

Barons, Bison advance

Join Experiments and Dawgs in the Final Four

By **SCOOP BIAS**

TFL Today

Reporters discovered Dugway owner Ken Sain hiding under the desk at his office on Monday.

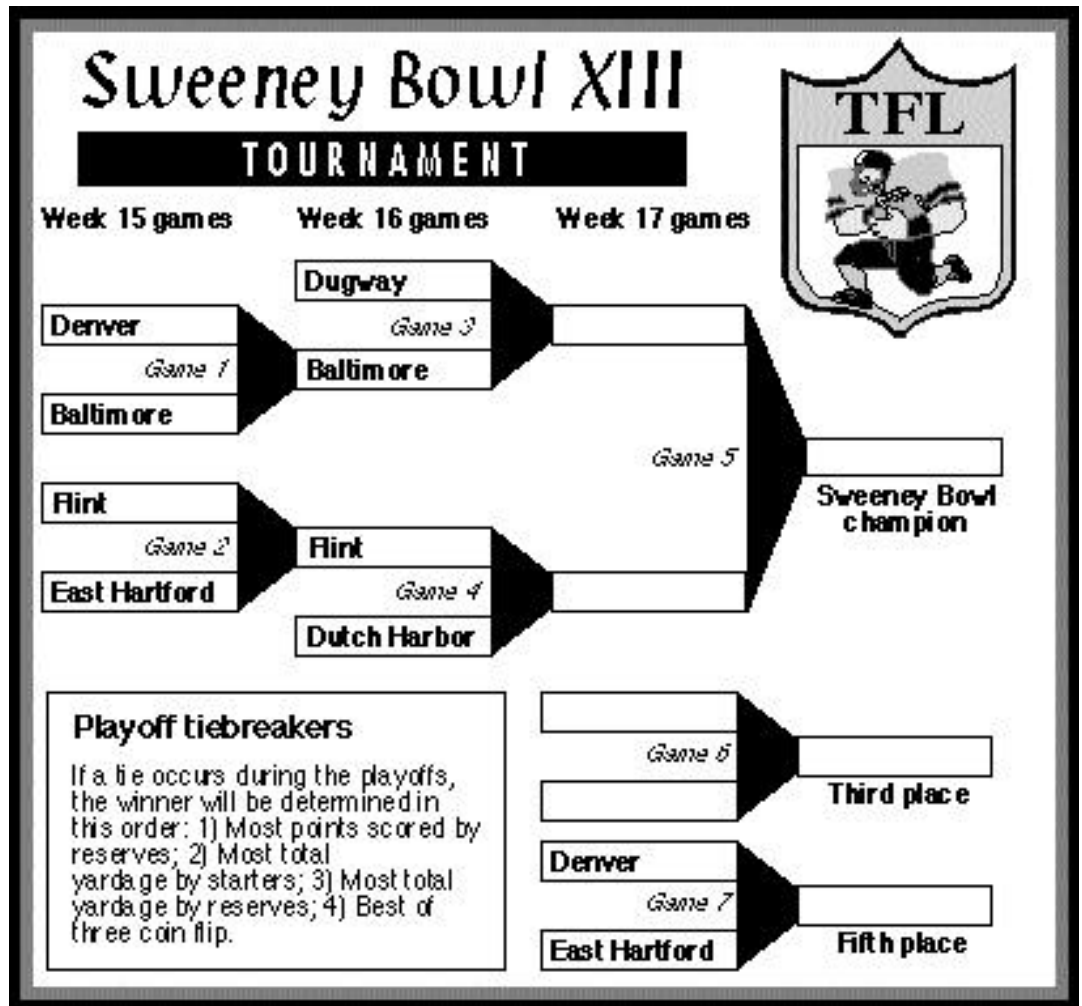
They wanted his comments on the Final Four teams alive for the coveted T. Rex Trophy, awarded to the Sweeney Bowl winner each season.

Instead, Sain was under his desk in a daze, staring at the score sheets of the teams competing with him for the TFL championship.

"Baltimore 64 points . . . Flint 64 points . . . Dutch Harbor had 95 points this year . . . I'm so screwed," Sain mumbled. "My team has only scored more than 50 once in the last eight weeks."

After Sain realized there were six reporters staring at him, he regained what little composure he had left and addressed the media.

"First off, I would like to address the person responsible for kidnapping RB Eddie George," Sain said. "Please return him to the Tennessee Oilers this week. I really, really need him to compete against these guys.



