together as injuries depleted their roster, were able to pick up 12 points from quarterback Peyton Manning, eight points from running back Tiki Barber, 13 points from wide receiver Darrell Jackson, one point from receiver Kevin Dyson and

four points from kicker Todd Peterson. Running back Shawn Bryson and the Philly defense were held scoreless.

Until entering the Monday Night game down 38-28, the only scoring Anchorage had was 12 points from running back Marshall Faulk, eight points from quarterback Trent Green and eight points from kicker John Hall. Running back Mike Alstott and wide receiver Isaac Bruce were held score-

less. "Over the years, people haven't really respected the Alaska Oosiks," Bingham said. "Now, with the T. Rex trophy back in Alaska, the rest of the TFL will have to hold the mighty Oosiks in higher regard. Scott Lacy claims to be the ATWO in the TFL and Ken Sain claims to possess 'the greatest fantasy football mind in the galaxy,' yet I don't see any T. Rex trophies in their display cases."

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
y-Alaska Oosiks	9	5	0	500	68	16	35.7	439	56	17	31.3
x-Denver Pyles	8	6	0	551	68	16	39.4	473	48	14	33.8
Dugway Experiments	6	8	0	602	77	13	43.0	537	64	19	38.4
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	5	9	0	370	51	12	26.4	481	70	13	34.4
Arctic Gators	4	10	0	407	41	19	29.1	624	68	14	44.6

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
y-Flint Bison	11	3	0	527	59	13	37.6	526	67	12	37.6
x-Lackawanna Lancers	10	4	0	610	67	20	43.6	413	54	9	29.5
x-Anchorage Kitchen	9	5	0	520	66	9	37.1	500	61	18	35.7
Limerick Laughing Loons	6	8	0	543	54	9	38.8	556	66	13	39.7
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	4	10	0	456	62	17	32.6	590	77	20	42.1

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
y-Dutch Harbor Dawgs	9	5	0	630	70	19	45.0	562	68	20	40.1
Willow Weasels	7	7	0	555	64	24	39.6	495	63	13	35.4
Narcoossee Nose Apes	6	8	0	561	67	19	40.1	565	67	23	40.4
Baltimore Barons	4	10	0	503	73	13	35.9	574	67	25	41.0

x-clinched playoff berth y-clinched division title

TRANSACTIONS

Jan. 9
Flint fined \$5 because RB James Stewart played while on IR.

Jan. 5
Lackawanna places QB Chris Chandler on IR, adds QB Trent Dilfer.

Dec. 27
Flint places RB James Stewart on IR, adds RB Lamont Warren.
Flint places QB Daunte Culpepper on IR, adds QB Spergon Wynn.

Dec. 25
Alaska places RB Skip Hicks on IR, adds RB Shawn Bryson.

Dec. 22
Lackawanna places WR Muhsin Muhammad on IR, adds WR Peerless Price.

Dec. 21
East Hartford places K Bill Gramatica on IR, adds K Cedric Oglesby.
East Hartford places RB James Jackson on IR, adds RB Ben Gay.

Dec. 19
Narcoossee activates RB Terry Allen, waives RB Moe Williams.

Dec. 18
Alaska places RB Travis Henry on IR, adds RB Skip Hicks.

Dec. 17
Narcoossee fined \$5 because RB Terry Allen played while on IR.

Dec. 15
Lackawanna waives RB Ron Dayne, adds RB Larry Centers.
Lackawanna waives QB Gus Frotte, adds QB Chris Chandler.
Lackawanna waives WR Terrence Wilkins, adds WR Muhsin Muhammad.

Dec. 14
Dutch Harbor waives RB Reuben Droughns, adds RB Maurice Smith.

Dec. 12
Bagdad waives RB Maurice Smith, activates RB Ricky Watters.

Dec. 11
Flint waives QB Chris Chandler, adds QB Todd Bouman.

Dec. 10
Bagdad fined \$5 because RB Ricky Watters played while on IR.

Dec. 8
Narcoossee reactivates RB Anthony Thomas, waives RB James Allen.

Dec. 5
Alaska waives WR Muhsin Muhammad, adds WR Kevin Dyson.
Lackawanna waives WR Peerless Price, adds WR Terrence Wilkins.
Lackawanna waives RB Travis Minor, adds RB Ron Dayne.

Dec. 4
Lackawanna places RB Jerome Bettis on IR, adds RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala.
Dutch Harbor waives QB Quincy Carter, who was on IR.

