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## Week 8 scores

Willow .....70  
Flint.....47

Bagdad .....61  
Narcoossee .....23

Lackawanna.....55  
Anchorage.....36

Dugway.....53  
Baltimore .....25

Dutch Harbor ...51  
Marley.....22

Arctic .....35  
Tampa Bay .....27

Limerick.....33  
Alaska.....28

East Hartford...27  
Denver.....7

## Week 9 line

East Hartford + 2  
at Dugway

Baltimore + 5  
at Denver

Dutch Harbor at  
Lackawanna + 12

Arctic at  
Willow + 15

Alaska at  
Narcoossee + 2

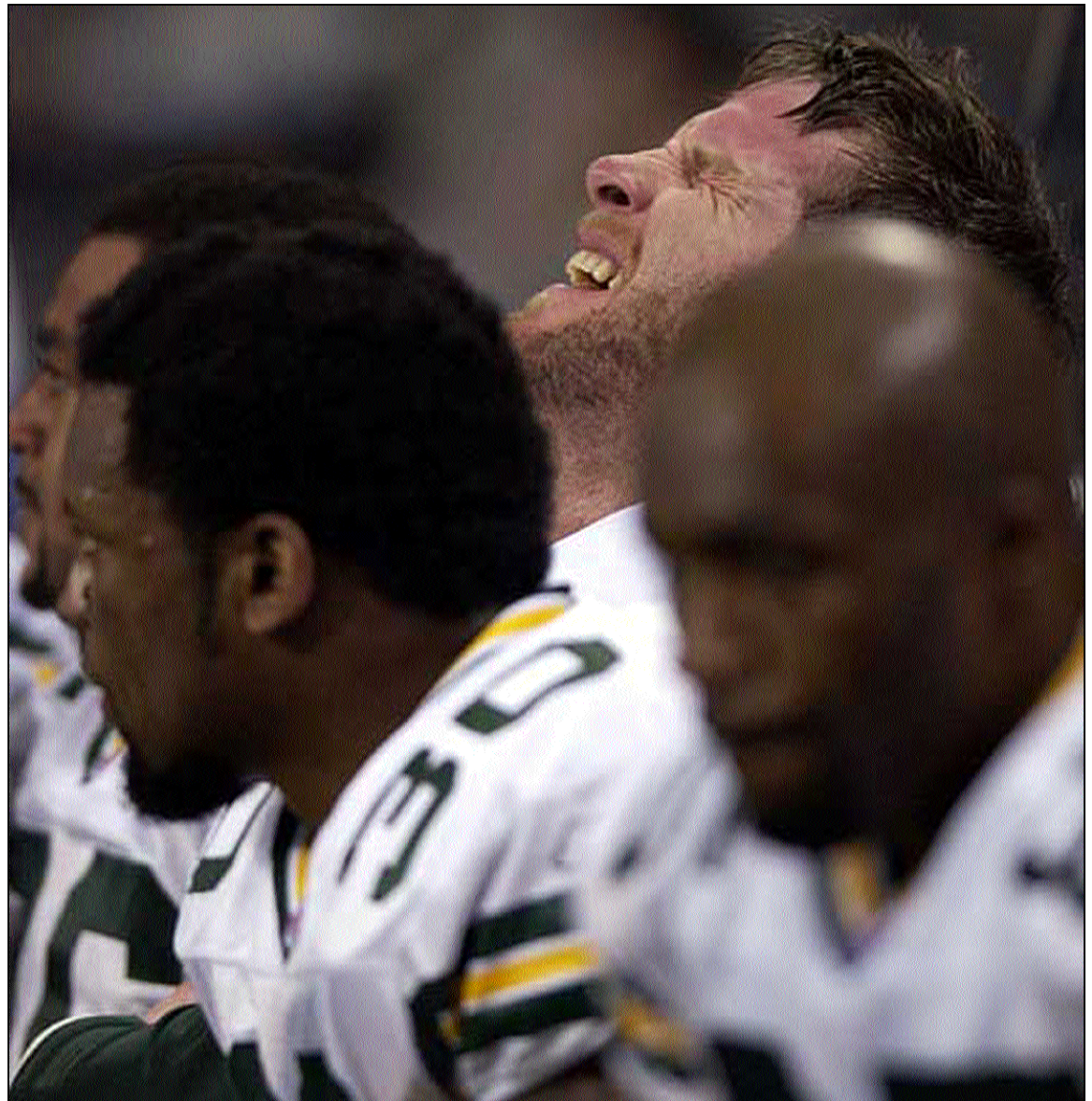
Flint + 7  
Tampa Bay

Anchorage  
at Marley + 13

Bagdad at  
Limerick + 2

# Under new management

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Tampa Bay Loogs quarterback Brett Favre reacts to the news that Paul Ramey will take over control of the franchise. Ramey led the Hogtown Halibut to a Sweeney Bowl win in 1991.



## 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. Arctic .....	107.0
2. Dutch Harbor .....	102.0
3. Dugway .....	93.7
4. East Hartford .....	90.0
5. Bagdad .....	81.7
6. Lackawanna .....	78.0
7. Alaska .....	77.0
8. Anchorage .....	76.3
9. Baltimore .....	73.0
10. Limerick .....	72.0
11. Willow .....	71.7
12. Tampa Bay .....	69.7
13. Narcoossee .....	66.3
14. Denver .....	63.7
15. Marley .....	52.7
16. Flint .....	51.7

## Money matters

Here is an update on the TFL pot:

Team	Fee	D	F	.....	Total
Alaska	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....	\$120
Anchorage	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....	\$110
Arctic	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....	\$105
Bagdad	\$100	\$15	\$0	.....	\$115
Baltimore	\$100	\$30	\$5	.....	\$135
Denver	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....	\$105
Dugway	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....	\$125
Dutch Harbor	\$100	\$15	\$5	.....	\$120
East Hartford	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....	\$125
Flint	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....	\$125
Lackawanna	\$100	\$30	\$0	.....	\$130
Limerick	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....	\$125
Marley	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....	\$120
Narcoossee	\$100	\$20	\$5	.....	\$125
Tampa Bay	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....	\$105
Willow	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....	\$120
