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# This week's game of the century

## Is it time to say dynasty yet? Exmos host Alaska

By Pearl Nicholas

Hebron Biweekly Bugle

HEBRON - It's been a long time coming. Now, the Ex-Eskimos can only hope it isn't a short time staying.

East Hartford remained one of two unbeaten teams in the TFL this week, improving to 5-0 with a 40-33 preening of the Narcoossee Nose Apes. After many seasons of mediocrity - the Exmos have never won 10 games, and haven't won nine since 1993, their second season - owner Chris Reidy feels this team might be on the doorstep of greatness.

"I almost hate to say it, but I think this team can accomplish something special," Reidy said at the Exmos' weekly press conference, moved to the Gina Marie's banquet room to accommodate greater-than-usual media



The Game:

⇒ Alaska Oosiks (3-1-1) at East Hartford Ex-Eskimos (5-0)

The Place:

⇒ The Hebron Mosque.

TV:

⇒ Blacked out except to one sports bar you can only get to by dog sled, but seldom.

coverage,

"Of course, I realize a 'special season' in this league can become a spastic one in a heartbeat. Your next losing streak is always just around the corner. But I'd be lying if I said I didn't think this year could bring a new measure of success to this

franchise."

This Ex-Eskimo roll hasn't come without its tests - nor are the hurdles about to get any shorter. East Hartford has beaten perennial nemeses Flint and Denver; survived a bye week for its one-man team, Steve Young; and so far has overcome a potentially season shattering broken leg by running back Greg Hill.

Young, the TFL's leading scorer with 102 of the Exmos' 223 points, was again the key this week, going scoreless until exploding for three TD passes in the fourth quarter Sunday. It was a sight for sore eyes for Reidy, who recently returned from organizing relief for Central Floridians who were very nearly almost left somewhat damp by the wrath of Hurricane Georges.

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# Rain didn't just fall in Kansas City

*Well, it's a rainy miight in Gawwwgia  
An' ah feel like it's rainin' all ovuh the world."*  
- Song

**By Baron von Butterbrain**  
TFL Today Correspondent

It rained on Narcoossee's parade Sunday night. There they were, poised to ride the right arm of Warren Moon and right toe of Pete Stoyanovich to a comeback win over East Hartford, improve to 3-2 and tie Willow for the Horshack Division lead.

Surely Moon and Stoyanovich were worth the 11 points it would take to overtake a 40-30 East Hartford lead.

But not even an arc could have helped the Nose Apes when a monsoon hit the Kansas City area during the Chiefs-Seahawks

game and turned it into the Soup Bowl. Moon threw two passes and left with bruised ribs, and Stoyo scored 5 points, leaving the Apes a bit short.

The significant of this can be seen in terms of what it means to Willow and Baltimore. The Weasels used Narcoossee's misfortune and a little luck in picking up Erik Kramer during the week to move to 3-2 and into divisional leadership, by beating Flint.

Baltimore beat Dutch Harbor, giving Barons' owner Steve Katz cause to view his 2-3 record optimistically.

**"We can't complain much about 2-3 in [Grbac's] absence."**

- Steve Katz

"Willow comes much, much later for us, but now at least we'll have the chance to control our own fate if and when that time comes."

The road(kill) ahead has the Barons facing Flint and Dugway in trying to climb over .500. Flint and Baltimore both have players on byes, but one, little factor gives Katz reason for optimism.

Elvis has reentered the building.

Katz's starting quarterback returns to action for Kansas City this Sunday after playing one half on opening night and then missing four games with a shoulder injury.

"We can't complain much about 2-3 in his absence," Katz said.



Bagdad and East Hartford are the only unbeaten teams left.

# East Hartford set to do battle with Alaska

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"I even saved some of that rain for the Seattle-Kansas City game," said Reidy, who watched as Nose Apes QB Warren Moon slogged to a zero-point performance Sunday night, helping clinch the Exmos' victory.

