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A Favre Cry From His Former Greatness

On the verge of being an Ex-football team, the Ex'mos waive their No. 1 pick 3 games into the season

By PEARL NICHOLAS
Hebron Biweekly Bugle

HEBRON -- All day Monday, East Hartford owner Chris Reidy drove around town, a look of either shame or frustration on his face. He was contemplating a bold move, one almost as bold (if you think "bold" can sometimes mean "stupid") as trading away Kurt Warner last season.

Nightfall came, and still Reidy wasn't sure he could bring himself to do it. Then, like one last swig from a bottle of bourbon, came the 10 little words that gave him the courage.

"The Exmos hope Brett Favre starts playing football pretty soon."

That concise comment, from TFL Scoring Central's recap of yet another Ex-Eskimos loss, crystallized the problem for Reidy. In a move that sent shock waves throughout the TFL -- or, at least as far as Marlborough -- the Exmos cut No. 1 draft pick Brett Favre, picking up promising young quarterback Tim Couch to replace him.



"Look, I'll admit it, I never should have drafted him in the first place," Reidy said at his weekly press conference. "But, for chrissakes, ZERO points against the Eagles? At home? C'mon now. Anything from him -- anything -- and we'd have won that game."

Instead, the Exmos find themselves in decidedly unfamiliar territory. Their 30-26 loss to the Willow Weasels dropped them to 0-3 -- an ominous note in Exmoland. The only other time the Exmos opened 0-3 -- in fact, the only other season in which they lost an opener -- was the 4-10 disaster of 1994. That re-

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Reidy Vents Spleen at Favre and the Fates

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mains East Hartford's only losing season in its eight-year history.

Perhaps the most frightening harbinger was that both those starts came on the shoulders of unworthy No. 1 draft picks. The culprit in '94 was Jerome Bettis, whose only applicable nickname that season could be "The Bust."

So, was Reidy officially pinning Favre with scapegoat status for this year?

"Well, that all depends on your definition of 'scapegoat,'" Reidy said, in an uncharacteristically challenging tone. "If you media types choose to define a scapegoat as someone who is assigned sole responsibility, fairly or unfairly, for the failure of an endeavor ... then yes, I guess you could say Favre was a scapegoat."

To be sure, the Exmos' failings have been many, leaving them with the fourth-lowest point total in the

TFL. The running backs, an area Reidy likes to consider the strength of his team, have produced one touchdown in three games. And No. 2 pick Isaac Bruce was virtually invisible until last week, when he produced all but eight of the Exmos' points.

But Reidy pointed to Favre as the root cause.

"Look, when I've seen him play, he just hasn't looked good," Reidy said. "Week 1 against the Jets, he had his man open on the sideline for what should have been the winning TD pass, but just plain short-armed that ball. And I couldn't get the image out of my mind of him constantly holding that sore elbow -- the one that's mentioned on the injury report every week.

"I don't know, maybe he's spent a few too many weeks shining his trophies, if you know what I mean."

At that, Reidy feigned

an arm motion that looked vaguely like someone wiping the varnish from a cherished memento -- albeit a memento that was being held slightly below waist level, and being cleaned with only one hand.

Reidy also seemed unfazed at the thought of enduring more Warnerian levels of criticism for dropping a three-time NFL MVP onto the free agent market -- this time, without even seeking an Adrian Murrell in exchange. Come to think of it, maybe the Exmos got the same thing in return both times.

"Hey, I'm sure someone will pick him up, he'll suddenly remember who the fuck he is and take someone to the playoffs," Reidy said. "More power to him. Yeah, I hope he becomes TFL Fucking Comeback Player of the Year."

The only market for Favre was Bagdad and Limerick, and Bagdad got him.

Loons Laugh on Winged Feet

By Pushpin Papoo
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LIMERICK, Maine - Were it not for the cursed game-day machinations of the mind of Mike Shanahan, this could have been one of the best battles of running backs you'll see all year. But Terrell Davis was benched by Denver just before game time, and it was left for Limerick's Marshall Faulk to own center stage against the Bagdad Newts.

