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POWER POLL

The TFL Power Poll will make its debut after the week 4 games. The formula for ranking teams (total points - high score - low score X 2 divided by total games played - 2) requires at least four games be played to get a true representation of how strong each team is.

INJURY POLICY

Just a reminder, injured reserve moves are free as long as the person you have on the I.R. does not play. If they do, you must pay \$5 for carrying an extra person. Then you must drop someone immediately, or the commissioner will drop someone for you. It is your responsibility to keep up with your injured players.

BYE POLICY

This is the first week of NFL byes, with Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Cincinnati and Tennessee off.

As stated in rule T.3, you can only pick up a player on a one-week reserve contract if your backup at that position is also on the bye. Then, the move will cost \$5.

This has been loosely enforced in the past, but will be followed this year.

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Taylor claims he's tied for ATWO lead

By Donkey Hota

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After three years of aimless roaming, the TFL's favorite prehistoric beast appears headed for home.

The Perennially Great Denver Pyles, cursed in recent seasons by bad luck, draft-night tequila and Rashaan Salaam — some would say the resultant Rashaan Salaam — are clearing shelf space for the return of the beloved T-Rex, who last rested atop the Mile-High mantle in 1994.

The Pyles' return to prominence began a few Saturday nights ago with their new draft strategy: Wait until round 5 for the first celebratory tequila shot, and follow it up with lime. No lemons.

This approach, made easier by the round-4 selection of Salaam by Chris ("That's Why We're Pee Wee Champs") Reidy, appears to be paying off for Denver. Since their 0-5 start a year ago, the Pyles have been the TFL's hottest team, winning eight of their last 11 games. Two weeks into this season they're one of only three unbeaten, along with Marley and Dugway.

Even Scott Lacy, whose Newts slipped to 1-1 with a loss in Week 2, has

All-Time Victories List

Rk.	Team	Reg. season				Postseason			Overall	
		W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W-	L-T
1.	Bagdad	55	44	1	.555	0	8	.000	55	52-1
2.	Denver	53	47	0	.530	2	5	.286	55	52-0
3.	Alaska	49	48	3	.505	2	4	.333	51	52-3
4.	Narcoossee	49	50	1	.495	3	2	.600	52	52-1
5.	Dugway	45	40	1	.529	3	3	.500	48	43-1
6.	Baltimore	44	53	3	.455	3	3	.500	47	56-3
7.	Dutch Harbor	42	41	3	.506	2	2	.250	44	43-3
8.	East Hartford	38	33	1	.535	4	4	.500	42	37-1
9.	Limerick	35	34	3	.507	5	1	.833	40	35-3
10.	Sarasota	30	42	0	.417	0	1	.000	30	43-0
11.	Marley	25	18	1	.580	5	3	.625	30	21-1
12.	Flint	24	18	2	.568	0	2	.000	24	20-2
13.	Willow	24	32	2	.431	3	2	.600	27	34-2
14.	Anchorage	19	23	1	.443	4	3	.571	23	26-1

expressed a reverence of sorts for the PG Pyles. Asked about his inability to remain alone atop the TFL all-time victory list more than a few months (he's now tied with Taylor at 55 wins), the embittered owner of the Bagdad Newts said nothing. You'd have to go back to O.J. to find a more damning silence.

So, where was Lacy when duds Ki Jana Carter and Anthony Miller were being planted on his roster? Sleeping? Chipping golf balls?

In truth, leading up to this week, Lacy had stretched his luck as far as it could go, first with his winning TD catch and run at the convention's annual touch football classic, and later by putting up

70-plus points in Week 1 with a Newts lineup devoid of any talent whatsoever.

Predictably, the Bagdad Boss is trying to put a positive spin on suddenly having to share space atop the all-time victory list. In recent days he's told Trash-Talk readers not pay any heed to his 0-8 post-season record — a mark of futility that has allowed Taylor to quickly forge a tie atop the all-time victory list.

"Don't listen to Taylor," Lacy recently instructed a T-talk audience. "Regular-season victories are all that matter."

Do you believe that?

We believe Lacy believes it. Look at his record.

Where are the Newts going? Says here PeeWee's playhouse.

