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## Does East Hartford still have the heart?

Exmos have turf to defend, surely won't just let Bagdad show up, win

By Baron von Butterbrain  
TFL Today

Only one of the combatants really wanted to talk about this game, and it even took pulling teeth to get anything out of him.

This was the week that was supposed to have been but wasn't: the farthest into a season that two teams had ever been unbeaten, and here they almost were, playing each other.

On three separate occasions, teams had had winning streaks as long as seven games to open a season: Denver's 7-0 start, behind Jim Kelly, in 1991, Flint's 13-0 rampage in 1994 (which we will refer to as The Mirage), and Dugway's 7-0 start last year.

Bagdad now has a



#### The Game:

⇒ Bagdad Red-bellied Newts (6-0) at East Hartford Ex-Eskimos (5-1)

#### The Place:

⇒ The Hebron Mosque.

#### TV:

⇒ To be shown on a tape-delay basis after movie time is over at Bagdad team headquarters..

chance to make it four, with a victory at East Hartford on Sunday. That's 5-1 East Hartford. The streaking Exmos stumbled and acquired the 1 when they got

thumped by Alaska's all-double-figure lineup on the way to the prom, and Chris Reidy was so crest-fallen he declared his Ex-Eskimos no better than the third-best team in the TFL, behind the Newts and Oosiks.

In such a state of mind was Reidy that he begged out of chronicling whatever greatness had once been his.

So The TFL Today decided to do this a different way, and conduct a one-on-one interview with Bagdad owner Scott Lacy. Else, you'd be reading an empty page right now.

**TFL Today:** Coach Lacy, let's talk about complacency. You're 6-0, the only unbeaten team left in the league, and you even won when your best players were off. Reidy

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LINEUPS ARE DUE THURSDAY

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# Horshack lives up to what it sounds like

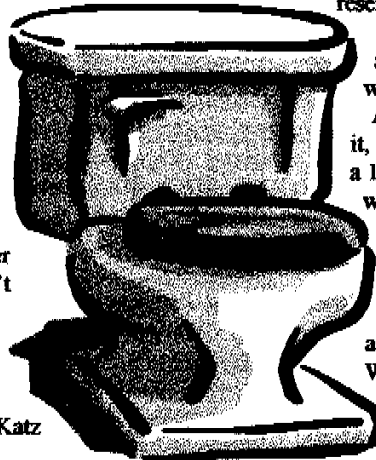
By Baron von Butterbrain  
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It was early, but it was all but over. About mid-way through the first quarter of New England's game against Kansas City, Barons owner Steve Katz made an emergency call to Flint headquarters.

"Donny, call off the dogs," Katz pleaded to an answering machine, which took the call because the Bison's Don Carlock was playing in an all-you-can-cat-and-drink, chili-and-beer golf tournament, which he hasn't even said anything about yet.

Flint's Drew Bledsoe and Robert Edwards had already produced 24 points between them, and it seemed every time Katz flipped the channel back to the game, there was another New England touchdown, and one of them was scoring it.

Thirty points just from those two players by halftime, and 33 in all, spelled the end for Baltimore, which fell to 2-4 in the ugliest division in this or any other league, real or imagined, this side of the NFC East.



The Horshack Division

How ugly is the Horshack? Willow lost to Lackawanna, and Narcoossee got blown out by a Bagdad team (see lead story, if he wrote one) that picked up Rodney Peete as an 11th-hour bye-reserve quarterback.

And Dutch Harbor fell to 1-5 at the hands of a suddenly not so woeful Dugway.

And that's the division. 3-3 leads it, followed by a couple of 2-4's and a 1-5. Which is exactly why Katz wasn't worried.

His stoicism matched only by his bravery, Katz unblinkingly said. "We're not hurting. The first-place team is just as shitty as anybody, and this week the Weasels play Denver, which returns all of its best players from byes. If Denver wins and we bury Dugway, we're in the same boat as everybody around us."

A potential three-way tie for first place at 3-4 is what looms. Tune in next week for the answer to why we're even writing about it.

Next week:

A preview of

Casey Brogan's

Australian

Journey.

## 'He's already lost. Half the game is mental'

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just lost his first game, and rather than sounding like he's primed for a big game, as a wounded animal would be, he's lying down. Any thoughts?

LACY: No, I have no thoughts. My brain is empty.

TFL Today: Do you think Reidy has a chance against you?

LACY: As long as he thinks he's third best, he's already lost. Half the game is mental. Now, it won't even be any fun destroying him.

TFL Today: Do you think he got in trouble

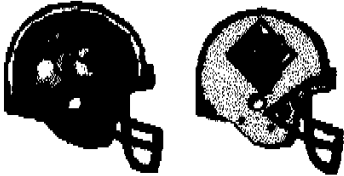
last week by looking ahead?

LACY: Well, I did notice he was so anxious for the game, he forgot it was this week and lost his focus on his game against Alaska. I wonder if he even realizes it's me he's playing now. Then, I wonder if any-

body realizes what they're up against.

There you have it. Those aren't edited remarks, that's just all the time he had when we visited him. Aren't you glad we caught him in a modest mood?

