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The trade that wasn't

Barons reject star-studded offer from Limerick

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BALTIMORE - The note was short and to the point.

"Here's the deal," it read. "Randall Cunningham and Jimmy Smith for Antonio Freeman and Peyton Manning."

Its author, Limerick owner Michael Bourque. The intended target, of course, Baltimore owner

Steve Katz.

When Katz got past the gratifying realization of his players being good enough for another team to want, he starting analyzing, which in the past has been his undoing.

This time, the analyzing made him stop. Freeman for Smith? Smith is probably going to share more balls than Freeman is. Man-

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The move that shouldn't have been

Anchorage picks up, then drops James Stewart, but survives it

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ANCHORAGE - The Anchorage Kitchen waffled, then acted. And then sweated.

They picked up James Stewart, placing Fred Taylor on injured reserve. Then when it was announced that Taylor would still play in Sunday's game, Kitchen owner Nate Sagan reactivated Taylor and dropped Stewart.

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Limerick beats Baltimore

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ning for Cunningham? Cunningham is not the touchdown machine he was last year. Manning has great upside.

Katz turned away and played the game.

By the way, Bourque wondered, who do you play this week?

You, Katz said.

Never trade with someone you're about to play, he had thought. It happened once before, when he had Jerry Rice and Bagdad had Barry Sanders a few years before, and Bagdad's Scott Lacy offered a trade even up.

Katz turned that down because on the week he was to play

Bagdad, Rice played a then-woeful Tampa team, and Sanders was off.

Katz followed the same hunch here, but in this case lost, 42-38. Manning's 3 first-half TD's had him on top, and, said Katz, "Our concern was that Indy would call of the dogs in the second half."

They did. It didn't help that of Drew Bledsoe's 3 TD passes in the second half, none found Terry Glenn, or that of Limerick's remaining players, Eddie George shook the earth and scored two touchdowns.

Anchorage

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He watched with frayed nerves as Stewart rambled for two touchdowns, happy at least that the flaccid Alaska Dicks only scored 11 points, giving him his second win.

His deadpan reaction came later that night, long after the games had ended. "Actually," his next note said, "can I hang on to Stewart and release Skip Hicks?"

An unamused Commissioner Katz replied, "I hope you're kidding." Sagan's comeback: "It was worth a try."



FLINT, Mich. - It's been quite a couple of weeks for the Flint Bison. Kimble Anders goes down with an injury, and the Bison pick up Stephen Davis (above).

Then, No. 1 pick Jamal Anderson (top) crumbles to the GeorgiaDome turf and is lost for the year.

Bison owner Don Carlock had yet to enter the running back free-agent derby as of presstime, but he's been down this road before, when first-round pick Jerry Rice had his season wiped out in the opener two years ago.

You call that a bitch-slapping?

BAGDAD - Even if Mike Taylor guaranteed it, is a 19-18 victory over archrival Bagdad just cause for chest-thumping?

Come on, 19-18?

At least Taylor had the decency to win with class. His post-game remarks: "HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA."

This one left Bagdad's Scott Lacy in such dire straits, he called Steve Katz to talk trade, and you know how much it must have hurt him to do that.



Terrell Davis helped Denver Pyle-drive the Newts. Sort of.

WEEK 3 MATCHUPS

Denver (1-1) at Arctic (0-2)

Well, well, well, we got a team that followed a 36-point loss with a 19-18 win, visiting a team that's mounting a case as this year's hard-luck boys. The Gators lost despite scoring 58 the first week, then got bounced by their Floridian friends.

Take the Gates at home.

Narcoossee (2-0) at Alaska (0-2)

The Nose Apes would like to be thought of as the hard-luck boys, but do you see anybody buying it? Facing the winless and really lousy Dicks, Narcoossee must be wondering if this game is the exception to the rule about never taking an opponent for granted. But the Dicks are at home, remember, and the Apes may find the climate a shock.

Anchorage (2-0) at Lackawanna (1-1)

Ahhh! A game! Two of the three teams with over 100 points go at it, and if the Kitchen know which running back to keep this time, they may continue their winning ways.

Dutch Harbor (1-1) at Dugway (2-0)

It looks like you will win, my friend. No, it looks like *you* will win, my friend. No, it looks like *you* will, my friend. No, it looks like *you* will, my friend. No, it looks like *you* will, my friend. No, it looks like *you* will, my friend. No, it looks like *you* will, my friend.

Willow (1-1) at East Hartford (2-0)

Willow better wind up Troy Aikman again, and get word to Randy Moss that the season started. As for East Hartford ... gee, no Steve Young and they're still 2-0. The Ex'mos must have pretty good players. If Reidy can decide which ones to keep. Take the Ex'mos and their combo of Bledsoe and Smith.

Flint (0-2) at Baltimore (1-1)

As much as the Barons would like to think Flint is in tatters, losing two-thirds of their backfield (and oh, yeah, their QB) to injury, there could be a surprise in store here.
Or not.

Limerick (1-1) at Bagdad (0-2)

The desperation in Bagdad is palpable with the season just in its second week. On top of Ricky Williams having not one, but two bum wheels, plus a bad elbow, calling Baltimore to ask for receiver help is graphic evidence that there is no joy in Newtville at the moment. Mighty Lacy may have struck out. Not that Limerick is in much better shape. But at least they have a quarterback and a few other ingredients.

