



The TFL Today

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1998 Playoffs

SWEENEY BOWL

East Hartford 58

Alaska 44

CONSOLATION

Dutch Harbor 71

Bagdad 52

FIFTH PLACE

Limerick 59

Lackawanna 35

PEE WEE BOWL

Willow 32

Flint 20

9TH PLACE

Narcoossee 40

Denver 23

11TH PLACE

Dugway 38

Baltimore 18

13TH PLACE

Arctic 36

Anchorage 15

Previously ... in The Times Football League:

The subject was rule changes

Or was it football? Sometimes one couldn't be sure

By Baron von Buttebrain
TFL Today

Hey, where's everybody been? Baseball's not that exciting this year, is it?

Well, it's almost time – in fact, it is time – to start turning your thoughts toward America's national pastime, fantasy football.

When last we left you, Chris Reidy's East Hartford Ex-Eskimos won the Sweeney Bowl (see box at right), and everybody who wasn't in Australia was waxing jealous over how much of it had to do with luck, and how much with skill.

That's not what we're here to do now, though. While Wit Tuttell is wallowing in delusions that the Yankees can win their next 70 in a row and equal last year's rec-



Sweeney Bowl IX



E. Hartford	58
Dan Marino	15
Riicky Watters	12
Mike Alstott	19
Leslie Shepherd	8
Ben Coates	0
Jason Elam	4
New York Giants	0

Alaska	44
Chris Chandler	15
Garrison Hearst	1
Terrell Davis	12
Terrence Mathis	0
Frank Sanders	6
Morten Andersen	8
Minnesota Vikings	2

ord, and Ken Sain is entertaining similar fantasies that the Arizona Diamondbacks will win the N.L. West, we dropped in to remind you that league fees of \$150 are due in to Ken Sain by check on or before July 20, so he can deposit everybody's money at once in a CD.

Also, everybody has to call the Tropicana Hotel by August 1 and claim your hotel room. Instructions on exactly what to do appear on page 3.

Have a great summer, and happy magazine-reading, gang!

An argument for the tight end

By Ken Sain

Special to TFL Today

Do you have a tight end?

Okay, so I've seen most of you and know the answer to that is no. But that doesn't mean you can't change that.

You can all have a tight end by September. All you have to do is vote Yes on Prop. 2.

What? I was talking about a football tight end, you know, the receiver who lines up with the offensive line. What did you think I was talking about?

I proposed Prop. 2 to try and bring a little strategy and skill back to a league that saw it eroded last year with the passage of the evil Prop. 5.

Think about this:

1. You would have to have a tight end active on your 12-man roster at all times.

2. There are only a handful of quality tight ends available.

What does that mean to each of us? We'll have to decide when to draft one of those quality few. And those who take one, will be a step ahead of the poor guy who gets stuck with Stephen Alexander in the 12th round. But at what cost? If you take Shannon Sharpe in the third round, what other quality player are you missing out on?

That's where the strategy kicks in. It's also why I like this proposal so much, and hopefully why my Prop. 5 bitter enemy, Chris Reidy, seconded it to place it on your ballot today.

Let's face it, there are plenty of good wide receivers out there. It's not that hard to find a third receiver who will get 6-8 touchdowns this year. To me, that means it's a wasted pick for all of us, because we all get the same quality guy.

"Hey, it's right there in the rulebook, pal."

Proposal 1

Change rule T.5 to remove the free agent frozen period:

HOW WILL NEW RULE READ:

T.5 — Any player placed on waivers by one team may be claimed by another team beginning at 12:01 a.m. (Eastern time) the following day.

REASON FOR THE CHANGE:

At this point, all owners have access to the Internet. Since transactions are updated daily, everyone has an equal shot getting free agents dropped from other teams.

Also, some teams were waiting until after Wednesday to drop players knowing they would not be available for at least a week. Now, they could play that weekend if someone wants them.

- o Yes, let's change it
- o No, leave it as is

These are the only rule changes that were proposed and received seconding motions to be placed on the ballot. Either print this page out, check yes or no on each of the measures and fax it to Commissioner Steve Katz at 410-381-8619, or email him with your vote at stevek1@home.com

Proposal 2

Change rule R.1 to force each team to maintain one active tight end on their roster at all times.

