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After ruling the Barbarino for a while, Bagdad meets the surging Oosiks in what is now only . . .

The race for second-best

In other words, it's Chris Reidy's league, and the rest of us are just taking up space in it.

By Baron von Butterbrain
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We take it all back, Chris.

That Steve Young crack last week? Not that East Hartford's team didn't provide good reason to say it, and not that it was meant as criticism, you understand. But when Young is scoring over half of the team's points,

TFL Today up close:

Hang on to something. The TFL Today presents an exclusive interview with Van Williams, the man time forgot. See page 3 for this baby.

what do we say?

This week, however, the rest of the East Hart-

ford Ex-Eskimos decided to play, and the result almost blew a circuit in Reidy's calculator. 82-20.

The Exmos shot that one-man team stuff into outer space along with John Glenn.

They almost matched Alaska's recent feat of getting double figures from every roster position except the defense, and coincidentally enough, that was accomplished against East Hartford, giving the Smos their only loss of

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*** TRADING DEADLINE IS SUNDAY ***

The race for second-best pits Bagdad, Alaska

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the season.

But we digress.

For those of you who, even when you do visit TrashTalk, probably miss a lot of what's been said, we now bring you up to speed.

For those of you who don't bother with TrashTalk or this newsletter, see ya next year.

Mr. Reidy, oft-maligned for his stance on Prop 5, took full advantage of his membership in the 80-point club to vent.

"You damn well better believe it feels sweet," he said, to win this big over the principle champion of the former rule of total points being the first playoff tiebreaker.

We would have to start another newsletter, the TFL Tomorrow, to go into the reams that have been written on the website on this topic just in the past week. And it might get even nastier.

But another defender of total points, Bagdad's Scott Lacy, has been sagging in that department for a couple of weeks, and this week his Newts take on one of his toughest opponents lately, the Alaska Oosiks.

Mr. Lacy was too busy arguing his case this week to comment on this game, but in remark dug up from the archives, he said, "I prefer to let my team speak for itself, and besides, the

newsletter writes itself."

With five weeks to go in the regular season, Bagdad and Alaska are in obviously prime playoff positions, along with Lackawanna and Limerick, which are tied for second behind East Hartford in the Kotter Division.

Someone from the Horse-something Division will slip in, but until they climb above .500, there's no sense justifying their measly existence.

The wonder Down Under

Casey Brogan is into the second week of his history-making (he hopes) mission – er – trip to Australia. Who knows how successful he's been on the babe hunt, but it sounds like he's been having a good time. So would you if there were a nice Jewish girl living right next door. How are her latkes, Casey?

**Are you goin' to Scarborough Fair?
parsley sage, rose-mar-y and thyme
remember me to one who lives there;
she once was a true love of mine ...**

Nate Sagan has been a sporadic visitor to TrashTalk, and it takes only a glance at his record to see why. His talk has always been about as big as his record. But he, too, is having a pretty good time, shacking up with his girlfriend in Berkeley while working gainfully as a temp.

Van on Van

The TFL's all-but-forgotten man tries to set things straight in his most candid (actually his only) interview to date.

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It happened as some stories will, just falling in the lap of the reporter on a quiet afternoon with nothing going on, as he's just beginning to think of what to fill next week's newsletter with.

This may not be the story of the year, but it ain't far off.

The story: Van Williams speaks. Van Williams: Himself. Van on Van. The man as you've never seen or heard him. He

called the commissioner's office last Wednesday (or it might have been Thursday; I'm still getting over the shock and may not have the day right), and talked openly about everything.

It started out as a simple question of why he was charged for a reserve move followed by a free-agent pickup of the same player. With that accomplished, the TFL Today pressed him on such issues as why he's a no-show at the conventions and why he's mostly a non-participant in the website.

And he let loose. Not in a rancorous way, just stating his position and his reasons about as mat-

ter-of-factly as could be. We'll let him take it from here.

"I don't come to the conventions because it's too expensive a trip, and Beth won't let me off for it. On draft night she lets me

not be the office boy so I can draft, but it's still hard because I have to run over to where the computer is where I can see the website, and then go back to my desk if a phoner comes in or there's some other piece of work I have to do."

Williams laughed.

"Watch, when they come to Anchorage, I'll probably be away that weekend.

"I don't understand why a participant in the league should be judged by whether he comes to the conventions. I'm as intense as anybody about the draft and about the games. You should see me when the games are on. I go crazy and get intense just like anybody else."

Why, the reporter wondered, don't you talk trash during the week?

"Because the games are on Sunday, not during the week. It's easier for Casey and Nate because the



Commissioner Katz almost dropped the phone when he heard the voice on the other end.

"I know they all rag on me for these things, but there's nothing I can do about it."

