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Sain to take 10-minute break from being mad at Katz, Reidy

Dugway owner will begin
'sabbatical' as soon as he
himself wins T-Rex

By Baron von Butterbrain
TFL Today

LIMERICK - Unfortunately, the one thing this isn't is new. This story does not put the "news" in newsletter. It is a time-honored rite of TFL passage.

Ken Sain's warped, twisted, unforgiving, unrelenting attack on anyone not named Ken Sain.

This week, the media set him off by mentioning that Baltimore has led the league in points since the first week but is just 4-4, same as Denver and its pop-gun offense. He would

have none of it. "Katz deserves for his record to fail him despite his point total, after staining the league with his low-scoring championship march two years ago," Sain after Bagdad's Scott Lacy and Limerick's Michael Bourque both expressed a certain pity for such a plight, if that's the word.

Sain then aimed his guns at East Hartford's Chris Reidy, who made it onto Sain's list last year by winning the T-Rex and not being named Ken Sain.

"When does Reidy starting feeling some payback?" Sain wondered aloud and without prompting.

How 'bout this week, when Dugway and East Hartford meet?

The ironic part (in great writing, everything has an ironic part) is that Reidy met

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Which of these
moods best
describes Ken Sain?

1. Angry
2. Bitter
3. Jealous
4. Bitter
5. Envious
6. Bitter
7. Steamed
8. Bitter
9. Annoyed
10. Bitter
11. Dour
12. Bitter
13. Surly
14. Bitter

Ghosts, goblins play role in Lackawanna victory

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Sain's standards by out-gunning Lackawanna, 72-64, led partly by Drew Bledsoe's 4 touchdown passes. Both teams were the beneficiary of the Redskins' 48-22 win over Chicago, as Brad Johnson paced the Lancers with 18 and Brett Conway kicked his way to 16 for the Ex'mos.

The victory placed Reidy and the Brothers C in a 3-way tie for Kotter Division leadership with Anchorage, which came through with a victory over Dutch Harbor. Limerick and Flint should not be considered out of anything despite 3-4-1 and 3-5 records - not if the 59-point dam-bursting by Flint over Willow was for real.

The Kitchen not only celebrated the return of Fred Taylor, heralding a probable return to TFL prominence (and talkativeness), but also got a touchdown from one of the most traveled running backs of this or any other year, Ken "get your clothes their whitest with" Oxendine.

Of course, he was only a bye-week reserve player. As soon as the games ended, he automatically returned to

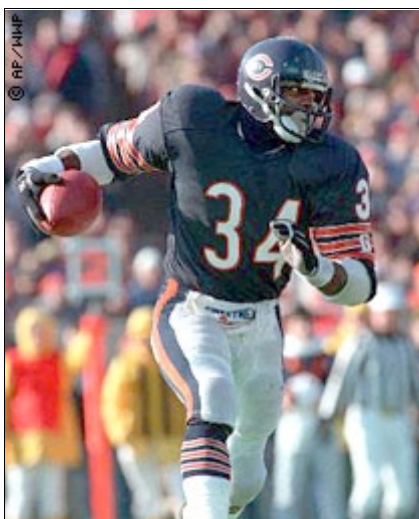


the free-agent stack, and just as quickly, Willow, which thought Gary Brown and Karim Abdul-Jabbar were improvements, gobbled him up.

The recently slump-ridden Barons got back to the .500 mark by beating Arctic, and Steve Katz bristled when it was suggested the only teams he can beat anymore are punchless ones.

"Let no one discount this win," Katz said in relief. "Good teams beat the teams they *should* beat. What lie ahead are nothing but teams we *have* to beat."

Drew Bledsoe gives Lamont Warren a hug after one of Bledsoe's 4 touchdown strikes. Reidy must look elsewhere on his roster to replace Bledsoe's 29 points this week, with the Pats on a bye. Below, Fred Taylor gave Anchorage the spark they needed in only a half of action.



