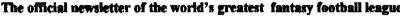


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Elam's bodacious boot immediately becomes the talk of the league

By PEARL NICHOLAS Hebron Biweekly Bugle

EBRON - The announcement raised a few eyebrows. Others tried to muffle their guffaws in their beer, figuring East Hartford owner Chris Reidy was merely on his way to screwing up another kind of draft.

"In the fourth round, the Ex-Eskimos select. kicker Jason Elam."

The fourth round?

Ball found by "harmless wanderer"

SYDNEY, Australia -A local sporting goods store reported yesterday that a bald headed man with a weird beard brought a football into the store claiming it had come from out of the sky and landed on his front lawn

"This guy walked in and said he found this ball on his property,"

Sydney Sporting Goods owner Hunk Logan said.

"He said he actually saw it come from out of the sky. I almost called the cops, but the guy was harmless, just a wanderer. I took the ball, thanked him, and sent him home.

"He said he lived in Anchorage."

That's the time to be picking your No.2 running back or receiver. Or, if you're Scott Lacy, the backup to your injury-prone starting

quarterback. But a kicker?

It took eight weeks, but the method to Reidy's madness finally made itself apparent. Elam

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Reidy's fourth-round gamble paid off with Elam

(Continued from page 1) booted a 63-yard field goal, the longest in TFL history, to help the Exmos stay on firm ice with a 48-37 victory over the Baltimore Barons.

"Hey, it's almost Halloween," Reidy said Monday at Exmos headquarters.

"Perfect time for a guy named Jason."

Elam has been a longtime favorite of Reidy's. The Exmos owner personally scouted him when he was a senior at Hawaii, witnessing a year's worth of 50-yard boots that most other owners missed because of the Rainbow Warriors' late game times.

Reidy stole Elam late in the 1996 draft, his rookie season, and waited for a chance to draft him again.

"I figured a kicker with a

strong leg, playing for a high-scoring team, would be a more consistent threat than a second-tier running back or receiver," Reidy said.

"Besides, almost every No.2 RB or WR I draft, I wind up cutting later in the season anyway."

For the most part, Elam has made Reidy's

What, you were expecting maybe a real picture of Elam?

conventional draft strategy pay off. There have been only six times a player other than Steve digits for the Exmos, and Elam has half those. His 17-point performance in Week 8 tied for the highest "non-Young" output by an East Hartford player this season. Greg Hill, another head-scratch inducing pick had 17 points in Week 2

Young has scored in double

pick, had 17 points in Week 3 before breaking his leg just as he was about to prove Reidy right again.

"Just goes to show how actually planning your draft can pay dividends," Reidy said. "I decided to gamble and draft a kicker up high.

Looks like it might pay
off - I'm 7-1 so far.
Other owners draft two
kickers who have the
same bye week, then rely on
longtime friends to
bail their asses out with questionable last-minute trades."

By Bo Cophus TFL Today Know-nothing

Since the Narcoossee Nose Apes don't stand half a chance to win their half-ass division at the half-way point of the season, we figured we'd half to give out some half-hearted awards.

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Half-Ass Award winners were selected by a panel of the most respected football minds in the land: Bo Cephus, Narcoossee Notice Head Writer; Larry, The Cable Guy; and Gene Gene, The Dancing Machine. Here are the winners:

onica Lewinsky "I'll do anything it takes" Award goes to Ken Sain who was a beacon of honesty and virtue until he needed a kicker. Then he rolled over quicker than a sorority girl in the back seat of a brand new BMW. The Hillary Clinton "Stand By Your Man" Award goes to Michael Bourque who has not dumped any of his players all year. Of course the reason for that is:

Dill Clinton "Gigantic Defense Fund/Lucky Bastard" Award goes to Mike Bourque, whose opponents have scored a league low 29.1 points per game. Lacy, who insists he is unlucky but whose opponents have only scored 31.6 ppg, finished a close second.

enneth Starr "This Could Go On Forever" Award goes to Wit Tuttell who once again has two quarterbacks on injured reserve. Tuttell reportedly is going to abstain from sex until his team reaches the playoffs. Yeah, right.

eslie O'Neal \$56 Gratuity
"Nice Tips" Award goes to
Steve Katz. See Steve, even millionaire athletes are required to leave a
little tip for services rendered.

