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All things must pass, and lo, so has Bagdad's playoff goose egg

By Baron von Butterbrain
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The town of Bagdad declared Monday, Dec. 13 an official, legal holiday, but nobody really noticed. In a scene almost out of Night of The Living Dead, the townsfolk were walking around in too much of a daze.

The Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts, ladies and gentlemen, have won a playoff game.

After 11 postseason losses covering nine years, 11 years of no Newts being good Newts, Bagdad is finally advancing past the first round of the playoffs, courtesy of a 50-42 victory over the Limerick Laughing Loons on Sunday.

As expected, the road was paved with gold by Minnesota's dream date

with the Baltimore defense, allowing Randall Cunningham to toss a couple of scoring strikes and Gary Anderson to strike for a TFL playoff record 22 points, while Limerick's John Elway was held in check in Denver's history-denying loss to the Giants.

Newts owner Scott Lacy, who many thought was too worn out by his recent scrap with East Hartford's Chris Reidy over whether winning is more skillful than lucky, could only say, "What, we have another game next week? How can that be? I thought the playoffs always ended after one round."

Yes, it has actually come to pass. And so will Cunningham and Steve Young this Sunday, when Bagdad meets East Hartford in the semifi-

Oosiks win - on their bye week!!!

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The Alaska Oosiks pulled off a first Sunday when they won a game without having an opponent.

You're not seeing things. The Oosiks had won their division and had a bye into the semifinals. But owner Charles Bingham kept score of his players anyway and found they had tallied 78 points.

Which is kind of a waste considering they have an actual game against an actual team this week and might need the points.

All that remains is the question: Who cares?

Newts barrel into semifinals

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"This ought to be a good, old fashioned barn-burner," said Reidy, before apologizing for such a lame quote.

Reidy had just watched with a growing sense of terror as Young only scored twice Monday night and let Garrison Hearst do most of the work in San Francisco's victory over Detroit.

The Exmos coach has already conceded his nervousness about Young's trend toward more mortal performances. But both Young and Cunningham throw against equally strong-armed opponents this week, Young against Mark Brunell and Cunningham against Drew Bledsoe, so who knows how high the score will go between Bagdad and East Hartford.

In the other semifinal, Dutch Harbor shocked Lackawanna, which thus became the first team in five years to have Brett Favre and not win a playoff game.

Neither Bob nor Mike Continelli could be located for comment, and understandably so. But a spokesman in the Lancers' office, asking that his name not be used and wearing a bag over his head, said, "Well, what the hell's Brett Favre supposed to do with a receiving corps that has been reduced to

Larry, Moe and Curly, and a running game that started out without Levens and got worse from there?"

Ironic, then, that the team Levens belongs to is now in the next round. (and if ironic isn't what it is, we'll probably get letters.)

Dutch Harbor led 36-24 going into Monday night, with Herman Moore, Jason Hanson and the San Francisco defense playing for Lackawanna and Dorsey Levens for the Dawgs.

Pee Wee roundup

Narcossee put a merciful end to Baltimore's most dreadful season in years.

Stung by its fling

with a drafting strategy of running back first, Baltimore may return next year to letting a quarterback lead the way.

"It takes a skillful owner to wait on a quarterback and build a winner," Katz said. "Or does it just take a lucky owner."

Good luck, Nose Apes.

Denver abused Dugway, with quarterback Jake Flutie at the helm. Or was it Doug Plummer. Pyles owner Mike Taylor may not even know. "Either way," Taylor said, "the mighty Pyles are well on their way to being the first team to win both the Sweeney Bowl and the weak facsimile thereof, the

Pee Wee Bowl."

Ode to the lowly

The Barons got their wish and finished no worse than tied with Anchorage with 3-11 regular-season records, then joined the Kitchen in bowing out to first-round Pee Wee opponents. But Anchorage turned the trick of getting zero points from every roster position except its kicker, Todd Peterson, who got eight, in its loss to Flint.

Coaching move of the week I: Meaningless Division

When Don Carlock read his lineup into Commissioner Katz's answering machine on Sunday, he wavered when he got to the defense.

