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Week 6 line

Arctic at
Lackawanna +26

Marley
at Flint +11

Tampa Bay
at Anchorage +1

Dutch Harbor
at Willow +21

Limerick
at Baltimore +5

East Hartford
at Narcoossee +7

Alaska
at Dugway +7

Denver
at Bagdad +8

Is luck shining on the Tubes?

By Scoop Bias
Dugway Herald

First, the Diamondbacks win the World Series.

Now, Ken Sain's Dugway Experiments are off to their best start in franchise history at 5-0.

No wonder there's been no mention of Charlie Brown never kicking the football in the Dumpster.

But, let's look at that 5-0 start. Two weeks ago the Tubes beat Limerick, the preseason favorite to win the Sweeney Bowl.

However, that was the week that the Loons' top pick, quarterback Peyton Manning, did not play because of the bye.

Then this week, the Tubes play Denver on the week their No. 1 pick — quarterback Duante Culpepper — is out with the bye.

To make things even easier for Dugway, Pyles owner Mike Taylor makes the mental part of the century by starting the backup quarterback for a team also on the bye, Mike McMahon.

Yes, the Tubes have a good team. They have three players ranked among the league's leaders for their positions (QB Brian Griese, RB Priest Holmes and WR Donald Driver).

But they are only ranked No. 4 in the recent Power Poll.

"I've always said it's better to be lucky in this league," Sain said. "Chris Reidy has



Dugway's Priest Holmes has been the TFL's most valuable player so far this season. He is on a pace to score 249 points this season, shattering the running back record.

done a remarkable job of eliminating skill as a factor. Hey, if the Tampa Bay Loogs are 4-1 and leading their division and the Baltimore Barons can point to two T. Rexes in their trophy case, it's obvious skill can only hurt you."

Sain says the biggest stroke of luck came during the draft.

"For whatever reason, I took Griese in the first round," he said. "I wasn't planning on it. I wanted Deuce McAllister, and I knew Scott Lacy wanted him as well. So, if I didn't take him, Lacy would.

"Griese was available and I grabbed him. Dumb move on my part, because Lacy wasn't taking a QB. He takes

McAllister, and I get stuck with Priest Holmes."

Sain couldn't help smiling at that point. Holmes has become the back everyone thought Marshall Faulk would be this year.

Still, Sain did make some good moves. He recognized the Minnesota offense was not going to be strong after the first week, and dumped WR Derrick Alexander to pick up Donald Driver.

Driver is the only player among the league leaders who went undrafted.

"Yeah, that was a good move, but it was risky at the time," Sain said. "But, when you're the GFFMITG, you just do it."

Power poll

The TFL Power Poll uses a formula that calculates how strong each team is on a weekly basis. It eliminates aberrations (high score, low score) and shows the true expected strength of each team on any given week.

1. Arctic126.7
2. Dutch Harbor108.0
3. East Hartford104.0
4. Dugway93.3
5. Bagdad86.7
6. Limerick82.7
7. Alaska74.0
- Baltimore74.0
- Tampa Bay74.0
10. Narcoossee72.0
11. Anchorage70.0
12. Denver68.7
13. Willow64.7
14. Lackawanna62.7
15. Marley58.0
16. Flint34.0

Money matters

Here is an update on the TFL pot:

Team	Fee	D	F	.....Total
Alaska	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Anchorage	\$100	\$0	\$0	.....\$100
Arctic	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....\$105
Bagdad	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Baltimore	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Denver	\$100	\$0	\$0	.....\$100
Dugway	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Dutch Harbor	\$100	\$5	\$5	.....\$110
East Hartford	\$100	\$15	\$0	.....\$115
Flint	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....\$105
Lackawanna	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Limerick	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Marley	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....\$105
Narcoossee	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Tampa Bay	\$100	\$0	\$0	.....\$100
Willow	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Total	\$1,600	\$145	\$5	.....\$1,750

Fee is the \$100 franchise fee each team pays to play the season. D stands for the deals each team has made that required a \$5 charge; F stands for the amount of fines each team has been assessed.

