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POWER POLL

The first 1997 Power Poll was released on Tuesday with a familiar name on top.

The Dugway Experiments, which spent all of 1996 on top of the poll, begin 1997 in the same position, setting a record for most consecutive weeks on top of the list.

Rk.Team	pts
1. Dugway	108
2. Narcoossee	100
3. Alaska	95
4. Willow	89
5. East Hartford	85
Limerick	85
7. Anchorage	79
8. Denver	78
9. Marley	76
10. Baltimore	73
11. Bagdad	71
12. Dutch Harbor	61
13. Flint	50
14. Sarasota	39

INSIDE

Tubes vs. Loons

In a rematch of the 1996 Sweeney Bowl, the Dugway Experiments travel to Limerick, Maine this week to face the Laughing Loons. Page 2

VIDEO PICK

Each Monday night while real men are watching football, Bagdad owner Scott Lacy watches videos to recommend to the rest of us.

This week's pick: Joe vs. the Volcano. Scott gives it 4 Teddies.

Monday, Monday Sure love that day

By Scoop Bias
TFL Today

For the benefit of TFL owners who had better things to do on Monday night — like say, watch a video — here's a recap of what you missed in the Monday Night Football game.

■ Denver held a 54-42 lead over the East Hartford Ex-Eskimos, who were still recovering from the verbal onslaught of team owner Chris Reidy for losing to the pathetic Barons in Week 3. Receiver Jimmy Smith scored 14 points to lead the Exmos to a 56-54 victory.

■ Flint, entering Week 4 with an 0-3 record faced 3-0 Marley, which looked like the best bet to break Flint's TFL record of 13-straight victories. Marley systematically built a 34-20 lead going into Monday night, and still had workhorse Jerome Bettis to play. All Flint had was disappointing quarterback Kordell Stewart. It was enough.

Stewart outscored Bettis 18-3 to lead Flint to an improbable 38-37 victory.

The hijinks on Monday night capped one of the most memorable weekends in TFL history, as eight of the league's 14 teams sur-

WHY ARE THESE MEN SMILING?



REIDY
His Ex-Eskimos rallied to defeat Denver, 56-54 on Monday night.



CARLOCK
His Bison rallied on Monday night to hand Marley its first loss this year.

passed the 50-point barrier, and two even passed the 70-point barrier.

Remember, the teams that met each other in Week 4, also meet in week 14, so the end of the season might get a little exciting if the teams can duplicate this weekend.

In other TFL highlights:

■ Dugway remained the league's lone unbeaten team, easily getting by Sarasota, 54-14.

Dugway owner Ken Sain says his record is inflated and no should take his team too seriously.

"Look at who I have played," Sain said. "I've beaten Sarasota and Flint, the two lowest scoring teams in the league. I'm trying to be kind here, and I really appreciate Flint upsetting Marley, but they are going to have a difficult time winning five games each.

"So, everyone else is going to beat them too. I still have a lot to prove this year."

Sain neglected to mention his other two victories are over Narcoossee and Alaska, the teams currently in second and third in the Power Poll.

Dugway has won four straight for the first time in franchise history and is also off to its best start ever. Here's a look at the longest winning streaks in TFL history:

Team	Games	When
Flint	13	1994
E.Hartford	9	1996-97
Limerick	9	1996
Denver	7	1991

■ Baltimore and Willow both topped 70 points in their victories. Baltimore defeated Dutch Harbor, 75-31 and Willow beat Alaska 72-49. Dutch Harbor owner Casey Brogan did not attend his team's game.

TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

It will be difficult for this week's games to top Week 4 in terms of excitement. It doesn't matter what Chris Reidy nor Don Carlock say, the one true Monday Night Miracle is still the Panama City-Balboa game in 1990, when Derrick Fenner was let out of jail just in time to lead an 18-point comeback against the Constrictors, which would go on to win the first Sweeney Bowl.

Fenner scored his final touchdown in the closing minute when it appeared there was no hope left for Scott Lacy's Penguins.

On to this week's games:



Denver
at
Dutch Harbor



Records: Pyles 2-2; Dawgs 1-3.

Series: Series tied 3-3.

Line: Denver by 7.

Outlook: Let's see if Casey Brogan manages to call in his lineup, or if he'll continue to start players who are fishing in Mazatlan. Brogan started Michael Irvin last week, figuring he didn't need everyone to beat the Barons.

Pick: Denver 33, Dutch Harbor 9.



Marley
at
Narcoossee



Records: Wailers 3-1, Narcoossee 2-2.

Series: Narcoossee leads series 2-1.

Line: Narcoossee by 2.

Outlook: Narcoossee has been unlucky, giving up 210 points in four games. It's time their luck changed. Sorry Marley.

Pick: Narcoossee 53, Marley 38.



