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The week that was

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NARCOOSSEE, Fla. - Here was the week that was, and a weird one it was: East Hartford dealt Baltimore its third loss in four games, despite starting a receiver who was out for the year (Haywood Jeffires) and despite quarterback Drew Bledsoe scoring all of two points and getting outperformed by the Barons' Ty Detmer.

"I was surprised," said Ex-Eskimos owner Chris

Reidy. Terrific quote. But then, Chris has been feeling the effects of sleep-depravation for months.

Dugway trailed Anchorage by four and had Brett Favre and Michael Irvin playing Monday night. No sweat, right? As everyone saw, Favre gave Dugway and Ken Sain the points they needed but made them wait until the last minute to do it.

His inconsequential touchdown lob and a mere bonus point from Irvin were

the points that ended Dugway's 3-game losing streak and hopefully Sain's 'Woe Is Me' act, which, come to think of it, hasn't appeared much lately.

Last week the Tubes had fallen to Narcoossee, and Nose Apes owner Wit Tuttell, in a statement released too late for last week's deadline but too good not to use, said, "Ken never got in touch with me to tell me who won, but the only thing I can say is, I think that game and the

Nose Apes gave Ken a new definition to the phrase, 'Oh, the pain,' and that's why you haven't heard from him for a while.

"We're kickin ass, we're on a roll, we're gonna win the Sweeney Bowl. The only thing that can stop us," said Tuttell, "is some screwy rule thing, like last time, when I had a better record than a couple other guys in the playoffs, and I figured Ken would devise a way to screw me again. But I'm

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BO KNOWS

Ho-hum! The battle for the Horshack

By **Bo Cephus**
Narcoossee Notice

GAME OF THE WEEK: Baltimore (8-4) at Narcoossee (7-5). The Campaign for the Reign of the Horshack division. Can you feel the excitement?

The Clash for the Cash! The Fray for the Pay! The Brawl for it All! The Dispute for the Loot!

Hardly. It's the football equivalent of Jerry Cooney vs. Butterbean. When it comes down to talent, Katz's team is as barren as one of Janet Reno's ovaries.

The Nose Apes haven't noticed, but this is still a QB league, and Tuttell hasn't had a QB since the Lacy adminis-

tration.

Neither of these teams deserves to be in the playoffs. In a "Neither one is good enough to win a big game" special:

Barren Barons 21

No(QB)se Apes 21

Last week: 7-0.

Season: 146-0-1 (trust me).

Alaska (7-5) at Marley (6-6) — If Michele was a man, she would have a great team. Since she is of the other sex (so I'm told), she's just incredibly lucky.

Lady Wailers 48, Yoosiks 38

Dugway (7-5) at East Hartford (5-6-1) — Headline from Dugway: Sain on Suicide Watch! At this rate, Favre won't be the only one

needing pain killers after the season. On the other hand, Reidy stopped feeling any pain long ago:

QB Experiments 32

Former Eskimos Americans 21

Dutch Harbor (7-5) at Sarasota (5-7) — I predict that Casey will make the playoffs by replacing his entire lineup with free agents each week for the remainder of the season.

New Trick Dawgs 44

GuppySharks 11

Denver (5-7) at Limerick (7-5) — Cinderlla Limerick is talking playoffs despite being one of the lowest-scoring teams, but Denver will provide a midnight wake-up call.

Fairy Pyles 42, Loonellas 22

Flint (5-7) at Willow (2-9-1) — Which misery is worse, Pink Eye or Marriage?

Blissfull Bison 39

One-Eyed Weasel 12

Bagdad (9-3) at Anchorage (4-6) — Mark my words, every time Lacy goes to the Kitchen, the result is a mess. In a Burned Pizza Upset Special:

Kitchen Cleaners 37

Bagdad Take-outs 34

LATEST LINE

Favorite	Line	Underdog
MARLEY	11	Alaska
Baltimore	even	NRCSSSE
Dugway	odd	EHARTFRD
DHARBOR	up	Sarasota
Denver	down	Limerick
WILLOW	left	Flint
Bagdad	right	ANCHORG

Week

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used to it. No quarterback; doesn't stop me. Screwy rule; doesn't stop me. Nothing can stop me."

Not even Emmitt Smith. Tuttell may actually have shaken the Tequilla-induced fog he was in for the first half of the season, because Narcoossee led Marley, 38-29, with Smith playing Monday night.

No way anybody survives that, right? But the Green Bay defense kept Emmitt out of the end zone, and Smith's rushing yardage fell well short of making up Marley's deficit.

