## THURSDAY GAME Lineups due at

7:45 p.m. Thu.

## TFL TODAY

PLAYOFF ISSUE Brackets on both TFL tournaments

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#### **POWER POLL**

Rk.	Team	pts
1.	Dugway	85.8
2.	<b>Dutch Harbor</b>	83.8
3.	Denver	83.3
4.	Flint	82.5
5.	Narcoossee	78.8
6.	Alaska	74.7
	Baltimore	74.7
8.	Willow	69.5
9.	Marley	67.2
10.	Anchorage	64.7
11.	Limerick	63.3
12.	East Hartford	62.2
13.	Bagdad	50.5
14.	Sarasota	46.3

#### 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	\$45	\$ 5
Denver	\$55	(-\$ 5)
Dugway	\$25	\$25
<b>Dutch Harbor</b>	\$40	\$10
East Hartford	\$50	\$ 0
Flint	\$30	\$20
Limerick	\$50	\$ 0
Marley	\$25	\$25
Narcoossee	\$15	\$35
Sarasota	\$20	\$30
Willow	\$ 0	\$50

#### **POINTS RACE**

Final leaders in the points race (5 percent of pot):

Team	Pts	PB
1. Dutch Harbor	617	_
2. Dugway	613	4
3. Denver	578	39
4. Flint	573	44

# Dawgs bite Tubes! Brogan gets point

### **Dutch Harbor slips past Dugway**

#### By SCOOP BIAS

TFL Today

Did you see that meaningless touchdown Dorsey Levens scored in the final two minutes of the Green Bay-Minnesota game on Monday night?

He scored on a run after the Packers had already locked up a victory over the rival Vikings. Well, it was meaningless in the TFL.

That run cost Dugway's Ken Sain the points scoring title and a chance at the triple crown.

Dutch Harbor slipped past Dugway with 617 points to claim their first lead in the points derby this season. Since it was the final week of the regular season, it gave Casey Brogan his first points scoring title and an additional five percent of the pot.

Dugway finished with 613 points in the closest points scoring finish in league history.

"I can't complain," Sain said. "Casey's team scored 128 points in the final two weeks of the season, so he did what he had to do to win it. My team





Brogan Sain

has been struggling for about seven weeks now. Looks like Casey is the favorite to win the T. Rex."

Joining Dutch Harbor and Dugway in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament are Kotter Division champ Flint, and three wildcard teams: Denver, Baltimore and East Hartford.

The Ex-Eskimos lost to Denver in the final game, but Alaska's victory over Willow put East Hartford into the playoffs. Five of the Ex'Mos eight wins this year came when they scored 31 points or less.

"When (Ex'Mos owner) Chris Reidy quits screaming about how he got screwed by the tiebreaker, someone tell him he's in," Sain said.

Brackets of both postseason tournaments are inside.

#### The pot

Here's a breakdown of how much money is in the pot and how it will be split as of this date:

Franchise fees \$1,400

#### Income\*

Trannies/fines	\$415
Total	\$1,815
Expenses	
Web site	\$150
Media guide/fa	xes \$150
Total	\$300
The Split	
Sw. champ	\$606.00
Runnerup	\$227.25
Third place	\$166.65
Fourth place	\$136.35
Fifth place	\$106.05
Sixth place	\$75.75

\*Amount is not final. Interest from the CD has not been added and there may be more fines during the postseason.

\$45.45

\$75.75

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\$1515.00

PW champ

Reg. season

Pts. scoring

Total

## TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

It's not like me to boast (that's Yelnick McWawa's job), but TFL fans should notice the top four teams in the final Power Poll are also the top four seeds in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

The No. 1 and 2 seeds rank No. 1 and 2 in the Power Poll. Since tossing out Scott Lacy's formula (which required some imagination on his part), the current Power Poll is an accurate reading on the strength of each team.

#### **SWEENEY BOWL QUARTERFINALS**



#### Baltimore at Denver



Records: Barons 8-6; Pyles 9-5.

Series: Denver leads 7-1.

Line: Pyles by 3.

**Outlook:** Denver owner Mike Taylor has the Baltimore franchise to thank for being the ATWO, owning a 7-1 all-time record against the Crabs/Mania/Barons.

