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Exmos welcome latest challenger

But Reidy cautions followers against overconfidence

By PEARL NICHOLAS
Hebron Biweekly Bugle

HEBRON, Conn. - History is a heavy burden. So heavy, in fact, that East Hartford owner Chris Reidy sought to shed it Tuesday as quickly as if it were a Nose Ape on his back.

"Please, let's bury the comparisons," Reidy said to begin his weekly press conference, a pre-emptive strike in the wake of the Ex-Eskimos' 45-25 wagging of the Dutch Harbor Dawgs.

"I think I said once before this season that this team had a chance to reach success unparalleled in franchise history. We've reached that mark and are obviously hoping for more, but let's not go crazy here."

Reidy referred to the Exmos' TFL-best 10-1 start,



What:

⇒ East Hartford Exmos (10-1) vs. Limerick Laughing Loons (8-3).

Where:

⇒ The Hebron Mosque

TV:

⇒ National. Some areas of New England market to cut away just before thrilling conclusion to meet local channel commitment to "UConn Women's Basketball Weekly."

giving the franchise 10 victories in a season for the first time in its seven-year existence. The Exmos became only the eighth team in TFL history to join the Ten-Win Club.

Some in the league have wondered how far Steve Young - who returned from a one-week layoff to once again score nearly half (22) the Exmos' points - can carry this team. There has been talk of matching the Flint Bison's 13-1 record in 1994, a mark that has been approached only twice. The 1991 Denver Pyles and last year's Dugway Proving Grounds Experiments each went 11-3.

"The only comparisons I would like to be made between me and (Flint owner) Donny (Carlock) would be, hopefully, that we both have won with class," Reidy said. "And, unfortunately, that we each had to put up with unjustified derision from other owners. People chalked Donny's 13 wins up to luck? My God, the

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Reidy puts success in perspective

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man scored 60 points three times that year. I'm not sure anyone's done that, before or since."

But with the wins has come an onus of another sort. No team that finished with the TFL's best record has ever won a playoff game. Each of the eight teams to lead the league in victories exited the playoffs in their opening round.

Perhaps, then, the Exmos can take solace in knowing the points-scoring champion has tasted much more post-season success. In the five years in which records are available, the points champ reached the Sweeney Bowl four times, only to lose each one. The only points champ to fail to reach the title game, the 1997 Dutch Harbor Dawgs, had a bye and lost their playoff opener, a semifinal game.

And what of teams to win BOTH regular-season titles? It's never been done. The Exmos currently lead both categories, but the competition is perhaps fiercer than in any TFL season in memory.

No fewer than four other teams still have a shot at 10 wins -- including the laying-in-the-weeds Limerick Laughing Loons (8-3), who meet East Hartford next week in a key Kotter Division tilt. This in a league that has only twice had even two 10-game winners in a season. And the Alaska Oosiks -- who dealt the Exmos their only loss

Wins Or Points?

In the TFL's previous eight seasons, the team that has finished with the best record has yet to win a playoff game. The points-scoring champion, however, has advanced to the Sweeney Bowl in four of the five years for which records are available:

Regular season champs

Year	Team	Record	Playoffs
1990	Alaska	9-4-1	Lost in semifinals
1991	Denver	11-3	Lost in semifinals
1992	Bagdad	10-4	Lost in semifinals
	Point Hope	10-4	Lost in semifinals
1993	Dugway	9-4-1	Lost in semifinals
1994	Flint	13-1	Lost in semifinals
1995	D. Harbor	9-4-1	Lost in semifinals
1996	Bagdad	10-4	Lost in semifinals
1997	Dugway	11-3	Lost in semifinals

Points-scoring champs

Year	Team	Points	Playoffs
1990	Nether.	560	Lost Sweeney Bowl
1991-93	Records not available		
1994	Lackawanna	599	Won wild card; won semifinal; lost Sweeney Bowl
1995	Marley	722	Won wild card; won semifinal; lost Sweeney Bowl
1996	Dugway	583	Won wild card; won semifinal; lost Sweeney Bowl
1997	D. Harbor	617	Had bye, lost semifinal

Note: In 1994-96, the regular-season champion was eliminated each time by the points-scoring champion.

"You might say we ain't won dick yet."

-Chris Reidy

this season, an 83-43 impaling -- are not far off the points pace, led by mail-in-your-ballot-now NFL MVP Terrell Davis and perhaps the TFL's most balanced roster.

"Yeah, you might say we ain't won dick yet," Reidy concluded.

