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Commissioner Steve Katz writes down notes from the draft board after the 1998 TFL Draft was completed Saturday night in Boston.

1998 TFL Convention a rousing success

By Baron von Butterbrain
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Not to be outdone by The Great Search For A TV Somewhere In The City of Boston That Gets ESPN, the 1998 TFL Convention finished up with a grade second only to the New Orleans event two years ago.

The food and music gave New Orleans the edge as the best convention city to date.

The wildlife available for viewing on the T's Green Line route along the streets of Boston University was one distinctive aspect of the just-completed event.

The attendance of 11 own-

ers, an all-time convention high, was probably the chief distinction. First-time visits by Michael and Melissa Bourque, and Mary Wilson, along with the presence of newcomers Mark Dolan and Mike Continelli, lent the proceedings a new look.

More than one owner got lost finding the hotel after arriving in town, making the use of the T (or Boston's subway) the preferred method of transportation all week. All who participated were glad to have preferred it.

After going downtown just a couple of times by train, Baltimore Barons

owner and new TFL Commissioner Steve Katz was heard to say, "They ought to just rename the Green Line the Babe Line."

One wondered how safe the other passengers felt when they heard other TFL owners actually meowing out the window at the sight of the . . . ahem . . . scenery. (Katz didn't do any meowing himself, preferring to be discreet and simply gawk.)

Nate Sagan, who may not see this before embarking on his world tour, was the tour guide for the group's travels on the first day, with

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Draft night festivities

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At four hours and five minutes, the 1998 draft didn't quite set the all-time shortness record. That honor goes to 1991's 3.5 hour breeze. But this one was smooth by comparison to last year's 5-hour marathon that featured a lengthy computer chatroom breakroom.

Other than that, the '98 draft was fairly typical. Most of Charles Bingham's picks got laughed all the way back to Alaska, tequilla was the libation of choice, somebody's draft cheat sheet got

stolen, and Wit Tuttell was still forming whole words coherently at the tail end of his bottle of Don Julio, even if he wasn't forming whole decisions before drafting his players.

Bingham's choices set off one guffaw after another, especially those of fragile quarterback Chris Chandler and Falcons' No. 2 receiver Terrence Mathis. Yet Bingham was the week's high scorer on Sunday, beating the about-to-be-absentee-owned Anchorage Kitchen, 62-30.

The defending champion

Baltimore Barons took a spill as three Adam Vinatieri extra points on Monday night boosted the Denver Pyles to a 46-45 victory. The Arctic Gators began their second stint in the league auspiciously, beating the Willow Weasels.

And the Lackawanna Lancers did the same in launching their second stint, beating the Dugway Experiments, whose owner, Ken Sain, had been the most vociferous in his lobbying to bring Lancers owner Mike Continelli back into the league.

In the league's only family affair, Big Bro beat Little Bro, lending at least initial credence to Scott Lacy's drafting philosophy of forsaking his first-round pick. Minnesota's Brad Johnson fell to Lacy as the 17th pick (3rd pick in the second round), and binged for 24 points, including three first-half touchdown passes.

Mike Taylor rolled the dice and took Vikings rookie receiver Randy Moss, and although he didn't start him, the Viking receiver Taylor did start, Cris Carter, caught two TDs.

What's wrong with this hotel?

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When the 1998 convention was being planned, a midweek game with a chance to see Ken Griffey Jr. chase Roger Maris' home run record was thought to be part of the plan. It was, but not in the manner intended.

The most entertaining part of last Wednesday's Seattle-Boston game was the interplay between Griffey and the center field bleacher fans in Fenway Park. The real home run race forced TFLowners to go to a little more trouble than they had

planned for.

The Best Western Terrace Inn, you see, didn't have ESPN, prompting anybody who wanted to watch the only September race anybody cared about - Mark McGwire vs. Sammy Sosa - to embark on a search for restaurants and bars with the sports channel on their TVs.

It seemed ESPN was almost a basic a piece of hotel "equipment" as, well . . . "How can a hotel not get ESPN?" said an incredulous Scott Lacy. "How much more basic a question can you ask a hotel? That's like,

'Excuse me, do you have showers?'"

In light of the circumstances and a chance to watch a McGwire swat, it was a rather glaring inconvenience. A few owners succeeded in finding local watering holes at which to watch. Chris Reidy, Mary Wilson, Mark Dolan and Steve Katz arrived at one on Saturday and were greeted by the bar owner with: "Hey, guys, come on in. McGwire just hit No. 60."

