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Week 15 line

Sweeney Tournament

Baltimore at	+ 9
East Hartford	
Lackawanna	+ 5
at Dutch Harbor	

Pee Wee Tournament

Alaska	+ 3
at Bagdad	
Limerick at	
Denver	+ 5
Flint at	+ 3
Tampa Bay	
Willow at	+ 8
Anchorage	

Beep, beep, beep: EH backs into the playoffs

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Special to TFL Today



East Hartford's Ricky Williams is one of seven first-round draft picks this year to finish among the top 16 scorers.

2nd guessing the 1st-round

Here's a look at when the top 16 scorers were drafted:

Rk.	Player	Team	rnd/pick	pts
1.	Rich Gannon	East Hartford	2/ 22	206
2.	Priest Holmes	Dugway	2/ 18	201
3.	Aaron Brooks	Baltimore	2/ 19	174
4.	Peyton Manning	Limerick	1/ 8	161
5.	Brett Favre	Tampa Bay	1/ 13	157
6.	Tom Brady	Narcoossee	7/100	153
7.	Jeff Garcia	Willow	1/ 3	150
8.	Ricky Williams	East Hartford	1/ 11	145
9.	Duante Culpepper	Denver	1/ 9	137
10.	Terrell Owens	Lackawanna	1/ 5	134
11.	LaDainian Tomlinson	Dutch Harbor	2/ 22	132
12.	Michael Vick	Anchorage	4/ 56	129
13.	Duce McAllister	Bagdad	1/ 16	125
14.	Marvin Harrison	Anchorage	2/ 25	124
15.	Hines Ward	Alaska	7/ 97	121
16.	Trent Green	Alaska	3/ 33	118

HEBRON — East Hartford owner Chris Reidy must have had something on his mind. Maybe he partied too hard after the Ex-Eskimos won their first division title since 1998.

Or maybe he was preoccupied with the game plan for the Ex'Mos' first playoff game since that magical Sweeney Bowl season in 1998.

Whatever was on his mind, it caused him to drive right past the parking space clearly marked "Reserved for Owner" at 1 Ex'Mo Road.

When Reidy realized his blunder, he stopped, shifted into reverse and carefully backed his car into its rightful slot. A fitting metaphor, some might say, for the route the Ex'Mos took back to the Sweeney Bowl playoffs.

"Yeah, I know a lot of people are saying we backed into the playoffs," Reidy said Wednesday. "But hey, I'd rather back in than back out."

The Ex'Mos closed the season with a 45-40 loss to the Nose Apes, giving them a 7-7 record.

They had been assured no worse than a wild card thanks to the Experiments' 61-23 beating of the Oosiks, but the Muldoon Division title was still up for grabs.

It wasn't until the Loons had held on for a 28-24 victory over the Barons that the Ex'Mos clinched their fourth division title.

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Power poll

The TFL Power Poll uses a formula that calculates how strong each team is on a weekly basis. It eliminates aberrations (high score, low score) and shows the true expected strength of each team on any given week.

1. Dutch Harbor98.8
2. Arctic97.0
3. Dugway96.3
4. Lackawanna90.3
5. East Hartford88.0
6. Anchorage87.3
7. Bagdad82.5
8. Alaska77.0
9. Limerick71.8
10. Narcoossee74.0
11. Willow73.3
12. Baltimore70.2
13. Tampa Bay66.8
14. Denver62.7
15. Flint60.7
16. Marley54.7

Money matters

Here is an update on the TFL pot:

Team	Fee	D	F	.....Total
Alaska	\$100	\$30	\$0	.....\$130
Anchorage	\$100	\$10	\$5	.....\$115
Arctic	\$100	\$10	\$0	.....\$110
Bagdad	\$100	\$35	\$0	.....\$135
Baltimore	\$100	\$30	\$5	.....\$135
Denver	\$100	\$5	\$0	.....\$105
Dugway	\$100	\$35	\$0	.....\$135
Dutch Harbor	\$100	\$25	\$15	.....\$140
East Hartford	\$100	\$40	\$0	.....\$140
Flint	\$100	\$25	\$5	.....\$130
Lackawanna	\$100	\$35	\$0	.....\$135
Limerick	\$100	\$30	\$0	.....\$130
Marley	\$100	\$20	\$0	.....\$120
Narcoossee	\$100	\$20	\$5	.....\$125
Tampa Bay	\$100	\$15	\$5	.....\$120
Willow	\$100	\$25	\$0	.....\$125
Total	\$1,600	\$390	\$40	.....\$2,030

Fee is the \$100 franchise fee each team pays to play the season. D stands for the deals each team has made that required a \$5 charge; F stands for the amount of fines each team has been assessed.