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$295</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$1,910</b>

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 runnerup .....	15 percent
Third place .....	11 percent
Fourth place .....	9 percent
Fifth place .....	7 percent
Sixth place .....	5 percent
Regular season champ .....	5 percent
Points scoring champ .....	5 percent
Pee Wee Bowl champion .....	3 percent

# Houck leaves in tiff, Ramey takes over

By Ty Wanon

Special to TFL Today

Jeff Houck is gone. Paul Ramey is back. Scott Lacy is pouting. Ken Sain is baiting people. Chris Reidy isn't talking.

OK, that could describe almost any week in TFL history. But there was never a week like this past one.

Tampa Bay owner Jeff Houck gave away his franchise to Paul Ramey after an uproar by Sain and Lacy over his management of the Loogs last week.

Tampa Bay lost to undefeated Arctic 35-27. What upset Sain, and then Lacy, was that the Loogs did not even try to field a competitive lineup and played for a loss. Houck started three players who were either out with an injury or on the bye. He also started a fourth-string running back who had not scored a point all season. Throw in his defense — which like most teams rarely scores — and the Loogs were basically playing the top team in the league with only two players.

And they only lost by 7 points. "Yeah, that bothered me," Commissioner Ken Sain said. "That game meant something to a lot of other teams, not just the two involved."

"Do you think the NBA would ever allow any of its teams to tank it and let a team in contention get an easy victory? When Houck admitted he intended to tank it, well, he deserved to be criticized."

Houck felt differently. He believes that he paid his franchise fee and should be able to manage the team any way he wants, including setting it up to lose.

So, he said he was done with the TFL and would find someone else to run the franchise.

But that's when the fighting really began. Some of the other TFL owners tried to play peacemakers and defended Houck's desire to run his franchise as he saw fit. Most outspoken were East Hartford's Chris Reidy, Limerick's Michael Bourque and Narcoossee's Wit Tuttle.

Lacy took their lack of support personally threatened to end all of his involvement in the management of the team, which even his loudest critics admit is

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considerable.

