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WEEK 17

Sweeney Bowl XVIII

Anchorage vs. Limerick

Third-Place Game

Narcoossee vs. Hogtown

Fifth-Place Game

Arctic vs. Dugway

Pee Wee Bowl XII

Flint vs. Dutch Harbor

Ninth-Place Game

Penobscot vs. Lackawanna

Eleventh-Place Game

Alaska vs. East Hartford

Thirteenth-Place Game

Denver vs. Bagdad

POWER POLL

Rk.	Team	Pts.
1	Arctic	89.5
2	Anchorage	77.2
3	Flint	76.0
4	Dugway	75.6
5	Hogtown	73.6
6	Dutch Harbor	73.3
7	Narcoossee	71.7
8	Alaska	70.0
9	Limerick	68.0
10	Penobscot	60.4
11	Lackawanna	59.0
12	East Hartford	55.9
13	Baltimore	55.1
14	Bagdad	52.8
15	Billings	48.0
16	Denver	45.8

Déjà Vu!

Kitchen, Loons Meet in Sweeney Bowl Rematch

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Special To TFL Today

ANCHORAGE – In 2005, when I discovered the TFL, Anchorage and Limerick were set to battle for Sweeney Bowl XVI. Two years later, the TFL discovered me and now they are at it again.

Nate Sagan and the Anchorage Kitchen breezed into their second championship appearance in three years, easily beating the Hogtown Halibut in the semifinals. Hogtown failed to show up after five consecutive 39+ point games; only three players scored in their measly outing, combining for a grand total of 16. “I can honestly say that I am very disappointed in my players’ performance,” said Halibut owner Paul Ramey. “Brees picked a bad week to not throw any TDs. But in reality, the mighty Halibut shouldn’t have even made it this far in the playoffs. The only reason we were here this week is that Brady put up a goose egg for the Gators last week... I wish the Kitchen the best of luck in the finals. Hopefully they can bring the title home for the Spenard Division.”

The Limerick Laughing Loons could not be topped, however, putting up an impressive 56 points against Narcoossee, the proud owners of the TFL’s regular season title. They will meet Anchorage in the Sweeney Bowl, hoping to avenge their ‘05 loss. “The Kitchen are a fine franchise. Mr. Sagan fields a fine ball club. Nevertheless, the Loons fully expect to roll to our third Sweeney Bowl this coming weekend. I mean Brodie Croyle? Vince

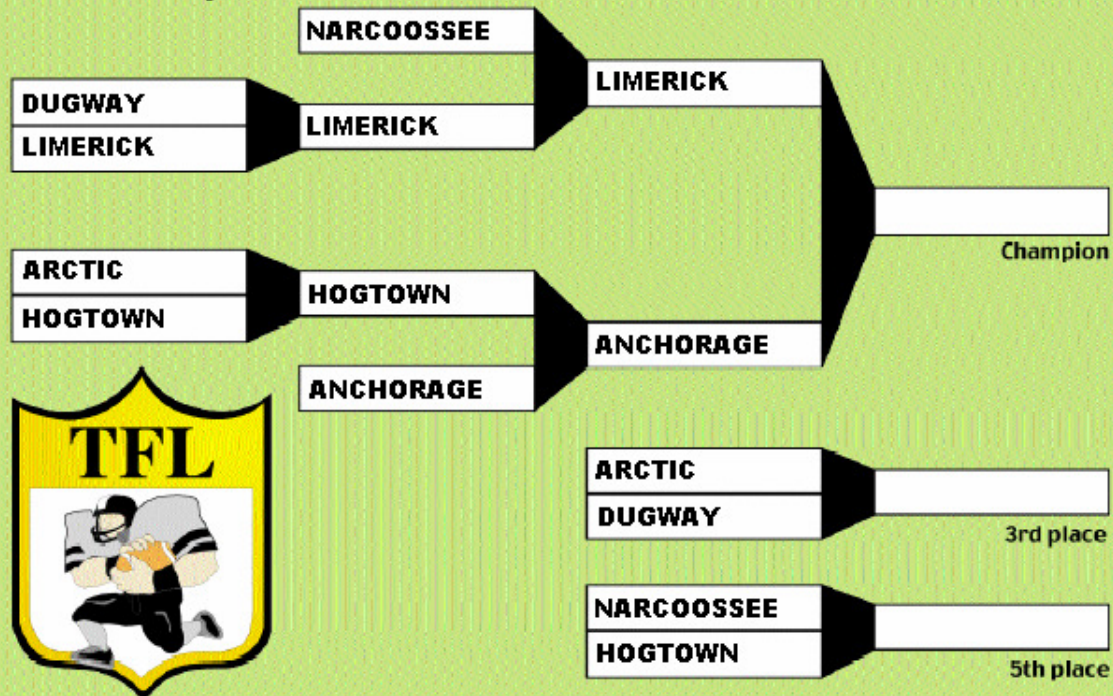


Anchorage receiver Braylon Edwards celebrates one of his two touchdowns against Hogtown