"Second, I don't think we have ever had such a talented group of teams in the Final Four before. Each of them, with the possible exception of my team, scares the hell out of me."

The winners of this week's semifinals advance to Sweeney Bowl XIII next week in Cancun, Mexico. Sain figures if he gets lucky enough to slip past Baltimore this week, that

locale may help him.

"Who knows, maybe we'll find Eddie George down there on a beach," Sain said. "I know for a fact not to look for him in the end zone."

TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

Some of these teams are genuinely sick of each other. Bagdad and Limerick are playing each other for the third time this season, and next week Denver and East Hartford meet to decide fifth place and who wins their own personal grudge match for the year.

It will be the second meeting in three games for both sets of teams. Ah, but isn't that how rivalries are built up? Should make for interesting tales.

SWEENEY BOWL SEMIFINALS



Baltimore
at
Dugway



Regular season: Barons 8-6; Experiments 11-3.

Series: Baltimore leads 6-2-1.

Line: Experiments by 6.

Outlook: Pity poor Charlie Brown. Once again the football is on the tee, and Lucy is promising she won't yank it away at the last second. And the lovable loser Charlie Brown actually thinks he might kick it this time. Will he ever learn?

Sain is so desperate for a victory he has conned many of his friends into posting positive thoughts about his team in TrashTalk, hoping to generate good karma. Big bad Baltimore will squash that karma this week.

Pick: Barons 55, Experiments 20.



Flint
at
Dutch Harbor



Regular season: Bison 8-6; Dawgs 9-5.

Series: Dutch Harbor leads 2-1.

Line: Dawgs by 3.

Outlook: The last time these teams met, Dutch Harbor scored a TFL-record 95 points. The Dawgs haven't stopped scoring since. This game will probably decide who wins the T. Rex, because these have been the two best team over the second half of the season.

Both have strong running backs, but Casey Brogan's team gets the edge. His running backs run for yards and TDs. Flint's duo (Karim Abdul-Jabbar and Marcus Allen) just score touchdowns.

Pick: Dutch Harbor 81, Flint 75.

PEE WEE BOWL SEMIFINALS



Anchorage
at
Willow



Regular season: Kitchen 6-8; Weasels 7-7.

Series: Kitchen leads 3-0.

Line: Weasels by 3.

Outlook: Anchorage won the Nobody Cares Bowl last week, 24-10 over Marley. Now we know why both teams are in the Pee Wee Bowl. Willow just missed making the Sweeney Bowl Tournament.

Pick: Willow 32, Anchorage 28.



Alaska
at
Narcoossee



Regular season: Oosiks 6-8; Nose Apes 6-8.

Series: Narcoossee leads 9-1.

Line: Nose Apes by 1.

Outlook: No other team owns such a huge series lead over one team than Narcoossee owns over Alaska. When ever the Oosiks see the Grape Apes, they go limp. Expect more of the same.

Pick: Narcoossee 40, Alaska 24.

PEE WEE BOWL CONSOLATION GAMES



Sarasota
at
Marley



Regular season: Sharks 3-11; Wailers 6-8.

Series: Marley leads 3-1.

Line: Wailers by 10.

Outlook: The way these two teams are playing, you wonder why there is a Pee Wee Bowl. Both may start QBs who won't play this week.

Pick: Marley 15, Sarasota 10.



Limerick
at
Bagdad



Regular season: Loons 5-9; Newts 6-8.

Series: Limerick leads 5-4.

Line: Loons by 4.

Outlook: These two team split the regular season games. This game will decide which one sucks more. My money is on the tie, because they both blow.

Pick: Bagdad 20, Limerick 20.

1997 Draft Analysis

Dugway still the draft king

By **SCOOP BIAS**

TFL Today

Anyone can draft QB Brett Favre with the No. 1 pick, that's a no-brainer. Which of the TFL owners can spot a jewel in the eighth round, however?

TFL Today conducted an independent survey on the 1997 Draft and how those picks panned out during the course of the regular season.

As suspected, Dugway's Ken Sain proved he just might be the Greatest Fantasy Football Mind in the Galaxy by finishing first, well ahead of his competition.

"Was there ever a doubt?" Sain said.

This is how the survey was judged:

Points were awarded at each position based on two categories. The first was when they were drafted vs. where they finished in the regular season.

