



# The TFL Today

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# Dicks rise to Barbarino control

## The team they all laughed at vaults into first place

*Editor's note: Saying something different in here from what has already been seen in Talk is getting harder, what with everybody having web access now. But we'll try.*

By Baron von Butterbrain  
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Appropriately for Veterans Day, the war continues unabated. How much of East Hartford's 9-1 campaign is luck, and how much is skill. How much is anybody's success based on either component?

Chris "The Body" Reidy and Scott "Hulk" Lacy still haven't stopped throwing uppercuts and body-slammings each other as of presstime.

Some football games just happened to be played Sunday, too.

Lost in all of it is that the Alaska Oosiks put a good old fashioned, backwoods hurtin' on the Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts and took over supremacy

### Rock, roll 'n remember:

Donny and the Amazing, Technicolor Dream Season. Remember 1994? Let's go back and take a look. See page 3.

in the Barbarino Division. The 50-7 victory sent the Newts to a new low (if anyone thought that possible) as a franchise.

It may have been the aftermath that hurt the suddenly struggling Bagdad most, though. When Randall Cunningham left Minnesota's game with an injury, Brad Johnson no sooner came back in from his old injury than he left again with a new one.

Left with no able-bodied quarterback on his roster but the loosely classifiable Rodney Peete, Lacy went to the Vikings' bench – he seems to have that strategy down, doesn't he? - to pluck Jay (not Arthur) Fiedler.

But Dugway had already requested Fiedler, having had quarterbacking problems of their own.

The TFL Today has now learned that Newts owner Lacy had donned his prayer shawl and begun consultation with a higher power. We'll let you know if he finds either a prayer or a higher power.

Speaking of a prayer, next week we'll explore what Lackawanna's going to do now that Green Bay's offensive woes have rendered Brett Favre ordinary.

# Seasons past and present

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Once upon a time, in a place long-ago and far away, the Flint Bison won their first 13 games in their maiden TFL season.

No team has had a winning streak as long since then, but this year's East Hartford Ex-Eskimos have the best record after 10 games of any team since then.

The TFL Today's editors persuaded Flint's Don Carlock to share a few thoughts and remembrances of his magical season. Here, with our appreciation, are his words:

"One major difference between Chris' season this year and ours is that we were undefeated until the last game of the year. Every week there was a lot of anticipation as we were trying to finish the year unbeaten.

"At that point, I was new in the league. I did not even know names, faces or personalities. I must admit, I would enjoy the same season more knowing which bozo I was beating.

"I also remember reading the TFL Today every week and getting pissed because I was always getting trashed for luck by people with losing records or whom I had already defeated. I remember feeling like I never got any credit. I also remember there were a lot of times that year when I would make changes in my lineup and would benefit from the change. I thought I was the guru. Every week it seemed there was a little bit of

## It was a very good year

A look back at Flint's 13-1 season in 1994 opponent by opponent, and how East Hartford has done in each corresponding week this season.

### Flint Bison, 1994: 13-1

Opponent (owner noted if different from present)	Result
Marley Whalers ( <i>Michele Fetsko</i> )	W, 62-10
Alaska Oosiks	W, 46-18
Limerick Laughing Loons	W, 37-35
Narcoossee Nose Apes	W, 61-18
Dugway Experiments	W, 30-18
Lackawanna Lancers	W, 38-24
Arcadia Armadillos	W, 34-17
Denver Pyles	W, 48-39
Arcadia Armadillos ( <i>Charles Coggins</i> )	W, 31-27
Maryland Mania	W, 35-20
Bagdad Red-bellied Newts	W, 30-25
Gaithersburg Garbonzo Beans ( <i>Mike Creamer</i> )	W, 30-22
West Hartford Ex-Eskimos	W, 66-7
Broad Street Beluga ( <i>Len Lampugnale</i> )	L, 65-38

### E. Hartford Ex-Eskimos, 1998, 9-1 and counting

Opponent	Result
Flint Bison	W, 48-45
Lackawanna Lancers	W, 37-21
Denver Pyles	W, 44-22
Arctic Gators	W, 54-36
Narcoossee Nose Apes	W, 40-33
Alaska Oosiks	L, 83-43
Bagdad Newts	W, 44-40
Baltimore Barons	W, 48-37
Dugway Experiments	W, 82-20
Willow Weasels at Dutch Harbor	W, 57-45 Projected: Lucky
vs. Limerick	Projected: Skillful
vs. Anchorage	Projected: Breeze
vs. Arctic	Projected: Crunch

luck that came my way, and I even expected luck. Luck is a major factor in this league period. For example - who figures a quarterback will lose his three top receivers in a year?

