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Week 5 line

Bagdad	+3
at Alaska	
Dugway	
at Denver	+7
Narcoossee	
at Limerick	+6
Baltimore	+12
at East Hartford	
Anchorage	+14
at Dutch Harbor	
Willow	+2
at Tampa Bay	
Marley	+3
at Lackawanna	
Flint	+44
at Arctic	

Gators keep setting offensive records

By Scoop Bias

Dugway Herald

Another week, more offensive records for the surprising Arctic Gators.

We don't understand it either.

Mark Dolan's team had an off week, scoring only 46 points. For the first time this year, the Gators were not the top scoring team of the week.

Still, the Gators are unbeaten and on a pace to score more than 885 points during the regular season.

Arctic debuts at the top of this week's Power Poll with a record rating of 133. Also, the Gators were made overwhelming favorites in their matchup this week with the Flint Bison. Take Flint and you get 44 points. That's the largest spread in TFL history.

But, considering how awful the Bison have been, few are willing to make that bet.

"Look out you Doubting Thomases — the Arctic Gators have several fresh cans of Whupass ready to open up each week on our hapless opponents," Dolan said after the team's first victory. "Pity the fools!"

All of this is amazing considering the Gators past history. First, the Gators hold the record for fewest points scored in a game, and a season. They are the only team to ever be shutout (a 55-0 loss to Balboa in 1990). That shutout helped them set the season-low mark



of 331 points, which Flint might challenge this year. (The Bison are on pace to score only 273 points this season).

Before this season, Arctic had a lifetime record of 22-48 for a winning percentage of .314, an all-time TFL low. In their six seasons, the Gators have not made the playoffs.

That is a record. It took Dutch Harbor five seasons before they made it to the Sweeney Bowl tournament.

The record for longest stretch between Sweeney Bowl berths is seven, which Narcoossee owns.

So, all of those facts make

the Gators strength this season the story of the year in the TFL.

"I don't think we've ever seen anything like this," TFL founder and Commissioner Ken Sain said. "We've had our brushes with amazing impossibilities happening, say Willow and Baltimore winning three Sweeney Bowls between them.

"But, for the Arctic Gators — with all-time losers Jacquez Green and Rob Konrad on their roster — dominating the league like this, well, that is just such a silly thought anyone suggesting it would be hauled away to a room with rubber walls."

The Gators are doing it with two quarterbacks having career seasons: Donovan McNabb and Drew Bledsoe.

While other teams — notably Bagdad, Flint and Lackawanna — are struggling without one reliable quarterback, the Gators are struggling each week to guess which one of their stars will get the start.

Before the season, things were so bad in Gatorland there were rumors that Dolan was considering bringing in outside consultant Paul Ramey, who won the Sweeney Bowl in his only season in the TFL (1991).

But negotiations fell through at the last minute.

"I'm kind of glad they did," Dolan said before the season. "When I turn things around, and I will, I don't want to share the credit for it."

Mighty Lancers take a fall

By Scoop Bias
Dugway Herald

For all their boasting, the TFL's more ego-maniac owners would have a hard time denying one fact:

The dominant team in the TFL since 1998 has been the Lackawanna Lancers.

Consider, the Lancers are the only team to reach the playoffs in each of those seasons. Also, Lackawanna reached that level in their only other season, 1994. Plus, Mike Continelli was a co-owner of the Dugway franchise in 1993 when the Tubes won the regular-season title.

So, in the six seasons Mike Continelli has been involved in the TFL, he has reached the playoffs each season and won a points-scoring title (in 1994).

Continelli brought in his brother Bob in 1998 to help him run the TFL's dominant franchise. The Lancers own the league's top winning percentage at .679.

But those were the glory days. It appears the mighty Lancers are falling hard this year and will see their streak of making the playoffs end.

The Lancers are 2-2 and might still rebound, but have fallen to 14th in the Power Poll. They have never been ranked that low before.

