

POWER POLL

Rk.	Team	pts
1.	Dugway	86.5
2.	Denver	83.3
3.	Narcoossee	82.9
4.	Flint	82.7
5.	Dutch Harbor	79.3
6.	Baltimore	74.7
7.	Alaska	72.5
8.	Willow	69.8
9.	Marley	63.8
10.	Anchorage	63.3
11.	East Hartford	62.5
12.	Limerick	61.3
13.	Bagdad	55.1
14.	Sarasota	44.2

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	\$30	\$20
Baltimore	\$35	\$15
Denver	\$50	\$ 0
Dugway	\$25	\$25
Dutch Harbor	\$30	\$20
East Hartford	\$50	\$ 0
Flint	\$30	\$20
Limerick	\$50	\$ 0
Marley	\$25	\$25
Narcoossee	\$15	\$35
Sarasota	\$20	\$30
Willow	\$ 0	\$50

POINTS RACE

Leaders in the TFL points race (5 percent of pot):

Team	Pts	PB
1. Dugway	574	—
2. Dutch Harbor	550	24
3. Denver	536	38
4. Narcoossee	534	40

Angry Ex'mos may leave TFL

Reidy upset over tiebreaking rules

By **SCOOP BIAS**
TFL Today

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Sunday morning, all was right with the world for East Hartford owner Chris Reidy. His team was 8-4 and still had an outside shot at the regular season title.

By Monday night, however, it was a different story. When Reidy learned there is still a chance he may not make the playoffs this year, he threw a tantrum that would make his year-old daughter proud.

"It's going to sound like sour grapes coming from me, since I stand a real chance of not making the playoffs," Reidy said, "but that is exactly why I don't play roto baseball anymore and it might be the reason I'm not in the TFL next year, either."

Reidy's Ex-Eskimos are in a five-way tie for second place in the league with an 8-5 record. Willow is 7-6. Since Willow has more points scored than East Hartford, they would beat out the Ex-Eskimos for the final



REIDY:
Ex-Eskimos owner may leave league over rules flap.

playoff berth if the Weasels win and the Ex-Eskimos lose this week and can maintain their 57-point lead.

"The last berth is between me and Willow?," Reidy said in TrashTalk. "The best he can hope for is a tie at 8-6, and I beat him already. You telling me first tiebreaker is this points scored bullshit?"

"Why the fuck bother playing head-to-head at all if all that counts around here is points? Let's just give (Dugway owner) Ken (Sain) the whole pot now. Why bother playing the playoffs? He's scored more points than anyone else, he's the winner."

Other owners quickly supported Reidy's desire for a change in the rules. Casey

Brogan (Dutch Harbor), Nate Sagan (Anchorage), Steve Katz (Baltimore) and Don Carlock (Flint) all came out in favor of head-to-head meetings being the first tiebreaker ahead of total points scored.

Most were shocked points scored was the first tiebreaker.

"I am amazed at their reaction," Commissioner Sain said. "Last June I sent out a newsletter that contained the proposed rules, explaining that if anyone wanted to make changes, to let me know.

"Then, last August the media guide went out with the rules again posted. At the convention, I asked if anyone wanted to amend the rules in anyway, figuring Mike Taylor (Denver) would propose dumping the Pee Wee Bowl, and no one said a word.

"And now all I hear is that these guys are shocked that the rules aren't what they expected."

Sain said he still believes points scored should be the

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IMPORTANT

Commissioner Ken Sain will be out of town for the holiday weekend. DO NOT send transactions or lineups to him today to Thursday. Please call or e-mail Steve Katz to submit lineups or request transactions.

Failure to do so may result in you losing your game this week. Steve's e-mail is barons@erols.com. His phone number is 410-381-8619.

TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald



East Hartford at Denver



Records: Ex-Eskimos 8-5; Pyles 8-5.

Series: East Hartford leads 4-3.

Line: Pyles by 10.

Outlook: Yes it's true, we can no longer say the Pyles haven't had a winning season since 1991. Will they keep winning to knock East Hartford out of the playoffs? Reidy is so mad, Denver might not live through the game.

Pick: East Hartford 88, Denver 10.