Nine-by-10

The nine teams that have won 10 or more games in a season. With three weeks to go, as many as four more teams might join the Ten-Win Club:

Year	Team	Rec.
1991	Denver	11-3
	Narcoossee	10-4
1992	Bagdad	10-4
	Point Hope	10-4
1994	Flint	13-1
	Lackawanna	10-4
1995	Bagdad	10-4
1997	Dugway	11-3
1998	E. Hartford	10-1

Loons take their shot at Exmos

By Kelvin Christiansen
The Loon Morning Call
 LIMERICK, Maine - Call them Loony, call them lucky. Better yet, call them the best team in the TFL that nobody knows about.

Ever so quietly the Limerick Laughing Loons have racked up an 8-3 record. Winners of eight of their last nine, the Loons qualify as the hottest team in the TFL.

After losing the first two games of the season, the Loons didn't look like a team that would be laying golden eggs by early in November.

But Loons owner Michael Bourque, the genius who is the TFL's only two-time winner of the Sweeney Bowl despite his later arrival into the league, stayed the course early when lesser owners might have dumped their team.

"We've been around long enough to know that great teams don't always show up in the first few games of the season - we leave that sort of thing to the Bagdads of the world," Bourque said. "We don't really get our PR machine cranked up until it's time to collect our winnings."

This week the Loons take

on the mighty or lucky or maybe mighty lucky East Hartford Ex-Eskimos in a game with real Kotter Division implications. A Loons victory would pull them to within a game of the Ex-

Mos, setting the stage for another playoff run by the Limerickers.

Just two years ago, Loons staged a late-season run that led to the franchise's second Sweeney Bowl title, a shellacking of Dugway.

East Hartford boasts the league's top scoring player, Steve Young. In fact

Young averages more points per game (23.?) than any Limerick player has scored in any one game this season. In fact, Limerick hadn't seen a single player top the 20-point plateau this season until last week when the ageless Emmitt Smith ran for 21.

"We haven't really had a single game when several of our guys really had good games," Bourque said. "We're due. Plus we're guessing that Coach Reidy still thinks he's playing Bagdad. He's all tied up with this luck thing. He hasn't seemed to figure out that lucky is good."

"Are we lucky?" said Bourque. "You bet. A bit loony, too. And we're just getting started."

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-Michael Bourque

The "other" scoreboard

Team	Spent	Has left in bank
Alaska	\$10	\$40
Anchorage	25	25
Arctic	10	40
Bagdad	10	40
Baltimore	30	20
Denver	25	25
Dugway	20	30
Dutch Harbor	20	30
East Hartford	30	20
Flint	20	30
Lackawanna	15	35
Limerick	15	35
Narcoossee	15	35
Willow	20	30

Totals reflect what has been used on free agents out of each team's prepaid, \$50 allowance. Fines are not counted against this allowance, but are added into the pot. League expense report and pot breakdown to be published later, when treasurer Ken Sain gets back from driving on the wrong side of the road.

WEEK 12 MATCHUPS



**Denver (3-7-1)
at Narcoossee (6-5)
Line: Narcoossee -65**
How can anybody even think about discussing luck and not mention the Apes, who have ridden a rookie's right arm to the only winning record in the Horse's Ass Division?



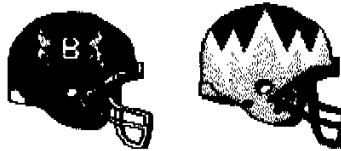
**Lackawanna (7-4)
at Alaska (8-2-1)
Line: Alaska -30**
Let's say a few words about Alaska's team. Terrell, Terrell, Terrell, Terrell, Terrell, Terrell, Terrell. If Favre finds his game again, Alaska will need all the firepower it has.



**Arctic (4-7)
at Dutch Harbor (4-7)
Line: Dutch Harbor -5**
Brogan's drinking Foster's and watching Aussie T&A, and Dolan's trying to figure out what went wrong, his Gator pride barely intact.



**Dugway (4-6-1) at Flint (4-7)
Line: Flint -47**
In keeping with a season gone south, Sain is now visiting a country where people drive on the wrong side of the street. That should tell you all you need to know, old chap.



**Baltimore (3-8) at Willow (4-7-1)
Line: Baltimore - 1/2**
Four nightmarish weeks ago, Katz was 3-4 and still hanging on to a filament of promise. Now, just shoot him. He's just hoping 3-victory hell doesn't last much longer.



**Anchorage (3-8)
at Bagdad (7-3)
Line: Bagdad -73**
No logic exists that says Anchorage can win this game, as long as Randall Cunningham still has all his body parts.



**Limerick (8-3)
at East Hartford (10-1)
Line: Limerick - 1/3**



A third of a point? Well, that may be all that separates these guys. Limerick's on a high, riding a 6-game win streak. When East Hartford scores less than 40, it's news.