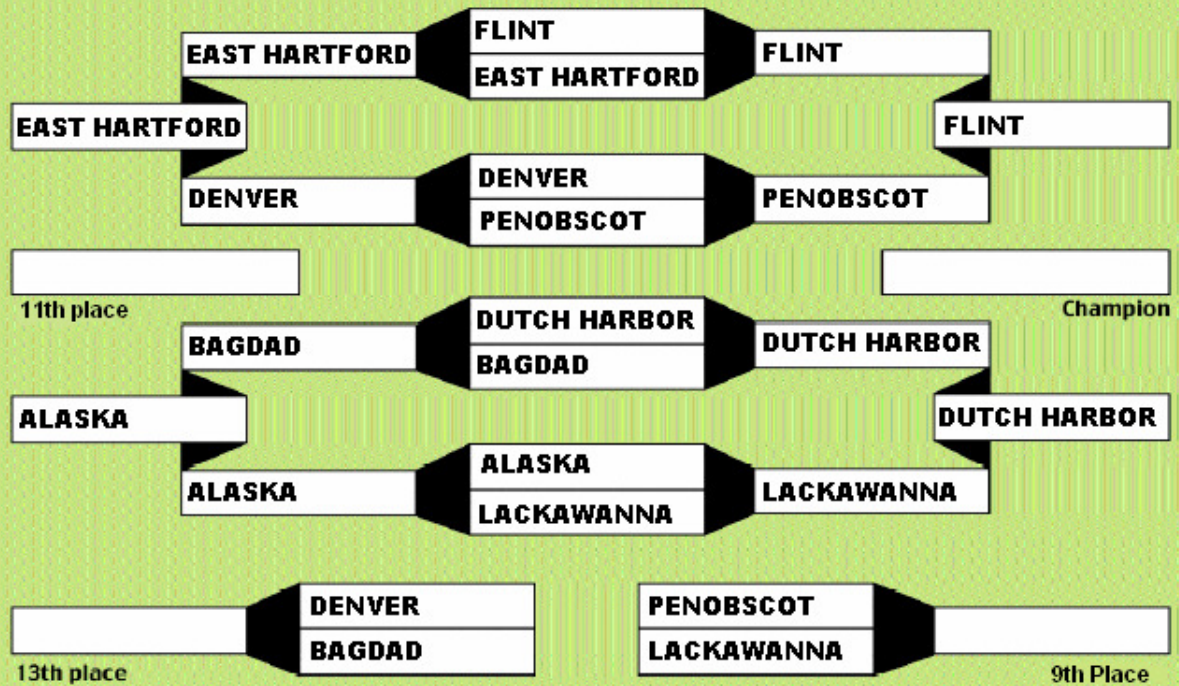
Young? Didn't anyone tell Nate that he really ought to field a quarterback?"

Both Limerick and Anchorage have the chance to become the first team to win three championships. The Kitchen can also become just the second team to win two Sweeney titles in less than four years. The stakes are higher than they appear, though. The team that wins will solidify its position as one of the better franchises in TFL history; the loser could end up like Bagdad, playing for thirteenth place. I don't have a favorite in this game, but may the better man win.

Sweeney Bowl Tournament



Pee Wee Bowl Tournament



Sweeney Bowl Breakdown



Anchorage Kitchen

QB Vince Young (RD 2) – 6 ppg; at Indianapolis
 QB Brodie Croyle (FA) – 0 ppg; at NYJ
 RB Brain Westbrook (RD 1) – 8.6 ppg; vs. Bills
 RB Marshawn Lynch (RD 3) – 6.7 ppg; at Philadelphia
 RB Ladell Betts (RD 7) – 0 ppg; vs. Cowboys
 WR Braylon Edwards (RD 6) – 10.8 ppg; vs. 49ers
 WR Marques Colston (RD 4) – 5.2 ppg; at Chicago
 WR Donte Stallworth (RD 5) – 1.4 ppg; at NYG
 K Matt Bryant (RD 12) – 7.5 ppg; vs. Panthers
 K John Kasay (RD 9) – 8.1 ppg; at Tampa Bay
 D New Orleans Saints (RD 8) – 3.6 ppg; at Chicago
 D Philadelphia Eagles (RD 11) – 0.9 ppg; vs. Bills
 677 points in 15 games, or 45.1 ppg