## WEEK 7 MATCHUPS



**Lackawanna (3-3) at Flint (2-4)**  
**Line: Lackawanna +3**

Lackawanna will need the points on the road to overcome a Flint team that is getting production from Bledsoe and Edwards. But how many times will that combination explode as it did this week?



**Dutch Harbor (1-5)**  
**at Alaska (4-1-1)**  
**Line: (off)**

G'day, mate! And put another loss on the barby! Brogan's team is already where he's about to go: down under. Slim and none are his only chances, and slim's about to go wrestle alligators.



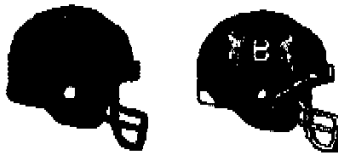
**Narcoossee (2-4)**  
**at Arctic (3-3)**  
**Line: Arctic -10**

If Brunell and Taylor can remember what they did right on Monday night, it's over. The Nose Apes have two quarterbacks to choose from: the one who's hurt and the one who's hurt worse.



**Willow (3-3) at Denver (3-3)**  
**Line: Denver -6**

If Denver doesn't wake up, they'll be as bad as Dugway. But with Barry, Cris and Randy back from byes, the talent difference favors the Pyles by a pile. (Still can't believe Denver trod on the misfortune of John Elway to grab Brister as a backup QB.)



**Dugway (2-3-1)**  
**at Baltimore (2-4)**  
**Line: Baltimore -7**

It doesn't get any bigger than this for the Barons. They start a rookie quarterback against an improving Tubes squad.

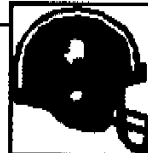


**Limerick (4-2)**  
**at Anchorage (1-5)**  
**Line: Limerick -10**

Limerick has won two straight gift games, with the opposing quarterback scoring no points. This week, his will, because Elway's on a bye and the Loons have to start Trent Dilfer. Take the Kitchen to win outright.



**Bagdad (6-0)**  
**at East Hartford (5-1)**  
**Line: pick 'em**



If Alaska was East Hartford's toughest opponent to date, it just gets tougher. Both teams just keep getting what they need to win and then some, with last week the only exception. But who could have predicted Alaska would get double figures from every roster slot except its defense? These two heavy-weights (one with an ego to match) have little to choose between them. But at a closer look, Bagdad has slightly better balance beneath quarterback.

### WEEK 6 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Bagdad	6	0	0	297	84	38	49.7	177	38	18	29.5
Alaska	4	1	1	288	83	14	48.0	186	45	19	32.7
Arctic	3	3	0	239	53	29	39.8	240	84	15	40.0
Denver	3	3	0	233	53	22	38.8	218	45	27	36.3
Dugway	2	3	1	185	47	15	30.8	240	53	19	40.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	5	1	0	266	54	37	44.3	240	83	21	40.0
Limerick	4	2	0	199	42	25	33.2	173	53	12	28.8
Lackawanna	3	3	0	220	69	19	36.7	193	46	20	32.2
Flint	2	4	0	223	48	22	37.2	183	48	15	30.5
Anchorage	1	5	0	190	51	15	31.7	306	69	32	51.0

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Willow	3	3	0	202	46	22	33.7	247	89	14	41.2
Narcoossee	2	4	0	203	44	18	33.8	236	46	24	39.3
Baltimore	2	4	0	183	45	17	30.5	211	46	24	35.2
Dutch Harbor	1	5	0	188	69	12	31.3	256	51	31	42.7

### WEEK 6 SCORES

<b>Arctic</b> 42	<b>Anchorage</b> 28
Mark Brunell 15	Kordell Stwrt. 3
Fred Taylor 17	Robt Holcombe 0
Curtis Enis 0	Nap Kaufman 0
Terry Glenn 2	Carl Pickens 19
Keyshawn 2	JJ Stokes 0
John Hall 6	Todd Peterson 4
Patriots 0	Pittsburgh 0

<b>Flint</b> 46	<b>Baltimore</b> 17
Drew Bledsoe 18	Elvis Grbac 6
Robt Edwards 15	Duce Staley 0
Warrick Dunn 0	Eddie George 3
Ed McCaffrey 0	Joey Galloway 1
James Jett 10	Michael Irvin 4
Olindo Mare 3	Greg Davis 1
Buffalo 0	Ravens 2

<b>Alaska</b> 83	<b>E. Hartford</b> 43
Chris Chandler 22	Steve Young 23
Garrison Hearst 10	Leon Johnson 7
Terrell Davis 13	Edgar Bennett 0
Terrance Mathis 11	M. Westbrook 0
Darnay Scott 14	Ch. Johnson 0
Mort. Andersen 10	Art Carney 7
San Diego 3	Atlanta 6

<b>Lackawanna</b> 45	<b>Willow</b> 42
Steve Beuerlein 20	Erik Kramer 9
Ant. Smith 16	Marshall Faulk 4
Terry Allen 2	Adrian Murrell 1
Eric Moulds 0	Iki Hilliard 0
Thigpen 0	Shannon Sharpe 6
Steve Christie 7	John Kasay 2
Chicago 0	Washington 0