Willow
at
Sarasota



Records: Weasels 2-2; Sharks 0-4.

Series: Willow leads series 3-2.

Line: Willow by 24.

Outlook: Sarasota is in a world of hurt. The Sharks have no teeth. Maybe they can naw someone to death, but not at 20 points a game.

Pick: Willow 57, Sarasota 11.



Dugway
at
Limerick



GAME OF THE WEEK

Records: Experiments 4-0; Laughing Loons 3-1

Series: Dugway leads series 4-3.

Line: Dugway by 3.

Outlook: It's a rematch of last year's Sweeney Bowl, when Michael Bourque skillfully put together a team of nobodies to defeat one of the more powerful lineups in TFL history.

The way Limerick QB Jeff George has been playing, the Loons might be headed for their third Sweeney Bowl title. And the Loons get Ricky Watters back this week as well. It's time for Dugway's streak to end.

Pick: Limerick.



Baltimore
at
Flint



Records: Barons 3-1; 1-3.

Series: Baltimore leads series 2-1.

Line: Baltimore by 4.

Outlook: Well, once every year Baltimore shocks the world by scoring in double digits. Last week is over, and Baltimore should get back to the low-scoring, no-offense team we've come to expect.

Pick: Flint 26, Baltimore 24.



Anchorage
at
Alaska



Records: Kitchen 2-2; Oosiks 1-3.

Series: Series tied 2-2.

Line: Alaska by 8.

Outlook: Another team that's been unlucky, giving up a league-leading 226 points in four games. However, Alaska plays without Drew Bledsoe.

Pick: Anchorage 32, Alaska 19.



Bagdad
at
East Hartford



Records: Newts 2-2; Ex-Eskimos 2-2.

Series: East Hartford leads series 3-2.

Line: East Hartford by 9.

Outlook: Scott Lacy built his team around great receivers and RB Ki-Jana Carter. Oops. You might want to get a real QB this week, Scott.

Pick: East Hartford 44, Bagdad 30.

Favre, Freeman finally frolic

By Baron von Butterbrain
TFL Today Senior Correspondent

BALTIMORE - It was the explosion the Baltimore Barons had been waiting for. Favre to Freeman twice, and Favre three more times to other receivers, in a 75-31 victory over Dutch Harbor.

"The son of a bitch can catch, the son of a bitch can catch," Barons



BROGAN
Took week off

owner Steve Katz screamed from the private box at The Breeder's Pit, where the Barons were facing the Dutch Harbor Dawgs on Sunday. Dawgs' owner Casey Brogan had given up early taken off for the weekend and let Katz come up to sit in his suite for the game.

Katz's exultation came after Antonio Freeman's two touchdown catches, curing a mystifying case of dropsy on his part during the season's first two games. "That's a load off my mind," Katz said.

The game was the first of two meetings this season between the Barons and Dawgs under the TFL's new rivalry system, in which pairs of teams are arbitrarily chosen to play each other twice, in the interest of creating a natural rivalry.

If only Brogan had showed his face.

Bye, Bye birdie

Baltimore's Steve Katz believes the bye will help him this year, facing Narcoossee on Steve Young's bye week and Marley on Vinny Testaverde's. Here's a look at each team's first round draft choice and who their opponent is for the week their No. 1 pick has the bye:

Team	No. 1 pick	Opponent on No.1's bye week
Baltimore	Brett Favre	Denver
Willow	Emmitt Smith	Alaska
Denver	Terrell Davis	Narcoossee
Sarasota	Jeff Blake	Bagdad
Dutch Harbor	Barry Sanders	Dugway
Alaska	Drew Bledsoe	Anchorage
Dugway	John Elway	Bagdad
Bagdad	Carl Pickens	Sarasota
Anchorage	Curtis Martin	Alaska
Flint	Jerry Rice	Denver
Limerick	Ricky Watters	Bagdad
East Hartford	Terry Allen	Denver
Narcoossee	Steve Young	Baltimore
Marley	Vinny Testaverde	Baltimore

"Imagine a golfing outing in Seattle and the Washington-Nebraska game being more important than the TFL, given the fact that he didn't bother coming to Denver," Katz lamented.

He didn't lament for long. Favre's five TD passes may have been a sign of things to come. "And I almost want to say he wasn't even the star of the game," Katz said. "Mike Alstott was."

With two scores and 95 yards rushing for the Bucs on Sunday night, Mike "you're in good hands with Alstott" made a case for himself as the preeminent fullback in at least the NFC, in only his second year.

The added bonus of the Barons'

weekend was that Flint used three touchdowns by Kordell Stewart on Monday night to deal Marley a one-point loss, dropping the Wailers into a first-place tie in the Horshack Division with Baltimore.

"Donny, if you're watching, that's mighty neighborly of you," Katz said. Flint's joy will end promptly this week, though, when the Bison run squarely into the Barons.

