



DRAFT, DRUGS, DUMMIES AND TOO MAY PLAYOFFS

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OK! The NFL draft, all 2,000 hours of it, is finally over.

And with it, over half a billion bucks have, or sometime, will be forked over, to rookie players who may or may not pan out.

I say sometime, because their agents will have them “hold out” forever, miss much of training camp, then sign for the same amount they started with.

Talk about a billion dollar business that is totally F..up! Maybe Obama will give them a bail out. The Lions, with the No.1 pick, signed Georgia QB, Mathew Stafford.

As I mentioned in last week’s column, many a drunken no-life jerk-offs were there. And, many of the Detroit drunks, booed loud and long when Stafford was announced. You could see Stafford noticeably wince, momentarily.

But that very quickly went away. Probably because he had already agreed to a \$78 million contract, with \$41 million guaranteed as a sign on.

Now perhaps the Detroit drunks actually had a reason to boo. Detroit’s offensive line is one of the worst in the NFL. I can see Stafford’s eyes grow as he sees several 300 pounders about to tear his head off.

I talked to some of my contacts, veteran NFL players.

While they sing the company song on how so and so will help them, their real thoughts will be slow to be heard.

What kind of business is this when you give a player 41 million before he even takes a snap, yet when you give a proven veteran, perhaps a 4 – 6 time Pro Bowler, a “new” contract, which may be as much as 15-30 million, with perhaps 10 million guaranteed.

The point they were voicing to me is that they are really pissed! And why not. Stafford has not proven a thing.

The NFL owners have cancelled the contract with the NFLPA after this season, so 2010 will be an uncapped year. Obviously, both sides will want totally different things.

But at the top of the list among veterans is to install a rookie “cap,” much like the NBA does now.

The NBA deal is that no rookie can receive more than 10 million sign on and make a fixed amount of more than a percentage of the total team payroll for their first 3 years in the league.

Thus, their salary early on is low compared to the veterans. As it should be.

Agents of the new players will scream bloody murder, but some of the veterans may just take said agents out back and kill ‘em.

And yes, I most certainly side with the proven players.

But, this current set up is done by the owners, so they only have themselves to blame.

The Jets moved up to draft USC QB Mark Sanchez. Thus, both Detroit and the Jets are hoping for a re-run of Matt Ryan and Joe Flaco. But that is a very rare happening.

I mentioned last week re OT’s being ever so important. Three OT’s were taken in the first 8 players.

Overall, how did the teams fare. Again, these rankings were given by the same prognosticators who were pretty screwed up in their pre-draft choices, so...

Giants and Bills and Pat got A’s. 11 got B’s, 9 C’s. How’s that for a detailed analysis.

Dallas got a Big D. Appropriate. Due to trades they had no 1st round choice, and basically, did not improve at all.

But my favorite was my man, Oakland’s senile s..t head, Al Davis.



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Michael Crabtree, the Texas Tech WR who caught 41 TD passes THIS SEASON and was rated the No. 1 receiver, well, Dumbass Davis, who thinks we are still in the 60's-70's, his brain dead mind thinks speed is the only factor in a player.

Thus, he passed on Crabtree and picked Maryland's Darrius Heyward-Bey. Why? Because he ran a 4.23 40. Scouts said he had questionable hands and did not like to be hit. Being fast helps to not get hit. He won't catch any balls, but he won't get hit.

And AD's second pick was Ohio State safety, Mike Mitchell. He also ran a fast 40, but he was rated so low that he was not even invited to the Indianapolis Combine!

With his screw ups, his cross-town rivals, my 49'ers, they got Crabtree.

And you wonder why the Raiders have won 8 games in the past 3 seasons.

One big surprise was that Texas Tech's QB, Graham Harrell, who threw all those TD's to Crabtree (he totaled 131 TD's in his last 3 seasons), did not even get drafted!

Could he be another Tom Brady?