Dec. 3
Dutch Harbor is fined \$5 because QB Quincy Carter played while on IR.

SWEENEY TOURNAMENT

38	Alaska	Anchorage	37
12	Manning QB	T. Green	8
8	Barber RB	M. Faulk	12
0	Bryson RB	Alstott	0
1	Dyson WR	Bruce	0
13	D. Jackson WR	Q. Ismail	0
4	Peterson K	Hall	8
0	Eagles D	Ravens	9
57	Dutch Harbor	Flint	30
31	Garcia QB	Wynn	0
0	Staley RB	Hearst	1
15	A. Green RB	A. Smith	8
1	Ti. Brown WR	Carter	1
6	Tr. Brown WR	Toomer	2
4	K. Brown K	Vanderjagt	18
0	Titans D	Buccaneers	0
59	Lackawanna	Denver	34
12	Dilfer QB	Griese	6
8	Fuamata-Mu'atula RB	R. Williams	0
6	Centers RB	Alexander	13
2	R. Smith WR	Ky. Johnson	0
21	Owens WR	McCardell	11
10	Longwell K	Elam	4
0	Broncos D	Bills	0

PEE WEE TOURNAMENT

27	Bagdad	East Hartford	11
6	Testaverde QB	Grbac	0
1	Mack RB	C. Martin	1
1	Barlow RB	Huntely	5
5	Holt WR	Gonzalez	0
0	Booker WR	Burress	0
5	Andersen K	Oglesby	5
9	Steelers D	Rams	0
60	Willow	Limerick	25
18	Favre QB	A. Brooks	0
1	George RB	S. Davis	12
14	Dillon RB	Rhodes	4
0	Horn WR	J. Smith	7
11	Morton WR	Kv. Johnson	2
16	Edinger K	Janikowski	0
0	Bears D	Jaguars	0
60	Narcoossee	Dugway	34
6	Gannon QB	Warner	20
8	E. Smith RB	Holmes	4
11	A. Thomas RB	T. Davis	2
19	Harrison WR	Boston	1
0	Chambers WR	Rice	1
7	Wilkins K	Conway	6
9	Dolphins D	Browns	0
34	Arctic	Baltimore	16
12	Collins QB	Vick	1
1	Bennett RB	Canidate	0
0	McDougal RB	Pittman	0
21	Mason WR	Moss	0
0	Freeman WR	Coles	9
0	M. Gramatica K	Carney	0
0	Raiders D	49ers	6

ALASKA

Active roster

QB Peyton Manning	1
QB Jay Fiedler	FA
RB Warrick Dunn	2
RB Shawn Bryson	FA
RB Tiki Barber	FA
WR James Thrash	FA
WR Kevin Dyson	FA
WR Darrell Jackson	FA
K Todd Peterson	8
K Ryan Lindell	10
D Philadelphia Eagles	11
D Washington Redskins	12

Inactive roster

RB Skip Hicks	FA
RB Jamal Anderson	3
WR Germane Crowell	4
RB Travis Henry	FA



PLAYOFF ROSTERS

LACKAWANNA

Active roster

QB Donovan McNabb	1
QB Trent Dilfer	FA
RB Larry Centers	FA
RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala	FA
RB Tyrone Wheatley	3
WR Terrell Owens	2
WR Rod Smith	2
WR Peerless Price	FA
K Ryan Longwell	6
K David Akers	8
D Denver Broncos	11
D San Diego Chargers	12

Inactive roster

WR Marcus Robinson	FA
RB Jerome Bettis	4
WR Muhsin Muhammad	FA
QB Chris Chandler	FA

ANCHORAGE

Active roster

QB Trent Green	2
QB Alex Van Pelt	FA
RB Charlie Garner	FA
RB Marshall Faulk	1
RB Mike Alstott	TR
WR Isaac Bruce	3
WR Derrick Alexander	TR
WR Qadry Ismail	FA
K Mike Hollis	8
K John Hall	11
D Baltimore Ravens	5
D New England Patriots	12

Inactive roster

None	
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BALTIMORE

Active roster

QB Tom Brady	FA
QB Michael Vick	8
RB Trung Canidate	9
RB Zack Crockett	FA
RB Michael Pittman	FA
WR Randy Moss	1
WR David Patten	FA
WR Laveranues Coles	FA
K John Carney	6
K Jose Cortez	10
D San Francisco 49ers	11
D Detroit Lions	12

Inactive roster

RB Jason Brookins	FA
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DUTCH HARBOR

