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Jets	2	Oilers	0

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Limerick overcomes Randall Cunningham's 43-point, Turkey Day gorge with its own detonation, outgunning Bagdad in a game that rewrites the TFL record book.

By Kelvin Christiansen
LIMERICK, Maine – If it had been anywhere else around the TFL's vast territory, you'd have expected excitement, ticker tape, tequila or even

But last Sunday's record-shattering performance by the Limerick Laughing Loons was met in these parts with a collective shrug. It seems that the legendary feats of the Loons and owner Michael Bourque are all-too-familiar in these parts.

What incredible feat had the Loons accomplished this time? On Sunday, Limerick simply played the greatest game ever recorded in the annals of the TFL. In

3-pronged record

Limerick's incredible, 98-74 victory over Bagdad this week broke no fewer than three TFL records.

- 1. Most points by a team in one game.** Limerick broke Dutch Harbor's record of 95, set Oct. 12, 1997 in a 95-44 win over Flint.
- 2. Most combined points in game, by both teams.** Dutch Harbor and Denver combined for 153, in an 82-71 Dawgs victory, on Nov. 26, 1995.
- 3. Most points in game, by the losing team.** Bagdad's 74 points eclipsed Dutch Harbor's 72, in a 74-72 loss to the then Maryland Mania, on Nov. 10, 1991, just the second year of the league.

nearly one thousand TFL games in nine seasons, no team had ever scored 98 points. But that's what Limerick did in burying Scott Lacy's Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts, 98-74, last Sunday.

The Loons, already the only TFL team to win two Sweeney Bowls, are flying high as they head into the playoffs. Most impressive was that total team effort that propelled the team to the great victory.

Each player scored (including a two-point safety from the Jets' defense) but not one scored more than John Elway's 24. All of this had TFL pundits wondering: Is Michael Bourque really the best fantasy football

Lineups due at 8 p.m. Thursday. (night game)

Loons rewrite the record book

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mind in the universe?

"The universe is a big place," said Bourque, "Perhaps the biggest. ... But if you want to look at the Loons' record for winning football, I guess you could make an argument for us as the best franchise around."

Limerickers have become accus-

tomed to such humility from Bourque. Despite the fact that his team is the TFL's only two-time winner of the coveted Sweeney Bowl (coming out of the league's toughest division), Bourque rarely makes reference to his winnings. Instead he prefers to let his opponents think that the Loons have been lucky. But the so-called

"Million-monkeys-at-a-million-typewriters" theory of randomness doesn't hold true so long as the Loons keep marking up the record books.

Entering the final week of the regular season, Limerick and its fans are quietly confident. Everyone knows that Loons don't fly south in winter.

A nice, simple playoff guide

By SCOOP BIAS
TFL Today

Yawn. Never has the final week of the season been so anticlimatic.

All of the playoff berths, except for the Horshack Division title, have been decided with one week to play.

The regular season title is wrapped up. East Hartford has a chance to tie the Flint Bison for the best TFL season ever. Only the Arctic Gators can prevent that by defeating the Ex-Eskimos this week.

Even the points scoring championship isn't much of a race. East Hartford's one-man team owns a 26-point lead over the limp Alaska Oosiks, who will likely be missing their quarterback, heading into the final week.

So take the week off. Visit your wife/girlfriend. See if the kids still remember you, since they haven't seen you since the football season started.

Or, maybe not.

There will be some excitement this weekend. There is that epic Denver-Bagdad clash, even though the ATWO battle is mean-

The mish-mosh

- No. 1, East Hartford, 12-1.
- No. 2, Alaska, 9-3-1.
- No. 3, Winner of Horsepuke Division
- No. 4, Limerick, 9-4
- No. 5, Bagdad, 9-4.
- No. 6, Lackawanna, 8-5.

ingless. The only added incentive the Pyles have are to force Newts' owner Scott Lacy to eat his 10-win guarantee.

There is that Horshack Division title. Narcoossee and Dutch Harbor are tied with 6-7 records. Narcoossee plays Dugway, Dutch Harbor meets Willow. One of those teams will be the No. 3 seed in the playoffs. The other will be out of it.

And the anti-Prop. 5 forces have a rooting interest. Grape Apes owner Wit Tuttell was counted on to vote against the Communist-backed Prop. 5, but surprised owners by voting in favor of it.

