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The free-for-all for Fred

Arctic gets him in wild trade that sends Rice to Dugway

By Baron von Butterbrain
TFL Today

The steam practically rose off the email that Ken Sain sent TFL Commissioner Steve Katz Tuesday night, requesting the least surprising transaction of all time.

This just in: Dugway wants Fred Taylor back.

But before the media could even snicker that Taylor probably wouldn't gain another yard this year if he were back on Sain's team, he shipped the Jacksonville rookie to Arctic in one of the wildest trades in TFL history.

It's all legal. Just follow along.

Dugway sent Raymont Harris, Jake Reed and Darnay Scott to Arctic for Tiki Barber and Jerry Rice.

Then, Arctic placed Keyshawn Johnson on bye reserve and used Scott as his replacement. Dugway waived Barber and added Taylor, then traded Taylor to Arctic for Harris.

Then, the Tubes activated Andre Rison from I. R. to fill the hole left by Scott.

There it is, right off the Dugway P.R. Depart-

ment's press release. Reread it, digest it, take it to bed with you.

"I have three running backs on high scoring teams, and had no wide receivers. Now I have Rice and Rison. My only problem is, nobody's scoring. But after week 5, Jeff George's schedule lightens up."

The TFL Today had not heard from Arctic owner Mark Dolan as of presstime, but imagine a remark or two from him right about ...oh, here.

Sain couldn't have acted on Taylor until Wednes-

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This week's TFL Today has a revamped look and is the first issue produced using Microsoft Publisher 98. As any fool can plainly see, it has color capability. And how.

We took the way it looked and tweaked things here, changed things there, and added a dash of something new all around.

Our new look

Microsoft Publisher is the software that was used to produce the 1994 newsletters - if the tequilla from that year's draft has worn off enough that you can remember 1994 - and although I wouldn't know what kind of muscle the '94 version had, it's obvious the '98 version

is 21st-century stuff.

Take a spin through it and see what you think. We hope you enjoy what you see.

Because if you don't, you'll be kicked out of the league.

(Hey, hey, just kidding, just kidding.)

- Steve Katz, Editor

Trade wraps up race for Fred Taylor

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day because it was last Thursday that he waived him to pick up Raymont.

He had done that because Harris, you see, was about to step in for Dorsey Levens, who had

joined the nouveau-injured immediately after joining the nouveau-riche.

But we digress.

Sain dropped Taylor because he wouldn't have seen the light of day behind James Stewart until about midseason. But midseason got moved up a tad when Stewart got broken in half by Baltimore's Ray Lewis and was put on the shelf by Jacksonville for what will probably be the rest of the season.

Enter Taylor, bursting on the scene with a tour-de-force performance that made him a primo free agent pick-back-up. The Baltimore Barons, Limerick Laughing Loons, Denver Pyles and Sain's Test Tubes all jumped, but the Tubes, 0-3 with just 62 total points, had the only shot at him.

Taylor will be awarded to Dugway as soon as he makes it official by choosing a running back to drop or trade. To wit:

"Probably that bum Jerome Bettis. But it will be someone," Sain's email read in part.

"Fred Taylor is mine. I am 0-3 and have scored 20 points this season. I win on all tie-breakers. Tell everyone else to go to hell. ... I hate fantasy football."

- Ken Sain, Tuesday night

"Fred Taylor is mine. I am 0-3 and have scored 20 points this season. I win on all tie-breakers. Tell everyone else to go to hell.

"I also need to make a wide receiver move with dumb-ass Rison playing and scoring a TD on Sunday. Let's see, if I start Rison, Taylor, Means and Banks, I win by a bunch. I hate fantasy football."

Yeah, we pirated part of his email as a quote, but at least Sain is an actual person and we attributed it.

For all that wheeling and dealing, this week Dugway faces the Narcoossee Nose Apes and Warren Moon this week in its bid to go 0-4. Narcoossee also has Corey Dillon, going up against a Ravens defense hurt by the loss of middle linebacker Ray Lewis.

