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Week 7 line

Denver at Alaska	+1
Dugway at Bagdad	+8
Willow at Anchorage	+2
Tampa Bay at Dutch Harbor	+13
Baltimore at Narcoossee	+6
East Hartford at Limerick	+8
Arctic at Marley	+28
Flint at Lackawanna	+13

Gators who?

By Harvey 'Booger' Picker

Special to TFL Today

Consider a random person. Call him anything. For argument's sake, we'll call ours "Charles Bingham." Put this person in a cold, wet, dark place and give him only TFL TrashTalk for media sustenance, and he might very well take the following statement to be undeniably true:

The Arctic Gators ... Everybody's talkin' about 'em. Baby!

But is it so?

We wanted to find out. But we also needed to examine this statement through the eyes of folks a bit more media-savvy than "Charles Bingham." We needed to probe the reach and the breadth of this statement on a more diverse population than one might find in, oh, "Juneau, Alaska."

We considered where we might find such people. We considered where we might find such a place. After we considered those two things, we looked at our narrowed-down list of 300 million names and 49 states and zeroed in on the ultimate test sample.

We'll call it "San Jose, Calif.."

Here is what we found:

The scene: "San Jose" International Airport, the bag-

gage claim. A young couple nuzzle after being reunited. They talk. They giggle. We direct our questions to the man.

Q: What are you two talking about?

A: Pardon me?

Q: What are you two talking about?

A: Why?

Q: Are you talking about the Arctic Gators?

A: What are you talking about?

Q: No, what are you talking about?

A: What's your problem?

Q: Are you talking about the Arctic Gators?

A: No! (Stalks off)

Verdict: Young lovebirds are NOT talking about the Arctic Gators.

The scene: Downtown "San Jose," at Blake's Steakhouse. We talk to the bartender.

Q: What do people talk about in here?

A: Oh, man, everything.

Mostly the Giants and the Niners and Raiders. But men talk about women, women talk about men, drunks talk about their drinks. You get all kinds.

Q: Does anybody

ever talk about the Arctic Gators?

A: That the new exhibit at the San Francisco Zoo? We don't get much of a San Francisco crowd in here.

Q: No, the Arctic Gators. Undefeated football team. The talk of the league.

A: Oh, the NFL! I haven't heard of them, but the league expanded this year, right?

Q: No, this is the Times Football League.

A: (Looking around for somebody else to talk to) What? Um, I haven't heard of it.

Verdict: Bartenders and bar-goers are NOT talking about the Arctic Gators.

The scene: Downtown "San Jose," at Cesar Chavez Park. We talk to a skateboarder.

Q: Hey, dog. What up?

A: (Nods.)

Q: You guys rap about the Arctic Gators?m

A: Uh, that a new line of boards?

Q: Nah, dog. It's a phat phantasy phootball team.

A: (Skating away) Uh, no.

Verdict: Young, with-it, hipster skateboarders are NOT talking about the Arctic Gators.

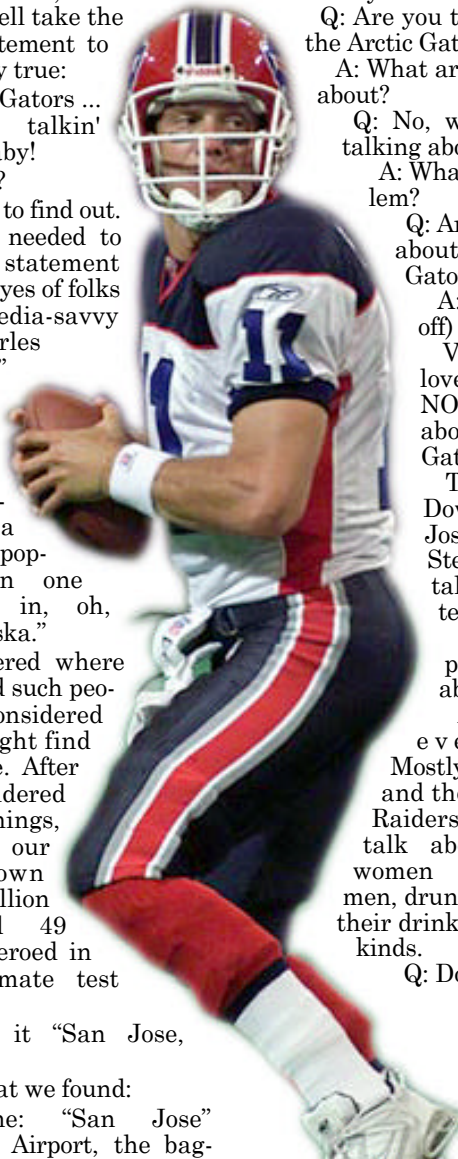
We could have gone to a dozen more places and the results would have been the same.