<b>Bagdad</b> 44	<b>Narcoossee</b> 18
Rodney Peete 12	Rob Johnson 0
Lamar Smith 0	Corey Dillon 2
Karim 6	Jamal Anderson 3
Rod Smith 16	M. Muhammed 1
Frank Sanders 7	Tony Martin 8
Matt Stover 7	Pete Stoyo 4
Tennessee 3	Miami 0

<b>Dugway</b> 31	<b>Dutch Harbor</b> 23
Tony Banks 6	Glenn Foley 0
Jerome Bettis 7	Priest Holmes 8
Natrone Means 4	Charlie Garner 1
Jerry Rice 2	Jermaine Lewis 0
Andre Rison 0	Tim Brown 1
Vanderjagt 12	Richie C. 9
St. Louis 0	Dallas 0

<b>Limerick</b> 30	<b>Denver</b> 23
John Elway 15	Jake Plummer 0
Emmitt 9	Gary Brown 0
Charles Way 0	Ahman Green 0
Michael Jax 0	Leslie Shepherd 0
Jimmy Smith 0	M. Harrison 7
Al Del Greco 6	Vinatieri 16
NY Jets 0	Philadelphia 0

**Week 7 schedule**  
 Lackawanna at Flint  
 Dutch Harbor at Alaska  
 Narcoossee at Arctic  
 Willow at Denver  
 Dugway at Baltimore  
 Bagdad at East Hartford  
 Limerick at Anchorage

### TRANSACTIONS

**Sunday, Oct. 11**  
 Bagdad places QB Brad Johnson on I.R., adds QB Rodney Peete.  
 Narcoossee waives WR Robert Brooks, activates WR Andre Reed off I.R.

**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
 Baltimore places WR Derrick Mayes on I.R., adds WR Patrick Johnson.  
 Dutch Harbor waives RB William Henderson, adds RB Charlie Garner; waives QB Vinny Testaverde, reactivates QB Glenn Foley.  
 Alaska waives WR Jake Reed, activates WR Curtis Conway off I.R.

**Friday, Oct. 9**  
 Bagdad places WR Isaac Bruce on I.R., adds WR Frank Sanders.

**Thursday, Oct. 8**  
 Dugway places QB Jeff George on I.R., adds QB Donald Hollas.

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**  
 Limerick places QB John Elway on I.R., adds QB Ryan Leaf.  
 Denver places WR Cris Carter on one-week reserve (WR Randy Moss also on bye), adds WR Leslie Shepherd.  
 Lackawanna waives QB Kerry Collins, adds QB Steve Beuerlein.  
 Baltimore fined because RB Travis Jervey played while on the I.R. Waives RB Chris Warren, activates Jervey

**Lackawanna**

QB Brett Favre  
 QB **Steve Beuerlein**  
 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 **Darnay Scott**  
 WR Curtis Conway  
 K Morten Andersen  
 K Doug Pelfrey  
 D Minnesota  
 D San Diego

**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 **Donald Hollas**  
 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 Alkman*

**Baltimore**

QB Elvis Grbac  
 QB **Charlie Batch**  
 RB Eddie George  
 RB **Duce Staley**  
 RB **Travis Jervey**  
 WR Joey Galloway  
 WR Michael Irvin  
 WR **Patrick Johnson**  
 K Ryan Longwell  
 K Greg Davis  
 D Baltimore  
 D New Orleans

*I.R. Derrick Mayes***Narcoossee**

QB Warren Moon  
 QB Rob Johnson  
 RB Corey Dillon  
 RB Jamal Anderson  
 RB **Ray Zellers**  
 WR Tony Martin  
 WR **Muhsin Muhammad**  
 WR Andre Reed  
 K Pete Stoyanovich  
 K Wade Richie  
 D Miami  
 D Jacksonville

**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 **Glenn Foley**  
 QB **Trent Green**  
 RB **Charlie Garner**  
 RB Donnell Bennett  
 RB **Priest Holmes**  
 WR Tim Brown  
 WR Rob Moore  
 WR Jermaine Lewis  
 K Richie Cunningham  
 K Doug Brien  
 D Kansas City  
 D Dallas

*I.R. Dorsey Levens***Limerick**

QB John Elway  
 QB Trent Dilfer  
 RB Curtis Martin  
 RB Emmitt Smith  
 RB Charles Way  
 WR **Jimmy Smith**  
 WR Michael Jackson  
 WR **Wayne Chrebet**  
 K Al Del Greco  
 K Michael Husted  
 D NY Jets  
 D Oakland

*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 Carney  
 D NY Giants  
 D Atlanta  
*I.R. Greg Hill*

**Bagdad**

QB **Rodney Peete**  
 QB Randall Cunningham  
 RB Karim A-Jabbar  
 RB Fred Lane  
 RB Lamar Smith  
 WR Rod Smith  
 WR Frank Sanders  
 WR Johnnie Morton  
 K Gary Anderson  
 K Matt Stover  
 D Tennessee  
 D **Detroit**  
*I.R. Isaac Bruce*

*I.R. Brad Johnson***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