The Exmos will need

more help from Mother Nature - and Lady Luck - this week when the best start in franchise history faces a stiff challenge from the Alaska Oosiks. Many scoffed at owner Charles Bingham's draft choices, but after a 3-1-1 start, to quote The Call, "They're

not laughing anymore."

"No doubt about it, gonna be a hard one this week," Reidy said. "We'll have to see if we can soften them up early. Otherwise, it could be an unhappy climax for us."

**"I hate to say it, but I think this team can accomplish something special."**

- Chris Reidy

# Bagdad's binge – 84-32

Can't believe we're giving a whole page to this? Neither can we. But the Bagdad Red Belled Newts joined themselves and eight other teams in the record books this weekend by beating Arctic, 84-32.

It was a game until Monday night. Bagdad led, 33-32, before Minnesota outgunned Green Bay in its own yard on Monday Night Football, with Randall Cunningham throwing four touchdown passes and scoring 38 points. Kicker Gary Anderson added 13 points for Minnesota, giving Bagdad the eighth-highest, single-game, team total in TFL history.

## Making their points

The highest single-team scoring games in TFL history:

Team	Pts	Opponent	Pts	When
Dutch Harbor	95	Flint	44	Week 7, 1997
Dugway	91	Sarasota	43	Week 11, 1995
Baltimore	90	Bagdad	32	Week 6, 1996
Bagdad	86	Narcoossee	37	Week 5, 1995
Marley	86	Limerick	37	Week 12, 1995
Bagdad	86	Anchorage	37	Week 13, 1995
Netherworld	85	Narcoossee	7	Week 11, 1990
Bagdad	84	Arctic	32	Week 5, 1998
Alaska	83	Panama City	18	Week 6, 1990
Dutch Harbor	82	Denver	71	Week 13, 1995
Alaska	81	Anchorage	40	Week 5, 1997

The game had a scoring ripple effect for Denver as well, with Cris Carter and Randy Moss combining for 27 points.

"Give Lacy my worst," Pyles owner Mike Taylor said before leaving for Albuquerque for the weekend.

## WEEK 6 MATCHUPS



**Denver (3-2) at Limerick (3-2)**

**Line: Limerick -6**

Randy Moss is a better ballplayer than anybody Limerick has except John Elway, but Moss, Cris Carter and Barry all are on byes. Accordingly, bye, bye, Pyles. Limerick at home to cover.

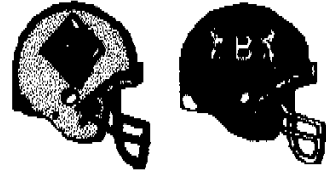


**Lackawanna (2-3)**

**at Willow (3-2)**

**Line: Willow — even**

Both teams' hottest hands — Favre and Kramer — are off. Somebody give me a reason to even care. Ah! Baltimore and Narcoossee need Willow to lose. Take Lackawanna.



**Flint (1-4) at Baltimore (2-3)**

**Line: Baltimore -3**

Smarting and needing a win from somewhere, Flint ... won't get it here. Barons back at home for the first time in 3 weeks, and Grbac starts for the first time in 4. Baltimore by a little.

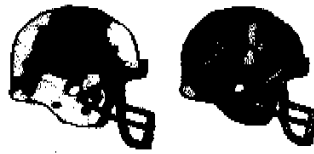


**Dutch Harbor (1-4)**

**at Dugway (1-3-1)**

**Line: none**

Despite what it says on paper, Dugway won't stay this bad for long. The Bus is back from his bye, Rice is hot again, and Rison has Grbac at the helm again. Dutch Harbor let Baltimore beat them last week. Take from that what you will.



**Arctic (2-3)**

**at Anchorage (1-4)**

**Line: Anchorage -7**

Anchorage, which sacrificed last week to the Gods, gets Kordell Stewart, Robert Holcombe, Carl Pickens and Keenan McCardell back. Hey, that's a pretty good 1-4 team. Brunell returns for Arctic, all that could save Mark Dolan from himself. The Kitchen heats up again and covers.



