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POWER POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Dutch Harbor	94.4
2.		88.9
3.	Dugway	83.1
4.	Narcoossee	81.3
5.	Denver	80.4
6.	Limerick	77.5
7.	Willow	75.5
8.	Flint	74.9
9.	Anchorage	73.5
10.	Baltimore	70.7
11.	Alaska	67.5
12.	East Hartford	63.8
13.	Arctic	57.8
14.	Baddad	48.7

WEEK 13 SCORES

Dugway Arctic	65 .19
Narcoossee Flint	
Dutch Harbor Denver	
Limerick Alaska	
Willow East Hartford	
Lackawanna Bagdad	
Anchorage	

WEEK 14 GAMES

East Hartford at Flint Bison lead series 5-3

Alaska at Denver Oosiks lead series 9-7

Bagdad at Narcoossee Nose Apes lead series 7-5

Dugway at Baltimore Barons lead series 8-3-1

Lackawanna at Limerick Lancers lead series 3-1-1

Arctic at Anchorage Kitchen lead series 4-1

Willow at Dutch Harbor Dawgs lead series 7-2-1

Series is regular season games only. Playoff records are printed in the 2001 media quide.

Cover story

What if you were bad, and unlucky?

Shhhh! Gather round. Closer. I'm about to tell you a secret.

Next time Ken Sain and Chris Reidy go off on one of their Prop. 5 debates, just close your ears and walk away. Nothing they will say hasn't been said before.

What's that? Yes, I know that's not a secret. Here's the secret I'll reveal: The one factor, more than anything else, that determines which teams make the playoffs and which teams are Pee Wee bound.

All you have to do to find the secret is look at the Arctic Gators.

Shocked? You shouldn't be. They are the perfect example.

The No. 1 factor in determining the outcome of your fantasy football season is the strength of the schedule you play. Everything else, is window dressing.

That is why Flint's opponents have outscored his team by 16 points this season, and yet the Bison are a win away from clinching the regular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

And how does this all relate to the poor, pathetic **Arctic Gators?**

I'm glad you asked. Despite all the whining



scoop bias

from Sain, the unluckiest team in the TFL has been Arctic. True, that team is awful. But, no team has faced a harder schedule than Mark Dolan's Gators.

Since Dolan brought his Gators back to the TFL for the 1998 season, opponents are averaging a whopping 44.1 points per game against them. And that is over an amazing 55-game stretch.

Scott Lacy and his computer have shown if you score 35 or more points each week, you usually will win. Not the Gators.

Arctic opponents scored 616 points in 1998 (second most that season); 546 in 1999 (5th most); and 682 points in 2000, the most ever scored against one team in a season.

The Gators have given up 583 points this season, the most in the league.

Maybe you could blame Dolan for hiring Steve Spurrier as a team consultant for the lack of defense. But, this is fantasy football and no owner can control how many points his or her opponent will score against them that week. It's a random draw.

Let's compare what the six teams that are about to play in the Sweeney Bowl Tournament would have done if they would have been unlucky enough to draw Arctic's schedule this year:

Team	CR	AS
Alaska	8-5-0	3-9-1
Anchorage	8-5-0	6-7-0
Denver	8-5-0	5-8-0
Dutch Harbor	9-4-0	5-8-0
Flint	.10-3-0	6-7-0
Lackawanna	.10-3-0	6-6-1
CP: Current record		

CR: Current record AS: Record if they had played Arctic's schedule

Yes, Dolan's teams are awful. He starts something called a Kevin McDougal each week, even though reports out of Indianapolis say Kevin is the team waterboy. Last week, Michael Bennett and his 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns sat on the Arctic bench while McDougal didn't get a single carry.

Dolan also benched Antonio Freeman, despite the fact Freeman has scored for him in every





Alaska at Denver

Latest line: Pyles by 6.

BREEDERS CUP

Did you ever notice that people look like their dogs? So if Charles were to get a pet, I would recommend a Japanese Akita dog: big, dark and hairy. Taylor looks just like Zeus, and that's the way it should be. By the way, the Oosiks have scored fewer points than any team in the Horshack Division, and should be thrown to the dogs this week. Zeus's Servant 45, Mutts 12.





East Hartford at Flint

Latest line: Bison by 5.

