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**Haiku
Harry**

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Gaping maw closes
Pyle prattle is nevermore
May Jeb rest in peace

Clutch your heart, my friend
Flag of red glory unfurls
Newts win ten again

Horse track, doggie track
Surrender the lottery
Lucky bastard Katz

Haiku Harry, a borderline sociopath, writes weekly on the compelling TFL issues of our day.

POWER POLL

Rk.	Team	pts
1.	Alaska	103
2.	Narcoossee	101
3.	Dugway	100
4.	Willow	95
5.	Bagdad	81
6.	East Hartford	80
7.	Anchorage	79
8.	Limerick	78
9.	Denver Marley	75
11.	Dutch Harbor	69
12.	Baltimore	65
13.	Flint	59
14.	Sarasota	43

INSIDE

Narcoossee moving?

Ever since Wit Tuttell threatened to move his team, they are unbeaten.

Oosiks win big after firing defensive chief

By **SIMON QALBERGAVEL, XII**
Alaska Sports Journal

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Oosiks fired defensive coordinator John Holmes just before Sunday's game against Anchorage, replacing him with Earnest Cummings.

According to Oosiks' team owner Charles Bingham, the move was a result of Holmes' sieve-like defense, which has given up a Times Football League high 226 points through four games.

The Oosiks responded to the change by holding Anchorage to 40 points while Alaska scored a TFL season-high 81 points for its second victory of the season.

Over the previous two weeks before the change was made, the porous Oosiks defense gave up 148 points — 76 points to the feeble Dugway Proving Grounds Experiments and 72 the next week to the Willow Weasels, a team whose owner, Van Williams, has been known to drink and sleep his way through the TFL draft.

Two TFL teams have yet



BINGHAM:
Coaching change pays off with win over Kitchen.

to score 170 points over five games — the lowly Sarasota Sharks (105) and the weak Flint Bison (166).

"The defense is a major concern of ours," Bingham said during Tuesday's press conference, when he introduced Cummings to the media. "We have the best offense in the league, with 268 points, but we're 2-3 and falling out of playoff contention. If we didn't do something now, we'd be relegated to the Pee-Wee Bowl. We all know how painful that can be."

Bingham said he was getting tired of seeing his team score in the high-40s to low-50s each week, only to wind up on the losing side of his game. Other owners, namely Steve Katz, have been winning games with fewer than 30 points scored (take away Katz's 75-point performance two weeks ago and his 3-1 team is averag-

Defense rests

TFL's worst defenses:

Alaska	266
Anchorage	244
Dutch Harbor	236
Narcoossee	234

ing fewer than 28.5 points a game).

Cummings said he planned to simplify the Oosiks' defensive scheme, figuring it's too late to pick up better talent. He plans to devote a lot of attention to stopping the run, especially since Willow's rookie running backs Antowain Smith and Warwick Dunn combined for 31 points two weeks ago.

"We really needed to play a team like Sarasota this week to get our act together," Cummings said. "But instead, we got to play a former Sweeney Bowl champion in the Anchorage Kitchen. (What the hell does that name mean anyway?) Our defense gave the offense time to do its job, especially since this was Bledsoe's bye week. Luckily, the Kitchen also had Curtis Martin on the bye."

TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

Look at the gimmicks owners are attempting in silly efforts to win TFL games. Narcoossee owner keeps threatening to move his team to Alabama, which ought to make road trips there interesting for Scott Lacy; Alaska owner Charles Bingham is watching porn tapes looking for a new defensive coordinator; and rumor has it Dugway owner Ken Sain is following the exact same routine every week during his current five-game winning streak.

It's only a game guys. Get a life!



Flint at Denver



Records: Bison 2-3; Pyles 2-3.

Series: Flint leads series 2-1.

Line: Denver by 8.

Outlook: The Perennially Gaging Pyles are doing it again. After opening up the year 2-0, they have lost three straight and it looks like another 7-7 season is in their future. Flint, on the other hand, has won two straight.

Pick: Pyles 31, Bison 29.



Sarasota at Anchorage



Records: Sharks 1-4; Kitchen 2-3.

Series: Anchorage leads series 2-0.

Line: Kitchen by 15.

Outlook: Pinch me. I'm looking at the score sheets, and it says Sarasota won a game. This must be a dream, because the Sharks are awful.

Pick: Kitchen 42, Sharks 3.



East Hartford at Dugway



Records: Ex-Eskimos 2-3; Experiments 5-0.

Series: Dugway leads series 5-2.

Line: Tubes by 9.

Outlook: Pinch me again. Dugway 5-0. The SKY IS FALLING! Sooner or later, someone will score more than 30 points against the Tubes.

Pick: Ex-Eskimos 37, Experiments 32.



Narcoossee at Baltimore



GAME OF THE WEEK

Records: Nose Apes 3-2; Barons 3-2.

Series: Narcoossee leads series 7-3.