And own it he did. Three scores, plus yardage points both rushing and receiving, produced 23 points to Davis' big blank in the Loons' romp over the Newts, giving Lim-

erick one of the TFL's three 3-0 records. Both Faulk and the Loons have the TFL's second-most points.

Loons owner Mike Bourque just happens to also own the running back who took Terrell's place in Denver's lineup, Mike Anderson.

"The Loons have finally achieved mediocrity," Scott Lacy said of Bourque evening up his franchise won-loss record at 49-49-3.

Was this to divert attention from the fact that Lacy started the season four wins ahead of Taylor for ATWO honors, but could see that go poof this week?



Top 10 scorers

Player	Team	Pts..
1 Kurt Warner	Narcoossee	65
2 Marshall Faulk	Limerick	55
3 Daunte Culpepper	Dutch Harbor	43
4 Jimmy Smith	Denver	41
5 Mark Brunell	Limerick	39
6 Rich Gannon	Baltimore	36
7 Tiki Barber	Denver	36
8 Steve Beuerlein	Dugway	35
9 Peyton Manning	Arctic	33
10 Jeff Wilkins	Dutch Harbor	32

WEEK 3 STANDINGS

TRANSACTIONS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Denver Pyles	3	0	0	150	58	44	50.0	71	30	14	23.7
Dugway Tubes	2	1	0	112	56	18	37.3	120	54	31	40.0
Arctic Gators	1	2	0	74	42	14	24.7	111	52	19	37.0
Bagdad Newts	0	3	0	77	39	11	25.7	188	84	48	62.7
Alaska Oosiks	0	3	0	76	24	23	25.3	157	56	49	52.3

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Limerick Loons	3	0	0	151	56	39	50.3	108	51	18	36.0
Anchorage Kitchen	2	1	0	117	49	20	39.0	80	38	18	26.7
Lackawanna	1	1	0	57	31	25	28.5	69	46	22	34.5
Flint Bison	1	2	0	87	52	14	29.0	127	50	38	42.3
East Hartford	0	3	0	83	39	18	27.7	121	52	30	40.3

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dutch Harbor	3	0	0	143	52	45	47.7	66	25	18	22.0
Narcoossee N.Apes	2	1	0	159	84	19	53.0	82	42	11	27.3
Baltimore Barons	1	2	0	131	51	30	43.7	128	58	14	42.7
Willow Weasels	1	2	0	107	54	23	35.7	114	56	26	38.0