WEEK 2 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Tubes	2	0	0	70	39	31	35.0	44	27	17	22.0
Denver Pyles	1	1	0	45	26	19	22.5	77	59	18	38.5
Arctic Gators	0	2	0	65	56	9	32.5	115	75	40	57.5
Bagdad Newts	0	2	0	41	23	18	20.5	82	63	19	41.0
Alaska Oosiks	0	2	0	32	21	11	28.0	56	30	26	28.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Anchorage Kitchen	2	0	0	101	75	26	50.5	67	58	11	33.5
East Hartford	2	0	0	81	48	33	40.5	46	32	14	23.0
Lackawanna	1	1	0	102	53	49	51.0	107	61	46	53.5
Limerick Loons	1	1	0	74	42	32	37.0	71	38	33	35.5
Flint Bison	0	2	0	31	17	14	15.5	79	48	31	39.5

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee N.Apes	2	0	0	103	63	40	51.5	32	23	9	16.0
Baltimore Barons	1	1	0	97	59	38	48.5	68	42	26	34.0
Willow Weasels	1	1	0	88	61	27	44.0	92	53	39	46.0
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	1	1	0	76	46	30	38.0	70	49	21	35.0

WEEK 2 SCORES

Anchorage 26 Tim Couch 6 Jerome Bettis 0 Fred Taylor 0 Cris Carter 1 Derrick Alexander 3 Olindo Mare 16 Jacksonville 0	Alaska 11 Jake Plummer 0 Kevin Faulk 0 Corey Dillon 0 Kevin Dyson 0 Frank Sanders 2 Ryan Longwell 8 San Fran 0	Limerick 42 Randall C. 17 Eddie George 14 Lawr. Phillips 1 Tony Martin 0 Jimmy Smith 6 Mike Vanderjagt 4 Indianapolis 0	Baltimore 38 Peyton Manning 18 Charlie Garner 3 Duce Staley 0 Ant. Freeman 2 Terry Glenn 3 Mike Hollis 12 Green Bay 2
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Narcoossee 40 Brett Favre 2 Natrone Means 0 J.J. Johnson 8 Marvin Harrison 21 G. Crowell 0 Jason Elam 6 Tampa 3	Arctic 9 Mark Brunell 0 Rob Konrad 0 Warrick Dunn 2 Keyshawn 0 Michael Irvin 0 Adam Vinatieri 7 Miami 0	Dugway 39 N. O'Donnell 9 Dorsey Levens 12 Karim Jabbar 0 M. Westbrook 7 Sean Dawkins 0 Todd Peterson 2 San Diego 9	Willow 27 Troy Aikman 0 Ricky Watters 2 Antowain Smith 9 Bill Schroeder 2 Randy Moss 2 Al Del Greco 6 Arizona 6
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Denver 19 Brian Griese 0 Rbt. Smith 0 Terrell Davis 8 Carl Pickens 0 Sh. Sharpe 1 M. Husted 10 Denver 0	Bagdad 23 Kordell 7 Curtis Martin 0 Cecil Collins 0 Tim Brown 5 EG Green 1 Steve Christie 5 KC Chiefs 0	East Hartford 48 Drew Bledsoe 26 Emmitt Smith 15 Ty. Wheatley 2 Jermaine Lewis 0 Rob Moore 0 Gary Anderson 5 Seattle 0	Flint 14 Elvis Grbac 0 Jamal Anderson 0 Ron Rivers 1 Ben Coates 12 K. McCardell 0 Morten Andersen 1 Minnie 0
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Lackawanna 49 Brad Johnson 18 Leroy Hoard 0 Edgerrin James 9 Yancey Thigpen 8 Eric Moulds 0 Pete Stoyo 14 Pittsburgh 0	Dutch Harbor 46 Steve Young 13 Terry Allen 7 Curtis Enis 8 Jerry Rice 0 Terrell Owens 12 Richie C. 6 NY Jets 0
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TRANSACTIONS (or: musical Running backs)

Sept. 21

Bagdad places RB Ricky Williams on IR, adds RB Byron Hanspard
Dutch Harbor waives RB Sean Bennett, adds RB Adrian Murrellk \$5.
Anchorage places QB Steve McNair on IR, adds QB Billy Joe Hobert
Anchorage waives RB Skip Hicks, adds RB Tommy Vardell, \$5.
Baltimore waives RB Duce Staley, adds RB James Stewart, \$5
Limerick waives RB Priest Holmes, adds RB Bam Morris, \$5.
Alaska waives RB Kevin Faulk, adds RB Errict Rhett, \$5.

Sept. 19

Bagdad waives RB Barry Sanders, activates RB Cecil Collins
Anchorage waives RB James Stewart, activates RB Fred Taylor
Bagdad places WR Rod Smith on IR, adds WR E.G. Green

Sept. 18

Dugway places QB Jon Kitna on IR, adds QB Neil O'Donnell

Week 3 schedule

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

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 Duce Staley
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 Fred Taylor
RB Jerome Bettis
RB Tommy Vardell
WR Cris Carter
WR Ed McCaffrey
WR Derrick Alexander
K Olindo Mare
K Jeff Wilkins
D Jacksonville
D Washington

Dutch Harbor

QB Steve Young
QB Rich Gannon
RB Terry Allen
RB Curtis Enis
RB Adrian Murrell
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 Bam Morris
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 James Stewart
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 Byron Hanspard
RB Cecil Collins
WR EG Green
WR Tim Brown
WR Troy Edwards
K Steve Christie
K Doug Brien
D Tennessee
D Kansas City

*IR Ricky Williams
Rod Smith*

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 Errict Rhett
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 Neil O'Donnell
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
Jon Kitna*

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