However, this is a start of a difficult stretch for the Pyles. The Broncos face Pittsburgh and San Francisco — two tough defenses — in the next two weeks. Many of the Pyles play for the Broncos.

Baltimore goes as Brett Favre goes, and this week he's going to play at Tampa Bay. Ouch!

Pick: Pyles 38, Barons 33.



#### East Hartford at Flint



Records: Ex-Eskimos 8-6; Bison 8-6.

**Series:** Flint leads 3-1. **Line:** Bison by 10.

**Outlook:** No disrespect intended to the Ex'Mos, but all the other teams in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament are rooting for East Hartford to pull off the upset. Why?

Flint has been one of the more impressive teams the second half of the season. More importantly, Jerry Rice could return in time for the semifinals, and that could be just enough of a boost to lock up the T. Rex for Flint.

East Hartford needs the inconsistent Scott Mitchell to play a big game to have a chance of winning.

Pick: Flint 50, East Hartford 31.

#### **PEE WEE BOWL QUARTERFINALS**



#### Sarasota at Willow



Records: Sharks 3-11; Weasels 7-7.

Series: Tied at 3-3. Line: Weasels by 11.

**Outlook:** When Willow looks back on this season, the 25-10 loss to Sarasota will hurt most. It cost the Weasels a playoff berth. Maybe next year Van Williams will spend \$5 to have a chance to win \$600, instead of \$50.

Pick: Willow 42, Sarasota 10.



#### Anchorage at Marley



Records: Kitchen 6-8; Wailers 6-8.

Series: Marley leads 4-1.

Line: Wailers by 2.

**Outlook:** The Kitchen made a couple of the best draft picks of 1997, taking QB Brad Johnson and WR Andre Rison. The rest of the team, however, has kept Anchorage from making any serious noise.

Pick: Anchorage 39, Marley 38.



Bagdad at Alaska



**Records:** Newts 6-8; Oosiks 6-8. **Series:** Alaska leads 6-3-1.

Line: Oosiks by 11.

**Outlook:** The easiest pick of the postseason is put all your money on the team opposing Bagdad. The Newts are a pathetic 0-8 in postseason games. We'll have to see if that carries over to Pee Wee games.

Pick: Alaska 24, Bagdad 18.



Limerick at Narcoossee



Records: Loons 5-9; Nose Apes 6-8.

**Series:** Limerick leads 5-4. **Line:** Nose Apes by 8.

**Outlook:** Is there anything falling faster than Narcoossee's scoring average? A few weeks ago, the Grape Apes were running away with the points title. Now, they can't run away from Ken Sain.

Pick: Limerick 24, Narcoossee 2.

# Dawg gone (and done) it

## Dutch Harbor favorite to win the T. Rex trophy

#### By SCOOP BIAS

TFL Today

Four of the six teams in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament have played in the league's championship game before.

Three of the six have set the league's top three regular season records during their careers.

And two of the six are making their third straight appearance in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

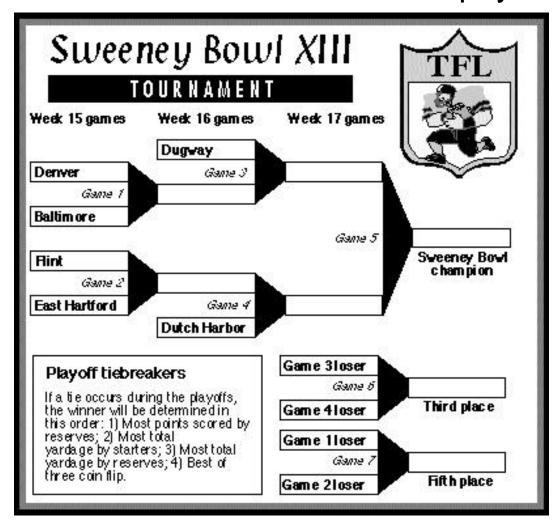
And only one team has done all of the above.

Let's fill in the blanks.