Sweeney Bowl champion.....	40 percent
Sweeney Bowl runnerup.....	15 percent
Third place.....	11 percent
Fourth place.....	9 percent
Fifth place.....	7 percent
Sixth place.....	5 percent
Regular season champ.....	5 percent
Points scoring champ.....	5 percent
Pee Wee Bowl champion.....	3 percent



Ex'Mos owner Chris Reidy, left, needed help from arch-rival Ken Sain, right.

Ex'Mos

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“It was kind of ironic that our two biggest rivals helped us win the title,” Reidy said. “But let’s not forget: We put ourselves in position to get that help. We had a 4-2 record in the division, including a head-to-head sweep of the Barons, the team we tied. We also beat the Pyles and Newts, two of the teams we could have been tied with for the wild card.

“So, even though our record wasn’t as good as it could have been, or certainly as good as I would have liked, I think we won the games we had to win.”

Of course, from here on out, they’re all must-win, starting with a wild card game against Baltimore. The Ex'Mos won both meetings this season, 56-40 and 51-38.

Both games typified one of the Exmos’ biggest problems this season. Even in victory, the team couldn’t quite get its two biggest guns to fire in synch.

In the first game, which came in Week 5, Rich Gannon set an Ex'Mos single-game scoring record with 32 points, but Ricky Williams managed only three. In the second game, two weeks ago, it was Williams who chugged his way to 26 points, while Gannon had a quiet 11.

Both players finished in the TFL’s top 10, with Gannon winning the scoring title at 206 points and Williams eighth with 145, good enough to break Emmitt Smith’s team record of 137 set in 1992.

But the Ex'Mos only broke even as a

team.

“It’s great to have a 1-2 punch like that,” Reidy said, “as long as you throw both punches in the same round.”

While Gannon helped carry the team in the early going, it was Williams’ show at the end. Williams, the Exmos’ first-round draft pick, averaged 19.75 points the final four weeks.

Gannon, the team’s second-round pick, slowed to an 11.25-point pace in that span, including two of his three single-digit games of the season.

“Obviously, we’re going to need BOTH those guys in the 15- to 20-point range if we’re going to go anywhere in the playoffs,” Reidy said. “Then we’ll have to see if the rest of the team — which frankly ain’t done dick this season — can put something, anything on the board.

“I think on a good day, this team is capable of 40-60 points. The only problem is, the Dutch Harbors and Arctics of the world are capable of 70-80 points.”

It was pointed out that Reidy had neglected to mention Dugway, the team that would await in the semifinals if the Ex'Mos beat the Barons next week.

“Well, to start with, we’re not looking past Baltimore at all,” he said. “It’s very hard to beat a team three times in one season.

“As for the Tubes ... you know, it’s funny, I had to root for Kenny [Sain] this week even though it meant he’d finish 12-2, tying me for the second-best regular season record ever.

“It’s nice to know I can give the little guy something to shoot for. Like a Sweeney Bowl title. Who knows? He might even do THAT someday.”

SWEENEY BOWL PLAYOFF PREVIEWS

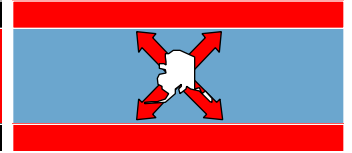


Lackawanna at Dutch Harbor

This season: The Lancers defeated the Dawgs 58-33 in a Week 9 matchup.

Outlook: The Group of Death. Fitting name for the Cheechako Conference matchups. The three teams in this conference are Nos. 1, 2 and 4 in the season's final Power Poll. The other conference only produced one winning team. The Lancers were hot to close the year. They lost to Arctic last week, but scored enough points to win most games. Dutch Harbor finished on a down note. It is unlikely the TFL's top-ranked team will have back-to-back bad games, so it's a good bet Brogan's team advances.

Prediction: Dutch Harbor 47, Lackawanna 43.



