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Snake eyes

TFL convention rolls a winner in Las Vegas

**By Baron von Butterbrain
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LAS VEGAS, Nev. - To put it rather mildly, it kicked the shit out of a motel without ESPN, overlooking a parking lot, across the street from the tracks on the outskirts of Boston.

The accommodations were worth pure raves, whether it was the room overlooking the bikinis, or the rooms overlooking the strip from the upper floors.

And despite the

claims of some that Las Vegas itself was a turnoff, the glitter-gulch environment was a spectacle. Where some people truly felt they were on vacation, others looked about with an eye for the sociological and saw only decadence.

Where some loved the ability to watch several games at once and looked at that as the point of it all, others saw baseball and football on adjacent screens as such a distraction, they whined

and left.

Scott Lacy bemoaned the decadence and spoke wistfully of New Orleans as a cultural jewel of a city, despite the fact that while there, he had spent one evening attending a live sex show on Bourbon Street.

That will give you an idea of the source you're considering. Lacy further expressed the lament that the glitter of Vegas

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Losers at the table call this decadence; those more fortunate just call it Las Vegas.

Vegas cushions some wallets, thins others

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"got in the way of"
just hanging out.

And some had, shall we say, biased opinions. Ken Sain, after dropping \$50 betting the Under on the Miami-Denver Monday night game, stomped his way out of the casino (more on that later) and later pronounced this "my fifth-favorite convention."

Well, okay. You lose money, you should be entitled to say life sucks. Even if your hot tip came from Wit Tuttell, who had just enough knowledge about the Dolphins to lead Sain astray.

Las Vegas even treated one roughly who knew how to tame it, taking money from Donny Carlock (don't read this, Tina). But

Brad Falduto, whose visit was a welcome site to conventioners but hardly his first, shot the life out of the dice and won a handsome sum at the crap table. Even had time to give lessons.

And Casey Brogan's cousin Jeff came out comfortably on the plus side as well.

You just have to know how to talk to those poker machines, it seems.

Touch football

A hotly disputed non-touchdown that brought about an hour or so of replay analysis highlighted the annual TFL touch football game.

Mike Taylor had a step on Wit Tuttell in the end zone for a reception that would have tied the game, but Tuttell argued

that Taylor had come down out of bounds.

Both teams viewed the replay on Sain's video-cam and were divided equally. Only when Carlock watched it that evening did some sense prevail. Carlock, who had no stake in it, said it looked like Taylor had one foot in but was inconclusive.

The teams agreed to disagree and then went out for a steak dinner, at which Katz put away a 20-oz. Prime rib with mashed potatoes, and established himself as the new frontrunner at the next eating Olympics.

Which his parents, of course, always knew.

Ken vs. the casino

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Ever see someone play "human bumper cars" on a furious dash out of a casino? It happened Monday night.

Ken Sain had put \$50 on the Under of the Miami-Denver game based on what he said was Wit Tuttell's advice, then watched it energize and beam up out of his hands as the score crept up and up, with the Dolphins beating the Broncos, 38-21.

In the third quarter, Sain and Steve Katz left to squeeze in a ride on the Space Race at Caesars Palace, then came back to find the game over and Tuttell gone.

It was a thousand-mile journey out of the Bellagio sports book, out of the maze-like casino, into Caesars Palace and all the way to the rear of the hotel to get on the ride, then back out through the various courtyards and corridors of Caesars, into the Bellagio to let Katz pick up his winnings, and back out again.

Who says you don't get any exercise gambling?

It was on that final leg that Sain showed a new nimbleness, shouldering through narrow gaps of people who now seemed slow to *him*, and navigating a distance seemingly so great, "they should put cabs in here just to get from the casino to the door," he said.

Anything can be claustrophobic if you're in a hurry. A hurry not to see it again.