Then on Monday, Katz, Reidy, Wit Tuttell and Scott Lacy saw McGwire hit No. 61 at Roggie's, several blocks from the Terrace Inn, while munch-

ing on sandwiches and potato skins. He hit it in his first at-bat, and the foursome finished eating and waited until McGwire came to bat again.

He hit a single, so they left, leaving the issue to CNN's Headline News updates back at the hotel. They were spared any depravity when McGwire failed to hit another longball that day.

Everybody got to keep track of Big Mac back home the next night - those who were back home - when Big Mac took care of history and the record.

Long may it stand.

Boston

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Boston's Freedom Trail as the afternoon's activity.

Burial grounds of heroic figures of the Revolutionary Era, Paul Revere's house, a 500-year-old church, the Massachusetts Statehouse, and the first annual TFL

pizza eat-off were a few of the trail's highlights.

Now, for \$10,000 and the new Corvette, which one of the above items just doesn't seem to fit?

A pizza eat-off? Yes, the games did not just begin on draft night, you see. The Freedom Trail journey might have gone longer than it did, but it took a while to start,

because Mike Taylor and Scott Lacy decided to see who could inhale a 16-inch pizza for lunch faster.

Taylor got sausage and mushroom, and Lacy just got regular cheese. He got his order with Taylor already halfway through his but still finished one slice ahead.

Witnesses screamed that

Lacy's task was easier, what with the no-topping pizza, and he himself had to concede victory to Taylor for that reason.

Taylor took the last slice with him into the lobby of the Statehouse and finished it there, proclaiming, "I'm the Roger Maris of the pizza contest. It took me 162 games, but I did it."

WEEK 1 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska Oosiks	1	0	0	62	62	62	62.0	24	24	24	24.0
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	1	0	0	48	48	48	48.0	32	32	32	32.0
Arctic Gators	1	0	0	47	47	47	47.0	28	28	28	28.0
Denver Pyles	1	0	0	46	46	46	46.0	45	45	45	45.0
Dugway Experiments	0	1	0	20	20	20	20.0	41	41	41	41.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	1	0	0	48	48	48	48.0	45	45	45	45.0
Lackawanna Lancers	1	0	0	41	41	41	41.0	20	20	20	20.0
Anchorage Kitchen	0	1	0	24	24	24	24.0	62	62	62	62.0
Flint Bison	0	1	0	45	45	45	45.0	48	48	48	48.0
Limerick Laughing Loons	0	1	0	35	35	35	35.0	44	44	44	44.0

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee Nose Apes	1	0	0	44	44	44	44.0	35	35	35	35.0
Baltimore Barons	0	1	0	45	45	45	45.0	46	46	46	46.0
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	0	1	0	32	32	32	32.0	48	48	48	48.0
Willow Weasels	0	1	0	28	28	28	28.0	47	47	47	47.0

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 8
 Dutch Harbor places QB Jim Harbaugh on I.R., adds QB Glenn Foley.
 Limerick places WR Bert Emanuel on I.R., add WR Wayne Chrebet.

As is the case every season, turn your transactions into the Commissioner, this year Steve Katz. Also, if you think you have not been credited with the proper number of points, contact Katz immediately and point out where you think the error took place. If you have not done this before the next week's games begin, then the points listed here are final.