Baltimore at East Hartford

This season: The Ex'Eskimos swept the season series from the Barons 56-40 and 51-38.

Outlook: If you're scratching your head wondering how Baltimore made it this far, you're not alone. The Barons highest point total in a game this year was 47. Three TFL teams averaged better than that for all 14 games. Still, luck is always a huge factor and it's tough to beat any team three times in one season. These two have combined to win three T. Rexes, so both have had luck in the postseason. But, at some point talent should count for something, and it will this week.

Prediction: East Hartford 52, Baltimore 27.

PEE WEE BOWL PLAYOFF PREVIEWS



Alaska at Bagdad

This season: The teams split the season, Bagdad winning 64-32 and Alaska winning 53-31.

Outlook: Bagdad didn't want any part of the Oosiks. This week, we'll learn why.

Prediction: Alaska 62, Bagdad 37.



Flint at Tampa Bay

This season: Flint defeated the Loogs 43-19 in the season's only matchup.

Outlook: These teams are what the Pee Wee tournament is all about. They both stink.

Prediction: Tampa Bay 14, Flint 13.



Limerick at Denver

This season: Denver defeated Limerick 38-37 in the only matchup this year.

Outlook: The Pyles seem intent to start an A-train that has been sent to the shop for repairs.

Prediction: Limerick 29, Denver 16.



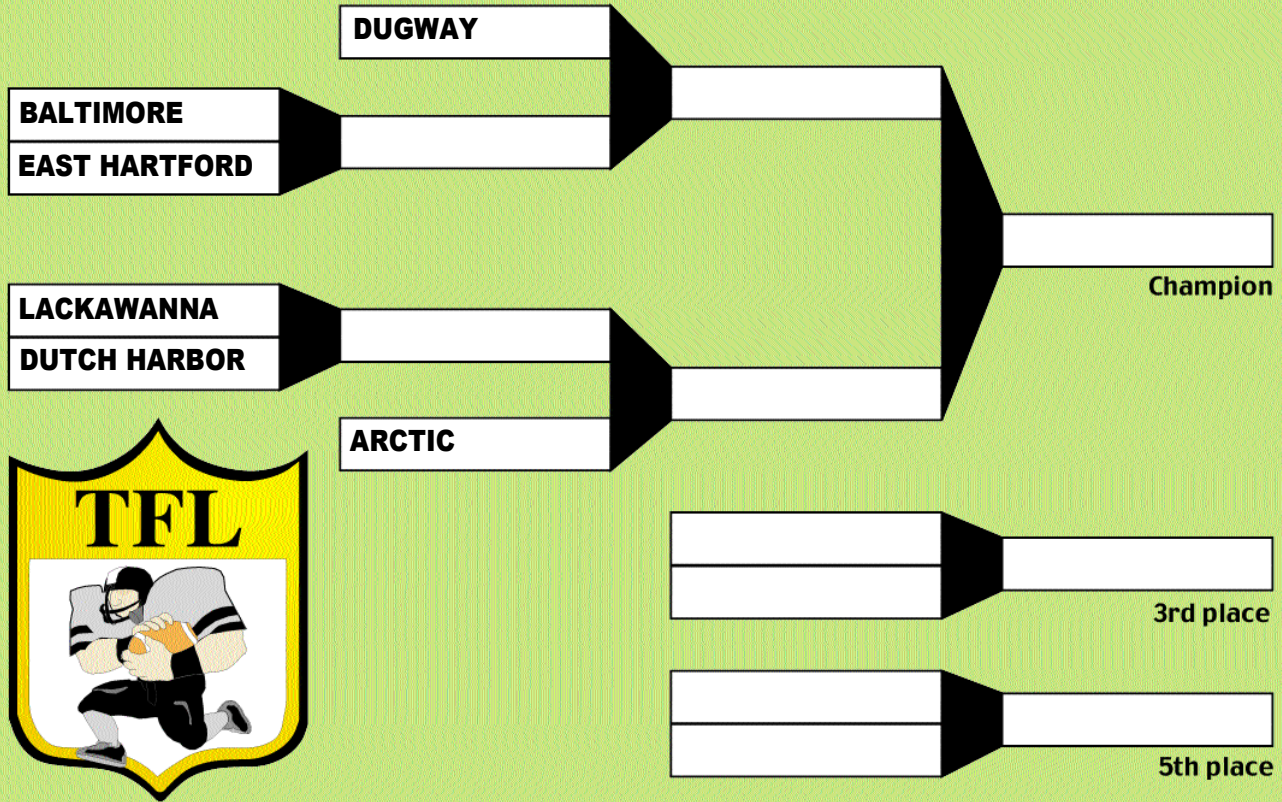
Willow at Anchorage

This season: The Kitchen swept the season series, 68-26 and 83-37.