- Sweeney Bowl champion.....40 percent
- Sweeney Bowl runnerup.....15 percent
- Third place.....11 percent
- Fourth place.....9 percent
- Fifth place.....7 percent
- Sixth place.....5 percent
- Regular season champ.....5 percent
- Points scoring champ.....5 percent
- Pee Wee Bowl champion.....3 percent

Arctic causes slight credibility crisis

By Scoop Bias
Dugway Herald

Newsletters like this one rely on one ingredient to survive: Credibility.

Without it, no one takes you seriously. (Which explains the drop in circulation during the years Scott Lacy was editor. I mean, Bagdad No. 1 in the power poll every week for three years? Please.)

So the editors of TFL Today became quite concerned when the latest line was released for this week's games.

Lackawanna +26 vs. Arctic. Oh, and the Lancers are the home team.

If anyone would have suggested the Arctic Gators could ever be 26-point favorites over the Lancers, well credibility would have taken a holiday and some would think Lacy had staged a coup and taken control of TFL Today again.

But, most owners are now realizing the Arctic Gators are for real and the team to beat in 2002. Yes, even with Rob Konrad and Jacquez Green on the roster. As long as they don't play, the Gators are the team to beat.

Lackawanna meets Arctic as divisional rivals for the first time this week. It should be the game of the week. Consider:

Both these teams returned to the TFL in 1998 after having played in earlier seasons.

Arctic (5-0) is the perennial doormats. They win their three games each season then sleep through the Pee Wee tourney.

Lackawanna (3-2) doesn't know what the Pee Wee tournament is, having never made an appearance. They have been the most consistent team and own the league's highest winning percentage.

And now, we have a huge role reversal. No one is saying this is a do-or-die game, but it is important. If the Gators win they open up a three-game lead in the Gambell Division. Flint and Marley both stink this year. So, the Lancers are the only team that can possibly slow the Arctic juggernaut.

► **BEST DUO STARTS:** With two teams off to 5-0 starts, some started wondering what is the record for best starts by two teams in a season?

Well, two 5-0 starts isn't that rare. This is the third time since 1998 that

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is has happened.

Bagdad and East Hartford both started 5-0 in 1998. The two were scheduled to play in Week 7, so if they both won the following week the league would have its first-ever matchup of unbeaten teams that late in the season.

East Hartford folded under the pressure and lost its Week 6 matchup.

It happened again last season when Denver and Flint both started 5-0. Flint won its Week 6 game, but Denver did not.

However, the record for best start by two teams came in 1994. Flint and Gaithersburg both were unbeaten after eight weeks. Flint was 8-0 on its way to a record 13-0 start. Gaithersburg started 7-0-1. The Garbonzo Beans lost its Week 9 matchup, but gained some revenge. They were the team that finally handed the Flint Bison their first loss.

Dugway and Arctic are not scheduled to play each other this year.

► **MR. CONSISTENCY:** Baltimore's Michael Pittman has scored exactly 1 point in each of his five starts this season.

► **WORSE TEAM OF ALL TIME:** Five games have been played and it is beginning to look like the Flint Bison could be the worse team in TFL history. Don Carlock's team has not yet scored in triple digits. They have 95 points to show for their five games.

The Bison (1-4) have broken the 20-point barrier only once this season. That was a 31-25 season opening victory over Baltimore. Now, Flint is in the midst of a four-game losing streak and on a pace to score only 266 points this season.

If he can reach 300, his team will only be remembered as awful.

The Bison have been hurt by Kurt Warner's disappointing performance before the injury. Still, Carlock has done nothing to improve his team. He did not make a free agent move until this week and appears willing to just write this season off.

What has it come to when the Arctic Gators and Flint Bison have switched roles?

Must be a full moon.

WEEK 6 PREVIEW



Arctic at Lackawanna

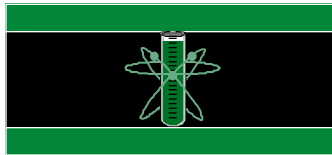
Lackawanna getting 26 points? Against anyone, that's a steal. Against the Gators, you have to think something must be rigged. No way? Who would bet on Arctic?

This year, we do. Arctic 52, Lackawanna 31.



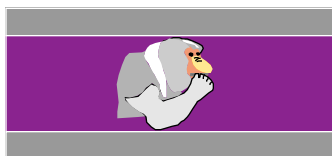
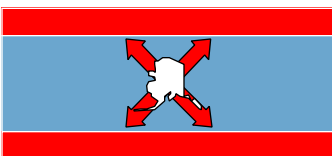
Dutch Harbor at Willow

There is no way the Buccaneers defense can keep scoring at this pace. The Dawgs aren't as good as they have been so far this year. They will come crashing down. But it won't be the Weasels. Dutch Harbor 42, Willow 30.