A pictorial tour of Las Vegas



Left: the view of the New York, New York casino, the Tropicana tower (the big, white one), and the MGM Grand (at right in dark exposure). Below: at the left, Casey Brogan relaxes at the pool, momentarily oblivious to its scenery, which was plentiful. And at right, the Colorado River extends out from Hoover Dam.





At left, Wit Tuttell joins Donny Carlock and Scott Lacy (left to right) at draft central. At right, the draft board.

A draft to remember – and then a day to cry

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. – It began late because a cab driver was slow to deliver Wit Tuttell from a Tequilla run, and featured a glitch along the way when a post didn't show up right away and was missed by the online participants.

But it was the usual, good time other than that. The most fun of the year. Draft night.

Mike "One Foot Was In" Taylor, the owner of the Perennially Prostrate Pyles,

went first and shocked the world by taking Terrell Davis.

Taylor peopled his roster as usual with Broncos but watched them let him down on Sunday in an opening-day loss to Baltimore.

Ken Sain took Vinny Testaverde in the second round but watched in horror (a horror known to many) as Testaverde went down with a season-ending, ruptured achilles tendon in the first quarter of the opener.

That didn't stop Sain from winning and bravely saying

he's satisfied with Jon Kitna as his starter. The Tubes beat Flint, which tried to duplicate Alaska's formula of drafting all Falcons, so far without success.

Defending champ Chris Reidy had a draft that moved some observers to vote him the owner most likely to go from first to worst.

He promptly lent credence to the rap by madly letting fly with several moves in the first 48 hours of free agency.

T-Rex changes hands

PHILADELPHIA – On a warm, August day in a hotel room in the city of brotherly love, the T-Rex came to papa.

East Hartford Eskimo owner Chris Reidy accepted the hardware in a brief ceremony that was arranged in lieu of his being able to attend the convention.

"Ah, there ... it ... is," was all he could say as he took the trophy, spellbound with admiration, from 1997 champion Steve Katz.

Never has the T-Rex been grasped by more deserving hands.

Chris's side interests are women's basketball and women's soccer.



WEEK 1 STANDINGS

TRANSACTIONS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Tubes	1	0	0	31	31	31	31.0	17	17	17	17.0
Arctic Gators	0	1	0	58	58	58	58.0	75	75	75	75.0
Denver Pyles	0	1	0	26	26	26	26.0	59	59	59	59.0
Bagdad Newts	0	1	0	23	23	23	23.0	63	63	63	63.0
Alaska Oosiks	0	1	0	21	21	21	21.0	30	30	30	30.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Anchorage Kitchen	1	0	0	75	75	75	75.0	58	58	58	58.0
East Hartford	1	0	0	33	33	33	33.0	32	32	32	32.0
Lackawanna	0	1	0	53	53	53	53.0	61	61	61	61.0
Limerick Loons	0	1	0	32	32	32	32.0	33	33	33	33.0
Flint Bison	0	1	0	17	17	17	17.0	31	31	31	31.0

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee N.Apes	1	0	0	63	63	63	63.0	23	23	23	23.0
Willow Weasels	1	0	0	61	61	61	61.0	53	53	53	53.0
Baltimore Barons	1	0	0	59	59	59	59.0	26	26	26	26.0
Dutch Harbor	1	0	0	30	30	30	30.0	21	21	21	21.0

Sept. 16
Anchorage places RB Fred Taylor on IR, adds RB James Stewart.

Sept. 15
East Hartford waives RB Bam Morris, adds RB Tyrone Wheatley, \$5.
Bagdad waives RB Tommy Vardell, adds RB Barry Sanders, \$5

Sept. 14.
East Hartford waives WR Detric Ward, adds WR Torry Holt, \$5. Waives K Cary Blanchard, adds K Brett Conway, \$5
Arctic waives RB Adrian Murrell, adds RB Rob Konrad, \$5.