Active roster

QB Jeff Garcia	1
QB Jake Plummer	FA
RB Ahman Green	2
RB Duce Staley	3
RB Maurice Smith	FA
WR Tim Brown	TR
WR Hines Ward	FA
WR Troy Brown	FA
K Jason Hanson	9
K Kris Brown	10
D Tennessee Titans	8
D Dallas Cowboys	11

Inactive roster

WR Ed McCaffrey	4
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LIMERICK

Active roster

QB Aaron Brooks	TR
QB Steve McNair	3
RB Stephen Davis	1
RB Dominic Rhodes	FA
RB Correll Buckhalter	FA
WR Jimmy Smith	4
WR Bubba Franks	FA
WR Kevin Johnson	FA
K Sebastian Janikowski	7
K Adam Vinatieri	10
D Indianapolis Colts	11
D Jacksonville Jaguars	12

Inactive roster

None	
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ARCTIC

Active roster

QB Kerry Collins	2
QB Doug Flutie	3
RB Kevin McDougal	FA
RB LaDainian Tomlinson	4
RB Michael Bennett	TR
WR Derrick Mason	6
WR Antonio Freeman	TR
WR Jacques Green	12
K Martin Gramatica	8
K Wade Richey	10
D Oakland Raiders	9
D Kansas City Chiefs	11

Inactive roster

RB Edgerrin James	1
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DENVER

Active roster

QB Brian Griese	1
QB Tony Banks	FA
RB Ricky Williams	2
RB Mike Anderson	4
RB Shaun Alexander	8
WR Keyshawn Johnson	3
WR Keenan McCardell	6
WR Bill Schroeder	7
K Jason Elam	5
K Neil Rackers	FA
D Buffalo Bills	11
D Carolina Panthers	12

Inactive roster

None	
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EAST HARTFORD

Active roster

QB Elvis Grbac	2
QB Mark Brunell	7
RB Curtis Martin	1
RB Ben Gay	FA
RB Richard Huntley	FA
WR Tony Gonzalez	3
WR Curtis Conway	FA
WR Plaxico Burrese	FA
K Matt Stover	4
K Cedric Oglesby	10
D St. Louis Rams	11
D Green Bay Packers	12

Inactive roster

RB Tim Biakabutuka	FA
RB James Jackson	8
K Bill Gramatica	10

NARCOOSSEE

Active roster

QB Rich Gannon	1
QB Jim Miller	FA
RB Terry Allen	FARB
Anthony Thomas	FA
RB Emmitt Smith	4
WR Marvin Harrison	2
WR Willie Jackson	10
WR Chris Chambers	FA
K Jeff Wilkins	5
K Gary Anderson	8
D Miami Dolphins	9
D New York Jets	12

Inactive roster

None	
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BAGDAD

Active roster

QB Vinny Testaverde	5
QB Charlie Batch	FA
RB Kevan Barlow	8
RB Stacey Mack	FA
RB Ricky Waters	4
WR Torry Holt	2
WR Eric Moulds	3
WR Marty Booker	FA
K Morten Andersen	7
K John Kasay	11
D New York Giants	9
D Pittsburgh Steelers	10

Inactive roster

RB Fred Taylor	1
WR Jerome Pathon	FA

DUGWAY

Active roster

QB Kurt Warner	1
QB Jamie Martin	FA
RB Lamar Smith	2
RB Priest Holmes	FA
RB Terrell Davis	TR
WR David Boston	5
WR Jerry Rice	10
WR Peter Warrick	TR
K Joe Nedney	8
K Brett Conway	11
D New Orleans Saints	9
D Cleveland Browns	12

Inactive roster

None	
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FLINT

Active roster

QB Spergon Wynn	FA
QB Todd Bouman	FA
RB Garrison Hearst	TR
RB Lamont Warren	FA
RB Antowain Smith	8
WR Cris Carter	3
WR Amani Toomer	TR
WR Travis Taylor	9
K Mike Vanderjagt	5
K Phil Dawson	12
D Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7
D Minnesota Vikings	11

Inactive roster

QB Daunte Culpepper	1
RB James Stewart	2

WILLOW

Active roster

QB Brett Favre	2
QB Tim Couch	TR
RB Eddie George	1
RB Kevin Faulk	FA
RB Corey Dillon	TR
WR Joe Horn	TR
WR Az-Zahir Hakim	FA
WR Johnnie Morton	9
K Olindo Mare	7
K Paul Edinger	11
D Seattle Seahawks	10
D Chicago Bears	12

Inactive roster

None	
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