

TFL Today

"A Beacon of Truth and Justice in a Topsy-Turvy World"

Bison skid reaches six

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The Flint Bison are winless as the Times Football League season churns toward October, but the seeds of Flint's demise were planted much earlier.

On draft night. In the first round, in fact.

"I remember it vividly," said TFL analyst Del Piper, who viewed the TFL draft on the league's closed-circuit telecast, TFL TV. "Flint's Don Carlock drafted quarterback John Elway, and immediately Denver owner Mike Taylor slumped to the floor and began pounding his fists in frustration. Taylor had the next pick, you see, and he had designs on Elway.

"I knew it right then. If Taylor envies one of your picks, then you know you've drafted a dud. So, really, Flint should've given up right there."

Piper's prophesy was correct. The Flint Bison, winners of the first 13 games in franchise history, have lost six straight since then. Their collapse has been as quick as it has been stunning, lending credence to pundits who dismissed Flint's 13-win season a year

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ago as the product of proper celestial alignment.

"Is this really a surprise?" asked Bagdad's Scott Lacy. "Flint's 13-win sea-

son was like an episode of 'Hong Kong Phooey,' the show about a boneheaded canine detective who keeps solving crimes without meaning to. Well, 'Hong Kong Phooey' went off the air, and now, thankfully, so have the Bison."

What's wrong with the Bison? In short, they lack talent. Carlock squandered his second-round pick on Mario Bates, whose only distinction is that he once did a Peter McNeely impersonation for teammate Lorenzo Neal.

The other problem is Carlock's seeming reluctance to bail out a steadily sinking ship. The Bison are 0-3, but Carlock has made no moves to shore up a roster long on nobodies.

And the future looks grim. The Bison this week face the Bagdad Newts, a top-shelf franchise ready to explode after an uncustomary 1-2 start.

The only other winless team is Willow, who won Sweeney Bowl IV but has been a pedestrian franchise ever since. The Weasels will seek their first victory this weekend at East Hartford.



Bo Knows

Bo CEPHUS' TFL PICKS

GAME OF THE WEEK: Sarasota (2-1) at Anchorage (3-0). Dr. Strangelove (aka Nate Sagan), a habitual abuser of psychedelic chemicals, obviously cast a hypnotic trance over the TFL to create the illusion of a 3-0 record and a league-high 161 points. Erickson, Bailey, Loville, Meggett? This team sucks. Jerry Rice and Irving Fryar can't possibly score all those points. Did Dr. Strangelove spike Ken's Jalapeno dip

with hallucinogenic mushrooms? The Sharks are feeling sleepy, very sleeeeeeepy. *Kitchen 43, Sharks 36.*

Dutch Harbor (2-1) at Baltimore (1-2). Who knew the TFL had a bye week? *Dutch Harbor 37, Baltimore 22.*

Bagdad (1-2) at Flint (0-3). What goes around comes around: Flint leads the league in bad luck (i.e., points against.) *Bagdad 20, Flint 19.*

Willow (0-3) at East Hartford (1-2). The Weasels are almost as pathetic as the Newts. *East Hartford 39, Willow 14.*

Narcoossee (1-2) at Alaska (2-1). God help us all, Charles has a great team. Oh, did I say that out loud? *Alaska 51, Narcoossee 21.*

Denver (1-2) at Marley (3-0). A clash between two owners wearing skirts. *Marley 41, Denver 29.*

Dugway (2-1) at Limerick (2-1). It's impossible to be married and lucky at the same time. *Dugway 39, Limerick 30.*

Bo's record: Last week (4-3), season (8-6).

TFL LINE

Favorite		Underdog	
Dutch Harbor	15	BALTIMORE	
FLINT	10	Bagdad	
E. HARTFORD	25	Willow	
ANCHORAGE	7	Sarasota	
ALASKA	30	Narcoossee	
MARLEY	12	Denver	
Dugway	9	LIMERICK	

Willow: Flop go the Weasels

By Scoop Bias
Dugway Herald

DUGWAY, Utah—The Times Football League season is almost a fourth of the way over, so it's time to look at some of the teams and notes from the sixth season.