WEEK 3 SCORES

Narcoossee 56 Warner 21 Duce Staley 5 Kevin Faulk 8 Terry Glenn 10 Joe Horn 1 Kris Brown 8 Miami 3	Alaska 29 Vinny 6 Curtis Martin 8 Fred Beasley 6 Pl. Burress 0 Jerry Rice 0 R. Longwell 6 Green Bay 3	Baltimore 50 Rich Gannon 12 Emmitt Smith 8 Stacey Mack 0 Tim Brown 14 Rod Smith 1 Joe Nedney 15 Minnesota 0	Flint 14 Chris Chandler 0 Jerome Bettis 9 Ty Wheatley 0 Randy Moss 0 Cris Carter 1 Jason Hanson 4 Washington 0
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Denver 44 Brian Griese 12 Tiki Barber 9 Lamar Smith 13 Jimmy Smith 0 Sh. Sharpe 1 Gary Anderson 3 Jacksonville 6	Arctic 14 Tony Banks 0 Ch. Garner 8 Ant. Smith 0 Keyshawn 5 Peer. Price 0 Adam Vinatieri 1 St. Louis 0	D. Harbor 45 D. Culpepper 13 Mike Alstott 7 J. Anderson 8 Travis Taylor 0 M. Robinson 5 Jeff Wilkins 12 Tampa 0	Dugway 18 Steve Beuerlein 6 Ron Dayne 1 Sh. Alexander 0 Peter Warrick 2 Wesley Walls 0 Tim Seder 9 Baltimore 0
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Limerick 56 Mark Brunell 6 Marshall Faulk 23 Ricky Williams 3 Germ. Crowell 11 Albert Connell 0 M. Gramatica 7 Oakland 6	Bagdad 39 Ch. Batch 11 Ricky Watters 9 Terrell Davis 0 Eric Moulds 11 Torry Holt 2 S. Janikowski 6 Dallas 0	Willow 30 Drew Bledsoe 6 Dorsey Levens 1 Nap Kaufman 2 Terrell Owens 9 M. Muhammad 6 Wade Richey 6 Seattle 0	East Hartford 26 Brett Favre 0 Tim Biakabutuka 1 Errict Rhett 1 Isaac Bruce 18 Donald Hayes 1 Steve Christie 2 Philly 3
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Lackawanna 38 Kerry Collins 6 Stephen Davis 15 Robert Smith 8 Amani Toomer 0 Sh. Jefferson 2 Olindo Mare 7 Buffalo 0	Anchorage 20 Cade McNown 6 Warrick Dunn 6 Robt. Holcombe 0 Antonio Freeman 0 Kevin Johnson 2 Matt Stover 6 Kansas City 0
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Sept. 21
East Hartford releases K Brett Conway, adds K Cary Blanchard.

Sept. 20
Willow puts K Mike Hollis on I.R., adds K Steve Lindsey. Bagdad waives QB Trent Green, adds QB Brett Favre.

Sept. 19
Baltimore relinquishes Stacey Mack, retains Tony Richardson; puts WR Bobby Engram on I.R., adds WR Sylvester Morris. East Hartford waives QB Brett Favre, adds QB Tim Couch. Alaska waives RB Curtis Enis, adds RB Michael Pittman.

Sept. 16
Baltimore waives RB Tony Richardson, adds RB Stacey Mack.

Sept. 15
Dutch Harbor waives RB Stacey Mack, adds RB Travis Prentice. Willow waives RB Ahman Green, activates RB Dorsey Levens.

Sept. 14
Baltimore places K Jason Elam on IR, adds K Joe Nedney. Anchorage places RBs Edgerrin James, Thomas Jones on bye reserve, adds RB Robert Holcombe. Bagdad waives WR Curtis Conway, adds WR Tony Gonzalez. Arctic puts WR Michael Westbrook on IR, adds Jacques Green. Anchorage waives WR Rickey Dudley, adds Tim Dwight.

Week 4 schedule

Flint at Bagdad
Dutch Harbor at Dutch Harbor
Narcoossee at Lackawanna
Denver at Alaska
Limerick at Arctic
Willow at Baltimore
Anchorage at Dugway

**Who's got who
(current rosters)
Bold = free agent or trade pickup**

Alaska

QB Steve McNair
QB Vinny Testaverde
RB Mike Cloud
RB **Michael Pittman**
RB Curtis Martin
WR Plaxico Burress
WR Jerry Rice
WR Carl Pickens
K Ryan Longwell
K Al Del Greco
D Chicago Bears
D Green Bay Packers

Anchorage

QB Cade McNown
QB Donovan McNabb
RB Thomas Jones
RB Edgerrin James
RB Warrick Dunn
WR Kevin Johnson
WR **Tim Dwight**
WR Antonio Freeman
K Richie Cunningham
K Matt Stover
D Kansas City Chiefs
D Atlanta Falcons

Arctic

QB Peyton Manning
QB Tony Banks
RB Antowain Smith
RB Charlie Garner
RB Natrone Means
WR Peerless Price
WR *Jacquez Green*
WR Keysh. Johnson
K John Hall
K Adam Vinatieri
D St. Louis Rams
D New England Patriots