TFL Capsules

By Scoop Bias, Dugway Herald

The TFL hit a milestone last week, but it was hardly noticed by league owners too busy trying to get off to a fast start in 1997. Five of the league's 14 teams played their 100th regular season game.

And after 100 games, Bagdad's Scott Lacy and Denver's Mike Taylor are still fighting over who's the best owner. Picture this scene: Both men on opposite sides of a bar shouting at each other.

"Regular season," Lacy says.

"Playoffs too," Taylor barks back.

Now let it replay in your mind 100 times. Yes, it's a tired old act, but that's what makes the TFL special.

On to this week's games:



Limerick at Denver



Records: Loons 1-1; Pyles 2-0.

Series: Limerick leads the series 5-1.

Line: Limerick by 1.

Outlook: Rumor has it the Pyles have been up all night partying because they believe they have caught Bagdad for most TFL victories. You remember what happened last time the Pyles touched tequila.

Pick: Limerick 41, Denver 9.



East Hartford at Baltimore



Records: Ex-Eskimos 1-1; Barons 1-1.

Series: Series tied 4-4.

Line: Ex-Eskimos by 14.

Outlook: The Barons are having trouble breaking the 30-point barrier again. If Steve Katz thought it was going to work two years in a row, he's a fool.

Pick: East Hartford 41, Baltimore 27.



Dutch Harbor at Marley



Records: Dawgs 1-1; Wailers 2-0.

Series: Wailers lead series 2-1.

Line: Marley by 9.

Outlook: If Dutch Harbor can't slow Marley this week, the Horshack Division race may be over. Marley plays without superstar QB Vinny Testaverde.

Pick: Dutch Harbor 38, Marley 35.



Alaska at Dugway



GAME OF THE WEEK

Records: Oosiks 1-1; Experiments 2-0.

Series: Dugway leads series 5-2.

Line: Alaska by 3.

Outlook: Dugway owner Ken Sain begged this reporter not to make this the game of the week. "It will be the least exciting game of the week," Sain said. "Bingham might win by 70 points." Sain believes a combination of factors will cause his team to be routed. First, Alaska QB Drew Bledsoe will be playing against his former coach, Bill Parcels. Bledsoe has been playing with a chip on his shoulder all year, and should be out for blood on Sunday night. Second, Sain must sit two of his top three scorers, Eddie George and Natrone Means because of the bye. Sain's right. It'll be ugly.

Pick: Alaska 62, Dugway 13.



Flint at Anchorage



Records: Bison 0-2; Kitchen 1-1.

Series: Series tied 1-1.

Line: Anchorage by 8.

Outlook: There has only been one team to have a winning team after consistently scoring in the 20s. The Bison used up their good luck in that 13-1 season, so there will be no Barons-type luck this year.

Pick: Anchorage 35, Flint 26.



Narcoossee at Willow



Records: Nose Apes 0-2; Weasels 1-1.

Series: Willow leads series 3-2.

Line: Weasels by 1.

Outlook: It's the hard-luck team bowl. Narcoossee is giving up only 62 points a game. Nice defense Wit. Willow scored 49 and lost.

Pick: Willow 65, Narcoossee 65.



Sarasota at Bagdad



Records: Sharks 0-2; Newts 1-1.

Series: Bagdad leads series 6-1.

Line: Newts by 20.

Outlook: Least suspenseful game of the week. Scott Lacy owns Charles Coggins' team. In fact, the league may look into rumors the Sharks lay down for Lacy each year.

Pick: Bagdad 48, Sharks 5.

WEEK 2 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Dugway Experiments	2	0	0	96	54	42	48.0	62	38	24	31.0
Denver Pyles	2	0	0	78	45	33	39.0	59	38	21	29.5
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	1	1	0	103	70	33	51.5	95	54	41	47.5
Alaska Oosiks	1	1	0	92	54	38	46.0	78	45	33	39.0
Sarasota Sharks	0	2	0	48	27	21	24.0	62	33	29	31.0

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	1	1	0	85	49	36	42.5	78	39	39	39.0
Limerick Laughing Loons	1	1	0	81	49	32	40.5	80	64	16	40.0
Anchorage Kitchen	1	1	0	79	40	39	39.5	78	49	29	39.0
Flint Bison	0	2	0	46	24	22	23.0	82	42	40	41.0

