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"A Beacon of Truth and Justice in a Topsy-Turvy World"

'PD' Pyles drop to 0-2

Taylor undaunted; Wailers, Sharks unbeaten

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Two weeks ago during the TFL draft, Mike Taylor insisted on delivering a boorish preamble before each of Denver's 12 picks. Loosely paraphrased, his mini-speeches extolled the Sweeney Bowl champion Pyles and promised a return to this year's title game.

Oh, how things can change. Taylor, aka The Louse That Roared, now finds himself with a wiblet for a quarterback and an egg in the win column. The crowning insult: the Bagdad Newts, Taylor's most hated rival, dropped by Pyle Pavilion on Sunday and delivered a 36-19 licking to the Pyles, dropping them to 0-2.

And Lacy, who endured 17 weeks of Pyle prattle during Denver's Sweeney Bowl season a year ago, is watching it all with delight.

"For years we have heard Mr. Taylor characterize the Pyles as 'perennially great,' even going so far as to call his team the PG Pyles," Lacy said. "In light of their early collapse, I plan to call them the PD Pyles—as in 'perennially dismal.'"

Despite that stunning rebuke, Taylor remains unfazed. Never mind that his quarterback is Randall Cunningham, whose delicate psyche erodes with each passing week. Or that his backfield contains two overrated, overhyped rookies. Or that he benched Anthony Miller and his three touchdowns in favor of Brian Blades, who, in the words of East Hartford's Chris Reidy, is only productive in a shoot-and-run offensive scheme.

None of this matters, Taylor claims. He likens this year's Pyles team to the 1993 Dallas Cowboys, who started 0-2 and went on to win the Super Bowl.

"I need to lick my wounds a bit and go

on to my manifest destiny, which is a second straight Sweeney Bowl," Taylor said Monday. "I don't know how'll that happen now with Randall a non-factor, but the Pyles will find a way."

While the defending champs struggle to rediscover last year's magic, two unlikely teams have started the season 2-0: Marley and Sarasota.

The Marley Wailers, the league's only female-owned franchise, popped the Weasels, 33-21. Wailers owner Michele Fetsko, who lacks the essential Y chromosome, has nonetheless compiled a .688 winning percentage in her 16-game TFL career.

Just as surprising is the performance of the Sharks, who have yet to produce a winning campaign since joining the league in 1992. Sharks owner Chuck Coggins, who reportedly was wanted by Sarasota police during the draft, has ridden the right arm of Vinnie Testaverde to two easy victories.

One other team emerged from the second weekend unbeaten. The Anchorage Kitchen, whose last TFL campaign was in 1991, spanked rival Willow, 54-41, at the Chromedome. The reason for Anchorage's fast start is no mystery—the starting wideout tandem of Jerry Rice and Irving Fryar produced 61 points in the first two games.

But for every story of glory, there is one of tragedy. The Flint Bison, who won 13 games last year, fell to 0-2 after a 60-38 loss to the Alaska Dicks. After winning the first 13 games in the franchise's history, the Bison have lost five straight, including two in last year's playoffs.

Aside from the slow starts of Flint and Denver, the big news was a league-wide shuffling of lineups as owners tried desperately to create a winning mix. Nine of

the league's 14 teams made a change in their backfield last weekend; eight made a change in their receiving corps.

Indeed, only Sagan and Dutch Harbor's Casey Brogan started the same lineup in the first two weeks.



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GAME OF THE WEEK: Marley (2-0) at Sarasota (2-0). Deep down, both these teams really suck. Are they called the Wailers because that's the sound Emmitt makes when his hamstring muscle tears away from the bone? The estrogen-overloaded Fetsko has a better chance of becoming a guy than winning a Sweeney Bowl. On the other side of the ball, Chuck Coggins did a fantastic job at the draft considering he was indicted during the fourth round. But how far can Vinnie Greenballs take any team? Enjoy it while it lasts—even Gary Coleman was hot at one time. **Wailers 26, Sharks 25.**