Narcoossee held off the Baltimore Barons last week and is tied with Willow atop the Horshack Division at 2-1. The Barons take a 1-2 record to Alaska to face the Oosiks, who get Chris Chandler and Terrence Mathis back from "the bye week from hell, and should be okay the rest of the way," Oosiks owner Charles Bingham said.



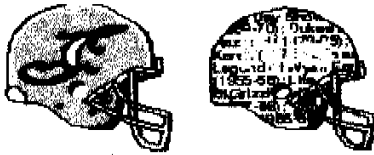
Sain is the only owner on the globe who could have gotten Fred Taylor.

Contributions needed

The TFL Today invites other owners to contribute articles to the newsletter. If they don't, future newsletters might start to look about as blank as this announcement. Thank you.

- Steve Katz, editor

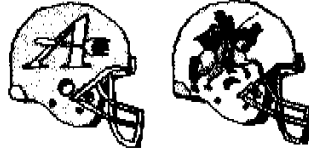
WEEK 4 MATCHUPS



Bagdad (3-0) at Denver (2-1)

Line: Bagdad - 6

Sure looks like the trade worked. If love put the Newts on the rocks last year, does 3-0 mean love is on the rocks? Denver's idea of a quarterback controversy is, which one sucks less? Take Bagdad to cover.



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

Line: Lackawanna - 10

Brett Favre beats Kordell Stewart, who has had trouble getting untracked. Take Lackawanna to cover at home.



Limerick (1-2) at Flint (1-2)

Line: Pick 'em

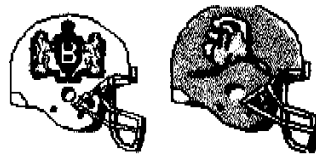
A clash of Who-Cares Division rivals. The mediocrity rolls on. I don't even have one more, remotely spritely sentence to add.



Willow (2-1) at Dutch Harbor (0-3)

Line: Willow - 3

Used to be known as the Backyard Bowl, except Casey Brogan's backyard is now the world. Willow is 2-1 with a team drafted on deadline. Dutch Harbor is 0-3 with a team drafted on Jack Daniels. Willow to cover.



Baltimore (1-2) at Alaska (2-1)

Line: Alaska - 7

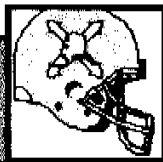
Alaska returns Chandler and Mathis from byes. Terrell followed a 31-point week with a 3-point week, so he could bounce back. But Baltimore needs this one bad. Take the Barons to cover.



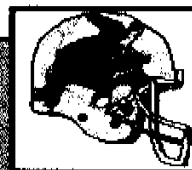
Dugway (0-3 - you read right) at Narcoossee (2-1)

Line: Apes - 14

Sure looks like the trade didn't. The Tubes have to get a W one of these weeks. But Tuttell, riding high with the Miami defense, won't let that happen. Tubes to cover.



East Harbor (1-0) at Arctic (2-1)
Line: Arctic - 3



The Ex-Nova have it. In a battle of two of the hottest quarterbacking forces in the league this far, Steve Young comes back from his bye and outducks Mark Brunell. The line takes into account Arctic being at home, but the East Harbor outgits.

WEEK 3 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Bagdad	3	0	0	125	62	53	41.6	89	38	24	29.6
Arctic	2	1	0	129	53	46	43.0	76	45	15	25.3
Alaska	2	1	0	129	62	14	43.0	89	32	32	29.6
Denver	2	1	0	119	47	22	39.6	116	33	28	38.6
Dugway	0	2	0	47	27	20	23.5	92	51	41	46.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	3	0	0	129	48	37	43.0	88	45	21	29.3
Flint	1	2	0	125	48	32	41.6	101	62	15	33.6
Limerick	1	2	0	115	42	21	38.3	109	37	12	36.3
Anchorage	1	2	0	90	45	15	30.0	142	48	37	47.3
Lackawanna	1	2	0	87	38	35	29.0	96	39	44	32.3