Charity" Award goes to Ken Sain who owns the league's least offensive team scoring an average of 28.7 points per game. Woe is he.

Award goes to Mark Dolan and Mark Continelli. Both have contributed to trash talk and showed up

It's time for the annual IFL
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Awards

(briefly) at the draft. Dolan also receives the Heidi Fleiss "Hot Number" Award for bringing the photo babe to the draft. Continelli receives the Al Gore "We Don't Know Him Well Enough To Give Him Shit" Award for being himself, whoever that is.

Ide E. Coyote "Giant Anvil" Award goes to Mike Taylor for

W Award goes to Mike Taylor for watching his ATWO status drop like a post-Totino-binge dump. Taylor still needs to learn that Sheriff Roscoe P. Coletrain was the star of the Dukes of Hazzard, not some old coot named Pyle. J immy Hoffa "I May Not Even J Show For The Anchorage Draft" Award goes to the so-called Van Williams, whom I once knew but now doubt ever existed.

Ichael Jordan "Who Says
One Man Does Not Make A
Team" Award goes to Chris Reidy
because Steve Young has scored more
than half his team's points. At 6-1, it's
a problem most of us would love to
face.

rince Charles "The Less We See Of Him, The Higher His Approval Rating Gets" Award goes to Charles Bingham for not tying up the entire draft talking about his other league. Word is, Charles had an appointment to keep at the Great Alaska Bush Company.

Dolly Parton "Gigantic Bust"
Award goes to Don Carlock.
Easy boys, it is for drafting 6-foot-10
bench warmer Scott Mitchell. Oh and
congratulations on the baby.

Rose Totino "Gone But Never Forgotten" Award goes to Michele Fetsko and Chuck Coggins. From police searches to luxury accommodations, they each brought something special to the league.

Ru Paul "Dubious Sexual Orientation" Award goes to Casey Brogan for the reverse chin strap hairstyle that drove Boston's homosexual bar hoppers into a frenzy. Good luck "Down Under" if you know what I mean.

osnian Refugee "When Will The Shelling Stop?" Award goes to Nate Sagan's Anchorage Kitchen who have been bombed at a clip of 46.3 points per game. Nate couldn't afford to pick up his award so Katz is keeping it in lew of a hotel room payment.

Peter Angelos "All The Money In The World Can't Buy A Win" Award goes to Steve Katz who has spent more money than anyone else in the league and has three wins to show for it. Katz will be receiving a Remedial Math Book to help him in scoring league games.

Rush Limbaugh "Pompous Verbosity" Award goes to Scott Lacy for obvious reasons. Since Lacy has won the award each year since its inception, it is being retired in his honor.

WEEK 9 MATCHUPS





Denver (3-4-1)
at Flint (2-6)
Line: Denver -3
In the wake of the Rose Totino
wake, Denver snaps to and drubs
Flint, preserving a ray of hope of a
playoff drive.





Lackawanna (5-3)
Line: Lancers –10
Don't believe those rumors about
Dutch Harbor's revival now that
they won two in a row and joined
the Tied-for-Second-Place Club in
the Horshack. Lackwanna,
surrogate owner and all, has a
playoff train to catch.

Dutch Harbor (3-5) at





Line: Arctic -3
An Arctic victory, unlikely as it would be, would make things at least approach interesting in the Barbarino Division.

Alaska (5-2-1) at Arctic (4-4)





Anchorage (2-6) at Narcoossee (3-5) Line: Narcoossee –6

We just keep picking teams over Anchorage. Hmmm. An Anchorage win knocks the wind out of the Apes' sails as far as any playoff likelihood. But that has as much chance of happening as Kordell Stewart getting traded for Steve Young.





Baltimore (3-5) at Bagdad (6-2) Line: Baltimore -3

The Barons' road back to respectability goes through Bagdad, and stranger things have happened. But the Newts are in bounce-back mode after being shocked by an almost kickerless Dugway team. Wait 'til next year, Barons.





