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POWER POLL

Rk.	Team	pts
1.	Narcoossee	89.8
2.	Dugway	89.0
3.	Denver	84.8
4.	Flint	77.3
5.	Alaska	75.0
	Dutch Harbor	75.0
7.	Willow	74.8
8.	Limerick	71.3
9.	Anchorage	67.3
10.	Marley	67.0
11.	East Hartford	65.8
12.	Baltimore	64.3
13.	Bagdad	61.8
14.	Sarasota	46.5

THE BANK

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

Team	Fees	Bal.
Alaska	\$ 5	\$45
Anchorage	\$25	\$25
Bagdad	\$15	\$35
Baltimore	\$35	\$15
Denver	\$45	\$ 5
Dugway	\$15	\$35
Dutch Harbor	\$20	\$30
East Hartford	\$20	\$30
Flint	\$30	\$20
Limerick	\$45	\$ 5
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	461	—
2. Dugway	454	7
3. Denver	417	44
4. Dutch Harbor	414	47

PLAYOFF STRETCH RUN BEGINS

By SCOOP BIAS

TFL Today

With only four games left in the TFL regular season only one team is out and one team probably in the Sweeney Bowl tourney.

That leaves the 12 other teams to battle it out for the five remaining spots and avoid the humiliating Pee Wee Bowl tournament.

Dugway is 8-2 and second in the league in scoring, meaning they are the one team probably in the SB Tournament. A win this week over Marley will make it official.

Despite the recent success of the Sarasota Sharks, their 3-7 record makes it almost impossible for them to make the playoffs. Even if a 7-7 team does make the tournament, the Sharks points total assures it won't be them.

The number all teams are shooting for is eight victories. Only two teams in TFL history have not made the playoffs with at least eight wins.

If the playoffs started this week, Dugway and Dutch Harbor would get the first-



Limerick QB Jeff George got kicked out of Atlanta, but he's leading the TFL in scoring this year.

If the playoffs started today . . .

Division winners		Wildcard teams	
Dugway	8-2-0	Denver	6-4-0
Dutch Harbor	6-4-0	Baltimore	6-4-0
East Hartford	6-4-0	Flint	5-5-0

round byes. East Hartford would be the other division champ with Denver, Baltimore and Flint as the wildcard teams.

Considering how close the race is this year, four weeks from now there could be five different names among that list.

Here's a look at the records of upcoming opponents for all teams as they fight for playoff berths:

Alaska	20-20-0
Anchorage	21-19-0
Bagdad	21-19-0
Baltimore	19-21-0
Denver	23-17-0
Dugway	17-23-0
Dutch Harbor	20-20-0
East Hartford	21-20-0
Flint	19-21-0
Limerick:	19-21-0
Marley	21-19-0
Narcoossee	17-23-0
Sarasota	22-18-0
Willow	20-20-0

TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

Four of the seven games on this week's schedule feature matchups of teams who are even in the all-time series against one another. Should make for an exciting week.

After this week the foggy playoff picture should become a lot clearer. Dugway can clinch the first playoff spot with a win, and all the 4-6 teams must win out in order to make the Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

Otherwise, it's Pee Wee Time.



**Denver
at
Willow**



Records: Pyles 6-4; Weasels 5-5.

Series: Series tied 3-3.

Line: Pyles by 4.

Outlook: The Pyles are only two wins away from their first winning season since 1991. Worse yet, word is Mike Taylor is looking into a Caribbean vacation for the playoffs, so he doesn't screw up his team's chances.

Pick: Denver 45, Willow 41.



**Dugway
at
Marley**



Records: Experiments 8-2; Wailers 4-6.

Series: Series tied 2-2.

Line: Experiments by 10.

Outlook: So much for Ken Sain's prediction the Tubes would lose seven straight. This Charlie Brown complex has to go. It's wearing old, even on Scoop Bias.

Pick: Marley 39, Dugway 36.



**Flint
at
Alaska**



Records: Bison 5-5; Oosiks 4-6.

Series: Series tied 2-2.

Line: Oosiks by 2.

Outlook: Charles Bingham called TFL headquarters demanding a story in TFL Today about him firing his coach. Again. Sorry Charlie, this is a NEWS letter.

Pick: Flint 47, Alaska 35.



**Narcoossee
at
East Hartford**



GAME OF THE WEEK

Records: Nose Apes 4-6; Ex-Eskimos 6-4.

Series: Narcoossee leads 4-3.

Line: Nose Apes by 12.

Outlook: What happens when good luck meets bad? Narcoossee leads the TFL in points scored, however, the Nose Apes also lead in points scored against. So despite averaging 46 points a game, the Apes are on the verge of missing the playoffs for a record sixth straight year. East Hartford, however, has won four straight with opponents averaging only 16 points a game against them.

Pick: East Hartford 19, Narcoossee 18.



**Baltimore
at
Bagdad**



Records: Barons 6-4; Newts 4-6.

Series: Baltimore leads 6-2.

Line: Barons by 1.

Outlook: Scott Lacy proudly boasts the Newts are back after squeaking out a 26-23 victory over Marley. In the immortal words of Paula Jones after Bill Clinton whipped it out, "I think not."