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	2	1	0	121	44	35	40.3	108	46	27	36.0
Willow	2	1	0	101	46	27	33.6	103	47	14	34.3
Baltimore	1	2	0	105	45	27	35.0	110	46	29	36.6
Dutch Harbor	0	3	0	76	32	12	25.3	141	51	42	47.0

WEEK 3 RESULTS

Arctic 53	Dugway 15	Flint 48	Anchorage 15
Mark Brunell 21	Jeff George 6	Drew Bledsoe 10	Kordell Stewart 0
Curtis Enis 0	Raymont Harris 2	Warrick Dunn 11	Robert Smith 0
Tiki Barber 0	Jerome Bettis 0	Robert Edwards 8	Napolean Kaufman 2
Terry Glenn 12	Jake Reed 0	Antonio Freeman 1	Keenan McCardell 6
Keyshawn Johnson 6	Darnay Scott 1	Ed McCaffrey 12	Carl Pickens 1
John Hall 8	Vanderjagt 6	Olindo Mare 3	Todd Peterson 6
New England 6	Tampa 15	Green Bay 3	Pittsburgh 0
Narcoossee 35	Baltimore 27	Lackawanna 25	Bagdad 39
Warren Moon 6	Danny Kannell 6	Brett Favre 7	Rand. Cunningham 6
Corey Dillon 0	Eddie George 10	Antowain Smith 3	Leroy Hoard 6
Charlie Garner 0	Errict Rhett 0	Terry Allen 2	Karim 9
Andre Reed 6	Joey Galloway 0	Yancey Thigpen 0	Rod Smith 1
Tony Gonzalez 0	Michael Irvin 1	Herman Moore 4	Isaac Bruce 0
Pete Stoyanovich 11	Ryan Longwell 10	Jason Hanson 7	Gary Anderson 17
Miami 12	Baltimore 0	Chicago 2	Tennessee 0
Denver 22	East Hartford 44	Dutch Harbor 12	Limerick 42
Jake Plummer 6	Dan Marino 6	Eric Kramer 0	John Elway 6
James Stewart 0	Greg Hill 17	Donnell Bennett 2	Emmitt Smith 0
Barry Sanders 1	Ricky Watters 10	Wm. Henderson 0	Curtis Martin 4
Randy Moss 6	Charles Johnson 0	Tim Brown 0	Wayne Chrebet 6
Cris Carter 0	Irving Fryar 1	Rob Moore 0	Jimmy Smith 12
Adam Vinatieri 9	Jason Elam 10	Rich Cunningham 7	Al Del Greco 11
Philadelphia 0	NY Giants 0	Kansas City 3	NY Jets 3
Alaska 14	Willow 27	Week 4 schedule	
Neil O'Donnell 0	Steve McNair 6	Bagdad at Denver	
John Avery 0	Mike Alstott 9	Anchorage at Lackawanna	
Terrell Davis 3	Marshall Faulk 2	Limerick at Flint	
James McKnight 0	Ike Hilliard 1	Willow at Dutch Harbor	
Curtis Conway 2	Shannon Sharpe 0	Baltimore at Alaska	
Doug Pelfrey 6	Jeff Jaeger 9	Dugway at Narcoossee	
Carolina Panthers 0	Seattle 0	East Hartford at Arctic	

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday, Sept. 17

Dugway waives RB Fred Taylor, adds RB Raymont Harris.

Arctic waives QB Gus Frerrotte, adds QB Danny Weurffel.

Anchorage trades RB Robert Edwards to Flint for WR Carl Pickens, waives WR Robert Brooks, adds RB Duce Staley.

Flint waives RB Robert Holcombe, adds WR Ed McCaffrey. Trades Detroit defense to Bagdad for Buffalo defense.

Baltimore waives RB Harvey Williams, adds RB Travis Jervey.

Friday, Sept. 19

Bagdad places Lamar Smith on bye reserve, adds Leroy Hoard.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

East Hartford activates TE Ben Coates from IR, fined \$5 because he played; waives WR J.J. Stokes. Waives WR Irving Fryar, adds WR Michael Westbrook.