Steve Young (7-1) at Dugway (3-4-1) Line: Young -30

The Great Kicker Caper didn't sully Sain's reputation, it solidified it. He now tries to beat Reidy with a borrowed backup defense. Which might well outscore his quarterback, but it won't stop Reidy.



Willow (3-4-1) at Limerick (5-3) Line: Limerick -1



Why does this just not feel like a game between a first-place team and a team that only last week was one game out of first? Well, because Willow plays in the Horshack, where every little boy and girl can grow up to be in first place, and because Limerick has been having Katz-like luck with low-scoring opponents.

WEEK 8 STANDINGS

Barbarino	Re	Record		Points for			Points against				
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hi	l.w	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Ľw	Avg.
Bagdad	6	2	0	361	84	38	45.1	267	46	18	33.4
Alaska	5	2	1	355	83	14	44.4	266	45	19	33.3
Arctic	4	4	1	292	53	8	36 .5	346	84	15	43.3
Denver	3	4	1	295	53	21	36.9	307	48	27	38.4
Dugway	3	4	1	247	47	15	30.9	292	53	19	36.5
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Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot	Hi	Ĺ₩	Avg.
East Hartford	7	1	0	358	54	37	44.8	277	83	21	34.6
Lackawanna	5	3	0	309	69	19	38.6	252	46	20	31.5
Limerick	5	3	0	273	42	25	34.1	249	53	12	31.1
Flint	2	6	0	294	48	22	36.8	262	48	15	32.3
Anchorage	2	6	0	259	51	15	32.4	366	69	28	45.8
Horshack	Record		Points for			Points against					
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	н	Ĺw	Avg.
Willow	3	4	1	271	46	22	33.9	326	69	14	40.8
Narcoossee	3	5	0	301	64	18	37.6	313	46	8	39.1
Dutch Harbor	3	5	0	262	69	12	32.3	311	51	22	38.9
Battimore	3	5	0	248	45	17	31.0	275	48	16	34.4

WEEK 8 SCORES

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Brett Favre	19	Bubby Brister	0
Ant. Smith	0	Ahman Green	0
Harvey Wms.	1	Barry	5
Eric Moulds	19	Cris Carter	7
Herman Moore	0	Randy Moss	0
Jason Hanson	9	Vinatieri	9
San Fran	0	Carolina	0
Dutch Harbor	38	Flint	33
Good Old Vinny	12	Drew Bledsoe	ō
Priest Holmes	O	Robt Edwards	Ö
Donnell Bennett	Ō	Warrick Dunn	ō
Jermaine Lewis		Ed McCaffrey	8
Tim Brown	6	Ant. Freeman	12
Doug Brien	12	Olindo Mare	13
Kansas City	0	Green Bay	0
Alaska	42	Narcoossee	34
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Neil O'Donneil	6	Doug Flutie	17
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Steve Young	18	Charlie Batch	6
Ricky Watters	7	Travis Jervey	1
Edgar Bennett	0	Eddie George	4
Ch. Johnson	6	Joey Galloway	19
Ben Coates	0	Bill Schroeder	0
Jason Elam	17	Ryan Longwell	4
Atlanta	0	Saints	3
Dugway	46	Bagdad	24
Tony Banks	6	Randall C.	12
Jerome Bettis	2	Amp Lee	0
Natrone Means	8 :	Karim	1
Jerry Rice	7	Rod Smith	1
Andre Rison	7	Isaac Bruce	Ó
Steve Christie	13	Gary Anderson	10
Tampa	3	Tennessee	0
Anchorage	38	Willow	28
Kordell Stwrt.	6	Erik Kramer	ō
Nap Kaufman	4	Fred Lane	1
Robert Smith	13	Mike Alstott	ò
Carl Pickens	ō	Shannon Sharpe	
JJ Stokes	ō	Terrell Owens	15
Todd Peterson	ğ	Jeff Jaeger	11

Week 9 schedule Denver at Flint Dutch Harbor at Lackswanns Alaska at Arctic Anchorage at Narcoosses **Baltimore at Bagdad** East Hartford at Dugwey Willow at Limerick

Seattle

Pittsburgh

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 28 Willow waives RB Mike Alstott, adds RB Fred Lane. Lane was with Willow as a one-week reserve and had automatically gone back into the pool after the Monday night game.