Walter Payton and his brother Eddie, were both in Alaska on a visit one summer when they came across a bear. Eddie turns around and starts running, while Walter quickly drops his back pack and grabs his running shoes. As he kicks off his boots and starts throwing on his running shoes, Eddie turns around and asks, "Walter, what are you doing? There's a bear back there and it's headed this way." Walter looks at Eddie, then back at the bear, and replies, "Eddie, I

Bingham remembers Payton

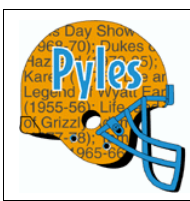
only have to run faster than you."

What I remember about Walter Payton was a tough running back who may not have been the best skills-wise, but he was a running back who was willing to take the pounding of going through the guts of a defense or to catch a

pass in the flat when he knew he'd get hit. Payton had to be frustrated playing for some of the lousy Chicago Bears teams he did, but I think that was why it was such a joy to watch the 1985 Super Bowl team. Because of all his struggles in the past with the team, Payton knew what it took to become successful, and he appreciated the success once the Bears started winning.

- Charles Bingham

WEEK 9 MATCHUPS



Denver (4-4) at Anchorage (5-3)
Line: Anchorage -52

Do we have to point out that Anchorage now has the services of that other guy name Taylor (you know, the one has a good team), and a healthy Steve McNair?



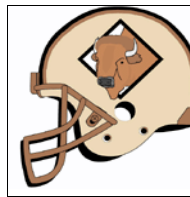
Dutch Harbor (4-4) at Narcoossee (6-2)
Line: Narcoossee -3

You might consider Brett Favre hasn't really been himself, while Kurt Warner's self has been golden. The Apes, though, still have one weapon too many.



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

If Limerick can jump up and upset Dugway, anything can happen against Willow, which fired blanks last week. With a win, the Loons are anything but out of it in the Kotter race.



Lackawanna (5-3) at Flint (3-5)
Line: Flint - any logic

Logic would have it that Lackawanna rolls. But Flint defeated logic last week with an entirely un-Flint-like 59 points in beating another first-place team.



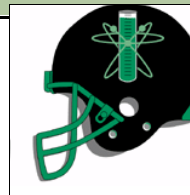
Baltimore (4-4) at Alaska (3-5)
Line: Baltimore - 4

Hard to say how much history means. Alaska's high game is 38 points, but opponents are averaging 45 on Baltimore. Do the Oosiks rise to pull it off? (no condom jokes, please)



Arctic (2-6) at Bagdad (2-5-1)
Line: Bagdad, by George

They're unstoppable. They're unbeatable. They're unconscious. They're Bagdad. They'll be 3-5-1 soon. It just doesn't pay to be a Gator this year. (no University of Florida jokes, please)



East Hartford (5-3) at Dugway (4-4)
Line: even

Dugway's unrelenting attack on East Hartford's dignity continues unabated. Sain's latest salvo was a backhander about as subtle as Drew Bledsoe's 29-point spree in the Ex'mos' balanced victory last week. But Bledsoe's absence this week - with Tim Couch Reidy's backup - balances out this matchup. Maybe just enough for a Dugway win.

WEEK 8 STANDINGS

Barbarino		Record			Points for				Points against			
Division		W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Tubes		4	4	0	289	50	16	36.1	283	49	17	35.4
Denver Pyles		4	4	0	192	49	14	24.0	231	59	16	28.9
Alaska Oosiks		3	5	0	179	38	11	22.4	229	65	8	28.6
Bagdad Newts		2	5	1	274	75	15	34.3	271	63	14	33.9
Arctic Gators		2	6	0	209	61	8	26.1	312	75	17	39.0

Kotter		Record			Points for				Points against			
Division		W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Lackawanna		5	3	0	363	64	14	45.4	323	72	22	40.4
Anchorage Kitchen		5	3	0	332	75	15	41.5	284	58	11	35.5
East Hartford		5	3	0	326	72	17	40.8	263	64	14	32.9
Limerick Loons		3	4	1	283	44	25	35.4	297	61	33	37.1
Flint Bison		3	5	0	223	59	13	27.9	242	49	17	30.3

Horshack		Record			Points for				Points against			
Division		W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee N.Apes		6	2	0	321	63	16	40.1	252	56	9	31.5
Willow Weasels		5	3	0	306	61	17	38.3	307	59	16	38.4
Baltimore Barons		4	4	0	368	59	25	46.0	362	75	23	45.3
Dutch Harbor Dawgs		4	4	0	296	48	19	37.0	305	64	15	38.1

