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Exmos gobble up 11th 'W,' babeeeee

Over the river and through the woods, to the playoffs we go

By PEARL NICHOLAS
 Hebron Biweekly Bugle
 HEBRON, Conn. -- It was a game worthy of one of the TFL's great regional rivalries. And it spurred the winner to new heights.

The Limerick Laughing Loons, with a chance to cut into East Hartford's lead in the Kotter Division, proved they were not sitting ducks. With John Elway back in the lineup, the Loons put a solid 47 points on the board, taking a 20-point lead over the Ex-Eskimos with only two East Hartford players remaining.

But those two players helped put the Ducks on ice. With Steve Young and Ben Coates combining for

The playoffs (a.k.a. Scott Lacy's time of year)

A look at the standings tells us there's not much to write about who's close, who needs who to lose, or who needs to win and by how many points. For this, we are grateful.

But we'll try to cover all that need be said. See page 2.

40 points in the Sunday-Monday night games, the Exmos stormed back for a 67-47 victory that clinched their third division title since the TFL went to a divisional format in 1993.

The Exmos also im-

proved to 11-1, tying them for second-most wins in a TFL season, and joined another elite list: The 600 club. Coates' 11-point performance Monday night gave East Hartford 609 for the season, sixth-most in TFL history. Only seven teams have reached that plateau in the five seasons in which points totals are available.

"No question about it, the Loons spurred us to greatness," owner Chris Reidy said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "I was perhaps more worried going into this game than I had been in any other since

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**!!Happy Thanksgiving to all the TFL family!!
 Lineups due at 12:15 p.m. on Turkey Day**

Smos gobble up another victory

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playing Bagdad in Week 7. Most of the league hadn't seen those Loons lying in the weeds, but I did. I think it was the kind of game Loons and Exmos fans have come to expect from these two franchises."

Indeed, the two teams have had quite a few battles, dating to 1992, the year both joined the TFL. That season finished with the then-Scarborough Stunting Ceasars beating the West Hartford Ex-Eskimos in

an all-expansion Sweeney Bowl. It would be the first of two titles for Mike Bourque, the only TFL owner to claim that distinction.

The two teams have been rivals in the TFL's toughest division ever since.

"Yeah, we've been through the Kotter wars together," Reidy said. "We've both got our share of scars. I was fortunate to come out ahead in this skirmish."

The 600 Club

The seven TFL teams to score 600 or more points in a season (points totals are available for five of the TFL's eight seasons):

Team	Year	Points
Marley	1995	722
D.Harbor	1995	651
Dugway	1995	632
D.Harbor	1997	617
Dugway	1997	613
E.Hartford	1998	609
Alaska	1995	604

The playoff mish-mosh

If the season ended today – which it doesn't, but everybody loves to say that – here's how the playoff seedings would shape up. Anybody got a calculator?

Good, you don't need one. Or much of a memory.

No. 1, East Hartford, 11-1.

No. 2, Alaska, 9-2-1.

No. 3, Bagdad, 9-3

No. 4, Limerick, 8-4.

No. 5, Lackawanna, 7-5.

No. 6, Narcoossee, 6-6

Anything could still happen. Alaska and Bagdad could tie, but Alaska won their meeting, so they'd maintain second seed.

Alaska and East Hartford could still tie, and Alaska won their meeting, so Alaska would take over No. 1 seed.

Bagdad and East Hartford can still tie, and East Hartford won their meeting. The only possible tie there would be for both teams to end up 11-3. If they did and Alaska ended up 11-2-1, Alaska would get No. 1 seed, since they had beaten the Exmos and Newts. Bagdad would stay third, having lost to both of those teams.

Limerick and Bagdad could finish tied, and they play this week, so that's hanging. Lackawanna and Bagdad could still tie. That would go to Bagdad, and would make them either No. 3 or 4, depending on whether Limerick, which could also finish 9-5, does this week.

A Limerick-Lackawanna tie in records would go to Limerick. Narcoossee? Who cares.

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	25	25
Dutch Harbor	20	30
East Hartford	30	20
Flint	25	25
Lackawanna	15	35
Limerick	15	35
Narcoossee	20	30
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 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska	9	2	1	578	83	14	48.2	381	46	7	31.8
Bagdad	9	3	0	502	84	7	41.8	404	50	13	33.7
Denver	4	7	1	444	75	9	37.0	501	82	19	41.8
Dugway	4	7	1	316	53	8	26.3	460	64	27	38.3
Arctic	4	8	0	447	53	25	37.3	521	76	15	43.4

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	11	1	0	603	82	37	50.3	454	83	20	37.8
Limerick	8	4	0	448	69	19	37.3	395	61	9	32.9
Lackawanna	7	5	0	467	47	20	38.9	436	74	12	38.3
Flint	5	7	0	460	76	21	38.3	398	59	15	33.2
Anchorage	3	9	0	352	51	13	29.3	520	69	22	43.3

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	6	6	0	479	64	18	39.9	428	75	14	35.7
Dutch Harbor	5	7	0	398	69	12	33.2	469	46	8	39.1
Willow	4	7	1	435	46	22	36.3	499	51	22	41.6
Baltimore	3	9	0	372	45	17	31.0	435	48	16	36.3

WEEK 12 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 Mathis 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	Jemaine 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 13 schedule Arctic at Denver Flint at Alaska Narcoossee at Dutch Harbor Baltimore at Lackawanna Willow at Dugway Anchorage at East Hartford Limerick at Bagdad	
Mark Brunell 0	Brett Favre 16		
Fred Taylor 25	Ant. Smith 2		
Sedrick Shaw 0	Skip Hicks 20		
Jacquez Green 0	Eric Moulds 0		
Keyshawn 3	Robert Brooks 1		
Mike Hollis 11	Jason Hanson 8		
Denver 3	Chicago 0		

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Nov. 25
 Flint waives QB Eric Zeier, adds QB Trent Green.
 Alaska places QB Chris Chandler on I.R., adds QB Craig Wheelihan.

Dugway waives QB Tony Banks, adds QB John Kitna

Sunday, Nov. 23
 Dugway places RB Jerome Bettis on I.R., adds RB Tommy Vardell.

Thursday, Nov. 19
 Places WR Darnay Scott on I.R., adds WR Tyrone Davis.

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

Lackawanna

QB Brett Favre
 QB **Steve Beuerlein**
 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 Craig Whelihan
 QB Neil O'Donnell
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB John Avery
 WR Terrance Mathis
 WR **Tyrone Davis**
 WR **Frank Sanders**
 K Morten Andersen
 K Doug Pelfrey
 D Minnesota
 D San Diego
I.R. Darnay Scott
I.R. Chris Chandler

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 John Kitna
 RB Tommy Vardell
 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
I.R. Jerome Bettis

"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 Eddle 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 Brad Johnson
 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. 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 **Reidel Anthony**
 K John Kasay
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Seattle
 D Washington

Flint

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB **Trent Dilfer**
 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**