Dugway places WR Herman Moore on IR, adds WR Corey Bradford. Places QB Vinny Testaverde on IR, adds QB Jim Harbaugh
Bagdad waives QB Scott Mitchell, adds QB Chris Miller, \$5
Flint waives RB Kimble Anders, adds RB Stephen Davis, \$5
Alaska waives WR JJ Stokes, adds WR Kevin Dyson, \$5.

Sept. 12
Bagdad places RB Cecil Collins on IR, adds RB Tommy Vardell
Narcoossee places RB Garrison Hearst on IR, adds RB JJ Johnson

Sept. 11
East Hartford waives WR Torry Holt, adds WR Detric Ward. \$5.

WEEK 1 SCORES

Anchorage 75	Arctic 58	Dugway 31	Flint 17
Steve McNair 28	Mark Brunell 9	Vinny 6	Chris Chandler 7
Jerome Bettis 2	Ad. Murrell 1	Dorsey Levens 2	Jamal Anderson 1
Fred Taylor 1	Warrick Dunn 0	Karim Jabbar 7	Ron Rivers 2
Cris Carter 7	Keyshawn 15	Herman Moore 0	K. McCardell 5
Derrick Alexander 14	M. Irvin 15	Sean Dawkins 14	Terance Mathis 0
Olindo Mare 8	A. Vinatieri 12	Todd Peterson 2	Morten Andersen 2
Jacksonville 15	Miami 6	Dallas 0	Minnie 0
Baltimore 59	Denver 26	East Hartford 33	Limerick 32
P. Manning 14	Brian Griese 22	Drew Bledsoe 13	Randall C. 6
Ch. Garner 1	Rbt. Smith 0	Emmitt Smith 9	Eddie George 6
Duce Staley 15	Terrell Davis 1	Bam Morris 0	Lawr. Phillips 0
A. Freeman 9	Carl Pickens 0	Jermaine Lewis 0	Tony Martin 3
Terry Glenn 3	Sh. Sharpe 0	Detric Ward 0	Jimmy Smith 4
Mike Hollis 17	Wade Richie 3	Gary Anderson 5	Mike Vanderjagt 7
Green Bay 0	Denver 0	Seattle 5	Indianapolis 6
D. Harbor 30	Alaska 21	Narcoossee 63	Bagdad 23
Steve Young 0	Jake Plummer 7	Brett Favre 27	Kordell Stewart 12
Terry Allen 7	M. Faulk 2	Nap. Kaufman 2	Curtis Martin 2
Curtis Enis 8	Corey Dillon 7	J.J. Johnson 6	Ricky Williams 0
Jerry Rice 0	Reidel Anthony 0	Marvin Harrison 18	Tim Brown 1
Terrell Owens 2	Frank Sanders 1	O.J. McDuffie 7	Rod Smith 0
Richie C. 5	R. Longwell 4	Jason Elam 3	Steve Christie 6
NY Jets 8	San Fran 0	Atlanta 0	Tennessee 2
Willow 61	Lackawanna 53		
Troy Aikman 38	Brad Johnson 21		
Ricky Watters 0	Leroy Hoard 7		
Antowain Smith 0	Edgerrin James 9		
Isaac Bruce 11	Yancey Thigpen 1		
Randy Moss 0	Eric Moulds 7		
Al Del Greco 12	John Hall 2		
Cleveland 0	Pittsburgh 6		

Who's got who (current rosters)

Bold = free agent or trade pickup
Italic = Injured reserve acquisition

Denver Pyles

QB Brian Griese
QB Steve Beuerlein
RB Terrell Davis
RB Robert Smith
RB Ahman Green
WR Carl Pickens
WR Shannon Sharpe
WR Rocket Ismail
 K Wade Richie
 K Michael Husted
 D Denver
 D Cincinnati

Narcoossee

QB Brett Favre
QB Jeff George
RB Natrone Means
RB Napoleon Kaufman
RB *JJ Johnson*
WR Marvin Harrison
WR OJ McDuffie
WR Germaine Crowell
 K Jason Elam
 K Kris Brown
 D Atlanta
 D Tampa Bay
IR Garrison Hearst