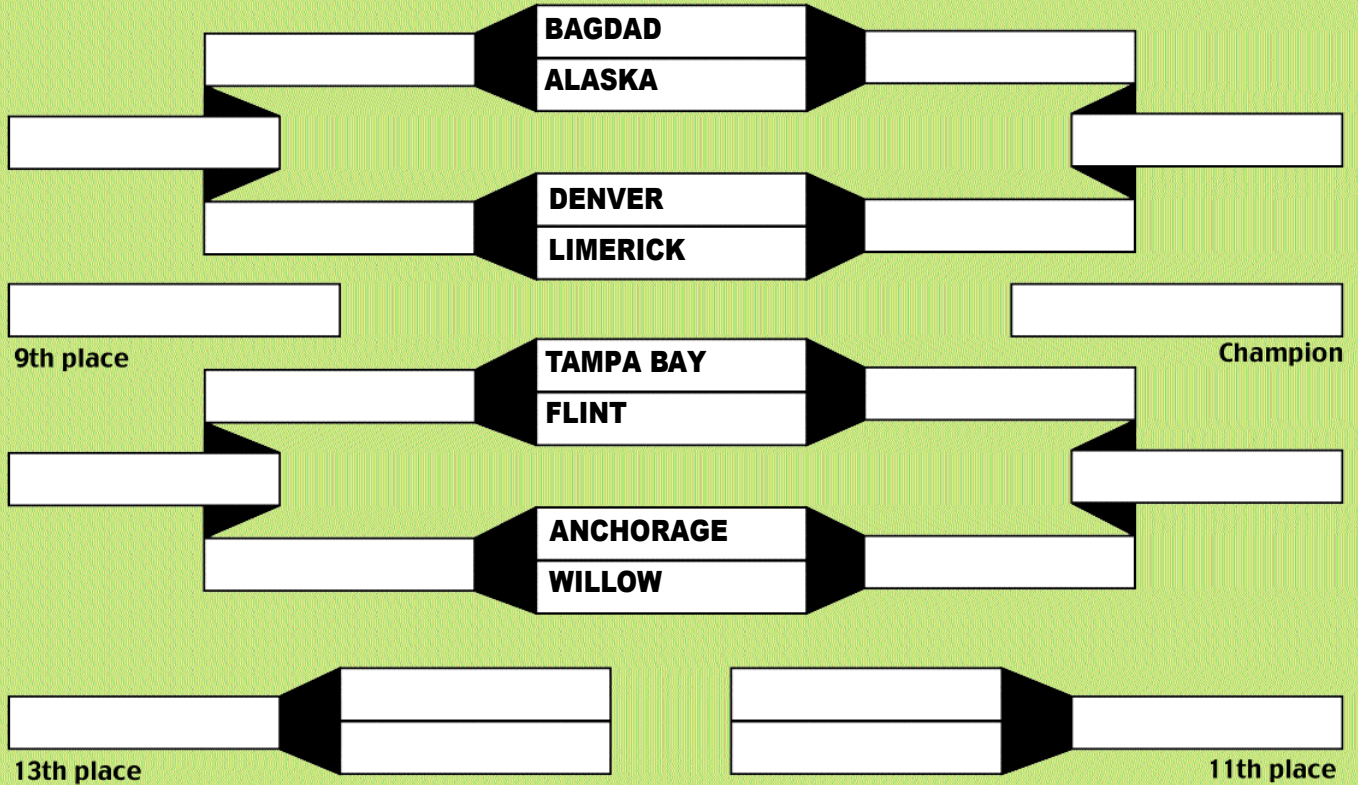
Outlook: The Kitchen's winning streak was stopped last week. A new streak starts now.

Prediction: Anchorage 67, Willow 49.

