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Pyling on: Lacy vs. Taylor

Have the Pyles finally arrived? Or are they just dead on arrival?

By Scott Lacy

Premier, Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts

Mike Taylor is a fraud. Despite his chronic mismanagement of the Pyles, his uncanny knack for botching the annual draft, and his inability to field a winning team, he insists on painting himself as the most glorious figure in TFL history.

Poppycock, as Taylor himself might say.

The Pyles are a disgrace. They are 3-5 and going nowhere. If they are riding a wave, as Mr. Taylor likes to suggest, it is the circular one created when one flushes the toilet.

The Pyles, the TFL's most overrated team, are disappearing in the Land of 2,000 Flushes.

And Mr. Taylor knows it. Just last week, I wrote a letter to the Pyles owner. I noted his team's myriad deficiencies, then predicted that he would overtake Steve Katz in career defeats by 1996.

What was his response? Nothing. Not a peep.

Still, Mr. Taylor continues his public relations blitz. Last week, for example, he penned an absurdity titled, "Top 10 Reasons Why the Pyles Will Repeat As Sweeney Bowl Champi- (See Lacy, page 2)

By Mike Taylor

President, Denver Pyles

Scott Lacy makes some good points, but the reason for my noncombative stance last week is fairly simple. I was so euphoric and positively charged about the Pyles' history-making comeback, I was impervious to any assaults on my franchise's character.

In short, I was too busy winning to bother with petty intraleague sniping. I cared only about cranking out a special collector's edition of the Pyle Poop for my fans and then kicking back to savor the moment.

Its events such as last week's that make me wish I had my hammock set up in the back yard. I could lie there for hours, swinging back and forth, just thinking about all the golden moments in Pyle history—the great teams led by Jim Kelly, the days when Pyle-driving backs such as Christian Okoye and Marion BUTTS redefined smash-mouth fantasy football, last Monday Night's comeback for the ages, and of course the Sweeney Bowl title currently in MY POSSESSION!

Say what you want about the Pyles. We are the Sweeney Bowl CHAMPIONS! (See Taylor, page 2)



Bo Knows

Bo CEPHUS' TFL PICKS

GAME OF THE WEEK: Marley (4-3-1) at Dutch Harbor (6-2). See what happens when we make this a big-money league? Casey starts paying attention. This is a battle for the temporary lead in the TFL's toughest division. Whoever takes first, of course, is just warming the seat for the Apes. I saw Marley's Jeff Blake in an Orlando sports bar last week and he won't nearly as drunk as a newfound millionaire should have been. In a clean-and-sober

upset special: **Wailers 68, Dawgs 12**

Willow (3-5) at Baltimore (4-4). Eighth sign of the apocalypse: Katz has won three straight. *Weasels 9, Barons 8.*

Bagdad (5-3) at Sarasota (4-4). Newts play Sharks for the second time in three weeks. Nice schedule there, Commish. *Newts 31, Sharks 12.*

East Hartford (4-4) at Narcoossee (3-5). Nose Apes blow. I hate this game. *Ex-Eskimos 38, Apes 36.*

Anchorage (6-2) at Denver (3-5). Mike Taylor's diatribes are more worn out than Richard Simmons at a game of "spin the queer." *Pyles 48, Kitchen 46.*

Alaska (4-4) at Dugway (5-3). Free O.J., lock up Ken Sain. The Dugway

Pedophiles/Experiments are hot and dangerous (just like Michael Jackson). *Tabes 45, Dicks 29.*

Limerick (3-5) at Flint (1-6-1). Marriage isn't pretty. Nor are the Loons for that matter. *Bison 50, Loons 8.*

Bo's record: Last week (1-6), season (23-25-1).

TFL LINE

Favorite	Underdog
Baltimore	3 WILLOW
Bagdad	10 SARASOTA
E. Hartford	1 NARCOOSSEE
DENVER	4 Anchorage
DUGWAY	1/2 Alaska
Marley	15 D. HARBOR
FLINT	30 LIMERICK

Taylor

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Even if Mr. Lacy gets incredibly lucky, bribes all the other owners to liquidate their teams, rapes the rosters of Chuckie, Charlie and Katz, and somehow manages to win a Sweeney Bowl, he will only have matched my level of accomplishment.

The mounting evidence of Pyle supremacy—and with it the envy of less capable TFL owners such as Mr. Lacy—began mounting in week six, when the Pyles erupted for 78 points in a weiner-take-all flogging of the Alaska Dicks.

