

POWER POLL

| Rk. | Team | pts |
|-----|---------------|------|
| 1. | Narcoossee | 94.6 |
| 2. | Denver | 86.9 |
| 3. | Dugway | 86.3 |
| 4. | Flint | 81.4 |
| 5. | Willow | 80.0 |
| 6. | Alaska | 76.9 |
| 7. | Dutch Harbor | 76.3 |
| 8. | Marley | 72.6 |
| 9. | Limerick | 72.0 |
| 10. | Anchorage | 69.7 |
| 11. | Baltimore | 67.1 |
| 12. | East Hartford | 66.6 |
| 13. | Bagdad | 63.1 |
| 14. | Sarasota | 38.0 |

THE BANK

Here is how much money each team has in the bank to cover transaction costs:

| Team | Fees | Bal. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Alaska | \$5 | \$45 |
| Anchorage | \$20 | \$30 |
| Bagdad | \$15 | \$35 |
| Baltimore | \$35 | \$15 |
| Denver | \$40 | \$10 |
| Dugway | \$15 | \$35 |
| Dutch Harbor | \$20 | \$30 |
| East Hartford | \$20 | \$30 |
| Flint | \$30 | \$20 |
| Limerick | \$35 | \$15 |
| Marley | \$20 | \$30 |
| Narcoossee | \$15 | \$35 |
| Sarasota | \$15 | \$35 |
| Willow | \$0 | \$50 |

POINTS RACE

Leaders in the TFL points race (5 percent of pot):

| Team | Pts | PB |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| 1. Narcoossee | 433 | — |
| 2. Dugway | 400 | 33 |
| 3. Denver | 382 | 51 |
| 4. Dutch Harbor | 381 | 52 |

Love, TFL style

Newts prove romance and fantasy football do not mix

By **SCOOP BIAS**
TFL Today

BAGDAD, Ariz. — Bagdad owner Scott Lacy was discussing the public relationships of men and women in general one day last year. Or it could have been five or even 10 years ago. He's been ranting on the subject for most of his life.

"Why do they feel the need to hug and kiss in public and show their emotions," he said. "Can't they just keep that in private. Okay, so they're in love. Does the whole world have to know?"

Fast forward to September, 1997. Scott Lacy and Jennifer Lipnick are walking hand-in-hand down a Denver street. Walking is a poor description. Skipping is more accurate. What's worse, the happy couple were swinging their arms as they skipped.

Narcoossee owner Wit Tuttell and Dugway owner Ken Sain shared a look, then a laugh. Their friend, who had always preached against public displays of affection, was so much in love he wanted the whole world to know.

It was scenes like that one the led Sain

to predict 1997 would be the worse season in Bagdad's history. So far, he's been right. The Newts are 3-6 with only five games left to play. To make the playoffs for the third straight year, Bagdad will have to win all five remaining games.

Does Lacy care?

Not really. Instead of watching Monday Night Football to keep up on the progress of his team, Lacy has been watching romance videos with Jennifer.

In fact, Scott Lacy went two weeks without seeing an NFL game on television.

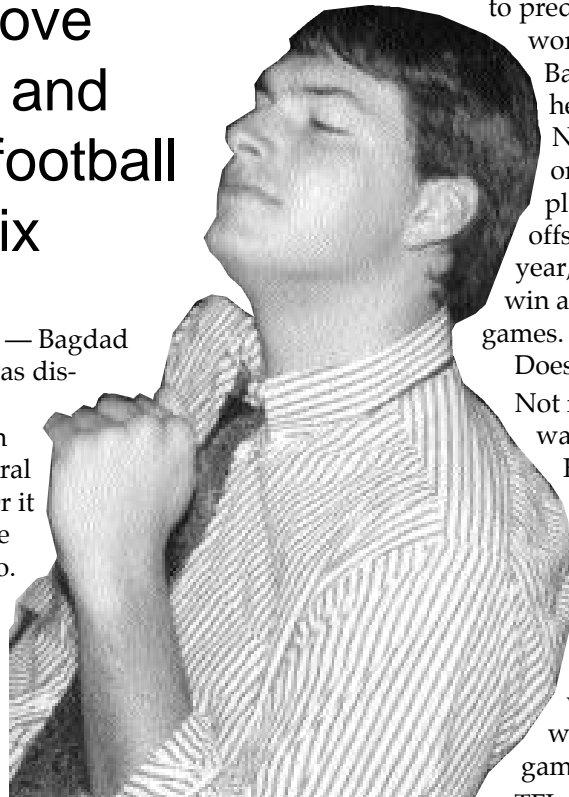
TFL officials were so concerned, they sent

