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Week 13 scores

Anchorage Willow	
Arctic Marley	
Dutch Harbor Tampa Bay	
East Hartford Limerick	
Lackawanna Flint	-
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Flint Dugway	.22 .48 .36
Flint Dugway Bagdad Baltimore	.22 .48 .36 .47 .17

Week 14 li	ne
Lackawanna at Arctic	+ 2
Flint at Marley	+ 3
Narcoossee at East Hartford	+ 8
Limerick at Baltimore	+ 1
Willow at Dutch Harbor	+ 16
Anchorage at Tampa Bay	+ 12
Bagdad at Denver	+ 7

Alaska at

Dugway

+ 7

After 2-6 start, Kitchen closing in on playoffs

field, and both are

understandably

concerned about

the juggernaut

the Kitchen has

become.

By Billy Baroo Anchorage Beacon

ANCHORAGE After his team began the season with two measly win in its first eight games, Anchorage Kitchen owner Nate Sagan locked himself inside his downtown home and refused emerge until his squad got back on track.

Six weeks later.

his Kitchen is the hottest team in the Times Football League, and with a 7-6 record, there is still a chance Anchorage could make the Sweeney Bowl tournament.

Sagan's good fortune has made the reclusive Anchorage owner even more superstitious, however. Since the second week of his winning streak, Sagan has refused to appear in public or even log on to TFL Trashtalk for fear of jinxing his winning streak.

When called at home for a comment about his recent good fortune, Sagan was elusive, saying only, "Who's your Daddy, who's your Daddy?"

Division rivals Casey Brogan and Van Williams have been Sagan's latest victims on the

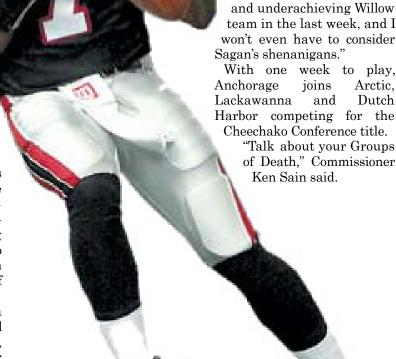
"Man, I thought I had a chance at the playoffs again," said Williams, choking back tears after the Kitchen's 83-37 lambasting of his Willow Weasels in Week 13. "But with Michael Vick and Marvin Harrison out there, what's a poor Weasel to do?"

Brogan was more stoic. "Of course I'm a little ner-

vous," said the Dutch Harbor Dawgs owner. "Who wouldn't be, with the hottest team in the league trying to chase you down? But all I've got to do is take care of business against and underachieving Willow team in the last week, and I won't even have to consider Sagan's shenanigans."

Anchorage joins Arctic, Lackawanna and Dutch Harbor competing for the Cheechako Conference title.

"Talk about your Groups of Death," Commissioner Ken Sain said.



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Power poll

The TFL Power Poll uses a formula that calculates how strong each team is on a weekly basis. It eliminates aberrations (high score, low score) and shows the true expected strength of each team on any given week.

Dutch Harbor	101.8
Dugway	94.7
Arctic	
Anchorage	90.5
East Hartford	
Lackawanna	88.0
Alaska	79.8
Bagdad	78.4
Limerick	73.3
Narcoossee	72.5
Baltimore	71.3
Willow	70.2
Tampa Bay	66.0
Denver	63.1
Flint	62.5
Marley	56.4
	Dugway

Money matters

Here is an update on the TFL pot:

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Team	Fee	D	FTotal
Alaska	\$100	\$25	\$0\$125
Anchorage	\$100	\$10	\$5\$115
Arctic	\$100	\$5	\$0\$105
Bagdad	\$100	\$35	\$0\$135
Baltimore	\$100	\$30	\$5\$135
Denver	\$100	\$5	\$0\$105
Dugway	\$100	\$30	\$0\$130
Dutch Harbor	\$100	\$25	\$15\$140
East Hartford	\$100	\$40	\$0\$140
Flint	\$100	\$25	\$5\$130
Lackawanna	\$100	\$35	\$0\$135
Limerick	\$100	\$30	\$0\$130
Marley	\$100	\$20	\$0\$120
Narcoossee	\$100	\$20	\$5\$125
Tampa Bay	\$100	\$15	\$0\$115
Willow	\$100	\$25	\$0\$125
Total	\$1,600	\$375	\$35\$2,010

Fee is the \$100 franchise fee each team pays to play the season. D stands for the deals each team has made that required a \$5 charge; F stands for the amount of fines each team has been assessed.