**Narcoossee (2-3)**

**at Bagdad (5-0)**

**Line: Nar ... yeah,**

**Narcoossee -3**

Don't think it's so automatic. Cunningham's off, remember? Bagdad will struggle in this one, even at home. And besides, Bagdad blows. Take the Apes in the season's upset special.



**Alaska (3-1-1)**

**at East Hartford (5-0)**

**Line: Alaska -3**



East Hartford's toughest encounter to date. As good as 5-0 looks, it's tempting to finally admit the Exmos are a one-man team. But only tempting. You don't argue with 44.8 points a game. But Alaska's got the hosses to bring Chris Reidy's joyride to a halt. With three studs from an Atlanta team that scored 51 points last week, plus Terrell Davis, we'll take the Oosiks to rock Reidy's world.

### WEEK 5 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Bagdad	5	0	0	253	84	38	50.6	159	38	25	31.8
Alaska	3	1	1	205	62	14	41.0	153	45	19	30.6
Denver	3	2	0	210	53	22	42.0	187	45	27	37.6
Arctic	2	3	0	197	53	29	39.4	214	84	15	42.8
Dugway	1	3	1	154	47	15	30.8	221	53	31	44.2

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	5	0	0	223	54	37	44.6	157	45	21	31.4
Limerick	3	2	0	169	42	25	33.8	150	53	12	30.0
Lackawanna	2	3	0	175	69	19	35.0	171	46	20	34.2
Flint	1	4	0	177	48	22	35.4	166	48	15	33.2
Anchorage	1	4	0	164	51	15	32.8	264	69	32	52.8

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Willow	3	2	0	180	46	27	36.0	202	69	14	40.4
Narcoossee	2	3	0	185	44	31	37.0	192	46	24	38.4
Baltimore	2	3	0	166	45	19	33.2	165	46	24	33.0
Dutch Harbor	1	4	0	189	69	12	33.8	225	51	39	45.0

### WEEK 5 SCORES

Dugway 45	Alaska 46	Anchorage 27	Denver 53
Jeff George 0	Chris Chandler 12	Jason Garrett 6	Jake Plummer 12
Raymont Harris 0	Garrison Hearst 0	Robert Smith 7	Gary Brown 1
Natrone Means 10	Terrell Davis 17	Nap Kaufman 1	Barry Sanders 0
Jerry Rice 3	Terrance Mathis 1	Mark Chmura 0	Cris Carter 6
Andre Rison 11	Curtis Conway 0	JJ Stokes 7	Randy Moss 21
Mike Vanderjagt 12	Mort. Andersen 15	Todd Peterson 6	Vinatieri 13
Tampa 9	Minnesota 0	Tampa 0	Carolina 0
Willow 40	Flint 30	E. Hartford 40	Narcoossee 33
Erik Kramer 20	Drew Bledsoe 9	Steve Young 24	Warren Moon 0
Marshall Faulk 7	Robert Edwards 8	Ricky Watters 1	Jamal Anderson 9
Adrian Murrell 0	Warrick Dunn 1	Edgar Bennett 8	Ray Zellers 0
Iki Hilliard 0	Ed McCaffrey 7	M. Westbrook 0	M. Muhammad 12
Shannon Sharpe 6	Ant. Freeman 1	Ben Coates 2	Tony Martin 7
Jeff Jaeger 7	Ollindo Mare 4	Jason Elam 5	Pete Stoyo 5
Seattle 0	Green Bay 0	NY Giants 0	Miami 0
Bagdad 84	Arctic 32	Limerick 29	Lackawanna 19
Randall 38	Danny Waurffel 14	John Elway 0	Brett Favre 0
Lamar Smith 6	Sedrick Shaw 0	Emmitt 9	Ant. Smith 6
Karim 0	Curtis Enis 0	Curtis Martin 9	Terry Allen 2
Johnnie Morton 13	Terry Glenn 3	Wayne Chrebet 0	Eric Moulds 2
Rod Smith 14	Keyshawn 6	OJ McDuffie 0	Herman Moore 0
Gary Anderson 13	John Hall 9	Michael Husted 8	Jason Hanson 9
Detroit 0	Denver 0	NY Jets 3	Chicago 0
Baltimore 45	Dutch Harbor 23	<b>Week 6 schedule</b> Denver at Limerick Lackawanna at Willow Flint at Baltimore Dutch Harbor at Dugway Alaska at East Hartford Narcoossee at Bagdad Arctic at Anchorage	
Batch 17	Good Old Vinny 6		
Duce Staley 0	Wm. Henderson 0		
Chris Warren 15	Donnell Bennett 1		
Joey Galloway 1	Rob Moore 6		
Derrick Mayes 0	Tim Brown 0		
Ryan Longwell 6	Richie C. 7		
Saints 6	Kansas City 3		

