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# Weasels, Barons clinch berths

Now it's Narcoossee vs. Lackawanna for the tournament's top seed; entire Horshack Division may go to the playoffs

**By Baron von Butterbrain  
TFL Today**

BALTIMORE - Narcoossee, 10-3, and Lackawanna, 9-4, play this week to decide the tournament's No. 1 seed; the loser the No. 2. They will both be division winners regardless, because even if Narcoossee loses and Willow beats Baltimore, the Apes beat the Weasels two weeks ago and own that tiebreak.

The trouble is, we're not quite sure how Narcoossee's Wit Tuttell feels about this, because he has been spare with his words other than to quote someone else as saying the worm has turned.

We don't think it's because Baltimore ended his 6-game winning streak last week in a long-awaited matchup. No. No credit is due Baltimore for this. The Apes were on play-off-cruise already and had nothing to gain.

Lackawanna, though playoff



It's no reach to say James Stewart, shown here scoring against Pittsburgh, was a major part of Baltimore's victory over the Apes.

bound, could never breathe that easy until last week, when they clinched the Kotter by winning while East Hartford lost.

Willow and Baltimore joined the clinching parade, too. Are these two teams inextricably linked, or something? Must be.

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# Bang drum slowly in Barbarino

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They've met in one Sweeney Bowl, 1993. This week, Willow clinched one of the Sweeney Bowl Tournament's wild-card berths on Sunday with a victory over Anchorage, and Baltimore clinched one of the other berths the next night, when they beat Narcoossee.

Here's what that means.

Willow and Baltimore now meet to conclude the regular season, Willow 9-4 and Baltimore 8-5. It will be their rematch, with Willow having won in week 4, 51-49.

A Baltimore victory would tie the records but give the Barons undisputed possession of second place in the Horshack Division, since they have more points, and make them the 4th seed in the tournament and Willow the 5th.

A Willow victory finishes the Weasels 10-4 and the Barons 8-6, making the Weasels 4th and Barons 5th. And 4 plays 5 in the wild-card round of the playoffs, the very next week.

Thus, with Baltimore already in the playoffs, those in the Barons' front office aren't sure whether to care or not about even winning this week.

"You always want to try to win, but there's just no point to it on the surface," Steve Katz said. "The game we obviously need much more is the one the following week, the playoff game.

"But even though it doesn't matter, you can never take that attitude. Your pride always comes first."



Lackawanna might have been living on the Edgerrin, but you can't say it hasn't been good enough and then some. James lanced the Arctic Gators by scoring 19 points last week.



Corey Dillon blitzed the San Francisco secondary and the Tubes, with an 18-point explosion that has every street corner in Juneau buzzing. Ah, let them dream.

Dutch Harbor meets East Harbor this week, with both teams 7-6. Whichever one wins falls in behind Baltimore in the seeding, because the Barons have beaten both teams and have more points than either one. If it's Dutch Harbor, that puts one entire division in the playoffs.

If they tie, East Hartford goes, based on most points. If they tie and Limerick wins its game, to give us three 7-6-1 teams, the berth still goes to East Hartford, as they hold head-to-head advantage over the

**Holy Horshack, Batman!**

In any event, the worst Baltimore can finish is 8-6.

Loons.

And if that doesn't

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## Barbarino brawl

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cover every contingency, just shoot me.

**Let's meet our other contestants, Alex**

In the northernmost division, the loudness of the drumbeat is in inverse proportion to the teams' records. Denver plays Alaska this week. Two things will clinch the division for Bagdad. A Newt victory over Flint, or, even if the Newts lose, an Alaska loss to Denver. To wit:

If the 5-8 Pyles win, they knock the Oosiks back to 6-8, allowing Bagdad to back in even if they lose and finish 6-7-1.

If Bagdad beats Flint, they close 7-6-1, automatically the only winning record up there regardless of Alaska's result. At any rate, whoever lays claim is the tournament's No. 3 seed, and plays the No. 6 - the winner of the Dutch Harbor-East Hartford game - in the other first-round game of the playoffs.

Now, got all that? Hey, like we said once before, sometimes we make this stuff up, and sometimes we don't have to.

### **A sincere thank you**

We'll say this in a way that stops short of rubbing it in (although Mark Dolan didn't concern himself with such decorum). Two weeks ago in its loss to Arctic, the Dugway Tubes took over the Maryland Mania's line in the record book by losing their 8th straight game. The record was Maryland's 7, held since 1992.

Last week, down went another Mania record, as Dugway's loss to Alaska stretched the Tubes' winless streak to 9. The 1994 Mania had gone 0-7-1 before winning a game.

Rumor has it Ken's parents were keeping sharp objects away from him during his recent, Arizona vacation.

