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Week 10 line

Dutch Harbor
at Dugway + 2

Anchorage
at Denver + 6

Alaska at
Tampa Bay + 7

Bagdad
at Willow + 6

Limerick
at Flint + 10

Narcoossee + 17
at Arctic

Marley at
East Hartford + 18

Lackawanna
at Baltimore + 7

Karma baby!

Dugway stands alone at 9-0

By Scoop Bias

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If you try to pin Dugway owner Ken Sain down on his religious beliefs, he'd hem and haw and spout off something about agnostic/atheist/Buddhist.

And he criticizes Scott Lacy for a nebulous mass of goo.

Sain does admit to believing in Karma. Or, what goes around, comes around.

Which might explain his Experiments' current nine-game winning streak.

Back in 1999, Sain went through the most painful year of his distinguished fantasy football career. The Greatest Fantasy Football Mind in the Galaxy suffered a nine-game losing streak, the longest in TFL history.

That was painful, but what was even more painful was the way it happened.

Three times during the streak, Sain scored more than 40 points, usually enough for a win. One week, he was the second-highest scoring team, and lost by a single point.

And then, there was the most painful moment of all. Sain led East Hartford 45-27. The Ex-Eskimos only had Emmitt Smith to go on Monday night.

Smith scored 21 points on only two runs when the Minnesota Vikings forgot how to tackle. On the second run, he broke his hand and left the game. But, East Hartford had the win and the streak continued.

"No one should ever have to go through what I went through that year," Sain said. "I wouldn't



Dugway backup quarterback Brad Johnson scored 33 points to lead the Tubes to their 9th-straight victory.

A Tale of Two Streaks

Here are Dugway's two 9-game streaks:

1999				2002			
Narcoossee	L	33-41		Willow	W	44-43	
Denver	L	16-49		Tampa Bay	W	38-26	
Lackawanna	L	39-44		Narcoossee	W	47-43	
Limerick	L	32-42		Limerick	W	49-36	
East Hartford	L	45-48		Denver	W	57-28	
Bagdad	L	41-66		Alaska	W	40-35	
Baltimore	L	47-48		Bagdad	W	48-22	
Arctic	L	29-31		Baltimore	W	53-25	
Alaska	L	27-57		East Hartford	W	45-16	

even wish that on Chris Reidy, and he deserves to have some of the smugness beat out of him."

So, it was fitting that Sain set the second-longest win streak in TFL history by beating Reidy's Ex-Eskimos on a week the Tubes were without their top two players — Brian Griesse and Priest

Holmes.

With Arctic losing to Willow, it left Sain's Experiments as the only unbeaten team in the league. And, they are now only four wins from tying Flint's record 13-game winning streak in 1994.

"Karma, baby!" Sain said.

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	101.7
2. Dutch Harbor	98.6
3. Dugway	93.1
4. East Hartford	84.9
5. Lackawanna	83.4
6. Bagdad	79.1
7. Alaska	78.9
8. Anchorage	76.6
9. Limerick	75.4
10. Baltimore	69.7
11. Willow	68.3
12. Tampa Bay	65.4
13. Narcoossee	67.1
14. Denver	65.4
15. Flint	56.6
16. Marley	48.9

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	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
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	\$35	\$0	.....\$135
Limerick	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....\$125
Marley	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Narcoossee	\$100	\$20	\$5	.....\$125
Tampa Bay	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Willow	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....\$125
Total	\$1,600	\$315	\$15	.....\$1,930

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

Need a free agent? Fuhgedaboutit!

By Scoop Bias

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It seems everyone who has made a foray into the free agent pool has discovered the hard way that there's not a drop of talent in it.

"Trying to find capable free agents in a 16-team league ... I feel like the runt of an Iditarod dog litter trying in vain to nose my way into some nourishment," Denver owner Mike Taylor said.

Expanding to 16 teams allowed the TFL to set up real divisions and conferences. However, it has drained the number of available free agents.

