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Four march on into the semifinals

Narcoossee and Willow keep semifinals in the Horshack family; Limerick breaks through to face Lackawanna

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Baltimore and Bagdad are sitting this dance out, and the attention swings to a semifinal round featuring a team that hasn't done badly for not knowing the rules, and a team that's back in the playoffs for the first time since 1993, and this time is actually aware of it.

And those teams, Limerick and Willow, just may have some surprises in store for their respective opponents, Lackawanna and Narcoossee.

But hell, the Sweeney Bowl Tournament is covered on the next page. Why bother? It's only the semis.

The tournament everyone is talking about is the Poulan Weed-Eater American Airlines Blockbuster Bank of America Coors Pee Wee Bowl. It even has a slogan and a few sponsors, which you may not have been aware of.

Let's have a hand for this bunch of 3-11's, 4-10's and 5-9's. At least they talk the best game.

In the quarterfinals, Denver

beat Anchorage in a 67-45 donnybrook that would have done any playoffs proud, and East Hartford whaled on Arctic, which did well considering the number of inactive and third-string players it lined up for the game.

In the other bracket, Alaska beat Dugway with a scrap pile of a lineup (and come to think of it, what does that say about Dugway's lineup?). But we digress. The powerful Horshack is one semifinal, and the weak-ass Kotter the other.

In one game, a skidding Brett Favre and an always dangerous Marvin Harrison, Randy Moss and Isaac Bruce. In the other game, a slipping Brad Johnson and an ever-deadly Edgerrin James play a team that scored 48 points and has won four straight despite itself.

Tuttell and Continelli were either too busy or too bored to write any exercises in self-aggrandizement for this issue. But good luck to all participants, anyway.

Sweeney Bowl Semifinals:

A look at some key performers who could decide the outcomes

Narcoossee Nose Apes

Quarterback: Brett Favre, once the God of fantasy quarterbacks, sucks now and only had 15 touchdown passes all year. He's 30 and not getting any younger, and he lost the coach who drove the Packers to greatness. Hurt all year but too bull-headed to come out. His mediocrity leaves the Nose Apes worried, but how worried can a team be that also has ...



Wide receiver: Marvin Harrison. Yet, he too has been a victim of sorts. Edgerrin James has developed so well, so fast, the Colts almost have too diversified an offense for the greater good of the passing game as a fantasy force. But **Germaine Crowell** can explode on any given day, too.

Running back: Priest Holmes. The Apes picked up Holmes just in time for the Ravens to launch an offensive renaissance.

Kicker: Jason Elam. Speaks for himself.

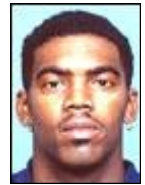
VS.

Willow Weasels

Quarterback: Gus Frerotte/Charlie Batch: No sympathy if Young Van is victimized by the Lions' QB dilemma. When he picked up Batch with Frerotte already on his roster, he said he knew what he was doing. And hell, YV got this far with zero points from Frerotte, so maybe we shouldn't question him. The problem is going up against Crowell, where the touchdowns could cancel out.



Wide receiver: Randy Moss and Isaac Bruce give YV one of the most wide-receiver-driven teams in TFL memory, and this tandem doesn't get much argument, either.



As the just-vanquished Barons found out, if only one goes nuts, it's over.

Running back: Antowain Smith and Ricky Watters. Half a backfield is better than none, and Watters has been a pretty solid producer.

Kicker: Al Del Greco. The streaking Tennessee Oilers make him a point-scorer to be reckoned with.

Lackawanna Lancers

Quarterback: Brad Johnson sagged to such a degree in the second half of the season that the Lancers (and we won't call them Lacka-quarterback), finished a somewhat short of sterling 9-5. Stephen Davis' injury has a potential bearing on Johnson's ability to direct the Redskins' offense.



But what, the Lancers worry? Not with the best rookie to take the NFL stage in many a year in the backfield.

Running back: Edgerrin James. His preeminence, and the season-long progression of the Colts' offense from aerial to balanced, is Lackawanna's steak to Narcoossee's poison. Shit, that means we can't use that line again if those two teams meet in the Sweeney Bowl. **Leroy Hoard** is just one more weapon.

Wide receiver: Joey Galloway/Marcus Robinson. Never know when either one could strike.

VS.

Limerick Laughing Loons

Quarterback: Jeff Blake/Brian Griese. Charles Bingham's generosity is another team's good fortune once again. Blake can go off on any given Sunday.