Limerick owner Michael Bourque to the Newts headquarters to check on the health of Lacy.

"I remember Scott Lacy," Bourque said. "What I saw recently was a 6-foot, 6-inch quivering mass of mush. The man I once knew is no more. He says he just can't stand to watch football anymore. (Ooh, the violence of it all.)

"The truth is, he isn't allowed. Sunday afternoon is movietime. It's no wonder that he's forgotten that fantasy football requires a quarterback while remembering nearly every line from "An Affair to Remember."

"He actually left the table mid-beer to



Bagdad owner Scott Lacy

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TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

Five weeks left to decide the playoff picture and very little is clear. Only Sarasota has no chance of making the playoffs. Bagdad can't lose again and the teams with five losses can only afford one more mistake.

The pack is getting tighter though as Dugway freefalls back to mediocrity. The hottest teams in the league right now are the Denver Pyles and Flint Bison.

The way things look right now, they will be the two teams in the Sweeney Bowl.



Anchorage at Denver



Records: Kitchen 4-5; Pyles 5-4.

Series: Denver leads 3-2.

Line: Pyles by 8.

Outlook: Nothing can stop Denver. RB Terrell Davis is scoring the only touchdowns for the Broncos since QB John Elway became a bum. Rumor has it Mike Taylor plans another tropical vacation to enjoy his second title.

Pick: Denver 58, Anchorage 42.



Willow at East Hartford



Records: Weasels 5-4; Ex-Eskimos 5-4.

Series: East Hartford leads 3-2-1.

Line: Weasels by 6.

Outlook: One team has been very lucky to win five games. The other has been very unlucky to lose four. Justice should prevail here.

Pick: Willow 60, East Hartford 24.



Flint at Sarasota



Records: Bison 5-4; Sharks 2-7.

Series: Flint leads 4-1.

Line: Bison by 19.

Outlook: Oh my! Sharks put up 53 points in a game? What's next: Bagdad actually winning a game? Nah, and the Sharks won't score that many again.

Pick: Flint 62, Sarasota 25.



Baltimore at Dugway



GAME OF THE WEEK

Records: Barons 6-3; Experiments 7-2.

Series: Barons lead 6-1-1.

Line: Experiments by 9.

Outlook: Dugway owner Ken Sain is seldom wrong. He said Bagdad would suck this year, and they do. He said Sarasota would turn it around, and they did. He said he will lost seven straight, and he will. The Barons own this series, winning their six games by an average of 18 points. Since QB John Elway forgot how to throw a pass, Dugway had no chance in this game.

Pick: Baltimore 72, Dugway 3.



Bagdad at Marley



Records: Newts 3-6; Wailers 4-5.

Series: Bagdad leads 2-1.

Line: Marley by 4.

Outlook: Payback, in this case, will be sweet for Marley. Last year Bagdad won 57-16. Expect Marley to be motivated and put the hurt to a franchise that really stinks right now.

Pick: Marley 75, Bagdad 12.



Alaska at Dutch Harbor



Records: Oosiks 4-5; Dawgs 5-4.

Series: Alaska leads 5-3-1.

Line: Dawgs by 1.

Outlook: Oosiks owner Charles Bingham begs we pick him to lose. Chas, you have way too much talent to lose another game. Sorry, Charlie.