Lackawanna places WR YanceyThigpen on I.R., adds WR Robert Brooks.

Friday, Oct. 23 East Hartford waives RB Leon Johnson, adds RB William Floyd.

Thursday, Oct. 22 Dugway trades K Brad Daluiso to Lackawanna for K Steve Christie.

Baltimore places WR Patrick Johnson on I.R., add WR Bill Schroeder.

Anchorage waives QB Jason Garrett, reactivates QB Troy Aikman.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 Dugway waives RB Richard Huntley, activates RB Jerome Bettis.

Limerick places RB Emmitt Smith on one-week reserve, (RB Charles Way also on bye), adds RB Raymont Harris.

Patriots

0 NY Jets

Lackawanna

- QB Brett Favre
- QB Steve Beuerlein RB Antowain Smith
- RB Terry Allen
 RB Harvey Wms.
- WR Herman Moore
- WR Robert Brooks
 WR Eric Moulds
- K Jason Hanson K Brad Daluiso
- D San FranciscoD Chicago
- I.R. Yancey Thigpen

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 Moden Andersen
- K Morten AndersenK Doug Pelfrey
- D MinnesotaD San Diego

Denver

- QB Jake Plummer
- QB Bubby Brister RB Barry Sanders
- 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 Carolina
 D Philadelphia

Dugway

- QB Donald Hollas QB Tony Banks
- RB Richard Huntley
 RB Natrone Means
 RB Taylan Banks
- WR Jerry Rice WR Andre Rison
- WR Jake Reed
- K Mike VanderjagtK Steve Christie
- D Tampa Bay
 D St. Louis
- I.R. Jerome Bettis

"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 Troy Aikman
- RB Robert Smith
- RB Napoleon Kaufman RB Robert Holcombe
- WR Carl Pickens
- WR Keenan McCardell
- WR J.J. Stokes
- K Todd PetersonK Jeff Wilkins
- D Pittsburgh
- D Arizona

Baltimore

- QB Elvis Grbac
- QB Charlie Batch RB Eddie George
- RB Chris Warren
- RB Travis Jervey
- WR Joey Galloway WR Michael Irvin
- WR Bill Schroeder
- K Ryan Longwell K Greg Davis
- D Baltimore
- D New Orleans I.R. Derrick Mayes

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- Narcoossee QB Peyton Manning
- QB Doug Flutie
- RB Corey Dillon RB Jamal Anderson
- RB Ray Zellars
 WR Tony Mertin
- WR Muhsin Muhammad
- WR Andre Reed K Pete Stovanovich
- K Wade Richie

 D Miami
- D Jacksonville
- I.R. Warren Moon I.R. Rob Johnson

Arctic

- QB Mark Brunell QB Danny Weurffel
- RB Fred Taylor
 RB Curtis Enis
- RB Sedrick Shaw
- WR Terry Glenn WR Jacquez Gree
- WR Jacquez Green WR Keyshawn Johnson
- K Mike Hollis K John Hall
- D New England
 D Denver

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- Dutch Harbor QB Glenn Foley
- QB Vinny T,
- RB Charlie Garner RB Donnell Bennett
- RB Priest Holmes
- WR Tim Brown WR Rob Moore
- WR Jermaine Lewis
- K Richie Cun'gham
- 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. Bert Emanuel

East Hartford

- QB Steve Young
- QB Dan Marino
- RB Ricky Watters
- RB William Floyd
- 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 Cun'gham RB Karim A-Jabbar
- RB Bam Morris
- RB Lamar Smith
- WR Rod Smith
- WR Isaac Bruce WR Johnnie Morton
- K Gary Anderson
- K Matt Stover
- D Tennessee D **Detroit**
- I.R. Brad Johnson

Willow

- QB Steve McNair
- QB Bobby Hoying RB Marshall Faulk
- RB Fred Lane
- RB Fred Lane RB Adrian Murrell
- WR Shannon Sharpe
- WR Terrell Owens
- WR lke 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