Limerick Laughing Loons

QB Peyton Manning (RD 1) – 15.6 ppg; vs. Titans
 QB Tarvaris Jackson (RD 10) – 9 ppg; at Denver
 RB Edgerrin James (RD 3) – 4.5 ppg; vs. Rams
 RB Fred Taylor (RD 7) – 5.9 ppg; at Houston
 RB LenDale White (RD 6) – 3.7 ppg; at Indianapolis
 WR Donald Driver (RD 4) – 2.5 ppg; vs. Lions
 WR Dwayne Bowe (FA) – 3 ppg; at NYJ
 WR Benjamin Watson (FA) – 0 ppg; at NYG
 K Robbie Gould (RD 5) – 8.4 ppg; vs. Saints
 K Morten Andersen (FA) – 8 ppg; vs. Seahawks
 D Carolina Panthers (RD 9) – 0.9 ppg; at Tampa Bay
 D Cincinnati Bengals (RD 12) – 2 ppg; at Miami
 643 points in 16 games, or 40.2 ppg

Series Record: Anchorage leads the series 5-4-1

This Season: Anchorage 63, Limerick 35

Outlook: When you compare these teams and their 2005 counterparts, it's scary how similar they are. The Kitchen pulled out their usual bag of tricks, scoring points with a one-two punch of a solid running back and a soft-handed receiver. Limerick has been able to get by, but they have the same flaws as the Loons of old. Michael Bourque relies on Peyton Manning the same way he did Tom Brady. For this reason alone I am ready to condemn Limerick. Brady sputtered two years ago, putting up just 6 points towards a losing effort. If Manning doesn't have a good day against the Titans, who have the NFL's fifth best defense I might add, it's over. Bourque better hope that Tony Dungy plays his starters on Sunday, because Robbie Gould can't save this team.

Prediction: Anchorage 44, Limerick 34

WEEK 16 BOX SCORES

Hogtown 16	Anchorage 33	Limerick 56	Narcoossee 36
Brees 2	Croyle 0	Manning 21	Favre 0
Johnson 0	Lynch 7	White 3	Jacobs 19
Graham 0	Westbrook 3	Taylor 12	Jackson 8
H'mandzadeh 6	Edwards 16	Bowe 11	Fitzgerald 1
Northcutt 0	Colston 0	Driver 0	Ward 1
Folk 8	Bryant 7	Gould 9	Scobee 7
Buccaneers 0	Saints 0	Panthers 0	Vikings 0
Lackawanna 13	Dutch Harbor 29	Penobscot 38	Flint 69
Kitna 0	Collins 12	Roethlisberg 19	Rosenfals 12
Dunn 0	Tomlinson 9	Maroney 14	Gore 8
Morris 0	Peterson 0	Droughns 0	Stecker 12
Burress 0	Winslow 1	Welker 0	Owens 6
Wayne 13	Jennings 0	Miller 0	Moss 13
Longwell 0	Graham 7	Dawson 2	Rackers 12
Raiders 0	Jaguars 0	Patriots 3	Lions 6
Bagdad 19	Alaska 34	E. Hartford 37	Denver 26
Cutler 0	Hasselbeck 12	Anderson 13	Palmer 6
Jones-Drew 8	Taylor 0	Parker 0	Sapp 0
Smith 1	Addai 6	Jones 0	Portis 6
Holmes 4	Engram 1	Mason 11	Randel El 6
Evans 6	Galloway 0	Chambers 7	Jackson 0
Stover 0	Brown 9	Lindell 3	Vinatieri 8
Ravens 0	Steelers 6	Titans 3	49ers 0

DEALS

12-20-07
 Dutch Harbor activates Marc Bulger, waives Kyle Orton.
 Hogtown places Laveranues Coles on IR, adds Dennis Northcutt.
 Hogtown places Trent Dilfer on IR, adds Shaun Hill.
 Flint places Rex Grossman on IR, adds Sage Rosenfels.
12-19-07
 Narcoossee places Justin Fargas on IR, Adds Dominic Rhodes.
12-13-07
 East Hartford places Jesse Chatman on IR, adds Samkon Gado.
12-12-07
 Dutch Harbor places Jason Campbell on IR, adds Todd Collins.
 Dutch Harbor places Marc Bulger on IR, adds Kyle Orton.
12-9-07
 Alaska activates Jerricho Cotchery, waives Sidney Rice.

MONEY MATTERS

Total Pot: \$1,925.00
 Champion: \$770.00
 Runner-up: \$288.75
 Third Place: \$211.75
 Fourth Place: \$173.25
 Fifth Place: \$134.75
 Sixth Place: \$96.25
 Point-Scoring Champ: \$96.25
 Regular Season Champ: \$96.25
 Pee Wee Champ: \$57.75

FUN FACTS

As the TFL season comes to a close, let's analyze some numbers. The Billings Slobberknockers became the TFL's first new team since the Tampa Bay Houck-a-Loogies after Van Williams retired in training camp. I got to thinking, "What is the best record ever posted by a first-year team?" Obviously, the Slobberknockers don't even come close with their 3-10-1 record. The correct answer is the Flint Bison of 1994, who started their season with 13 consecutive wins and finished 13-1.