Despite the Gators' flogging of their signature line -- "Everybody's talkin' about 'em, baby!" -- it appears that the only people talkin' about the Gators are in TrashTalk. And the biggest talker is The Big Gator himself, Coach Mark Dolan.

And that's the way it is.

Baby.

Reports out of Barrow, Alaska indicate Gators owner Mark Dolan may deal quarterback Drew Bledsoe this week. Lackawanna is interested, but Dolan ended talks when the Brothers Continelli asked for the keys to Fort Knox.



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. Arctic118.0
2. Dutch Harbor101.0
3. East Hartford98.5
4. Dugway90.0
5. Limerick79.0
6. Bagdad77.5
- Narcoossee77.5
- Tampa Bay77.5
9. Baltimore75.5
10. Denver74.5
11. Alaska73.0
12. Anchorage72.0
13. Willow70.0
14. Lackawanna65.0
15. Marley56.5
16. Flint41.0

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	\$15	\$0	.....\$115
Denver	\$100	\$0	\$0	.....\$100
Dugway	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Dutch Harbor	\$100	\$5	\$5	.....\$110
East Hartford	\$100	\$15	\$0	.....\$115
Flint	\$100	\$15	\$0	.....\$115
Lackawanna	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Limerick	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Marley	\$100	\$15	\$0	.....\$115
Narcoossee	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Tampa Bay	\$100	\$0	\$0	.....\$100
Willow	\$100	\$15	\$0	.....\$115
Total	\$1,600	\$165	\$5	.....\$1,770

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 runnerup15 percent
- Third place.....11 percent
- Fourth place.....9 percent
- Fifth place.....7 percent
- Sixth place.....5 percent
- Regular season champ5 percent
- Points scoring champ.....5 percent
- Pee Wee Bowl champion.....3 percent

2 teams still chase after perfect season

By Scoop Bias
Dugway Herald

For the first time in TFL history, two teams are off to 6-0-0 starts, increasing the possibility that one of them may pull off the first perfect season.

So far, the 1994 Flint Bison have come the closest with a 13-0 start, but Don Carlock's team fell apart in the playoffs, struggling to score in double digits.

"I don't want to talk about a perfect season, go ask (Arctic owner Mark) Dolan," Dugway owner Ken Sain said. The Experiments rallied to beat Alaska 40-35 this week while Arctic held off a Lackawanna rally to win 40-36. Those are the two teams with perfect records as the halfway point of the regular season approaches this weekend.

These are uncharted waters for the Arctic Gators. Their previous best season was 7-7 in 1990. Since then, five wins was considered a better than average year. It would take a meltdown of, well, Arctic Gator proportions to not finish 2002 with a winning record.

But, Dugway has been here before. The Tubes started 1997 7-0 a year after appearing in their first Sweeney Bowl in 1996.

"The 1997 team was our best as a franchise," Sain said. "And that's saying something considering the 1993 regular-season champions and the 1996 team that won the points-scoring title and went to the Sweeney Bowl."

