



ANOTHER BCS TITLE REMAINS, WELL, BS IN MINDS OF MANY

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(Pre column note: If you get bored with the BCS BS, just scroll down to the funny parts at the end.)

Well, another BCS Championship game was played – rather sloppily, really, and a champ is crowned.

Correct or not? The jury will remain out. For a long time. In fact, just add this one to the other 7 that were subjected to question.

The other four, the system worked, as both teams were undefeated therein. Thus, the great BCS system is batting 4 for 11. Good numbers if that was your MLB batting average, but a complete mess given the ever so subjective means to this end.

First, let's take a look at the game itself.

On the surface, it had its moments of excitement; between penalties and turnovers.

This was a borderline game that we columnists call, "having to make chicken soup out of chicken s..t.

Had it just been a regular season game, it would have fallen into the latter (chicken poop).

Very surprising in that both teams were averaging over 45 points a game (OK, 51.2, FL, 45).

And, OK set an NCAA record by scoring 702 points this season.

Had it just been a regular season game, it would have been the latter.

So, if you came in at the half and saw the score was 7-7, you most certainly would have thought you had been drinking too heavily. Not that that's a bad thing.

With the 24-14 final, the combined score was 10 points under FL's average, and 17 less than OK averaged.

Yes, there was some good defense and some good plays, but really, it was, at times, a sloppy game, mixed in with the good plays.

Winner Florida committed three turnovers – two INT's and a fumble. OK also committed three turnovers.

Plus, Florida was flagged for penalties a BCS game record 10 times; a very sloppy 5 false starts, 3 unsportsmanship calls, one against Tim Tebow, and they tossed in a running into the kicker a – 15-yarder and an off sides to end the mistakes.

OK also committed 3 TO's, and they combined for 7 penalties, two of them unsportsmanship and a very flagrant facemask.

Thus, OK "lost" the screw-ups side, 10-7.

But yes, there were some very good parts.

Tebow completed 18 of 30 passes for 231 yards, with 2 TD scores. He also ran the ball 22 times for 109 yards and another TD. Thus, he was at the helm of all three of their TD's. Combined, he accounted for 340 of his team's 480 total. And, his 340 yards nearly matched OK's team total, 363.

Florida also dominated the time of possession, 34:57 to 25:03, but who the F cares.

Again, it was a pretty decent game, with a handful of good plays to go with all the mistakes and missed opportunities.

OK had a 3rd and goal from the ½ yard line. Then it was 4th and goal at the 1 ½ and instead of taking the FG for a 10-7 lead, they went for it and were stuffed back at the 3-yardline. There was some great defensive play!



Florida's Percy Harvin, bad ankle and all, broke away for a 51-yard run, the game's longest, en route to 122 yards running and added 49 yards receiving. His 51-yard run led to the game clinching TD.

With 3rd and goal at the 3 yard line, Tebow took the snap, started his charge up the middle on his standard draw play, then jumped and passed for a the final score.

This "jump pass" has been a staple for Tebow all season, along with his running abilities.

Oklahoma Coach Bob Stoops said, "we knew what (Tebow) could do. He is a force. We got him sometimes, but not enough."

"He's one of those guys, you give him your best shot, he just jumps right back up," said OK safety Nic Harris.

Another OK player also had a statement about Tebow, this one three days before the game.

CB Dominique Franks said that "Tebow would only be the 4th best QB in the Big 12." Not good to rile up the other team's top player.

Since Tebow was named the games MVP, I guess Franks' own QB, Sam Bradford, was only the 5th best QB in the Big 12.

A bunch of computer geeks got together before the game and, using the same computers that said OK was .012 one hundredth of a point better than Texas, somehow, "after running "100,000 variables," they said (I'm not making this up) that FL would win in 54.23% of the "variables." And, they had them winning by as many as 24 points. "In my 20 years of simulating football games, I have never seen this many blowouts," said David Holt of Sport-Sims.net. I bet he's the life of any party!

The official odds had Florida favored by 3 points, and the Gators "beat the ever-so-important spread" on their way to the official BCS title.

But there were the ever-so-loud and long complaints, by three schools in particular. Isn't this almost always the case?

Utah, who was the only undefeated team at 13-0, beat 6 bowl teams, including a 31-17 thumping of once No. 1 ranked Alabama. NOTE: Utah laid a worse whooping on Bama than FL did in the SEC Championship game.

And Texas. OK's only loss was to Texas, by 10, on a neutral site.

And last, but not certainly least, USC. Yes, they lost to Oregon State – who went to and won a bowl game.

But a consensus of writers and coaches said that USC may well be the best team in the land. Their defense only allowed an average of 7.6 points per game. And they only allowed an average of 4.3 points in the first 2 quarters, before they put in the subs.

Example: In the Rose Bowl, USC was leading No. 4 ranked Penn State, 38-7 before they called off the dogs.

On Tuesday, USA TODAY asked readers to vote on who they thought was No. 1. Utah, 37%, USC, 23%, FL, 17%, Texas 14% and OK, only 9%.

However, I, along with millions of other scribes, talking heads, et al, have been down this road before.

The BCS'ers powers that be, they keep the wool over their eyes and blow smoke up our poop shoots and tell us the schools want it this way, the Traditional bowl games would not be protected – BS! They would be part of the playoff.

Maybe, someday, they will start using objective criteria instead of subjective. Translation: (Our way!)