HOW WILL NEW RULE READ:

R.1 — Each team will have two quarterbacks, three running backs, three receivers, one of which must be listed as a tight end on the NFL roster, two kickers and two defenses.

A starting lineup consists of one quarterback, two running backs, two wide receivers, one kicker and one defense. You do not have to start the tight end each week, but he must be on the active roster.

REASON FOR THE CHANGE:

This might add a little more strategy to the league by forcing owners to decide when to take their tight end in the draft, since there are only a few quality tight ends available. It will probably lower overall scoring and make the league more skillful.

- o Yes, let's change it
- o No, leave it as is

But, if that third receiver must be a tight end, that will no longer happen. Who among us can find the sleeper tight ends who will have bust-out years and carry us to a 10-plus win season? That's where the skill comes into play.

The owners who can identify sleeper tight ends, and draft them late so they don't have to bypass superstars in the early rounds to draft a Ben Coates or Shannon Sharpe, will have an edge on the owners who get stuck with Alexander.

Proposing the rule this way, it

does not significantly change the scoring of the TFL, although it might make points harder to come by. It also does not lengthen the draft.

And, if you do get stuck with a Stephen Alexander, you don't have to start him. You can still start your other two wide receivers, so you would only need him for the bye weeks.

I see no negatives and only positives in this proposal, and I urge you to support its passage.

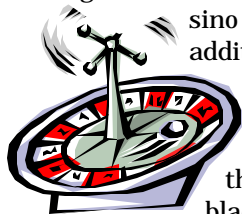
Las Vegas or bust

Don't forget to send your league fees of \$150 to treasurer Ken Sain before July 20

BOOK A ROOM NOW!

The Tropicana Resort & Casino symbolizes the way Las Vegas used to be -- a place to escape from daily life into an adult playground. Visit the plac where tradition holds true -- where Las Vegas begins.

Accommodations: Approximately 1875 guest rooms and suites.



Casino & Gaming: In addition to slots, video poker and table games, visit the swim-up blackjack tables

at the pool with a special waterproof layout and money dryers. Players can join the Winners Club to earn cash or comps on future visits.

Guest can also take a crack at the Tropicana's \$10 Million Safe-cracker Challenge, located in the hotel lobby. Just enter an eight-digit code on the safe's keypad consisting of single digits 0-9 and you could be a winner!

Race & Sports Book: Leroy's Sports Book presents wagering on all major sporting events as well as daily parlay cards.

Attractions: Between the hotel's twin towers is a five-acre water park featuring three sparkling pools, five relaxing spas, cascading waterfalls, and two lagoons surrounded by lush tropical plants and exotic flowers. Other amenities include a full-service wedding chapel, health club and spa and a small selection of retail

Registration for the Las Vegas Convention:

The TFL office has reserved eight rooms at the Tropicana Hotel for the Sept. 9-13 Convention. The draft takes place on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Those hotel rooms will be released on Aug. 1 if not claimed before then. If you want one of those hotel rooms (avg. room rate per night is \$69 based on single or double occupancy), then you must contact Ken Sain before then.

He will give you a confirmation number and the hotel's phone number so you can have the room switched to your name and credit card number.

If you want to room with one other owner, now is the time to pick roommates and decide who will be putting the room in their name.

Again, any room unclaimed after Aug. 1 will be released.

E-mail Ken Sain at ksain@fuse.net to claim one of the rooms.

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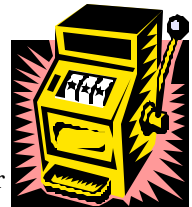
The newest attraction to the property is the Casino Legends Hall of Fame set to open January 1999. The Casino Legends Hall of Fame is a one-of-a-kind must-see attraction for tourists and locals alike, featuring a rare collection of Las Vegas gaming and entertainment memorabilia.

Entertainment: The Tropicana Resort & Casino celebrates 40 years of the world-famous "Folies Bergere," a musical tribute to

the Parisian cabaret. Afternoons are magical with the "The Illusionary Magic of Rick Thomas," and for those who love to laugh, visit the Comedy Stop At the Trop, a classic comedy club that showcases some of the best comedians in the country.

The Celebration Lounge & Casino and the Tropics Lounge both feature nightly live entertainment.