"Green ... no, let's make it the Buffalo defense," he said.

So what does the Buffalo defense go out and do? Score 12 points — needless points, as Flint crushed Anchorage in its first-round Pee Wee game, but uncanny points nonetheless.

Coaching move of the week II: Meaningless Division

This just in. Anchorage puts Robert Smith on injured reserve and picks up Tim Biakabatuka, a guy you certainly can't afford to see snapped up by somebody else, especially when you're bracing for a Pee Wee losers' bracket game against Dugway.

It's a sure sign that Nate's still paying attention. To *some* league.



It took wishing upon a star, but Scott Lacy finally got a playoff victory.

Sweeney Bowl Tournament IX

Week 15

Week 16

Week 17

Bagdad (10-4)

East Hartford (12-2)

Game 1

Game 3

Limerick (9-5)

Bagdad, 50-42

Game 5

Champion

Dutch Harbor (7-7)

Game 2

Dutch Harbor, 36-33

Lackawanna (9-5)

Game 4

Alaska, 78-?

Tiebreakers

- 1) Reserve points
- 2) Total yardage by starters
- 3) Total yardage by reserves
- 4) Best of 3 coin flip (please yell)
- 5) Last man standing at next year's Tequilla Bowl.

Game 6

Third place

Lackawanna

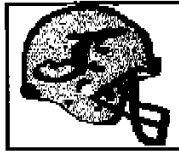
Game 7

Fifth place

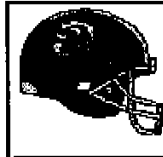
Limerick



East Hartford
vs. Bagdad
Line: Even



Titanic Tilt II. Or is it III? To say the least, this time there's somewhat more on the line than in any big game either team faced during the season. Both teams are just happy to be here (hey, you got a better cliché?) having never gotten this far before. The Exmos are home, and it's on that basis – and the fact that Bagdad Blows – that we give the Smos the slight edge.