WEEK 1 RESULTS

Baltimore 45	Denver 46	Anchorage 24	Alaska 62
Elvis Grbac 6	Jake Plummer 6	Kordell Stewart 12	Chris Chandler 13
Eddie George 8	Barry Sanders 1	Robert Smith 2	Terrell Davis 14
Errict Rhett 1	James Stewart 15	Napoleon Kaufman 1	Garrison Hearst 21
Joey Galloway 16	Cris Carter 12	Robert Brooks 0	Curtis Conway 2
Michael Irvin 6	Marvin Harrison 9	Keenan McCardell 1	Terance Mathis 7
Ryan Longwell 8	Adam Vinatieri 3	Todd Peterson 8	Morten Andersen 5
Baltimore 0	Carolina 0	Pittsburgh 0	San Diego 0
Dugway 20	Lackawanna 41	Limerick 35	Narcoossee 44
Jeff George 1	Brett Favre 17	John Elway 7	Warren Moon 18
Jerome Bettis 0	Antowain Smith 1	Curtis Martin 1	Corey Dillon 8
Natrone Means 1	Terry Allen 1	Emmitt Smith 3	Jamal Anderson 2
Andre Rison 7	Herman Moore 12	Jimmy Smith 11	Tony Martin 2
Jake Reed 0	Yancey Thigpen 2	Michael Jackson 1	Tony Gonzalez 0
Mike Vanderjagt 11	Jason Hanson 8	Al Del Greco 12	Pete Stoyanovich 14
Tampa Bay 0	San Francisco 0	N.Y. Jets 0	Jacksonville 0
East Hartford 48	Flint 45	Willow 28	Arctic 42
Steve Young 23	Drew Bledsoe 14	Steve McNair 6	Mark Brunell 12
Ricky Watters 1	Warrick Dunn 0	Marshall Faulk 1	Curtis Enis 2
Greg Hill 0	Robert Holcombe 0	Mike Alstott 0	Tiki Barber 0
Irving Fryar 0	Antonio Freeman 18	Shannon Sharpe 7	Jerry Rice 19
Charles Johnson 7	Carl Pickens 1	Terrell Owens 1	Keyshawn Johnson 8
Jason Elam 11	Olindo Mare 6	John Kasay 1	Mike Hollis 6
N.Y. Giants 6	Green Bay 6	Seattle 12	Denver 0
Bagdad 48	Dutch Harbor 32	Week 2 Schedule	
Brad Johnson 24	Jim Harbaugh 0	Denver at Dugway	
Karim Abdul-Jabbar 9	Dorsey Levens 7	Lackawanna at East Hartford	
Fred Lane 0	Donnell Bennett 9	Flint at Bagdad	
Rod Smith 1	Tim Brown 1	Dutch Harbor at Anchorage	
Isaac Bruce 7	Rob Moore 2	Alaska at Limerick	
Gary Anderson 7	Richie Cunningham 8	Narcoossee at Willow	
Tennessee 0	Kansas City 5	Arctic at Baltimore	

CURRENT ROSTERS

Lackawanna
 QB Brett Favre
 QB Peyton Manning
 RB Antowain Smith
 RB Terry Allen
 RB Jay Graham
 WR Herman Moore
 WR Yancey Thigpen
 WR Eric Moulds
 K Jason Hanson
 K Steve Christie
 D San Francisco
 D Chicago



East Hartford
 QB Steve Young
 QB Dan Marino
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Greg Hill
 RB Edgar Bennett
 WR Ben Coates
 WR Charles Johnson
 WR Irving Fryar
 K Jason Elam
 K John Carney
 D N.Y. Giants
 D Atlanta

Alaska
 QB Chris Chandler
 QB Neil O'Donnell
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB John Avery
 WR Curtis Conway
 WR Terance Mathis
 WR James McKnight
 K Morten Andersen
 K Doug Pelfrey
 D Minnesota
 D San Diego

Anchorage
 QB Kordell Stewart
 QB Troy Aikman
 RB Robert Smith
 RB Napoleon Kaufman
 RB Robert Edwards
 WR Robert Brooks
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Rae Carruth
 K Todd Peterson
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Pittsburgh
 D Arizona

Arctic
 QB Mark Brunell
 QB Gus Frerotte
 RB Curtis Enis
 RB Tiki Barber
 RB Sedrick Shaw
 WR Jerry Rice
 WR Terry Glenn
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 K Mike Hollis
 K John Hall
 D New England
 D Denver

Bagdad
 QB Brad Johnson
 QB Randall Cunningham
 RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
 RB Fred Lane
 RB Lamar Smith
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Johnnie Morton
 K Gary Anderson
 K Matt Stover
 D Tennessee
 D Buffalo

Denver
 QB Jake Plummer
 QB Ryan Leaf
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB James Stewart
 RB Zack Crockett
 WR Cris Carter
 WR Marvin Harrison
 WR Randy Moss
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Norm Johnson
 D Carolina
 D Philadelphia

Baltimore
 QB Elvis Grbac
 QB Kerry Collins
 RB Eddie George
 RB Errict Rhett
 RB Harvey Williams
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR Wesley Walls
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Greg Davis
 D Baltimore
 D New Orleans

Dutch Harbor
 QB Jim Harbaugh
 QB Erik Kramer
 RB Dorsey Levens
 RB Donnell Bennett
 RB Larry Centers
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Rob Moore
 WR Jermaine Lewis
 K Richie Cunningham
 K Doug Brien
 D Kansas City
 D Dallas

Willow
 QB Steve McNair
 QB Bobby Hoying
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Adrian Murrell
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR Terrell Owens
 WR Ike Hilliard
 K John Kasay
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Seattle
 D Washington