Sweeney Bowl Tournament



Pee Wee Bowl Tournament



FINAL 2002 STANDINGS

SOURDOUGH CONFERENCE

CHEECHAKO CONFERENCE

FIREWEED DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
z-Dugway	12	2	0	—	667	490
Bagdad	7	7	0	5	569	554
Alaska	6	8	0	6	544	524
Denver	6	8	0	6	437	595

MULDOON DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
y-East Hartford	7	7	0	—	602	542
x-Baltimore	7	7	0	—	488	505
Limerick	6	8	0	1	512	599
Narcoossee	5	9	0	2	543	578

SPENARD DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
y-Dutch Harbor	7	7	0	—	697	599
Anchorage	7	7	0	—	632	524
Willow	7	7	0	—	531	615
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	—	470	534

GAMBELL DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	GB	PF	PA
z-Arctic	11	3	0	—	684	507
x-Lackawanna	8	6	0	3	625	512
Flint	6	8	0	5	434	575
Marley	3	11	0	8	391	573

x-clinched playoff berth; y-clinched division title; z-clinched top seed in conference

WEEK 14 BOX SCORES

69.....Arctic	Lackawanna . . . 58	45.....Narcoossee	East Hartford . . 40
16.....D. Bledsoe QB C. Pennington 6		12.....T. Brady QB R. Gannon 4	
13.....E. George RB A. Smith 7		18.....J. Lewis RB L. Johnson 0	
6.....C. Garner RB F. Taylor 13		3.....S. Alexander RB R. Williams 22	
16.....E. Moulds WR T. Owens 21		0.....J. Porter WR C. Chambers 0	
10.....L. Coles WR P. Price 6		7.....D. Stallworth WR M. Booker 6	
8.....R. Longwell K M. Hollis 5		5.....M. Vanderjagt K J. Chandler 8	
0.....Jets D Cardinals 0		0.....Rams D Ravens 0	
66.....Bagdad	Denver 29	38.....Tampa Bay	Anchorage 25
20.....J. Kitna QB D. Culpepper 12		12.....B. Favre QB M. Vick 6	
22.....D. McAllister RB M. Alstott 2		0.....J. Bettis RB G. Hearst 0	
6.....D. Brown RB A. Thomas 0		2.....M. Shipp RB T. Fisher 8	
0.....J. Smith WR Ky. Johnson 0		12.....K. McCardell WR M. Harrison 5	
8.....R. Gardner WR J. Thrash 6		0.....B. Finneran WR Tr. Brown 0	
10.....M. Gramatica K O. Mare 9		9.....D. Akers K J. Reed 6	
0.....Titans D 49ers 0		3.....Dolphins D Giants 0	
61.....Dugway	Alaska 23	28.....Limerick	Baltimore 24
26.....B. Johnson QB T. Green 6		8.....P. Manning QB A. Brooks 6	
16.....P. Holmes RB M. Faulk 0		7.....S. Davis RB C. Dillon 1	
9.....W. Green RB D. Staley 9		3.....M. Bennett RB A. Peterson 0	
2.....P. Burress WR D. Jackson 0		0.....E. McCaffrey WR J. Rice 3	
0.....D. Driver WR H. Ward 5		0.....T. Holt WR D. Mason 2	
8.....D. Boyd K P. Dawson 3		10.....A. Vinatieri K J. Nedney 9	
0.....Cowboys D Packers 0		0.....Colts D Raiders 3	
54.....Willow	Dutch Harbor . . 30	20.....Flint	Marley 18
27.....J. Garcia QB T. Maddox 4		6.....J. Martin QB C. Hutchinson 0	
13.....E. Smith RB L. Tomlinson 7		8.....T. Barber RB C. Martin 7	
1.....T. Henry RB C. Portis 3		0.....S. Mack RB W. Dunn 0	
0.....J. Galloway WR R. Moss 6		0.....Ti. Brown WR T. Gonzalez 0	
0.....R. Smith WR C. Johnson 3		2.....J. Horn WR B. Franks 0	
13.....J. Carney K M. Andersen 7		4.....J. Wilkins K S. Janikowski 11	
0.....Eagles D Buccaneers 0		0.....Redskins D Broncos 0	

