



FROM TWEETING TO SEXTING TO, AH, WHO KNOWS

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I'm still not up to snuff on blogs, my space, facebook, u-tubes and other crap.

I am a fossil!

I mentioned tweeting last week, then read several stories this week re tweeting. We hear so much about tweeting, that I expect a bunch of bird poop all over my cell phone. (See piddling last week).

But it must not be too hard to figure it out/use it, because some of the dumbest jocks on the planet use it all the time.

Heck, NBA players tweet at half time, MLB players do it while sitting in the dug out.

Only good thing I can see about it is that you max out at 140 characters.

Tweeting has become the fastest-growing major website in the U.S.

Now, you must know the "tweeting terms."

Following: you receive one. WOW!

Others are "hashtag, nudge, RT, Twackle," I like that one, "Tweet, Tweetup TwitPic and Twitterati. I read the meanings, but couldn't understand them, so I did not print them.

If you tweet, you should know them. If not, then you, like me, don't give a damn.

Now the latest is "Sexting." All right! Done mostly by teens, these are tweets or texts that talk about sex in all shapes, sizes and whatever. Some even add pictures.

But is it educating? Must be, since one high school sophomore told me he learned what "doggie style" is from sexting.

The NCAA is in the process of making up some new rules (oh God help us) about coaches tweeting recruits, et al.

To say that most of the tweets are totally worthless is an understatement.

Venus Williams tweeted over 240,000 people with the critical message, "I love The Little Mermaid."

Swimmer Dara Torres tweeted gasping fans that "I'm eating greasy onion rings."

Man, the world would stop if we didn't know that.

When athletes tweet even about their most mundane junk, many thousands are, well, all atwitter.

Shaquille O'Neal has an actual point. He says "In today's world, everyone is media. If something is going to be said, it's coming from me, not some sordid sports writer." Hey, you're insulting me. But it's OK, since you're 7'2" and 330 pounds!

O'Neal has over 950,000 followers!

What if, say, Manny Ramirez tweeted about his gonad-shrinking steroid while sitting on the can?

You can bet many thousands will be enthralled.

One writer re this mess said, "The microblog (tweeter) satisfies fans' "thirst for CLOSER CONNECTIONS" to stars.

Get a life, you dips...s.

Like, I can hardly wait to get a tweet from sluts like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan. Now if they were to OD, that would be interesting.

The new book on A-Rod came out this past week.

I have not read it, but allegedly it states that he took steroids as far back as high school. You listening, Butt, I mean, Bud Selig?

One interesting note.

Manny Ramirez is, basically, in hiding. The "tweets" on him are relatively mild. His 50-game suspension will cost him \$8 million. Pocket change.



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And, when A-Rod came to bat for the first time this year, he hit a 3-run HR on the first pitch. The Yankee fans went wild, and cheered him like he was a god.

And, Selig has done absolutely nothing re him.

So, Manny and A-Rod are fine, but, boy, ole Barry Bonds, Selig wants to crucify him.

Yes, people remind me that Bonds will be tried for lying to a grand jury (about taking steroids).

Well, sports fans, they must first prove that he DID take steroids, and after 2003 when they were first made illegal.

Many lawyers believe they will not be able to prove he did take them.

Remember back when the Bonds' steroid story surfaced, and then he broke Aaron's HR record? Selig openly said that he hoped "young" A-Rod would break Bonds' record, so that "The record will be honestly held by a player who is clean and never broke any rules." So, butt-boy Selig, this latest sure as hell puts a major burr up your butt.

Hey, I heard that they soon will ban Viagra. It increases blood flow, thus helping them perform better, they say. That may be a "hard" one to ban. Was that the "steroid" A-Rod was on when he was with Madonna?

NOTE: We hear that the writers who vote players to the Hall-Of-Fame will not vote for steroid users. Well, guess what. There will be NO ONE entering the Hall for many, many years. Unless you let .250 hitters in.

The second leg of the Triple Crown was run yesterday. I assume most remember jockey Calvin Borel, who, with a great ride, took 50-1 Mine That Bird to victory in the Kentucky Derby.

Well, faithful Borel has dumped "no balls" (gelding) Mine That Bird for a girl (filly), Rachel Alexandra.

A great underdog story is tarnished by the now not-very-popular jockey.

Nothing against the filly – she is supposedly a definite contender, and in normal situations, I would LOVE to have a girl beat all the studs out there.

But not in this case. I hope Borel comes in dead frickin last!

Read in USA TODAY Friday that Borel can barely read and write. Just proves what an idiot he is. Put the little jerk on a Clydesdale.

Nothing like loyalty to half owner Ray Allen. Had he not chosen Borel, Borel would not have had a horse to ride in the Derby. Nothing like thanking your boss for the chance.

Well, the NBA playoffs are heating up.

Literally. The difference between regular season games and the playoffs is like a Golden Gloves boxing match vs. a heavyweight championship.

Many of the games have been like football sans pads.

Fights, elbows, shoves, tackles on break aways, et al.

The Denver/Dallas series saw many fights and intentional fouls, some "flagrant," as the NBA calls them. Actually, there are Flagrant One and Flagrant Two fouls. The first just gives the fouled player three free throws, plus his team gets possession of the ball, and the fouler, if he gets another, he will be suspended for a game. An F-2 foul is ejection and a 1-game suspension. There have been 3 of the latter and 11 of the former.

Yet I have to say this. The officiating in these finals is as awful as I've ever seen. There were numerous ticky-tacky fouls called, yet some flagrant fouls were not.