WEEK 8 SCORES

Narcoossee 32	Denver 25	Baltimore 41	Arctic 23
Brett Favre 9	S.Beuerlein 7	P. Manning 11	Mark Brunell 12
Duce Staley 8	Fred Lane 1	James Stewart 12	T. Biakabutuka 0
Kenny Bynum 1	Olandis Gary 4	Moe Williams 0	Warrick Dunn 5
Marvin Harrison 10	Rocket Ismail 0	Ant. Freeman 0	Eddie Kennison 0
G. Crowell 0	Carl Pickens 0	Terry Glenn 7	E. Kennison 0
Jason Elam 4	Michael Husted 11	Mike Hollis 11	Adam Vinatieri 3
Tampa Bay 0	Denver 2	Green Bay 0	New England 0

Bagdad 65	Alaska 14	Flint 59	Willow 17
Jeff George 12	Damon Huard 0	Chris Chandler 12	Troy Aikman 0
Ricky Williams 6	Marshall Faulk 13	Stephen Davis 19	Ricky Watters 4
Cecil Collins 6	Corey Dillon 0	Donnell Bennett 6	Antowain Smith 0
Tim Brown 3	Frank Sanders 0	K. McCardell 6	Isaac Bruce 7
Cris Carter 19	Kevin Dyson 0	Terance Mathis 1	Randy Moss 0
Steve Christie 7	Ryan Longwell 1	Morten Andersen 9	Al Del Greco 6
KC Chiefs 12	New Orleans 0	Minnie 6	Arizona 0

E. Hartford 72	Lackawanna 64	Limerick 42	Dugway 32
Drew Bledsoe 29	Brad Johnson 18	Brian Griese 17	Jon Kitna 12
Emmitt Smith 14	Leroy Hoard 2	Eddie George 7	Dorsey Levens 3
T. Wheatley 0	Edgerrin James 11	Bam Morris 0	Mike Alstott 0
M. Muhammad 1	Yancey Thigpen 0	Jimmy Smith 11	Wesley Walls 0
Derrick Mayes 6	M. Robinson 23	Rod Smith 3	M. Westbrook 8
Brett Conway 16	Pete Stoyo 10	M. Vanderjagt 14	Todd Peterson 9
NY Giants 6	Buffalo 0	Oakland 0	San Diego 0

Week 9 schedule	Anchorage 42	D. Harbor 34
Denver at Anchorage	Elvis Grbac 15	Kurt Warner 25
Dutch Harbor at Narcoossee	Fred Taylor 10	Terry Allen 2
Willow at Limerick	Ken Oxendine 7	Curtis Enis 1
Lackawanna at Flint	Ed. McCaffrey 0	David Boston 0
Baltimore at Alaska	Albert Connell 0	Ernie Mills 0
Arctic at Bagdad	Olindo Mare 10	Richie C. 6
East Hartford at Dugway	Jacksonville 0	Carolina 0

TRANSACTIONS

Nov. 2

Narcoossee waives WR O.J. McDuffie, adds WR Tim Dwight.

Willow waives RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar, adds RB Ken Oxendine.

Oct. 30

Anchorage places RB Curtis Martin and Jerome Bettis on bye week reserve, adds RB Ken Oxendine.

Wavies QB Billy Joe Hobert from I.R., retains QB Elvis Grbac. Waives QB Kordell Stewart, activates QB Steve McNair off I.R.

East Hartford waives RB Randy Jordan, activates RB Tyrone Wheatley.

Oct. 28

Narcoossee waives RB Jonathan Linton, adds RB Charlie Garner.

Oct. 27

Baltimore waives RB Charlie Garner off I.R.