Running back: Eddie George, about whom much the same can be said, now that Tennessee's offense does more than the Tennessee Waltz. **Curtis Martin** mostly gets a lot of yardage these days, but saying that is probably

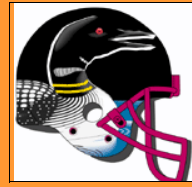
his cue to take it out on Lackawanna.

Wide receiver: Rod Smith/Tony Martin. The Loons' usual starting tandem really doesn't scare anybody, but that's what we thought back when they were 4-6-1 and needed the much-discussed miracle to make the playoffs.

Sweeney Bowl Wild-card Round



Willow	40	Baltimore	28
Gus Frerrote	0	Peyton Manning	14
Antowain Smith	0	Robert Holcombe	0
Ricky Watters	9	Chris Warren	0
Randy Moss	19	Antonio Freeman	0
Isaac Bruce	0	Jerry Rice	7
Al Del Greco	12	Mike Hollis	6
Arizona	0	Green Bay	0



Limerick	48	Bagdad	36
Brian Griese	13	Jeff George	16
Eddie George	1	Wilmont Perry	0
Curtis Martin	3	Joe Montgomery	0
Rod Smith	8	Tim Brown	6
Tony Martin	5	Jake Reed	1
Mike Vanderjagt	6	Steve Christie	7
Oakland	12	Kansas City	6

Pee Wee Bowl (everyone's talking about it) Quarterfinals



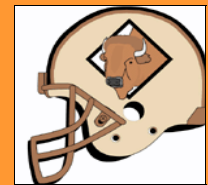
East Hartford	67	Arctic	25
Drew Bledsoe	4	Mark Brunell	13
Duce Staley	2	Warrick Dunn	0
Tyrone Wheatley	15	Tim Biakabutuka	0
Tony Gonzalez	14	Keyshawn Johnson	2
Muhsin Muhammad	25	Bert Emanuel	0
Brett Conway	7	Adam Vinatieri	10
New York Giants	0	New England	0



Denver	67	Anchorage	45
Steve Beuerlein	32	Elvis Grbac	12
Olandis Gary	6	Fred Taylor	13
Robert Smith	0	Jerome Bettis	1
Rocket Ismail	6	Ed McCaffrey	0
Az-Zahir Hakim	17	Jimmy Smith	7
Michael Husted	0	Olindo Mare	12
Denver	6	Jacksonville	0