Dining: Choices include Pietro's intimate gourmet dining; Mizuno's Japanese Steak House for tableside preparation, Golden Dynasty Chinese Restaurant, Jade Palace Noodle Bar dishes featuring a selection of toppings, Calypsos coffee shop, the all-you-can-eat Island Buffet, Savanna, for steaks, seafood, pasta and wild game, and Java Java, a new coffee bar open on the Casino floor.



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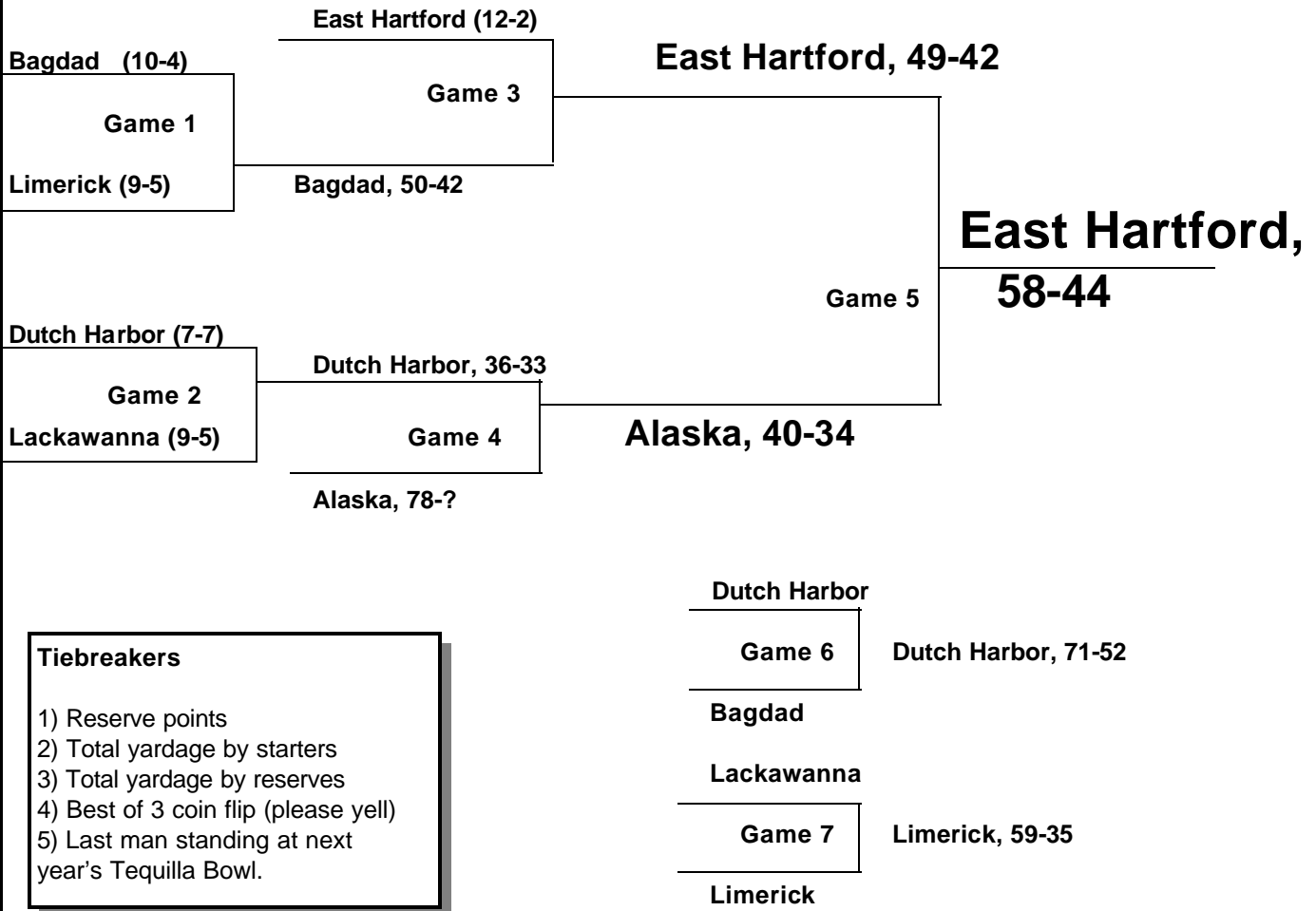
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Sweeney Bowl IX

Week 15

Week 16

Week 17



Time it was, and what a time it was. Things past, present and future

It would be hoped that the near-fisticuffs of TrashTalk campaigns past would leave us sobered enough to see what line not to cross, if it ever reaches that point again.