- ▲ Dugway, Denver, Baltimore and East Hartford are all former Sweeney Bowl participants, but only Denver has won a title.
- ▲ Dugway, Denver and Flint own the three best regular season records in TFL history. Flint was 13-1 in 1994, Denver 11-3 in 1991 and Dugway 11-3 this year.
- ▲ Dugway and Dutch Harbor are both in their third straight Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

The runaway favorite to win the T. Rex is the Dutch Harbor Dawgs, who rallied from way back to win the points scoring championship.

The Dawgs (9-5) have scored 128 points in their past two games and have scored a TFL record 95 points in a single game this year. The deadly



combination of RBs Barry Sanders and Dorsey Levens has made the one weakness in the Dutch Harbor lineup, quarterback, bearable.

And with Steve McNair getting all of Eddie George's rushing TDs, that's not even a weakness any more.

The Dawgs will face the winner of this week's quarterfi-

nal game between Flint (8-6) and East Hartford (8-6).

Flint was the hottest team in the league until losing to Marley 52-40 during the final regular season game.

In the other quarterfinal game, Baltimore (8-6) takes on Denver (9-5). The winner of that game meets regular season champion Dugway (11-3) in the other semifinal game.

The latest odds in Las Vegas have Dutch Harbor as a 2-1 favorite to win the T. Rex. Dugway, which finished four points behind the Dawgs in the points race, is next at 5-1.

Flint is third at 7-1, Denver next at 8-1, Baltimore is next at 15-1 and East Hartford the 99-1 longshot.

## Newts look for history

Bagdad aims for its first postseason victory

By SCOOP BIAS

**TFL Today** 

It may only be the Pee Wee Bowl, but at this point any victory in the postseason would be an accomplishment for Bagdad owner Scott Lacy.

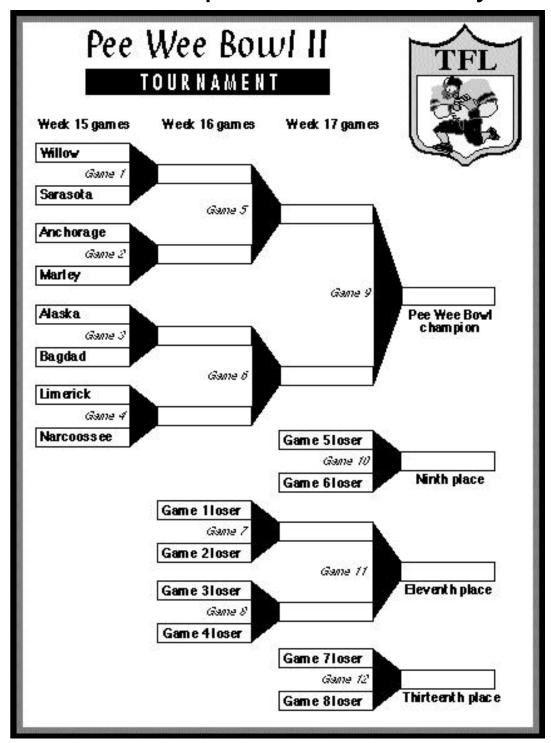
The Red-Bellied Newts are a dismal 0-8 in postseason play in the TFL.

After a 6-8 regular season, the Newts could not qualify for the Sweeney Bowl Tournament and will now get a chance to compete for the Paul Ruben Trophy in the second Pee Wee Bowl Tournament.

The 1996 Pee Wee champ, East Hartford, will not get a chance to defend his title. After a week of whining, league official pleaded with Alaska to defeat Willow so there would not be an international incident over the Ex-Eskimos — winners of five games when they scored 31 points or less — would miss Sweenev Bowl the Tournament.

Instead, East Hartford is the sacrificial lamb offered up to Sweeney Bowl favorites Flint and Dutch Harbor.

An interesting matchup looms in the semifinals. Bagdad may get a chance to renew its banana-war with Narcoossee, if both lose or win their first-round game.



# Owners favoring a tea party in Boston

#### By SCOOP BIAS

TFL Today

There are times when the league's Internet chat room offers more than the usual in-your-face banter that has driven weak-knee owners like Wit Tuttell off-line.

Sometimes, the chatters get things done.

Dutch Harbor's Casey Brogan inquired in TrashTalk where the 1998 TFL Convention was going to be.