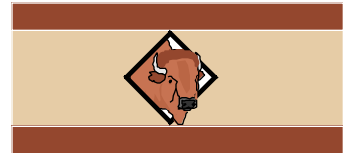
Alaska at Dugway

The Oosiks are better than their 2-3 record. Dugway isn't as good as its 5-0 mark. This game could hinge on the KC offense. If Trent Green passes for TDs, Oosiks win. If Priest Holmes gets the call . . . Dugway 45, Alaska 42.



East Hartford at Narcoossee

This should be the shootout of the week. Narcoossee has been piling up lots of points and getting little for it. East Hartford hasn't scored fewer than 41 points this season. That's impressive. East Hartford 53, Narcoossee 49.



Marley at Flint

This game comes along just in time for the Wailers. They have finally found someone they should beat. The poor Bison have nothing to play for. They're out of it five weeks into the season. Marley 25, Flint 12.



Tampa Bay at Anchorage

Doesn't Tampa Bay ever play anyone good? Oh, they did. They played Dugway and lost. We'd love to pick against the one-man team that is the Loogs. But the Kitchen are awful. Real awful. Tampa Bay 26, Anchorage 23.



Denver at Bagdad

This was one of the top rivalries in the TFL at one point. The battle of the two ATWOs. Now, it's hardly worth mentioning. How sad. Almost as sad as these two teams. Neither team has a decent QB. Bagdad 33, Denver 26.



Limerick at Baltimore

Limerick was the preseason pick to win the Sweeney Bowl for a reason. After struggling early, the Loons appear to have put things together. Baltimore is right on its .450 winning mark. Limerick 47, Baltimore 34.

WEEK 5 STANDINGS

SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE

FIREWEED DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dugway	5	0	0	—	235	176
Bagdad	3	2	0	2	219	193
Alaska	2	3	0	3	196	225
Denver	2	3	0	3	177	244

MULDOON DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
East Hartford	3	2	0	—	255	204
Limerick	2	3	0	1	205	212
Baltimore	2	3	0	1	176	212
Narcoossee	1	4	0	2	213	208

CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE

SPENARD DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	1	0	—	182	148
Dutch Harbor	3	2	0	1	275	212
Willow	2	3	0	2	161	178
Anchorage	1	4	0	3	180	231

GAMBELL DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Arctic	5	0	0	—	310	188
Lackawanna	3	2	0	2	176	148
Marley	1	4	0	4	152	187
Flint	1	4	0	4	95	241

WEEK 5 BOX SCORES

74....Dutch Harbor Anchorage 39

23.....J. Miller QB	M. Vick 0
0.....L. Tomlinson RB	G. Hearst 9
9.....C. Portis RB	A. Green 3
7.....C. Chambers WR	M. Harrison 13
15.....D. Patten WR	A. Toomer 11
11.....M. Andersen K	T. Peterson 3
9.....Buccaneers D	Chiefs 0

64.....Bagdad Alaska 32

21.....K. Collins QB	T. Green 17
7.....E. James RB	M. Faulk 1
18.....D. McAllister RB	D. Staley 4
2.....J. Smith WR	H. Ward 8
8.....R. Gardner WR	J. Reed 1
8.....M. Gramatica K	P. Dawson 1
0.....Titans D	Panthers 0

57.....Dugway Denver 28

18.....B. Griese QB	M. McMahon 0
22.....P. Holmes RB	M. Alstott 0
1.....K. Barlow RB	A. Thomas 0
1.....D. Branch WR	Ky. Johnson 13
12.....D. Driver WR	J. Thrash 1
3.....M. Bryant K	O. Mare 8
0.....Cowboys D	49ers 6

57.....Arctic Flint 17

21.....D. McNabb QB	J. Martin 6
0.....E. George RB	T. Barber 2
19.....C. Garner RB	T. Wheatley 0
6.....E. Moulds WR	Ti. Brown 1
0.....J. Green WR	J. Horn 1
11.....R. Longwell K	J. Wilkins 7
0.....Patriots D	Redskins 0