## The Tournament of Babes

How could anybody not vote for Pamela Lee Anderson?



Does this picture of Love answer your question? This one may be closer than people thought.

## WEEK 14 MATCHUPS



**Denver (5-8) at Alaska (6-7)**  
**Line: Even**

Can Alaska storm from out of nowhere to make the playoffs? We don't think Jake Plummer, Corey Dillon and Darnay Scott are too strong a guarantee, but stranger things have happened.



**Anchorage (6-7) at Dugway (4-9)**  
**Line: Dugway -3**

The Gods took away Vinny Tesaverde and Herman Moore. But 9 straight losses? Let's be sporting about it and hope the Gods have had their fun and let Dugway win one.



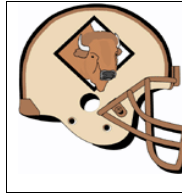
**Dutch Harbor (7-6) at East Hartford (7-6)**  
**Line: Flip a coin**

It's a case of the chickens coming home to roost, as the Dawgs throw Kurt Warner against the Ex'mos, with a trip to the playoffs on the line.



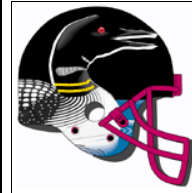
**Willow (9-4) at Baltimore (8-5)**  
**Line: Even**

Neither team needs a win, other than maybe to stay sharp. Win, lose or draw, one team is the 4th seed, the other the 5th, and they play again in the first round of the playoffs the following week.



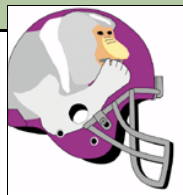
**Flint (4-9) at Bagdad (6-6-1)**  
**Line: Bagdad - 84**

A confident Bagdad team must be watchful of another Chandler-to-Mathis explosion. But the Newts' own, well-known tandem is more than up to it.



**Limerick (6-6-1) at Arctic (3-10)**  
**Line: Limerick -1**

The best Limerick can do by winning is to be the top seed in the Pee Wee Tournament, for reasons explained earlier.



**Narcoossee (10-3) at Lackawanna (9-4)**  
**Line: Even**

Edgerrin James can't do it all himself. The Lancers need a Brad Johnson bounceback week to win and gain the Sweeney Bowl Tournament's No. 1 seed. The Apes hope Favre rebounds one of these weeks. But these teams both have first-round byes no matter what touchdown away from Marvelous Marv. It's a helluva matchup on other fronts. Each team

## WEEK 13 STANDINGS

Barbarino Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
Bagdad Newts	6	6	1	526	75	15	40.5	422	63	9	32.5
Alaska Oosiks	6	7	0	379	64	11	29.2	397	65	8	30.5
Denver Pyles	5	8	0	420	63	14	32.3	471	65	16	36.2
Dugway Tubes	4	9	0	478	57	16	36.8	533	66	17	41.0
Arctic Gators	3	10	0	321	61	5	24.7	500	75	17	38.5

Kotter Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x Lackawanna	9	4	0	564	64	14	43.4	515	72	22	39.6
East Hartford	7	6	0	468	72	9	36.0	429	64	13	33.0
Limerick Loons	6	6	1	466	65	24	35.8	512	63	22	39.4
Anchorage Kitchen	6	7	0	498	75	15	38.3	513	67	11	39.5
Flint Bison	4	9	0	407	68	13	31.3	465	54	17	35.8

Horshack Division	Record			Points for				Points against			
	W	L	T	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.	Tot.	Hi	Lw	Avg.
x Narcoossee N.Apes	10	3	0	549	63	16	42.2	395	56	9	30.4
y Willow Weasels	9	4	0	512	61	17	39.4	445	59	15	34.2
y Baltimore Barons	8	5	0	544	59	25	41.8	539	75	17	41.5
Dutch Harbor Dawgs	7	6	0	448	48	19	34.5	444	64	5	34.2

*x clinched division; y clinched wild card*

## TRANSACTIONS

### Dec. 7

Dutch Harbor places QB Steve Young on I.R., acquires QB Kerry Collins.  
 Narcoossee Places RB Natrone Means on I.R., acquires RB Priest Holmes.

### Dec. 2

Baltimore waives QB Kerry Collins, adds QB Donovan McNabb. \$5  
 Narcoossee waives RB Kenny Bynum, activates RB Natrone Means.

Bagdad places RB Ricky Williams on I.R., adds RB Joe Montgomery.

Bagdad waives RB Chris Warren, adds RB Skip Hicks. \$5

### Dec. 1

Limerick waives QB Ray Lucas, adds QB Jeff Blake. \$5  
 Dugway waives QB Steve Stenstrom, adds QB Shaun King. \$5. Waives WR Sean Dawkins, activates WR Herman Moore. Fined \$5 because Moore played.