There was some doubt there will be a convention. The two founding members of the league, Dugway's Ken Sain and Bagdad's Scott Lacy, both had conflicts for next Labor Day weekend and might not be able to make it.

Then, Sain said he didn't care if he got fired from *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and Scott Lacy hinted he would find a way to escape from his girlfriend's plans to make an appearance at a friend's wedding.

And they all agreed Boston would be the preferred site.

Boston finished second in balloting last year to select a convention city and the New England location would likely entice Limerick's Michael Bourque and East Hartford's Chris Reidy to participate, giving a Boston Convention a chance to have the largest turnout in TFL history.

Logisitics need to be worked out, put pencil in Boston for Sept. 3-7.

▲ TAKING THE OATH: To get ready for this week's quarterfinal playoff game against Denver, Baltimore owner asked Bagdad's Scott

#### **INSIDE THE TFL**

Lacy if there was an oath he had to take to join the Pyles Blow club.

Here's Lacy's reply:

"Yes, Steve, there is an oath. It goes like this:

Denver Pyle's a moron, Jeb Jenco is a hack,

Watching Taylor's Nancy boys makes me want to yack,

I hereby vow to spank the Pyles today, Pyles blow, Pyles blow

▲ SPEAKING OF TAYLOR: There was no response from Taylor to Lacy's post, leading to further speculation the Denver owner is trying to duplicate his 1994 success by leaving the United States during the TFL playoffs and heading for a remote island in the South Pacific.

Taylor did just that in 1994, and while he wasn't around to screw up his team's chances, won the Sweeney Bowl.

You have to give him credit for one thing. Taylor recognizes he doesn't have the talent to battle toe-to-toe with some of the best minds in the TFL (Brogan, Carlock and Sain), so he's tossed his lot with luck and is now looking a partially nude women on the beach while everyone else is sweating out their lineups.

Taylor can relax, now that he has removed the 800-pound gorilla from his back.

The Pyles just completed their first winning record since 1991, going 9-5. They were 7-7 in 1994.

TFL Leaders							
Rk	Player F	os	Team	Pts			
1	Brett Favre	QB	Baltimore	190			
2	Jeff George	QB	Limerick	183			
3	Kordell Stewart	QB	Flint	164			
4	Drew Bledsoe	QB	Alaska	155			
5	John Elway	QB	Dugway	149			
6	Brad Johnson	QB	Anchorage	145			
7	Barry Sanders	RB	Dutch Harbor	140			
8	Terrell Davis	RB	Denver	137			
9	Vinny Testaverde	QB	Marley	120			
10	Richie Cunninghan	ı K	Dugway	116			
11	Steve Young	QB	Narcoossee	116			
12	Jason Elam	K	Marley	104			
13	Karim Abdul-Jabba	rRB	Flint	102			
14	Al Del Greco	K	Bagdad	102			
15	Matt Stover	K	Denver	101			
16	Adam Vinatieri	K	Baltimore	100			
17	Napoleon Kaufman	RB	Narcoossee	98			
18	Dorsey Levens	RB	Dutch Harbor	95			
19	Jerome Bettis	RB	Marley	93			
20	Mike Hollis	K	Alaska	88			
21	Ryan Longwell	K	Dutch Harbor	86			
22	Tim Brown	WR	Bagdad	83			
23	John Kasay	K	Narcoossee	83			
24	Dan Marino	QB	Denver	82			
25	Mark Brunell	QB	Willow	80			

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WEEK 14 STANDINGS											
Barbarino	Record		Points for			•	Points against				
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dugway Experiments	11	3	0	613	76	22	43.8	450	54	14	32.1
Denver Pyles	9	5	0	578	56	22	41.3	485	56	11	34.6
Alaska Oosiks	6	8	0	542	81	13	38.7	571	76	17	40.8
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	6	8	0	386	70	13	29.7	534	57	14	38.1
Sarasota Sharks	3	11	0	342	54	10	24.4	438	54	10	31.3
Kotter	Record		Points for		•	Points against					
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Flint Bison	8	6	0	573	56	22	40.9	538	95	9	38.4
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	8	6	0	438	56	9	31.3	458	54	3	32.7
Anchorage Kitchen	6	8	0	453	51	14	32.4	485	81	9	34.6
Limerick Laughing Loons	5	9	0	443	54	9	31.6	534	64	16	38.1
Horshack	F	Rec	ord	Points for			Points against				
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	9	5	0	617	95	19	44.1	516	75	13	36.9
Baltimore Barons	8	6	0	534	75	11	38.1	497	67	13	35.5
Willow Weasels	7	7	0	499	72	10	35.6	537	75	17	38.4
Narcoossee Nose Apes	6	8	0	551	75	3	39.4	537	70	13	38.4
Marley Wailers	6	8	0	484	64	17	34.6	519	53	24	37.1