- Van Williams

computer that lets you get on the internet is right there next to their machines. It's theirs. All Casey has to do (this interview occurred while Brogan was already in Australia) is lean over and hit REFRESH to see what the latest is.

"I know they all rag on me for these things, but there's nothing I can do about it. It's kind of fun when they get pissed. But those are my reasons, and maybe they can understand, but if they can't, well, I don't know, whatever, that's ok.

"I think things are much too intense sometimes. All this is is a football league. I don't think a person's seriousness should be measured by how often he uses the website."

So there you have it: Van: Unplugged.

WEEK 10 MATCHUPS



**Denver (3-5-1)
at Dutch Harbor (3-6)**

Line: Denver, minus a hope
The Pyles added a bonafide quarterback to a pretty strong team, just when their top guns went south for a while. They'll need a lot more magic than just Doug Flutie.



**Narcoossee (4-5) at
Lackawanna (6-3)**
Line: Narcoossee -10

Don't look now, but it's revival time in Narcoossee. You can't get much (uh-oooh) luckier than Peyton Manning scoring big. That's not to say he'll outgun the Brettster. But the Apes have slightly better depth.



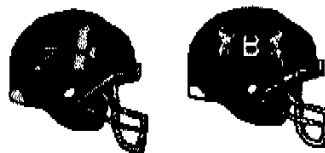
Flint (3-6) at Arctic (4-5)
Line: Flint -76

Flint just had to pop sooner or later. Championships have been won coming back from losing records, and who's to say Bledsoe and Freeman won't pull the Bison out of their doldrums. *Naaaaaaah.*



**East Hartford (8-1)
at Willow (3-6)**

Line: E. Hartford, minus a care
The Smos slammed the door on all that one-man team talk. They'll be (uh-oooh) lucky to run it up like that again. But at least Reidy didn't pull a Joe Paterno and apologize for it.



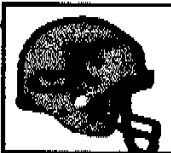
**Anchorage (2-7)
at Baltimore (3-6)**
Line: Baltimore -3

What if they held a game and nobody came. The Barons will be (uh-oooh) lucky to draw flies for this dud. It may challenge the TFL record for lowest total score by both teams.

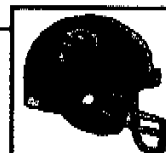


**Dugway (3-5-1)
at Limerick (6-3)**
Line: Limerick -30

Limerick will once again (uh-oooh) luck out and play a low-scoring team, this time the lowest-scoring one in the league. What's this mean for Dugway? Tally-ho, old chap.



Bagdad (7-2) at Alaska (6-2-1)
Line: Alaska -6



Bagdad's been looking less potent of late while Alaska keeps rocking. The big games almost always come down to who gets a break. And great teams make their own breaks. But it also depends to some degree on (uh-oooh) luck.

WEEK 9 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Bagdad	7	2	0	398	84	37	44.2	303	46	18	33.7
Alaska	6	2	1	405	83	14	45.0	308	45	19	34.2
Arctic	4	5	0	334	53	8	37.1	396	84	15	44.4
Denver	3	5	1	320	53	21	35.6	383	76	27	42.6
Dugway	3	5	1	267	47	15	29.7	374	82	19	41.8

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	8	1	0	440	82	37	48.9	337	83	20	37.4
Lackawanna	6	3	0	360	69	19	40.0	289	48	20	32.1
Limerick	6	3	0	319	46	25	35.4	288	53	12	32.0
Flint	3	6	0	370	48	22	41.1	287	48	15	31.9
Anchorage	2	7	0	285	51	15	31.7	419	69	28	46.6

Horsback Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	4	5	0	354	64	18	39.3	312	69	14	34.7
Willow	3	5	1	310	64	18	34.4	372	46	8	41.3
Dutch Harbor	3	6	0	299	69	12	33.2	365	51	22	40.6
Baltimore	3	6	0	284	45	17	31.6	312	48	16	34.7