The two unbeaten teams this year are doing it in different manners. Arctic has been dominating its opponents. The Gators have been the top-scoring team for half of the weeks played this season. They are threatening to establish a new record for points scored in a season.

Dugway, however, has been winning with consistency. The Tubes have not been the top scoring team in a week yet. But, the Experiments usually

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score in the 40s, which traditionally has been good enough to claim a win.

"These are the types of teams I like," Sain said. "I don't like players that score 35 points one week, then 3 the next. That will get you a .500 record.

My players are real consistent. They just keep plugging along and get at least 40 points a week, and that's been enough to win."

But is it good enough to take Dugway to a perfect season? Or, can Arctic with their drums of Acme Whupass go 14-0 and then cruise through the playoffs?

Since we're dreaming, why not dream of two undefeated teams meeting in the Sweeney Bowl? That can happen, since Dugway and Arctic are not scheduled to play each other this year.

But we're talking about Charlie Brown and the Arctic Gators, so dreams are all that will come from

that.

► **UNLUCKY DAWGS:** With the two undefeated teams getting all the press lately, one team is quietly going unnoticed.

Dutch Harbor, a Sweeney Bowl Tournament regular, stands at 3-3. However, the Dawgs have been very unlucky.

Casey Brogan's opponents have scored 62, 63 and 49 points in his three losses. That's an average of 58 points per game.

The Dawgs have scored 315 points, only 35 behind Arctic. That pace would also break the TFL record.

Bad luck or not, Dutch Harbor faces a key game this week. The Dawgs meet Spenard Division-leading Tampa Bay (5-1). A loss would mean the Dawgs trail the Loogs by three games with seven to play.

► **1-MAN LOGGS:** Tampa Bay is the surprise team of the year (not counting Arctic). It just shows how far a one-man team (Brett Favre) can go.

Flint's run

Here are the scores from Flint's games in 1994, when the Bison set the record with a 13-0 start:

- Flint 62, Marley 60
- Flint 46, Alaska 18
- Flint 37, Limerick 35
- Flint 61, Narcoossee 18
- Flint 30, Dugway 18
- Flint 38, Lackawanna 24
- Flint 34, Sarasota 17
- Flint 48, Denver 39
- Flint 31, Sarasota 27
- Flint 35, Baltimore 25
- Flint 30, Gaithersburg 22
- Flint 66, East Hartford 7
- Broad Street 65, Flint 38

WEEK 7 PREVIEW



Tampa Bay at Dutch Harbor

Series record: First-ever meeting

Outlook: It's time for the Dawgs to start their run to the Spenard Division championship. Sorry Loogs.

Prediction: Dutch Harbor 52, Tampa Bay 37.

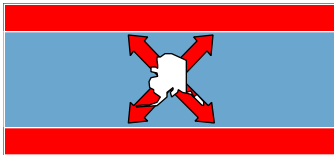


Dugway at Bagdad

Series record: Experiments lead series 7-5-0.

Outlook: Be careful what you wish for: Bagdad wanted to be the first to tag a loss on Dugway. Not likely for a team without a quarterback.

Prediction: Dugway 43, Bagdad 25.



East Hartford at Limerick

Series record: Ex-Eskimos lead series 6-5-0.

Outlook: This is a great little rivalry. Limerick was the preseason pick to win it all. But, you don't win without running backs.

Prediction: East Hartford 48, Limerick 36.



Flint at Lackawanna

Series record: Lancers lead series 3-2-0.

Outlook: What happened here? This is usually a great matchup. Now, it's a yawner. How the mighty have fallen. (And keep falling).

Prediction: Lackawanna 25, Flint 17.



Willow at Anchorage

Series record: Kitchen leads series 5-2-0.

Outlook: The Kitchen deserve more than one victory. They should have little problem collecting it against Weak Willow.

Prediction: Anchorage 39, Willow 29.