Finally, Houck left. Lacy and most of the other owners reached an accord. The only one who has been silent is East Hartford's Reidy. He has boycotted TrashTalk since Houck's departure and the ensuing shouting. He even ignored many taunts that Sain threw out, trying to bait him back into the dumpster.

Faced with an owner dumping his team at mid-season for the first time ever, TFL owners reached consensus on allowing Houck's designated choice — Ramey — to run his team for the rest of the season.

The two agreed to split evenly any money made if the Loogs go on to reach the playoffs. Ramey has played in only one TFL season before — 1991, when he led the Hogtown Halibut to a Sweeney Bowl victory over Narcoossee.

"I'm just honored to have the opportunity to coach in this great league again, and I really mean that," Ramey said. "It's been a long layoff, and the play book is a little dusty, but I don't think it will take long to get back into the swing of things. I would have preferred to inherit a little stronger line up, but I guess that's the way it goes. My only disappointment is that I just missed an opportunity to beat Coach Dolan's Arctic ass. He thinks he knows whupass? I can only hope that we'll meet again in the playoffs. I'll show him what a real ass whupin' feels like."

► **RECORD STREAKS:** Arctic and Dugway both won again, improving to 8-0 for the season. Both now have the second-longest winning streak in TFL history. Flint opened the season 13-0 before losing in 1994.

Both teams will try to extend their streaks and sweep their conferences with wins this week. They could be important games because having a win over each of their conference foes will give them a tie-breaker edge.

Arctic is favored over Willow, but it is unlikely Dugway will beat East Hartford. The Experiments must play without Priest Holmes and Brian Griese, who rank No. 3 and No. 4 overall in TFL scoring this season.



Houck



Ramey

## WEEK 9 PREVIEW



### Dutch Harbor at Lackawanna

**Series record:** Lancers lead series 3-1-0.

**Outlook:** Best game of the week. Winner has inside track to a playoff spot. Loser could be in trouble. Lackawanna needs this more.

**Prediction:** Dawgs 46, Lancers 39.

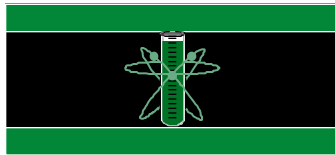
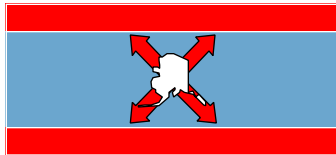


### Flint at Tampa Bay

**Series record:** First-ever meeting.

**Outlook:** Loogs, under new management, should be much better. Won't matter this week, Bison still suck.

**Prediction:** Loogs 34, Bison 28.



### East Hartford at Dugway

**Series record:** Series tied 5-5-0.

**Outlook:** One of the league's best rivalries will be anticlimatic this year as Tubes must sit their top two players.

**Prediction:** Ex-Eskimos 43, Experiments 26.

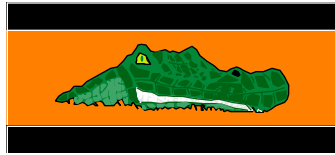


### Baltimore at Denver

**Series record:** Pyles lead series 10-2-0.

**Outlook:** If Mike Taylor ever regains the ATWO lead, and that's doubtful, it will be mainly due to his record vs. Baltimore.

**Prediction:** Pyles 19, Barons 18.



### Arctic at Willow

**Series record:** Weasels lead series 3-1-0.

**Outlook:** Gators should have suffered their first loss last week, but were giving a parting gift. They're due for a loss.

**Prediction:** Weasels 59, Gators 41.



### Anchorage at Marley

**Series record:** Wailers lead series 3-0-0.

**Outlook:** Kitchen deserve better record than what they're sporting. Wailers have earned every single loss. Marriage doesn't agree with Marley.

**Prediction:** Kitchen 37, Wailers 9.

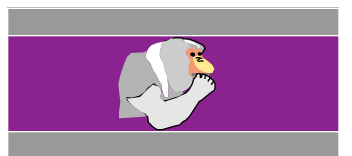


### Bagdad at Limerick

**Series record:** Loons lead series 7-4-1

**Outlook:** Another great rivalry. Newts, despite playing without a quarterback, are threatening to make the playoffs. Nice smoke and mirrors.