Dugway
 QB Jeff George
 QB Tony Banks
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Natrone Means
 RB Fred Taylor
 WR Andre Rison
 WR Jake Reed
 WR Rickey Dudley
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 K Brad Daluiso
 D Tampa Bay
 D St. Louis

Narcoossee
 QB Warren Moon
 QB Rob Johnson
 RB Corey Dillon
 RB Jamal Anderson
 RB Charlie Garner
 WR Tony Martin
 WR Andre Reed
 WR Tony Gonzalez
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 K Wade Richie
 D Miami
 D Jacksonville

Limerick
 QB John Elway
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Charles Way
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Bert Emanuel
 K Al Del Greco
 K Michael Husted
 D N.Y. Jets
 D Oakland

Flint
 QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Scott Mitchell
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Robert Holcombe
 RB Tommy Vardell
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Carl Pickens
 WR James Jett
 K Olindo Mare
 K Chris Boniol
 D Green Bay
 D Detroit

1998 TFL Draft

First round		Fourth round		Seventh round		Tenth round		
No.	Name	Team	No.	Name	Team	No.	Name	Team
1.	Brett Favre	LAK	43.	Warrick Dunn	FLT	85.	San Francisco def.	LAK
2.	Terrell Davis	AK	44.	Shannon Sharpe	WIL	86.	Terance Mathis	AK
3.	Barry Sanders	DEN	45.	Fred Lane	BAG	87.	Adam Vinatieri	DEN
4.	Jerome Bettis	DUG	46.	Jason Elam	EH	88.	Fred Taylor	DUG
5.	Kordell Stewart	ANC	47.	Jimmy Smith	LIM	89.	Robert Edwards	ANC
6.	Eddie George	BAL	48.	Jim Harbaugh	DH	90.	Harvey Williams	BAL
7.	Corey Dillon	NAR	49.	Curtis Enis	ARC	91.	Andre Reed	NAR
8.	Mark Brunell	ARC	50.	Tony Martin	NAR	92.	Keyshawn Johnson	ARC
9.	Dorsey Levens	DH	51.	Errict Rhett	BAL	93.	Richie Cunningham	DH
10.	Curtis Martin	LIM	52.	Robert Brooks	ANC	94.	Al Del Greco	LIM
11.	Ricky Watters	EH	53.	Isaac Bruce	BAG	95.	Irvin Fryar	EH
12.	Jeff George	DUG	54.	Marvin Harrison	DEN	96.	Lamar Smith	BAG
13.	Steve McNair	WIL	55.	Neil O'Donnell	AK	97.	John Kasay	WIL
14.	Drew Bledsoe	FLT	56.	Terry Allen	LAK	98.	James Jett	FLT
127.	Tommy Vardell	FLT				128.	Jeff Jaeger	WIL
129.	Matt Stover	BAG				130.	John Carney	EH
131.	Michael Husted	LIM				131.	Michael Husted	LIM
132.	Dallas def.	DH				132.	Dallas def.	DH
133.	Denver def.	ARC				133.	Denver def.	ARC
134.	Miami def.	NAR				134.	Miami def.	NAR
135.	Baltimore def.	BAL				135.	Baltimore def.	BAL
136.	Todd Peterson	ANC				136.	Todd Peterson	ANC
137.	Mike Vanderjagt	DUG				137.	Mike Vanderjagt	DUG
138.	Carolina def.	DEN				138.	Carolina def.	DEN
139.	Doug Pelfrey	AK				139.	Doug Pelfrey	AK
140.	Steve Christie	LAK				140.	Steve Christie	LAK
Second round		Fifth round		Eighth round		Eleventh round		
No.	Name	Team	No.	Name	Team	No.	Name	Team
15.	Antonio Freeman	FLT	57.	Yancey Thigpen	LAK	99.	Olindo Mare	FLT
16.	Marshall Faulk	WIL	58.	Jason Hanson	AK	100.	Ike Hilliard	WIL
17.	Brad Johnson	BAG	59.	John Avery	DEN	101.	Johnnie Morton	BAG
18.	Steve Young	EH	60.	Andre Rison	DUG	102.	Dan Marino	EH
19.	John Elway	LIM	61.	Keenan McCardell	ANC	103.	Bert Emanuel	LIM