Lackawanna has scored in the mid-20s the past two weeks and appears to have no quarterback.

OK, they have Vinny Testaverde and Quincy Carter, which led Mike Continelli to dive into TrashTalk and start begging for someone to trade him a warm body at quarterback.

Question is, will anyone do it? After the Great Rape of 2001, when Continelli swapped all of Baltimore's early round picks for some used dental floss, will anyone deal with a man who

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sends used car sales people screaming for cover?

Without a quarterback, the Lancers should not be a threat this year, opening the door for, believe it or not, the Arctic Gators.

Flint is having a down year. Marley stinks. Even if the Gators begin to start Jacquez Green and Rob Konrad and sink to the levels they usually do, the Gators might win this weak division by default.

► DIVISION PLAY BEGINS: For many owners, the highlight of this season was going to be having true divisional rivalries, where all teams play the other teams in their division twice.

That begins this week. For the next three weeks, teams will get a chance to move up in the standings by beating the other teams in their division.

Based on the first four weeks, these are the teams that should win their divisions: Dugway in the Fireweed; East Hartford in the Muldoon; Dutch Harbor in the Spenard; and Arctic in the Gambell.

















The second set of head-to-head divisional games are scheduled for weeks 11-14, which will close the regular season.

► ALEXANDER SETS RB RECORD: Narcoossee running back Shaun Alexander woke up from his three-week slumber and scored 39 points against a porous Denver Pyles defense. That set the record for points in a game by a running back, topping the mark by Nose Apes' rusher Barry Sanders in 1991, who had 34.

► SNEAKY DUGWAY: Dugway owner Ken Sain continues to boast he's the Greatest Fantasy Football Mind in the Galaxy. Many debate that, some straight out laugh when they hear it.

Power poll

The TFL Power Poll uses a formula that tries to calculate how strong each team is on a weekly basis. It eliminates aberrations (high score, low score) and shows how strong each team should be each week.

1.		Arctic Gators.....	133.0
2.		Dutch Harbor	100.0
		East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	100.0
4.		Dugway Experiments	91.0
5.		Alaska Oosiks.....	79.0
6.		Narcoossee Nose Apes.....	76.0
7.		Baltimore Barons.....	73.0
8.		Limerick Laughing Loons	73.0
9.		Denver Pyles	71.0
10.		Tampa Bay Loogs.....	70.0
11.		Willow Weasels	69.0
12.		Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	68.0
13.		Anchorage Kitchen.....	66.0
14.		Lackawanna Lancers	61.0
15.		Marley Wailers.....	59.0
16.		Flint Bison.....	34.0

But, Sain is making a case for it this year. His team was weak at wide receiver to start the season. He fixed that by picking up Donald Driver and Deion Branch.

Remember, the Tubes are undefeated, so Sain is one of the last owners to get a shot at any free agents. The Driver pickup has to be the best free-agent move of the season. Driver has become the top receiver in Green

Bay and he is currently tied for third on the TFL leaderboard. Plus, Driver scored the first week before Sain picked him up.

Dugway is getting consistent scoring at quarterback and has the league's best running back. With improved play at receiver, they could do very well this year.

Now, if they could ever get a kicker to score . . .

WEEK 4 STANDINGS

SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE

FIREWEED DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dugway.....	4	0	0	—	178	148
Alaska.....	2	2	0	2	164	161
Bagdad	2	2	0	2	155	161
Denver	2	2	0	2	149	187

MULDOON DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
East Hartford.....	2	2	0	—	199	164
Baltimore.....	2	2	0	—	136	156
Limerick	1	3	0	1	181	157
Narcoossee.....	1	3	0	1	154	180

CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE

SPENARD DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Tampa Bay.....	3	1	0	—	141	120
Dutch Harbor	2	2	0	1	201	173
Willow	2	2	0	1	133	137
Anchorage	1	3	0	2	141	157