Consider, owners actually paid \$5 for the honor of owning these players:

- Neil Rackers, K, East Hartford
- Rob Konrad, RB, Arctic
- Chris Chandler, QB, Lackawanna
- Jim Finn, RB, Bagdad
- Cory Schlesinger, RB, Marley

Schlesinger is off to a nice start and, if Wailers owner Michele Fetsko is patient enough, could challenge Rob Konrad's Zero Hero title.

Konrad has played in 10 TFL games without scoring a point. Schlesinger has started three straight games and scored nothing.

With the lack of free agents, some owners wonder why there was such a controversy about owners starting players who were on their bye week.

"In each of the last two weeks, I've nearly played a lineup that included a player on bye," Limerick owner Michael Bourque said. "So, instead, I trotted out my newest No. 3 wideout, who ... has scored as many points in those two weeks as either of my bye guys. As Billy Preston said: 'Nothing from nothing leaves nothing.'"

Still, some owners have found free agents that helped their teams. Dugway took WR Donald Driver; Narcoossee added WR Donte Stallworth and Lackawanna may have saved its season by getting QB Chad Pennington.

But for the most part, there's been no danger of drowning in the free agent pool. However, some owners think a lack of free agents might actually help them.

"I thought it would be awful not having any quarterbacks to choose from, but when you're on the receiving end of a Chad Hutchinson-Cory Schlesinger one-two punch like I was this week, it's not

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such a bad thing," Anchorage owner Nate Sagan said.

► **TRADE BAIT:** Narcoossee and Baltimore made the season's first trade and started another week of contentious debate.

The Nose Apes sent RB Jamal Lewis and their 9th-round pick in the 2003 draft to Baltimore for RB Lamont Jordan and the Barons' 3rd-round draft pick in 2003.

This is the first time any team has tried to trade a future draft pick, which started the debate.

Commissioner Ken Sain decided against vetoing the trade. However, two owners are seeking to overturn Sain's decision. They need 11 votes to do so. Results of the vote were not available at press time.

"I've always looked at the Commissioner's veto power as like owning a nuclear bomb," Sain said. "It's nice to have it, but you never want to use it."

"I believe that power was given to me to prevent someone from making such a one-sided trade that there must be something else involved. If I traded Priest Holmes for Rob Konrad, that deserves a veto. In this trade, both teams are giving up something, and gaining something. So, I didn't see how I could veto it."

The only thing that is clear is that Baltimore owner Steve Katz puts reason on the shelf and ignores it when it comes to Jamal Lewis. This is the second time in two years Katz has tried to obtain Lewis and hurt his draft position in the process.

► **GATORS FALL:** Arctic's eight-game winning streak — third longest in TFL history — ended on Monday night.

Willow defeated the Gators 24-23 to hand Mark Dolan his first loss of the season. Still, Arctic is in position to earn its first playoff berth in franchise history.

The Gators have played the most games without making the playoffs in TFL history, taking that tile away from a grateful Dutch Harbor in 2000. If they have a meltdown and don't make it this year, they will tie Narcoossee's record of seven straight years without making the tournament.

Lackawanna, given up for dead at one point, is now making a move to challenge Arctic in the Gambell Division. The Lancers trail by two games with five to play.

WEEK 10 PREVIEW



Dutch Harbor at Dugway

Series record: Series tied 6-6-0.

Outlook: The Dawgs are the first, and only, team the Tubes will play who are ranked higher in the Power Poll. The streak ends this week.

Prediction: Dawgs 59, Experiments 43.



Alaska at Tampa Bay

Series record: First-ever meeting.

Outlook: It didn't take long for new owner Paul Ramey to learn what most already knew: The Loogs were the great pretenders of 2002.

Prediction: Oosiks 37, Loogs 23.



Limerick at Flint

Series record: Bison lead series 5-3-1.

Outlook: Flint is on a roll. After struggling to break the 20-point barrier, the Bison have won 2-of-4 and scored more than 40 in three straight.