For example, Favre was drafted No. 1 and he finished No. 1, so that earned him 0 points. Flint's Kordell Stewart, however, was drafted No. 13 at his position and finished fourth for

Who feels a draft?

Here's how each of the teams ranked in the position categories (the range possible for any category is 16 to -16):

Team	QB	K	D	RBWR	Pts.	
Dugway	1	14	8	-1	11	33
Denver	2	9	11	9	-3	28
Flint	11	4	3	3	-1	20
Alaska	2	6	5	5	0	18
D. Harbor	-2	8	-3	2	3	8
Narc.	-3	-7	15	4	-1	8
Anchor.	3	0	7	-7	4	7
Bagdad	-2	7	1	-4	2	4
E.Hartfrd	-8	6	3	0	0	1
Willow	0	-2	8	-3	0	-3
Balt.	2	2	-7	-2	0	-5
Marley	-1	-1	-7	7	-3	-5
Limerick	8	-8	-1	-6	-1	-8
Sarasota	-11	-9	0	0	-6	-26















QBs. That earned Flint 9 points, the difference between 13 and 4.

The second category was based on where a team's players finished among their peers in scoring. If they finished in the top third, they got two points. The middle, zero. The latter third, they lost a point.

Only the team's top scorers at the end of the regular season were used for this comparison.

Also, the top two RBs and WRs for each team were combined to even out

Best and worst: (No. drafted/No. ranked)

	1. Dugway	33 points
	Best pick: K Richie Cunningham 13/1	Worst pick: RB George & Means 2/5
	2. Denver	28 points
	Best pick: D Broncos 10/1	Worst pick: WRs Sharpe & Moore 6/9
	3. Flint	20 points
	Best pick: QB Kordell Stewart 13/4	Worst pick: WRs Johnson & Coates 9/10
	4. Alaska	18 points
	Best pick: K Mike Hollis 12/6	Worst pick: WR Martin & Reed 2/4
	5. Dutch Harbor	8 points
	Best pick: K Ryan Longwell 15/7	Worst pick: D Green Bay 1/5
	Narcoossee	8 points
	Best pick: D New England 15/2	Worst pick: WRs Moore & Walls 5/6
	7. Anchorage	7 points
	Best pick: D Minnesota 14/7 tie	Worst pick: RBs Martin & Hoard 5/11
	8. Bagdad	4 points
	Best pick: K Al Del Greco 7/2	Worst pick: RBs Carter & Floyd 11/14
	9. East Hartford	1 point
	Best pick: K John Hall 15/9	Worst pick: QB Scott Mitchell 7/13
	10. Willow	-3 points
	Best pick: D Chiefs 9/3 tie	Worst pick: RBs Smith & Dunn 3/7
	11. Baltimore	-5 points
	Best pick: QB Brett Favre 1/1	Worst pick: D Ravens 8/14
	Marley	-5 points
	Best pick: RBs Bettis & Barber 13/6	Worst pick: D 49ers 3/11 tie
	13. Limerick	-8 points
	Best pick: QB Jeff George 8/2	Worst pick: K Cary Blanchard 3/10
	14. Sarasota	-26 points
	Best pick: RB Jamal Anderson 10/8	Worst pick: QB Jeff Blake 4/11

Wee! Alaskans step up

Three of Final Four teams based in Alaska

By **SCOOP BIAS**

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Narcoossee rallied on Monday night to capture the final berth in the Pee Wee Bowl's Final Four when John Kasay was brought in to kick a meaningless field goal in the final minute.