56....East Hartford Baltimore 40

0.....R. Gannon QB	A. Brooks 0
0.....R. Williams RB	C. Dillon 0
0.....W. Green RB	M. Pittman 0
0.....Kv. Johnson WR	J. Rice 0
0.....M. Booker WR	S. Smith 0
0.....B. Cundiff K	P. Edinger 0
0.....Chargers D	Bengals 0

51.....Limerick Narcoossee . . . 32

18.....P. Manning QB	T. Brady 12
14.....S. Davis RB	J. Lewis 6
6.....S. Mack RB	A. Zereoue 2
12.....E. McCaffrey WR	D. Boston 0
0.....T. Holt WR	J. Pathon 8
1.....A. Vinatierra K	M. Vanderjagt 4
0.....Colts D	Rams 0

41.....Tampa Bay Willow 28

26.....B. Favre QB	J. Garcia 12
8.....J. Bettis RB	L. Smith 0
0.....W. Henderson RB	T. Henry 7
2.....K. McCardell WR	R. Smith 2
0.....W. Chrebet WR	J. Morton 1
5.....D. Akers K	J. Feely 6
0.....Dolphins D	Eagles 0

33Lackawanna Marley 28

12.....C. Pennington QB	R. Peete 6
0.....A. Smith RB	W. Dunn 0
2.....F. Taylor RB	B. Westbrook 0
2.....T. Owens WR	T. Gonzalez 0
10.....P. Price WR	B. Franks 6
7.....M. Hollis K	S. Janikowski 7
0.....Browns D	Broncos 9

WEEK 5 LEADERS

Quarterbacks		Running backs		Wide receivers		Kickers		Defenses	
#	Player, team ..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts
1.	Gannon, EH.....87	1.	Holmes, DU.....83	1.	Moulds, AR.....46	1.	Longwell, AR...52	1.	Bucs, DH.....38
2.	McNabb, AR.....78	2.	Garner, AR.....53	2.	Booker, EH.....44	2.	Akers, TB.....44	2.	Chargers, EH...17
3.	Brooks, BT.....72	3.	Williams, EH.....51		Price, LK.....44		Mare, DV.....44	3.	Broncos.....15
4.	Griese, DU.....70	4.	McAllister, BG..47	4.	Driver, DU.....41	4.	Andersen, DH..43		Patriots, AR.....15
5.	Favre, TB.....69		Tomlinson, DH .47	5.	Harrison, AN....35	5.	Gramatica, BG .43	5.	Giants, AN.....9
6.	Brady, NA.....60	6.	Alexander, NA..45	6.	Thrash, DV.....30	6.	Vinateri, LI.....39		Colts, LI.....9
7.	Manning, LI.....57	7.	Henry, WI.....42	7.	Ward, AK.....28	7.	Janikowski, MA37		Dolphins, TB.....9

DEALS

Oct. 8

Dutch Harbor is fined \$5 because WR Terry Glenn played while on IR.
 Flint places QB Kurt Warner on IR, adds QB Patrick Ramsey.
 Baltimore waives RB Lamont Jordan, adds RB Stacey Mack.
 Anchorage places QB Michael Vick on IR, adds QB Doug Johnson.

Oct. 5

Dutch Harbor places WR Terry Glenn on IR, adds WR David Patten.
 Narcoossee waives RB Mike Anderson, adds RB Amos Zereoue.
 Dutch Harbor waives QB Shane Mathews, adds QB Tommy Maddox.

Oct. 2

Alaska waives RB Trung Canidate, adds RB Lamar Gordon.

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.

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 Stacey Mack
 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 Doug Johnson
 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
 IR Michael Vick, QB

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 Tommy Maddox
 RB LaDainian Tomlinson
 RB Clinton Portis
 RB T.J. Duckett
 WR Chris Chambers
 WR Randy Moss
 WR David Patten
 K Doug Brien
 K Morten Andersen
 D New Orleans Saints
 D Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 IR Terry Glenn, WR

Flint

QB Patrick Ramsey
 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
 IR Kurt Warner, QB

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 Michael Bennett
 WR Muhsin Muhammad
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR Torry Holt
 K Jose Cortez
 K Adam Vinatieri
 D Indianapolis Colts
 D Buffalo Bills

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 Amos Zereoue
 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