Narcoossee at Anchorage



Records: Nose Apes 6-7; Kitchen 5-8.

Series: Narcoossee leads 4-1.

Line: Nose Apes by 9.

Outlook: Poor Iggy. He has one of the best teams in the league, and will miss the real playoffs for the sixth straight year. Maybe he should rub Reidy for some luck.

Pick: Narcoossee 82, Anchorage 13.



Sarasota at Dugway



Records: Sharks 3-10; Experiments 10-3.

Series: Dugway leads 5-2.

Line: Experiments by 21.

Outlook: The Sharks must score 24 or more points to avoid setting the record for fewest points in a season. The Tubes are going for sweep of regular season points titles.

Pick: Sarasota 23, Dugway 22.



Dutch Harbor at Baltimore



GAME OF THE WEEK

Records: Dawgs 8-5; Barons 8-5.

Series: Baltimore leads 5-3.

Line: Dawgs by 4.

Outlook: This game will decide the Horshack Division champ and probably the No. 2 seed in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament. Dutch Harbor owner Casey Brogan is so confident of victory, he is already talking about scoring enough points to steal the points scoring championship away from Dugway. They trail by 24 points. The bet here is he will. Charlie Brown misses the football again.

Pick: Dutch Harbor 75, Baltimore 33.



Flint at Marley



Records: Bison 8-5; Wailers 5-8.

Series: Flint leads 3-2-1.

Line: Bison by 8.

Outlook: Flint has its sights set on the Kotter Division crown and will win it with a victory here or an East Hartford loss. If Dutch Harbor falls, the Bison can even claim the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye.

Pick: Flint 55, Marley 32.



Alaska at Willow



Records: Oosiks 5-8; Weasels 7-6.

Series: Tied 3-3.

Line: Oosiks by 2.

Outlook: Willow needs a victory and an East Hartford loss. If Willow scores a lot of points, he might even catch Baltimore and pass the Barons if they lose.

Pick: Willow 42, Alaska 40.



Limerick at Bagdad



Records: Loons 5-8; Newts 5-8.

Series: Limerick leads 5-3.

Line: Loons by 1.

Outlook: What has been the awful season we predicted for the Newts comes to a close, because we all know Bagdad can't win any postseason games.

Pick: Limerick 27, Bagdad 25.

It'll be a Dawg fight

Baltimore, Dutch Harbor battle for Horshack title

By Baron von Butterbrain
TFL Today

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Barons had to do things the hard way.

Had they started Bam Morris instead of Jay Graham, they would have beaten Alaska last week, been 9-4 and already have clinched a playoff spot. Then the worse that could have happened is they could lose to Dutch Harbor this week and actually lose the division title on points, despite having rubbed the Dawgs in their own dawgee-doo, 75-31, way back in the fourth week of the season.

No, the Barons had to go and lose to the Oosiks by two points even though Brett Favre went out of his freaking mind on Sunday, forcing owner Steve Katz to open his arms skyward and plead, "Give me scoring balance or give me death — which is what may happen in the playoffs if I don't have scoring balance!"

So even entering the game 9-4, under the total-points tiebreaker system the Barons would still have had to win this game to win the division outright.

Is there no justice? Does a team that won its first



Brogan



Katz

meeting 75-31 have to beat that team again — a team whose owner, Casey Walking Boots, spent that week in Seattle playing golf and attending the Washington-Nebraska game — and then still possibly have to face him in the playoffs?

"There's no rest for the weary," Katz said. "Part of it's my own fault, though."

There's no shortage of history to dredge up and put into the pre-game buildup, partly of a recent vintage. Katz realizes a remark he made very early in the season may come back to haunt him this week. He took a look at the Dawgs' lineup three weeks after beating him and said, "Casey, I can't wait to come back after you in week 14 with that f.... lineup."

That lineup was Steve McNair, Barry Sanders, Dorsey Levens, Irving Fryar, Michael Irvin, Ryan

Longwell and the Green Bay defense.

Although Sanders had just recently started what would become his 10-game streak of 100 yards a game; Levens hadn't caught fire yet because neither had the Green Bay offense; and the Dawgs' other receiver, Joey Galloway, still had to suffer through someone not named Warren Moon being his quarterback, the Dawgs promptly scored an all-time, TFL record 95 points in drubbing Flint.