Who's got who (current rosters)

Bold = free agent or trade pickup

Italic = Injured reserve acquisition

Denver Pyles
QB Bubby Brister
QB Steve Beuerlein
RB *Tommy Vardell*
RB Robert Smith
RB Olandis Gary
WR Carl Pickens
WR Az-zahir Hakim
WR Rocket Ismail
K Wade Richie
K Michael Husted
D Denver
D Cincinnati
I.R. Terrell Davis
Shannon Sharpe

Narcoossee
QB Brett Favre
QB Jeff Garcia
RB *Kenny Bynum*
RB Duce Staley
RB *Charlie Garner*
WR Marvin Harrison
WR Tim Dwight
WR Germaine Crowell
K Jason Elam
K Kris Brown
D Atlanta
D Tampa Bay
IR Garrison Hearst
Natrone Means

Anchorage
QB Steve McNair
QB Elvis Grbac
RB Fred Taylor
RB Jerome Bettis
RB Curtis Martin
WR Albert Connell
WR Ed McCaffrey
WR Derrick Alexander
K Olindo Mare
K Jeff Wilkins
D Jacksonville
D Washington

Dutch Harbor
QB Steve Young
QB Kurt Warner
RB Terry Allen
RB Curtis Enis
RB Chris Warren
WR David Boston
WR Jerry Rice
WR Ernie Mills
K Richie Cunningham
K John Carney
D New York Jets
D Carolina
I.R. Terrell Owens
Curtis Conway

Willow
QB Charlie Batch
QB Troy Aikman
RB Ricky Watters
RB Antowain Smith
RB Ken Oxendine
WR Randy Moss
WR Isaac Bruce
WR Bill Schroeder
K Al Del Greco
K Norm Johnson
D Arizona
D Cleveland

Flint
QB *Akili Smith*
QB Chris Chandler
RB *Donnell Bennett*
RB Ron Rivers
RB Stephen Davis
WR Terance Mathis
WR Ben Coates
WR Keenan McCardell
K Morten Andersen
K Doug Pelfrey
D Minnesota
D Detroit
I.R. Jamal Anderson

Limerick
QB Randall Cunningham
QB Brian Griese
RB Eddie George
RB Lawrence Phillips
RB Bam Morris
WR Jimmy Smith
WR Tony Martin
WR Rod Smith
K Mike Vanderjagt
K Brad Daluiso
D Oakland
D Indianapolis

Baltimore
QB Peyton Manning
QB Kent Graham
RB Moe Williams
RB James Stewart
RB *Greg Hill*
WR Antonio Freeman
WR Terry Glenn
WR Amani Toomer
K Mike Hollis
K Martin Gramatica
D Green Bay
D Baltimore
I.R. Robert Holcombe

Bagdad
QB Rich Gannon
QB Jeff George
RB Derrick Loville
RB Ricky Williams
RB Cecil Collins
WR Kevin Johnson
WR Tim Brown
WR Cris Carter
K Steve Christie
K Doug Brien
D Tennessee
D Kansas City

Arctic
QB Mark Brunell
QB Trent Dilfer
RB Warrick Dunn
RB Rob Konrad
RB Tim Biakabutuka
WR Keyshawn Johnson
WR *Eddie Kennison*
WR Bert Emanuel
K Adam Vinatieri
K Chris Jacke
D Miami
D New England
I.R. Michael Irvin

Alaska
QB *Dave Brown*
QB *Damon Huard*
RB Marshall Faulk
RB Corey Dillon
RB Errict Rhett
WR Frank Sanders
WR Darnay Scott
WR Kevin Dyson
K Ryan Longwell
K John Kasay
D New Orleans
D San Francisco
I.R. Dan Marino
Jake Plummer

Lackawanna
QB Brad Johnson
QB Doug Flutie
RB Edgerrin James
RB *Napoleon Kaufman*
RB Leroy Hoard
WR Eric Moulds
WR Joey Galloway
WR Yancey Thigpen
K John Hall
K Pete Stoyanovich
D Buffalo
D Pittsburgh
I.R. Gary Brown

Dugway
QB Jon Kitna
QB *Neil O'Donnell*
RB Dorsey Levens
RB Mike Alstott
RB Mario Bates
WR *Wesley Walls*
WR Sean Dawkins
WR M. Westbrook
K Todd Peterson
K Jason Hanson
D San Diego
D Dallas
IR Vinny Testaverde
Herman Moore

East Hartford
QB Drew Bledsoe
QB Tim Couch
RB Emmitt Smith
RB Tyrone Wheatley
RB Adrian Murrell
WR *Muhsin Muhammad*
WR Rob Moore
WR Derrick Mayes
K Gary Anderson
K Brett Conway
D Seattle
D New York Giants