



“A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKIN (BS’N) GOING ON!”

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Well, there is a good bit of stuff going on in the sports world right now.

None of it really is worth a crap, but it’s a happenin’.

I’ll get to the NFL Crap Shoot in a minute, but first I must talk about (could have been) a top draft pick worth about \$30 million guaranteed.

LSU won the BCS Championship last year behind Sr. QB Matt Flynn.

But the QB in waiting, one Ryan Perrilloux, was considered by many to be the next great QB. He has 4.35 speed, rocket arm.

He only started two games last year, but one was the ever-so-important SEC Championship game vs. Tennessee.

He crushed them, throwing for 4 TD’s, over 200 yards, ran for 98 yards and a TD, and in a total of the two games, he threw 8 Td’s, completed 51 of 75 passes with just two INT’s.

He would be a junior this season.

So, how to describe him?

He would have been the next Michael Vick.

Yes, because of this great talent, but also for his continued propensity to get into all sorts of trouble.

But “tryan Ryan” could not stay out of trouble.

He was suspended three times before the clincher. (Hey, not bad: Suspensions 3, games played, 2. His last suspension was just before spring practice, and it was for “missing classes and a variety of other” piddly things.

But on Thursday, (talk about bad timing), the USA TODAY had an article on how Coach Les Miles said Perrilloux had been put back on the team, saying, “I think Ryan’s handling his business and doing the right things.” He added, “If that continues, and we expect it would,” (he’ll be a major asset for us).

That lasted one whole day.

Seems tryan Ryan failed (another) drug test.

Miles said tersely, “... didn’t fulfill his obligations as an LSU student-athlete. Ryan was given every opportunity to be a part of this football team.”

Supposedly, he will finish out the academic semester (two weeks left) and then, according to a person close to him, he hopes to transfer to a college in the Football Championship Subdivision (formally Division I-AA).

If he is able to do so, he can play two more years.

Yea he can, but can he stay out of trouble for two years. How about two days!

It’s just another very sad case of a ghetto kid who, as the old saying

goes, “you can take a kid out of the ghetto, but you can’t take the ghetto out of the kid.”

Hard for me to understand how someone, knowing that in a year or two could get all that money, would throw it away. At least Vick behaved himself enough to get rich.

Sad, but this in not the first such story, nor will it be the last.

LSU was penciled in as a top five team for this season, but not now.

A feel good story of great sportsmanship. Something you don’t hear much about these days.

In a Division I-AA girls softball playoff game between Western Oregon and Central Washington, In the last inning, Sara Tucholsky of Western Oregon hit her first home run ever (high school and college) to win the game.

But wait. She missed first base, and when going back to touch it, she blew out her knee.



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Rules stated if she could not touch all bases, it would not count. Her team could not help her.

But, by the rules, the opposing team could. And that is just what they did.

Two members of Central Washington came onto the field, picked Sara up and carried her around the bases, stopping at each so she could touch each base gingerly with her good leg.

Thus, Western Oregon won, 4-2, knocking Central Washington out of the playoffs.

Unfortunately, you rarely see such feel-good stuff anymore. Hats off to CW.

Well, it's back to the same ole BS for the BCS.

The powers that be, i.e. old farts, got together to talk about adding the "plus one" bowl game so as to (somewhat) have a type of play-off for the title.

But it was quickly shot down, mainly due to the Pac 10 and Big 10 remaining in prehistoric times, insisting that one team from each conference upholds the long-standing tradition of meeting in the Rose Bowl.

So, for at least through the 2013 season, we will be stuck with the same, archaic and controversial system.

Hopefully by 2013 enough of these old farts will have croaked, and some new blood will input what 87% of fans voted for, a play-off.

Play-off, no; Piss(ed)-of, yes.

But here's some real stupid stuff. Last season, only seven of the 39 teams eligible for a bowl game were left without one.

So, the ever-so-insightful BCS decided to add two more worthless bowl games.

The St. Petersburg Bowl and the Congressional Bowl (in Wash. D.C.) will add four more teams with 6-6 or even 6-7 records.

Thus, only four of all teams eligible will not be in another worthless, stupid bowl. Way to go.

Add more money to the pot.

OK, the NFL draft is over, thank God.

When all players are signed, some maybe even in time to play this year, the combined 32 teams will have spent somewhere around \$400 million on new meat.

Remember all the zillions of hours and guesses on who would draft whom, et al?