**Prediction:** Newts 37, Loons 31.



### Alaska at Narcoossee

**Series record:** Nose Apes lead series 10-3-0.

**Outlook:** It seems fatherhood has done to Iggy's team what marriage has done to Michele's team. Where are your priorities?

**Prediction:** Oosiks 33, Nose Apes 25.

**WEEK 8 STANDINGS**

**SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE**

**FIREWEED DIVISION**

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dugway	8	0	0	—	376	258
Bagdad	4	4	0	4	310	317
Alaska	3	5	0	5	319	312
Denver	3	5	0	5	251	339

**MULDOON DIVISION**

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
East Hartford	5	3	0	—	355	280
Baltimore	4	4	0	1	290	315
Limerick	3	5	0	2	294	317
Narcoossee	2	6	0	3	299	354

**CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE**

**SPENARD DIVISION**

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dutch Harbor	5	3	0	—	419	303
Tampa Bay	5	3	0	—	279	275
Willow	4	4	0	2	306	333
Anchorage	2	6	0	4	323	362

**GAMBELL DIVISION**

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Arctic	8	0	0	—	430	264
Lackawanna	5	3	0	3	316	266
Flint	2	6	0	6	215	386
Marley	1	7	0	7	213	314

**WEEK 8 BOX SCORES**

<b>70.....Willow</b>	<b>Flint . . . . . 47</b>	<b>51....Dutch Harbor</b>	<b>Marley . . . . . 22</b>
28.....J. Garcia QB S. Matthews. . . . . 12	9.....E. Smith RB T. Barber . . . . . 4	12.....T. Maddox QB C. Hutchinson. . . . . 6	0.....R. Dayne RB W. Dunn. . . . . 10
13.....T. Henry RB S. Mack . . . . . 6	7.....J. Galloway WR Ti. Brown . . . . . 10	15.....C. Portis RB C. Schlesinger . . . . . 0	12.....R. Moss WR T. Gonzalez . . . . . 1
1.....R. Smith WR J. Horn. . . . . 7	9.....J. Carney K K. Brown . . . . . 8	0.....D. Patten WR B. Finneran . . . . . 1	9.....M. Andersen K S. Janikowski . . . . . 4
3.....Eagles D Redskins . . . . . 0	3.....Buccaneers D Broncos . . . . . 0	3.....Arctic	3.....Tampa Bay . . . . . 27
<b>61.....Bagdad</b>	<b>Narcoossee . . . 23</b>	12.....D. Bledsoe QB S. McNair. . . . . 18	3.....E. George RB J. Bettis . . . . . 0
6.....M. Brunell QB T. Brady . . . . . 6	8.....E. James RB J. Lewis . . . . . 0	3.....E. George RB J. Bettis . . . . . 0	4.....C. Garner RB A. Stecker . . . . . 0
22.....D. McAllister RB A. Zereoue. . . . . 13	8.....J. Smith WR D. Boston. . . . . 2	6.....E. Moulds WR C. Carter . . . . . 0	7.....L. Coles WR K. McCardell. . . . . 0
0.....R. Gardner WR J. Porter. . . . . 1	17.....M. Gramatica K M. Vanderjagt. . . . . 1	3.....J. Hall K D. Akers. . . . . 9	0.....Patriots D Lions . . . . . 0
0.....Bears D Rams. . . . . 0	<b>55.....Lackawanna</b>	<b>33.....Limerick</b>	<b>Alaska . . . . . 28</b>
6.....C. Chandler QB M. Vick. . . . . 14	7.....A. Smith RB J. Stewart. . . . . 12	18.....P. Manning QB T. Green. . . . . 6	2.....S. Davis RB L. Centers . . . . . 0
2.....F. Taylor RB G. Hearst . . . . . 0	22.....T. Owens WR M. Harrison . . . . . 2	3.....M. Bennett RB D. Staley . . . . . 4	6.....E. McCaffrey WR H. Ward . . . . . 5
12.....P. Price WR Tr. Brown . . . . . 1	6.....M. Hollis K T. Peterson. . . . . 7	0.....A. Bryant WR T. Heap . . . . . 3	4.....A. Vinatieri K P. Dawson . . . . . 10
0.....Browns D Giants . . . . . 0	0.....Browns D Giants . . . . . 0	0.....Colts	0.....Panthers. . . . . 0
<b>53.....Dugway</b>	<b>Baltimore . . . . . 25</b>	<b>27....East Hartford</b>	<b>Denver . . . . . 7</b>
6.....B. Griese QB A. Brooks. . . . . 14	10.....P. Holmes RB C. Dillon. . . . . 10	10.....R. Gannon QB D. Culpepper . . . . . 6	0.....W. Green RB M. Alstott . . . . . 0
10.....P. Holmes RB C. Dillon. . . . . 10	13.....K. Barlow RB M. Pittman . . . . . 0	0.....W. Green RB M. Alstott . . . . . 0	6.....J. Wells RB A. Thomas . . . . . 0
13.....K. Barlow RB M. Pittman . . . . . 0	13.....P. Burress WR J. Rice . . . . . 0	1.....Kv. Johnson WR Ky. Johnson . . . . . 0	8.....M. Booker WR J. Thrash . . . . . 1
0.....D. Branch WR M. Pollard. . . . . 0	11.....G. Anderson K P. Edinger. . . . . 1	2.....B. Cundiff K O. Mare . . . . . 0	0.....Ravens D 49ers . . . . . 0
0.....Cowboys D Raiders . . . . . 0	0.....Cowboys D Raiders . . . . . 0	0.....Ravens D 49ers . . . . . 0	

