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PLAYOFFS

THE SEEDS

Rk.	Team	Rec.	Pts.
1.	Bagdad	10-4-0	531
2.	Limerick	9-5-0	512
3.	Baltimore	9-5-0	510
4.	Alaska	9-5-0	555
5.	Dugway	8-6-0	583
6.	Dutch Harbor	8-6-0	479
7.	East Hartford	7-6-1	517
8.	Narcoossee	7-7-0	499
9.	Marley	6-8-0	554
10.	Denver	6-8-0	490
11.	Sarasota	6-8-0	471
12.	Flint	6-8-0	441
13.	Willow	3-10-1	450
14.	Anchorage	3-11-0	400
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THE POT

In the pot

Here's how the pot is split: Sweeney Bowl champ 40% Sweeney Bowl runnerup 15% Third place 12% Fourth place 10% Fifth place 8% 6% Sixth place Regular season title 5% Points scoring title 5% Pee Wee champ 4%

POWER POLL

1. Dugway 2. Marley 3. Alaska	81.2 80.0 79.5
4. Bagdad	76.8
 East Hartford Limerick 	74.2 71.7
7. Narcoossee 8. Denver	70.3 69.2
9. Baltimore 10. Dutch Harbor	67.8 66.2
11. Willow	64.5
12. Sarasota 13. Flint	64.2 62.8
14. Anchorage	56.2

Playoffs begin

Where even Anchorage can win money

By Scoop Bias

Dugway Herald

DUGWAY, Utah — How has the Pee Wee Bowl changed the way the TFL does the playoffs?

Let's put it this way. There has been a Nate Sagan sighting.

Sagan, who was believed to be as dead as his team has been, showed up in TrashTalk on the TFL web site this week as the Kitchen prepare for the postseason.

Yes, even Anchorage with its 3-11 record can win four percent of the pot by winning its next three games.

Not bad for a team that has a five-game losing streak and the owner hasn't been heard from in months.

First the Kitchen must get by the other seven teams in the league who did not qualify for the Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

Both the Sweeney Bowl and Pee Wee Bowl tournaments begin on Thursday as the playoffs officially begin.

Joining Bagdad, Limerick, Baltimore and Alaska in the Sweeney Bowl tournament are the Dugway Experiments and Dutch Harbor Dawgs.

Dugway benefitted from a poor showing by Marley on Sunday to sneak in as the No. 5 seed.

Marley took a 29-0 lead after Thursday's games,

A Tale of Two Seasons

For three teams in the playoffs, 1996 was a year of contrasts. Here's how they did in the first half of the year vs. the second:

Team	First half	Second half
Limerick Loons	2-5	7-0
Baltimore Barons	6-1	3-4
Dugway Experiments	5-1	3-5

with both teams having had one player and their defense go on Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately for the Wailers, the TFL's No. 3 scoring team, the rest of the team combined for five points on Sunday, allowing Ken Sain's Test Tubes to rally for a 40-34 victory.

Dutch Harbor owner Casey Brogan had to sweat out a Monday Night game for his playoff spot.

The Dawgs defeated Willow on Sunday, but needed Limerick to defeat Narcoossee to get into the men's tournament, instead of that one for little boys and little girls.

Limerick had a overwhelming 38-18 lead, but three Steve Young touchdowns moved the Nose Apes within range.

However, a missed block by 49ers' Troy Drakeford prevented a defensive touchdown and a late score by Atlanta took another three points away from Narcoossee. Limerick won 43-37, giving the final spot to the Dawgs.

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For the second straight season, the top three scoring teams in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament are all in the same bracket.

Dugway (583 points) plays Alaska (555) this week. The winner takes on No. 1 seed Bagdad (531).

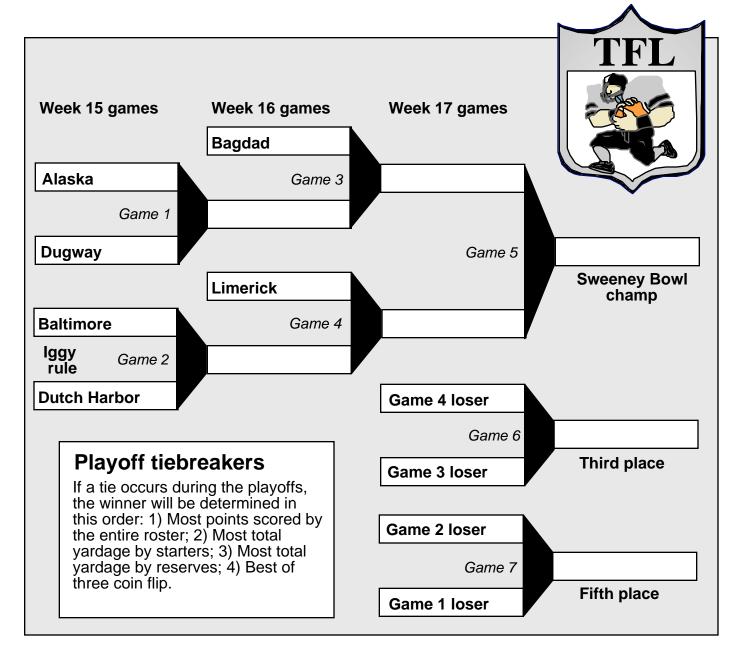
Last year the top three scoring teams in the TFL (Marley, Dutch Harbor and Dugway) were all in the same bracket.