Well, a few picked over half correctly, and now these same "experts" have wasted another zillion words on how each team did and which picks were the best/worst.

Who gives an F?

Just a few interesting – worthless, but interesting tidbits.

These "experts" went to the trouble to grade each team's picks.

KC and Miami got A's, Tennessee got the only D. No one "failed."

I won't waste space and time listing the rest.

More nonsense.

Miami's nine draft choices average 6'3" and 275 pounds. Parcells likes dem big ole corn fed boys.

As I said last week, picking a QB is the most risky position to decide on. A QB is often a franchise player.

The Falcons drafted Boston College QB Matt Ryan, using their top pick on him and, as it is always so often the case, a gamble.

But with Michael Vick having gone to the dogs, the Birds were in desperate need for a QB. Note: They need a bunch of help. They had 6 of the first 98 picks, and had 10 "holes to fill."

Falcons' owner Arthur Blank said, perhaps hopefully, "This draft will be a milestone in the history of the Falcons. We're not starting a new chapter here, we're starting a new book." Name it "Jail House Rocks."



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Will he be a hot shot, or will he end up like some other NO.1 QB picks who bombed out, like Tim Couch, Akili Smith, Heath Shuler, Rick Mirer, Kelly Stouffer, Todd Mary-Jane Ovich and, of course, Ryan Leaf?

Only time will tell. Thus, the kid carries the weight of a team and their city on his strong arm. A lot of pressure, but for likely \$30 million guaranteed, that's the deal.

But remember, it's not just Ryan who will be under the microscope. So will the other 31 No. 1 choices. Not only could one player make a big impact on his team, he could also leave a hole therein. If it is the latter, it may also cost some folks their jobs.

As always, there will be some top picks who bomb, and a few late picks who end up stars – see Tom Brady, 6th round, Tedy Bruschi, 3rd and the likes of Walter Payton, Barry Sanders, Jerry Rice and others who were all taken in the 3rd round or later.

To me, the best potential sleeper is QB Dennis Dixon, drafted by the Steelers in the 5th round. He was the All-American and Heisman candidate, leading Oregon to a possible undefeated season until he blew out his knee.

If he can come back from that, he is a potential Pro-Bowler. Super fast – 4.29 40!, very quick and elusive, a great arm and throws well while scrambling, which he does a lot. If healthy, he will be a very dangerous player, even possibly a franchise one.

An old but great story. Jake Long, an offensive lineman, was the overall No. 1 pick this year.

Over a dozen individuals spent many hours analyzing every possible aspect of him.

40 years ago, it was much easier. When John Madden took over the Raiders in the late 60's, he coveted offensive linemen, as he was one at a small college.

Madden owned one of those old VW buses, with the sliding door on the side.

He was asked how he judged an OL. “By the size of his butt,” he said. “They need a big butt for leverage.”

When asked how he judged same, he pointed to his VW bus with the side door open, and said, “If his butt is too large to get in there I draft him.”

Madden won a SB, so maybe simple is better.

Another Sports Illustrated jinx?

The Cubs sport the latest Nippon ninja with the great name, Kosuke Fukudome. Oh could I have fun with that name.

Anyway, he is on the cover of SI, and the headline proclaiming that he will, 100 years after their last WS win, lead the Cubbies to the promise land this year.

When asked about that, he just smiled, mainly because he had no idea what the hell he was asked. Let's finish with a couple more worthless things.

Roger Clemens, he of the non-steroidal butt, allegedly had a long-standing sexual relationship with country singer Mindy McCrady (who?), starting when she was just 15. NOTE: McCrady is using this to come out with her first new album in several years.

Clemens denied there was any sex involved, just platonic. Right. I guess steroids really make you horny. Hey, since his wife got shots in the butt, you think country girl did too?

On page 42 of the current (May 5) edition of SI, it shows a picture of the Spurs' Tim Duncan talking to the Suns' Shaq O'Neal. Now Duncan is 6' 10" and 270. But standing next to Shaq, he looks really tiny! I mean, the difference is unreal. A must see!

What were they talking about? My guess: Tim: “Man, we're getting old. How long you think we got left?” Shaq. “Man, I don't know, but as long as they keep paying us \$15-20 million a year, I'll stay.” “You betcha, big fella,” replied Tim.

A Dallas TV commentator likened the team's trade for Pacman Jones to acquiring Osama bin Laden. Hey, a terrorist for a teammate. Cool.

Oh yes, the Kentucky Derby was yesterday.

My prediction was: A horse won.