Line: Nose Apes by 27.

Outlook: After starting the year 0-2, Narcoossee owner Wit Tuttell threatened to move the team to Tuscaloosa and change its name to the Tequila Worms. So terrified with that prospect, the Grape Apes have won three straight. Tuttell is still threatening to move the team, as long as the winning streak lasts. However, the Barons are due for another game they don't deserve to win.

Pick: Baltimore 26, Narcoossee 23.



Alaska at Marley



Records: Oosiks 2-3; Wailers 3-2.

Series: Alaska leads series 3-2.

Line: Oosiks by 30.

Outlook: The Oosiks have a new defensive coordinator and lead the TFL in points scored. With Bledsoe back from the bye, they could break Dugway's record for most points in a single game this week.

Pick: Alaska 92, Marley 30.



Limerick at Willow



Records: Laughing Loons 3-2; Weasels 2-3.

Series: Limerick leads series 3-1.

Line: Weasels by 3.

Outlook: Look at Willow's roster. With Brunell at QB, this could be your 1997 Sweeney Bowl champs. They just have to get through the regular season first.

Pick: Weasels 80, Loons 52.



Dutch Harbor at Bagdad



Records: Dawgs 2-3; Newts 3-2.

Series: Dutch Harbor leads series 5-4.

Line: Newts by 14.

Outlook: Big Bro and Little Bro aren't speaking to one another. Casey is mad at Lacy because he sold out manhood and found a girlfriend. Pay back time.

Pick: Pansies, uh, Newts 60, Dawgs 23.

Defeat sobers Barons; Tubes fly high at 5-0

By Baron von Butterbrain
TFL Today Senior Correspondent

BALTIMORE - The fax machine at Barons headquarters were working overtime Monday, and when it was done, the TFLleague office had an earful.

"The management of the Baltimore Barons," it began, "would like to clarify a remark attributed to it in last week's TFL Today. This is not a retraction or a claim of having been misquoted, especially since we wrote the quote ourselves. It's merely a clarification.

"It was stated that we believed facing Narcossee on Steve Young's bye week and Marley on Vinny Testaverde's bye week would work in our favor.

"By no means do we consider those games mortal locks. Narcossee and Marley have good lineups apart from their starting quarterbacks, and we expect the rest of their teams to show up this coming week and next.

"Frankly we do expect to do well in those games, with the opponents undeniably weakened. But the reality is that we better had. It behooves us to make hay while the sun shines. Not only do we face our own comeup-pance soon enough, with Brett Favre, Antonio Freeman and Mike Alstott off the following week, but the second half of our season brings up games against Dugway, Bagdad, Willow and an Alaska team that hung up 81 points this week."

The statement was released in the wake of a disappointing loss to Flint Sunday, on the bye week for two-thirds of the Bison's backfield. A game



KATZ



SAIN

that probably taught the Barons never to take anything for granted.

"But how the hell am I to be responsible for Favre falling apart in the red zone again, and [Flint QB] Kordell Stewart scoring three touchdowns a second straight week?" owner Steve Katz said.

What Katz left out was that Baron reject Marcus Allen picked this game to find the end zone twice playing for the Bison, who picked him up during the week to fill out his thinned roster.

"That happens," Katz said. "You can't afford to second-guess yourself too much. We're happy with our backs, and we were glad to pick up Bam Morris when we dropped Allen."

The story of the week this week was not only Emmitt Smith being without a touchdown five weeks into the season, but Dugway looking well-nigh unbeatable at 5-0.

"We are truly humbled to be off to such a great start, considering he fine competition in this league," Dugway owner Ken Sain said. "However, we know we've been very lucky so far. Look at our points against, only 147 in five games. That's the lowest in the league.

"Considering the powerhouse teams that await us, including an angry East Hartford this week, we

Bank statement

Each TFL team began the season with \$50 in the TFL bank to cover the costs of transactions for the season. Here's an update of how much each team has spent, and has remaining to date. Any owner who has money left in the bank at the end of the season will be reimbursed.

Team	Fines/Fees	Balance
Alaska	\$0	\$50
Anchorage	\$0	\$50
Bagdad	\$10	\$40
Baltimore	\$10	\$40
Denver	\$20	\$30
Dugway	\$10	\$40
Dutch Harbor	\$10	\$40
East Hartford	\$10	\$40
Flint	\$25	\$25
Limerick	\$30	\$20
Marley	\$10	\$40
Narcossee	\$10	\$40
Sarasota	\$10	\$40
Willow	\$0	\$50

Note: No transactions are permitted unless you have money in the bank to cover the cost.

know it will be a very tough season and we'll be lucky to make the playoffs."

Sain was asked if his team could break Flint's record of a 13-1 season.

"And just one more thing, no one on this team is seriously considering the Flint streak a possible goal. Flint's record of 13 straight wins to start a season will last long after all of us have left the living and reached wherever we go next. So don't even ask, because laughter will be your only response."