Pick: Alaska 99, Dutch Harbor 52.



Narcoossee at Limerick



Records: Nose Apes 4-5; Loons 4-5.

Series: Tied 4-4.

Line: Nose Apes by 13.

Outlook: For only the second time in TFL history, the scoring champ might not make the playoffs. Narcoossee needs to win some games, and quick.

Pick: Narcoossee 65, Limerick 41.

Barons to beat up Dugway, again

By Baron von Butterbrain
TFL Today Correspondent

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Barons are 6-3 but continue to seem like they do it with mirrors, as Brett Favre marches through a sub-standard season.

The Experiments are 7-2, losers of their last two after a 7-0 start, and not even Ken Sain's protestations that he will lose the rest of his games can hide the fact his team is strong.

It is against this backdrop that the Barons and Tubes meet this week in a matchup that doesn't need to be called a rivalry to be a much-anticipated game.

"Unlike last year, Sain's coming right out and saying, 'I'm gonna lose to you,' because this year he's full of: 'I'm going to lose my last seven games and miss the playoffs,'" Baltimore owner Steve Katz said Monday night after watching Favre rack up

three touchdown passes in a victory over Anchorage.

"I don't know whether to be flattered or bored by his spiel, since he gives it to everybody he plays," Katz said. "But I guess he's just going by history, 'cause I'm 6-1-1 against him all-time."

Let it not be forgot that this is the rematch of last year's infamous Benching of Brett Favre Game, when Sain, sitting on Vinny Testaverde as his backup QB, called on him to start the game against Baltimore because Favre had scored zero points the previous week. Katz eked out a win.

"The media had a field day with that one, but more important, the Barons had a victory, and we needed every one we got last year," Katz said.

This time around the, uh, quarterback is on the other foot, to not only mix but mangle a metaphor. "The only difference is, we won't be stupid enough to bench

him," Katz said. "Of course, our backup doesn't come anywhere near justifying a move like that, which does me the favor of making a coaching error impossible. But let's just say our starting QB for this game is definitely Brett Favre."

Eddie George, last year's Baron, plays for Dugway this year.

In fact, that's not the only way these teams mirror each other from last year. Antonio Freeman, Mike Alstott and Adam Vinatieri, all Test Tubes from 1996, are Barons this year.

"Sain's fond of saying of course I have a pretty good team, it's all his former players," Katz said. "Yeah, right, take credit for it. Fine. I'll see you Sunday."

FULL MOON: In a shocking league development this week, the Alaska Oosiks, who had been carrying Warren Moon to take up the roster spot of injured Seattle QB John Friesz,

chose Sunday — before Moon's 5-TD performance — to waive Moon and activate Friesz, Seattle's starter to begin the year.

Owner Charles Bingham couldn't exactly have known he'd throw 5 TDs a couple hours after being dropped, but Moon is the best player to get dumped back in the free agent pool this late in a season in memory, even if he had simply had a more normal game.

Alaska's starting QB is Drew Bledsoe, who has played somewhat more like Drew Barrymore in recent weeks, especially Monday night, since his torrid first few games.

The nearest anyone on the TFL Today research staff could come to figuring that one out (and who cares about actually asking Bingham) is that he has spent too much time seldom going to the Bush Company this year.

Newts

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call and ask permission to go to dinner, not once, but twice. Now we know why the Newts bellies are red: they've been cowering on their once-ample mid-sections at the feet of this woman."

How far has Lacy, a once-great fantasy football owner fallen? He no longer

can claim to be the ATWO, a title he once proclaimed he would never relinquish.

Instead, it belongs once again to Denver's Mike Taylor.

"Of course, there are those who would say the real losers are the single guys who have nothing but fantasy football in their lives," Sain said. "You know, they just might have a point there."