Anchorage

QB Steve McNair
QB Tim Couch
RB *James Stewart*
RB Jerome Bettis
RB Skip Hicks
WR Cris Carter
WR Ed McCaffrey
WR Derrik Alexander
 K Olindo Mare
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Jacksonville
 D Washington

IR Fred Taylor

Dutch Harbor

QB Steve Young
QB Rich Gannon
RB Terry Allen
RB Curtis Enis
RB Sean Bennett
WR Terrell Owens
WR Jerry Rice
WR Curtis Conway
 K Richie Cunningham
 K John Carney
 D New York Jets
 D Carolina

Willow

QB Charlie Batch
QB Troy Aikman
RB Ricky Watters
RB Antowain Smith
RB Gary Brown
WR Randy Moss
WR Isaac Bruce
WR Bill Schroeder
 K Al Del Greco
 K Matt Stover
 D Arizona
 D Cleveland

Flint

QB Chris Chandler
QB Elvis Grbac
RB Jamal Anderson
RB Ron Rivers
RB **Stephen Davis**
WR Terance Mathis
WR Ben Coates
WR Keenan McCardell
 K Morten Andersen
 K Doug Pelfrey
 D Minnesota
 D Detroit

Limerick

QB Randall Cunningham
QB Jeff Blake
RB Eddie George
RB Lawrence Phillips
RB Priest Holmes
WR Jimmy Smith
WR Tony Martin
WR Tony Simmons
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 K Brad Daluiso
 D Oakland
 D Indianapolis

Baltimore

QB Peyton Manning
QB Kent Graham
RB Charlie Garner
RB Duce Staley
RB Greg Hill
WR Antonio Freeman
WR Terry Glenn
WR Amani Toomer
 K Mike Hollis
 K Martin Gramatica
 D Green Bay
 D Baltimore

Bagdad

QB Kordell Stewart
QB **Chris Miller**
RB Curtis Martin
RB Ricky Williams
RB *Barry Sanders*
WR Rod Smith
WR Tim Brown
WR Troy Edwards
 K Steve Christie
 K Doug Brien
 D Tennessee
 D Kansas City

IR Cecil Collins

Arctic

QB Mark Brunell
QB Trent Dilfer
RB Warrick Dunn
RB **Rob Konrad**
RB Tim Biakabutuka
WR Keyshawn Johnson
WR Michael Irvin
WR Bert Emanuel
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Chris Jacke
 D Miami
 D New England

Alaska

QB Jake Plummer
QB Dan Marino
RB Marshall Faulk
RB Corey Dillon
RB Kevin Faulk
WR Frank Sanders
WR Reidel Anthony
WR **Kevin Dyson**
 K Ryan Longwell
 K John Kasay
 D New Orleans
 D San Francisco

Lackawanna

QB Brad Johnson
QB Doug Flutie
RB Edgerrin James
RB LeRoy Hoard
RB Fred Lane
WR Eric Moulds
WR Joey Galloway
WR Yancey Thigpen
 K John Hall
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 D Buffalo
 D Pittsburgh

Dugway

QB *Jim Harbaugh*
QB Jon Kitna
RB Dorsey Levens
RB Mike Alstott
RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
WR *Corey Bradford*
WR Sean Dawkins
WR Michael Westbrook
 K Todd Peterson
 K Jason Hanson
 D San Diego
 D Dallas

IR Vinny Testaverde
Herman Moore

East Hartford

QB Drew Bledsoe
QB Kurt Warner
RB Emmitt Smith
RB **Tyrone Wheatley**
RB Terry Kirby
WR Rob Moore
WR Jermaine Lewis
WR Torry Holt
 K Gary Anderson
 K **Brett Conway**
 D Seattle
 D New York Giants