Sweeney Bowl champion	40 percent
Sweeney Bowl runnerup	15 percent
Third place	11 percent
Fourth place	9 percent
Fifth place	7 percent
Sixth place	5 percent
Regular season champ	5 percent
Points scoring champ	
Pee Wee Bowl champion	3 percent

New format a hit with TFL owners

By Scoop Bias

Dugway Herald

The TFL ends its first regular season since expansion this week with most owners happy with the way things have gone.

"I really like the divisional format," East Hartford owner Chris Reidy said.

He's not alone. Most owners have expressed happiness with the new format that means each team plays its three divisional rivals twice during the season.

No one has complained about what was considered the biggest drawback of the change, the fact that all teams couldn't play each other every year.

"I haven't heard a word," Commissioner Ken Sain said. "In fact, it might add some intrigue. If Arctic and Dugway, the top two seeds, advance to the Sweeney Bowl it will be the first time they've met this year.

"How will I defend Bledsoe? What on earth will the Gators do to stop Priest? I can tell Mr. Dolan this much, he doesn't have that much Whupass."

Arctic clinched the top seed in the Sourdough Conference with its victory over Flint. They are chasing Sain's Experiments for the regular-season title and bonus check that goes with it.

Lackawanna also clinched a playoff berth with its win over hapless Marley. This is the fifth straight season the Lancers have advanced to the Sweeney Bowl Tournament, a record. In fact, the Brothers Continelli have never played in the Pee Wee Bowl Tournament.

Mike Continelli asked about the playoff format and found out that the first two rounds of the playoffs are between conference teams.

"Damn, that's a tough road," he said after learning he may have to beat either Dutch Harbor or Anchorage in the first round, then take on Arctic in the conference championship game.

Those four teams are in the top six in the latest Power Poll.

→ **SEASON ENDS:** One of the quirks about the new format is that the top six teams advance to the Sweeney Bowl tournament, the next eight to the Pee Wee Bowl tournament, and two teams get nothing. Nada. Zilch. Season over. Narcoossee and Marley are the unlucky teams this

Notebook

year who will spend the final three weeks of the season with nothing to do. But, since they have done little to manage their teams this year, no one will probably notice the difference.

▶ **RECORD WATCH:** The Dutch Harbor Dawgs defense set the TFL record for points scored in a season with a safety, giving them 55 points this season.

Those points might help Casey Brogan's team set another record. The Dawgs have scored 667 points this year. That puts them only 55 points behind Marley's record of 722 in 1995. Considering they scored 70 points this past week without a quarterback, they could easily set the record.

A third record is also under assault. Priest Holmes scored 16 points in less than a half this past weekend and has 185 for the year. Terrell Davis holds the record for a running back in a season with 187. Holmes'lowest total for a game this year was 2 points.

Sain said this week that he will ban the use of Whupass during the playoffs. The Arctic Gators have given most of the credit for their stunning turnaround from the scum on the bottom of a doormat to Gambell Division champion to the cans of Whupass.

"They are going to have to prove their the better team without drugging their opponents," Sain said.

"Besides, it has come to my attention that Whupass is made with genetically-modified ingrediants. They can take their Frankenfood back to Monsanto, we won't have any of that in the TFL."

Arctic coach Mark Dolan is quite upset with the ruling, threatening lawsuits against the league and Sain.

▶ **PYLES-NEWTS:** One of the meaningless games this week is still a big one. Denver has a slim chance at making the playoffs, but must beat arch-rival Bagdad and then get help.

Bagdad holds a very slim two-game lead over Denver on the all-time victory list, the only claim to glory that the master of goo, Scott Lacy, can claim.

"I hope Scotty wins that game," Sain said. "If he loses that ATWO title, well, the boy would have nothing left."

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WEEK 14 PREVIEW

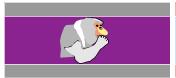




Lackawanna at Arctic

Series record: Lancers lead series 4-1-0. **Outlook:** Lackawanna is only playing for pride. Arctic must win for a shot at the regular season title. Should be a rout.

Prediction: Arctic 54, Lackawanna 23.





Narcoossee at East Hartford

Series record: Nose Apes lead series 7-5-0. **Outlook:** The Ex'Mos clinch the division title with a win. Narcoossee, um, gets to change more diapers. Football season is over.

Prediction: Narcoossee 32, East Hartford 29.





Willow at Dutch Harbor

Series record: Dawgs lead series 7-4-1. **Outlook:** The Dawgs have wrapped up the points title. Now, they must lock down a playoff berth. They'll get it.

Prediction: Dutch Harbor 62, Willow 37.