BACK WHERE THEY BE-LONG: The biggest question mark entering the season were the Willow Weasels. Would they be the God-awful team of 1992, which finished 5-9? Or the Sweeney Bowl championship team of 1993?

Erase the question mark. Willow blows. The Weasels are 0-3, and what's worse, they've scored only 66 points all season.

"I've scored more often in a room full of lesbians," Dugway's Ken Sain said.

Willow's Van Williams, whose TFL career has been characterized by silence, emerged this week from the shadows to issue a statement to TFL Today.

"I just want you guys to know that you might be laughing at me now, but I'm unbeaten in the Daily News Football League," Williams said. "I know that doesn't mean much, but at least I've got something going for me."

BIGGEST SURPRISE: Anchorage. No one bet against the Kitchen starting the season 3-0—that's because they were too busy laughing at their roster. Still, there's no way Irving Fryar continues to score 18 points a game, and even Jerry Rice will be held to a touch-down one of these days.

And if anyone thinks Jim Everett is really going to throw 42 touchdowns this year, please pinch yourself. No way this team makes the playoffs. (Didn't we way that about Flint last year?)

HELLO REALITY: Some punishments fit the crime. Last year, a lackadaisical Don Carlock strolled into the league and immediately won 13 straight games.

"What's so hard about winning in the TFL?" Carlock was quoted as saying.

This year the Bison are 0-3. Rival owners are dancing with joy.

"If anyone deserves to set the season record for defeats, it's Flint," Sain said.

"Never has such an unworthy owner had so much success. He should lose 20 straight to make up for the unbelievable luck he had in 1994."

BYE, BYE BLUES. Sain has been mumbling more than usual as TFL teams begin preparing for the first of the NFL bye weeks.

But which team benefits the most? Denver, who avoids facing two No. 1 picks, one of which is high-scoring quarterback Steve Young. Bagdad, the commissioner's team, misses out on playing Emmitt Smith.

FREQUENT FLYER: Sain is also upset with the way the league schedule was drawn up. The Experiments opened up a six-week stretch in which they have five road games, most of them on the opposite side of the world from the previous week.

Dugway began with a short 763-mile trip to Bagdad, Ariz., to beat the Newts. This week the Test Tubes travel 2,059 miles to Portland, Maine, for a game against the We're Not Laughing Anymore Because We're Married Loons.

Then, the Experiments travel 5,327 miles to Anchorage to play the Kitchen, back 3,911 miles to Dugway to face Marley, then back 4,811 miles to Alaska to meet Dutch Harbor somewhere off the coast of Russian, then 7,148 miles more to Narcoossee, Fla., to play the Grape Apes.

"That's 24,469 miles in six weeks," Sain said. "It's obvious Lacy is trying to wear down my team so I won't claim my third [actually second] divisional crown in three years. Another 1,000 miles and this road trip would be the equivalent of a trip around the world."

Informed of Sain's remarks, Lacy was philosophical: "I pay no attention, really. You have to realize that this is just Sain warming up his alibis for when the Boob Tubes fall face-first in the toilet."

INSIDE THE TFL

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Ken Sain,
on hapless Weasels

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"That bastard [Scott] Lacy did it to us again," Sain said. "He's deliberately trying to ruin the Test Tubes."

Sain figured out which teams benefit most from the byes.



Sain

Denver, Dutch Harbor, Baltimore and Flint each play two games against teams that will have to bench the first-round draft pick because of byes. That means four teams do not get to play another team when its No. 1 pick is idled by the by week: Sarasota, Alaska, Marley and Dugway.

TRANSACTIONS

ANCHORAGE—Acquired running back Robert Green. Released running back Robert Bailey.

EAST HARTFORD—Signed running back Harold Green to a one-week reserve contract.