Love and TFL is a bad marriage

Here is a look at TFL owners who had a change in their personal relationship with the opposite sex and the affect it had on their TFL season:

| Owner | Year | Record | What happened? |
|------------|------|--------|----------------------------|
| C. Reidy | 1994 | 4-10-0 | Got married during season |
| M. Bourque | 1995 | 3-10-1 | Got married before season |
| D. Carlock | 1995 | 5- 7-2 | Proposed to Tina |
| N. Sagan | 1996 | 3-11-0 | Fell in love with Trudy |
| W. Tuttell | 1996 | 7- 7-0 | Got married after season* |
| S. Lacy | 1997 | 3- 6-0 | Fell in love with Jennifer |

* Narcoossee owner Wit Tuttell missed the playoffs for a record fifth straight year while planning his January wedding to Paula.

WEEK 9 STANDINGS

| Barbarino Division | Record | | | Points for | | | | Points against | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---|---|------------|----|----|------|----------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | T | Tot. | Hi | Lw | Avg. | Tot. | Hi | Lw | Avg. |
| Dugway Experiments | 7 | 2 | 0 | 400 | 76 | 22 | 44.4 | 295 | 54 | 14 | 32.8 |
| Denver Pyles | 5 | 4 | 0 | 382 | 56 | 22 | 42.4 | 346 | 56 | 11 | 38.4 |
| Alaska Oosiks | 4 | 5 | 0 | 372 | 81 | 22 | 41.3 | 373 | 76 | 17 | 41.4 |
| Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts | 3 | 6 | 0 | 304 | 70 | 13 | 33.8 | 348 | 54 | 18 | 38.7 |
| Sarasota Sharks | 2 | 7 | 0 | 196 | 53 | 10 | 21.8 | 281 | 54 | 10 | 31.2 |

| Kotter Division | Record | | | Points for | | | | Points against | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---|---|------------|----|----|------|----------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | T | Tot. | Hi | Lw | Avg. | Tot. | Hi | Lw | Avg. |
| Flint Bison | 5 | 4 | 0 | 363 | 56 | 22 | 40.3 | 363 | 95 | 13 | 40.3 |
| East Hartford Ex-Eskimos | 5 | 4 | 0 | 307 | 56 | 18 | 34.1 | 301 | 54 | 11 | 33.4 |
| Anchorage Kitchen | 4 | 5 | 0 | 314 | 51 | 19 | 34.9 | 351 | 81 | 10 | 39.0 |
| Limerick Laughing Loons | 4 | 5 | 0 | 318 | 54 | 12 | 35.3 | 323 | 64 | 16 | 35.9 |

| Horshack Division | Record | | | Points for | | | | Points against | | | |
|----------------------|--------|---|---|------------|----|----|------|----------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | T | Tot. | Hi | Lw | Avg. | Tot. | Hi | Lw | Avg. |
| Baltimore Barons | 6 | 3 | 0 | 321 | 75 | 11 | 35.7 | 302 | 56 | 19 | 33.6 |
| Dutch Harbor Dawgs | 5 | 4 | 0 | 381 | 95 | 19 | 42.3 | 377 | 75 | 14 | 41.9 |
| Willow Weasels | 5 | 4 | 0 | 362 | 72 | 10 | 40.2 | 356 | 75 | 22 | 39.5 |
| Narcoossee Nose Apes | 4 | 5 | 0 | 433 | 75 | 27 | 48.1 | 413 | 70 | 24 | 45.9 |
| Marley Wailers | 4 | 5 | 0 | 342 | 64 | 24 | 38.0 | 356 | 53 | 28 | 39.5 |