Which, of course, it will.

As long as we can remember that it's a game (yeah, right), and nothing should be taken too seriously (smirk, smirk), we can maintain the TFL as the model of all fantasy football

leagues.

The TFL Today would also like to take this opportunity to extend, on behalf of the league, its condolences and thoughts to Chris and Mary in light of the news about Mary's father, and, secondarily in importance, our regrets that Chris had to suddenly announce he won't be joining us in Las Vegas.

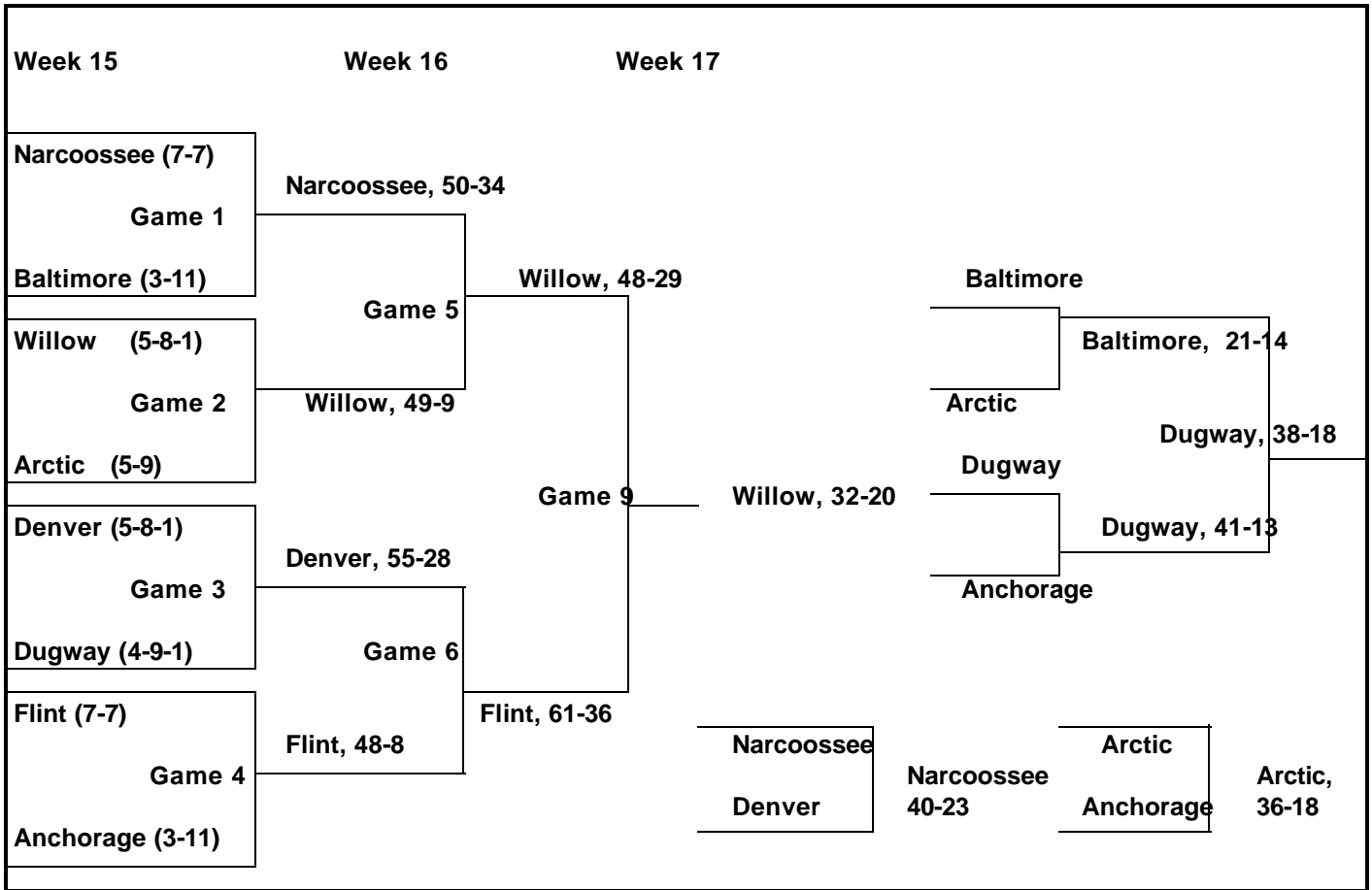
It is not only his loss not to be

there, it is ours not to see him, but we'll blow on a pair of dice for him.