Bagdad at Denver

Series record: Newts lead series 9-7-0.

Outlook: One of the league's best rivalries has little on the line. Denver has a slim shot at the playoffs. The Newts have nothing to play for.

Prediction: Denver 33, Bagdad 28.





Flint at Marley

Series record: Bison lead series 3-2-1.

Outlook: Who cares? This is the final game of the season for Marley, which didn't even qualify for the Pee Wee Bowl tournament.

Prediction: Flint 33, Marley 21.





Limerick at Baltimore

Series record: Barons lead series 7-4-2. **Outlook:** Baltimore doesn't deserve to be in position for the playoffs, but it doesn't deserve the two T. Rexes it owns either. C'est la vie.

Prediction: Baltimore 25, Limerick 19.





Anchorage at Tampa Bay

Series record: Loogs lead series 1-0-0. **Outlook:** Have the Kitchen stopped scoring yet? The hottest team in the league needs help to make the playoffs.

Prediction: Anchorage 77, Tampa Bay 20.





Alaska at Dugway

Series record: Experiments lead series 7-4-1. **Outlook:** The Oosiks need a win and some help for the playoffs. Dugway is closing in on its third regular-season championship.

Prediction: Dugway 45, Alaska 36.

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Clearing up the playoff picture

FIREWEED MULDOON SPENARD GAMBELL

Dugway

The Experiments have clinched the division title and top seed in the Sourdough Conference. The only thing to play for is the regular-season title. Their only competition are the Gators. A win or an Arctic loss locks it up.

East Hartford

The Ex-Eskimos need a win over Narcoossee or a Baltimore loss to clinch the Muldoon Division title. They clinch a wildcard berth if Alaska loses to Dugway.

Dutch Harbor

The Dawgs will win this division if they beat Willow this week and can keep any part of their 60-point lead over the Kitchen. If they lose, they make it if Anchorage loses. If the Kitchen wins, however, it's hello Pee Wee.

Arctic

The Gators need a victory over Lackawanna and a Dugway loss to Alaska to win the regular season title. They lead the Tubes in points. If they maintain that lead, then they win the title and extra bonus cash.

Alaska

The Oosiks need to beat Dugway, and hope that Baltimore wins and East Hartford loses. If that happens, the Barons win the Muldoon and the Oosiks are the wildcard team. Otherwise, say hi to Pee Wee.

Baltimore

The Barons must beat Limerick and hope the Nose Apes upset East Hartford to win the division. A win clinches at least a wildcard berth. If they lose, they need Bagdad to beat Denver to make the playoffs.

Anchorage

The Kitchen need help. They should have little trouble humiliating Tampa Bay. Once that is complete, they need Dutch Harbor to lose to Willow or they need to outscore the Dawgs by 60 or more points.

Lackawanna

The Lancers clinched the wild-card berth, since they own the tie-breakers over both Anchorage and Dutch Harbor. They will face the Spenard Division winner in the first-round of the playoffs.

Denver

The Pyles must win. Then, they have a chance of making the playoffs. They need Baltimore to lose. Then, it won't matter what East Hartford does. The Ex-Mos win the Muldoon and the Pyles are the wild-card team.

Limerick

The preseason Sweeney Bowl favorites close out a disappointing regular season hoping to stay healthy for fourth-straight appearance in the Pee Wee tourney. Organizers may change its name to the Bourque tournament.

Willow

The Weasels have been officially eliminated and are settling into the role of spoiler, trying to deny a playoff berth to Dutch Harbor.

Flint

Flint avoided the embarrassment of being so bad they couldn't even qualify for the Pee Wee field. That goes to others. They get to punch in their easy victory this weekend over Marley.

Bagdad

The Newts have been eliminated from the playoffs and are preparing for their second straight appearance in the Pee Wee Bowl tournament, where experts predict they'll be a fixture for many years.

Narcoossee

The Grape Apes have suffered the season's biggest humility. They will be one of two teams this year to not play any games during weeks 15-17. That's the first time that has happened since 1995.

Tampa Bay

The Loogs end a disappointing first season with the honor of getting bitch slapped around the field by the suddenly very powerful Anchorage lineup. Then, they'll make the Pee Wee tournament where they should exit as quickly as Houck did.

Marley

The Wailers will join Narcoossee on the sidelines for the rest of this month watching good fantasy football teams still compete in one of two tournaments. Maybe they'll pick up pointers to avoid this fate in the future.