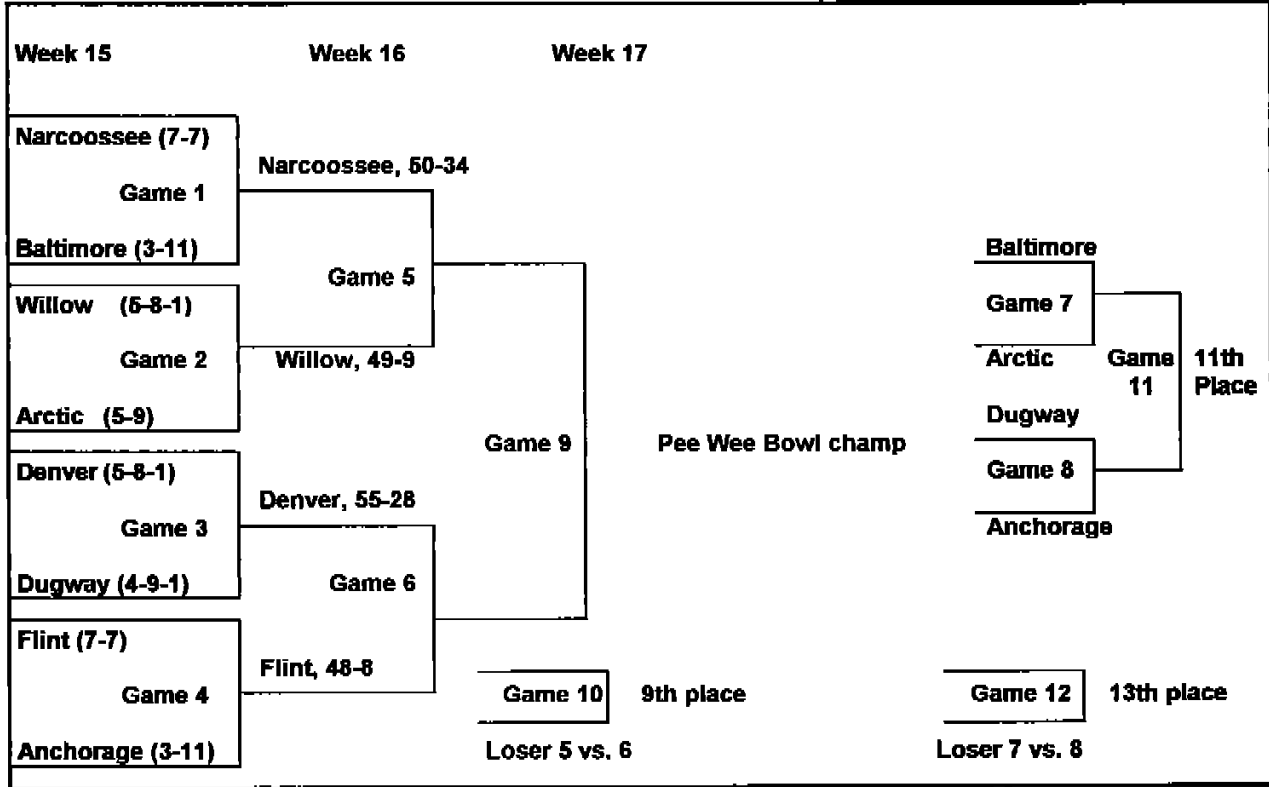


Alaska
vs.
Dutch Harbor
Line: Alaska -7



Alaska owner Charles Bingham has a point about needing to save some points for this game. How would it look for a team that won the scoring title to get tripped up by an absentee owner? Bet the Oosiks to throw up a stop sign in front of the Dawgs' pumpkin. The clock just struck midnight in Dutch Harbor.

Pee Wee Tournament



The pot

Franchise fees	\$1,400
Transactions/fines	320
CD interest	50
Total in pot	1,770

Who gets how much?

Sweeney Bowl winner	\$708
Sweeney Bowl runnerup	265.50
Third place	194.70
Fourth place	159.30
Fifth place	123.90
Sixth place	88.50
Regular season title	88.50
Points scoring title	88.50
Pee Wee Bowl champ	53.10

The "other" scoreboard

Team	Spent	Left in bank
Alaska	\$15	\$35
Anchorage	25	25
Arctic	10	40
Bagdad	25	25
Baltimore	40	10
Denver	25	25
Dugway	35	15
Dutch Harbor	25	25
East Hartford	30	20
Flint	25	25
Lackawanna	15	35
Limerick	15	35
Narcoossee	15	35
Willow	20	30

The pot shown at left may increase during the playoffs due to more fines being possible. Please check your amount.

FINAL 1998 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Alaska	10	3	1	675	83	14	48.2	462	74	7	33.0
Bagdad	10	4	0	632	84	7	45.1	550	98	19	39.3
Denver	5	8	1	560	75	9	40.0	605	84	15	43.2
Arctic	5	9	0	551	53	25	39.4	616	82	19	44.0
Dugway	4	9	1	372	53	8	26.6	578	76	27	41.3

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
East Hartford	12	2	0	673	82	27	48.1	539	83	20	38.5
Lackawanna	9	5	0	595	63	20	42.5	496	74	12	35.4
Limerick	9	5	0	590	98	19	42.1	528	61	9	37.7
Flint	7	7	0	557	76	21	39.8	476	59	15	34.0
Anchorage	3	11	0	414	51	13	29.6	619	69	22	44.2

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Narcoossee	7	7	0	587	64	18	41.9	508	75	14	36.3
Dutch Harbor	7	7	0	501	69	12	35.8	563	46	8	40.2
Willow	5	8	1	539	60	22	38.5	578	51	22	41.3
Baltimore	3	11	0	436	45	17	31.4	564	48	16	40.3

SWEENEY BOWL TOURNAMENT

Bagdad	50	Limerick	42	Dutch Harbor	36	Lackawanna	33
Randall C.	16	John Elway	0	Vinny T.	6	Brett Favre	14
Bam Morris	10	Emmitt Smith	6	Priest Holmes	6	Ant. Smith	8
Karim	0	Curtis Martin	8	Dorsey Levens	3	Terry Allen	1
Rod Smith	1	W. Chrebet	9	Tim Brown	7	Eric Moulds	1
D. Alexander	1	Jimmy Smith	3	Rob Moore	9	Herman Moore	8
Gary Anderson	22	Al Del Greco	10	Richie C.	5	Jason Hanson	1
Tennessee	0	NY Jets	6	Kansas City	0	San Fran	0