**WEEK 8 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...130	1.	Holmes, DU...123	1.	Moulds, AR...70	1.	Andersen, DH...71	1.	Bucs, DH...50
2.	Brooks, BT...129	2.	Faulk, AK...82	2.	Price, LK...68	2.	Gramatica, BG.70	2.	Chargers, EH...17
3.	Griese, DU...107		McAllister, BG.82	4.	Booker, EH...58	3.	Longwell, AR...68	3.	Broncos...15
4.	Manning, LI...92	4.	Tomlinson, DH..77	7.	Owens, LK...57	4.	Akers, TB...61		Dolphins, TB...15
5.	Favre, TB...87	5.	Henry, WI...76	3.	Harrison, AN...53	5.	Mare, DV...56		Patriots, AR...15
6.	Culpepper, DV.80	6.	Williams, EH...65	5.	Horn, FL...51	6.	Carney, WI...52	6.	Colts, LI...9
7.	2 tied...78	7.	Garner, AR...60	6.	Ward, AK...47	7.	2 tied...51		Giants, AN...9

**DEALS**

**Oct. 31**

Tampa Bay places RB Jerome Bettis on IR, adds RB Marcell Shipp.

**Oct. 30**

Denver places WR Ike Hilliard on IR, adds WR Shannon Sharpe. Bagdad waives QB Kerry Collins, adds QB Jeff George.

**Oct. 29**

Denver waives QB Mike McMahon, adds QB Chris Weinke. Limerick places RB Stephen Davis on IR, adds RB Kenny Watson. Alaska places WR Darrell Jackson on IR, adds WR Dennis Northcutt.

Baltimore places QB Trent Dilfer on IR, adds QB Jeff Blake.

Baltimore waives WR Jerome Pathon, reactivates WR Derrick Mason.

Willow waives WR Johnnie Morton, adds WR Wayne Chrebet.

Bagdad places RB Edgerin James on IR, adds RB Rick Williams.

Lackawanna waives WR Willie Jackson, adds WR Amani Toomer.

East Hartford waives RB William Green, adds RB Troy Hambrick.

Dugway places QB Rob Johnson on IR, adds QB Shaun King.

**Oct. 28**

Narcoossee fined \$5 because Donte Stallworth played while on IR.

Baltimore fined \$5 because Derrick Mason played while on IR.

**Oct. 25**

Marley places WR Bubba Franks on bye reserve, adds WR Brian Finneran. Marley waives QB Quincy Carter, adds QB Chad Hutchinson.

**Oct. 24**

Dutch Harbor waives K Neil Rackers, adds K Matt Bryant.

**Oct. 23**

Dugway waives K Matt Bryant, adds K Tim Seder.