TFL LINE

Favorite	Underdog
Denver	10 BALTIMORE
Dugway	17 BAGDAD
E. Hartford	5 Dutch Harbor
MARLEY	1 Sarasota
Flint	10 ANCHORAGE
ALASKA	47 Willow
Narcoossee	1 LIMERICK

Standings

Barbarino

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Sarasota	2	0	0	80	51
Dugway	1	1	0	99	76
Alaska	1	1	0	86	77
Bagdad	1	1	0	51	51
Denver	0	2	0	48	70

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Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
E. Hartford	1	1	0	74	80
Dutch Harbor	1	1	0	73	69
Limerick	1	1	0	60	70
Flint	0	2	0	56	97

Horshack

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Marley	2	0	0	96	63
Anchorage	2	0	0	93	66
Narcoossee	1	1	0	71	83
Baltimore	1	1	0	58	66
Willow	0	2	0	37	72

Last Week's Results

Narcoossee 29, Maryland 20

Bagdad 36, Denver 19

Dugway 62, East Hartford 38

Anchorage 54, Dutch Harbor 41

Alaska 60, Flint 38

Marley 33, Willow 21

Sarasota 41, Limerick 26

This Week's Games

Denver at Baltimore

Dugway at Bagdad

Dutch Harbor at East Hartford

Sarasota at Marley

Flint at Anchorage

Willow at Alaska

Narcoossee at Limerick

Games of Sept. 10

Baltimore	20	Narcoossee	29
Bledsoe	1	Kelly	9
Floyd	1	B. Morris	2
G. Brown	0	Martin	0
Bruce	7	Graham	0
Birden	1	H. Moore	7
Andersen	4	Stoyanovich	8
49ers	6	Browns	3

E. Hartford	38	Dugway	62
Marino	9	Favre	24
Hampton	2	Watters	2
Byars	0	Russell	1
Pickens	12	Brooks	23
Westbrook	2	Moore	6
Anderson	7	Pelfrey	6
Eagles	6	Bucs	0

Alaska	61	Flint	38
Young	23	Elway	21
Bennett	2	Heyward	0
Allen	0	Smith	9
Mathis	10	A. Reed	0
Martin	16	W. Davis	0
Stover	10	Boniol	8
Bengals	0	Chargers	0

Power Poll

1. Dugway	148.0
2. Marley	138.2
3. Anchorage	121.9
4. East Hartford	112.5
5. Dutch Harbor	111.3
6. Narcoossee	108.2
7. Alaska	106.7
8. Sarasota	106.6
9. Baltimore	91.8
10. Limerick	86.7
11. Flint	85.5
12. Bagdad	77.8
13. Denver	64.2
14. Willow	45.8

Bagdad	36	Denver	19
Hostetler	12	Cunningham	0
Faulk	12	Sanders	4
H. Williams	2	Salaam	12
Pritchard	0	Blades	0
E. Green	0	D. Scott	0
Hanson	4	Elam	3
Steelers	6	Patriots	0

Anchorage	54	D. Harbor	41
Everett	6	Aikman	18
Loville	8	Hearst	6
Meggett	0	Rhett	8
Rice	20	Irvin	2
Fryar	18	Coates	0
Carney	2	Christie	7
Chiefs	0	Cardinals	0

Marley	33	Willow	21
Blake	15	Moon	9
E. Smith	9	Means	3
Kaufman	0	Hill	0
C. Carter	1	Brown	0
Haynes	0	Sharpe	1
Reveiz	8	Ford	8
Cowboys	0	Packers	0

Limerick	26	Sarasota	41
George	6	Testaverde	13
Bettis	2	Warren	1
Parmalee	1	Thomas	9
Rison	0	Brisby	2
F. Anderson	0	B. Jones	6
Cofer	11	N. Johnson	10
Colts	6	Saints	0

TFL Leaders

1. Smith	41	6. Fryar	30
2. Young	39	7. Testaverde	29
3. Favre	38	8. Brooks	27
4. Marino	31	9. Aikman	24
Rice	31	Elway	24