WEEK 11 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska	8	2	1	504	83	14	45.8	341	48	7	31.0
Bagdad	8	3	0	446	84	7	40.5	391	50	19	35.5
Dugway	4	6	1	299	47	9	27.1	435	82	19	39.0
Arctic	4	7	0	411	53	8	37.4	481	64	27	43.7
Denver	3	7	1	369	53	25	33.5	466	76	15	46.4

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	10	1	0	542	82	37	49.3	407	83	20	37.0
Limerick	8	3	0	400	69	19	36.4	334	46	9	30.4
Lackawanna	7	4	0	427	47	20	38.8	362	53	12	32.9
Flint	4	7	0	429	76	21	39.0	381	59	15	34.6
Anchorage	3	8	0	339	51	15	30.8	464	69	22	42.1

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	6	5	0	444	64	18	40.4	353	69	14	32.1
Dutch Harbor	4	7	0	358	69	12	32.5	433	46	8	39.4
Willow	3	7	1	393	46	22	35.7	470	51	22	42.7
Baltimore	3	8	0	343	45	17	31.2	392	48	16	35.6

WEEK 11 SCORES

Dugway 23	Anchorage 18	Limerick 51	Baltimore 37
Jay Fiedler 0	Kordell Stew. 12	Bubby Brister 7	Charlie Batch 7
Jerome Bettis 3	Nap Kaufman 0	Emmitt Smith 21	Darick Holmes 9
Natrone Means 2	Robert Smith 1	Curtis Martin 4	Eddie George 2
Jerry Rice 17	Carl Pickens 0	Bert Emanuel 0	Joey Galloway 6
Jake Reed 2	JJ Stokes 0	Jimmy Smith 1	Michael Irvin 0
Mike Vander. 6	Todd Peterson 5	Al Del Greco 12	Ryan Longwell 13
Tampa 0	Pittsburgh 0	NY Jets 6	Ravens 0
Alaska 49	Denver 26	Narcoossee 59	Flint 21
Chris Chandler 6	Doug Flutie 6	P. Manning 20	Drew Bledsoe 6
Garrison Hearst 1	Gary Brown 0	Corey Dillon 1	Robt Edwards 1
Terrell Davis 12	Barry 3	J. Anderson 15	Warrick Dunn 3
Terrance Matthis 11	Randy Moss 11	Marvin Harrison 13	Ed McCaffrey 0
Curtis Conway 0	Cris Carter 2	Tony Martin 0	Ant. Freeman 1
Mort. Andersen 7	Vinatieri 4	Wade Richey 7	Olindo Mare 7
Minnesota 9	Carolina 0	Miami 3	Green Bay 3
E. Hartford 45	Dutch Harbor 25	Bagdad 41	Willow 38
Steve Young 22	The New Vinny 6	Randall C. 15	Steve McNair 6
Ricky Watters 2	Priest Holmes 0	Lamar Smith 0	Adrian Murrell 6
Edgar Bennett 1	Donnell Bennett 0	Karim 10	Marshall Faulk 5
Ch. Johnson 0	Jermaine Lewis 11	Rod Smith 1	Shannon Sharpe 1
Ben Coates 1	Tim Brown 0	Johnnie Morton 3	Terrell Owens 11
Jason Elam 13	Richie C. 5	Gary Anderson 6	John Kasay 9
Atlanta 6	Dallas 3	Tennessee 6	Seattle 0
Arctic 42	Lackawanna 47	Week 12 schedule	
Mark Brunell 0	Brett Favre 16	Denver at Narcoossee	
Fred Taylor 25	Ant. Smith 2	Lackawanna at Alaska	
Sedrick Shaw 0	Skip Hicks 20	Arctic at Dutch Harbor	
Jacquez Green 0	Eric Moulds 0	Dugway at Flint	
Keyshawn 3	Robert Brooks 1	Baltimore at Willow	
Mike Hollis 11	Jason Hanson 8	Limerick at East Hartford	
Denver 3	Chicago 0	Anchorage at Bagdad	

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Nov. 17
 Narcoossee waives RB Ray Zellars, adds RB Terrell Fletcher.
 Alaska waives WR Curtis Conway, adds WR Frank Sanders.

Sunday, Nov. 15
 Baltimore places RB Travis Jervey on I.R., adds RB Darick Holmes.

Wednesday, Nov. 11
 Alaska waives WR Chris Calloway, reactivates WR Damay Scott. Original \$5 fine pending.

Lackawanna

QB Brett Favre
 QB **Steve Buerlein**
 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 **Frank Sanders**
 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 **Tavian 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 **Darick Holmes**
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR **Bill Schroeder**
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Greg Davis
 D Baltimore
 D New Orleans

*I.R. Derrick Mayes**I.R. Travis Jervey***Narcoossee**

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

*I.R. Ray Zellers***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 Peete**
 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

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**