Narcoossee won its third straight and sixth of its last eight and set up a brawl at Simian Stadium with Baltimore this week, in the next-to-last game of the season, that could tie the Nose Apes for first place in the Horshack Division.

Marley has the second-most points in the league but is 6-6, and the Whalers' playoff prospects look grim.

"I'm very disappointed in my team," Tuttell said. "Steve Young is constantly injured. Stan Humphries only plays well when I don't play him. I'm taking the hands off approach,

because apparently that's the only way you can win in this league."

The Narcoossee-Baltimore tilt is the only game of the week in which both teams have winning records. Only one team does in the Kotter Division.

"You know what I think, I think we should take over the Kotter," said Tuttell. "Disband it. Any one of us (in the Horshack) could win that division. It's a disgrace. You can print that."

Dutch Harbor also crept to within a game of Baltimore and distinct Skoal-spitting distance of a playoff spot by beating Flint, despite getting not a point from Troy Aikman.

Willow trailed Limerick 32-8 with only Edgar Bennett and kicker Chris Boniol left. Seven field goals later, with Boniol's 23 points a TFL record for a kicker, the Weasels lost by one. Tantalized by the fantasy Gods but denied.

Alaska fell to 7-5, but Charles Bingham said, "I'm feeling pretty good about my playoff chances. Last year 8-6 was the cutoff point."

If he makes it, maybe the whole league should beg John Woodbury for an interim managing editorship in Bethel, Alaska next summer in preparation for the draft.

The Bagdad Newts have in the past two weeks wrested the league's best record away from Baltimore, but that

could still change if the Barons get Scott Mitchell back.

"When talking about the Newts, you're talking about a universe of good and positive things," said Scott Lacy. "We operate on divine providence. In the case of the Pyles, ignorance and swath is punished," he said, explaining that he had looked it up and swath means "something like intellectual laziness. (Taylor) has been asleep at the wheel for six years. It's a source of great comfort to me (that Denver will not make the playoffs). Jubilation, even."

There, that ought to get Taylor off his butt to do a column.

"This is definitely shaping up to be an intriguing stretch run," Lacy continued, his thoughts wandering on.

"It's going to be a very interesting final week. I suppose, mathematically, even the Pyles are still alive, cockroaches that they are."

"They refuse to give us the complete satisfaction of counting them out. I should add that the team I'm truly frightened of is Dugway."

Sain's reply?

"Bullshit."

Why anyone would fear Dugway is unknown. Though the Tubes lead the league in points, Favre needs his scoring touch back if Dugway is to scare anybody in the playoffs.

TFL Financial report

Income	
Franchise fees	\$1,400.00
Transaction fees	\$260.00
Fines	\$50.00
Total	\$1,710.00
Expenses	
Katz's costs	\$100.00
Sain's costs to date	\$0.00
Total	\$100.00
Pot \$1,610.00	
Sweeney Bowl winner	\$563.50
Sweeney runnerup	\$241.50
Third place	\$193.20
Fourth place	\$161.00
Fifth place	\$128.80
Sixth place	\$96.60
Regular season champ	\$80.50
Points scoring champ	\$80.50
Pee Wee Bowl winner	\$64.40

Who owes how much?

Here is the list of how much each owner owes the pot:

Owner	Amount
Charles Bingham	\$25.00
Nate Sagan	\$20.00
Scott Lacy	\$35.00
Steve Katz	\$20.00
Mike Taylor	\$35.00
Ken Sain	\$20.00
Casey Brogan	\$125.00
Chris Reidy	<\$25.00>
Don Carlock	\$10.00
Michael Bourque	\$25.00
Michele Fetsko	\$30.00
Wit Tuttell	\$30.00
Charles Coggins	\$10.00
Van Williams	\$0.00
Total	\$335.00

Time to pay the piper

The TFL office is going to make every attempt to pay the winners in January, allowing them to enjoy the cash before next fall.

To do so, you will have to pay your bill. Please send in the amount you owe to Commissioner Ken Sain after the final regular season game.

Thanks.

Send checks to:

Ken Sain
403-5 Riverside Dr. Apt. 22
Covington, KY 41011

Left Katzfused by the playoff race?

By Scoop Bias
TFL Today

DUGWAY, Utah — So you read former Commissioner Steve Katz's diatribe on the playoff picture in last week's TFL Today.

One question begs to be asked: What the hell did he say?

Never fear, my dear TFL followers, Mr. Bias is here with your playoff scoop.

Here's a look at each team and what they have to do to get in the playoffs.