Prediction: Bison 47, Loons 34.

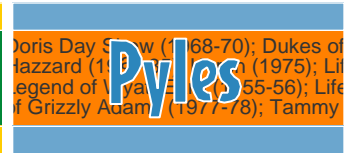


Marley at East Hartford

Series record: Wailers lead series 3-2-0.

Outlook: Even Chris Reidy's secret crush on Michele Fetsko won't be enough to stop the Ex-Mos from running up the score.

Prediction: Ex-Eskimos 53, Wailers 9.

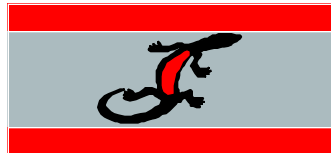


Anchorage at Denver

Series record: Pyles lead series 7-2-0.

Outlook: The greatest mystery left undiscovered is how does Mike Taylor lead bad teams to 7-7 records?

Prediction: Pyles 36, Kitchen 33.

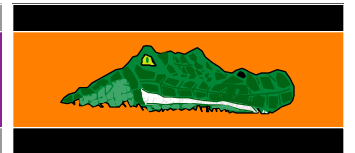
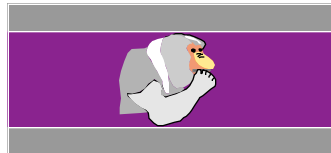


Bagdad at Willow

Series record: Newts lead series 5-4-0.

Outlook: Sure, the Dawgs-Tubes game is getting headlines, but this might be the top game of the week. It may mean playoffs for the winner.

Prediction: Weasels 42, Newts 39.

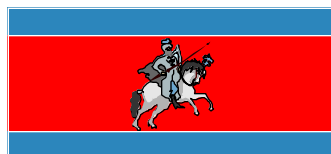


Narcoossee at Arctic

Series record: Series tied 3-3-0.

Outlook: Everybody is talking about them now. The Gators meltdown against Willow may just be the start of losing the Gambell Division lead.

Prediction: Nose Apes 53, Gators 37.



Lackawanna at Baltimore

Series record: Lancers lead series 3-2-0.

Outlook: Don't look now, but the Lancers are good again. They're moving up in the standings and Power Poll. The Barons slide closer to 100.

Prediction: Lancers 63, Barons 24.

WEEK 9 STANDINGS**SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE****FIREWEED DIVISION**

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dugway	9	0	0	—	421	274
Bagdad	4	5	0	5	364	348
Alaska	4	5	0	5	349	365
Denver	4	5	0	5	289	359

MULDOON DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
East Hartford	5	4	0	—	371	325
Limerick	4	5	0	1	342	356
Baltimore	4	5	0	1	310	353
Narcoossee	2	7	0	3	335	399

CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE**SPENARD DIVISION**

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Dutch Harbor	5	4	0	—	452	361
Willow	5	4	0	—	330	356
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	—	298	318
Anchorage	3	6	0	2	362	370

GAMBELL DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
Arctic	8	1	0	—	453	288
Lackawanna	6	3	0	2	374	299
Flint	3	6	0	5	258	405
Marley	1	8	0	7	221	353

WEEK 9 BOX SCORES**58Lackawanna Dutch Harbor . . 33**

13.....C. Pennington	QB	T. Maddox	..... 12
21.....A. Smith	RB	L. Tomlinson	..... 7
0.....F. Taylor	RB	T. Duckett	..... 8
12.....T. Owens	WR	T. Glenn	..... 0
11.....P. Price	WR	R. Moss	..... 0
1.....M. Hollis	K	M. Bryant	..... 6
0.....Browns	D	Bucs.	..... 0

48.....Limerick Bagdad. 39

18.....P. Manning	QB	M. Brunell	..... 13
12.....M. Bennett	RB	J. White	..... 0
3.....K. Watson	RB	J. Finn	..... 0
6.....T. Holt	WR	J. Smith	..... 12
0.....A. Bryant	WR	R. Gardner	..... 6
9.....A. Vinatieri	K	M. Gramatica	..... 8
0.....Colts	D	Bears.	..... 0

