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# Wild cards begin the second season

Loons engage in usual war of words with red-hot Newts; Willow confronts Baltimore for third time this season

By Kelvin Christiansen

LIMERICK--Unlikely? Certainly. Unforeseen? Nearly. Unfortunate? Not for the Loons.

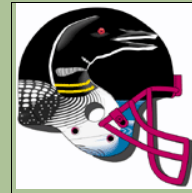
The greatest tie in TFL history, combined with the timing of the streaking Limerick Laughing Loons has landed Limerick in the final TFL playoff spot. After nearly falling out of the race, the Loons needed a victory as well as a tie between East Hartford and Dutch Harbor to win the No. 6 seed.

That's exactly what the Loons got.

Owner Michael Bourque celebrated Tuesday night at his home with a little Pad Thai (tie!).

Between noodles he smiled and shook his head. "You people should know by now that when the weather starts to suck, the Loons start their flight," the league's only two-time Sweeney Bowl champ said. "Sure, ties are slightly rare, but then, if we hadn't tied the Newts earlier in the year, it never would have come down to this."

In fact, Limerick and its



**Limerick (7-6-1) at Bagdad (7-6-1)  
Line: Limerick - 1**

The TFL's most incredible 3-way finish ever, along with the Newts' astounding run of 6 wins in their last 7 games, gave us this game. It's anybody's call.

first round opponent Bagdad did tie, 35-35, in Week 3 of the season. But that was before the deft hand of Loons' owner Bourque remade the team into a contender. Since that tie, the Loons lost the services of first round pick Randall Cunningham, who was victimized by an under performing offense.

And while a mid-season swoon nearly left the Loons to Pee Wee land, Bourque pulled off a few free agent moves and orchestrated a trade that is sure to show

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# Cagey Bourque built the Loons

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postseason dividends.

"Several teams in this league saw their share of first-rounders getting sent to the sidelines," Bourque said. "Dugway, Denver, Flint, Anchorage all lost their No. 1. But only one of those teams is in the Sweeney playoffs. I guess you'll have to make your own judgment."

In Limerick, the votes are in. As the man who has brought the little Maine town two Sweeney Bowls, Bourque remains a legend in these parts. Fans here are never surprised by what he has been able to do.

But this owner is not one to rest on his past. In fact, he rarely mentions the two Sweeney titles or the fact that last year's team played the greatest game in TFL history, a 98-74, drubbing of the Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts.

Bourque knows that this week's game is yet another

week when he must prove his TFL prowess vs. the Newts loud-mouthed and lard-assed owner, Scott Lacy.

There is added interest in this week's game because of some of the participants. The Newts stole the Viking offense early this season when they scavenged Jeff George, a perennial Loon, off the free agent list. But the cagey Bourque watched a desperate Lacy give up on good players to make his playoff run.

Bourque quietly assembled several ex-Newts to lead him to the playoffs. Among them are Curtis Martin and Rod Smith. In addition, Bourque plans to use the newly-acquired Tony Banks, a player Lacy believed he had "discovered" a few years ago, against the Newts.

"This," said Bourque, tugging gently on his tie. "is going to be fun."

## Financial breakdown

Here you have it: Who has how much left in the free agent bank.

Team	Amount
Alaska	\$40
Anchorage	35
Arctic	5
Bagdad	50
Baltimore	45
Denver	30
Dugway	25
Dutch Harbor	35
East Hartford	60
Flint	5
Lackawanna	40
Limerick	55
Narcoossee	40
Willow	25

Yes, Virginia, Limerick and East Hartford went over the limit. Limerick will have it taken out of their winnings, and East Hartford must send the league a check for \$10 ASAP.

## Willow-Baltimore III: 'Van, are you all right?'

**By Baron von Butterbrain**  
**TFL Today**

That's what talkers could have been forgiven for wondering when Willow's Van Williams made a rare appearance to, all of things, analyze the Horshack Division's glorious season and its place in TFL History.

First division since divisional play began in 1993 to have all its teams finish with winning records, for starters.

Two former champions, the '93 Sweeney Bowl teams, tied and facing each other

in the playoffs.

We could go on, but Van's last sentence stopped Baltimore's Steve Katz in his tracks. Not so fast, Van.