WEEK 9 RESULTS

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Marley 40 | Denver 53 | East Hartford 29 | Alaska 22 |
| Testaverde 6 | Marino 13 | Kanell 0 | Bledsoe 7 |
| Bettis 8 | T. Davis 13 | G. Brown 11 | Hearst 7 |
| Wheatley 12 | Stewart 0 | Broussard 0 | Warren 2 |
| Conway 3 | Sharpe 0 | J. Smith 1 | J. Reed 0 |
| McCaffrey 0 | R. Moore 13 | McDuffie 4 | T. Martin 1 |
| Elam 11 | Stover 8 | Anderson 13 | Hollis 5 |
| Philadelphia 0 | Denver 6 | Carolina 0 | Tampa Bay 0 |
| Baltimore 35 | Anchorage 19 | Sarasota 53 | Limerick 44 |
| Favre 18 | B. Johnson 0 | Blake 12 | J. George 15 |
| Morris 12 | C. Martin 2 | J. Anderson 7 | Watters 2 |
| Alstott 0 | Hill 0 | Walker 0 | Biakabutuka 15 |
| Freeman 0 | Rison 0 | C. Sanders 17 | Glenn 5 |
| Calloway 1 | R. Brooks 7 | Bruce 8 | McCardell 0 |
| Vinatieri 4 | Boniol 7 | Pelfrey 3 | Blanchard 1 |
| Baltimore 0 | Minnesota 3 | Oakland 6 | Indianapolis 6 |
| Bagdad 25 | Willow 35 | Flint 50 | Narcoossee 27 |
| Humphries 6 | Brunell 12 | K. Stewart 21 | Young 12 |
| K. Carter 1 | E. Smith 4 | Abdul-Jabbar 6 | Kaufman 12 |
| A. Johnson 0 | Dunn 0 | M. Allen 6 | R. Smith 0 |
| T. Brown 5 | C. Carter 2 | J. Lewis 0 | Walls 0 |
| Pickens 0 | Owens 2 | Coates 6 | Dudley 0 |
| Del Greco 13 | Jaeger 15 | Stoyanovich 11 | Kasay 3 |
| N.Y. Giants 0 | Kansas City 0 | Dallas 0 | Pittsburgh 0 |
| Dugway 22 | Dutch Harbor 54 | Week 10 schedule | |
| Elway 0 | Plummer 12 | Anchorage at Denver | |
| E. George 1 | A. Smith 2 | Baltimore at Dugway | |
| Harris 9 | Way 14 | Bagdad at Marley | |
| R. Smith 0 | Irvin 1 | Willow at East Hartford | |
| Emanuel 0 | Galloway 21 | Alaska at Dutch Harbor | |
| Cunningham 12 | Peterson 4 | Flint at Sarasota | |
| New England 0 | N.Y. Jets 0 | Narcoossee at Limerick | |

TRANSACTIONS

Oct. 28, 1997
 Dutch Harbor fined \$5 because RB Dorsey Levens played while on the I.R. Dutch Harbor activates RB Dorsey Levens, waives RB Charles Way. Baltimore waives WR Mark Bruenner, adds WR Yancey Thigpen.

Oct. 26, 1997
 Bagdad places RB Lamar Smith on I.R., adds RB Anthony Johnson. Alaska activates QB John Friesz, waives QB Warren Moon.

Oct. 25, 1997
 Dutch Harbor places RB Dorsey Levens on I.R., adds RB Charles Way. Dugway activates RB Natrone Means, waives RB Stephen Davis.

Oct. 24, 1997
 Dutch Harbor places QB Dave Brown on I.R., adds QB Jake Plummer.

Oct. 22, 1997
 Dutch Harbor trades WR Terrell Owens and RB Mario Bates to Willow for RB Antowain Smith and activates WR Joey Galloway. Willow waives WR J.J. Stokes. Anchorage waives WR Frank Sanders, adds WR Johnnie Morton. East Hartford places RB Terry Allen on I.R., adds RB Steve Broussard. Baltimore waives WR Andre Hastings, adds WR Chris Calloway.

Oct. 20, 1997
 Sarasota waives RB Errict Rhett, adds RB Herschel Walker. Dutch Harbor fined \$5 because Joey Galloway played while on the I.R. Galloway must be activated by midnight tonight or he becomes a free agent. East Hartford places QB Neil O'Donnell on reserve (backup QB Scott Mitchell also on the bye), adds QB Danny Kanell. Alaska waives WR Vincent Brisby, adds WR Terance Mathis.