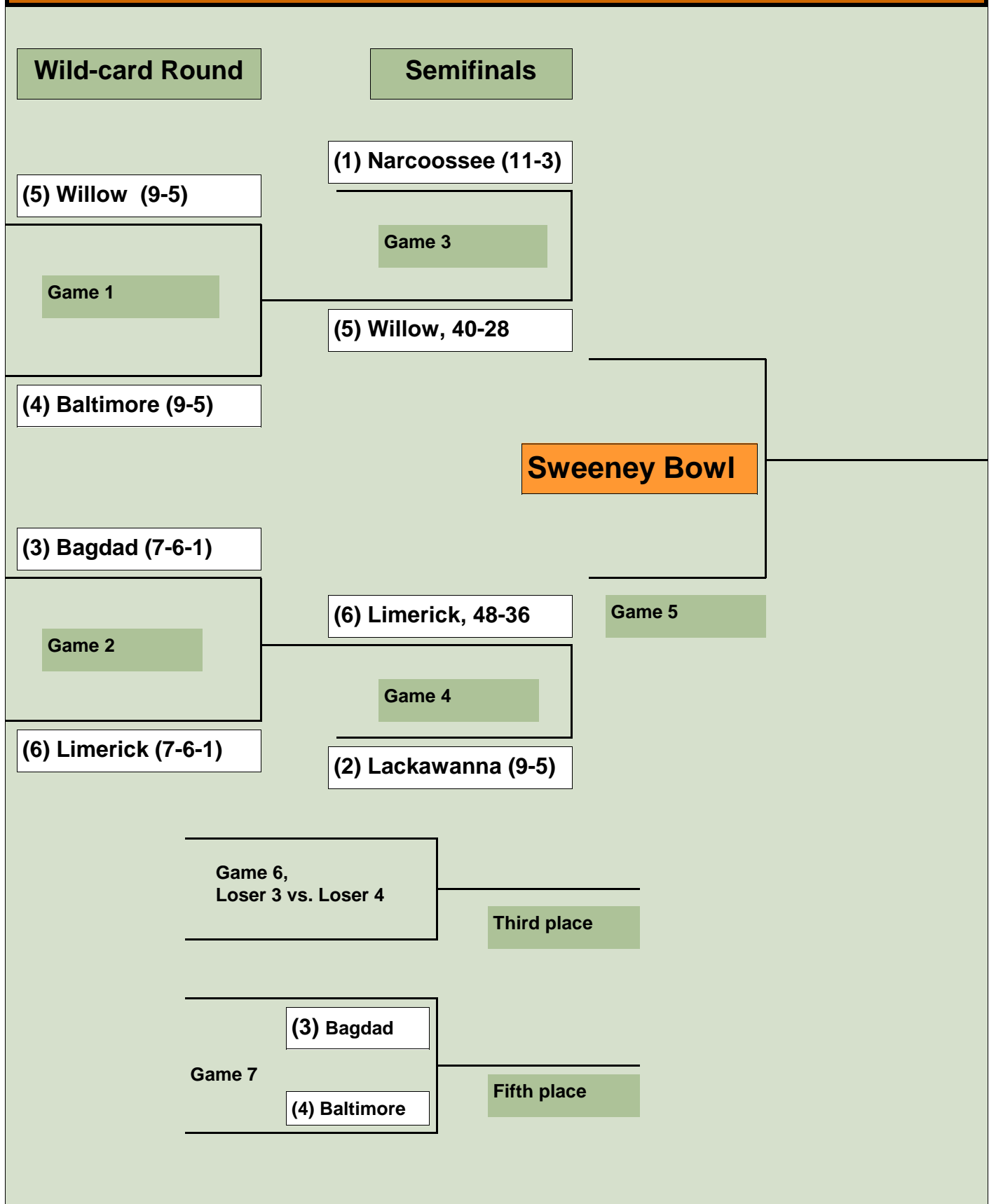


Alaska	32	Dugway	22
Jake Plummer	6	Shaun King	0
Greg Hill	2	Mike Alstott	0
Marshall Faulk	3	Dorsey Levens	6
Terrence Wilkins	0	Michael Westbrook	2
Frank Sanders	1	Wesley Walls	1
Ryan Longwell	8	Todd Peterson	13
St. Louis	12	Dallas	0



Dutch Harbor	42	Flint	13
Kurt Warner	18	Chris Chandler	0
J.J. Johnson	0	Donnell Bennett	0
Terry Allen	0	Stephen Davis	1
Amani Toomer	8	Terance Mathis	2
Ike Hilliard	7	Keenan McCardell	5
John Carnay	9	Morten Andersen	5
New York Jets	0	Detroit	0

Sweeney Bowl Tournament



Pee Wee Bowl Tournament



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	562	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	596	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. 22

Bagdad fined \$5 because Cris Carter played, and loses Carter.

Alaska fined \$10 because Rhett and Bradford played; releases RB Greg Hill and WR Terence Wilkins; releases K John Kasay.

Dec. 21

East Hartford activates RB Emmitt Smith, waives RB Duce Staley, fined because Smith played. \$5

Dec. 17

Narcoossee puts WR Tim Dwight on I.R., picks up WR Matthew Hatchette.

East Hartford puts RB Emmitt Smith on I.R., adds RB Duce Staley.

WEEK 14 SCORES

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

Financial breakdown

Here you have it: Who has spent what on free agents.

Team	Amount
Alaska	\$50
Anchorage	35
Arctic	5
Bagdad	50
Baltimore	45
Denver	30
Dugway	25
Dutch Harbor	35
East Hartford	65
	(owes \$15)
Flint	5
Lackawanna	40
Limerick	50
Narcoossee	40
Willow	25

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 Natrone Means
RB Charlie Garner
WR Marvin Harrison
WR Matthew Hatchette
WR Germaine Crowell
K Jason Elam
K Kris Brown
D Atlanta
D Tampa Bay
IR Garrison Hearst
Tim Dwight

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 Brian Griese
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 Tony Banks
RB Robert Holcombe
RB James Stewart
RB Greg Hill
WR Antonio Freeman
WR Terry Glenn
WR Jerry Rice
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 Errict Rhett
WR Frank Sanders
WR Darnay Scott
WR Corey Bradford
K Ryan Longwell
K Cary Blanchard
D St. Louis
D San Francisco
I.R. Dan Marino
John Kasay

Lackawanna
QB Brad Johnson
QB Doug Flutie
RB Edgerrin James
RB Michael Pittman
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