Denver at Alaska

Series record: Oosiks lead series 10-7-0.

Outlook: Last week was the aberration. Denver will not score that many points again this year. Alaska could sleep through this one.

Prediction: Alaska 46, Denver 32.

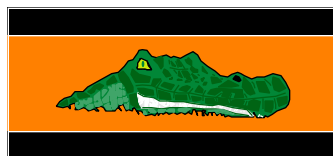


Baltimore at Narcoossee

Series record: Nose Apes lead series 8-6-0.

Outlook: These two teams are having strange bouts of luck. Good for the Barons, bad for the Grape Apes. That changes this week.

Prediction: Narcoossee 53, Baltimore 28.



Arctic at Marley

Series record: First-ever meeting.

Outlook: It is so against the nature of the universe to keep picking Arctic to win, we're sure earth has left its orbit. Something's not right.

Prediction: Arctic 62, Marley 12.

WEEK 6 STANDINGS

SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE

FIREWEED DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dugway	6	0	0	—	275	211
Denver	3	3	0	3	230	252
Bagdad	3	3	0	3	227	227
Alaska	2	4	0	4	231	231

MULDOON DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
East Hartford	3	3	0	—	294	251
Baltimore	3	3	0	—	219	246
Narcoossee	2	4	0	1	260	247
Limerick	2	4	0	1	239	255

CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE

SPENARD DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	1	0	—	232	187
Dutch Harbor	3	3	0	2	315	261
Willow	3	3	0	2	210	218
Anchorage	1	5	0	4	219	281

GAMBELL DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Arctic	6	0	0	—	350	224
Lackawanna	3	3	0	3	212	188
Flint	2	4	0	4	126	267
Marley	1	5	0	5	178	218

WEEK 6 BOX SCORES

53.....Denver **Bagdad. 8**

20.....D. Culpepper QB M. Brunell. 0
 0.....Z. Crockett RB E. James 0
 16.....M. Alstott RB D. McAllister. 3
 1.....Ky. Johnson WR J. Smith 0
 8.....I. Hilliard WR R. Gardner. 0
 8.....O. Mare K M. Gramatica 5
 0.....49ers D Titans. 0

50.....Tampa Bay **Anchorage 39**

18.....B. Favre QB J. Fiedler 0
 18.....J. Bettis RB G. Hearst 2
 6.....W. Henderson RB A. Green. 16
 0.....K. McCardell WR M. Harrison. 11
 0.....F. Wycheck WR Tr. Brown 0
 2.....H. Epstein K T. Peterson. 10
 6.....Dolphins D Giants 0

49Willow **Dutch Harbor . . 40**

12.....J. Garcia QB T. Maddox 6
 2.....L. Smith RB L. Tomlinson. 13
 17.....T. Henry RB C. Portis. 3
 5.....R. Smith WR T. Glenn 0
 0.....J. Morton WR R. Moss 5
 13.....J. Carney K M. Andersen. 10
 0.....Falcons D Bucs. 3

47Narcoossee **East Hartford . . 39**

6.....T. Brady QB R. Gannon 10
 15.....J. Lewis RB R. Williams. 12
 8.....S. Alexander RB J. Wells 1
 0.....J. Pathon WR C. Conway 13
 0.....D. Patten WR Kv. Johnson 0
 18.....M. Vanderjagt K R. Lindell 3
 0.....Rams D Ravens. 0

43.....Baltimore **Limerick 34**

18.....A. Brooks QB P. Manning. 8
 7.....C. Dillon RB S. Davis 7
 3.....M. Pittman RB M. Williams. 6
 4.....J. Rice WR E. McCaffrey 1
 0.....S. Smith WR T. Holt 8
 11.....J. Nedney K A. Vinatieri 4
 0.....Raiders D Colts 0