Because, in the words of the song, "Now yo' messin' with a . . . Son of a biiiitch!!!"

It seems to me we've heard this song before. It is these teams' third meeting this season.

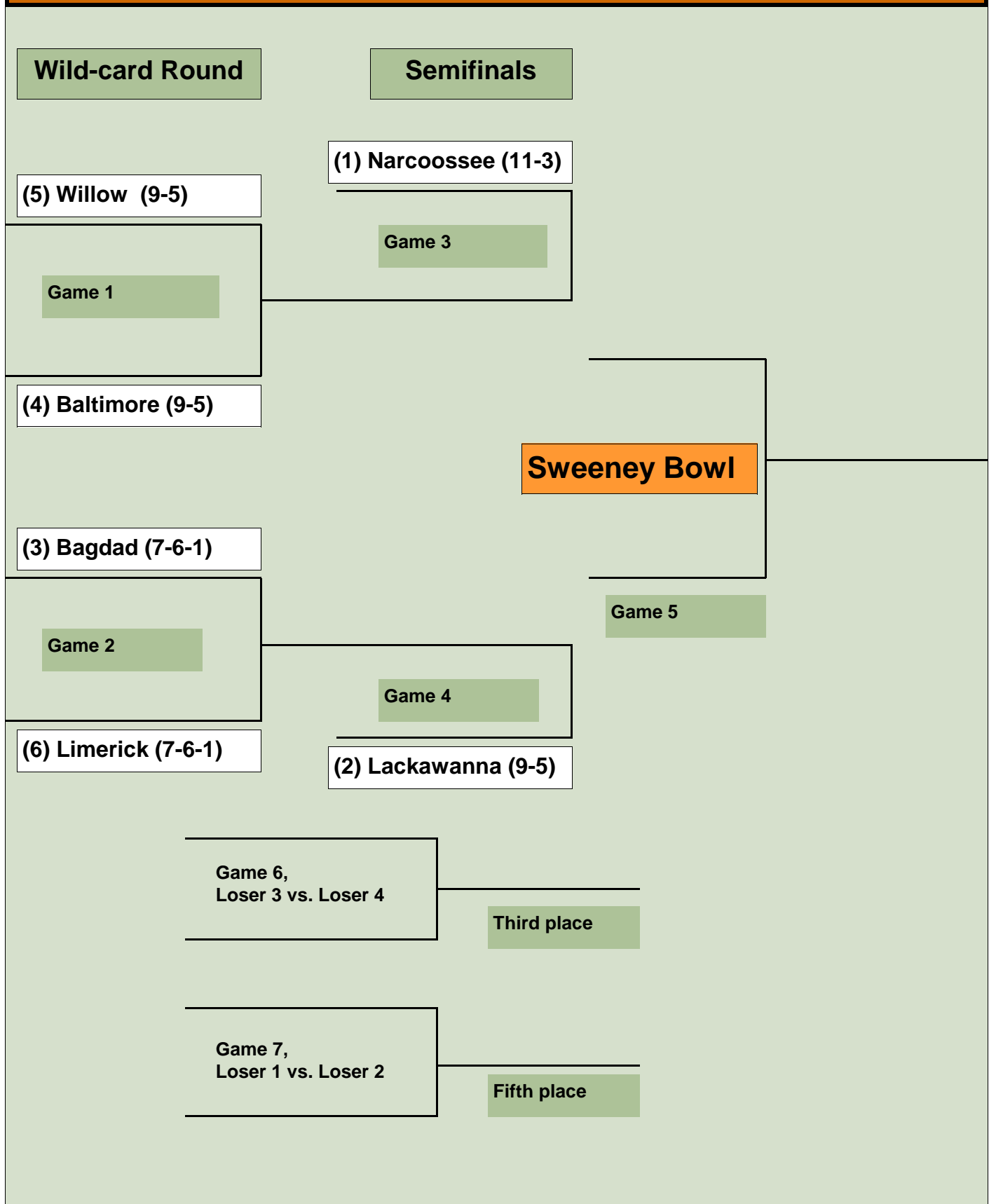
The Barons finished on a 4-game win streak but didn't get here unscathed, as James Stewart was declared out of this Sunday's game.