WHO'S IN? As much as it pains us to say, Bagdad's Scott Lacy has clinched at least a wildcard berth. He can clinch his second straight Barbarino Division title with a victory this week over the pathetic Kitchen (yeah, last year's Sweeney Bowl winner, this year's toilet roll).

Only an act of kindness by some unnamed Diety can spare us the agony of Steve Katz in the playoffs. The Barons would have to lose both remaining games, then lose out on a tiebreaker. The Barons are fifth in the league in points scored, so that's unlikely.

WHO'S LIKELY IN? All Dugway has to do is win one of its two remaining games and the Experiments are in. They lead the league in points, so they will likely win any tie-breaker.

SO WHAT'S LEFT? If you figure those three

POWER POLL	
1. Dugway	80.2
2. Marley	80.0
3. Bagdad	77.6
4. Alaska	74.0
5. Narcoossee	71.0
6. Denver	69.6
7. East Hartford	67.6
8. Limerick	66.8
9. Baltimore	66.4
10. Willow	66.2
11. Flint	64.4
12. Dutch Harbor	63.8
13. Sarasota	63.6
14. Anchorage	55.6

teams are in — and you should — then that leaves three spots open to compete for the Sweeney Bowl.

Some team, no matter how pathetic they are, must win the Kotter Division and earn a playoff spot.

It appears Limerick will also avoid the embarrassment of being the first team to have the Iggy Rule forced upon them.

The Loons only need to win one of their final two games to clinch the Kotter title. If they lose both, East Hartford can win the division by winning its final two games.

That would make the Ex-Eskimos 7-6-1, and a good bet the Iggy Rule would allow a seventh team into the playoffs.

ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT: So four spots are gone, two to go. Those teams will likely come from this group: Narcoossee,

Dutch Harbor, Marley and Alaska.

Marley is 6-6 (but second in the league in points scored) and the rest are 7-5. Alaska and Marley play this week. I wouldn't want to be the loser and count of making the playoffs.

Baltimore and Narcoossee also play this week. If Narcoossee wins, it still has a shot at the division title.

Dutch Harbor plays Sarasota this week and can also win its second straight division title by winning both remaining games and hoping Baltimore and Narcoossee each stumbles.

THE REST: Denver, which will continue its streak of non-winning years (now 5 years and counting), has no chance of making the playoffs.

Neither does Sarasota, Flint.

Anchorage and Willow, the two teams that quit sending in their lineups three weeks ago, are the only teams to be officially eliminated from Sweeney Bowl contention.

For the sixth straight season, there will be no repeat winner of the coveted T. Rex Trophy, to be presented to the winner of the Sweeney Bowl next August at the TFL Convention.

But look at it this way Nate and Van, you'll always have the Pee Wee Bowl.

If the season ended today

Here is how each team in the TFL would be seeded for the Sweeney Bowl and Pee Wee Bowl tournaments if the regular season ended today:

Sweeney Bowl seeds

1. Bagdad 9-3-0
2. Baltimore 8-4-0
3. Limerick 7-5-0
4. Dugway 7-5-0
5. Alaska 7-5-0
6. Narcoossee 7-5-0

Pee Wee Bowl seeds

7. Dutch Harbor 7-5-0
8. Marley 6-6-0
9. East Hartford 5-6-1
10. Denver 5-7-0
11. Sarasota 5-7-0
12. Flint 5-7-0
13. Anchorage 3-9-0
14. Willow 2-9-1

The playoff matchups would be:

Wildcard week

Narcoossee at Limerick
Alaska at Dugway

Semifinals

Dugway/Alaska winner vs. Bagdad

Narcoossee/Limerick winner vs. Baltimore

Commissioner Ken Sain plans to propose a rule change at next year's TFL Convention so that teams are seeded regardless of division titles. For the second straight year, all the best teams will be in the top-seed's bracket. Last year the top three scoring teams were in the No. 1 bracket. That could happen this year.

WEEK 12 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts	9	3	0	462	57	17	38.5	381	90	12	31.8
Dugway Experiments	7	5	0	497	71	25	41.4	394	45	7	32.8
Alaska Oosiks	7	5	0	448	69	9	37.3	433	55	17	36.1
Denver Pyles	5	7	0	423	66	9	35.3	424	55	15	35.3
Sarasota Sharks	5	7	0	405	68	19	33.8	433	49	22	36.1

Kotter Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Limerick Laughing Loons	7	5	0	403	53	16	33.6	411	56	14	34.3
East Hartford Ex-Eskimos	5	6	1	404	49	17	33.7	386	70	16	32.2
Flint Bison	5	7	0	392	49	21	32.7	466	71	9	38.8
Anchorage Kitchen	3	9	0	341	49	14	28.4	406	50	9	33.8