**CURRENT ROSTERS****Alaska**

QB Tim Couch  
 QB Trent Green  
 RB Lamar Gordon  
 RB Duce Staley  
 RB Marshall Faulk  
 WR Todd Heap  
 WR Hines Ward  
 WR Dennis Northcutt  
 K James Tuthill  
 K Phil Dawson  
 D Carolina Panthers  
 D Green Bay Packers  
 IR Brett Conway, K  
 IR Darrell Jackson

**Bagdad**

QB Mark Brunell  
 QB Jeff George  
 RB Rick Williams  
 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 John Kasay, K  
 IR Edgerrin James, RB

**Denver**

QB Daunte Culpepper  
 QB Chris Weinke  
 RB Mike Alstott  
 RB Anthony Thomas  
 RB Zack Crockett  
 WR Shannon Sharpe  
 WR Keyshawn Johnson  
 WR James Thrash  
 K Olindo Mare  
 K Steve Christie  
 D San Francisco 49ers  
 D Jacksonville Jaguars  
 IR Ike Hilliard, WR

**Dugway**

QB Brian Griese  
 QB Shaun King  
 RB Priest Holmes  
 RB Thomas Jones  
 RB Kevan Barlow  
 WR Deion Branch  
 WR Plaxico Burress  
 WR Donald Driver  
 K Gary Anderson  
 K Tim Seder  
 D Seattle Seahawks  
 D Dallas Cowboys  
 IR Owen Pochman, K  
 IR Brad Johnson, QB  
 IR Rob Johnson, QB

**Baltimore**

QB Aaron Brooks  
 QB Trent Dilfer  
 RB Michael Pittman  
 RB Corey Dillon  
 RB Lamont Jordan  
 WR Jerry Rice  
 WR Marcus Pollard  
 WR Derrick Mason  
 K Paul Edinger  
 K Joe Nedney  
 D Oakland Raiders  
 D Cincinnati Bengals  
 IR Trent Dilfer, QB

**East Hartford**

QB Drew Brees  
 QB Rich Gannon  
 RB Troy Hambrick  
 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 Kenny Watson  
 RB Michael Bennett  
 WR Antonio Bryant  
 WR Ed McCaffrey  
 WR Torry Holt  
 K Jose Cortez  
 K Adam Vinatieri  
 D Indianapolis Colts  
 D Buffalo Bills  
 IR Stephen Davis, RB

**Narcoossee**

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

**Anchorage**

QB Ray Lucas  
 QB Michael Vick  
 RB Ahman Green  
 RB James Stewart  
 RB Garrison Hearst  
 WR Marvin Harrison  
 WR Troy Brown  
 WR Corey Bradford  
 K Bill Gramatica  
 K Todd Peterson  
 D Kansas City Chiefs  
 D New York Giants  
 IR Jay Fiedler, QB

**Dutch Harbor**

QB Jim Miller  
 QB Tommy Maddox  
 RB LaDainian Tomlinson  
 RB Clinton Portis  
 RB T.J. Duckett  
 WR David Patten  
 WR Randy Moss  
 WR Terry Glenn  
 K Matt Bryant  
 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 Marcell Shipp  
 RB William Henderson  
 WR Frank Wycheck  
 WR Keenan McCardell  
 WR Cris Carter  
 K David Akers  
 K Hayden Epstein  
 D Detroit Lions  
 D Miami Dolphins  
 IR Jerome Bettis, RB

**Willow**

QB Jeff Garcia  
 QB David Carr  
 RB Lamar Smith  
 RB Emmitt Smith  
 RB Travis Henry  
 WR Wayne Chrebet  
 WR Rod Smith  
 WR Joey Galloway  
 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 Shane Matthews  
 QB Marc Bulger  
 RB Stacey Mack  
 RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala  
 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 Chandler  
 RB Antowain Smith  
 RB Mike Anderson  
 RB Fred Taylor  
 WR Terrell Owens  
 WR Peerless Price  
 WR Amani Toomer  
 K Jason Elam  
 K Mike Hollis  
 D Cleveland Browns  
 D Arizona Cardinals

**Marley**

QB Chad Hutchinson  
 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