#### **WEEK 14 RESULTS**

East Hartford	29	Denver	42
Mitchell	17	Marino	12
T. Allen	0	T. Davis	12
Brown	6	Stewart	0
J. Smith	2	Sharpe	0
Muhammad	0	R. Moore	9
Hall	4	Stover	3
Carolina	0	Denver	6
<b>Dutch Harbor</b>	67	Baltimore	37
O'Donnell	8	Favre	6
B. Sanders	26	Alstott	12
Levens	15	Murrell	0
Galloway	6	Freeman	2
Fryar	3	Thigpen	2 2 9
Longwell	9	Vinatieri	
N.Y. Jets	0	Baltimore	6
Flint	40	Marley	52
K. Stewart	0	Testaverde	6
Abdul-Jabbar	8	Bettis	22
M. Allen	12	Autry	0
Coates	0	Jackson	1
K. Johnson	8	McCaffrey	15
M. Andersen	6	Elam	8
Detroit	6	San Francisco	0
Narcoossee	17	Anchorage	40
Young	0	B. Johnson	0
Rob. Smith	1	C. Martin	1
Kaufman	1	Hill	1
H. Moore	8	Rison	15
Dudley	0	Morton	12
Kasay	7	Wilkins	11
Jacksonville	0	Minnesota	0

Alaska	49	Willow	33			
Bledsoe	12	Brunell	9			
Hearst	2	E. Smith	0			
Dillon	3	Dunn	3			
Martin	11	C. Carter	3			
J. Reed	1	Owens	0			
Hollis	17	Nedney	8			
Tampa Bay	3	Kansas City	9			
Sarasota	35	Dugway	39			
Moon	12	Elway	18			
J. Anderson	12	Means	6			
T. Thomas	3	Harris	6			
Bruce	0	Rod Smith	6			
Chrebet	2	Emanuel	1			
Pelfrey	6	Cunningham	2			
Oakland	0	New England	0			
Limerick	43	Bagdad	46			
J. George	13	Kramer	10			
Watters	8	Carter	6			
Lane	9	Floyd	0			
McCardell	2	T. Brown	13			
A. Reed	6	Miller	2			
Blanchard	5	Del Greco	9			
Indianapolis	0	Tennessee	6			
Sweeney Bowl quarterfinals						

#### Baltimore at Denver

East Hartford at Flint

#### Pee Wee Bowl quarterfinals

Sarasota at Willow Anchorage at Marley Bagdad at Alaska Limerick at Narcoossee

#### **TRANSACTIONS**

#### Dec. 2, 1997

Alaska places RB Garrison Hearst on I.R., adds RB Jerald Moore.

Baltimore fined \$5 because RB Jay Graham played while on the I.R. Baltimore has until 11:59 p.m. today to activate him, or he becomes a free agent.

#### Nov. 27, 1997

Dutch Harbor waives QB Craig Wehlihan, adds QB Steve McNair.

#### Nov. 26, 1997

Denver waives RB Lawrence Phillips, adds RB Charlie Garner.

Dutch Harbor waives RB Antowain Smith, adds RB Charles Way.

Baltimore waives WR Chris Calloway, adds WR Frank Sanders.

Baltimore places RB Jay Graham on I.R., activates RB Bam Morris.

Sarasota failed to activate QB Jim Harbaugh off the I.R. list. He is now a free agent.

Bagdad failed to activate RB Lamar Smith off the I.R. list. He is now a free agent.