America's team is back. The Pyles, the TFL's winningest franchise and defending Sweeney Bowl champions, are right on schedule. All is right with the world. God is good. The Pyles are great.

Now that I think of it, it's ridiculous to think the Newts could win the Sweeney Bowl. Mr. Lacy won't appear in a Sweeney Bowl, much less win one, in this millennium. At least. He better start having kids so his lowly Newts can be passed down from generation to generation, perhaps one day into the hands of a capable Lacy offspring; maybe, through evolution, his great-grandson will possess a football

Lacy: Life on Planet Pyle

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ons." The ensuing list, which can only be described as gobbledygook, went on to cite canned chili and ubermutt Zeus as the keys to a forthcoming Pyles Sweeney Bowl repeat.

As publisher of *TFL Today*, I frequently run these pieces. In doing so, I must ignore the erroneous claims that are the staple of any Taylor submission..

I do this because, as the motto reminds us, *TFL Today* is "A Beacon of Truth and Justice in a Topsy-Turvy World." I, along with Yelnick McWawa and Fulton Weaseltree, take our motto seriously.

That said, I admire the resilience of the Pyles. (No, don't feel my forehead. I feel fine.)

Despite their talentless roster, their front office deficiencies, their spectacular history of misadventures, the Pyles always manage to, well, return in good spirits for the start of the next season. Like football cornerbacks, Pyles management and fans have short memories—otherwise, the pain of being Pyle devotees would become too

10 Reasons Why the Pyles Will Repeat

1. *Marketing.* Long before Jerry Jones thought of it, the Pyles had licensing schemes to market their own products.

2. *Draft prowess.* The Pyles' 11th-round selection of Terrell Davis ranks as the steal of 1995.

3. *Trade prowess.* The swap of Ramen Noodles Salaami for Steve Bono ranks as the most ruthless case of TFL thievery ever.

4. *No carrion on.* Sure, Randall Cunningham was an ill-advised pick. The Pyles recognized this weakness and dealt with it swiftly by acquiring Bono.

5. *Monday Night Magic.* Nuff said.

6. *Tradition.* Teams preparing to play the Pyles show a tendency to become jumpy and make critical mistakes in filling out their lineup. In Denver, this phenomenon is known as "D'ing up."

7. *Zeus.* The Mascot Emeritus.

8. *Chili-Mac.* The lucky gruel served for all big games.

9. *Rex the Lizard.* Backup Mascot Emeritus.

10. *Competition.* Playing in same division with Lacy and Sain guarantees annual playoff spot.

—Mike Taylor

brain developed enough to produce a Sweeney Bowl winner. Maybe. Anything's possible.

Of course, by then I'll have run out of fingers for all my rings. Geez, maybe I'll just GIVE him one. They could make a heartwarming movie about such a gesture. Call it "Something for Scotty."

Granted, this week was a difficult one for me. I was beaten by the lowly Willow Weasels, thanks entirely to the snowstorm

that rendered Miller, Elam and Terrell Davis impotent. The thought of losing to the autopilot WEASELS makes me absolutely libelous. Not to mention bilous.

(P.S. I borrowed the term bilous from Mr. Lacy, even though the word is currently under investigation for fraud; there's no record of it in the dictionary.)

Ed. The word Scott Lacy frequently uses is bilious, not bilous. TFL Today regrets Mr. Taylor's mistake.

TRANSACTIONS

ALASKA—Acquired running back Curtis Martin. Released running back Harold Green. Acquired wide receiver John Taylor. Placed wide receiver Terance Mathis on injured reserve.

BAGDAD—Acquired tight end Keith Jackson. Placed wide receiver Michael Jackson on injured reserve.

DENVER—Acquired running back Vaughn Dunbar. Released running back Leonard Russell. Signed quarterback Mark Brunell to a one-week contract.

SARASOTA—Acquired quarterback Eric Zeier. Released quarterback Heath Shuler. Acquired running back Barry Foster. Released running back Derrick Fenner.

WILLOW—Acquired running back Darryl Johnston. Released running back Greg Hill. Acquired kicker Steve McLaughlin. Released kicker Dean Biasucci. Signed wide receiver Frank Sanders to a one-week contract.

much to endure.

The Pyles are like any number of pesky arachnids who, despite every effort to stomp them into the linoleum, somehow manage to crawl, legless, to the shelter of a nearby cabinet. They may be flattened and immobilized, but, hey, they're not quite dead. Not right away, at least.