GUESS WHICH IS THE PURE-BREED

Reidy looks so much like his dog (a little Snoopy breed) that I understand he often lets the dog go to work for him. Donny is a mutt from the pound who gets adopted by a millionaire model. That's what I call good luck. In an "Every Dog Has Its Day, (even a dog team like Reidy's)" Upset Special, Terriers 37, Mutts 19.





Arctic at Anchorage

Latest line: Kitchen by 8.

LIKE BREEDING A POODLE AND A GREAT DANE

Dolan would have to be a bulldog (not a Georgia Bulldog, of course), the beard hides his droopy skin. His team has played like a kitten, but let's not go there. Zeke is probably allergic to dogs, but he has that same "Stone Phillips" twist your head and stare at someone look of a Doberman Pinscher. Dr. Doberman 21, Arctic Dogs 20.

Week 14 Preview

by Slim Pick'em Narcoossee Notice

In honor of Zeus The Wonder Dog, we are dedicating week's Picks Column to man's best friend. No, not his right hand and Internet porn, Lacy, I mean his dog. I think that from now on Zeus should be the Official Dog of the TFL. I'm not saying we should have him stuffed and taken to all the conventions or anything, just honored forever by the league.

Zeus reminded me of my own dog, except that my dog was a pain in the ass that was always getting into trouble. I came home one day and the damn thing had killed five of my neighbor's chickens. To teach it a lesson, I rubbed the dog's nose in one of the carcasses and then beat the living crap out it. I guess it interpreted the beating as my being pissed about the body count, because when I came home the next day it had killed 20. Man, there were feathers, beaks and raw chicken nuggets everywhere. Colonel Sanders would've had a heart attack. It took me hours to clean all that shit up and dump it behind the guy across the street's doghouse.

Speaking of dogs, I am in the doghouse this week because I didn't make any picks last week. The reason was that I was in the jailhouse after attacking someone in an outhouse after a bout with the demon Tequila nearly put me in the poorhouse. Back to the dogs...





Lackawanna at Limerick

Latest line: Lancers by 6.

THESE GUYS HAVE ALREADY DONE THEIR BREEDING

Bourque looks like an Airedale Terrier (that's Airedale, not Hairdale) and the Mario Brothers resemble Rottweilers, especially when innocent children holding draft picks are nearby. Rotten Winners 51, Terriers 49.





Bagdad at Narcoossee

Latest line: Nose Apes by 16.

THESE GUYS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BREEDING

Lacy is definitely not a retreiver, he's never picked up anything in his life. I'd say he is a Toy Poodle — a big dog with all the yappiness of a little one. Tuttell looks like a Weimaraner (actually he doesn't, but I just like saying that name, Weimaraner). Weimaraners 44, Team beaten by the Weimaraners 31.





Willow at Dutch Harbor

Latest line: Dawgs by 9.

I'D RATHER BE BREEDING

Casey would make a great Shar-Pei, all wrinkly faced and with no hair. Of course Van is getting that no-hair look as well. Notice I haven't mentioned Bourque yet? But I would say Van is like the lazy mutt my college roommate had. He'd blown so much pot smoke into that dog's face that in was permanently stoned. Sharpies 43, Stoners 31.





Dugway at Baltimore

Latest line: Experiments by 6.

SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO BREED

Katz looks like a Dachshund, only they aren't known for making stupid trades. There's a Cocker Spaniel joke with Kenny's name written all over it, but he reminds me more of a Jack Russell Terrier, cute in a rat-like sort of way. Want to know a freaky fact? The Barons lead series 8-3-1. Wow. Rat Dogs 33, Pee On Your Leg Dogs 11.

Scoop

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game since he made the trade with Dugway. He started Derrick Mason for five straight weeks while he was in a hospital. And no one understands why he continues to start Jacquez Green each season when the only time he sees the end zone is walking on and off the field.

The Gators are awful and richly deserve their record. Still, no team has suffered more from bad luck than Arctic. And the streak they are on is incredible.

What about karma?

Before the season began Dugway owner Sain said Lackawanna deserved a lot of bad karma for the rape trade. Well folks, karma is dead.

The Lancers have faced the easiest schedule, not only of this year, but perhaps of all time.