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WEEK 13 STANDINGS

SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE

FIREWEED DIVISION						SPEI	NARD	DI	VIS	ION			
Team	٧	V	L	Т	GB	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	GB	PF PA
z-Dugway	1	1	2	0	_	606	467	Dutch Harbor	7	6	0		667 545
Alaska	(6	7	0	5	521	463	Anchorage	7	6	0	_	607 486
Bagdad	(6	7	0	5	503	525	Willow	6	7	0	1	477 585
Denver	(6	7	0	5	408	529	Tampa Bay	6	7	0	1	432 509

MULDOON DIVISION					GAMI	BELL	_ DI'	VIS	ION				
Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
East Hartford	7	6	0		562	497	z-Arctic	10	3	0		615	449
Baltimore	7	6	0	_	464	477	y-Lackawanna	8	5	0	2	567	443
Limerick	5	8	0	2	484	575	Flint	5	8	0	5	414	557
Narcoossee	4	9	0	3	498	538	Marley	3	10	0	7	373	553

x-clinched playoff berth; y-cliched divisition title; z-clinched top seed in conference

WEEK 13 BOX SCORES

26	QB RB RB WR	Willow. 37 J. Garcia 0 E. Smith. 4 T. Henry 11 J. Galloway 7 R. Smith. 0 J. Feely 6 Eagles 9	8A. Smith 8F. Taylor 0T. Owens	QB RB RB WR WR	K. Warner. 0 T. Barber 7 S. Mack 0 Ti. Brown 5 J. Horn. 9
7E. George 5C. Garner 13E. Moulds	RB RB WR	Marley. 31 K. Stewart 8 C. Martin 0 W. Dunn. 0 I. Bruce 1 T. Gonzalez 7 S. Janikowski 15 Steelers 0	16P. Holmes 2W. Green 2P. Burress	QB RB RB WR WR	Bagdad. 36 J. Kitna. 15 E. James 1 D. McAllister. 8 J. Smith 6 D. Patten 0 M. Gramatica 6 Bears. 0
70Dutch Harbor		Tampa Bay 30	47Baltimore		Narcoossee 17
0T. Maddox 26L. Tomlinson 20C. Portis 7R. Moss	QB RB RB WR WR	B. Favre	12A. Brooks 7C. Dillon 0L. Jordan 7J. Rice	QB RB RB WR WR	T. Brady 0 J. Lewis 3 S. Alexander 6 J. Porter 0 D. Stallworth 0 M. Vanderjagt 8

WEEK 13 LEADERS

Player, teamPts # Player,

DEALS

Dec. 3

Bagdad waives RB Jamel White, adds RB Dee Brown.

Alaska places WR Dennis Northcutt on IR, adds WR Darrell Jackson.

Anchorage waives QB Ray Lucas, reactivates QB Jay Fiedler.

Anchorage places RB Ahman Green on IR, adds RB Tony Fisher.

East Hartford waives RB Troy Hambrick, adds RB Leon Johnson.

Dutch Harbor waives QB Jim Miller, adds QB Matt Hasselbeck.

Dec. 2

Anchorage fined \$5 because QB Jay Fiedler played while on IR.

Nov. 28

Dutch Harbor waives QB Steve Beuerlein, reactivates QB Tommy Maddox.

Nov. 27

Dugway places RB Kevan Barlow on IR, adds RB William Green.

Dugway waives QB Koy Detmer, reactivates QB Brian Griese.

Dugway waives K Tim Seder, adds K Richie Cunningham.

Nov. 26

Dutch Harbor waives RB William Green, reactivates RB T.J. Duckett.

Nov. 25

Dutch Harbor fined \$5 because RB T.J. Duckett played while on IR.

Nov. 24

Bagdad waives RB James Fenderson, reactivates RB Deuce McAllister.

Nov. 23

Alaska waives RB Kevin Faulk, reactivates RB Marshall Faulk.

Bagdad places RB Deuce McAllister on IR, adds RB James Fenderson.

Dugway places RB Thomas Jones on IR, adds RB Tony Richardson.

Nov. 22

Alaska waives WR Darrell Jackson, adds WR Dennis Northcutt.