It looks like a dogfight in the TFL's bottom division this year, and in looking ahead, Baltimore follows Flint by play Narcoossee on Steve Young's bye week and Marley on Vinny Testaverde's bye week.

WEEK 4 STANDINGS

Barbarino		Record			Points for			Points against			
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Experiments	4	0	0	226	76	42	56.5	119	43	14	29.8
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	2	2	0	173	70	32	43.3	167	54	18	41.8
Denver Pyles	2	2	0	154	54	22	38.5	151	56	21	37.8
Alaska Oosiks	1	3	0	187	54	38	46.8	226	76	33	56.5
Sarasota Sharks	0	4	0	80	27	14	20.0	148	54	29	37.0

Kotter		Record			Points for			Points against			
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Limerick Laughing Loons	3	1	0	171	54	32	42.3	140	64	16	35.0
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	2	2	0	172	56	31	43.0	176	54	39	40.8
Anchorage Kitchen	2	2	0	165	51	35	41.3	163	59	26	40.8
Flint Bison	1	3	0	110	38	22	27.5	154	42	35	38.5

Horshack		Record			Points for			Points against			
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Marley Wailers	3	1	0	177	64	37	44.3	153	49	30	38.3
Baltimore Barons	3	1	0	164	75	16	41.0	121	38	27	30.3
Narcoossee Nose Apes	2	2	0	213	75	38	53.3	210	70	35	52.5
Willow Weasels	2	2	0	196	72	35	49.0	200	75	22	50.0
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	1	3	0	141	51	29	35.3	201	75	37	50.3

WEEK 4 RESULTS

Denver 54	East Hartford 56	Willow 72	Alaska 52
Marino 12	Mitchell 13	Matthews 0	Bledsoe 18
Davis 16	Anders 11	A. Smith 19	Warren 0
Phillips 1	Hanspard 0	Dunn 12	Hearst 2
Sharpe 0	J. Smith 14	Carter 6	Brisby 1
Kennison 0	McDuffie 7	Alexander 13	J. Reed 18
Stover 19	Hall 12	Carney 16	Hollis 13
Denver 6	Carolina 0	Kansas City 6	Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 75	Dutch Harbor 38	Dugway 54	Sarasota 14
Favre 31	Brown 0	Elway 18	Blake 6
Murrell 7	B. Sanders 9	E. George 0	J.Anderson 0
Alstott 14	Levins 2	Means 6	T.Thomas 0
Freeman 15	Irvin 0	R. Smith 14	C. Sanders 0
Morton 1	Galloway 12	Emanuel 7	Chrebet 0
Vinatieri 7	Longwell 8	Davis 6	Pelfrey 8
Baltimore 0	Green Bay 0	New England 3	Oakland 0
Marley 37	Flint 38	Bagdad 38	Limerick 54
Testaverde 21	Stewart 18	Banks 0	J. George 26
Bettis 3	Abdul-Jabbar 6	Carter 12	Kirby 12
Barber 0	Faulk 8	L. Smith 0	Lane 6
M.Jackson 1	Coates 1	Pickens 7	McCardell 1
Chmura 6	K. Johnson 0	T. Brown 14	A.Reed 2
Elam 3	Stoyanovich 5	Del Greco 5	Husted 7
San Francisco 3	Dallas 0	Tennessee 0	Buffalo 0
Anchorage 51	Narcoossee 59	Week 5 schedule	
B.Johnson 18	Young 19	Denver at Dutch Harbor	
Martin 11	Kaufman 4	Baltimore at Flint	
Hill 0	R. Smith 10	Marley at Narcoossee	
Brooks 8	Moore 12	Anchorage at Alaska	
Rison 7	Walls 6	Willow at Sarasota	
Wilkins 7	Kasay 2	Dugway at Limerick	
Minnesota 0	Pittsburgh 6	Bagdad at East Hartford	

TRANSACTIONS

Sept. 23, 1997
 Dutch Harbor waives RB Gary Brown, adds RB Mario Bates.
 East Hartford waives RB Byron Hanspard, adds RB Charles Way.
 Limerick is fined \$5 for failing to activate RB Anthony Johnson before he played. Limerick waives RB Terry Kirby, activates RB Anthony Johnson.

Sept. 21, 1997
 Limerick activates WR Terry Glenn, waives WR Ed McCaffrey.

Sept. 20, 1997
 Marley places WR Curtis Conway on I.R., adds WR Mark Chmura.
 Willow places QB Mark Brunell on I.R., adds QB Steve Matthews.

Sept. 19, 1997
 Baltimore waives RB Marcus Allen, adds RB Bam Morris.

Sept. 17, 1997
 Flint waives QB Rob Johnson, activates QB Kerry Collins.
 Limerick places RB Anthony Johnson on I.R., adds RB Terry Kirby.
 Denver waives WR Derrick Mayes, adds WR Rob Moore.
 Denver waives QB Erik Kramer, adds QB Rick Mirer.