CURRENT ROSTERS

Alaska

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB John Friesz
 RB Chris Warren
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB Corey Dillon
 WR Tony Martin
 WR Jake Reed
 WR Terance Mathis
 K Jason Hanson
 K Mike Hollis
 D Tampa Bay
 D Miami

Anchorage

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Rodney Peete
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Larry Centers
 RB Greg Hill
 WR Robert Brooks
 WR Johnnie Morton
 WR Andre Rison
 K Chris Boniol
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Minnesota
 D St. Louis

Bagdad

QB Stan Humphries
 QB Erik Kramer
 RB Ki-Jana Carter
 RB Craig Heyward
 RB Anthony Johnson
 WR Carl Pickens
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Anthony Miller
 K Al Del Greco
 K Steve Christie
 D Tennessee
 D N.Y. Giants

Injured reserve

RB Lamar Smith

Baltimore

QB Brett Favre
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Adrian Murrell
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Bam Morris
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Chris Calloway
 WR Yancey Thigpen
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Cole Ford
 D Baltimore
 D Chicago

Denver

QB Dan Marino
 QB Heath Shuler
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB James Stewart
 RB Lawrence Phillips
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR James Jett
 WR Rob Moore
 K Matt Stover
 K Eddie Murray
 D Denver
 D New Orleans

Dugway

QB John Elway
 QB Chris Chandler
 RB Eddie George
 RB Natrone Means
 RB Raymont Harris
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Lamar Thomas
 WR Bert Emanuel
 K Richie Cunningham
 K Greg Davis
 D Cincinnati
 D New England

Dutch Harbor

QB Steve McNair
 QB Jake Plummer
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB Dorsey Levens
 RB Antowain Smith
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR Irving Fryar
 WR Joey Galloway
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Todd Peterson
 D Green Bay
 D N.Y. Jets

Injured reserve

QB Dave Brown



East Hartford

QB Scott Mitchell
 QB Neil O'Donnell
 RB Steve Broussard
 RB Gary Brown
 RB Kimble Anders
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR O.J. McDuffie
 WR Reidel Anthony
 K Gary Anderson
 K John Hall
 D Carolina
 D Seattle

Injured reserve

RB Terry Allen
 RB Rashaan Salaam
 WR Muhsin Muhammad

Flint

QB Kordell Stewart
 QB Steve Beuerlein
 RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB Marcus Allen
 WR Jermain Lewis
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 WR Ben Coates
 K Morten Andersen
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 D Dallas
 D Detroit

Injured reserve

WR Jerry Rice

Limerick

QB Jeff George
 QB Todd Collins
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Tim Biakabutuka
 RB Leland McElroy
 WR Terry Glenn
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Andre Reed
 K Cary Blanchard
 K Michael Husted
 D Buffalo
 D Indianapolis

Marley

QB Vinny Testaverde
 QB Gus Frerotte
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Tyrone Wheatley
 RB Ernest Byner
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR Curtis Conway
 K Jason Elam
 K Olindo Mare
 D San Francisco
 D Philadelphia
Injured reserve
 RB Tiki Barber

Narcoossee

QB Steve Young
 QB Elvis Grbac
 RB Napoleon Kaufman
 RB Robert Smith
 RB Terry Kirby
 WR Herman Moore
 WR Wesley Walls
 WR Ricky Dudley
 K John Kasay
 K Scott Blanton
 D Pittsburgh
 D Jacksonville

Sarasota

QB Jeff Blake
 QB Jim Harbaugh
 RB Jamal Anderson
 RB Herschel Walker
 RB Thurman Thomas
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Chris Sanders
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 K Doug Pelfrey
 K Kevin Butler
 D Oakland
 D Washington

Injured reserve

K Brett Conway

Willow

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Troy Aikman
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Mario Bates
 WR Cris Carter
 WR Derrick Alexander
 WR Terrell Owens
 K Joe Nedney
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Kansas City
 D Arizona
Injured reserve
 K John Carney