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TFL's inept scramble for scraps

Sagan wins LeShon sweepstakes; Tuttell whiffs in three bids for an RB

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It happens every year.

In the second or third week of the season, somebody goes wild who no team drafted or knew about, and the race is on to pick him up.

This race is not to the swift, but to the losingest.

Two weeks ago the Denver Pyles tried to turn things around after an 0-2 start by picking up Keith Jackson after Jackson's 3-touchdown game. The Pyles have since lost two more in a row, including this week, when they were so enamored of Jackson that they played him and benched Andre Rison's 18 points.

This week, no fewer than five other teams joined the party, when the Narcoosee Nose Apes; defending champion Anchorage Kitchen; the Alaska Dicks; the Dugway Tubes, and the Marley Wailers all went after Leshon Johnson, the Arizona superback who had run like Jim Brown, O.J. Simpson and Walter Payton rolled into one in the Cardinals' victory over New Orleans.

And he wasn't even Anchorage's first choice. The Kitchen picked Oakland's Napoleon Kaufmann, but Pyles owner Mike Taylor had acquired him by listing him as first choice and being 0-4. Taylor, who had scored a putrid 9 points in a 20-9 dirt nap to Anchorage, didn't even list Johnson among his choices.

Peculiar, this correspondent thought, that the worst team didn't even bite on Johnson's 2-touchdown, 215-yard day. "Well, he's not very smart, and that's why he's 0-4," Anchorage owner Nate Sagan said of Taylor when reached late Tuesday night. "And you can quote me on that."

So Sagan was awarded Johnson in a tiebreaker by points over the Nose Apes' Wit Tuttell, both of whom are 1-3, but of

whom only Tuttell was "smart" enough to list the running back as first choice.

Said Tuttell, too late: "I'm hopefully in the running for the LeShon Sweepstakes. My record stinks and so does my team. This is my strategy. Stink earlier, and pick up a bunch of good players, and then be decent."

Tuttell won nothing this week but the Bad Luck of the Week Award. His first choice had been Johnson; his second choice, Kaufmann, and his third choice, Saints RB Ray Zellars. But Baltimore's Steve Katz had

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picked Zellars up the previous week.

Sorry, Wit, try again. You're in the same boat as Alaska's Charles Bingham, who, along with Dugway's Ken Sain and Marley's Michele Fetsko, also put in a claim for Johnson. But Bingham and Sain are 3-1, and Marley, 2-2, and Bingham, especially, doesn't need help after scoring 69 points in trouncing Willow.

The season's first trade took place Monday, as the running back-starved Flint Bison packaged Mario Bates and Andre Reed in a deal with the Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts for Thurman Thomas and Eddie Kennison. It leaves Flint with two bye-week running backs on his roster heading into his game with Baltimore, forcing him to play Aaron Craver and pick up a second back on waivers to fully staff his team.

Further, when Marshall Faulk comes back from his sprained toe, Carlock will drop Craver and have three backs from the AFC East, but at that point, the division will be past its bye week and Carlock will simply have a strong backfield.

"I'd rather give up a loss and be strong for the rest of the year than go into a game with no running backs," he said.

He could have asked for Karim Abdul-Jabbar in the trade, but said, "I wanted Thurman Thomas. I don't think Jabbar is the man down in Miami." Carlock said Jabbar has shot his load and will decrease in productivity, with Irving Spikes, who also belongs to Flint, instead coming into his own.

We shall see.

TRANSACTIONS

ANCHORAGE—Acquired running back LaShon Johnson. Waived running back Natrone Means.

BAGDAD—Acquired quarterback Bobby Hebert. Waived quarterback Gus Frerotte.

DENVER—Acquired running back Napoleon Kaufman. Waived running back Jamal Anderson.

FLINT—Traded Andre Reed and Mario Bates to Bagdad for Thurman Thomas and Eddie Kennison. Released running back Irving Spikes.

Standings

Barbarino

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bagdad	4	0	0	173	91
Dugway	3	1	0	184	130
Alaska	3	1	0	158	120
Sarasota	1	3	0	116	144
Denver	0	4	0	96	144

Kotter

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Flint	3	1	0	141	123
Limerick	2	2	0	115	135
East Hartford	1	2	1	130	136
Anchorage	1	3	0	102	131

Horshack

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	125	120
Dutch Harbor	2	2	0	170	146
Marley	2	2	0	145	158
Willow	1	2	1	135	178
Narcoossee	1	3	0	110	140

Last Week's Results

Alaska 69, Willow 27
 Baltimore 56, Limerick 20
 Marley 52, Flint 35
 Dugway 46, Dutch Harbor 37
 Sarasota 35, Narcoossee 22
 Bagdad 30, East Hartford 21
 Anchorage 20, Denver 9

Games of Sept. 29

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

Games of Sept. 22

Bagdad	30	E. Hartford	21	Limerick	20	Baltimore	56
Harbaugh	6	Bledsoe	7	Peete	0	Mitchell	37
Watters	18	B. Sanders	1	Murrell	0	Kirby	0
Abdul-Jabbar	0	Russell	1	Crockett	2	Zellars	1
H. Moore	1	Bruce	7	Early	0	Galloway	0
Stokes	0	D. Sanders	0	Emanuel	11	Jones	0
Hanson	5	Stoyanovich	5	M. Andersen	4	G. Anderson	15
Patriots	0	Redskins	0	Colts	3	Giants	3
D. Harbor	37	Dugway	46	Willow	27	Alaska	69
George	6	Favre	15	Marino	0	Brunell	34
McElroy	0	T. Davis	19	Bennett	0	J. Stewart	0
R. Smith	8	Phillips	0	Allen	7	Hampton	2
Mathis	9	Vanover	0	Brooks	6	Rice	7
Coates	6	Freeman	0	Perriman	13	Martin	25
G. Davis	8	Sisson	12	Boniol	1	Wilkins	1
Jets	0	Chiefs	0	Seahawks	0	Jaguars	0
Marley	52	Flint	35	Sarasota	35	Narcoossee	22
Beuerlein	14	Moon	14	Hostetler	20	Young	7
E. Smith	6	Bates	0	Martin	8	Allen	8
H. Williams	0	Craver	0	Heyward	0	Biakabataka	1
Conway	16	A. Reed	0	C. Carter	1	Metcalf	2
McCardell	0	T. Brown	18	Haynes	0	Harrison	0
Carney	10	Jacke	3	Nedney	6	Blanchard	4
Chargers	6	Cowboys	0	Buccaneers	0	49ers	0

Power Poll

1. Dugway	156.4
2. Bagdad	147.1
3. Dutch Harbor	144.5
4. Alaska	134.3
5. Marley	123.3
6. Flint	119.9
7. Willow	114.8
8. East Hartford	110.5
9. Baltimore	106.3
10. Sarasota	98.6
11. Limerick	97.8
12. Narcoossee	93.5
13. Anchorage	86.7
14. Denver	81.6

Denver	9	Anchorage	20
Elway	0	Everett	6
J. Anderson	0	Loville	8
Salaam	0	Warren	0
Sharpe	7	A. Miller	0
K. Jackson	0	McDuffie	1
Elam	2	Hollis	5
Broncos	0	Falcons	0

TFL Leaders

1. Favre	79	6. Harbaugh	42
2. Mitchell	50	T. Brown	42
3. Brunell	49	8. T. Allen	41
Martin	49	9. T. Davis	39
5. Carney	45	10. Watters	38