

TFL Today

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

Lacy ups banana wager

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Stung by charges of political incorrectness and sexual deviance in the Narcoossee Notice, Bagdad owner Scott Lacy lashed out at the paper and Narcoossee owner Wit Tuttell by guaranteeing victory in this weekend's highly anticipated Newts-Nose Apes tilt.

Lacy's guarantee caused ripples in the fantasy football world. The Newts, who are No. 3 on the TFL career victories list, have never beaten the Nose Apes in five meetings since 1990.

"We will win the ballgame," Lacy predicted, speaking to reporters who had clustered in his gilded office at TFL Headquarters. "There is nothing in time or space that can be said with the same certainty. If I lose to Narcoossee again, I'll tattoo 'Apes Forever' on my right butt cheek."

Lacy reportedly was angered by his negative portrayal in the Narcoossee Notice, a 119-circulation newsrag owned and operated by writer/idiot savant Bo Cephus.

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In an article by Cephus, the Newts were described as "permanently putrid" and "ceaselessly cumbersome, and Lacy was quoted as saying he was "madder than

a retard working the lunch shift at a drive-through window."

"An absolute lie," Lacy said. "I never said that. What I said was, 'I'm madder than a spic who's dropped his taco.' Those are two totally different statements."

Lacy was also incensed by another Notice story that claimed he kissed Dugway owner Ken Sain and that Sain was "strangely excited by the raw, sexual energy of the moment."

The Notice stories were the latest chapter in a five-year feud between Tuttell and Lacy. The feud peaked last fall when Lacy promised to eat nothing but bananas for a year if the Newts lost to Narcoossee.

Tuesday, Lacy polished off a meal of kosher-fried banana dogs before speaking to the media. Looking fatigued but upbeat, he said he was ecstatic that his year-long banana binge was coming to an end.

"It was a lot tougher than anyone might imagine," Lacy said. "You don't believe me? You try to find a package of banana-flavored Tums at 11 p.m. on a weekday."



Bo Knows

Bo CEPHUS' TFL PICKS

GAME OF THE WEEK: Narcoossee (2-2) at Bagdad (2-2). This is one of the oldest rivalries in the league, and it brings with it much ugliness, hatred and repulsive behavior. But enough about Bagdad's Scott Lacy. Bagdad has scored only 101 points, fewer than any team in the league—including the Baltimore Barons. With a Nose Ape victory and Denver Pyle loss, Wit Tuttell will set the TFL record for victories. **Narcoossee 33,**

Bagdad 28.

Sarasota (2-2) at Baltimore (1-3). Even Katz can't keep Bledsoe from scoring forever. *Barons 31, Sharks 27.*

Denver (1-3) at East Hartford (2-2). Isn't it time for Reidy's annual fold and for Taylor to win a few games without scoring? *Pyles 16, Ex-Eskimos 12.*

Dugway (3-1) at Anchorage (4-0). The only thing that can stop Brett Favre is the bye week. Dr. Strangelove strikes again. *Kitchen 40, Tubes 25.*

Flint (0-4) at Marley (4-0). For the sake of all mankind, someone please stop her. *Bison 32, Wailers 31.*

Limerick (1-3) at Willow (0-4). Two years ago, Van Williams vanished right

after the draft; this year his team is playing Houdini. *Loons 21, Weasels 5.*

Dutch Harbor (3-1) at Alaska (2-2). Dawgs beware: Never, ever, bend over while playing the Dicks at Johnson Stadium. *Dicks 35, Dawgs 30.*

Bo's record: Last week (6-1), season (14-7).

TFL LINE

Favorite		Underdog	
Sarasota	10	BALTIMORE	
Narcoossee	12	BAGDAD	
E. HARTFORD	3	Denver	
ANCHORAGE	10	Dugway	
ALASKA	4	Dutch Harbor	
MARLEY	25	Flint	
Limerick	2	Willow	

Drowning them with his tears

By Morris Tinglenut
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For five years, TFL owners have been subjected to the “woe is me” routine of Dugway’s Ken Sain. But the Tubes owner, a long-time devotee of reverse psychology, has managed to outdo himself this year.