45.....Alaska Narcoossee . . 36

12.....T. Couch	QB	T. Brady	..... 27
13.....M. Faulk	RB	S. Alexander	..... 4
0.....D. Staley	RB	A. Zereoue	..... 4
11.....H. Ward	WR	D. Boston	..... 0
1.....T. Heap	WR	R. McMichael	..... 0
2.....P. Dawson	K	M. Vanderjagt	..... 1
6.....Packers	D	Rams.	..... 0

45.....Dugway East Hartford . . 16

33.....B. Johnson	QB	R. Gannon	..... 6
0.....T. Jones	RB	R. Williams	..... 0
1.....K. Barlow	RB	J. Wells	..... 0
1.....P. Burress	WR	C. Conway	..... 7
1.....D. Driver	WR	M. Booker	..... 0
6.....G. Anderson	K	R. Lindell	..... 3
3.....Cowboys	D	Chargers	..... 0

43.....Flint Tampa Bay . . . 19

12.....M. Bulger	QB	B. Favre	..... 6
19.....T. Barber	RB	W. Henderson	..... 0
0.....C. Fuamatu-Ma'afala	RB	M. Shipp	..... 0
0.....Ti. Brown	WR	C. Carter	..... 0
0.....Q. Ismail	WR	B. Finneran	..... 0
9.....J. Wilkins	K	D. Akers	..... 13
3.....Redskins	D	Dolphins	..... 0

39.....Anchorage Marley. 8

0.....M. Vick	QB	C. Hutchinson	..... 0
1.....J. Stewart	RB	W. Dunn	..... 0
14.....A. Green	RB	C. Schlesinger	..... 0
13.....M. Harrison	WR	I. Bruce	..... 0
0.....Tr. Brown	WR	B. Franks	..... 0
11.....T. Peterson	K	S. Janikowski	..... 8
0.....Giants	D	Steelers	..... 0

38.....Denver Baltimore 20

0.....D. Culpepper	QB	J. Blake	..... 6
7.....M. Alstott	RB	C. Dillon	..... 2
7.....A. Thomas	RB	M. Pittman	..... 0
19.....Ky. Johnson	WR	J. Rice	..... 1
0.....J. Thrash	WR	D. Mason	..... 0
5.....O. Mare	K	J. Nedney	..... 11
0.....49ers	D	Raiders	..... 0

24Willow Arctic 23

14.....J. Garcia	QB	D. McNabb	..... 6
0.....E. Smith	RB	E. George	..... 2
1.....T. Henry	RB	C. Garner	..... 7
1.....J. Galloway	WR	E. Moulds	..... 1
0.....W. Chrebet	WR	L. Coles	..... 1
8.....J. Feely	K	R. Longwell	..... 6
0.....Eagles	D	Jets	..... 0

WEEK 9 LEADERS**Quarterbacks**

#	Player, team ..Pts
1.	Gannon, EH...136
2.	Brooks, BT....129
3.	Manning, LI....110
4.	Griese, DU....107
5.	Brady, NA....99
6.	Favre, TB....93
7.	Garcia, WI....92

Running backs

#	Player, team..Pts
1.	Holmes, DU....123
2.	Faulk, AK....95
3.	Tomlinson, DH..84
4.	McAllister, BG..82
5.	Henry, WI....77
6.	Garner, AR....67
7.	Williams, EH....65

Wide receivers

#	Player, team ..Pts
1.	Price, LK....79
2.	Moulds, AR....71
3.	Owens, LK....69
4.	Harrison, AN....66
5.	Booker, EH....58
6.	Ward, AK....58
7.	Horn, FL....51

Kickers

#	Player, team..Pts
1.	Gramatica, BG .78
2.	Akers, TB....74
	Longwell, AR....74
4.	Andersen, DH...71
5.	Mare, DV....61
6.	Janikowski, MA.59
7.	Vinatieri, LI....56