CURRENT ROSTERS

Alaska

QB Kurt Warner
 QB Matt Hasselbeck
 RB Chester Taylor
 RB Thomas Jones
 RB Joseph Addai
 WR Jerricho Cotchery
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Bobby Engram
 K Joe Nedney
 K Josh Brown
 D New York Giants
 D Pittsburgh Steelers

Denver

QB Chad Pennington
 QB Carson Palmer
 RB Cecil Sapp
 RB Clinton Portis
 RB Mike Bell
 WR Antwaan Randel El
 WR Ronald Curry
 WR Vincent Jackson
 K Mason Crosby
 K Adam Vinatieri
 D Miami Dolphins
 D San Francisco 49ers

Flint

QB Sage Rosenfels
 QB Kyle Boller
 RB Julius Jones
 RB Aaron Stecker
 RB Frank Gore
 WR Bernard Berrian
 WR Terrell Owens
 WR Randy Moss
 K Neil Rackers
 K Sebastian Janikowski
 D Detroit Lions
 D San Diego Chargers

Narcoossee

QB Brett Favre
 QB Eli Manning
 RB Steven Jackson
 RB Dominic Rhodes
 RB Brandon Jacobs
 WR Larry Fitzgerald
 WR Hines Ward
 WR Tony Gonzalez
 K John Carney
 K Josh Scobee
 D Minnesota Vikings
 D Cleveland Browns

Anchorage

QB Vince Young
 QB Brodie Croyle
 RB Brian Westbrook
 RB Ladell Betts
 RB Marshawn Lynch
 WR Braylon Edwards
 WR Marques Colston
 WR Donte Stallworth
 K John Kasay
 K Matt Bryant
 D Philadelphia Eagles
 D New Orleans Saints

Dugway

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Tony Romo
 RB Adrian N. Peterson
 RB Chris Brown
 RB Travis Henry
 WR Chad Johnson
 WR Bryant Johnson
 WR Brandon Marshall
 K Rob Bironas
 K Jay Feely
 D Buffalo Bills
 D Chicago Bears

Hogtown

QB Shaun Hill
 QB Drew Brees
 RB Earnest Graham
 RB Rudi Johnson
 RB Jerious Norwood
 WR Patrick Crayton
 WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh
 WR Dennis Northcutt
 K David Akers
 K Nick Folk
 D Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 D Arizona Cardinals

Penobscot

QB David Garrard
 QB Ben Roethlisberger
 RB Kenny Watson
 RB Reuben Droughns
 RB Laurence Maroney
 WR Heath Miller
 WR Wes Welker
 WR Santana Moss
 K Phil Dawson
 K Stephen Gostkowski
 D Atlanta Falcons
 D New England Patriots

Arctic

QB Donovan McNabb
 QB Tom Brady
 RB Jamal Lewis
 RB DeShaun Foster
 RB Marion Barber
 WR Torry Holt
 WR Antonio Gates
 WR Joe Jurevicius
 K Jason Elam
 K Kris Brown
 D Denver Broncos
 D Indianapolis Colts

Dutch Harbor

QB Todd Collins
 QB Marc Bulger
 RB LaDainian Tomlinson
 RB Adrian Peterson
 RB Ryan Grant
 WR Kellen Winslow
 WR Greg Jennings
 WR Calvin Johnson
 K Lawrence Tynes
 K Shayne Graham
 D Jacksonville Jaguars
 D Kansas City Chiefs

Lackawanna

QB Jon Kitna
 QB Jeff Garcia
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Maurice Morris
 RB Fred Jackson
 WR DJ Hackett
 WR Reggie Wayne
 WR Plaxico Burress
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Olindo Mare
 D Oakland Raiders
 D St. Louis Rams

Bagdad

QB Kellen Clemens
 QB Jay Cutler
 RB Reggie Bush
 RB Maurice Jones Drew
 RB Kolby Smith
 WR Santonio Holmes
 WR Lee Evans
 WR Chris Henry
 K Jeff Wilkins
 K Matt Stover
 D Seattle Seahawks
 D Baltimore Ravens

East Hartford

QB Derek Anderson
 QB Trent Edwards
 RB Willie Parker
 RB Jesse Chatman
 RB Kevin Jones
 WR Dallas Clark
 WR Derrick Mason
 WR Chris Chambers
 K Rian Lindell
 K Mike Nugent
 D Houston Texans
 D Tennessee Titans

Limerick

QB Peyton Manning
 QB Tarvaris Jackson
 RB LenDale White
 RB Fred Taylor
 RB Edgerrin James
 WR Donald Driver
 WR Benjamin Watson
 WR Dwayne Bowe
 K Robbie Gould
 K Morten Andersen
 D Carolina Panthers
 D Cincinnati Bengals