A healthy, 13-touchdown running back goes poof, just like that.

"It was a jolt," Katz said, "but we'll just take it as if James had said to us, "Look, I gave you more than you ever expected, but that's all I've got to give you." Don't apologize, James, you did enough.

The Barons picked up Chris Warren. "We're not hoping Emmitt stays hurt, but we've got a concern if Warren doesn't produce," Katz said.

# Sweeney Bowl Tournament



# Pee Wee Bowl Tournament

(14) Arctic

(7) East Hartford

(11) Denver

(10) Anchorage

**Semifinals**

**Pee Wee Bowl**

(12) Dugway

(9) Alaska

(13) Flint

(8) Dutch Harbor

**Semifinal losers**

**9th place**

11-10 loser  
at 14-7 loser

**11th place**

12-9 loser  
at 13-8 loser

**13th place**

## FINAL REGULAR-SEASON STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x Bagdad Newts	7	6	1	554	75	15	42.6	446	63	9	34.3
Alaska Oosiks	7	7	0	439	64	11	33.8	439	65	8	33.8
Dugway Tubes	5	9	0	515	57	16	39.6	556	66	17	42.8
Denver Pyles	5	9	0	462	63	14	35.5	531	65	16	40.8
Arctic Gators	3	11	0	351	61	5	27.0	546	75	17	42.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x Lackawanna	9	5	0	595	64	14	45.8	<b>562</b>	72	22	43.2
y Limerick Loons	7	6	1	512	65	24	39.4	542	63	22	41.7
East Hartford	7	6	1	497	72	9	38.2	458	64	13	35.2
Anchorage Kitchen	6	8	0	527	75	15	37.6	550	67	11	42.3
Flint Bison	4	10	0	431	68	13	33.2	493	54	17	37.9

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x Narcoossee N.Apes	11	3	0	<b>596</b>	63	16	45.8	426	56	9	32.8
y Baltimore Barons	9	5	0	592	59	25	45.5	561	75	17	43.2
y Willow Weasels	9	5	0	534	61	17	41.1	493	59	15	37.9
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	7	6	1	477	48	19	36.7	473	64	5	36.4

*x clinched division; y clinched wild card*

## TRANSACTIONS

### Dec. 14

Alaska places K John Kasay on I.R., adds K Cary Blanchard. Puts WR Corey Bradford on I.R., adds WR Terrence Wilkins. Puts RB Errikt Rhett on I.R., adds RB Greg Hill.

Bagdad puts WR Cris Carter on I.R., adds WR Jake Reed.

Narcoossee retains RB Priest Holmes, waives RB Duce Staley.

Limerick waives QB Brian Griese, adds QB Tony Banks.

Baltimore puts QB Donovan McNabb on I.R., adds QB Mike Tomczak. Puts RB James Stewart on I.R., adds RB Chris Warren.

### Dec. 9

Lackawanna waives RB Jonathan Linton, activates RB Michael Pittman.

Dutch Harbor waives WR Terrell Owens, adds WR Amani Toomer.

Bagdad puts RB Sedric Irvin on I.R., adds RB Wilmont Perry.

Baltimore waives WR Terrence Wilkins, adds WR Jerry Rice. Waives RB Greg Hill, adds RB De'Mond Parker.