How, you ask? Easy. The concession speech.

Confused? Allow us to explain. Each Sunday, regardless of the score, Sain calls his opponent and launches into a well-oiled routine. It goes something like this:

OPPONENT: “Hello.”

SAIN: “Congratulations. The [team name] are a superior team and I just wanted to congratulate you on a dominating victory.”

OPPONENT: But, uh, you’re up by twenty-seven points, so—”

SAIN: “No, I admit it. We’re no match for the [team name]. You guys kicked our butts. We don’t belong on the same field with you.”

OPPONENT: “But I’ve only got Yancey Thigpen left. He’d have to score—”

SAIN: “No, no, no. I’ve got to face the facts. The [team name] are a juggernaut. To be honest, I may retire from the TFL as a result of this terrible beating.”

Through four weeks, Sain at one point or another has conceded to all four of his opponents. Frequently the speech arrives before Greg Gumbel’s 2:30 p.m. EDT halftime highlights. Sometimes even earlier. Against the Barons, in the season opener, Sain conceded before the games even started.

It’s hard to argue with the results, though. The Experiments are 3-1 heading into Week 5.

Not everyone is impressed. Nate Sagan, whose Kitchen host the Experiments this weekend, hinted that when Sain makes his concession speech this weekend, it will be a real concession speech. Sagan even dredged up a recent Anchorage disaster to make his point.

“After we get through with Sain and his Experiments, he’ll wish he was on that AWACS plane,” he said.

QUOTABLE—Pyles owner Mike

Taylor, as the Pyles headed for their third defeat in four games: “If the Pyles don’t prevail and drop to 1-3, I think we have every reason to maintain utter confidence. If you go back to the Pittsburgh Steelers’ first Super Bowl year, back in the days of ‘Jefferson Street’ Joe Gilliam, I think you’ll find that that team was 1-4. So

TFL TIDBITS—Dicks owner Charles Bingham has finally gave up on Herschel Walker. Four games into the season, Walker had produced zero fantasy points, a number that didn’t figure to head upward anytime soon. Said Bingham, who squandered a fourth-round pick on the former Denver Pyle: “I guess I

drafted the league’s highest-priced blocking back.” . . . Pyles owner Taylor accused Sain of practicing “bait-and-switch” techniques during trade negotiations that ended with Denver trading

running back Rashaan Salaam to Dugway for quarterback Steve Bono. Taylor claims Sain put first-round pick Brett Favre on the table, but quickly withdrew him after Taylor expressed interest. “Basically what Sain did was brandish a rib-eye steak but toss me a Bono,” Taylor said. . . . Despite his inability to land Favre, Taylor was relieved that Bono’s acquisition allows him to bench Randall Cunningham. Taylor, who favors large, brainless players, admits that Cunningham never fit the Pyles low-excitement, low-scoring offense. “Randall was definitely not Pyles material,” he said. “I knew when I drafted him that he had an eggshell psyche. I just didn’t think that that psyche would take only three weeks to be pulverized into calcium powder.”

INSIDE THE TFL

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we’re not worried, and we maintain our motto, ‘One for the middle finger in ’95.’”

PRaise FOR THE PEZ—After four weeks, the names atop the running back scoring list are no surprise. Emmitt Smith. Rodney Hampton. Marshall Faulk.

One name, however, doesn’t seem to belong. Harvey Williams, who has floated unsuccessfully around the TFL since 1991, is third among running backs with 27 points.

“What a bargain,” says Bagdad’s Scott Lacy, who drafted Williams with the No. 62 pick. “As if his long, graceful neck weren’t enough, Harv has some legitimate fantasy skills. Of course, playing with a powerhouse like the Newts no doubt has elevated his play.

TRANSACTIONS

ALASKA—Acquired running back Harold Green. Released running back Herschel Walker.

BAGDAD—Acquired running back Rodney Thomas. Released running back Ronald Moore.

BALTIMORE—Acquired tight end Keith Cash and running back Erric Pegram. Released wide receiver J.J. Birden and running back Gary Brown.