Opponents have scored only 359 points against Lackawanna this year. You have to go all the way back to 1990, back in the dead ball days when points were very hard to come by, to even come close to that mark. The record for fewest points scored against in a season is 369 by Netherworld in 1990. As amazing as it sounds, Lackawanna could break that mark this week.

The Lancers are a pretty good bet to top the mark of 426 by Narcoossee in 1999, the lowest since the scoring surge began with the 1995 season.

If karma did exist, the Brothers Continelli would have been awarded Arctic's schedule instead of perhaps the easiest schedule in the history of the league.

Prop. 5 is dead

Are you as tired of the endless Prop. 5 debate as I am? Of course you are.

Well, relief is in sight.

Next season the TFL is scheduled to expand to 16 teams which will allow for true divisional play. Each team will play their divisional rivals twice.

That won't quite kill off the Prop. 5 argument, but it should limit its effectiveness.

Only three teams from

each conference will advance to the Sweeney Bowl Tournament under the current expansion committee plan.

That means, you better win your division if you want to advance.

If teams end up splitting the regular-season series, the next tie-breaker would be points scored.

I'm guessing there will be far more ties broken by total points than head-tohead with the new divisional format next season.

All about seeding

We're down to the final regular-season weekend. Here is where we stand as far as seedings.

Flint: Clinches the No. 1 seed in the Sweeney Tournament with a win.

Lackawanna: Needs to win and hope Flint loses to get No. 1 seed. If not, they get No. 4 seed.

Dutch Harbor: Has outside shot at No. 1 seed (if Flint and Lackawanna lose). Claims No. 2 seed with a win.

Alaska: Can claim No. 2 seed with a win and a Dutch Harbor loss. If not, could fit in at Nos. 3, 5 or 6.

Denver: Can finish no higher than No. 3. Only

needs to defeat Alaska to earn that. Could finish as low as No. 6.

Anchorage: Can finish no higher than No. 5.

In the Pee Wee tournament, seeding is a mess with so many teams having the same record. Still, we try to enlighten.

Narcoossee: Claims top see with a win or a Willow loss.

Willow: Needs to win and have Grape Apes lose to get top seed.

Limerick: Holds tiebreaker over Dugway if both win for the No. 3 seed.

Dugway: Can finish no higher than No. 3 seed.

The mess that is teams with a 4-9 record: Bagdad, Baltimore, East Hartford and Arctic are all tied with 4-9 records. Because of the chaos that could ensue if both Limerick and Dugway lose this week, there could be a massive tie with teams owning 5-9 records.

There are too many variables to try and figure out the seeding.

Any of the teams could end up at No. 3, or No. 8 in the Pee Wee Tournament. That is, if anyone cares.

what they're playing for

Regular-season title

TeamRecordBackFlint Bison10-3-0—Lackawanna Lancers10-3-0—Dutch Harbor Dawgs9-4-01

The Bison need a victory to clinch the title. Flint would also clich if all three contenders lose. Lackawanna can clinch with a win and a Flint loss. Dutch Harbor might clinch with a win and losses by Flint and Lackawanna. That would force a three-way tie. The head-to-head records are 1-1, forcing the second tie-breaker. Dutch Harbor currently leads in total points so the Dawgs would win the 5 percent of the pot and the No. 1 seed, earning a bye.

Points-scoring title

Team	Pts	Back
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	611	_
Lackawanna Lancers	576	35
Dugway Experiments	547	64
Narcoossee Nose Apes	533	78
Denver Pyles	528	83

The Dawgs should wrap up the points-scoring title and earn 5 percent of the pot this week, but Lackawanna could steal it if Dutch Harbor's offense goes quiet and the Lancers have a big game. The other teams need a miracle.

Sweeney Bowl byes

The **Kotter Division** winner (Flint or Lackawanna) will earn a bye. The other will be the No. 4 seed.

Dutch Harbor, winner of the **Horshack Division**, earns at least the No. 2 seed and a bye with a win this week. The Dawgs would also be awarded the No. 2 seed with a loss if Alaska loses as well.

Barbarino Division contenders Denver and Alaska play each other this week. The winner is the division champion. If the two teams tie this week, Denver wins the division crown. If Alaska wins, it could earn the No. 2 seed and the bye if Dutch Harbor loses.