## WEEK 14 SCORES

<b>Bagdad 28</b> Jeff George 12 Joe Montgomery 2 Wilmont Perry 1 Tim Brown 0 Cris Carter 0 Steve Christie 7 KC Chiefs 6	<b>Flint 24</b> Chris Chandler 0 Stephen Davis 15 Donnell Bennett 7 K. McCardell 0 Terance Mathis 1 M. Andersen 1 Detroit 0	<b>Dugway 37</b> Jon Kitna 8 Mike Alstott 12 Mario Bates 0 Herman Moore 0 M. Westbrook 7 Todd Peterson 10 Dallas 0	<b>Anchorage 29</b> Steve McNair 6 Fred Taylor 7 Jerome Bettis 6 Jimmy Smith 1 Albert Connell 1 Olindo Mare 8 Jacksonville 0
<b>Narcoossee 47</b> Brett Favre 15 Priest Holmes 13 Charlie Garner 10 Marvin Harrison 3 G. Crowell 0 Kris Brown 6 Atlanta 0	<b>Lackawanna 31</b> Brad Johnson 12 M. Pittman 0 Edgerrin James 9 Joey Galloway 2 Eric Moulds 1 Pete Stoyo 7 Buffalo 0	<b>Limerick 46</b> Jeff Blake 9 Eddie George 19 Curtis Martin 2 Tony Martin 0 Rod Smith 8 M. Vanderjagt 8 Indianapolis 0	<b>Arctic 30</b> Mark Brunell 0 T. Biakabutuka 0 Rob Konrad 0 E. Kennison 2 Keyshawn 19 Adam Vinatieri 9 New England 0
<b>Baltimore 48</b> Peyton Manning 12 James Stewart 14 De'Mond Parker 0 Ant. Freeman 6 Jerry Rice 0 Mike Hollis 10 Green Bay 6	<b>Willow 22</b> Gus Frerotte 0 Ricky Watters 2 Ant. Smith 0 Isaac Bruce 3 Randy Moss 14 Al Del Greco 3 Arizona 0	<b>Alaska 60</b> Jake Plummer 0 Marshall Faulk 18 Corey Dillon 24 Darnay Scott 11 Frank Sanders 0 Ryan Longwell 7 St. Louis 0	<b>Denver 42</b> S.Beuerlein 29 Olandis Gary 7 Robert Smith 3 Rocket Ismail 1 Carl Pickens 0 Michael Husted 2 Denver 0
<b>D. Harbor 29</b> Kurt Warner 16 J.J. Johnson 0 Terry Allen 0 Ike Hilliard 1 Amani Toomer 6 Richie C. 0 New York Jets 6		<b>E. Hartford 29</b> Drew Bledsoe 12 Emmitt Smith 0 Tyrone Wheatley 0 Tony Gonzalez 13 Rob Moore 0 Brett Conway 4 Seattle 0	

# Who's got who (current rosters)

**Bold = free agent or trade pickup**

*Italic = Injured reserve acquisition*

**Denver Pyles**  
**QB Jim Miller**  
**QB** Steve Beuerlein  
**RB** *Tommy Vardell*  
**RB** Robert Smith  
**RB** Olandis Gary  
**WR** Carl Pickens  
**WR Az-zahir Hakim**  
**WR** Rocket Ismail  
**K** Wade Richie  
**K** Michael Husted  
**D** Denver  
**D** Cincinnati  
*I.R. Terrell Davis*  
*Shannon Sharpe*

**Narcoossee**  
**QB** Brett Favre  
**QB Randall Cunningham**  
**RB** *Priest Holmes*  
**RB Duce Staley**  
**RB** *Charlie Garner*  
**WR** Marvin Harrison  
**WR** Tim Dwight  
**WR** Germaine Crowell  
**K** Jason Elam  
**K** Kris Brown  
**D** Atlanta  
**D** Tampa Bay  
*IR Garrison Hearst*  
*Natrone Means*

**Anchorage**  
**QB** Steve McNair  
**QB** Elvis Grbac  
**RB** Fred Taylor  
**RB** Jerome Bettis  
**RB Ahman Green**  
**WR Albert Connell**  
**WR** Ed McCaffrey  
**WR Jimmy Smith**  
**K** Olindo Mare  
**K** Jeff Wilkins  
**D** Jacksonville  
**D** Washington

**Dutch Harbor**  
**QB** *Kerry Collins*  
**QB Kurt Warner**  
**RB** Terry Allen  
**RB** Curtis Enis  
**RB J.J. Johnson**  
**WR** Ike Hilliard  
**WR** Curtis Conway  
**WR** Amani Toomer  
**K** Richie Cunningham  
**K** John Carney  
**D** New York Jets  
**D** Carolina  
*I.R. Steve Young*

**Willow**  
**QB** Charlie Batch  
**QB Gus Frotte**  
**RB** Ricky Watters  
**RB** Antowain Smith  
**RB Ken Oxendine**  
**WR** Randy Moss  
**WR** Isaac Bruce  
**WR Johnnie Morton**  
**K** Al Del Greco  
**K Norm Johnson**  
**D** Arizona  
**D** Cleveland