See you in Sin City, guys.

- Steve Katz
Editor, The TFL Today

Pee Wee Bowl III



FINAL 1998 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska	10	3	1	675	83	14	48.2	462	74	7	33.0
Bagdad	10	4	0	632	84	7	45.1	550	98	19	39.3
Denver	5	8	1	560	75	9	40.0	605	84	15	43.2
Arctic	5	9	0	551	53	25	39.4	616	82	19	44.0
Dugway	4	9	1	372	53	8	26.6	578	76	27	41.3

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	12	2	0	673	82	27	48.1	539	83	20	38.5
Lackawanna	9	5	0	595	63	20	42.5	496	74	12	35.4
Limerick	9	5	0	590	98	19	42.1	528	61	9	37.7
Flint	7	7	0	557	76	21	39.8	476	59	15	34.0
Anchorage	3	11	0	414	51	13	29.6	619	69	22	44.2

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	7	7	0	587	64	18	41.9	508	75	14	36.3
Dutch Harbor	7	7	0	501	69	12	35.8	563	46	8	40.2
Willow	5	8	1	539	60	22	38.5	578	51	22	41.3
Baltimore	3	11	0	436	45	17	31.4	564	48	16	40.3

SWEENEY BOWL

E. Hartford 58	Alaska 44
Dan Marino 15	C. Chandler 15
Ricky Watters 12	Gar. Hearst 1
Mike Alstott 19	Terrell Davis 12
L. Shepherd 8	Ter. Mathis 0
Ben Coates 0	Frank Sanders 6
Jason Elam 4	Mort. Andersen 8
Giants 0	Minnesota 2

THIRD PLACE

Dutch Harbor 71	Bagdad 52
Vinny T. 24	Randall C. 14
Priest Holmes 13	Bam Morris 14
Dorsey Levens 1	Karim 0
Tim Brown 13	Rod Smith 14
Rob Moore 2	Johnnie Morton 0
Richie C. 11	Gary Anderson 10
Kansas City 6	Tennessee 0

FIFTH PLACE

Limerick 59	Lackawanna 35
John Elway 28	Brett Favre 6
Emmitt Smith 13	Ant. Smith 8
Curtis Martin 6	H. Williams 0
W. Chrebet 0	Eric Moulds 11
Jimmy Smith 1	Herman Moore 6
Al Del Greco 11	Jason Hanson 4
NY Jets 0	Chicago 0

PEE WEE BOWL

Willow 32	Flint 20
McNair 1	Trent Green 6
Ad. Murrell 6	Robt Edwards 0
Marshall Faulk 1	LeRoy Hoard 0
Sh. Sharpe 7	Ed McCaffrey 0
Terrell Owens 8	Ant. Freeman 9
John Kasay 9	Olindo Mare 5

Narcoossee 40	Denver 23
P. Manning 6	Doug Flutie 0
Terrell Fletcher 3	Gary Brown 3
J. Anderson 9	Barry 0
OJ McDuffie 8	Randy Moss 8
Tony Martin 9	Cris Carter 8
Stoyanovich 7	Vinatieri 4
Miami 0	Carolina 0

Dugway 38	Baltimore 18
Jon Kitna 12	Frank Reich 6
Jerome Bettis 4	Terry Kirby 1
June Henley 2	Eddie George 7
Sh. Jefferson 0	Joey Galloway 0
Jerry Rice 6	Derrick Mayes 0
Mike Vander. 14	Ryan Longwell 4
Tampa 6	New Orleans 0

Arctic 36	Anchorage 15
Jonathan Quinn 12	K. Stewart 1
Fred Taylor 13	T.Biakabutuka 9
Derrick Cullors 0	R. Smith 2
Jacquez Green 0	Carl Pickens 0
Keyshawn 8	JJ Stokes 0
Mike Hollis 3	Todd Peterson 3
New England 0	Pittsburgh 0

Rosters at season's end

(For you nostalgia buffs)