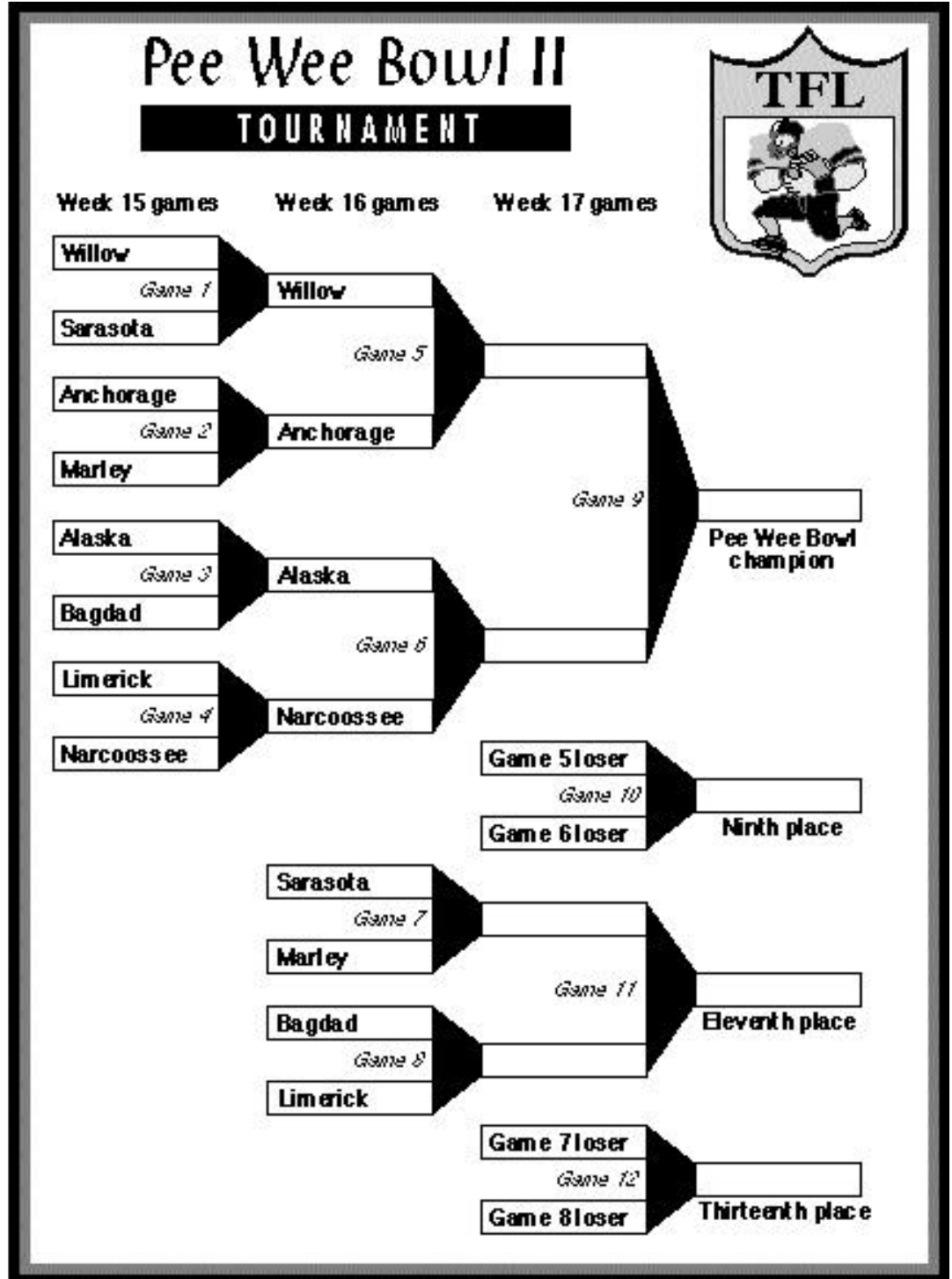
One play earlier, Limerick's Fred Lane was stopped at the one-inch mark from scoring the game-winning touchdown. Replays showed it should have been counted as a touchdown.

Instead, Kasay was brought in and kicked the field goal to give the Grape Apes a 41-40 victory.

Narcoossee plays Alaska in its semifinal game. The Oosiks are one of three Alaskan team to advance to the Pee Wee's Final Four. Rivals Willow and Anchorage meet in the other semifinal.

At stake is 3 percent of the TFL's pot, which goes to the winner of the league's consolation tournament for teams not good enough to compete for the T. Rex.

Anchorage won a 24-10 snoozer over Marley, who started Vinny Testaverde and Ed McCaffrey. Those two players didn't even suit up to play this week. And Darnell Autry saw limited action.



WEEK 15 RESULTS

Sweeney Bowl quarterfinals

Baltimore	64	Denver	51
Favre	14	Marino	15
Alstott	0	T. Davis	8
Morris	8	Stewart	0
Freeman	1	Sharpe	0
Thigpen	27	R. Moore	21
Vinatieri	14	Stover	7
Baltimore	0	Denver	0
East Hartford	33	Flint	64
Mitchell	16	K. Stewart	36
A. Smith	0	Abdul-Jabbar	7
G. Brown	0	M. Allen	0
J. Smith	1	Coates	7
Proehl	6	K. Johnson	2
Hall	2	Stoyanovich	12
Carolina	8	Dallas	0