FINAL 2002 LEADERS

Quarterbacks		Running backs		Wide receivers		Kickers		Defenses	
#	Player, team ..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team ..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts	#	Player, team..Pts
1.	Gannon, EH...206	1.	Holmes, DU...201	1.	Owens, LK...134	1.	Janikowski, MA.116	1.	Bucs, DH...55
2.	Brooks, BT...174	2.	Williams, EH...145	2.	Harrison, AN...124	2.	Gramatica, BG.114	2.	Dolphins, TB ...24
3.	Manning, LI...161	3.	Tomlinson, DH.132	3.	Ward, AK...121	3.	Akers, TB...110	3.	Patriots, AR...21
4.	Favre, TB...157	4.	McAllister, BG..125	4.	Moulds, AR...106	4.	Vinatieri, LI...104	4.	Packers, AK...18
5.	Brady, NA...153	5.	Henry, WI...101	5.	Price, LK...102	5.	Andersen, DH..103		Ravens, EH...18
6.	Garcia, WI...150	6.	Alexander, NA..97	6.	Booker, EH...81	6.	Mare, DV...98	6.	Chargers, EH...17
7.	Culpepper, DV .137	7.	Faulk, AK...95	7.	Horn, FL...78	7.	Vanderjagt, NA..92	7.	3 tied...15

DEALS

Dec. 10

Tampa Bay waives WR Willie Jackson, reactivates WR Cris Carter.

Dec. 9

Tampa Bay fined \$5 because WR Cris Carter played while on IR.

Dec. 8

Baltimore places RB Lamont Jordan on IR, adds RB Adrian Peterson.

Dec. 7

East Hartford places Curtis Conway on IR, adds WR Chris Chambers.

Dec. 6

Denver waives WR Herman Moore, reactivates WR Shannon Sharpe.

Dec. 5

Flint places QB Kurt Warner on IR, adds QB Jamie Martin.
Arctic waives QB Danny Wuerffel, adds QB Alex Van Pelt.

Dec. 4

Dugway waives K Richie Cunningham, adds K Danny Boyd.

Alaska waives K James Tuthill, adds K Billy Cundiff.

Dec. 3

Bagdad waives RB Jamel White, adds RB Dee Brown.

Alaska places WR Dennis Northcutt on IR, adds WR Darrell Jackson.

Anchorage waives QB Ray Lucas, reactivates QB Jay Fiedler.

Anchorage places RB Ahman Green on IR, adds RB Tony Fisher.

East Hartford waives RB Troy Hambrick, adds RB Leon Johnson.

Dutch Harbor waives QB Jim Miller, adds QB Matt Hasselbeck.

Dec. 2

Anchorage fined \$5 because QB Jay Fiedler played while on IR.

Nov. 28

Dutch Harbor waives QB Steve Beuerlein, reactivates QB Tommy Maddox.

CURRENT ROSTERS

Alaska

QB Tim Couch
 QB Trent Green
 RB Lamar Gordon
 RB Duce Staley
 RB Marshall Faulk
 WR Todd Heap
 WR Hines Ward
 WR Darrell Jackson
 K Billy Cundiff
 K Phil Dawson
 D Carolina Panthers
 D Green Bay Packers
 IR Brett Conway, K
 IR Dennis Northcutt, WR

Denver

QB Daunte Culpepper
 QB Chris Weinke
 RB Mike Alstott
 RB Anthony Thomas
 RB Zack Crockett
 WR Shannon Sharpe
 WR Keyshawn Johnson
 WR James Thrash
 K Olindo Mare
 K Steve Christie
 D San Francisco 49ers
 D Jacksonville Jaguars
 IR Ike Hilliard, WR

Bagdad

QB Mark Brunell
 QB Jon Kitna
 RB Edgerrin James
 RB Deuce McAllister
 RB Dee Brown
 WR David Patten
 WR Rod Gardner
 WR Jimmy Smith
 K Shayne Graham
 K Martin Gramatica
 D Tennessee Titans
 D Chicago Bears
 IR John Kasay, K

Dugway

QB Brian Griese
 QB Brad Johnson
 RB Priest Holmes
 RB Tony Richardson
 RB William Green
 WR Deion Branch
 WR Plaxico Burrese
 WR Donald Driver
 K Gary Anderson
 K Danny Boyd
 D Seattle Seahawks
 D Dallas Cowboys
 IR Owen Pochman, K
 IR Thomas Jones, RB
 IR Kevan Barlow, RB