In the other bracket, Dutch Harbor (479) meets Baltimore (510) this week and the winner faces Limerick (512).

Limerick earned the bye when Alaska defeated Baltimore last week.

The Loons have now won seven straight games. Limerick owner Michael Bourque has told everyone in TrashTalk he will win the T. Rex.

Denver owner Mike Taylor claims he will be the first Pee Wee winner. Page 2 ■ TFL Today



Sain wants to revamp rules

By Scoop Bias Dugway Herald

DUGWAY, Utah — TFL Commissioner Ken Sain called his tenure a success, but promised to keep his vow of not returning next year as the Commissioner.

Sain spoke to the media on Tuesday after the regular season had concluded. He said his biggest offseason project will be to rewrite the TFL rules.

"When I was forced to take over as Commissioner at midseason," Sain said, "I said I would only do the job for this season.

"That is still my intention. However, because of a number of problems this past season, I am appointing a two-person committee to take a hard look at our rules and see if they can be improved.

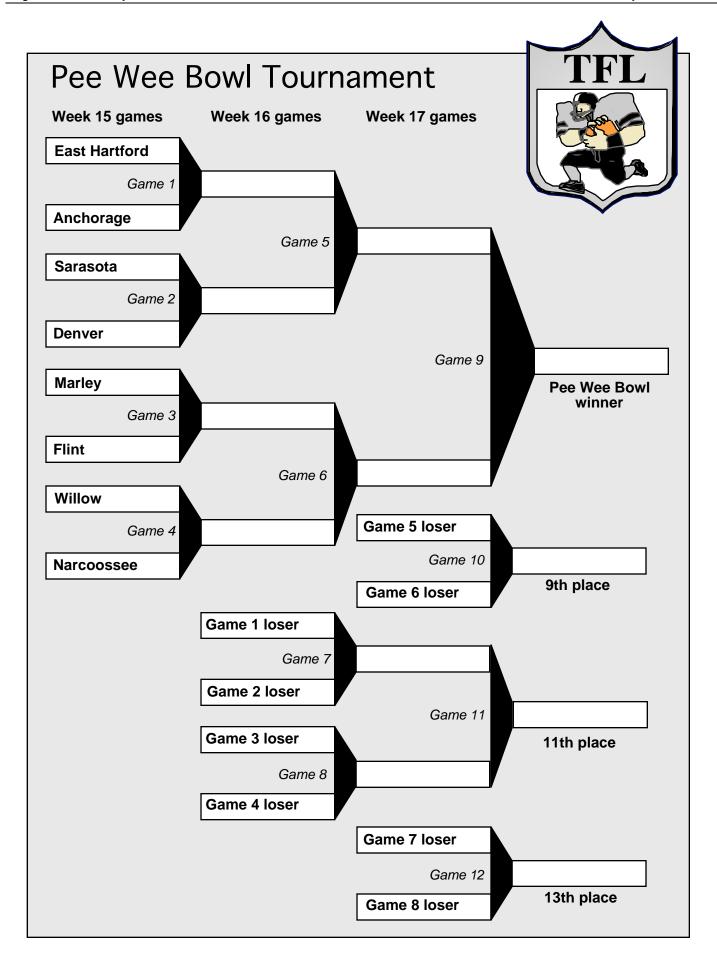
"The committee will be made up of Scott Lacy and myself."

Sain has come under criticism by many owners because he pushed through the Iggy Rule in 1995.

"Since it has never been

implemented, I don't see why everyone is so upset? Let me tell you this, if they finished with a 8-6 record and were shut out of the playoffs because a 6-8 team got in only by winning its division, they'd really be upset and crying foul."

Any owner with suggested rule changes to Sain or Lacy.



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FINAL 1996 STANDINGS

Barbarino	Rec	ord		Poin	ts fo	r	Po	ints a	gainst		
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hig	hLow	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	10	4	0	531	57	13	37.9	442	90	12	31.6
Alaska Oosiks	9	5	0	555	69	9	39.6	522	55	17	37.3
Dugway Experiments	8	6	0	583	71	25	41.6	483	55	7	34.5
Denver Pyles	6	8	0	490	66	9	35.0	508	66	15	36.3
Sarasota Sharks	6	8	0	471	68	18	33.6	515	49	22	36.8