PEE WEE BOWL TOURNAMENT

Narcoossee	50	Baltimore	34	Denver	55	Dugway	28
P. Manning	20	Charlie Batch	0	Doug Flutie	12	Jon Kitna	12
Corey Dillon	0	Darick Holmes	0	Gary Brown	3	Jerome Bettis	1
J. Anderson	4	Eddie George	1	Barry	0	Tommy Vardell	0
OJ McDuffie	12	Joey Galloway	7	Randy Moss	8	Andre Rison	0
Tony Martin	6	Michael Irvin	0	Cris Carter	11	Jerry Rice	0
Stoyanovich	8	Ryan Longwell	14	Vinatieri	15	Mike Vander.	9
Miami	0	Saints	12	Carolina	6	Tampa	3
Willow	49	Arctic	9	Flint	48	Anchorage	8
Jeff Blake	6	Jamie Martin	0	Trent Green	13	Kordell Stew.	0
Adrian Murrell	5	Fred Taylor	6	Robt Edwards	6	Nap Kaufman	0
Marshall Faulk	15	Derrick Cullors	0	LeRoy Hoard	1	R. Holcombe	0
Sh. Sharpe	0	Terry Glenn	0	Ed McCaffrey	0	K. McCardell	11
Terrell Owens	6	Keyshawn	0	Ant. Freeman	12	JJ Stokes	13
John Kasay	5	John Hall	3	Olindo Mare	4	Todd Peterson	8
Seattle	12	New England	0	Buffalo	12	Pittsburgh	0

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 15
Anchorage places RB Robert Smith on injured reserve, adds RB Tim Biakabatuka.

Saturday, Dec. 12
Narcoossee places WR Marvin Harrison on I.R., adds WR O.J. McDuffie.

Thursday, Dec. 10
Alaska Places QB Neil O'Donnell on I.R., adds QB Rich Gannon.

East Hartford Places WR Michael Westbrook on I.R., adds WR Leslie Sheperd.
Arctic Places RB Curtis Enis on I.R., adds RB Derrick Cullors.

Tuesday, Dec. 8
Lackawanna waives WR Robert Brooks, activates WR Yancey Thigpen; waives RB Skip Hicks, activates RB Terry Allen.

**TRANSACTIONS NOW
CAPPED EXCEPT FOR
INJURY MOVES**

"Who's got who" (playoff rosters)

**Bold = acquired via free agent, I.R.
or bye week pick-up,
or trade (as if there are any other ways)**
Italic = on injured reserve or bye

Lackawanna

- QB Brett Favre
- QB **Steve Beuerlein**
- RB Antowain Smith
- RB Terry Allen
- RB **Harvey Wms.**
- WR Herman Moore
- WR **Yancey Thigpen**
- WR Eric Moulds
- K Jason Hanson
- K **Brad Daluiso**
- D San Francisco
- D Chicago

Alaska

- QB Chris Chandler
 - QB **Rich Gannon**
 - RB Terrell Davis
 - RB Garrison Hearst
 - RB John Avery
 - WR Terrance Mathis
 - WR **Tyrone Davis**
 - WR **Frank Sanders**
 - K Morten Andersen
 - K Doug Pelfrey
 - D Minnesota
 - D San Diego
- I.R. Neil O'Donnell*

Denver

- QB Jake Plummer
- QB **Doug Flutie**
- RB Bary Sanders
- RB **Gary Brown**
- RB **Ahman Green**
- WR Cris Carter
- WR **M. Muhammad**
- WR Randy Moss
- K Adam Vinatieri
- K Norm Johnson
- D Carolina
- D Philadelphia