Defenses

#	Player, team..Pts
1.	Bucs, DH....50
2.	Chargers, EH...17
3.	Broncos.....15
	Dolphins, TB....15
	Patriots, AR....15
6.	Packers, AK....12
7.	2 tied.....9

DEALS**Nov. 5**

Willow places RB Emmitt Smith on bye reserve, adds RB James Allen.
Bagdad places RB Jim Finn on IR, adds RB James Mungro.
Bagdad places WR Antonio Freeman on IR, adds WR David Patten.
Bagdad waives QB Jeff George, adds QB Jon Kitna.

Tampa Bay waives WR Frank Wycheck, adds WR Willie Jackson.

Nov. 3

Narcoossee trades RB Jamal Lewis and 9th-round pick in 2003 draft to Baltimore for RB Lamont Jordan and 3rd-round pick in 2003 draft.

Bagdad places RB Rick Williams on IR, adds RB Jim Finn.

Dugway reactivates QB Rob Johnson, waives QB Shaun King.

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Dutch Harbor reactivates QB Jim Miller, waives QB Todd Collins.

Dutch Harbor reactivates RB TJ Duckett, waives RB Ron Dayne.

Dutch Harbor reactivates WR Chris Chambers, waives WR David Patten.

Nov. 1

Tampa Bay places WR Keenan McCardell on IR, adds WR Brian Finneran.

Lackawanna waives QB Chris Chandler, adds QB Kerry Collins.

Narcoossee reactivates WR Donte Stallworth, waives WR Jerry Porter.

Oct. 31

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

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

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

Oct. 30

Denver places WR Ike Hilliard on IR, adds WR Shannon Sharpe.

Bagdad waives QB Kerry Collins, adds QB Jeff George.

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, WR

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 Brad Johnson
 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

Bagdad

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Jon Kitna
 RB James Mungro
 RB Deuce McAllister
 RB Jamel White
 WR David Patten
 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
 IR Rick Williams, RB
 IR Jim Finn, RB
 IR Antonio Freeman, WR

Baltimore

QB Aaron Brooks
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Michael Pittman
 RB Corey Dillon
 RB Jamal Lewis
 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 Lamont Jordan
 WR Donte Stallworth
 WR David Boston
 WR Randy McMichael
 K Jason Hanson
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 D Houston Texans
 D St. Louis Rams
 IR DeShaun Foster, RB

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

Tampa Bay

QB Steve McNair
 QB Brett Favre
 RB Aaron Stecker
 RB Marcell Shipp
 RB William Henderson
 WR Willie Jackson
 WR Brian Finneran
 WR Cris Carter
 K David Akers
 K Hayden Epstein
 D Detroit Lions
 D Miami Dolphins
 IR Jerome Bettis, RB
 IR Keenan McCardell, WR

Dutch Harbor

QB Jim Miller
 QB Tommy Maddox
 RB LaDainian Tomlinson
 RB Clinton Portis
 RB T.J. Duckett
 WR Chris Chambers
 WR Randy Moss
 WR Terry Glenn
 K Matt Bryant
 K Morten Andersen
 D New Orleans Saints
 D Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Willow

QB Jeff Garcia
 QB David Carr
 RB Lamar Smith
 RB James Allen
 RB Travis Henry
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Joey Galloway
 K Jay Feely
 K John Carney
 D Atlanta Falcons
 D Philadelphia Eagles
 bye Emmitt Smith, RB

Arctic

QB Donovan McNabb
 QB Drew Bledsoe
 RB Rob Konrad
 RB Charlie Garner
 RB Eddie George
 WR Eric Moulds
 WR Laveranues Coles
 WR Jaquez Green
 K John Holt
 K Ryan Longwell
 D New England Patriots
 D New York Jets

Flint

QB Shane Mathews
 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 Kerry Collins
 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