40.....Arctic **Lackawanna. . . 36**

13.....D. Bledsoe QB C. Redman. 0
 15.....E. George RB A. Smith. 2
 1.....C. Garner RB F. Taylor 1
 7.....E. Moulds WR T. Owens 14
 0.....J. Green WR P. Price. 12
 4.....R. Longwell K M. Hollis. 7
 0.....Patriots D Browns. 0

40.....Dugway **Alaska 35**

10.....B. Griese QB T. Green. 18
 9.....P. Holmes RB M. Faulk. 11
 7.....K. Barlow RB L. Gordon. 0
 7.....P. Burress WR D. Jackson. 1
 0.....D. Driver WR H. Ward 0
 7.....G. Anderson K P. Dawson 5
 0.....Cowboys D Panthers. 0

31.....Flint **Marley. 26**

18.....P. Ramsey QB R. Peete. 6
 1.....T. Barber RB W. Dunn. 1
 0.....S. Mack RB B. Westbrook 0
 0.....Ti. Brown WR T. Gonzalez 6
 8.....J. Horn WR B. Franks 6
 4.....J. Wilkins K S. Janikowski 7
 0.....Vikings D Broncos 0

DEALS

Oct. 15

Marley waives QB Rodney Peete, adds QB Quincy Carter.
 Marley waives RB Brian Westbrook, adds RB Cory Schlesinger.
 Anchorage places QB Jay Fiedler on IR, adds QB Ray Lucas.

Flint waives QB Jamie Martin, adds QB Marc Bulger.
 Narcoossee reactivates WR Jeremy Shockey, waives WR David Patten.
 Narcoossee reactivates WR Donte' Stallworth, waives WR David Patten.

Bagdad places QB Mark Brunell on IR, adds QB Chris Weinke.
 Bagdad places K John Kasay on IR, adds K Shayne Graham.
 Willow waives WR D'Wayne Bates, adds WR Joey Galloway.

Oct. 12

Lackawanna waives QB Quincy Carter, adds QB Chris Redman.

Oct. 10

Narcoossee places WR Jeremy Shockey on IR, adds WR David Patten.

Oct. 9

Dutch Harbor reactivates WR Terry Glenn, waives WR David Patten.

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.
 Flint waives RB Tyrone Wheatley, 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.

WEEK 6 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.....97	1.	Holmes, DU.....92	1.	Price, LK.....56	1.	Longwell, AR...56	1.	Bucs, DH.....41
2.	Brooks, BT.....90	2.	Williams, EH....63	2.	Moulds, AR.....53	2.	Andersen, DH...53	2.	Chargers, EH...17
3.	Favre, TB.....87	3.	Tomlinson, DH..60	3.	Harrison, AN....46	3.	Mare, DV.....52	3.	Broncos.....15
4.	Griese, DU.....80	4.	Henry, WI.....59	4.	Booker, EH.....44	4.	Gramatica, BG.48		Dolphins, TB...15
5.	McNabb, AR.....78	5.	Garner, AR.....54	5.	Driver, DU.....41	5.	Akers, TB.....44		Patriots, AR...15
6.	Culpepper, DV..72	6.	Alexander, NA..53	6.	Thrash, DV.....30		Vanderjagt, NA.44		Colts, LI.....9
7.	Green, NA.....67	7.	Faulk, AK.....51	7.	3 tied.....28		Janikowski, MA44		Giants, AN.....9

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

Bagdad

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

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

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

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

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

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

Narcoossee

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

Anchorage

QB Ray Lucas
 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
 IR Jay Fiedler, QB

Dutch Harbor

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

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

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

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

Flint

QB Patrick Ramsey
 QB Marc Bulger
 RB Stacey Mack
 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

Lackawanna

QB Chad Pennington
 QB Chris Redman
 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

Marley

QB Quincy Carter
 QB Kordell Stewart
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Cory Schlesinger
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Bubba Franks
 WR Tony Gonzalez
 K Sebastian Janikowski
 K Matt Stover
 D Denver Broncos
 D Pittsburgh Steelers