SARASOTA—Signed running back Derrick Fenner and wide receiver Quinn Early to a one-week reserve contract.

Standings

Barbarino

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Alaska	2	1	0	133	108
Dugway	2	1	0	128	93
Sarasota	2	1	0	119	105
Denver	1	2	0	99	100
Bagdad	1	2	0	68	80

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Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Anchorage	3	0	0	161	108
Limerick	2	1	0	87	88
E. Hartford	1	2	0	98	109
Flint	0	3	0	98	159

Horshack

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Marley	3	0	0	150	102
Dutch Harbo	2	1	0	102	93
Narcoossee	1	2	0	89	110
Baltimore	1	2	0	88	117
Willow	0	3	0	68	125

Last Week's Results

Denver 46, Baltimore 30
 Dugway 29, Bagdad 17
 Dutch Harbor 29, East Hartford 24
 Marley 54, Sarasota 39
 Anchorage 62, Dutch Harbor 42
 Alaska 47, Willow 29
 Limerick 27, Narcoossee 18

This Week's Games

Dutch Harbor at Baltimore
 Bagdad at Flint
 Willow at East Hartford
 Sarasota at Anchorage
 Narcoossee at Alaska
 Denver at Marley
 Dugway at Limerick

Games of Sept. 17

Denver	46	Baltimore	30
Cunningharr	18	Bledsoe	0
Sanders	13	Floyd	3
Salaam	1	G. Brown	0
A. Miller	0	F. Barnett	6
D. Scott	11	Bruce	3
Elam	3	Andersen	15
Vikings	0	49ers	3

D. Harbor	29	E. Hartford	24
Aikman	8	Marino	6
Hearst	3	Hampton	2
Rhett	1	D. Moore	0
Irvin	12	Pickens	11
Coates	1	Westbrook	2
Brien	4	Anderson	3
Raiders	0	Eagles	0

Flint	42	Anchorage	62
Elway	16	Everett	26
Bates	0	Loville	7
Heyward	9	Meggett	0
A. Reed	2	Rice	14
W. Davis	6	Fryar	0
Boniol	3	Carney	9
Chargers	6	Chiefs	6

Power Poll

1. Marley	145.7
2. Anchorage	139.5
3. Dugway	125.9
4. Alaska	111.7
5. Sarasota	109.0
6. Flint	101.1
7. Dutch Harbor	101.1
8. East Hartford	99.3
9. Denver	98.1
10. Narcoossee	88.7
11. Baltimore	87.6
12. Limerick	82.1
13. Bagdad	69.2
14. Willow	56.7

Dugway	29	Bagdad	17
Favre	12	Hostetler	0
Watters	8	Faulk	12
Russell	0	R. Moore	0
Brooks	6	Pritchard	0
Moore	0	E. Green	0
Pelfrey	3	Hanson	5
Bucs	0	Steelers	0

Sarasota	39	Marley	54
Testaverde	12	Blake	18
Warren	9	E. Smith	17
Thomas	6	M. Allen	1
Brisby	0	C. Carter	6
Metcalf	8	Haynes	7
N. Johnson	4	Reveiz	5
Saints	0	Cowboys	0

Willow	29	Alaska	47
Moon	12	Young	26
Means	1	Bennett	2
Kirby	7	T. Allen	2
Brown	1	Mathis	8
Sharpe	0	Martin	1
Ford	5	Stover	2
Packers	3	Bengals	6

Narcoossee	18	Limerick	27
Kelly	0	George	12
B. Morris	0	Bettis	7
Hoard	2	Parmalee	6
H. Moore	1	Rison	0
Graham	1	R. Moore	0
Stoyanovich	11	Cofer	2
Browns	3	Colts	0

TFL Leaders

1. Young	65	6. Testaverd	41
2. Smith	58	7. Elway	40
3. Favre	50	8. Blake	39
4. Everett	45	9. Marino	37
Rice	45	10. Brooks	33