Pee Wee Bowl quarterfinals

Sarasota	39	Willow	42
Moon	9	Brunell	13
J. Anderson	1	E. Smith	0
T. Thomas	0	Dunn	0
Bruce	19	C. Carter	12
Chrebet	0	Owens	7
Pelfrey	10	Nedney	4
Oakland	0	Kansas City	6
Anchorage	24	Marley	10
B. Johnson	12	Testaverde	0
C. Martin	0	Bettis	4
Hill	0	Autry	0
Rison	2	Jackson	0
Morton	7	McCaffrey	0
Wilkins	3	Elam	6
Minnesota	0	San Francisco	0
Bagdad	15	Alaska	53
Kramer	13	Bledsoe	12
Carter	0	Dillon	32
Zellers	0	J. Moore	6
T. Brown	0	Martin	0
Miller	0	J. Reed	1
Del Greco	2	Hollis	2
Tennessee	0	Tampa Bay	0
Limerick	40	Narcoossee	41
J. George	0	Young	20
Watters	6	Rob. Smith	1
Lane	4	Kaufman	0
McCardell	20	H. Moore	9
A. Reed	0	Dudley	0
Blanchard	10	Kasay	11
Indianapolis	0	Jacksonville	0

Not playing this week

Dugway	Dutch Harbor
Elway	McNair
George	Sanders
Means	Levens
Rod Smith	Irvin
Emanuel	Fryar
Cunningham	Longwell
New England	Green Bay

MONEY MATTERS

The pot

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

Income*	
Franchise fees	\$1,400
Transactions and fines	\$430
Total	\$1,830

Expenses

Web site (Lacy)	\$150
Media guide, faxes, trophy (Sain)	\$150
Total	\$300

The Split

Sweeney Bowl champion	\$612.00
Second place	\$229.50
Third place	\$168.30
Fourth place	\$137.70
Fifth place	\$107.10
Sixth place	\$76.50
Pee Wee champion	\$45.90
Regular season champion	\$76.50
Points scoring champion	\$76.50
Total	\$1530.00

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

The bank

Here is how much money each team has spent from there bank account this year and how much they can expect to be refunded in February:

Team	Fees	Bal.
Alaska Oosiks	\$10	\$40
Anchorage Kitchen	\$25	\$25
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	\$30	\$20
Baltimore Barons	\$45	\$ 5
Denver Pyles	\$55	#(-\$5)
Dugway Experiments	\$25	\$25
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	\$40	\$10
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	\$50	\$ 0
Flint Bison	\$30	\$20
Limerick Laughing Loons	\$55	(-\$5)
Marley Wailers	\$30	\$20
Narcoossee Nose Apes	\$15	\$35
Sarasota Sharks	\$20	\$30
Willow Weasels	\$ 0	\$50

Money owed will be taken out of that team's prize money.

TRANSACTIONS

Dec. 9, 1997

Marley fined \$5 because WR Curtis Conway played while on the I.R. list. Marley must activate him by 11:59 p.m. today or he becomes a free agent.

Alaska fined \$5 because QB John Friesz played while on the I.R. list. Alaska waives QB John Friesz.

Limerick fined \$5 because RB Tim Biakabutuka played while on the I.R. list. Limerick must activate him by 11:59 p.m. today or he becomes a free agent.

East Hartford places QB Paul Justin on I.R., adds QB Boomer Esiason.

Dugway places RB Raymont Harris on I.R., adds RB Tommy Vardell.

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.

CURRENT ROSTERS**Alaska**

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Rich Gannon
 RB Chris Warren
 RB Jerald Moore
 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

RB Garrison Hearst

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

QB Stan Humphries

Baltimore

QB Brett Favre
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Adrian Murrell
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Bam Morris
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Frank Sanders
 WR Yancey Thigpen
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Cole Ford
 D Baltimore
 D Chicago

Injured reserve

RB Jay Graham

Denver

QB Dan Marino
 QB Jake Plummer
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB James Stewart
 RB Charlie Garner
 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 Tommy Vardell
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Michael Westbrook
 WR Bert Emanuel
 K Richie Cunningham
 K Greg Davis
 D Cincinnati
 D New England

Injured reserve

RB Raymont Harris

Dutch Harbor

QB Neil O'Donnell
 QB Steve McNair
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB Dorsey Levens
 RB Charles Way
 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 Boomer Esiason
 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 Paul Justin

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

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 Nedey
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Kansas City
 D Arizona