DUGWAY—Acquired running back Brad Baxter. Released running back Amp Lee. Signed quarterback Scott Zolak to a one-week contract.

MARLEY—Acquired wide receiver John Taylor. Placed wide receiver J.J. Stokes on injured reserve.

Standings

Barbarino

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dugway	3	1	0	161	123
Alaska	2	2	0	160	169
Sarasota	2	2	0	144	147
Bagdad	2	2	0	101	109
Denver	1	3	0	145	169

Kotter

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Anchorage	4	0	0	203	133
E. Hartford	2	2	0	151	151
Limerick	2	2	0	119	121
Flint	0	4	0	127	192

Horshack

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Marley	4	0	0	220	148
Dutch Harbo	3	1	0	147	108
Narcoossee	2	2	0	150	137
Baltimore	1	3	0	102	162
Willow	0	4	0	116	180

Last Week's Results

Dutch Harbor 45, Baltimore 15

Bagdad 33, Flint 30

East Hartford 53, Willow 42

Anchorage 47, Sarasota 25

Narcoossee 61, Alaska 25

Marley 70, Denver 46

Dugway 33, Limerick

This Week's Games

Sarasota at Baltimore

Narcoossee at Bagdad

Denver at East Hartford

Dugway at Anchorage

Dutch Harbor at Alaska

Flint at Marley

Limerick at Willow

Games of Sept. 24

D. Harbor	45	Baltimore	15
Aikman	7	Dilfer	6
Hearst	0	Floyd	0
Rhett	9	G. Brown	0
Irvin	3	F. Barnett	0
Perriman	8	Bruce	2
Brien	6	Andersen	7
Raiders	12	49ers	0

Willow	42	E. Hartford	53
Moon	14	Humphries	0
Means	15	Hampton	28
G. Hill	0	Green	6
Brown	1	Pickens	8
Sharpe	0	Wilson	0
Ford	12	Anderson	5
Packers	0	Rams	6

Narcoossee	61	Alaska	25
Kramer	27	Young	16
B. Morris	0	Bennett	1
Hoard	1	T. Allen	1
H. Moore	7	Mathis	0
Graham	10	Martin	2
Butler	4	Stover	5
Browns	12	Bengals	0

Bagdad	33	Flint	29
Hostetler	7	Elway	0
Faulk	13	R. Smith	12
H. Williams	0	Heyward	3
Pritchard	0	Ingram	0
M. Jackson	0	W. Davis	1
Hanson	13	Boniol	10
Steelers	0	Chargers	3

Sarasota	25	Anchorage	42
Testaverde	12	Everett	19
Metcalf	0	Loville	6
Fenner	6	R. Green	0
B. Jones	0	Rice	9
Early	1	Ellard	2
N. Johnson	6	Carney	6
Saints	0	Chiefs	0

Denver	46	Marley	70
Bono	13	Blake	26
Sanders	0	E. Smith	16
T. Davis	0	M. Allen	0
A. Miller	0	C. Carter	13
D. Scott	13	Haynes	1
Elam	8	Reveiz	14
Vikings	12	Cowboys	0

Power Poll

1. Marley	155.5
2. Anchorage	129.7
3. Dugway	117.1
4. East Hartford	111.2
5. Dutch Harbor	108.4
6. Narcoossee	107.3
7. Denver	103.2
8. Alaska	99.2
9. Sarasota	97.7
10. Flint	96.6
11. Limerick	80.9
12. Bagdad	76.9
13. Baltimore	75.0
14. Willow	75.4

Dugway	33	Limerick	30
Favre	12	George	6
Watters	0	Bettis	1
Salaam	2	Stewart	0
Brooks	6	Rison	6
Harper	6	R. Moore	14
Pelfrey	4	Lowery	3
Bucs	3	Jaguars	0

TFL Leaders

1. Young	81	6. Rice	54
2. Smith	74	7. Testaverd	53
3. Blake	65	8. Elway	41
4. Everett	64	9. George	40
5. Favre	62	Moon	40