## WEEK 13 SCORES

<b>Baltimore 39</b> Peyton Manning 7 James Stewart 10 Greg Hill 0 Ant. Freeman 2 Ter. Wilkins 6 Mike Hollis 8 Green Bay 6	<b>Narcoossee 36</b> Brett Favre 6 Duce Staley 1 Charlie Garner 9 Marvin Harrison 7 G. Crowell 3 Jason Elam 4 Tampa Bay 6	<b>Bagdad 42</b> Jeff George 7 Joe Montgomery 9 Sedrick Irvin 0 Tim Brown 14 Cris Carter 6 Doug Brien 6 KC Chiefs 0	<b>E. Hartford 9</b> Drew Bledsoe 0 Emmitt Smith 2 Tyrone Wheatley 2 M. Muhammad 0 Rob Moore 0 Brett Conway 5 NY Giants 0
<b>Willow 33</b> Gus Frerotte 8 Ricky Watters 8 Ken Oxendine 2 Isaac Bruce 3 Randy Moss 0 Al Del Greco 6 Arizona 6	<b>Anchorage 29</b> Steve McNair 4 Fred Taylor 0 Jerome Bettis 0 Jimmy Smith 12 Albert Connell 0 Olindo Mare 10 Jacksonville 3	<b>D. Harbor 42</b> Kurt Warner 23 J.J. Johnson 1 Curtis Enis 8 Ike Hilliard 3 Curtis Conway 1 Richie C. 6 New York Jets 0	<b>Flint 40</b> Chris Chandler 18 Stephen Davis 1 Donnell Bennett 1 K. McCardell 3 Terance Mathis 6 Morten Andersen 5 Detroit 6
<b>Limerick 65</b> Jeff Blake 31 Eddie George 6 Curtis Martin 0 Shawn Jefferson 0 Rod Smith 6 M. Vanderjagt 16 Indianapolis 6	<b>Denver 63</b> S.Beuerlein 22 Olandis Gary 7 Robert Smith 3 Rocket Ismail 4 Carl Pickens 15 Michael Husted 12 Denver 0	<b>Lackawanna 43</b> Brad Johnson 6 Leroy Hoard 7 Edgerrin James 19 Joey Galloway 7 M. Robinson 0 Pete Stoyo 4 Pittsburgh 0	<b>Arctic 30</b> Mark Brunell 9 T. Biakabutuka 0 Warrick Dunn 0 E. Kennison 0 Keyshawn 11 Adam Vinatieri 7 New England 3
<b>Week 14 schedule</b> Denver at Alaska Narcoossee at Lackawanna Anchorage at Dugway Dutch Harbor at East Hartford Willow at Baltimore Flint at Bagdad Limerick at Arctic		<b>Alaska 57</b> Jake Plummer 12 Marshall Faulk 5 Corey Dillon 18 Darnay Scott 11 Corey Bradford 0 Ryan Longwell 5 St. Louis 6	<b>Dugway 27</b> Jon Kitna 12 Dorsey Levens 0 Mario Bates 0 Herman Moore 6 Wesley Walls 6 Todd Peterson 3 Dallas 0

# Who's got who (current rosters)

**Bold = free agent or trade pickup**  
*Italic = Injured reserve acquisition*

**Denver Pyles**  
**QB Jim Miller**  
**QB Steve Beuerlein**  
**RB Tommy Vardell**  
**RB Robert Smith**  
**RB Olandis Gary**  
**WR Carl Pickens**  
**WR Az-zahir Hakim**  
**WR Rocket Ismail**  
    **K Wade Richie**  
    **K Michael Husted**  
    **D Denver**  
    **D Cincinnati**  
*I.R. Terrell Davis*  
    *Shannon Sharpe*

**Narcoossee**  
**QB Brett Favre**  
**QB Randall Cunningham**  
**RB Priest Holmes**  
**RB Duce Staley**  
**RB Charlie Garner**  
**WR Marvin Harrison**  
**WR Tim Dwight**  
**WR Germaine Crowell**  
    **K Jason Elam**  
    **K Kris Brown**  
    **D Atlanta**  
    **D Tampa Bay**  
*IR Garrison Hearst*  
    *Natrone Means*

**Anchorage**  
**QB Steve McNair**  
**QB Elvis Grbac**  
**RB Fred Taylor**  
**RB Jerome Bettis**  
**RB Ahman Green**  
**WR Albert Connell**  
**WR Ed McCaffrey**  
**WR Jimmy Smith**  
    **K Olindo Mare**  
    **K Jeff Wilkins**  
    **D Jacksonville**  
    **D Washington**