Horshack Division	Record			Points for			Points against				
	W	L	T	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.	Tot.	High	Low	Avg.
Baltimore Barons	8	4	0	435	90	13	36.3	373	56	19	31.1
Narcoossee Nose Apes	7	5	0	432	55	22	36.0	396	54	22	33.0
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	7	5	0	401	70	12	33.4	393	46	17	32.8
Marley Wailers	6	6	0	474	58	16	39.5	417	65	12	34.8
Willow Weasels	2	9	1	394	56	7	32.8	546	69	13	45.5

WEEK 12 RESULTS

Dugway 32	Anchorage 29	Willow 31	Limerick 32
Favre 6	Everett 6	Marino 6	Blake 0
Davis 24	Warren 0	Bennett 0	Bettis 7
Centers 0	L. Johnson 7	Allen 1	Murrell 7
Irvin 1	Fryar 0	Chrebet 0	Emanuel 5
Owens 1	Reed 13	Perriman 1	Early 0
Vinatieria 0	Hollis 3	Boniol 23	Andersen 5
Chiefs 0	Vikings 0	Seahawks 0	Colts 8

Narcoossee 38	Marley 32	Sarasota 19	Bagdad 48
Humphries 9	Kelly 12	Hostetler 0	Grbac 13
Allen 2	E. Smith 2	Martin 6	Watters 16
Anderson 0	Morris 1	Floyd 6	Abdul-Jabbar 1
Glenn 0	Conway 1	Carter 1	H. Moore 7
K. Johnson 4	Jackson 11	Haynes 2	A. Reed 3
Blanchard 17	Carney 5	Johnson 4	Kasay 8
49ers 6	Lions 0	Buccaneers 0	Oilers 0

East Hartford 23	Baltimore 17	Alaska 16	Denver 27
Bledsoe 2	Detmer 7	Brunell 0	Elway 12
Sanders 10	George 1	Stewart 1	Byner 0
Russell 8	Hill 1	Hampton 0	Kaufman 1
Bruce 1	Galloway 0	Rice 7	Sharpe 0
Jeffires 0	Barnett 1	Martin 0	Beebe 0
Stoyanovich 2	Christie 7	Wilkins 8	Elam 11
Panthers 0	Giants 0	Jaguars 0	Broncos 3

Flint 23	Dutch Harbor 31
Tomczak 12	Aikman 0
Thomas 8	Carter 6
Faulk 0	Phillips 7
Brown 0	Coates 0
Kennison 0	Pickens 1
Jacke 0	Del Greco 8
Cowboys 3	Steelers 9

TRANSACTIONS

Nov. 17, 1996
1) Bagdad waives WR Desmond Howard, adds WR Derrick Alexander.

Nov. 16, 1996
1) East Hartford waives RB Reggie Brooks, adds RB Leroy Hoard.

Nov. 15, 1996
1) Baltimore waives RB Ray Zellars, adds RB Greg Hill.

Nov. 14, 1996
1) Limerick waives WR Anthony Morgan, adds WR Thomas Lewis.
2) Marley waives WR Yancy Thigpen, who was on the injured reserve list.

Nov. 10, 1996
1) Baltimore waives WR Derrick Mayes, adds WR Fred Barnett.

Nov. 6, 1996
1) Baltimore waives WR Darnay Scott, adds WR Charlie Jones.
2) Narcoossee waives WR Charles Johnson, activates WR Eric Metcalf. Narcoossee fined \$5 because Metcalf played.

Nov. 5, 1996
1) Alaska waives WR Fred Barnett, adds WR Terry Mickens.

Nov. 3, 1996
1) Marley trades K John Kasay to Bagdad for K Doug Brien and WR Andre Rison. Marley places WR Yancy Thigpen on IR.
2) Bagdad adds WR Desmond Howard.

Nov. 2, 1996
1) Narcoossee places WR Eric Metcalf on IR, adds WR Charles Johnson.
2) Narcoossee waives QB Brad Johnson, activates QB Steve Young.

Oct. 30, 1996
1) Dutch Harbor places RB Robert Smith on IR, adds RB Lawrence Phillips.
2) Dutch Harbor waives QB Trent Dilfer, adds QB Troy Aikman.