Pick: Baltimore 70, Bagdad 22.



**Anchorage
at
Limerick**



Records: Kitchen 4-6; Loons 5-5.

Series: Limerick leads 2-0.

Line: Loons by 1.

Outlook: It's games like this that makes you think the TFL season is too long. The only person who wants to see this game is a former Times sports editor, now a bookie.

Pick: Limerick 27, Anchorage 24.



**Dutch Harbor
at
Sarasota**



Records: Dawgs 6-4; Sharks 3-7.

Series: Series tied 2-2.

Line: Dawgs by 16.

Outlook: Remember when teams couldn't wait to face the Sharks? Not any more, with the Sharks scoring 50+ points in their last two games.

Pick: Dutch Harbor 48, Sarasota 43.

Alaska's perfect streak continues

By **SCOOP BIAS**

TFL Today

The trading deadline passed very quietly last week, without even a sniff of any possible deals being done.

For the eighth straight season, the Alaska Oosiks failed to make a trade. They are the only team of the original six (Alaska, Bagdad, Baltimore, Denver, Dugway and Narcoossee) who has failed to complete a trade in the eight-year history of the league.

Why?

Trade talks with Alaska owner Charles Bingham usually go something like this:

"Charles, I'm looking for a defense. I got both my teams on a bye this week. Was wondering if we might make a deal."

"Ah, hmmm, well, I can give you my backup defense, the Oakland Raiders, which are giving up more yards per game than any other team in the NFL right now. But I'll need something in return."

"Sure Charles, I'll give you Minnesota's defense, which has scored six touchdowns this year."

"Ah, hmmm, well, that's a start. Who is your starting quarterback any way? Brett Favre? If you throw in Favre and one of your running backs, plus the Minnesota defense, I'll give you Oakland's defense."

"Charles, that's ridiculous."

"Ah, hmmm, well, I have a feeling Oakland's defense is going to become a force here real soon and score about 20 touchdowns a game, so you're actually taking advantage of me. Maybe you better give me a wide receiver too."

▲ **WAKING ASLEEPING GIANT:** We all know what happened when Scott Lacy and Mike Taylor conspired to say Dugway's Ken Sain was over the hill in the 1993 media guide. Sain started winning and hasn't stopped since.

Well, Sain now can be accused of the same mistake concerning the Sarasota

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Sharks.

Two weeks ago Sain made the editorial decision to devote the front page to how pathetic the Sharks had become.

Sarasota was averaging 17.9 points per game and owned a 1-7 record. In the two games since that story, the Sharks are 2-0 and averaging 53.5 points per game. It now looks like they will avoid setting the all-time low point total for a season (331 by the 1990 Arctic Gators). Sarasota has 250 points with four games to go.

"Thanks Kenny for doing that story on Sarasota right before he played me," Limerick owner Michael Bourque said.

▲ **HE'S DONE:** Last week's cover story detailed the demise of the Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts.

Further proof of the fall of a once proud man came on Sunday, when Scott Lacy phoned in his lineup.

The phone call came from New Jersey, where Lacy was busy meeting the family of his girlfriend, Jennifer Lipnick.

"You'll never guess where I am," Lacy said.

"Where."

"I'm at the Discovery Zone, for a nephew's birthday party. I know, I know. Stick a fork in me."

▲ **NOSE APES BLUES:** Pity Narcoossee owner Wit Tuttell. His team has scored more points than anyone, and yet, he's one loss away from missing the playoffs for the sixth straight season.

The Nose Apes are 4-6 despite their gaudy 46.1 points per game average. Narcoossee's defense gives up an average of 44.6 points per game, highest in the league.

If the ping pong balls would have given Tuttell the schedule East Hartford is playing, he would be 9-1 going into the final four weeks of the season.

TFL Leaders

Rk	Player	Pos	Team	Pts
1	Jeff George	QB	Limerick	152
2	Drew Bledsoe	QB	Alaska	137
3	Kordell Stewart	QB	Flint	123
4	Brett Favre	QB	Baltimore	122
5	Brad Johnson	QB	Anchorage	112
6	John Elway	QB	Dugway	111
7	Vinny Testaverde	QB	Marley	108
8	Terrell Davis	RB	Denver	99
9	Richie Cunningham	K	Dugway	94
10	Napoleon Kaufman	RB	Narcoossee	93
11	Steve Young	QB	Narcoossee	92
12	Matt Stover	K	Denver	86
13	Al Del Greco	K	Bagdad	77
14	Barry Sanders	RB	Dutch Harbor	77
15	Adam Vinatieri	K	Baltimore	74
16	Jeff Blake	QB	Sarasota	71
17	Cris Carter	WR	Willow	67
18	Tim Brown	WR	Bagdad	66
19	Ryan Longwell	K	Dutch Harbor	64
20	Jason Elam	K	Marley	61
21	Eddie George	RB	Dugway	60
22	Dan Marino	QB	Denver	58
23	John Hall	K	East Hartford	56
24	John Kasay	K	Narcoossee	56
25	Herman Moore	WR	Narcoossee	54