Sept. 16, 1997
 Flint is fined \$5 because QB Kerry Collins played while on the injured reserve list. Flint must activate Collins by midnight tonight, or he becomes a free agent.
 East Hartford places RB Rashaan Salaam on I.R., adds RB Byron Hanspard.
 East Hartford places WR Muhsin Muhammad on I.R., adds WR Reidel Anthony.
 Limerick places RB Ricky Waters on reserve (backup RB Leland McElroy also on bye); adds RB Fred Lane.

Sept. 14, 1997
 Narcoossee places D Pittsburgh on reserve (backup D Jacksonville also on bye); adds D Atlanta.
 Baltimore waives WR Terrell Owens, adds WR Shawn Jefferson.
 Bagdad waives RB Errict Rhett, adds RB Harold Green.
 Bagdad waives QB Jim Everett, activates QB Stan Humphries.

CURRENT ROSTERS

Alaska

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Warren Moon
 RB Chris Warren
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB Corey Dillon
 WR Tony Martin
 WR Jake Reed
 WR Vincent Brisby
 K Jason Hanson
 K Mike Hollis
 D Tampa Bay
 D Miami

Injured reserve

QB John Friesz

Anchorage

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Ty Detmer
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Larry Centers
 RB Greg Hill
 WR Robert Brooks
 WR Marvin Harrison
 WR Andre Rison
 K Chris Boniol
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Minnesota
 D St. Louis

Bagdad

QB Stan Humphries
 QB Tony Banks
 RB Ki-Jana Carter
 RB Harold Green
 RB Lamar Smith
 WR Carl Pickens
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Anthony Miller
 K Al Del Greco
 K Steve Christie
 D Tennessee
 D N.Y. Giants

Baltimore

QB Brett Favre
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Adrian Murrell
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Bam Morris
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Johnnie Morton
 WR Shawn Jefferson
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Cole Ford
 D Baltimore
 D Chicago

Denver

QB Dan Marino
 QB Rick Mirer
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Tim Biakabutka
 RB Lawrence Phillips
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR Eddie Kennison
 WR Rob Moore
 K Matt Stover
 K Chris Jacke
 D Denver
 D New Orleans

Dugway

QB John Elway
 QB Chris Chandler
 RB Eddie George
 RB Natrone Means
 RB Raymont Harris
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Brett Perriman
 WR Bert Emanuel
 K Richie Cunningham
 K Greg Davis
 D Cincinnati
 D New England

Dutch Harbor

QB Steve McNair
 QB Dave Brown
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB Dorsey Levins
 RB Mario Bates
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Bobby Engram
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Todd Peterson
 D Green Bay
 D N.Y. Jets



East Hartford

QB Scott Mitchell
 QB Neil O'Donnell
 RB Terry Allen
 RB Charles Way
 RB Kimble Anders
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR O.J. McDuffie
 WR Reidel Anthony
 K Gary Anderson
 K John Hall
 D Carolina
 D Seattle

Injured reserve

RB Rashaan Salaam
 WR Muhsin Muhammad

Flint

QB Kordell Stewart
 QB Kerry Collins
 RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB James Stewart
 WR Jermain Lewis
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 WR Ben Coates
 K Morten Andersen
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 D Dallas
 D Detroit

Injured reserve

WR Jerry Rice

Limerick

QB Jeff George
 QB Todd Collins
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Anthony Johnson
 RB Leland McElroy
 WR Terry Glenn
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Andre Reed
 K Cary Blanchard
 K Michael Husted
 D Buffalo
 D Indianapolis

Marley

QB Vinny Testaverde
 QB Gus Frerotte
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Tiki Barber
 RB Ernest Byner
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Irving Fryar
 WR Mark Chmura
 K Jason Elam
 K Olindo Mare
 D San Francisco
 D Philadelphia
Injured reserve
 WR Curtis Conway

Narcoossee

QB Steve Young
 QB Elvis Grbac
 RB Napoleon Kaufman
 RB Robert Smith
 RB Leon Johnson
 WR Herman Moore
 WR Wesley Walls
 WR Charles Johnson
 K John Kasay
 K Scott Blanton
 D Pittsburgh
 D Jacksonville

Sarasota

QB Jeff Blake
 QB Jim Harbaugh
 RB Jamal Anderson
 RB Troy Davis
 RB Thurman Thomas
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Chris Sanders
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 K Doug Pelfrey
 K Kevin Butler
 D Oakland
 D Washington

Injured reserve

K Brett Conway

Willow

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Troy Aikman
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Antowain Smith
 WR Cris Carter
 WR Derrick Alexander<
 WR J.J. Stokes
 K John Carney
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Kansas City
 D Arizona