Lackawanna

QB Brett Favre
 QB **Steve Beuerlein**
 RB Antowain Smith
 RB Terry Allen
 RB **Harvey Wms.**
 WR Herman Moore
 WR **Yancey Thigpen**
 WR Eric Moulds
 K Jason Hanson
 K **Brad Daluiso**
 D San Francisco
 D Chicago

Alaska

QB Chris Chandler
 QB **Scott Zolak**
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB John Avery
 WR Terrance Mathis
 WR **Lamar Thomas**
 WR **Frank Sanders**
 K Morten Andersen
 K Doug Pelfrey
 D Minnesota
 D San Diego
I.R. Rich Gannon
Tyrone Davis

Denver

QB Jake Plummer
 QB **Doug Flutie**
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB **Gary Brown**
 RB **Ahman Green**
 WR Cris Carter
 WR **M. Muhammad**
 WR Randy Moss
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Norm Johnson
 D Carolina
 D Philadelphia

Dugway

QB **Jeff George**
 QB **Jon Kitna**
 RB **Tommy Vardell**
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB **June Henley**
 WR **Jerry Rice**
 WR **Andre Rison**
 WR **Jake Reed**
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 K **Steve Christie**
 D Tampa Bay
 D St. Louis
I.R. Natrone Means
Tavian Banks

Anchorage

QB Kordell Stewart
 QB Troy Aikman
 RB Robert Smith
 RB **Tim Biakabutuka**
 RB **Robert Holcombe**
 WR **Carl Pickens**
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR **J.J. Stokes**
 K Todd Peterson
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Pittsburgh
 D Arizona
I.R. Napoleon Kaufman

Baltimore

QB Elvis Grbac
 QB **Frank Reich**
 RB Eddie George
 RB **Chris Warren**
 RB **Darick Holmes**
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR **Derrick Mayes**
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Greg Davis
 D Baltimore
 D New Orleans
I.R. Charlie Batch
Travis Jervey

Narcoossee

QB **Peyton Manning**
 QB **Warren Moon**
 RB Corey Dillon
 RB Jamal Anderson
 RB **Terrell Fletcher**
 WR Tony Martin
 WR **OJ McDuffie**
 WR Andre Reed
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 K Wade Richie
 D Miami

Arctic

QB **Jonathon Quinn**
 QB **Danny Weurffel**
 RB **Fred Taylor**
 RB **Derrick Cullors**
 RB Sedrick Shaw
 WR **Terry Glenn**
 WR **Jacquez Green**
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 K Mike Hollis
 K John Hall
 D New England
 D Denver
I.R. Mark Brunell
Jamie Martin

Dutch Harbor

QB **Glenn Foley**
 QB **Vinny T.**
 RB **Charlie Garner**
 RB Donnell Bennett
 RB **Priest Holmes**
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Rob Moore
 WR Jermaine Lewis
 K Richie Cun'gham
 K Doug Brien
 D Kansas City
 D Dallas

I.R. Dorsey Levens

Limerick

QB John Elway
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Charles Way
 WR **Jimmy Smith**
 WR Bert Emanuel
 WR **Wayne Chrebet**
 K Al Del Greco
 K Michael Husted

East Hartford

QB Steve Young
 QB Dan Marino
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB **James Allen**
 RB **Mike Alstott**
 WR **Ben Coates**
 WR Charles Johnson
 WR **Leslie Shepherd**
 K Jason Elam
 K John Carney
 D NY Giants
 D Atlanta
I.R. Edgar Bennett
Greg Hill
Michael Westbrook

Bagdad

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Randall Cun'gham
 RB Karim A-Jabbar
 RB **Bam Morris**
 RB Lamar Smith
 WR Rod Smith
 WR **Derrick Alexander**
 WR Johnnie Morton
 K Gary Anderson
 K Matt Stover
 D Tennessee
 D **Detroit**
I.R. Isaac Bruce

Willow

QB Steve McNair
 QB **Jeff Blake**
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB **Fred Lane**
 RB Adrian Murrell
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR Terrell Owens
 WR **Reidel Anthony**
 K John Kasay
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Seattle
 D Washington
I.R. Erik Kramer

Flint

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB **Trent Dilfer**
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Robert Edwards
 RB **Leroy Hoard**
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR **Ed McCaffrey**
 WR James Jett
 K Olindo Mare
 K Chris Boniol