**Dutch Harbor**  
**QB Kerry Collins**  
**QB Kurt Warner**  
**RB Terry Allen**  
**RB Curtis Enis**  
**RB J.J. Johnson**  
**WR Ike Hilliard**  
**WR Curtis Conway**  
**WR Terrell Owens**  
    **K Richie Cunningham**  
    **K John Carney**  
    **D New York Jets**  
    **D Carolina**  
*I.R. Steve Young*

**Willow**  
**QB Charlie Batch**  
**QB Gus Frotte**  
**RB Ricky Watters**  
**RB Antowain Smith**  
**RB Ken Oxendine**  
**WR Randy Moss**  
**WR Isaac Bruce**  
**WR Johnnie Morton**  
    **K Al Del Greco**  
    **K Norm Johnson**  
    **D Arizona**  
    **D Cleveland**

**Flint**  
**QB Akili Smith**  
**QB Chris Chandler**  
**RB Donnell Bennett**  
**RB Ron Rivers**  
**RB Stephen Davis**  
**WR Terance Mathis**  
**WR Ben Coates**  
**WR Keenan McCardell**  
    **K Morten Andersen**  
    **K Doug Pelfrey**  
    **D Minnesota**  
    **D Detroit**  
*I.R. Jamal Anderson*

**Limerick**  
**QB Jeff Blake**  
**QB Brian Griese**  
**RB Eddie George**  
**RB Curtis Martin**  
**RB Bam Morris**  
**WR Shawn Jefferson**  
**WR Tony Martin**  
**WR Rod Smith**  
    **K Mike Vanderjagt**  
    **K Brad Daluiso**  
    **D Oakland**  
    **D Indianapolis**

**Baltimore**  
**QB Peyton Manning**  
**QB Donovan McNabb**  
**RB Robert Holcombe**  
**RB James Stewart**  
**RB Greg Hill**  
**WR Antonio Freeman**  
**WR Terry Glenn**  
**WR Terrence Wilkins**  
    **K Mike Hollis**  
    **K Martin Gramatica**  
    **D Green Bay**  
    **D Baltimore**

**Bagdad**  
**QB Rich Gannon**  
**QB Jeff George**  
**RB Skip Hicks**  
**RB Joe Montgomery**  
**RB Sedric Irvin**  
**WR Kevin Johnson**  
**WR Tim Brown**  
**WR Cris Carter**  
    **K Steve Christie**  
    **K Doug Brien**  
    **D Tennessee**  
    **D Kansas City**  
*I.R. Cecil Collins*  
    *Ricky Williams*

**Arctic**  
**QB Mark Brunell**  
**QB Trent Dilfer**  
**RB Warrick Dunn**  
**RB Rob Konrad**  
**RB Tim Biakabutuka**  
**WR Keyshawn Johnson**  
**WR Eddie Kennison**  
**WR Bert Emanuel**  
    **K Adam Vinatieri**  
    **K Chris Jacke**  
    **D Miami**  
    **D New England**  
*I.R. Michael Irvin*

**Alaska**  
**QB Jake Plummer**  
**QB Damon Huard**  
**RB Marshall Faulk**  
**RB Corey Dillon**  
**RB Errict Rhett**  
**WR Frank Sanders**  
**WR Darnay Scott**  
**WR Corey Bradford**  
    **K Ryan Longwell**  
    **K John Kasay**  
    **D St. Louis**  
    **D San Francisco**  
*I.R. Dan Marino*

**Lackawanna**  
**QB Brad Johnson**  
**QB Doug Flutie**  
**RB Edgerrin James**  
**RB Jonathan Linton**  
**RB Leroy Hoard**  
**WR Eric Moulds**  
**WR Joey Galloway**  
**WR Marcus Robinson**  
    **K John Hall**  
    **K Pete Stoyanovich**  
    **D Buffalo**  
    **D Pittsburgh**  
*I.R. Gary Brown*  
    *Michael Pittman*

**Dugway**  
**QB Jon Kitna**  
**QB Shaun King**  
**RB Dorsey Levens**  
**RB Mike Alstott**  
**RB Mario Bates**  
**WR Wesley Walls**  
**WR Herman Moore**  
**WR M. Westbrook**  
    **K Todd Peterson**  
    **K Jason Hanson**  
    **D San Diego**  
    **D Dallas**  
*IR Vinny Testaverde*

**East Hartford**  
**QB Drew Bledsoe**  
**QB Troy Aikman**  
**RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar**  
**RB Tyrone Wheatley**  
**RB Emmitt Smith**  
**WR Muhsin Muhammad**  
**WR Rob Moore**  
**WR Tony Gonzalez**  
    **K Gary Anderson**  
    **K Brett Conway**  
    **D Seattle**  
    **D New York Giants**