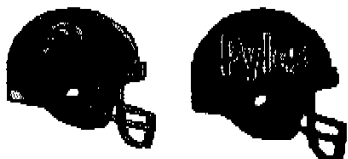
"Chris has a very good team, and my advice to him is to enjoy the season, enjoy the wins and enjoy the negative comments those below may offer. It is all jealousy.

"Also, my season being the first

year in the league, I was not aware of the importance of the Sweeney Bowl as I was winning every week. I was disappointed when I lost that year in the playoffs, but not nearly as much as I was last year.

"The Sweeney Bowl is the ultimate prize. When the playoffs start, it won't matter what the record. Good luck Chris, winning prevails. Enjoy the season."

## WEEK 11 MATCHUPS



**Alaska (7-2-1) at Denver (3-6-1)**

**Line: throw one to Denver**

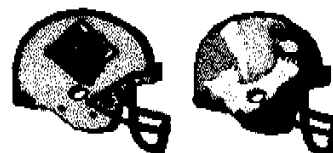
Who will Dick Boy impale this week? Ah, it's Denver, whose Barry Sanders has reverted to being the best player in the league between the 20's. Which is about how much each of Alaska's players usually scores these days.



**Arctic (4-6) at Lackawanna (6-4)**

**Line: Lackawanna -20**

The most exciting prospect this game has is that Brunell and Favre will rebound from horrible weeks and produce a high-scoring game. Biggest question is, after the Lancers win, who will Arctic trade their players to for drugs?



**Flint (4-6) at Narcoossee (5-5)**

**Line: Narcoossee -5**

Here's a wild idea: Narcoossee is the Horse's Ass Division's first team to reach .500 since Don Julio's laborers stomped enough grapes to make tequila. Not that that's how you make tequila, but it sounded good.



**East Hartford (9-1) at Dutch Harbor (4-6)**

**Line: E. Hartford, still minus a care**

Can anybody remember the last game East Hartford lost? Strange as it may seem, let's say The New Vinny keeps rolling, and Dan Marino doesn't, and the rest of the 'Smos come back to earth. Can you say, "Upset Special?"



**Baltimore (3-7) at Limerick (7-3)**

**Line: Limerick - 73**

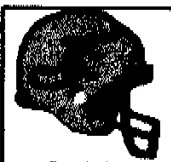
A game pitting the TFL's last two previous champions. Oh, how long ago that seems. A Limerick win could put the Loons just a game behind the once seemingly invincible 'Smos.



**Dugway (3-6-1) at Anchorage (3-7)**

**Line: Dugway, minus an owner**

Ken Sain will be in Europe by the time this game is played. Word has it he might make a side trip to Israel. The wailing wall beckons.



**Bagdad (6-3) at Willow (4-6)**

**Line: Alaska -6**



Is there a pattern here? Bagdad's scoring prowess not only has become a thing of the past, but soon will be ancient history with the Vikings playing rent-a-quarterback. Nonetheless, backups have pulled off some heroic stunts. But the Newts have a lot of regrouping to do. Perhaps all the yakking over luck vs. skill has been a distraction to Bagdad's players.

### WEEK 10 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska	7	2	1	455	84	37	45.5	315	46	7	31.5
Bagdad	6	3	0	405	83	7	40.5	353	50	19	35.3
Arctic	4	6	0	370	53	8	37.0	435	84	15	43.5
Denver	3	6	1	344	53	21	34.4	383	76	27	41.7
Dugway	3	6	1	276	47	9	27.6	411	82	19	41.1

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	9	1	0	497	82	37	49.7	382	83	20	38.2
Limerick	7	3	0	356	69	19	35.6	297	46	9	29.7
Lackawanna	6	4	0	380	46	20	38.0	320	53	12	32.0
Flint	4	6	0	409	48	22	40.9	322	48	15	32.2
Anchorage	3	7	0	319	51	15	31.9	441	69	22	44.1

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	5	5	0	385	64	18	38.5	332	69	14	33.2
Dutch Harbor	4	6	0	333	64	18	33.3	389	46	8	38.9
Willow	3	6	1	355	69	12	35.5	429	51	22	42.9
Baltimore	3	7	0	306	45	17	30.6	346	48	16	34.6