At the conclusion of each Pyles defeat, and there have been many in recent seasons, Taylor doesn't conduct a press conference. He conducts triage. Get the critically maimed Pyles shipped to the hospital, let the rest bleed where they lie.

Such is life on Planet Pyle.

Now here's the amazing thing. In the face of all this misery, this never-ending cycle of Pyle futility, Mr. Taylor's disposition remains downright sunny. It's a modern-day miracle tantamount to watching the captain of the Titanic laugh gaily as waves nip at his epaulets.

Soon, it will be over. Taylor's non-stop yammering will be drowned out by the sound of bubbles, then a flush.

To that I say: Pass the plunger.

Standings

Barbarino

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dugway	5	3	0	322	264
Bagdad	5	3	0	300	258
Alaska	4	4	0	320	349
Sarasota	4	4	0	296	286
Denver	3	5	0	323	360

Kotter

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Anchorage	6	2	0	314	240
E. Hartford	4	4	0	286	282
Limerick	3	5	0	227	310
Flint	1	6	1	286	344

Horshack

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dutch Harbo	6	2	0	355	276
Marley	4	3	1	389	332
Baltimore	4	4	0	264	297
Narcoossee	3	5	0	297	353
Willow	3	5	0	285	316

Last Week's Results

Baltimore 41, East Hartford 17
 Bagdad 37, Marley 33
 Limerick 26, Anchorage 28
 Dugway 52, Narcoossee 32
 Willow 47, Denver 24
 Dutch Harbor 65, Sarasota 51
 Alaska 51, Flint 37

This Week's Games

Baltimore at Willow
 Bagdad at Sarasota
 East Hartford at Narcoossee
 Anchorage at Denver
 Alaska at Dugway
 Marley at Dutch Harbor
 Limerick at Flint

Games of Oct. 22

E. Hartford	17	Baltimore	41
Kosar	0	Bledsoe	7
D. Moore	2	Floyd	6
Murrell	0	Pegram	1
Pickens	12	Bruce	8
Carrier	0	Harris	1
Lohmiller	3	Andersen	6
Rams	0	49ers	12

Limerick	36	Anchorage	28
George	23	Everett	0
Bettis	0	Loville	0
Hoard	1	Meggett	6
Rison	0	Rice	14
Brooks	7	Fryar	0
Blanchard	5	Carney	5
Colts	0	Chiefs	3

Willow	47	Denver	24
Moon	6	Bono	12
Means	8	Sanders	2
Kirby	7	T. Davis	1
Brown	2	A. Miller	1
Sharpe	6	D. Scott	7
Jaeger	12	Elam	1
Packers	6	Vikings	0

Power Poll

1. Marley	135.1
2. Dutch Harbor	125.6
3. Bagdad	114.3
4. Dugway	114.1
5. Denver	110.1
6. Narcoossee	110.0
7. Anchorage	109.2
8. Alaska	102.8
9. Flint	102.6
10. East Hartford	100.9
11. Sarasota	97.5
12. Willow	92.8
13. Baltimore	92.2
14. Limerick	78.2

Marley	33	Bagdad	37
Blake	20	Miller	0
Allen	9	Faulk	13
Stewart	0	R. Thomas	0
C. Carter	1	H. Moore	12
Haynes	0	M. Jackson	0
Reveiz	3	Hanson	12
Jets	0	Steelers	0

Dugway	52	Narcoossee	32
Favre	26	Kramer	19
Lee	7	H. Williams	0
Salaam	9	Morris	0
Brooks	0	Thigpen	1
Harper	1	Galloway	0
Elliot	3	Stoyanovich	12
Bucs	6	Browns	0

Sarasota	57	D. Harbor	65
Testaverde	8	Mitchell	25
Warren	15	Rhett	14
Thomas	0	Kaufman	6
Brisby	7	Coates	2
Metcalf	12	Perriman	12
N. Johnson	9	Christie	6
Redskins	6	Raiders	0

Flint	37	Alaska	51
Elway	6	Grbac	14
Heyward	1	Allen	15
Smith	7	Bennett	7
Davis	0	Reed	6
Conway	12	Martin	0
Hollis	5	Stover	9
Chargers	6	Lions	0

TFL Leaders

1. Favre	124	6. Rice	81
2. Blake	109	7. Bono	80
3. Smith	107	Elway	80
4. Young	93	3 tied with 73	
5. Everett	88		