No doubt Mr. Walking Boots will take Katz's quote out of his file and put it back up on his bulletin board. The cast of characters, not much different from weeks past, has been capable of ups and downs and is acting all-world lately, with Sanders and Levens playing like gods.

The contest will come down to the Monday night game, with Green Bay visiting Minnesota and pitting Baltimore's Favre and Antonio Freeman against the Dawgs' Levens, Longwell and the Packer D. One game, with five roster slots involved, to decide the Horshack crown.

Oh, Horshack

A look at the previous Horshack Division champions:

Year	Team	Record
1994	Marley	9-5-0
1995	Dutch	9-4-1
1996	Baltimore	9-5-0
1997	????	

As Katz recently pointed out, it may wind up rivaling the 74-72 humdinger he and Walking Boots played in 1991, with Maryland coming out on top.

Pretty heady stuff, to be sure. Too bad much of this appears lost on Walking Boots, who is about to get his walking papers handed to him.

Walking Boots, when reached by the TFL Today, was in the backyard of his apartment building in Anchorage, seemingly getting his hands dirty at the task of improving the conditions for his tenants. But the first thing he said when approached by a reporter was, "Oh, hi. Listen, have you seen a little white ball . . .?"

Just one berth to be decided

By **SCOOP BIAS**

TFL Today

The 1997 season has been one of the simplest as far as determining playoff berths, which is amazing considering a little more than halfway through the season 10 teams owned 4-4 records.

Dugway is the only team to officially clinch a playoff spot this year, entering the final week of the regular season. Unofficially, Denver, Flint, Dutch Harbor and Baltimore are in as well. That leaves one open spot, and only East Hartford and Willow have a shot at it.

All other teams have been officially eliminated and will participate in the second Pee Wee Bowl Tournament.

The Ex-Eskimos are 8-5, the Weasels 7-6. All East

If playoffs were today ...

Here is the seeding if the playoffs began today:

No. 1	Dugway	10-3-0
No. 2	Dutch	8-5-0
No. 3	Flint	8-5-0
No. 4	Denver	8-5-0
No. 5	Baltimore	8-5-0
No. 6	E.Hartford	8-5-0

Hartford has to do is win or tie Denver, or Willow lose or tie Alaska, the Ex-Eskimos are in. Otherwise, Willow owns the advantage in the first tiebreaker, points scored.

Dugway has locked up the regular season title and a first-round bye in the playoffs. Four teams still have a shot at the other first-round bye by becoming the No. 2

seed.

If Dutch Harbor beats Baltimore, the Dawgs are the likely No. 2 seed because they have more point.

If the Dawgs lose, Flint would be the favorite by beating Marley. If they lose, Baltimore could get the bye. East Hartford even has a shot, although a remote one. The Ex-Eskimos would have to win, Flint lose, and Dutch Harbor and Baltimore tie.

Denver, could also finish 9-5, but would not get a bye under any circumstance because the byes can only go to division champions.

Added to the mix this year is the International Fantasy Football Championship game.

All four TFL teams who qualify for the semifinals, must submit lineups to the

AFFO to compete for the International title.

The only difference between the TFL and AFFO, is you must start three wide receivers. So, if you're headed for the playoffs and dreaming of International glory, you should make sure you have three healthy wide receivers.

There are no free agent moves allowed after the regular season ends. Teams can make moves to replace injured players, but face the same \$5 fine if that player does play in a game.

Which ever team does not make the Sweeney Bowl Tournament between East Hartford and Willow will be a contender for the top seed in the Pee Wee tourney, along with Narcoossee.

Sarasota and Bagdad have the Nos. 14 and 13 seeds.

Ex'mos

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first tiebreaker.

"Chris has been incredibly lucky this year, and he's still the favorite to make the playoffs. All the odds are in his favor. I think all this whining will be for naught after next week."

Reidy can clinch a playoff berth if any of the following happens:

▲ East Hartford beats or ties Denver this week.

▲ Willow loses to or ties

Alaska.

▲ Willow wins, East Hartford loses, but the Ex-Eskimos outscore the Weasels by 57 or more points.