WEEK 9 SCORES

Alaska 50	Arctic 42	Lackawanna 51	Dutch Harbor 37
Chris Chandler 12	Mark Brunell 15	Brett Favre 26	The New Vinny 6
Garrison Hearst 8	Fred Taylor 19	Ant. Smith 2	Priest Holmes 0
Terrell Davis 18	Sedrick Shaw 0	Terry Allen 0	Donnell Bennett 1
Terrance Mathis 1	Terry Glenn 0	Eric Moulds 7	Jermaine Lewis 7
Darnay Scott 0	Keyshawn 0	Robert Brooks 6	Tim Brown 7
Mort. Andersen 13	John Hall 8	Jason Hanson 10	Richie C. 10
Minnesota 0	Patriots 0	San Fran 0	Dallas 6
Bagdad 37	Baltimore 36	Limerick 46	Willow 39
Randall C. 14	Charlie Batch 0	John Elway 12	Steve McNeir 18
Bam Morris 0	Travis Jervey 8	Emmitt Smith 9	Fred Lane 6
Karim 8	Eddie George 11	Curtis Martin 0	Marshall Faulk 6
Rod Smith 0	Joey Galloway 0	Bert Emanuel 0	Shannon Sharpe 0
Johnnie Morton 3	Michael Irvin 6	Jimmy Smith 8	Terrell Owens 0
Gary Anderson 6	Ryan Longwell 11	Al Del Greco 11	John Kasay 9
Tennessee 6	Ravens 0	NY Jets 6	Seattle 0
E. Hartford 82	Dugway 20	Narcoossee 53	Anchorage 26
Steve Young 12	Tony Banks 8	P. Manning 14	Troy Aikman 12
Ricky Watters 11	Jerome Bettis 0	Corey Dillon 3	Nap Kaufman 1
Mike Alstott 10	Troy Davis 0	J. Anderson 23	Robert Smith 6
Ch. Johnson 28	Jerry Rice 7	Marvin Harrison 0	Carl Pickens 3
Ben Coates 12	Andre Rison 0	Tony Martin 8	K. McCardell 0
Jason Elam 9	Steve Christie 5	Pete Stoyo 5	Todd Peterson 4
NY Giants 0	Tampa 0	Miami 0	Pittsburgh 6
Flint 76	Denver 25	Week 10 schedule Denver at Dutch Harbor Narcoossee at Lackawanna Flint at Arctic Bagdad at Alaska Anchorage at Baltimore Dugway at Limerick East Hartford at Willow	
Draw Bledsoe 18	Jake Plummer 12		
Robt Edwards 7	Gary Brown 0		
Warrick Dunn 9	Barry 3		
Ed McCaffrey 10	Cris Carter 0		
Ant. Freeman 24	Randy Moss 1		
Olindo Mare 6	Vinatieri 3		
Green Bay 2	Carolina 6		

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Nov. 3
 Alaska places Darnay Scott on I.R., add Chris Caloway.

Sunday, Nov. 1
 Bagdad waives RB Amp Lee, activates RB Lamar Smith; Places WR Isaac Bruce on I.R., adds WR Kevin Dyson.

Saturday, Oct. 31
 Narcoossee trades QB Doug Flutie and WR Mushin Muhammad to Denver for WR Marvin Harrison. Narcoossee waives QB Rob Johnson, activates QB Warren Moon.
 Denver waives QB Bubby Brister.

Friday, Oct. 30
 East Hartford waives RB Edgar Bennett, adds RB Mike Alstott.

Thursday, Oct. 29
 Dugway places RB Tavian Banks on I.R., adds RB Troy Davis.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
 Limerick waives WR Michael Jackson, who was on I.R.

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 Francisco
D 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 **Chris Calloway**
WR Curtis Conway
K Morten Andersen
K Doug Pelfrey
D Minnesota
D San Diego
I.R. Darnay Scott

Denver

QB Jake Plummer
QB **Doug Flutie**
RB Barry Sanders
RB **Gary Brown**
RB **Ahman Green**
WR Cris Carter
WR **M. Muhammad**
WR Randy Moss
K Adam Vinatieri
K Norm Johnson
D Carolina
D Philadelphia

Dugway

QB **Donald Hollas**
QB Tony Banks
RB **Jerome Bettis**
RB Natrone Means
RB **Troy Davis**
WR **Jerry Rice**
WR **Andre Rison**
WR **Jake Reed**
K Mike Vanderjagt
K **Steve Christie**
D Tampa Bay
D St. Louis
I.R. Tavian Banks

**“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 Peterson
K 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

Narcoossee

QB **Peyton Manning**
QB **Warren Moon**
RB Corey Dillon
RB Jamal Anderson
RB **Ray Zellers**
WR Tony Martin
WR **Marvin Harrison**
WR Andre Reed
K Pete Stoyanovich
K Wade Richie
D Miami
D Jacksonville

Arctic

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

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 Bert Emanuel
WR **Wayne Chrebet**
K Al Del Greco
K Michael Husted
D NY Jets
D Oakland

East Hartford

QB Steve Young
QB Dan Marino
RB Ricky Watters
RB **William Floyd**
RB **Mike Alstott**
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 **Kevin Dyson**
WR Johnnie Morton
K Gary Anderson
K Matt Stover
D Tennessee
D **Detroit**
I.R. Brad Johnson
I.R. Isaac Bruce

Willow

QB Steve McNair
QB Bobby Hoying
RB Marshall Faulk
RB **Fred Lane**
RB Adrian Murrell
WR Shannon Sharpe
WR Terrell Owens
WR Ike Hilliard
K John Kasay
K Jeff Jaeger
D Seattle
D Washington

Flint

QB Drew Bledsoe
QB **Eric Zeler**
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**