WEEK 13 STANDINGS											
Barbarino	R	eco	rd			Poin	ts for		Poin	ts ag	ainst
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x-Denver Pyles	8	5	0	528	68	16	40.6	426	48	14	32.6
x-Alaska Oosiks	8	5	0	455	68	16	35.0	416	56	17	32.0
Dugway Experiments	5	8	0	547	77	13	42.1	509	64	19	39.2
Arctic Gators	4	9	0	378	41	19	29.1	583	68	14	44.8
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	4	9	0	331	51	12	25.5	453	70	13	34.8
Kotter	R	eco	rd			Poin	ts for		Poin	ts ag	ainst
Division	W	L	Т	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x-Flint Bison	10	3	0	484	59	13	37.2	500	67	12	38.5
x-Lackawanna Lancers	10	3	0	576	67	20	44.3	359	53	9	27.6
x-Anchorage Kitchen	8	5	0	479	66	9	36.8	471	61	18	36.2
Limerick Laughing Loons	5	8	0	489	54	9	37.6	522	66	13	40.2
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	4	9	0	430	62	17	33.1	547	77	20	42.1
Horshack	R	eco	rd			Poin	ts for		Poin	ts ag	ainst
Division	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
y-Dutch Harbor Dawgs	9	4	0	611	70	20	46.8	510	68	20	39.2
Narcoossee Nose Apes	6	7	0	533	67	19	41.0	526	67	23	40.5
Willow Weasels	6	7	0	503	64	24	38.7	476	63	13	36.6
Baltimore Barons	4	9	0	475	73	13	36.5	519	67	25	39.9
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23	Holmes	RB	McDougal	0	7			Huntley
7			Green	0	1			C. Conway
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12	Gannon	QB	Culpepper	0	12	McNabb	QB	Testaverde
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2	Harrison	WR	Carter	0	1	Owens	WR	Holt
12	Chambers	WR	Toomer	1	4	R. Smith	WR	Booker
9	Wilkins	K	Vanderjagt	6	6	Akers	K	Andersen
3	Dolphins	D	Buccaneers	0	3	Broncos	D	Steelers
50	Dutch Harbor		Denver	43	33	Anchorage		Baltimore
6	Garcia	QB	Griese	6	8	Van Pelt	QB	Brady
10	A. Green	RB	R. Williams	6	14	M. Faulk	RB	Crockett
8	Staley	RB	S. Alexander	0	9	Alstott	RB	Pittman
6	Ti. Brown	WR	McCardell	11	0	Bruce	WR	Moss
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TRANSACTIONS

Dec. 11

Flint waives QB Chris Chandler, adds QB Todd Bouman.

Dec. 10

Bagdad fined \$5 because RB Ricky Watters played while on IR.

Narcoossee reactivates RB Anthony Thomas, waives RB James Allen.

Alaska waives WR Muhsin Muhammad, adds WR Kevin Dyson. Lackawanna waives WR Peerless Price, adds WR Terrence Wilkins. Lackawanna waives RB Travis Minor, adds RB Ron Dayne.

Dec. 4

Lackawanna places RB Jerome Bettis on IR, adds RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala.

Dutch Harbor waives QB Quincy Carter, who was on IR.

Dec. 3

Dutch Harbor is fined \$5 because QB Quincy Carter played while on IR.

Nov. 29

East Hartford waives WR Terry Glenn, who was on the IR list. Dugway reactivates RB Terrell Davis, waives RB Olandis Gary.
Narcoossee reactivates RB Emmitt Smith, waives RB Ron Dayne. Narcoossee waives WR Rod Gardner, adds WR Chris Chambers.

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East Hartford

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Alaska reactivates WR Muhsin Muhammad, waives WR Michael Westbrook. Dutch Harbor waives WR J.J. Stokes,

adds WR Hines Ward. Dutch Habor waives QB Jon Kitna, adds QB Jake Plummer. Lackawanna waives WR Marcus Pollard, adds WR Peerless Price.

Flint reactivates RB James Stewart, waives RB Tony Richardson.

Nov. 27

East Hartford activates RB James Jackson, waives RB Ben Gay. East Hartford waives WR Peerless Price, adds WR Plaxico Burress. Baltimore places RBJason Brookins on IR, adds RB Zack Crockett. Narcoossee places RB Anthony Thomas on IR, adds RB James Allen. Narcoossee places RB Emmitt Smith on IR, adds RB Terry Allen. Narcoossee places RB Terry Allen on IR. adds RB Moe Williams.