Tuttell's Apes easily have scored more points than the Dawgs, so if the two teams ended up tied, the Apes would have ended their six-

year streak of not making the playoffs. However, since Tuttell voted in favor of Prop. 5, he's in danger of not making the playoffs because of it.

Dutch Harbor defeated Narcoossee head-to-head last week, so if the teams are tied after this week's games, Dutch Harbor is in, Narcoossee's streak reaches seven years.

Now that would be justice.

Here's a look at the seeds for the playoffs:

No. 1 -- East Hartford. The Ex-Eskimos are the regular season champs, and lead the points scoring race. This could be the TFL's first Triple Crown champion, if he can lock up the points race and win the Sweeney Bowl.

No. 2 -- Either Alaska or Bagdad. Alaska leads by a half-game. If they win this week, they have the No. 2 seed and the bye to the semifinals. If they lose and Bagdad defeats Denver, the Newts earn the bye.

No. 3 -- Either Narcoossee or Dutch Harbor. The only question, is will the team that represents this really bad division have a winning (*Cont'd page 3*)

Katz explodes: "No jobs are safe."

By Baron von Butterbrain

TFL Today

BALTIMORE — "Just one more. Please God, just one more. Don't let me go 3-11. Not the year after a championship. Let me beat Alaska."

So said Steve Katz on Tuesday, muttering toward the heavens before a hastily called news conference at Baltimore Barons headquarters in the Harbordome.

"I am totally and thoroughly disgusted with every member of this football team. This season has been an unmitigated disaster and a huge disappoint-

ment following our championship. We had hoped to be able to defend it more successfully for the fans of Baltimore."

Katz challenged all his players to "look in the mirror and see where the problem lies," and then declared that no one's job was safe.

"Safe?" Katz said. "Huh! They're all fired."

From a starting quarterback who got hurt in the first game, to a first-round draft choice who has only scored a couple of rushing touchdowns all year, this was one the Barons' lowest points as a franchise.

The Barons close out a season of infamy this week with a rematch of their game against the Alaska Oosiks, a team that has ridden Terrell Davis and the Boys from Atlanta to an 8-3-1 record, good for first place in the Barbarino Division. The Barons are bringing up the rear in the Horshack Division at 3-10, which hurts just to say.

"When will it end?" Katz pleaded to no one in particular, invoking the words of George Kostanza in an argument with his parents on a recent *Sienfeld* episode.

The one piece of news to smile about in Baronsville was that Katz found a missing point in his loss to Lackawanna, a receiving point for Darick Holmes

"When will it end?"

Steve Katz

Playoff guide

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record? A team with a losing record has never played in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

No. 4 -- Probably Limerick, but maybe Alaska or Bagdad. Limerick owns head-to-head tiebreaker over Bagdad and Lackawanna. That gives them the edge. If they win, they get the No. 4 seed. If they lose, they get No. 5. Big deal, right?

No. 5 -- Probably Bagdad. Also could be Limerick or Alaska.

No. 6 -- Lackawanna. They lose the head-to-head tiebreaker and trail all the other playoff-bound teams. So they get the lucky position of opening up against the No. 3-seed, which could be a team with a losing record, while the No. 4 and 5 seeds have to play each other. No one ever said the playoffs were fair.

The "other" scoreboard

Team	Spent	Has left in bank
Alaska	\$10	\$40
Anchorage	25	25
Arctic	10	40
Bagdad	15	35
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.

Dugway escapes dubious record

By SCOOP BIAS
TFL Today

DUGWAY, Utah -- The residents of this small army base in central Utah partied like they haven't partied in years on Sunday, moments after the Experiments lost yet another game, this time a 60-33 trouncing by the Willow Weasels.

"I'm so happy," said Dugway mayor Tyler Snugglefuss. "I really didn't think this team would pull it out, but they did."

Yes, the usually Mighty, Mighty Test Tubes are suffering through one of their worst seasons ever. Still, Dugway residents found something to smile about. The Tubes avoided setting the TFL record for fewest points in a season.

"Well, if they want to take pleasure in that, let them," former Dugway owner Ken Sain said. "All I know, is since I quit running this

bunch of losers, they sure have gone downhill. When this town renegotiates my contract, I'll return and lead them back to the winning seasons they have come to expect."