Dugway

- QB Jeff George
 - QB John Kitna
 - RB Tommy Vardell
 - RB Natrone Means
 - RB Tavian Banks
 - WR Jerry Rice
 - WR Andre Rison
 - WR Jake Reed
 - K Mike Vanderjagt
 - K **Steve Christie**
 - D Tampa Bay
 - D St. Louis
- I.R. Jerome Bettis*

Anchorage

- QB Kordell Stewart
 - QB Troy Aikman
 - RB Tim Biakabataka
 - RB Napoleon Kaufman
 - RB **Robert Holcombe**
 - WR **Carl Pickens**
 - WR Keenan McCardell
 - WR **J.J. Stokes**
 - K Todd Peterson
 - K Jeff Wilkins
 - D Pittsburgh
 - D Arizona
- I.R. Robert Morris*

Baltimore

- QB Elvis Grbac
- QB **Charlie Batch**
- RB Eddie George
- RB **Chris Warren**
- RB **Darick Holmes**
- WR Joey Galloway
- WR Michael Irvin
- WR **Derrick Mayes**
- K Ryan Longwell
- K Greg Davis
- D Baltimore
- D New Orleans

I.R. Travis Jervey

Narcoossee

- QB Peyton Manning
- QB **Warren Moon**
- RB Corey Dillon
- RB Jamal Anderson
- RB **Terrell Fletcher**
- WR Tony Martin
- WR **OJ McDuffie**
- WR Andre Reed
- K Pete Stoyanovich
- K Wade Richie
- D Miami
- D Jacksonville

*I.R. Ray Zellers
Marvin Harrison*

Arctic

- QB **Jamie Martin**
 - QB **Danny Weurffel**
 - RB **Fred Taylor**
 - RB **Derrick Cullors**
 - RB Sedrick Shaw
 - WR Terry Glenn
 - WR **Jacquez Green**
 - WR Keyshawn Johnson
 - K Mike Hollis
 - K John Hall
 - D New England
 - D Denver
- I.R. Mark Brunell
Curtis Enis*

Dutch Harbor

- QB Glenn Foley
- QB **Vinny T.**
- RB **Charlie Garner**
- RB Donnell Bennett
- RB **Priest Holmes**
- WR Tim Brown
- WR Rob Moore
- WR Jermaine Lewis
- K Richie Cun'gham
- K Doug Brien
- D Kansas City
- D Dallas

I.R. Dorsey Levens

Limerick

- QB John Elway
- QB Trent Dilfer
- RB Curtis Martin
- RB Emmitt Smith
- RB Charles Way
- WR **Jimmy Smith**
- WR Bert Emanuel
- WR **Wayne Chrebet**
- K Al Del Greco
- K Michael Husted
- D NY Jets

East Hartford

- QB Steve Young
- QB Dan Marino
- RB Ricky Watters
- RB **Edgar Bennett**
- RB **Mike Alstott**
- WR **Ben Coates**
- WR Charles Johnson
- WR **Leslie Shepherd**
- K Jason Elam
- K John Carney
- D NY Giants
- D Atlanta

*I.R. Greg Hill
Michael Westbrook*

Bagdad

- QB Brad Johnson
- QB Randall Cun'gham
- RB Karim A-Jabbar
- RB **Bam Morris**
- RB Lamar Smith
- WR Rod Smith
- WR **Derrick Alexander**
- WR Johnnie Morton
- K Gary Anderson
- K Matt Stover
- D Tennessee
- D Detroit

I.R. Isaac Bruce

Willow

- QB Steve McNair
 - QB **Jeff Blake**
 - RB Marshall Faulk
 - RB Fred Lane
 - RB Adrian Murrell
 - WR Shannon Sharpe
 - WR Terrell Owens
 - WR **Reldel Anthony**
 - K John Kasay
 - K Jeff Jaeger
 - D Seattle
 - D Washington
- I.R. Erik Kramer*

Flint

- QB Drew Bledsoe
- QB **Trent Dilfer**
- RB Warrick Dunn
- RB Robert Edwards
- RB **Leroy Hoard**
- WR Antonio Freeman
- WR **Ed McCaffrey**
- WR James Jett
- K Olindo Mare
- K Chris Boniol
- D Green Bay
- D Buffalo