GAMBELL DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Arctic.....	4	0	0	—	253	171
Lackawanna.....	2	2	0	2	143	120
Marley.....	1	3	0	3	124	154
Flint.....	1	3	0	3	78	184

WEEK 4 BOX SCORES

84.....Narcoossee Denver 32

17.....T. Brady	QB	D. Culpepper	8
8.....J. Lewis	RB	M. Alstott	6
39.....S. Alexander	RB	A. Thomas	0
0.....D. Boston	WR	Ky. Johnson	0
6.....D. Stallworth	WR	J. Thrash	6
14.....J. Hanson	K	O. Mare	12
0.....Rams	D	49ers	0

62....Dutch Harbor Flint 13

12.....J. Miller	QB	K. Warner	0
22.....L. Tomlinson	RB	T. Barber	7
1.....C. Portis	RB	T. Wheatley	0
1.....R. Moss	WR	Q. Ismail	0
3.....C. Chambers	WR	J. Horn	2
14.....M. Andersen	K	J. Wilkins	4
9.....Bucs	D	Redskins	0

52....East Hartford Bagdad. 31

30.....R. Gannon	QB	K. Collins	0
8.....R. Williams	RB	D. McAllister	11
0.....J. Wells	RB	J. White	9
0.....Kv. Johnson	WR	A. Freeman	0
2.....M. Booker	WR	J. Smith	0
12.....R. Lindell	K	M. Gramatica	5
0.....Chargers	D	Bears	6

49.....Dugway Limerick 36

16.....B. Griese	QB	J. Harrington	7
8.....P. Holmes	RB	M. Williams	14
0.....T. Jones	RB	M. Bennett	2
10.....D. Branch	WR	E. McCaffrey	5
14.....D. Driver	WR	T. Holt	6
1.....M. Bryant	K	A. Vinatieri	2
0.....Cowboys	D	Bills	0

46.....Arctic Anchorage 26

9.....D. McNabb	QB	J. Fiedler	15
6.....E. George	RB	J. Stewart	1
9.....C. Garner	RB	A. Green	1
12.....E. Moulds	WR	Tr. Brown	0
5.....L. Coles	WR	A. Toomer	0
5.....R. Longwell	K	T. Peterson	9
0.....Patriots	D	Giants	0

36.....Baltimore Alaska 30

15.....A. Brooks	QB	T. Couch	0
1.....C. Dillon	RB	M. Faulk	5
1.....M. Pittman	RB	D. Staley	12
10.....J. Rice	WR	D. Jackson	0
2.....D. Mason	WR	H. Ward	6
1.....J. Nedney	K	P. Dawson	7
6.....Bengals	D	Packers	0

34.....Willow Marley. 23

12.....D. Carr	QB	R. Peete	0
13.....L. Smith	RB	W. Dunn	0
7.....T. Henry	RB	B. Westbrook	0
1.....R. Smith	WR	I. Bruce	7
0.....D. Bates	WR	B. Franks	6
1.....J. Carney	K	S. Janikowski	10
0.....Eagles	D	Broncos	0

27.....Tampa Bay Lackawanna. 25

6.....B. Favre	QB	V. Testaverde	0
0.....J. Bettis	RB	A. Smith	2
0.....W. Henderson	RB	F. Taylor	12
12.....K. McCardell	WR	J. Galloway	0
0.....W. Chrebet	WR	P. Price	6
9.....D. Akers	K	J. Elam	5
0.....Dolphins	D	Browns	0

DEALS

Oct. 1

Limerick places RB Michael Bennett on bye reserve (M. Williams on bye also), adds RB Stacey Mack.
 Narcoossee places WR Donte' Stallworth on IR, adds WR Jerome Pathon.
 Lackawanna waives QB Vinny Testaverde, adds QB Chad Pennington.
 Baltimore waives RB Lamar Gordon, adds RB LaMont Jordan.
 Baltimore places WR Derrick Mason on IR, adds WR Steve Smith.