Another worthless tidbit. Remember when Miami was winning those titles and was so dominant? Well, they had only 1 player drafted – in the 8th round. Hell, Abilene Christian (that's a college) had 2 picked!

OK, the boring draft is over, and maybe the drunks have sobered up. Ah, no!

Now we have the NBA playoffs that will last us until the MLB all-star game around July 4, then NFL training camps open, so we're set, baby.

You can always tell the difference between the regular NBA season and the playoffs. In the latter, it's more like rugby. Players knock the snot out of each other.

There have been 3 broken noses, one broken cheek bone, 6 players needed 38 stitches combined, two one game suspensions and several fights/near fights. Many technical fouls. Good stuff!

Now I've often said you don't need to pay attention in the games until the last two minutes. Still true, to a good extent.

However, take a gander at the Chicago, Boston first round. As I write this, the series is 3-3.

(Game 7 was yesterday). 4 of the 6 games went into overtime. First, 1 OT. Then 2 games with 2 OT's, and Thursday night's game had 3 OT's. Game lasted 3 hours, 56 minutes. Hell, some Hollywood marriages don't last that long!

Boston's Ray Allen scored 51 points. And they lost. If he'd made one more shot, they would have won. All his fault.

But I don't really get into it until the conference finals. Being a long-time Lakers fan, it could be a great championship series. Baring a big upset, we could have the dream match-up. King James and his cavalry against Kobe and the la la land Lakers.

TV execs are already having orgasms over this possible finals.

Both teams must win two more series. Cleveland is pretty much a sure thing, because there were only 2 other teams in the East that were any good: Boston and Orlando (4 of the Eastern playoff teams were either just at .500 or less. In the West, Phoenix was 14 games over .500 and did not even make the playoffs!). Also, Boston lost their superstar, Kevin Garnett, and Orlando lost 2 good players, so it's a pretty clear path for the King.

Looking forward to the hoped for finals.

Oh, someone emailed me about the NHL playoffs. I emailed him back saying I did not know they had any playoffs. Then I added, who the F cares. I think I may have lost a reader.

Back to good basketball players.

The NBA came up with the rule 2-3 years back, that you can no longer go straight from HS to the NBA, ala Garnett, Kobe, James and others. You must be at least 19 and your HS class has been out a year. Very stupid.



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What good is it for a college to “waste” a scholarship on someone who is just playing out the one year?

Well, one very good player has the answer. Jeremy Tyler is going to forego his senior year – of high school, to go play in Europe.

He is 6’11”, 260 lbs and averaged 28.7 points in his junior year at San Diego High. He says he will play 2 years over there until he is eligible. He is already graded by many as a top 10 pick. Some say he will be missing out on the high school “experience.

A nice 6-figure income, tax free, will be a nice “experience.”

For Jeremy, there is no normal HS experience. He has had a documentary film crew filming him for 2 years, and has been asked for autographs since he was in the 8th grade.

Plus, he knows how different it will be over there. His father and uncle will be with him. As his dad says, he knows how hard it will be, but he can handle it.

He will get his diploma at a school over there, and begin taking web classes in college.

This simply highlights the stupidity of the NBA rule. Either let them come out directly from HS, or make it a 2 year, serious commitment to a college.

James was offered big \$ to go to Spain and play his senior year. He opted to stay, but that was because he knew he would go directly to the NBA as soon as he graduated. So, blame the NBA for these situations, not the kids.

Ok, let’s get into some really worthless junk.

The L.A. Dodger have one-upped the mighty Yankees. Yea, the Yanks have a new billion dollar stadium, with empty \$2,650 seats, but the Dodgers OLD stadium will receive...their own zip code, beginning June 6. The address will be called “Dodger Town,” not L.A. Only in Hollywood.

Speaking of the above mega-bucks seats in the new Yankee Stadium.

Seems that since they have their own TV network, as well as the major ones, it is quite embarrassing to see all those empty seats right behind home plate.