WEEK 13 GAMES

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

Alaska Oosiks

QB Dave Krieg
 QB Mark Brunell
 RB Rodney Hampton
 RB Garrison Hearst
 RB James Stewart (Jax)
 WR Jerry Rice
 WR Tony Martin
 WR Terry Mickens
 K Jeff Wilkins
 K Jeff Jaeger
 D Arizona
 D Jacksonville
Injured reserve
 QB Erik Kramer

**Current TFL Rosters****Marley Wailers**

QB Kerry Collins
 QB Jim Kelly
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Bam Morris
 RB Anthony Johnson
 WR Curtis Conway
 WR Michael Jackson
 WR Andre Rison
 K John Carney
 K Doug Brien
 D San Diego
 D Detroit

Anchorage Kitchen

QB Jim Everett
 QB Steve Bono
 RB Chris Warren
 RB LeShon Johnson
 RB Derek Loville
 WR Anthony Miller
 WR Irving Fryar
 WR Jake Reed
 K Matt Stover
 K Mike Hollis
 D Minnesota
 D Atlanta

Denver Pyles

QB John Elway
 QB Kent Graham
 RB Rashaan Salaam
 RB Napoleon Kaufman
 RB Ernest Byner
 WR Don Beebe
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR Keith Jackson
 K Jason Elam
 K Nick Lowery
 D Philadelphia
 D Denver

East Hartford Ex-Eskimos

QB Drew Bledsoe
 QB Gus Frerotte
 RB Barry Sanders
 RB Leonard Russell
 RB Leroy Hoard
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Ted Popson
 WR Heywood Jeffires
 K Pete Stoyanovich
 K Cole Ford
 D Carolina
 D Washington

Narcoossee Nose Apes

QB Stan Humphries
 QB Steve Young
 RB Terry Allen
 RB Mario Bates
 RB Jamal Anderson
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 WR Eric Metcalf
 WR Terry Glenn
 K Doug Pelfrey
 K Cary Blanchard
 D San Francisco
 D Oakland

Bagdad Red-Bellied Newts

QB Elvis Grbac
 QB Bobby Hebert
 RB Ricky Watters
 RB Harold Green
 RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar
 WR Herman Moore
 WR Derrick Alexander
 WR Andre Reed
 K Jason Hanson
 K John Kasay
 D Houston
 D Cincinnati

Dugway Experiments

QB Brett Favre
 QB Vinny Testaverde
 RB Terrell Davis
 RB Errict Rhett
 RB Larry Centers
 WR Rob Moore
 WR Terrell Owens
 WR Michael Irvin
 K Scott Sisson
 K Adam Vininteria
 D Kansas City
 D Buffalo

Injured reserve

WR J.J. Stokes

Injured reserve

WR Antonio Freeman

Flint Bison

QB Warren Moon
 QB Mike Tomczak
 RB Marshall Faulk
 RB Thurman Thomas
 RB Aaron Craver
 WR Tim Brown
 WR Eddie Kennison
 WR Johnny Morton
 K Chris Jacke
 K Scott Blanton
 D Dallas
 D New Orleans

Baltimore Barons

QB Scott Mitchell
 QB Ty Detmer
 RB Eddie George
 RB Terry Kirby
 RB Greg Hill
 WR Joey Galloway
 WR Charlie Jones
 WR Fred Barnett
 K Steve Christie
 K Gary Anderson
 D Baltimore
 D New York Giants

Dutch Harbor Dawgs

QB Jeff George
 QB Troy Aikman
 RB Lawrence Phillips
 RB Joe Aska
 RB Ki-Jana Carter
 WR Carl Pickens
 WR Terrance Mathis
 WR Ben Coates
 K Al Del Greco
 K Greg Davis
 D Pittsburgh
 D Chicago

Injured reserve

QB Neil O'Donnell
 RB Robert Smith

Limerick Laughing Loons

QB Jeff Blake
 QB Tony Banks
 RB Jerome Bettis
 RB Adrian Murrell
 RB Raymont Harris
 WR Quinn Early
 WR Bert Emanuel
 WR Thomas Lewis
 K Morten Andersen
 K Michael Husted
 D Indianapolis
 D Green Bay

Injured reserve

QB Rodney Peete
 RB Zack Crockett

Injured reserve

RB Tim Biakabatuka

Sarasota Sharks

QB Jeff Hostetler
 QB Chris Chandler
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Craig Heyward
 RB William Floyd
 WR Cris Carter
 WR Michael Haynes
 WR Frank Sanders
 K Norm Johnson
 K Joe Nedney
 D Tampa Bay
 D Miami

Willow Weasels

QB John Friesz
 QB Dan Marino
 RB Edgar Bennett
 RB Marcus Allen
 RB Darick Holmes
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 WR Michael Westbrook
 WR Brett Perriman
 K Chris Boniol
 K Todd Peterson
 D Seattle
 D St. Louis

Injured reserve

WR Robert Brooks