Sept. 29

Dugway reactivates QB Brian Griese, waives QB Steve Beuerlein.
 Dugway reactivates RB Thomas Jones, waives RB Marcell Shipp.

Sept. 27

Bagdad waives RB James Allen, adds RB Jamel White.

Sept. 26

Willow waives WR Quincy Morgan, adds WR D'Wayne Bates.

Dugway places QB Brian Griese on IR, adds QB Steve Beuerlein.

Alaska reactivates RB Marshall Faulk, waives RB Jamel White.

Sept. 25

Alaska places RB Marshall Faulk on IR, adds RB Jamel White.

Anchorage reactivates RB Ahman Green, waives RB Rondell Mealey.

Dugway places RB Thomas Jones on IR, adds RB Marcell Shipp.

Sept. 24

Narcoossee waives WR Derrisio Thompson, adds WR Donte' Stallworth.

East Hartford waives RB Richard Huntley, adds RB Jonathon Wells.

Limerick waives QB Gus Frerotte, adds QB Joey Harrington.

Flint waives RB Tony Richardson, adds RB Najeh Davenport.

Baltimore waives RB LaMont Jordan, adds RB Lamar Gordon.

Baltimore waives WR Antwaan Randel El, adds WR Brian Finneran.

Dugway waives WR Javon Walker, adds WR Deion Branch.

WEEK 4 LEADERS

Quarterbacks		Running backs		Wide receivers		Kickers		Defenses	
#	Player, team ..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team ..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts
1.	Brooks, BT.....66	1.	Holmes, DU.....61	1.	Moulds, AR.....40	1.	Longwell, AR...41	1.	Bucs, DH.....29
2.	McNabb, AR....57	2.	Williams, EH....48	2.	Price, LK.....34	2.	Akers, TB39	2.	Chargers, EH...17
3.	Gannon, EH....55		Tomlinson, DH .47	3.	Driver, DU.....29	3.	Vinatieri, LI.....38	3.	Patriots, AR....15
4.	Culpepper, DV .52	7.	Alexander, NA.45		Thrash, DV.....29	4.	Mare, DV.....36	4.	Giants, AN.....9
	Griese, DU.....52	3.	Faulk, AK.....39	5.	Booker, EH.....28	5.	Gramatica, BG .35		Colts, LI.....9
6.	Brady, NA....48	4.	Henry, WI.....35	6.	Tr. Brown.....24	6.	Andersen, DK..32		Dolphins, TB...9
7.	Favre, TB.....43	5.	Garner, AR.....34	7.	Harrison, AN....22	7.	Lindell, EH.....31	7.	4 tied.....66

CURRENT ROSTERS**Alaska**

QB Tim Couch
 QB Trent Green
 RB Trung Canidate
 RB Duce Staley
 RB Marshall Faulk
 WR Josh Reed
 WR Hines Ward
 WR Darrell Jackson
 K James Tuthill
 K Phil Dawson
 D Carolina Panthers
 D Green Bay Packers
 IR Brett Conway, K

Baltimore

QB Aaron Brooks
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Michael Pittman
 RB Corey Dillon
 RB LaMont Jordan
 WR Jerry Rice
 WR Brian Finneran
 WR Steve Smith
 K Paul Edinger
 K Joe Nedney
 D Oakland Raiders
 D Cincinnati Bengals
 IR Derrick Mason, WR

Anchorage

QB Jay Fiedler
 QB Michael Vick
 RB Ahman Green
 RB James Stewart
 RB Garrison Hearst
 WR Marvin Harrison
 WR Troy Brown
 WR Amani Toomer
 K Bill Gramatica
 K Todd Peterson
 D Kansas City Chiefs
 D New York Giants

Arctic

QB Donovan McNabb
 QB Drew Bledsoe
 RB Rob Konrad
 RB Charlie Garner
 RB Eddie George
 WR Eric Moulds
 WR Laveranues Coles
 WR Jacquez Green
 K John Holt
 K Ryan Longwell
 D New England Patriots
 D New York Jets