Thus, they have cut the price in half. As of today, the seats are still vacant.

Perhaps they should throw in a \$50 hot dog and a couple of \$150 beers. That may do it.

The Dodgers, and a few other clubs, have come up with other creative ideas to sell seats in this bad economy. And they are working.

Besides the “corporate sections,” where companies buy a block of seats for a certain period of time, the Dodgers now have a special section in left field. It’s called “MANNY WOOD.” Like the famous Hollywood sign, fans hold up large letters as above, named after the Dodgers’ popular left fielder Manny Ramirez. For \$99, you get 2 seats and a Manny T-shirt. They are selling well.

Ah, hello Steinfuchs, you paying attention.

Our wonderful neighbors to the south, Mexico, they have a bit of a problem.

No, not that half of their people are either in the US or part of a drug cartel.

It’s the pig’s fault!

Top soccer games in Mexico usually draw 50 to 100 thousand fans. Not now.

The stands are completely empty! Why? The swine flu.

Likewise, the Beach soccer championships set for Puerto Vallarta and the under 17 games have been cancelled.

So, I guess the winners cannot “bring home the bacon.”

Also, I assume you cannot “pig out” at any of the all you can eat restaurants.

Now this quick comment has nothing to do with sports, but because it involves Charles Barkley, it’s in.

During one of TNT’s playoff basketball games, CNN’s Anderson Cooper, a news anchor, talked about the Somali pirates during halftime. Cooper asked Barkley what he thought of the situation.



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“Why don’t they just shoot the damn bastards,” said Sir Charles. Cooper, a bit flustered, said, “Well, that’s a good question. A lot of people have asked that.”

Thus, more of “the best of Barkley.”

Now I am not a NASCAR fan at all. Yea, I know that’s a mortal sin here in the deep south, but having spent over 20 years in Malibu, CA, well, they don’t exactly salivate over it. Hell, I don’t think half of them even know what NASCAR is. Paris Hilton said she thought it was “a nice new Mercedes.”

Anyway, I think the majority of fans that go to these 200 MPH left turns go to see a good wreck. Only reason I’d watch.

Well, they good a really cool one last weekend at Talladega (that’s in Alabama, for you furriners).

Carl Edwards was in the lead with just a lap to go when Brad Keselowski (what the hell is a Polack doing in NASCAR) bumped Edwards in the rear

(Whoa, sounds a bit gay to me, sports fans. Didn’t know they liked that down here).

Well, it sent Edwards spinning across the track, where he was broad-sided by Ryan Newman.

This caused Edwards’ car to corkscrew into the air. The car flew about 75 feet and then crashed into the guard rail protective fence.

Several fans suffered injuries, non major.

But what a really cool sight. The pictures of the flying upside down car were great.

So, the fans really got what they came for.

Miraculously, Edwards was able to squeeze out a window and jog across the finish line! NOTE: Talladega is notorious for being dangerous.

“This is crazy racing,” said Marcos Ambrose. “We can legitimize it all we want, but it’s insanity on four wheels.”

Keselowski said, “NASCAR racing at its finest. This was a great show....There has to be some element of danger. Who doesn’t love watching football players hitting each other head on as fast as they can?”

Newman for ‘We’re going to crash, we just don’t know when.’”

Now you can begin to understand rednecks!

I think they should film all of the great crashes during a season and make it into a DVD. I can assure you every hick in the hollow would buy it. Even if they “Ain’t go no TV.”

One thing for certain. They damn sure don’t drink single malt scotch!

Yes, I know the Kentucky Derby is this weekend. My only interest is when they sing that “My old Kentucky Home” song. Don’t know if it has been censored yet, but the last time I watched it 2 years ago, you could clearly hear the line, “...this summer, the DARKIES are gay.”

Can’t believe the NAACP hasn’t sent Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton down there yet!

Maybe I can slip some single malt into their mint juleps!