Kotter	Red	cord	l	Poir	its fo	r	Po	ints ag	gainst		
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hig	hLow	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Limerick Laughing Loons	9	5	0	512	66	16	36.6	472	56	14	33.7
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	7	6	1	517	55	17	36.9	464	70	16	33.1
Flint Bison	6	8	0	441	49	15	31.5	503	71	9	37.7
Anchorage Kitchen	3	11	0	400	49	14	28.6	520	56	9	37.1

Horshack	Red	cord		Poir	its fo	or	Po	oints ag	gainst		
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hig	hLow	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Baltimore Barons	9	5	0	510	90	13	36.4	451	56	19	32.2
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	8	6	0	479	70	12	34.2	473	48	17	33.8
Narcoossee Nose Apes	7	7	0	499	55	22	35.6	471	54	22	33.6
Marley Wailers	6	8	0	554	58	16	39.6	516	65	12	36.8
Willow Weasels	3	10	1	450	56	7	32.1	600	69	13	42.9

WEEK 14 RESULTS

Anchorage	32	East Hartford	58
Everett	0	Bledsoe	24
Warren	0	Sanders	8
L. Johnson	0	Russell	0
Fryar	7	Bruce	9
Reed	8	Harrison	0
Hollis	17	Ford	5
Vikings	0	Panthers	12
Alaska	48	Baltimore	43
Brunell	13	Mitchell	6
Stewart	0	George	16
Hearst	2	Kirby	9
Rice	5	Galloway	1
Martin	8	Smith	0
Wilkins	14	Christie	8
Jaguars	6	Ravens	0
Marley	34	Dugway	40
Collins	0	Favre	12
E. Smith	23	Davis	9
Morris	3	Rhett	1
Conway	1	Irvin	0
Jackson	0	Freeman	8
Carney	1	Vinatieri	10
Lions	6	Chiefs	0
Dutch Harbor	39	Willow	32
Esiason	7	Marino	8
Carter	0	Bennett	1
Phillips	0	Allen	13
Pickens	21	Chrebet	0
Mathis	6	Perriman	7
Del Greco	5	Boniol	3
Steelers	0	Seahawks	0

Bagdad	13	Flint	34
Hebert	0	Tomczak	12
Watters	5	Thomas	0
Abdul-Jabbar	0	Faulk	11
H. Moore	2	Brown	7
A. Reed	0	Kennison	0
Kasay	6	Jacke	4
Oilers	0	Cowboys	0
Denver	43	Sarasota	18
Elway	18	Hostetler	6
Byner	6	Martin	1
Kaufman	0	Floyd	0
Sharpe	6	Carter	6
Beebe	0	Haynes	0
Elam	10	Johnson	5
Broncos	3	Buccaneers	0
Limerick	43	Narcoossee	37
Blake	22	Young	19
Bettis	3	Allen	0
Harris	2	Anderson	1
Emanuel	0	Glenn	7
Early	12	K.Johnson	0
Andersen	4	Pelfrey	8
Packers	9	49ers	2
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Dugway at Alaska Dutch Harbor at Baltimore

Anchorage at East Hartford Willow at Narcoossee Flint at Marley Sarasota at Denver

TRANSACTIONS

Dec. 3, 1996

1) Denver waives QB Kent Graham, adds QB Steve McNair.

Nov. 26, 1996

- 1) Dugway waives WR Terrell Owens, actives WR Antonio Freeman.
- 2) Dutch Harbor waives QB Jeff George, adds QB Boomer Esiason.
- 3) Limerick places WR Thomas Lewis on IR, adds WR Jeff Graham.
- 4) Dutch Harbor wavies QB Neil O'Donnell, who was on the IR.

Nov. 20, 1996

- 1) Baltimore places WR Charie Jones on IR, adds WR Jimmy Smith.
- 2) East Hartford places WR Haywood Jeffires on IR, adds WR Marvin Harrison.

Nov. 17, 1996

1) Bagdad waives WR Desmond Howard, adds WR Derrick Alexander.

Nov. 16, 1996

1) East Hartford waives RB Reggie Brooks, adds RB Leroy Hoard.

Nov. 15, 1996

1) Baltimore waives RB Ray Zellars, adds RB Greg Hill.

Nov. 14, 1996

- 1) Limerick waives WR Anthony Morgan, adds WR Thomas Lewis.
- 2) Marley waives WR Yancy Thigpen, who was on the injured reserve list.

Nov. 10, 1996

1) Baltimore waives WR Derrick Mayes, adds WR Fred Barnett.

Nov. 6, 1996

- 1) Baltimore waives WR Darnay Scott, adds WR Charlie Jones.
- 2) Narcoossee waives WR Charles Johnson, activates WR Eric Metcalf. Narcoossee fined \$5 because Metcalf played.

Nov. 5, 1996

1) Alaska waives WR Fred Barnett, adds WR Terry Mickens.

Nov. 3, 1996

- 1) Marley trades K John Kasay to Bagdad for K Doug Brien and WR Andre Rison. Marley places WR Yancy Thigpen on IR.
- 2) Bagdad adds WR Desmond Howard.