#### 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.

#### **CURRENT ROSTERS**

#### Alaska

QB Drew Bledsoe

Rich Gannon

Chris Warren RB

RB Jerald Moore

Corey Dillon RB

WR Tony Martin

WR Jake Reed

WR Terance Mathis

Κ Jason Hanson

Κ Mike Hollis

D Tampa Bay D Miami

Injured reserve

QB John Friesz **RB** Garrison Hearst

Anchorage

QB Brad Johnson

Rodney Peete QB

Curtis Martin RB

RΒ Leroy Hoard

Greg Hill RB

WR Robert Brooks

WR Johnnie Morton

WR Andre Rison

Κ Chris Boniol

Κ Jeff Wilkins

D Minnesota

D St. Louis

Denver

QB Dan Marino QB Jake Plummer

Terrell Davis

RB James Stewart

RB Charlie Garner WR Shannon Sharpe

WR James Jett

WR Rob Moore

Κ Matt Stover

Κ **Eddie Murray** 

D Denver

D **New Orleans** 

#### **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

Al Del Greco Κ

Κ Steve Christie

Tennessee

N.Y. Giants

Injured reserve QB Stan Humphries

#### **Baltimore**

QB Brett Favre

QB Trent Dilfer

Adrian Murrell RΒ

RB Mike Alstott

Bam Morris

WR Antonio Freeman

WR Frank Sanders

WR Yancey Thigpen

Adam Vinatieri Κ

Cole Ford

D **Baltimore** 

Chicago

Injured reserve

RB Jay Graham

**Dugway** QB John Elway

QB Chris Chandler

RB Eddie George

RB Natrone Means

**RB** Raymont Harris

Rod Smith

Michael Westbrook WR

WR Bert Emanuel

Richie Cunningham Κ

Greg Davis Κ

D Cincinnati

D New England

#### **Dutch Harbor**

QB Neil O'Donnell

QB Steve McNair

**Barry Sanders** RB

Dorsey Levens RB

RB Charles Way

WR Michael Irvin

WR Irving Fryar

WR Joey Galloway

Ryan Longwell Κ Κ Todd Peterson

Green Bay D

D N.Y. Jets

Injured reserve

QB Dave Brown

#### **East Hartford**

QB Scott Mitchell

QB Paul Justin

RB

**Larry Centers** RB

Gary Brown

Terry Allen RB

WR Jimmy Smith

WR Ricky Proehl

WR Muhsin Muhammad

Κ Gary Anderson

Κ 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

Marshall Faulk RB

RB Marcus Allen

WR Jermaine Lewis

WR Keyshawn Johnson

WR Ben Coates

Morten Andersen Κ Κ Pete Stoyanovich

D **Dallas** 

#### D Detroit

Injured reserve WR Jerry Rice

#### Limerick

QB Jeff George

Kerry Collins QB

**Ricky Watters** RΒ

Fred Lane RB

RB Tyrone Wheatley

WR Shawn Jefferson

WR Keenan McCardell WR Andre Reed

Cary Blanchard Κ

Κ Michael Husted

Buffalo D

Indianapolis D

Injured reserve RB Tim Biakabutuka WR Terry Glenn

#### Marley

QB Vinny Testaverde

QB Gus Frerotte

Jerome Bettis RB

RB Tiki Barber

**RB** Darnell Autry

WR Michael Jackson

WR Ed McCaffrey

WR Mark Chmura

Κ Jason Elam

Κ Olindo Mare D San Francisco

Philadelphia D

Injured reserve

WR Curtis Conway

#### **Narcoossee**

QB Steve Young

QB Elvis Grbac

Napoleon Kaufman RB

RB Robert Smith

Terry Kirby RB

WR Herman Moore

WR Wesley Walls

WR Ricky Dudley John Kasay

Scott Blanton Κ

D Pittsburgh 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

Doug Pelfrey Κ Κ Kevin Butler

Oakland

D Washington

Injured reserve **Brett Conway** 

Willow

QB Mark Brunell Troy Aikman QB

**Emmitt Smith** 

**RB** Warrick Dunn

**RB** Mario Bates WR Cris Carter

WR Derrick Alexander

WR Terrell Owens

Joe Nedney Κ

Κ Jeff Jaeger

D Kansas City Arizona