Baltimore

QB Aaron Brooks
 QB Trent Dilfer
 RB Michael Pittman
 RB Corey Dillon
 RB Adrian Peterson
 WR Jerry Rice
 WR Marcus Pollard
 WR Derrick Mason
 K Paul Edinger
 K Joe Nedney
 D Oakland Raiders
 D Cincinnati Bengals
 IR Trent Dilfer, QB
 IR LaMont Jordan, RB

East Hartford

QB Drew Brees
 QB Rich Gannon
 RB Leon Johnson
 RB Ricky Williams
 RB Jonathon Wells
 WR Marty Booker
 WR Koren Robinson
 WR Chris Chambers
 K Jeff Chandler
 K Ryan Lindell
 D San Diego Chargers
 D Baltimore Ravens
 IR Curtis Conway, WR

Limerick

QB Joey Harrington
 QB Peyton Manning
 RB Moe Williams
 RB Stephen Davis
 RB Michael Bennett
 WR Reggie Wayne
 WR Ed McCaffrey
 WR Torry Holt
 K Jose Cortez
 K Adam Vinatieri
 D Indianapolis Colts
 D Buffalo Bills

Narcoossee

QB Jake Plummer
 QB Tom Brady
 RB Shaun Alexander
 RB Amos Zereoue
 RB Jamal Lewis
 WR Donte Stallworth
 WR Jerry Porter
 WR Randy McMichael
 K Jason Hanson
 K Mike Vanderjagt
 D Houston Texans
 D St. Louis Rams
 IR DeShaun Foster, RB
 IR David Boston, WR

Anchorage

QB Jay Fiedler
 QB Michael Vick
 RB Tony Fisher
 RB James Stewart
 RB Garrison Hearst
 WR Marvin Harrison
 WR Troy Brown
 WR Corey Bradford
 K Bill Gramatica
 K Jeff Reed
 D Kansas City Chiefs
 D New York Giants
 IR Todd Peterson, K
 IR Ahman Green, RB

Tampa Bay

QB Steve McNair
 QB Brett Favre
 RB Aaron Stecker
 RB Marcell Shipp
 RB Jerome Bettis
 WR Jeris Carter
 WR Brian Finneran
 WR Keenan McCardell
 K David Akers
 K Hayden Epstein
 D Detroit Lions
 D Miami Dolphins

Dutch Harbor

QB Matt Hasselbeck
 QB Tommy Maddox
 RB LaDainian Tomlinson
 RB Clinton Portis
 RB T.J. Duckett
 WR Chad Johnson
 WR Randy Moss
 WR Terry Glenn
 K Matt Bryant
 K Morten Andersen
 D New Orleans Saints
 D Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Willow

QB Jeff Garcia
 QB David Carr
 RB Lamar Smith
 RB Emmitt Smith
 RB Travis Henry
 WR Wayne Chrebet
 WR Rod Smith
 WR Joey Galloway
 K Jay Feely
 K John Carney
 D Atlanta Falcons
 D Philadelphia Eagles

Arctic

QB Alex Van Pelt
 QB Drew Bledsoe
 RB Rob Konrad
 RB Charlie Garner
 RB Eddie George
 WR Eric Moulds
 WR Laveranues Coles
 WR Jacquez Green
 K John Holt
 K Ryan Longwell
 D New England Patriots
 D New York Jets
 IR Donovan McNabb, QB

Flint

QB Jamie Martin
 QB Marc Bulger
 RB Stacey Mack
 RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala
 RB Tiki Barber
 WR Qadry Ismail
 WR Joe Horn
 WR Tim Brown
 K Kris Brown
 K Jeff Wilkins
 D Washington Redskins
 D Minnesota Vikings
 IR Kurt Warner, QB

Lackawanna

QB Chad Pennington
 QB Kerry Collins
 RB Antowain Smith
 RB Mike Anderson
 RB Fred Taylor
 WR Terrell Owens
 WR Peerless Price
 WR Amani Toomer
 K Jason Elam
 K Mike Hollis
 D Cleveland Browns
 D Arizona Cardinals

Marley

QB Chad Hutchinson
 QB Kordell Stewart
 RB Warrick Dunn
 RB Curtis Martin
 RB Cory Schlesinger
 WR Isaac Bruce
 WR Bubba Franks
 WR Tony Gonzalez
 K Sebastian Janikowski
 K Matt Stover
 D Denver Broncos
 D Pittsburgh Steelers