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Marley Wailers	2	0	0	103	64	39	51.5	85	49	36	42.5
Willow Weasels	1	1	0	89	49	40	44.5	73	51	22	36.5
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	1	1	0	80	51	29	40.0	89	49	40	44.5
Baltimore Barons	1	1	0	45	29	16	22.5	59	32	27	29.5
Narcoossee Nose Apes	0	2	0	79	41	38	39.5	124	70	54	62.0

WEEK 2 RESULTS

Sarasota 21	Denver 33	Flint 22	Willow 40
Blake 9	Marino 3	K. Stewart 7	Aikman 0
J. Anderson 0	Davis 9	Faulk 0	E. Smith 4
T. Thomas 6	Phillips 1	Abdul-Jabbar 0	Dunn 10
Bruce 0	Sharpe 3	Coates 1	Carter 6
Sanders 1	Kennison 0	K. Johnson 2	Stokes 6
Pelfrey 5	Stover 11	M. Andersen 6	Carney 8
Oakland 0	Denver 6	Dallas 6	Kansas City 6
Limerick 32	Baltimore 16	Narcoossee 38	Dugway 54
J. George 14	Favre 2	Grbac 15	Elway 14
Watters 2	Murrell 0	Kaufman 8	E. George 9
A. Johnson 2	Allen 6	R. Smith 1	Means 14
McCardell 1	Freeman 1	Moore 1	R. Smith 0
A. Reed 6	Morton 0	Walls 4	Perriman 0
Blanchard 7	Vinatieri 7	Kasay 9	Cunningham 17
Buffalo 0	Baltimore 0	Pittsburgh 0	Cincinnati 0
East Hartford 36	Marley 39	Alaska 54	Bagdad 33
O'Donnell 6	Testaverde 8	Bledsoe 25	Everett 6
S. Davis 1	Bettis 10	Warren 0	K. Carter 0
Salaam 1	Barber 6	Hearst 8	L. Smith 1
J. Smith 6	M. Jackson 2	Martin 0	Pickens 11
McDuffie 7	Shepard 2	J. Reed 15	T. Brown 8
Hall 12	Elam 11	Hanson 6	Del Greco 7
Carolina 0	San Francisco 0	Tampa Bay 0	Tennessee 0
Dutch Harbor 29	Anchorage 40	Week 3 schedule	
McNair 1	B. Johnson 14	Limerick at Denver	
B. Sanders 15	Martin 9	East Hartford at Baltimore	
Levins 2	Hill 1	Dutch Harbor at Marley	
Irvin 0	Brooks 2	Flint at Anchorage	
Galloway 2	Harrison 4	Narcoossee at Willow	
Longwell 9	Boniol 4	Alaska at Dugway	
Green Bay 0	Minnesota 6	Sarasota at Bagdad	

TRANSACTIONS

Sept. 9, 1997
 Sarasota places K Brett Conway on I.R., adds K Kevin Butler.
 Sarasota waives WR Michael Westbrook, adds WR Wayne Chrebet.
 Flint reserves QB Kordell Stewart (Johnson also on bye), signs QB Kent Graham to a one-week contract.
 Dugway reserves RB Eddie George (backup Means also on bye); signs RB Jay Graham to a one-week contract.

Sept. 7, 1997
 Bagdad places QB Stan Humphries on I.R., adds QB Jim Everett.

Sept. 6, 1997
 East Hartford places RB Terry Allen on the I.R., adds RB Stephen Davis.
 East Hartford waives RB Mario Bates, adds RB Kimble Anders.

Sept. 5, 1997
 Limerick waives K Scott Sisson; adds K Michael Husted.

Sept. 4, 1997
 Marley places WR Mark Chmura on I.R., adds WR Lesley Shepard.

Sept. 3, 1997
 Flint places QB Kerry Collins and WR Jerry Rice on I.R., adds QB Rob Johnson and WR Jermaine Lewis.

Limerick waives RB Eric Metcalf, adds RB Leland McElroy.

Sept. 2, 1997
 Dugway trades the Jacksonville defense to Narcoossee for the New England defense.

Alaska places QB John Friesz on I.R., adds QB Warren Moon.
 Dugway waives RB Bam Morris, adds RB Raymont Harris.