They then tell us that the coaches MUST vote for the winner of the BCS game. "They are not allowed to vote for another team," one official said.

Sounds like the Chinese elections.



OFF THE WALL SPORTS

Coach Ken Wisenhut, of Utah, did vote for his team, thus they officially got one vote. Then finally, they try to tell us that “the majority of fans want to keep this system.” Many polls have been taken. Friday, after the BCS game, over 400,000 fans voted, and 84% want a playoff.

So does our President elect, Barak Obama.

On “60 Minutes,” he addresses the subject, saying fans have debated and desire a playoff. “If you’ve got a bunch of teams who play throughout the season, and many of them have one or two losses, there’s no clear decisive winner. We should be creating a playoff system,” he tells CBS’s Steve Kroft. The interview will be broadcast today.

Obama had previously said he thinks “it’s about time we had a playoff system in college football. I’m fed up with these computer rankings (et al, i.e. subjective input). Get the top eight teams at the end and go.”

He added, “So, I’m going to throw my weight around a little bit. I think it’s the right thing to do.” Oregon President David Frohnmayer, chair of the BCS (BULL S..T) Oversight Committee. Whatever the hell that is.

He says “we deeply respect (Obama’s request) and are glad that he is a fan of college football.” He goes on to BS about how great the regular season and current system is, and he is “sure that contributes to Senator Obama’s (I guess Frothy mouth doesn’t know Obama’s REAL position) enjoyment of the game.”

Hmmmm. President VS President. Wonder how that will work out.

Hopefully, Obama may actually push us to what is right, but he certainly has a whole lot of other things to occupy his time. But having our President come out in favor of what 84% want.....he follows the polls!

I have pined long and loud on this horrendous situation, that I finally will shut the hell up. I can hear you readers saying, FINALLY!

The jerk-offs that run it will continue to screw us until someone (The Pres. Of the U.S.?) does something or until all the old farts die off – or someone shoots them.

This weekend is the BEST of all NFL weekends.

The pretenders have, except for 8-8 Arizona, been vanquished, and you have left the best eight teams (seven, since AZ is not one of that group) matching up. Two on Saturday, two Sunday. Talk about a coach potato weekend.

Then next weekend, you have the NFC and AFC Championship games, then the SB, then.....TOTAL DARKNESS. You won’t need your big screen plasmas for quite a while. Maybe by March Madness.

Since this column has been rather bland, let’s inject a wee bit of totally worthless humor.

Big doings at Nike. No, not another Kobe Bryant shoe. Instead, they give us....UNDER GARMENTS.

Basically, fancy, protective underwear. They add little bits of padding and “flexible protection,” whatever the hell that is, to areas like the knees, hips, thighs, arms and shoulders, and “private areas.”

I can just imagine the TIGHT ENDS and behemoth linemen, when they jump up off a pile, they can strut the cameras with their bulging penile area. Hey, I wonder if hitting the penile area is a penalty. I can just hear ref. Ed Hochale announcing, “we have a 15-yard penile penalty on No. 69. Automatic FIRST DOOWWN!”

If you are really bored, you can go to Nike.com and look up “The Nike Pro Combat Deflex Short.” With everyone you buy, you get a 6-pack of Viagra.

And they don’t say they are just “announcing” this new stuff. No, they say they are LAUNCHING their new apparel. So, launch away the penile pads, guys.



OFF THE WALL SPORTS

Now this is totally worthless, but funny enough to put in here.

The NBA's LA Clippers announced they had sent cash considerations and a future second-round draft choice to the Toronto Raptors for swingman (does he wear that new Nike thingy?) Hassan Adams – and two hours later they waived him? Great management. They must have a hand in the BCS deal.

“Dem Cowboys announced they have released Pacman Jones. He said he was surprised. I mean, he had just come back from an entire year of suspension, played two games and got suspended for another four, so what's the big deal.

His agent says, “He's young, and with his talent, he will certainly catch on somewhere.”

Boston College head football Coach Jeff Jagodzinski was fired...because he interviewed for the NY Jets head coaching job.

The AD at BC said he wanted someone with a “vision for BC.”

Jagodzinski compiled a 20-8 record in two years and took them to two bowl games.

My man Charles Barkley. Wrote last week re him getting a DUI.

CBSsports.com said, “if he were almost any other athlete, we'd have burned him at the stake by now.”

Except, TNT's Barkley is not an athlete and he does not represent a particular team. He's an entertainer. He is funny, says what he thinks and does not care if he offends anyone, says a source with TNT.

He is very popular.

He has said things, on air, like: Dan Rather should have killed Saddam Hussein when he interviewed him. And saying that Olympic curling “is dusting, any woman can do that.”

Or, on camera after an animal rights advocate had run, he ate a burger on air, saying, “I don't care what this cow went through.

He has also commented on a “Desperate Housewives actress who jumped into Terrell Owens' arms on a Monday Night football skit, that “he'd like to have her come and jump him on the set.”

Barkley is more a Don Rickles than a sports commentator. He insists he is “no role model” and does what he pleases.

Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady, talking on TNT, said, “I don't really listen to Charles about basketball. I listen to Charles if he's talking about calories in a cupcake.” He is definitely funny!

Saints QB Drew Brees was named Offensive Player of the Year. Yet he did not get even a single vote for MVP. Eleven other players did, two of whom I had never heard of. Crazy.

Hey Charles, my man. Want to share some single malt with me?