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Pyles become worst-ever champions

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In an upset so stunning that no amount of David and Goliath references can do it justice, the Denver Pyles and their fiendish Messiah will be summed up thusly:

The louse that roared.

SWEENEY BOWL V

Denver 30 Lackawanna 22 A widely disrespected 18-point underdog, the lowly Pyles on

Monday managed a Magoo-like 30-22 victory over Lackawanna in Sweeney Bowl V.

In the process, Denver became the first Sweeney Bowl champion to win fewer than eight games during the regular season.

Brett Favre, the Pyle triggerman with a bazooka for a right arm and a cannonball for a brain, scored 20 points as the Pyles closed out their season with four straight victories.

Sweeney Bowl:

Previous Winners

1994: Denver 1993: Willow

1992: Scarborough* 1991: Hogtown 1990: Balboa

*Due to an investigation that uncovered scoring irregularities in the 1992 playoffs, Scarborough's Sweeney Bowl title is considered unofficial.

Despite winning their first-ever league championship, the Pyles still haven't had a winning season since 1991. Taylor, however, insists his team has earned a place in history.

"Just as the Jets legitimized the old AFL in Super Bowl III," Taylor said, "the Pyles victory delivers instant credibility to the TFL scoring system by reinforcing the axiom that genius begets success."

TFL Commissioner Scott Lacy called for the immediate abolition of the league, saying that "the thought of the Pyles as reigning Sweeney Bowl champs makes me bilious."

"Denver's victory makes it painfully evident that skill plays no part whatsoever in the pursuit of a Sweeney Bowl title," Lacy said. "We may as well run a lottery and aban-

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Jubilant Taylor mouths off in keynote speech

The following is a transcript of Pyles owner Mike Taylor's keynote address Tuesday at the Pyles' victory reception and parade:

My fellow foes and friends, Commissioner Lacy and fans, it gives me great pleasure to accept the 1994 Sweeney Bowl title on behalf of the Denver Pyles Football Club.

Many are calling this weekend's Sweeney Bowl result the fantasy football equivalent to Super Bowl III, in which the Jets toppled the Baltimore Colts. While I humbly reject comparisons to Namath, it's true that I, like Broadway Joe, did boldly forecast triumph when others could foresee only doom. Hence my new nickname, Cherryway Mike.

In achieving TFL supremacy, the Pyles have proved that knowledge of NFL personnel, snap decision-making and a dedication to excellence is rewarded with victory.

Hours before the Pyles secured vic-See *JUBILANT*, page 2

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TFL '95 registration forms due by Jan. 15

The longest off-season



FULTON WEASELTREE

The depression set in sometime on Tuesday.

When exactly did it begin? Well, it was after Pyles owner Mike Taylor left a paean to Pyle supremacy on the commissioner's voice mail, but before he graced league officials with a faxed transcript of his

speech at the Pyles victory parade. Now that I think of it, it was right

Now that I think of it, it was right about the time that Taylor called to announce that he would be sending a photo of himself wearing a T-shirt that reads "Denver Pyles — 1994 Sweeney Bowl champion," or "Pyle Pride," or some similarly vomitous assertion.

It was about then that it hit me. Unlike the Sweeney Bowl champions of the past, who followed up their victories with sterling impersonations of Salman Rushdie, the Pyle Prattler would take every opportunity to analyze and dissect his team's championship season.

He would be no John Sweeney, who fled to another league after Sweeney Bowl I. Nor would he be a Van Williams, the Sweeney Bowl IV winner who fled, presumably, to another galaxy.

Paul Ramey, the legend goes, never uttered another peep after his Sweeney Bowl II triumph.

We should be so lucky with Mr. Taylor. Oh, well. It's going to be a long eight months.

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Wailers send Bison to third straight

loss

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FLINT — After waltzing to within a single step of perfection, the Flint Bison this week stumbled to the floor in a flurry of left feet.

The Bison, who won their first 13 games, completed a stunning collapse with a 12-7 loss to Marley in the third place game.

Flint closed out the season with losses in its last three games.

Flint's Dan Marino, who finished second among TFL scorers, scored two points in his last two games.

Dec. 26, at Flint				
<u>Marley</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Flint</u>	<u>7</u>	
Elway	0	Marino	2	
Faulk	2	Thomas	0	
Floyd	0	Hill	1	
C. Carter	0	B. Jones	0	
Ellard	2	Taylor	0	
Reveiz	8	Boniol	4	
Cowboys	0	Bears	0	
Reserve Pts:	15	Reserve Pts:	11	
Total yards:	223	Total yards:	373	

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don any pretense of an actual talentbased competition."

Lackawanna's Steve Young, the league MVP, scored only six points.

Dec. 26, at Lackawanna					
<u>Denver</u>	30	Lackawanna	22		
Favre	20	Young	6		
Watters	0	Walker	6		
R. Moore	0	Centers	1		
Brisby	3	H. Moore	1		
Green	0	Birden	0		
Bahr	7	Elam	8		
Chargers	0	Bills	0		
Reserve Pts:	3	Reserve Pts:	28		
Total yards:	488	Total yards:	267		
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tory Monday night, I spoke with Commissioner Lacy. The embittered owner of the lowly Newts attributed Denver's remarkable run to a proper alignment of the galaxies and other inexplicable phenomena of timing.

Clearly he was joking. Alas, during this year's TFL draft, as I made my projections and completed the Pyles roster, my phone was a veritable hand-held Ouija Board, pointing me toward an alphabet of overlooked gems -- Favre, Watters, Bahr, Shapiro and others.

Having joined the select fraternity

of Sweeney Bowl winners, I am already looking ahead to next season when I aim to become the first repeat champion in TFL annals.

Assuming I'm not declared missing like last year's champion Van Williams, I'm making plans to spend my \$202 prize money on Pyle Tshirts and other memorabilia so fans can preserve this golden fantasy football moment.

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