Dutch Harbor places QB Glenn Foley on IR, adds Vinny Testaverde.

Flint waives QB Scott Mitchell, adds QB Eric Zeier.

Narcoossee waives RB Charlie Garner, adds RB Ray Zellars. Places WR Andre Reed on IR, adds WR Muhsin Muhammad.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Dugway trades RB Raymont Harris and WRs Jake Reed and Damay Scott to Arctic for RB Tiki Barber and WR Jerry Rice.

Arctic places WR Keyshawn Johnson on one-week reserve (WR Terry Glenn also on bye) and uses Scott as a one-week replacement player.

Dugway waives RB Tiki Barber and adds RB Fred Taylor. Trades Taylor to Arctic for RB Raymont Harris. Activates WR Andre Rison off I.R. to fill the hole left by Scott.

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

Alaska

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

Denver

QB Jake Plummer
 QB Ryan Leaf
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB James Stewart
 RB Ahman Green
 WR Cris Carter
 WR Marvin Hamison
 WR Randy Moss
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Norm Johnson
 D Carolina
 D Philadelphia

Dugway

QB Jeff George
 QB Tony Banks
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Natrone Means
 RB Raymont Harris
 WR Jerry Rice
 WR Andre Rison
 WR Rickey Dudley
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 K Brad Daluiso
 D Tampa Bay
 D St. Louis

"Who's got who" (updated rosters)

**Bold = acquired via free agent, I.R.
 or bye week pick-up,
 or trade (as if there are any other ways)**
Italic = on injured reserve or bye

Anchorage

QB Kordell Stewart
 QB Jason Garrett
 RB Robert Smith
 RB Napoleon Kaufman
 RB Duce Staley
 WR Carl Pickens
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Bryan Still
 K Todd Peterson
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Pittsburgh
 D Arizona
I.R. Troy Aikman

Baltimore

QB Danny Kannel
 QB Kerry Collins
 RB Eddie George
 RB Erict Rhett
 RB Travis Jervey
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR Wesley Walls
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Greg Davis
 D Baltimore
 D New Orleans
I.R. Grbac

Narcoossee

QB Warren Moon
 QB Rob Johnson
 RB Corey Dillon
 RB Jamal Anderson
 RB Ray Zellers
 WR Tony Martin
 WR Muhsin Muhammad
 WR Tony Gonzalez
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 K Wade Richie
 D Miami
 D Jacksonville

*I.R. Andre Reed***Arctic**

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Danny Weurffel
 RB Fred Taylor
 RB Curtis Enis
 RB Sedrick Shaw
 WR Darnay Scott
 WR Jake Reed
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 K Mike Hollis
 K John Hall
 D New England
 D Denver
Bye - Keyshawn

Dutch Harbor

QB Vinny Testaverde
 QB Erik Kramer
 RB Dorsey Levens
 RB Donnell Bennett
 RB Larry Centers
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Rob Moore
 WR Jermaine Lewis
 K Richie Cun'gham
 K Doug Brien
 D Kansas City
 D Dallas

*I.R. Glenn Foley***Limerick**

QB John Elway
 QB Trent Duffer
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Charles Way
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 K Al Del Greco
 K Michael Husted
 D NY Jets
 D Oakland

East Hartford

QB Steve Young
 QB Dan Marino
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Jerald Moore
 RB Edgar Bennett
 WR Ben Coates
 WR Charles Johnson
 WR Michael Westbrook
 K Jason Elam
 K John Carney
 D NY Giants
 D Atlanta

*I.R. Greg Hill***Bagdad**

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Randall Cun'gham
 RB Karim A-Jabbar
 RB Fred Lane
 RB Leroy Hoard
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Johnnie Morton
 K Gary Anderson
 K Matt Stover
 D Tennessee
 D Detroit
Bye - Lamar Smith

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

Filint

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Eric Zeler
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Robert Edwards
 RB Tommy Vardell
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR James Jett
 K Olindo Mare
 K Chris Boniol
 D Green Bay
 D Buffalo