### TRANSACTIONS

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**  
 Lackawanna waives RB Jay Graham, picks up RB Harvey Williams; waives QB Payton Manning, picks up QB Kerry Collins.  
 Alaska places WR Curtis Conway on injured reserve, picks up WR Jake Reed.  
 Baltimore reactivates QB Elvis Grbac from IR, waives QB Danny Kannel.

**Saturday, Oct. 3**  
 East Hartford waives RB Jerald Moore, picks up RB Leon Johnson.  
 Denver waives QB Ryan Leaf, picks up QB Bubby Brister.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**  
 Baltimore waives RB Errict Rhett, picks up RB Duce Staley.  
 Anchorage places WRs Carl Pickens and Keenan McCardell on bye reserve, picks up Mark Chmura.  
 Willow waives QB Bobby Hoying, picks up QB Erik Kramer.  
 Limerick places WRs Jimmy Smith and Michael Jackson on bye reserve, picks up OJ McDuffie.

**Lackawanna**

QB Brett Favre  
 QB Kerry Collins  
 RB Antowain Smith  
 RB Terry Allen  
 RB Harvey Williams  
 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 Jake Reed  
 WR Curtis Conway  
 K Morten Andersen  
 K Doug Pelfrey  
 D Minnesota  
 D San Diego

*I.R. Curtis Conway***Denver**

QB Jake Plummer  
 QB Ryan Leaf  
 RB Barry Sanders  
 RB Gary Brown  
 RB Ahman Green  
 WR Cris Carter  
 WR Marvin Harrison  
 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 Robert Holcombe  
 WR Carl Pickens  
 WR Keenan McCardell  
 WR J.J. Stokes  
 K Todd Peterson  
 K Jeff Wilkins  
 D Pittsburgh  
 D Arizona

*I.R. Troy Aikman***Baltimore**

QB Elvis Grbac  
 QB Kerry Collins  
 RB Eddie George  
 RB Errict Rhett  
 RB Travis Jervey  
 WR Joey Galloway  
 WR Michael Irvin  
 WR Derrick Mayes  
 K Ryan Longwell  
 K Greg Davis  
 D Baltimore  
 D New Orleans

**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 Terry Glenn  
 WR Jacquez Green  
 WR Keyshawn Johnson  
 K Mike Hollis  
 K John Hall  
 D New England  
 D Denver

**Dutch Harbor**

QB Vinny Testaverde  
 QB Trent Green  
 RB Wm. Henderson  
 RB Donnell Bennett  
 RB Priest Holmes  
 WR Tim Brown  
 WR Rob Moore  
 WR Jermaine Lewis  
 K Richie Cunnigham  
 K Doug Brien  
 D Kansas City  
 D Dallas  
*I.R. Dorsey Levens*  
*I.R. Glenn Foley*

**Limerick**

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

*Byes: Jimmy Smith, Michael Jackson*  
*I.R. Emanuel*

**East Hartford**

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

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

QB Brad Johnson  
 QB Randall Cunningham  
 RB Karim A-Jabbar  
 RB Fred Lane  
 RB Lamar Smith  
 WR Rod Smith  
 WR Isaac Bruce  
 WR Johnnie Morton  
 K Gary Anderson  
 K Matt Stover  
 D Tennessee  
 D Detroit

**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

**Flint**

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