"If a majority of the owners decide they want to change the rules, then all they have to do is make the motion and vote on it," Sain said. "I have always been willing to make changes, even if I disagree with them."

"The total points scored tiebreaker gives the better team, not the luckier team, a playoff berth.

"I think we should aim to get the best teams into the playoffs."

How they compare

Five of the Ex-Eskimos eight wins have come when they have scored 31 points or less:

EAST HARTFORD

- W1 Beat Anchorage, 49-39
- W2 Lost to Marley, 39-36
- W3 Lost to Baltimore, 44-31
- W4 Beat Denver, 56-54
- W5 Lost to Bagdad, 50-35
- W6 Lost to Dugway, 30-21
- W7 Beat Limerick, 31-12
- W8 Beat Sarasota, 18-11
- W9 Beat Alaska, 29-22
- W10 Beat Willow, 30-19
- W11 Beat Narcoossee, 23-3
- W12 Beat Dutch, 40-39
- W13 Lost to Flint, 54-9

WILLOW

- W1 Lost to Dutch, 51-49
- W2 Beat Flint, 40-22
- W3 Lost to Narcoossee, 75-35
- W4 Beat Alaska, 72-52
- W5 Lost to Sarasota 25-10
- W6 Beat Limerick, 49-34
- W7 Lost to Anchorage, 30-28
- W8 Beat Dugway, 44-42
- W9 Beat Bagdad 35-25
- W10 Lost to E. Hartford, 30-19
- W11 Beat Denver, 40-30
- W12 Lost to Baltimore, 55-17
- W13 Beat Marley, 28-17

WEEK 13 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Experiments	10	3	0	574	76	22	44.2	415	54	14	31.9
Denver Pyles	8	5	0	536	56	22	41.2	456	56	11	35.1
Alaska Oosiks	5	8	0	493	81	13	37.9	538	76	17	41.4
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	5	8	0	386	70	13	29.7	491	57	14	37.8
Sarasota Sharks	3	10	0	307	54	10	23.6	399	54	10	30.7

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Flint Bison	8	5	0	533	56	22	41.0	486	95	9	37.4
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	8	5	0	409	56	9	31.5	416	54	3	32.0
Anchorage Kitchen	5	8	0	413	51	14	31.8	468	81	9	36.0
Limerick Laughing Loons	5	8	0	400	54	9	30.8	488	64	16	37.5

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	8	5	0	550	95	19	42.3	479	75	13	36.8
Baltimore Barons	8	5	0	497	75	11	38.2	430	56	13	33.1
Willow Weasels	7	6	0	466	72	10	35.8	488	75	17	37.5
Narcoossee Nose Apes	6	7	0	534	75	3	41.1	497	70	13	38.2
Marley Wailers	5	8	0	432	64	17	33.2	479	53	24	36.8

WEEK 13 RESULTS

Denver 49	Bagdad 19	Sarasota 15	Narcoossee 25
Plummer 6	Banks 0	Moon 6	Young 12
T. Davis 19	Floyd 0	J. Anderson 1	Rob. Smith 0
Stewart 0	Zellars 0	T. Thomas 0	Kaufman 1
Sharpe 7	T. Brown 4	Bruce 0	H. Moore 0
R. Moore 6	Pickens 0	Chrebet 1	Dudley 0
Stover 8	Del Greco 9	Pelfrey 7	Kasay 12
Denver 3	Tennessee 6	Oakland 0	Jacksonville 0
Willow 28	Marley 17	Limerick 13	Dutch Harbor 61
Brunell 8	Testaverde 0	J. George 0	O'Donnell 6
E. Smith 7	Bettis 8	Watters 1	B. Sanders 22
Dunn 0	Autry 0	Lane 0	Levens 18
C. Carter 3	Jackson 1	McCardell 6	Galloway 6
Alexander 0	McCaffrey 1	A. Reed 2	Irvin 1
Nedney 10	Elam 7	Blanchard 4	Peterson 2
Kansas City 0	San Francisco 0	Indianapolis 0	Green Bay 6
Anchorage 31	Dugway 49	East Hartford 9	Flint 54
B. Johnson 23	Elway 8	Mitchell 0	K. Stewart 14
C. Martin 2	E. George 2	T. Allen 1	Abdul-Jabbar 18
Hill 0	Means 8	Centers 0	M. Allen 6
Rison 2	Rod Smith 6	J. Smith 3	Coates 0
Morton 0	Emanuel 8	Carrier 0	K. Johnson 6
Wilkins 4	Cunningham 5	G. Anderson 5	M. Andersen 8
Minnesota 0	New England 12	Carolina 0	Detroit 2
Baltimore 42	Alaska 44	Week 14 schedule	
Favre 24	Bledsoe 0	East Hartford at Denver	
Alstott 0	Hearst 2	Dutch Harbor at Baltimore	
Graham 0	Dillon 8	Flint at Marley	
Freeman 7	Martin 0	Narcoossee at Anchorage	
Thigpen 2	J. Reed 20	Alaska at Willow	
Vinatieri 9	Hollis 14	Sarasota at Dugway	
Baltimore 0	Tampa Bay 0	Limerick at Bagdad	