Aug. 26, 1997
 Marley trades drafting positions with Denver for all rounds. Denver now drafts in the No. 3 position, East Hartford in the No. 14.

CURRENT ROSTERS

Alaska

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Warren Moon
 RB Chris Warren
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB Corey Dillon
 WR Tony Martin
 WR Jake Reed
 WR Vincent Brisby
 K Jason Hanson
 K Mike Hollis
 D Tampa Bay
 D Miami

Injured reserve

QB John Friesz

Anchorage

QB Brad Johnson
 QB Ty Detmer
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Larry Centers
 RB Greg Hill
 WR Robert Brooks
 WR Marvin Harrison
 WR Andre Rison
 K Chris Boniol
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Minnesota
 D St. Louis

Bagdad

QB Jim Everett
 QB Tony Banks
 RB Ki-Jana Carter
 RB Errict Rhett
 RB Lamar Smith
 WR Carl Pickens
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Anthony Miller
 K Al Del Greco
 K Steve Christie
 D Tennessee
 D N.Y. Giants

Injured reserve

QB Stan Humphries

Baltimore

QB Brett Favre
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Adrian Murrell
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Marcus Allen
 WR Antonio Freeman
 WR Johnnie Morton
 WR Shawn Jefferson
 K Adam Vinatieri
 K Cole Ford
 D Baltimore
 D Chicago

Denver

QB Dan Marino
 QB Erik Kramer
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Tim Biakabutka
 RB Lawrence Phillips
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR Eddie Kennison
 WR Derrick Mayes
 K Matt Stover
 K Chris Jacke
 D Denver
 D New Orleans

Dugway

QB John Elway
 QB Chris Chandler
 RB Jay Graham
 RB Natrone Means
 RB Raymont Harris
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Brett Perriman
 WR Bert Emanuel
 K Richie Cunningham
 K Greg Davis
 D Cincinnati
 D New England

Reserve

RB Eddie George

Dutch Harbor

QB Steve McNair
 QB Dave Brown
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB Dorsey Levens
 RB Gary Brown
 WR Michael Irvin
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Bobby Engram
 K Ryan Longwell
 K Todd Peterson
 D Green Bay
 D N.Y. Jets



Marley

QB Vinny Testaverde
 QB Gus Frerotte
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Tiki Barber
 RB Ernest Byner
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Irving Fryar
 WR Lesley Shepard
 K Jason Elam
 K Olindo Mare
 D San Francisco
 D Philadelphia

Injured reserve

WR Mark Chmura

Narcoossee

QB Steve Young
 QB Elvis Grbac
 RB Napoleon Kaufman
 RB Robert Smith
 RB Leon Johnson
 WR Herman Moore
 WR Wesley Walls
 WR Charles Johnson
 K John Kasay
 K Scott Blanton
 D Pittsburgh
 D Jacksonville

Sarasota

QB Jeff Blake
 QB Jim Harbaugh
 RB Jamal Anderson
 RB Troy Davis
 RB Thurman Thomas
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Chris Sanders
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 K Doug Pelfrey
 K Kevin Butler
 D Oakland
 D Washington

Injured reserve

K Brett Conway

Willow

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Troy Aikman
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Antowain Smith
 WR Cris Carter
 WR Derrick Alexander<
 WR J.J. Stokes
 K John Carney
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Kansas City
 D Arizona

East Hartford

QB Scott Mitchell
 QB Neil O'Donnell
 RB Stephen Davis
 RB Rashaan Salaam
 RB Kimble Anders
 WR Jimmy Smith
 WR O.J. McDuffie
 WR Mushin Muhammad
 K Gary Anderson
 K John Hall
 D Carolina
 D Seattle

Injured reserve

RB Terry Allen

Flint

QB Kent Graham
 QB Rob Johnson
 RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB James Stewart
 WR Jermain Lewis
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 WR Ben Coates
 K Morten Andersen
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 D Dallas
 D Detroit

Injured reserve

QB Kerry Collins
 WR Jerry Rice
 QB Kordell Stewart (rev.)

Limerick

QB Jeff George
 QB Todd Collins
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Anthony Johnson
 RB Leland McElroy
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR Keenan McCardell
 WR Andre Reed
 K Cary Blanchard
 K Michael Husted
 D Buffalo
 D Indianapolis

Injured reserve