WEEK 5 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Experiments	5	0	0	267	76	41	53.4	147	43	14	29.4
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	3	2	0	223	70	32	44.6	202	54	18	40.4
Alaska Oosiks	2	3	0	268	81	38	53.6	266	76	33	53.2
Denver Pyles	2	3	0	189	54	22	37.8	199	56	21	39.8
Sarasota Sharks	1	4	0	105	27	14	21.0	158	54	10	31.6

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Limerick Laughing Loons	3	2	0	199	54	28	39.8	181	64	16	36.2
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	2	3	0	207	56	31	41.4	226	54	39	45.2
Anchorage Kitchen	2	3	0	205	51	35	41.0	244	81	26	48.8
Flint Bison	2	3	0	166	56	22	33.2	179	42	25	35.8

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee Nose Apes	3	2	0	264	75	38	52.8	234	70	24	46.8
Marley Wailers	3	2	0	201	64	24	40.2	204	51	30	40.8
Baltimore Barons	3	2	0	189	75	16	37.8	177	56	27	35.4
Willow Weasels	2	3	0	206	72	10	41.2	225	75	22	45.0
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	2	3	0	189	51	29	37.8	236	75	35	47.2

WEEK 5 RESULTS

Denver 35	Dutch Harbor 48	Willow 10	Sarasota 25
Shuler 0	McNair 15	Brunell 0	Blake 15
Davis 12	B. Sanders 4	Dunn 0	J. Anderson 7
Phillips 1	Levins 3	E. Smith 0	Rhett 0
Sharpe 12	Irvin 9	Carter 7	C. Sanders 0
Kennison 0	Galloway 6	Alexander 0	Chrebet 1
Stover 10	Longwell 11	Jaeger 3	Pelfrey 2
Denver 0	Green Bay 0	Kansas City 0	Oakland 0
Baltimore 25	Flint 56	Dugway 41	Limerick 28
Favre 8	K. Stewart 18	Elway 21	J. George 26
Murrell 11	J. Stewart 0	E. George 0	Watters 1
Alstott 0	Allen 14	Means 1	A. Johnson 0
Freeman 2	J. Lewis 7	R. Smith 0	McCardell 0
Morton 1	K. Johnson 6	Emanuel 10	McCaffrey 0
Vinatieri 3	Stoyanovich 8	Cunningham 9	Husted 1
Baltimore 0	Dallas 3	Cincinnati 0	Atlanta 0
Marley 24	Narcoossee 51	Bagdad 50	East Hartford 35
Testaverde 8	Young 12	Humphries 26	O'Donnell 18
Bettis 1	Kaufman 11	Heyward 0	T. Allen 3
Barber 0	R. Smith 16	L. Smith 2	Anders 0
M. Jackson 2	Moore 3	Pickens 10	J. Smith 1
Fryar 12	Walls 0	T. Brown 1	Anthony 6
Elam 1	Kasay 3	Del Greco 11	Hall 7
San Francisco 0	Pittsburgh 6	Tennessee 0	Carolina 0
Anchorage 40	Alaska 81	Week 6 schedule	
B. Johnson 18	Moon 16	Flint at Denver	
Centers 4	Hearst 10	Narcoossee at Baltimore	
Hill 0	Dillon 0	Alaska at Marley	
Brooks 8	J. Reed 10	Sarasota at Anchorage	
Rison 2	Martin 26	Limerick at Willow	
Boniol 8	Hollis 13	East Hartford at Dugway	
St. Louis 0	Tampa Bay 6	Dutch Harbor at Bagdad	

TRANSACTIONS

Sept. 30, 1997
 Flint waives RB James Stewart, adds RB Marcus Allen. Dutch Harbor waives WR Bobby Engram, adds WR Terrell Owens. Denver waives WR Eddie Kennison, adds WR James Jett. Marely waives WR Irving Fryar, adds WR Ed McCaffrey.

Sept. 28, 1997
 Sarasota waives RB Troy Davis, adds RB Errict Rhett. Bagdad waives RB Harold Green, adds RB Craig Heyward. Limerick places D Buffalo on reserve (backup D Indianapolis also on the bye), adds D Atlanta.

Sept. 25, 1997
 Flint places RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar on reserve (backup RB Marshall Faulk also on the bye), adds RB Marcus Allen.

Sept. 24, 1997
 Denver waives QB Rick Mirer, adds QB Heath Shuler. Narcoossee waives RB Leon Johnson, adds RB Terry Kirby. Limerick places WR Terry Glenn on reserve (backup WR Andre Reed also on bye), adds WR Ed McCaffrey.

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.

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 Craig Heyward
 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 Heath Shuler
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Tim Biakabutka
 RB Lawrence Phillips
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR James Jett
 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 Terrell Owens
 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 Marcus Allen
 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 Ed McCaffrey
 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 Terry Kirby
 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 Errict Rhett
 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