TRANSACTIONS

Nov. 25, 1997
 Dugway fined \$5 because RB Raymont Harris played while on the I.R. list. Dugway activates RB Raymont Harris, drops RB Charles Way.
 East Hartford fined \$5 because WR Muhsin Muhammad played while on the I.R. list. East Hartford activates WR Muhsin Muhammad, places WR Mark Carrier on I.R.
 Sarasota fines \$5 because QB Jim Harbaugh played while on the I.R. list. Sharks must activate him by midnight or he becomes a free agent.
 Bagdad fined \$5 because RB Lamar Smith played while on the I.R. list. Newts must activate him by midnight or he becomes a free agent.

Nov. 23, 1997
 Bagdad waives RB Craig Heyward, adds RB Ray Zellars.
 Dutch Harbor waives QB Steve McNair, adds QB Neil O'Donnell.

Nov. 21, 1997
 Anchorage activates WR Robert Brooks, waives WR Derrick Mayes.

Nov. 19, 1997
 Denver waives QB Danny Kanell, adds QB Jake Plummer.
 East Hartford activates QB Scott Mitchell, waives QB Frank Reich.
 East Hartford places QB Glenn Foley on I.R., adds QB Paul Justin.
 Dugway places RB Raymont Harris on I.R., adds RB Charles Way.

Nov. 18, 1997
 East Hartford fined \$5 because QB Scott Mitchell played while on the I.R. Mitchell must be activated by 11:59 p.m. today, or he becomes a free agent.
 Baltimore places RB Bam Morris on I.R., adds RB Jay Graham.
 East Hartford waives WR O.J. McDuffie, adds WR Ricky Proehl.

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 Ray Zellars
 RB William Floyd
 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 Jay Graham
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Chris Calloway
 WR Yancey Thigpen
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Cole Ford
 D Baltimore
 D Chicago
 Injured reserve
 RB Bam Morris

**Denver**

QB Dan Marino
 QB Jake Plummer
 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 Michael Westbrook
 WR Bert Emanuel
 K Richie Cunningham
 K Greg Davis
 D Cincinnati
 D New England

Dutch Harbor

QB Neil O'Donnell
 QB Craig Whelihan
 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 Paul Justin
 RB Larry Centers
 RB Gary Brown
 RB Terry Allen
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR Ricky Proehl
 WR Muhsin Muhammad
 K Gary Anderson
 K John Hall
 D Carolina
 D Seattle

Injured reserve

RB Rashaan Salaam
 QB Glenn Foley

Flint

QB Kordell Stewart
 QB Steve Beuerlein
 RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB Marcus Allen
 WR Jermaine 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 Tyrone Wheatley
 WR Shawn Jefferson
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Andre Reed
 K Cary Blanchard
 K Michael Husted
 D Buffalo
 D Indianapolis
 Injured reserve
 RB Tim Biakabutuka
 WR Terry Glenn

Marley

QB Vinny Testaverde
 QB Gus Frerotte
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Tiki Barber
 RB Darnell Autry
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR Mark Chmura
 K Jason Elam
 K Olindo Mare
 D San Francisco
 D Philadelphia

Injured reserve

WR Curtis Conway

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