**Flint**  
**QB** *Akili Smith*  
**QB** Chris Chandler  
**RB** *Donnell Bennett*  
**RB** Ron Rivers  
**RB Stephen Davis**  
**WR** Terance Mathis  
**WR** Ben Coates  
**WR** Keenan McCardell  
**K** Morten Andersen  
**K** Doug Pelfrey  
**D** Minnesota  
**D** Detroit  
*I.R. Jamal Anderson*

**Limerick**  
**QB** Jeff Blake  
**QB** Tony Banks  
**RB** Eddie George  
**RB** Curtis Martin  
**RB Bam Morris**  
**WR Shawn Jefferson**  
**WR** Tony Martin  
**WR Rod Smith**  
**K** Mike Vanderjagt  
**K** Brad Daluiso  
**D** Oakland  
**D** Indianapolis

**Baltimore**  
**QB** Peyton Manning  
**QB** *Mike Tomczak*  
**RB Robert Holcombe**  
**RB James Stewart**  
**RB Greg Hill**  
**WR** Antonio Freeman  
**WR** Terry Glenn  
**WR Terrence Wilkins**  
**K** Mike Hollis  
**K** Martin Gramatica  
**D** Green Bay  
**D** Baltimore

*I.R. Donovan McNabb*

**Bagdad**  
**QB** Rich Gannon  
**QB** Jeff George  
**RB** Skip Hicks  
**RB** *Joe Montgomery*  
**RB** *Wilmont Perry*  
**WR Kevin Johnson**  
**WR** Tim Brown  
**WR Cris Carter**  
**K** Steve Christie  
**K** Doug Brien  
**D** Tennessee  
**D** Kansas City

*I.R. Cecil Collins*  
*Ricky Williams*  
*Sedric Irvin*

**Arctic**  
**QB** Mark Brunell  
**QB** Trent Dilfer  
**RB** Warrick Dunn  
**RB Rob Konrad**  
**RB** Tim Biakabutuka  
**WR** Keyshawn Johnson  
**WR** *Eddie Kennison*  
**WR** Bert Emanuel  
**K** Adam Vinatieri  
**K** Chris Jacke  
**D** Miami  
**D** New England  
*I.R. Michael Irvin*

**Alaska**  
**QB** *Jake Plummer*  
**QB** Damon Huard  
**RB** Marshall Faulk  
**RB** Corey Dillon  
**RB Greg Hill**  
**WR** Frank Sanders  
**WR Darnay Scott**  
**WR Terrence Wilkins**  
**K** Ryan Longwell  
**K** Cary Blanchard  
**D** St. Louis  
**D** San Francisco  
*I.R. Dan Marino*  
*Errict Rhett*  
*Corey Bradford*  
*John Kasay*

**Lackawanna**  
**QB** Brad Johnson  
**QB** Doug Flutie  
**RB** Edgerrin James  
**RB** *Jonathan Linton*  
**RB Leroy Hoard**  
**WR** Eric Moulds  
**WR** Joey Galloway  
**WR** Marcus Robinson  
**K** John Hall  
**K** Pete Stoyanovich  
**D** Buffalo  
**D** Pittsburgh  
*I.R. Gary Brown*  
*Michael Pittman*

**Dugway**  
**QB** Jon Kitna  
**QB Shaun King**  
**RB** Dorsey Levens  
**RB** Mike Alstott  
**RB Mario Bates**  
**WR** Wesley Walls  
**WR** Herman Moore  
**WR** M. Westbrook  
**K** Todd Peterson  
**K** Jason Hanson  
**D** San Diego  
**D** Dallas  
*IR Vinny Testaverde*

**East Hartford**  
**QB** Drew Bledsoe  
**QB Troy Aikman**  
**RB** *Adrian Murrell*  
**RB** Tyrone Wheatley  
**RB** Emmitt Smith  
**WR** *Muhsin Muhammad*  
**WR** Rob Moore  
**WR Tony Gonzalez**  
**K** Gary Anderson  
**K** Brett Conway  
**D** Seattle  
**D** New York Giants