### WEEK 10 SCORES

Alaska	50	Bagdad	7	Narcoossee	31	Lackawanna	20
Chris Chandler	12	Randall C.	0	P. Manning	8	Brett Favre	2
Garrison Hearst	2	Bam Morris	0	Corey Dillon	2	Ant. Smith	0
Terrell Davis	13	Karim	0	J. Anderson	15	Skip Hicks	7
Terrance Mathis	6	Rod Smith	0	Marvin Harrison	0	Eric Moulds	1
Curtis Conway	8	Johnnie Morton	0	Tony Martin	0	Robert Brooks	0
Mort. Andersen	11	Gary Anderson	7	Wade Richey	6	Jason Hanson	10
Minnesota	0	Detroit	0	Miami	0	San Fran	0
Flint	38	Arctic	36	Limerick	37	Dugway	9
Drew Bledsoe	6	Mark Brunell	6	John Elway	0	Jeff George	0
Robt Edwards	0	Fred Taylor	9	Emmitt Smith	5	Jerome Bettis	3
Warrick Dunn	0	Curtis Enis	2	Curtis Martin	7	Natrone Means	2
Ed McCaffrey	13	Jacquez Green	0	Bert Emanuel	12	Jerry Rice	2
Ant. Freeman	4	Keyshawn	8	Jimmy Smith	6	Jake Reed	2
Olindo Mare	9	John Hall	11	Al Del Greco	7	Mike Vander.	0
Green Bay	6	Denver	0	NY Jets	0	Tampa	0
Anchorage	36	Baltimore	22	E. Hartford	57	Willow	45
Troy Aikman	6	Elvis Grbac	0	Dan Marino	15	Steve McNair	11
Nap Kaufman	2	Chris Warren	0	Ricky Watters	15	Fred Lane	0
Robert Smith	13	Eddie George	10	Mike Alstott	0	Marshall Faulk	8
Carl Pickens	0	Joey Galloway	0	Ch. Johnson	6	Shannon Sharpe	1
JJ Stokes	7	Michael Irvin	0	Ben Coates	6	Terrell Owens	15
Todd Peterson	6	Ryan Longwell	7	Jason Elam	9	Jeff Jaeger	4
Arizona	2	Ravens	6	Atlanta	6	Seattle	6
Dutch Harbor	34	Denver	24	<b>Week 11 schedule</b> Alaska at Denver Arctic at Lackawanna Flint at Narcoossee East Hartford at Dutch Harbor Baltimore at Limerick Dugway at Anchorage Bagdad at Willow			
The New Vinny	19	Jake Plummer	6				
Priest Holmes	2	Gary Brown	3				
Donnell Bennett	0	Barry	4				
Jermaine Lewis	0	Cris Carter	7				
Tim Brown	0	Randy Moss	0				
Richie C.	10	Vinatieri	4				
Dallas	3	Carolina	0				

### TRANSACTIONS

#### Tuesday, Nov. 10

Alaska waives WR Chris Calloway, reactivates WR Damay Scott. Fined \$5 because Scott played.

Dugway places QB Jeff George on IR, adds QB Jay Fiedler.

Bagdad fined \$5 because Brad Johnson played.

East Hartford waives RB William Floyd, adds RB Edgar Bennett.

#### Saturday, Nov. 7

Lackawanna places RB Terry Allen on I.R., adds RB Skip Hicks.

#### Thursday, Nov. 6

Dugway waives QB Donald Hollas, activates QB Jeff George; waives RB Troy Davis, activates RB Tavian Banks.

**Lackawanna**

QB Brett Favre  
 QB **Steve Bauerlein**  
 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 **Darnay Scott**  
 WR Curtis Conway  
 K Morten Andersen  
 K Doug Pelfrey  
 D Minnesota  
 D San Diego

**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 **Jay Fiedler**  
 QB Tony Banks  
 RB **Jerome Bettis**  
 RB Natrone Means  
 RB **Tavlan Banks**  
 WR **Jerry Rice**  
 WR **Andre Rison**  
 WR **Jake Reed**  
 K Mike Vanderjagt  
 K **Steve Christie**  
 D Tampa Bay  
 D St. Louis

# "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 Cunningham  
 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 **Edgar Bennett**  
 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 Peets**  
 QB **Randall Cunningham**  
 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

**Filint**

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**