Nov. 26

East Hartford fined \$5 because RB James Jackson played while on IR. Flint fined \$5 because RB James Stewart played while on IR.

Nov. 21

Lackawanna waives WR David Terrell, adds WR Marcus Pollard. Lackawanna activates RB Tvrone Wheatley, waives RB Zack Crockett. Alaska places WR Muhsin Muhammad on IR, adds WR Michael Westbrook.

Nov. 20

East Hartford waives WR Joe Jurevicious, adds WR Peerless Price. East Hartford places RB James Jackson on IR, adds RB Ben Gay.

SCHEDULE

rtford at Flint a at Denver at Narcoossee at Baltimore nna at Limerick rctic at Anchorage Willow at Dutch Harbor

ALASKA

QB QB RB	ve roster Peyton Manning Jay Fiedler Warrick Dunn Travis Henry Tiki Barber James Thrash Kevin Dyson Darrell Jackson Todd Peterson Ryan Lindell Philadelphia Eagles Washington Redskins	1 FA 2 FA FA FA FA 10 11
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CURRENT ROSTERS

LACKAWANNA

Acti QB QB RB RB WR WR WR K D	ve roster Donovan McNabb Gus Frerotte Ron Dayne Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala Tyrone Wheatley Terrell Owens Rod Smith Terrence Wilkins Ryan Longwell David Akers Denver Broncos San Diego Chargers	1 FA FA 3 2 FA 6 8 11 12
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RB Jerome Bettis

ANCHORAGE

RB Jamal Anderson WR Germane Crowell

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BALTIMORE

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Inactive roster		
RB	Jason Brookins	FA

DUTCH HARBOR

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LIMERICK

Acti	ve roster	
QB	Aaron Brooks	TR
QB	Steve McNair	3
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RB		FA
RB	Correll Buckhalter	FA
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WR	Bubba Franks	FA
WR	Kevin Johnson	FA
K	Sebastian Janikowski	7
K	Adam Vinatieri	10
D	Indianapolis Colts	11
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Inactive roster None

ARCTIC

Acti	ve roster	
QB	Kerry Collins	2
QB	Doug Flutie	3
RB	Kevin McDougal	FA
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson	4
RB	Michael Bennett	TR
WR	Derrick Mason	6
WR	Antonio Freeman	TR
WR	Jacquez Green	12
K	Martin Gramatica	8
K	Wade Richey	10
D	Oakland Raiders	9
D	Kansas City Chiefs	11

Inactive roster RB Edgerrin James 1

DENVER

QB QB RB RB RB WR WR	Mike Anderson Shaun Alexander Keyshawn Johnson Keenan McCardell	1 FA 2 4 8 3 6
RB		-
WR		3
		-
WR	Bill Schroeder	7
K	Jason Elam	_5
K	Neil Rackers	FA
D	Buffalo Bills	11
D	Carolina Panthers	12

Inactive roster None

None

EAST HARTFORD

nac	ctive roster	
RB	Tim Biakabutuka	FA

NARCOOSSEE

Active roster QB Rich Gannon QB Jim Miller RB Moe Williams RB Anthony Thomas RB Emmitt Smith WR Marvin Harrison WR Willie Jackson WR Chris Chambers K Jeff Wilkins K Gary Anderson D Miami Dolphins D New York Jets	1 FA FA 4 2 10 FA 5 8 9 12
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Inactive roster RB Terry Allen FΑ

BAGDAD

Acti	ve roster		
QB	Vinny Testaverde	5	
QB	Charlie Batch	FA	
RB	Kevan Barlow	8	
RB	Stacey Mack	FA	
RB	Maurice Smith	FA	
WR	Torry Holt	2	
WR	Eric Moulds	3	
WR	Marty Booker	FA	
K	Morten Andersen	7	
K	John Kasay	11	
D	New York Giants	9	
D	Pittsburgh Steelers	10	
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RB Fred Taylor RB Ricky Watters WR Jerome Pathon

DUGWAY

QB QB RB	Lamar Smith Priest Holmes Terrell Davis David Boston Jerry Rice	1 FA 2 FA TR 5 10 TR 8 11 9
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FLINT

Inactive roster None

WILLOW

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