Bagdad

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Kerry Collins
 RB Edgerrin James
 RB Deuce McAllister
 RB Jamel White
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Rod Gardner
 WR Jimmy Smith
 K John Kasay
 K Martin Gramatica
 D Tennessee Titans
 D Chicago Bears

East Hartford

QB Drew Brees
 QB Rich Gannon
 RB William Green
 RB Ricky Williams
 RB Jonathon Wells
 WR Marty Booker
 WR Kevin Johnson
 WR Curtis Conway
 K Billy Cundiff
 K Ryan Lindell
 D San Diego Chargers
 D Baltimore Ravens

Dutch Harbor

QB Jim Miller
 QB Shane Matthews
 RB LaDainian Tomlinson
 RB Clinton Portis
 RB T.J. Duckett
 WR Chris Chambers
 WR Randy Moss
 WR Terry Glenn
 K Doug Brien
 K Morten Andersen
 D New Orleans Saints
 D Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Flint

QB Kurt Warner
 QB Jamie Martin
 RB Tyrone Wheatley
 RB Najeh Davenport
 RB Tiki Barber
 WR Qadry Ismail
 WR Joe Horn
 WR Tim Brown
 K Kris Brown
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Washington Redskins
 D Minnesota Vikings

Denver

QB Daunte Culpepper
 QB Mike McMahon
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Anthony Thomas
 RB Zack Crockett
 WR Ike Hilliard
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 WR James Thrash
 K Olindo Mare
 K Steve Christie
 D San Francisco 49ers
 D Jacksonville Jaguars

Limerick

QB Joey Harrington
 QB Peyton Manning
 RB Moe Williams
 RB Stephen Davis
 RB Stacey Mack
 WR Muhsin Muhammad
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR Torry Holt
 K Jose Cortez
 K Adam Vinatieri
 D Indianapolis Colts
 D Buffalo Bills
 bye Michael Bennett, RB

Tampa Bay

QB Steve McNair
 QB Brett Favre
 RB Aaron Stecker
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB William Henderson
 WR Frank Wycheck
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 K David Akers
 K Hayden Epstein
 D Detroit Lions
 D Miami Dolphins

Lackawanna

QB Chad Pennington
 QB Quincy Carter
 RB Antowain Smith
 RB Olandis Gary
 RB Fred Taylor
 WR Terrell Owens
 WR Peerless Price
 WR Willie Jackson
 K Jason Elam
 K Mike Hollis
 D Cleveland Browns
 D Arizona Cardinals

Dugway

QB Brian Griese
 QB Brad Johnson
 RB Priest Holmes
 RB Thomas Jones
 RB Kevan Barlow
 WR Deion Branch
 WR Plaxico Burress
 WR Donald Driver
 K Gary Anderson
 K Matt Bryant
 D Seattle Seahawks
 D Dallas Cowboys
 IR Owen Pochman, K

Narcoossee

QB Jake Plummer
 QB Tom Brady
 RB Shaun Alexander
 RB Mike Anderson
 RB Jamal Lewis
 WR Jeremy Shockey
 WR David Boston
 WR Jerome Pathon
 K Jason Hanson
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 D Houston Texans
 D St. Louis Rams
 IR DeShaun Foster, RB
 IR Donte' Stallworth, WR

Willow

QB Jeff Garcia
 QB David Carr
 RB Lamar Smith
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Travis Henry
 WR Johnnie Morton
 WR Rod Smith
 WR D'Wayne Bates
 K Jay Feely
 K John Carney
 D Atlanta Falcons
 D Philadelphia Eagles

Marley

QB Rodney Peete
 QB Kordell Stewart
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Brian Westbrook
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Bubba Franks
 WR Tony Gonzalez
 K Sebastian Janikowski
 K Matt Stover
 D Denver Broncos
 D Pittsburgh Steelers