The 1990 Arctic Gators will continue to own the TFL record for fewest points scored in a season with 331. Dugway surpassed that total this week with its 33-point outburst.

"It's only fitting Mark Dolan owns that record, and as far as I'm concerned, he can keep it," Sain said.

"The man who has scored the fewest points ever in a TFL game (zero), deserves that record as well. The only thing I don't understand, is how did that team win seven games?"

Indeed, it looks like the Gators' record shall last forever. Even the pathetic Sarasota Sharks were able to avoid that record last season,

How low can you go?

Here is a look at the all-time worst seasons (based on points scored, or the lack of):

Team	Year	Points
Arctic Gators	1990	331
Sarasota Sharks	1997	342
Ketchikan Cougars	1990	379
Phoenix Firebirds	1990	381
Anchorage Kitchen	1996	400

Here is a recap of Arctic's 1990 season, when they scored a league-record 331 points:

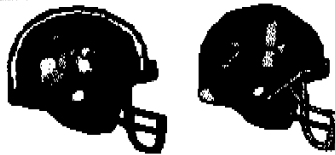
Panama City 18, Arctic 15
Baltimore 35, Arctic 7
Dutch Harbor 36, Arctic 9
Arctic 48, Ketchikan 29
Netherworld 42, Arctic 22
Arctic 25, New York 21
Balboa 55, Arctic 0
Narcoossee 42, Arctic 18
Arctic 32, Denver 20
Arctic 38, Panama City 19
Arctic 27, Phoenix 9
Arctic 50, Alaska 19
Balboa 39, Arctic 12
Arctic 28, Phoenix 22

WEEK 14 MATCHUPS



Denver (5-7) at Bagdad (9-4)
Line: Bagdad -74

The rematch of Week 4's ATWO standoff. Bagdad may give Denver a real lesson in deep-frying, but Denver could jump up and surprise, costing the Newts a playoff seed. Naaaaaah.



Lackawanna (8-5)
at Anchorage (3-10)
Line: Lackawanna -85

The only person with a stake in this is Katz, who doesn't want to be the only team to finish 3-11 if he loses his game. Go, Lancers.



Flint (6-7) at Limerick (9-4)
Line: Flint -5

Surprising Flint gave itself a chance to salvage a .500 season, but it's just a chance. A Limerick team on the emotional high of its life won't let it happen. Unless they're overconfident.



Dutch Harbor (6-7) at Willow (5-7-1)
Line: Willow -1/2

The Dawgs are in the playoffs if they win. Can that be possible? Sure, with other people caretaking Brogan's team and lineup most of the way.



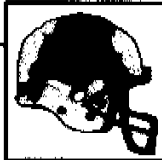
Alaska (9-3-1) at Baltimore (3-11)
Line: Baltimore - 6 1/2

A little humble pie may have served only to wake up the Dicks just in time for the playoffs. But Baltimore needs this game to get out of 3-victory hell just as badly as the Ravens needed to beat the Colts this past Sunday.

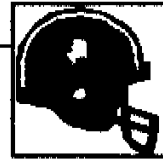


Narcoossee (6-7) at Dugway (4-8-1)
Line: Apes -7/8

Even a win may not be enough to send the Apes to the playoffs. But it's their only hope against a Dugway team playing out the string with scrap-heap quarterbacks.



Arctic (4-9)
at East Hartford (12-1)
Line: Smos - a lot



East Hartford got to finish the season with three straight home games, just one more blessing in their kissed-by-God season. The travel-weary (or is it just talentless) Gators have little shot against a team sailing toward the greater glory of the playoffs and a scoring championship. And the word "little" is only there to hedge our bets.