WEEK 10 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Experiments	8	2	0	454	76	22	45.4	317	54	14	31.7
Denver Pyles	6	4	0	417	56	22	41.7	371	56	11	37.1
Alaska Oosiks	4	6	0	403	81	22	40.3	406	76	17	40.6
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	4	6	0	330	70	13	33.0	371	54	18	37.1
Sarasota Sharks	3	7	0	250	54	10	25.0	305	54	10	30.5

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	6	4	0	337	56	18	33.7	320	54	11	32.0
Flint Bison	5	5	0	387	56	22	38.7	417	95	13	41.7
Limerick Laughing Loons	5	5	0	351	54	12	35.1	351	64	16	35.1
Anchorage Kitchen	4	6	0	339	51	19	33.9	386	81	10	38.6

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	6	4	0	414	95	19	41.4	408	75	14	40.8
Baltimore Barons	6	4	0	343	75	11	34.3	356	56	19	35.6
Willow Weasels	5	5	0	381	72	10	38.1	386	75	22	38.6
Narcoossee Nose Apes	4	6	0	461	75	27	46.1	446	70	24	44.6
Marley Wailers	4	6	0	355	64	23	35.5	382	53	26	38.2

WEEK 10 RESULTS

Anchorage 25	Denver 35	Alaska 31	Dutch Harbor 33
B. Johnson 6	Marino 0	Bledsoe 15	McNair 0
C. Martin 3	T. Davis 3	Hearst 9	B. Sanders 3
Hoard 0	Stewart 2	Warren 1	Levens 1
Rison 1	Jett 6	J. Reed 1	Irvin 7
R. Brooks 8	R. Moore 8	T. Martin 1	Galloway 5
Wilkins 7	Stover 10	Hanson 4	Peterson 11
St. Louis 0	Denver 6	Tampa Bay 0	Green Bay 6
Baltimore 22	Dugway 54	Flint 24	Sarasota 54
Favre 6	Elway 16	K. Stewart 6	Blake 12
Morris 4	E. George 7	Abdul-Jabbar 0	J. Anderson 11
Alstott 6	Harris 0	M. Allen 6	Walker 0
Freeman 0	R. Smith 12	Coates 1	C. Sanders 0
Thigpen 0	Emanuel 15	K. Johnson 1	Bruce 23
Vinatieri 6	Cunningham 4	Andersen 10	Pelfrey 8
Baltimore 0	New England 0	Dallas 0	Oakland 0
Bagdad 26	Marley 23	Narcoossee 28	Limerick 33
Humphries 0	Testaverde 7	Young 0	J. George 15
K. Carter 0	Bettis 3	Kaufman 7	Watters 1
A. Johnson 0	Byner 0	Kirby 0	Biakabutuka 0
T. Brown 8	Jackson 0	H. Moore 4	Glenn 6
Pickens 6	McCaffrey 0	Dudley 1	A. Reed 0
Del Greco 6	Elam 13	Kasay 10	Blanchard 8
Tennessee 6	San Francisco 0	Jacksonville 6	Buffalo 3
Willow 19	East Hartford 30	Week 11 schedule	
Aikman 6	O'Donnell 6	Denver at Willow	
E. Smith 0	T. Allen 4	Baltimore at Bagdad	
Dunn 0	G. Brown 6	Dugway at Marley	
C. Carter 12	J. Smith 1	Anchorage at Limerick	
Owens 1	McDuffie 0	Flint at Alaska	
Jaeger 0	Hall 13	Dutch Harbor at Sarasota	
Kansas City 0	Carolina 0	Narcoossee at East Hartford	

TRANSACTIONS**Nov. 4, 1997**

Bagdad places QB Stan Humphries on I.R., adds QB Tony Banks.

Alaska places QB John Friesz on I.R., adds QB Rich Gannon.

Limerick places RB Tim Biakabutuka on I.R., adds RB Fred Lane.

Limerick waives QB Todd Collins, adds QB Kerry Collins.

Nov. 1, 1997

East Hartford activates RB Terry Allen, waives RB Kimble Anders.

Oct. 30, 1997

Anchorage waives RB Larry Centers, adds RB Leroy Hoard.

Oct. 29, 1997

Sarasota places QB Jim Harbaugh on I.R., adds QB Warren Moon.

Limerick waives RB Leland McElroy, adds RB Charles Way.

Denver waives QB Heath Shuler, adds QB Danny Kanell.

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.

CURRENT ROSTERS**Alaska**

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Rich Gannon
 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

Injured reserve

QB John Friesz

Anchorage

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Rodney Peete
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Leroy Hoard
 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 Tony Banks
 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
 QB Stan Humphries

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 Danny Kannell
 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 Terry Allen
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR O.J. McDuffie
 WR Reidel Anthony
 K Gary Anderson
 K John Hall
 D Carolina
 D Seattle

Injured reserve

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 Kerry Collins
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Fred Lane
 RB Charles Way
 WR Terry Glenn
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Andre Reed
 K Cary Blanchard
 K Michael Husted
 D Buffalo
 D Indianapolis

Injured reserve

RB Tim Biakabutuka

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 Warren Moon
 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
 QB Jim Harbaugh

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