THE EXAMPLE: In game 4 of the Dallas/Denver game, 61 fouls were called! That's one every 47.2 seconds. Add in numerous time outs, and the game took 3 hours, 20 minutes.

But the biggest screw up, by far, was a huge NON CALL at the end of this game.

With Dallas ahead by 2 and just 2.1 seconds left in the game, Dallas had a foul to use (meaning no free throws, just uses up time and then Denver must inbound again). In short, had that



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happened, Denver would not have had time to take a shot and Dallas would have tied the series at 2-2.

Dallas' coach even told the ref they were going to take the intentional foul.

So when the ball was in bounded, Dallas' Anthony Wright bumped Carmello Anthony not once, but twice, hard! But for some whatever, the ref did not make the call, Anthony hit a hail-mary 3-pointer, and Denver won, thus taking a huge 3-1 game advantage as opposed to the series being even at 2-2! They then won game 5 to advance to the Western Finals.

Within 2 hours, the League admitted the refs made a mistake, but, too late!

And these are the best refs the league has?

Besides the rough play, we have, wildly outspoken Dallas owner Mark Cuban. Never one to be silent, he called Carmello Anthony a thug – to his mother! Commissioner David Stern has said he must apologize to her.

Note: Cuban has been fined a total of over \$300,000 over the years by the NBA for his outspoken thoughts. He's a fun guy, though. I like him. He's more like a fan than an owner.

Denver, who is on a hot streak, is now awaiting game 7 of the Lakers/Rockets today to see who they will play in the Western Conference Finals.

The Lakers, who had the 2nd best record in the league – Cleveland was 1 game better, look more like a high school one night, then the powerhouse they are the next.

After taking a 2-1 series lead, they came out totally ragged and lost by 25 points. Then the next game, their Mr. Hyde came back and they won by 40. Then, Thursday night, Dr. Jekyll showed up and the listless, mentally unbalanced Lakers lost by 15 to a Houston team who does not have all-star center Yao Ming.

Lakers' coach Phil Jackson is perhaps THE best coach ever. God knows what he did after Thursday night, but I know he informed them of his thoughts. They flat out sucked!

Oh well, at least the refs did not decided the winner of those last 3 games.

Everyone has predicted a Cleveland/Lakers final. Cleveland sure has done their part, sweeping their first 2 opponents. In each game, they were heavy favorites, and won each by double figures. They played like a championship team should. The Lakers did not.

If those finals should occur, and if the Lakers get their act together, it will be a classic. NOTE: In the eastern conference only 3 teams were 10 games or more above .500. Meaning, the season long competition was much tougher in the west, but as in any championship, it's how you are playing at that time.

With all the sports going on, announcers abound.

One, golf analyst David Feherty, came out with one of a zillion questionable comments by announcers.

But I love his. He said, "If you gave any US soldier a gun with 2 bullets in it and he was in an elevator with Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid and Osama bin Laden, there's a good chance Pelosi would have been shot twice and Reid and bin Laden strangled."

Of course, the "we must protest" sportscasters castigated Feherty, but I loved it. And you know what? I say he was correct in his assessment.

He has been criticized, of course, and one angry left winger said he should be fired (he may; network TV will give in to the left wingers) and "how does he know what the troops think?"

Answer: Feherty has visited combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, visited wounded vets many times and organized outings for them.

With a socialist president and congress, let's see what happens.

Some really worthless garbage.

Some idiot named Tyler Bradt, of Stevensville Montana, paddled his little kayak-----over a 186 foot waterfall (Palouse Falls in Plaouse, Washington!) He did so to break the world (stupidity)



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record held by Pedro Olivia of Brazil, who went over a 127 foot falls. – Amateur! Bradt was fine, only he broke a paddle. Broken paddle? He screwed up. Guy must have scrambled eggs for brains. He’s a Democrat.

Apparently, they have world records for just about everything.

Remember a few weeks back when I told of the real pitcher with the 100 mph fastball?

Well he pitched his final game last week at San Diego State. Not a bad way to end his college career. His fast ball consistently hit 102 mph and he threw a no-hitter. Struck out 17 of the 28 players he faced.

Former Detroit Pistons star of the “bad boys” era, when they won 2 titles, Hall-of-Famer Dave Bing, was elected mayor of Detroit. Probably because every other politician had already been convicted of some crime or another.

Now here is something everyone is dying to hear about!

You know (or maybe not) the “America’s Cup,” that sail boat race that takes place every few years between zillionaires. (Since America rarely wins it, why the name?)

Well, there is a “grudge race” set between reigning champion Alinghi and BMW Oracle Racing. Seems that an employee of BMW racing, Jean Antoine Bonnaveau, admitted gathering secret information about the specs of the boat the Swiss are building.

Hmmm, spying on a shipbuilder. Is there anyone out there who gives a tinker’s dam about this?

Some bad NFL stuff. The Oakland Raiders former No. 1 draft pick, QB, JaMarcus Russell, “struggled mightily with his accuracy, receivers could not run their routes or catch the ball when Russell did get it to them.”

Good old – very old fossil owner Al Davis mumbled something about “the upcoming draft.” Ah, Al, the draft was 3 weeks ago and you screwed that up big time.

OK! I’ve bored you with steroids again running rampant, NBA fights and referees who can’t see shit, kayakers trying to kill themselves and the entire world is tweetering and sexting and otherwise playing with themselves.

They say that when you don’t think you have a good column, you shut it down early.

GOOD BYE!

I have just poured my first wee dram on Lagavulin 16 year old. Makes proofing this damn thing not so painful.