20.	Tim Brown	DH	62.	Elvis Grbac	BAL	104.	Erik Kramer	DH
21.	Jerry Rice	ARC	63.	Rob Johnson	NAR	105.	John Hall	ARC
22.	Warren Moon	NAR	64.	Tiki Barber	ARC	106.	Wade Richie	NAR
23.	Joey Galloway	BAL	65.	Donnell Bennett	DH	107.	Wesley Walls	BAL
24.	Robert Smith	ANC	66.	Michael Jackson	LIM	108.	Rae Carruth	ANC
25.	Karim Abdul-Jabbar	BAG	67.	Greg Hill	EH	109.	Rickey Dudley	DUG
26.	Jake Plummer	DEN	68.	Tony Banks	DUG	110.	Ryan Leaf	DEN
27.	Garrison Hearst	AK	69.	Terrell Owens	WIL	111.	Morten Andersen	AK
28.	Herman Moore	LAK	70.	Robert Holcombe	FLT	112.	Peyton Manning	LAK
141.	Jay Graham	LAK				141.	Jay Graham	LAK
142.	Minnesota def.	AK				142.	Minnesota def.	AK
143.	Norm Johnson	DEN				143.	Norm Johnson	DEN
144.	Brad Daluiso	DUG				144.	Brad Daluiso	DUG
145.	Arizona def.	ANC				145.	Arizona def.	ANC
146.	Greg Davis	BAL				146.	Greg Davis	BAL
147.	Jacksonville def.	NAR				147.	Jacksonville def.	NAR
148.	Gus Frerotte	ARC				148.	Gus Frerotte	ARC
149.	Jermaine Lewis	DH				149.	Jermaine Lewis	DH
150.	N.Y. Jets def.	LIM				150.	N.Y. Jets def.	LIM
151.	N.Y. Giants def.	EH				151.	N.Y. Giants def.	EH
152.	Randall Cunningham	BAG				152.	Randall Cunningham	BAG
153.	Seattle def.	WIL				153.	Seattle def.	WIL
154.	Chris Boniol	FLT				154.	Chris Boniol	FLT
Third round		Sixth round		Ninth round		Twelfth round		
No.	Name	Team	No.	Name	Team	No.	Name	Team
29.	Antowain Smith	LAK	71.	Scott Mitchell	FLT	113.	Eric Moulds	LAK
30.	Chris Chandler	AK	72.	Adrian Murrell	WIL	114.	James McKnight	AK
31.	Cris Carter	DEN	73.	Gary Anderson	BAG	115.	Zack Crockett	DEN
32.	Rod Smith	BAG	74.	Charles Johnson	EH	116.	Tampa Bay def.	DUG
33.	Napoleon Kaufman	ANC	75.	Trent Dilfer	LIM	117.	Pittsburgh def.	ANC
34.	Michael Irvin	BAL	76.	Kansas City def.	DH	118.	Kerry Collins	BAL
35.	Jamal Anderson	NAR	77.	Mike Hollis	ARC	119.	Charlie Garner	NAR
36.	Terry Glenn	ARC	78.	Pete Stoyanovich	NAR	120.	New England def.	ARC
37.	Rob Moore	DH	79.	Ryan Longwell	BAL	121.	Larry Centers	DH
38.	Emmitt Smith	LIM	80.	Troy Aikman	ANC	122.	Charles Way	LIM
39.	Ben Coates	EH	81.	Jake Reed	DUG	123.	Edgar Bennett	EH
40.	Natrone Means	DUG	82.	James Stewart	DEN	124.	Tennessee def.	BAG
41.	Mike Alstott	WIL	83.	John Avery	AK	125.	Bobby Hoying	WIL
42.	Carl Pickens	FLT	84.	Jason Hanson	LAK	126.	Green Bay def.	FLT
155.	Detroit def.	FLT				155.	Detroit def.	FLT
156.	Washington def.	WIL				156.	Washington def.	WIL
157.	Buffalo def.	BAG				157.	Buffalo def.	BAG
158.	Atlanta def.	EH				158.	Atlanta def.	EH
159.	Oakland def.	LIM				159.	Oakland def.	LIM
160.	Doug Brien	DH				160.	Doug Brien	DH
161.	Sedrick Shaw	ARC				161.	Sedrick Shaw	ARC
162.	Tony Gonzalez	NAR				162.	Tony Gonzalez	NAR
163.	New Orleans	BAL				163.	New Orleans	BAL
164.	Jeff Wilkins	ANC				164.	Jeff Wilkins	ANC
165.	St. Louis def.	DUG				165.	St. Louis def.	DUG
166.	Philadelphia def.	DEN				166.	Philadelphia def.	DEN
167.	San Diego def.	AK				167.	San Diego def.	AK
168.	Chicago def.	LAK				168.	Chicago def.	LAK