Bagdad

QB **Brett Favre**
QB Charlie Batch
RB Robert Chancey
RB Terrell Davis
RB Ricky Watters
WR Torry Holt
WR Eric Moulds
WR **Tony Gonzalez**
K Sebastian Janikowski
K Pete Stoyanovich
D Indianapolis Colts
D Tennessee Oilers

QB *Troy Aikman (IR)*

Baltimore

QB Jay Fiedler
QB Rich Gannon
RB Tony Richardson
RB James Stewart
RB Emmitt Smith
WR *Sylvester Morris*
WR Rod Smith
WR Tim Brown
K Kris Heppner
K Joe Nedney
D New York Giants
D Minnesota Vikings

WR *Bobby Engram (IR)*
K *Jason Elam (IR)*

Denver Pyles

QB Brian Griese
QB Brad Johnson
RB Jamal Lewis
RB Lamar Smith
RB Tiki Barber
WR Ed McCaffrey
WR Jimmy Smith
WR Shannon Sharpe
K Paul Edinger
K Gary Anderson
D Jacksonville Jaguars
D Denver Broncos

Dugway

QB Jake Plummer
QB Steve Beuerlein
RB Shaun Alexander
RB Ron Dayne
RB Priest Holmes
WR Peter Warrick
WR Wesley Walls
WR Marvin Harrison
K Tim Seder
K Neil Rackers
D Detroit Lions
D Baltimore Ravens

RB *Fred Taylor (IR)*

Dutch Harbor

QB Daunte Culpepper
QB Bubby Brister
RB **Travis Prentice**
RB Mike Alstott
RB Jamal Anderson
WR Marcus Robinson
WR **Travis Taylor**
WR **Keenan McCardell**
K Brad Daluiso
K Jeff Wilkins
D Tampa Bay Buccaneers
D Pittsburgh Steelers

East Hartford

QB Elvis Grbac
QB **Tim Couch**
RB **James Allen**
RB Errict Rhett
RB Tim Biakabatuka
WR Donald Hayes
WR **James Thrash**
WR Isaac Bruce
K **Cary Blanchard**
K Steve Christie
D Philadelphia Eagles
D Arizona Cardinals

Flint

QB Shaun King
QB Chris Chandler
RB Donnell Bennett
RB Tyrone Wheatley
RB Jerome Bettis
WR Az-Zahir Hakim
WR Randy Moss
WR Cris Carter
K John Carney
K Jason Hanson
D Washington Redskins
D San Francisco 49ers

Lackawanna

QB Rob Johnson
QB Kerry Collins
RB Richard Huntley
RB Robert Smith
RB Stephen Davis
WR Amani Toomer
WR **David Boston**
WR Shawn Jefferson
K Olindo Mare
K Doug Brien
D San Diego Chargers
D Buffalo Bills

Limerick

QB Mark Brunell
QB Jeff Blake
RB *Mike Anderson*
RB Ricky Williams
RB Marshall Faulk
WR Albert Connell
WR Germane Crowell
WR **Frank Sanders**
K Martin Gramatica
K Morten Andersen
D New Orleans Saints
D Oakland Raiders

WR *Olandis Gary (IR)*

Narcoossee

QB Kurt Warner
QB Jon Kitna
RB Kevin Faulk
RB Duce Staley
RB Corey Dillon
WR *Joe Horn*
WR Terry Glenn
WR Terance Mathis
K Kris Brown
K Mike Vanderjagt
D Miami Dolphins
D Carolina Panthers

WR *Qadry Ismail (IR)*

Willow

QB Jeff Garcia
QB Drew Bledsoe
RB Napoleon Kaufman
RB Eddie George
RB Dorsey Levens
WR Muhsin Muhammad
WR Wayne Chrebet
WR Terrell Owens
K Wade Richey
K Steve Lindsey
D Seattle Seahawks
D New York Jets

K *Mike Hollis (IR)*