WEEK 13 STANDINGS

Barbarino		Record			Points for			Points against			
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska	9	3	1	612	83	14	47.1	425	74	7	32.7
Bagdad	9	4	0	576	84	7	44.3	502	98	19	38.6
Denver	5	7	1	512	75	9	39.4	549	84	15	42.2
Dugway	4	8	1	349	53	8	26.8	520	76	27	40.0
Arctic	4	9	0	495	53	25	38.1	589	82	19	45.3

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Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	12	1	0	646	82	37	49.1	483	83	20	37.2
Limerick	9	4	0	546	98	19	42.0	489	61	9	36.1
Lackawanna	8	5	0	533	63	20	41.0	463	74	12	35.6
Flint	6	7	0	504	76	21	38.7	432	59	15	33.2
Anchorage	3	10	0	381	51	13	29.3	441	69	22	42.7

Horshack		Record			Points for			Points against			
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	6	7	0	529	64	18	40.7	485	75	14	37.3
Dutch Harbor	6	7	0	455	69	12	35.0	519	46	8	39.9
Willow	5	7	1	495	60	22	38.1	532	51	22	40.9
Baltimore	3	10	0	400	45	17	30.7	501	48	16	38.5

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 1
 Bagdad waives WR Kevin Dyson, adds WR Derrick Alexander.
 Alaska waives WR Darnay Scott, keeps WR Tyrone Davis. Fined \$5 because Scott played.
 Baltimore waives WR Bill Schroeder, reactivates WR Derrick Mayes, fined \$5 because Mayes played.

Wednesday, Nov. 25
 Dutch Harbor waives RB Charlie Garner, reactivates RB Dorsey Levens.

WEEK 13 SCORES

Flint 44	Alaska 34	Dutch Harbor 58	Narcoossee 50
Trent Green 18	Craig Whelihan 9	The New Vinny 13	P. Manning 23
Robt Edwards 6	Garrison Hearst 14	Priest Holmes 15	Corey Dillon 3
Warrick Dunn 1	Terrell Davis 1	Donnell Bennett 6	J. Anderson 14
James Jett 0	Tyrone Davis 0	Jermaine Lewis 1	Marvin Harrison 0
Ant. Freeman 7	Frank Sanders 3	Rob Moore 8	Tony Martin 0
Olindo Mare 12	Mort. Andersen 7	Richie C. 14	Stoyanovich 10
Green Bay 0	Minnesota 0	Kansas City 0	Miami 0
Limerick 98	Bagdad 74	E. Hartford 37	Anchorage 29
John Elway 24	Randall C. 43	Steve Young 17	Kordell Stew. 6
Emmitt Smith 18	Bam Morris 8	Ricky Watters 2	Nap Kaufman 11
Curtis Martin 18	Karim 1	Edgar Bennett 0	Robert Smith 0
W. Chrebet 15	Rod Smith 12	Ch. Johnson 1	Carl Pickens 1
Jimmy Smith 9	Johnnie Morton 1	Ben Coates 10	JJ Stokes 0
Al Del Greco 12	Gary Anderson 9	Jason Elam 7	Todd Peterson 11
NY Jets 2	Tennessee 0	Atlanta 0	Pittsburgh 0
Denver 68	Arctic 48	Lackawanna 63	Baltimore 28
Jake Plummer 7	Mark Brunell 24	Brett Favre 15	Charlie Batch 6
Gary Brown 7	Fred Taylor 0	Ant. Smith 0	Darick Holmes 6
Barry 0	Sedrick Shaw 0	Skip Hicks 1	Chris Warren 0
Randy Moss 34	Jacquez Green 0	Eric Moulds 18	Joey Galloway 6
Cris Carter 13	Keyshawn 8	Herman Moore 13	Michael Irvin 0
Vinatieri 7	John Hall 16	Jason Hanson 16	Ryan Longwell 6
Carolina 0	New England 0	San Fran 0	Saints 0
Willow 60	Dugway 33	Week 14 schedule Denver at Bagdad Lackawanna at Anchorage Flint at Limerick Dutch Harbor at Willow Alaska at Baltimore Narcoossee at Dugway Arctic at East Hartford	
Steve McNair 7	Jon Kitna 17		
Adrian Murrell 8	Jerome Bettis 1		
Marshall Faulk 23	Tommy Vardell 0		
Shannon Sharpe 6	Jerry Rice 0		
Terrell Owens 13	Andre Rison 0		
John Kasay 3	Mike Vander. 9		
Seattle 0	Tampa 6		

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. 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 Tavlan 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 = acqulred 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 **Derrick Mayes**
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Greg Davis
 D Baltimore
 D New Orleans

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 Cun'gham
 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 Cun'gham
 RB Karim A-Jabbar
 RB **Bam Morris**
 RB Lamar Smith
 WR Rod Smith
 WR **Derrick Alexander**
 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

Filint
 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**