Nov. 21

East Hartford waives K Billy Cundiff, adds K Jeff Chandler. 6 ■ December 4, 2002 TFL Today

CURRENT ROSTERS

Alaska QB Tim Couch QB Trent Green RB Lamar Gordon RB Duce Staley RB Marshall Faulk WR Todd Heap WR Hines Ward WR Darrell Jackson K James Tuthill K Phil Dawson D Carolina Pathers D Green Bay Packers IR Brett Conway, K IR Dennis Northcutt, WR	Baltimore QB Aaron Brooks QB Trent Dilfer RB Michael Pittman RB Corey Dillon RB Lamont Jordan WR Jerry Rice WR Marcus Pollard WR Derrick Mason K Paul Edinger K Joe Nedney D Oakland Raiders D Cincinnati Bengals IR Trent Dilfer, QB	Anchorage QB Jay Fiedler QB Michael Vick RB Tony Fisher RB James Stewart RB Garrison Hearst WR Marvin Harrison WR Troy Brown WR Corey Bradford K Bill Gramatica K Jeff Reed D Kansas City Chiefs D New York Giants IR Todd Peterson, K IR Ahman Green, RB	Arctic QB Danny Wuerfel QB Drew Bledsoe RB Rob Konrad RB Charlie Garner RB Eddie George WR Eric Moulds WR Laveranues Coles WR Jacquez Green K John Holt K Ryan Longwell D New England Patriots D New York Jets IR Donovan McNabb, QB
Denver QB Daunte Culpepper QB Chris Weinke RB Mike Alstott RB Anthony Thomas RB Zack Crockett WR Herman Moore WR Keyshawn Johnson WR James Thrash K Olindo Mare K Steve Christie D San Francisco 49ers D Jacksonville Jaguars IR Ike Hilliard, WR IR Shannon Sharpe, WR	East Hartford QB Drew Brees QB Rich Gannon RB Leon Johnson RB Ricky Williams RB Jonathon Wells WR Marty Booker WR Koren Robinson WR Curtis Conway K Jeff Chandler K Ryan Lindell D San Diego Chargers D Baltimore Ravens	Tampa Bay QB Steve McNair QB Brett Favre RB Aaron Stecker RB Marcell Shipp RB Jerome Bettis WR Willie Jacksom WR Brian Finneran WR Keenan McCardell K David Akers K Hayden Epstein D Detroit Lions D Miami Dolphins IR Cris Carter, WR	Flint QB Kurt Warner QB Marc Bulger RB Stacey Mack RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala RB Tiki Barber WR Qadry Ismail WR Joe Horn WR Tim Brown K Kris Brown K Jeff Wilkins D Washington Redskins D Minnesota Vikins
Bagdad QB Mark Brunell QB Jon Kitna RB Edgerrin James RB Deuce McAllister RB Dee Brown WR David Patten WR Rod Gardner WR Jimmy Smith K Shayne Graham K Martin Gramatica D Tennessee Titans D Chicago Bears IR John Kasay, K	Limerick QB Joey Harrington QB Peyton Manning RB Moe Williams RB Stephen Davis RB Michael Bennett WR Reggie Wayne WR Ed McCaffrey WR Torry Holt K Jose Cortez K Adam Vinatieri D Indianapolis Colts D Buffalo Bills	Dutch Harbor QB Matt Hasselbeck QB Tommy Maddox RB LaDainian Tomlinson RB Clinton Portis RB T.J. Duckett WR Chad Johnson WR Randy Moss WR Terry Glenn K Matt Bryant K Morten Andersen D New Orleans Saints D Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Lackawanna QB Chad Pennington QB Kerry Collins RB Antowain Smith RB Mike Anderson RB Fred Taylor WR Terrell Owens WR Peerless Price WR Amani Toomer K Jason Elam K Mike Hollis D Cleveland Browns D Arizona Cardinals
Dugway QB Brian Griese QB Brad Johnson RB Priest Holmes RB Tony Richardson RB William Green WR Deion Branch WR Plaxico Burress WR Donald Driver K Gary Anderson K Richie Cunningham D Seattle Seahawks D Dallas Cowboys IR Owen Pochman, K IR Thomas Jones, RB IR Kevan Barlow, RB	Narcoossee QB Jake Plummer QB Tom Brady RB Shaun Alexander RB Amos Zereoue RB Jamal Lewis WR Donte Stallworth WR Jerry Porter WR Randy McMichael K Jason Hanson K Mike Vanderjagt D Houston Texans D St. Louis Rams IR DeShaun Foster, RB IR David Boston, WR	Willow QB Jeff Garcia QB David Carr RB Lamar Smith RB Emmitt Smith RB Travis Henry WR Wayne Chrebet WR Rod Smith WR Joey Galloway K Jay Feely K John Carney D Atlanta Falcons D Philadelphia Eagles	Marley QB Chad Hutchinson QB Kordell Stewart RB Warrick Dunn RB Curtis Martin RB Cory Schlesinger WR Isaac Bruce WR Bubba Franks WR Tony Gonzalez K Sebastian Janikowski K Matt Stover D Denver Broncos D Pittsburgh Steelers