



A LOT IS HAPPENING: NONE OF IT VERY INTERESTING, BUT...?

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With the NBA playoff teams doing their best Ultimate Fighting/Wrestling, MLB home run pace is wild, and so many other worthless things, you would think that the idiot sports writers/commentators would NOT need to mention steroids again.

Not so.

So how, why did this have to come up? Again.

Easy answer: New York and the Yankees ARE MLB. Everyone else is unimportant.

I said steroids were brought up again. Yes and no. Since A-Rod hit the very first pitch he saw after getting the steroid bump out of his hip, the fans have been going wild. He has hit five more HR's since then, and the fans are holding up "I love you A-Rod" signs, and the NY media does Hail Mary's before him.

I mentioned the book on him that came out last week, but I have not read any of it, and, to my amazement, I could not find a single article or snippet on radio or TV. I guess since he is a Yankee, nothing bad will be reported.

Seems they have conveniently forgotten it ever happened. Sort of like Nancy Pelosi, who has scrambled eggs for brains, and lies like a Persian rug, but the media will not say a word, because she is the ultra liberal communist, and the media loves that, so no bad press.

We'll see.

Speaking of HR's, with the very short (314 feet) left and right field fences at the new Yankee stadium, HR's are flying out at a remarkable rate.

Hell, some of those 12 year olds(?) Little Leaguers in their WS could hit one out there.

So, A-Rod's steroids are long gone (right) and all is well with the world.

Pretty much the same in LA LA land, the Dodgers.

We don't really know where Manny Ramirez is right now, but saw the Dodgers on TV last weekend, and fans held up a huge sign saying, "We support Manny Wood."

I still can't understand why he took a female fertility drug!!

One report allegedly spotted him in a woman's high end clothing store on Rodeo Ave. in Beverly Hills. He bought a dozen 42C bras, along with a dozen silk thong panties and a sheer black negligee.

I wonder what would happen if he took Viagra to go with the fertility thing. Half man, half woman. That would account for the "WOOD" part of the sign.

Stay tuned.

I know the third leg of the triple crown is next week end, but the big question is will her owners enter Rachael Alexandra, the first philly to win the Belmont since 1905 in the Preakness.

If they do, Calvin Borel will ride her. If she is not entered, Borel will most certainly get a horse, and could be the first jockey to win the "triple crown" of jockeys by riding 3 different horses.

Still PO'ed at Borel for ditching Mine that Bird, but at least a philly beat all the studs.

Let's see. A gelding (no balls) won the Derby and a female won the Belmont.

Now if the could get a bi-sexual horse for the Preakness, that would be a "GAY" old time. Manny Ramirez could ride "it."

OK, the biggest happenings right now are the NBA playoffs.

Or to be more accurate, the "Ultimate Fighting," wrestling matches, except they fight with a ball. Talk about physical. You saw more players hit the floor than in a bar in New Orleans. Totally different than regular season. Watching Kobe and Carmelo Anthony truly wrestle each other and put them in headlocks, well, that's pretty cool stuff.



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The refs let a lot of stuff go that they would not in the regular season.

But they still miss too many calls.

In game one of Lakers/Denver, the Nuggets Anthony took a 3-point shot with just 14 seconds left, and made it. However, the replay camera clearly showed his right foot was on the out-of-bounds line. And, the ref was right there and still missed it.

Lakers won anyway, but, poor officiating.

And it the last few seconds of Thursday night's Lakers/Nuggets game, there was a jump ball called. Now there is a definite rule that states that no player of either team may run THROUGH the "jump circle," wherein the jump ball took place. They are required to go around said circle. Well, one Denver player did run right through the circle. The announcers quickly pointed it out and showed the replay, but, the "best" refs missed this one also. And, had the Lakers gotten the ball, if they hit a shot, they would have at least tied the game. Ah, refs, haven't you gotten your cue. Help the Lakers/Clevelanders, not the other way around. Wonder if they had a bet on Denver.

Strange and similar games. In game one Denver took a double digit lead, only to watch the Lakers come back late and win the game.

Game 2 was the same, but in reverse. Lakers with a big lead, Denver came back and won.

Not to be outdone, Orlando trailed Cleveland by 19 points in the first half, and despite King James' 49 points, they came back and pulled the big upset.

Thus, the two teams that the networks really want/need in the finals, have lost the home court advantage. Cleveland needed a must win Friday night to still have a real chance. Probably the Lakers Saturday.

I said it last week, and I will say it again. While NO ONE will admit to anything, I personally feel that the refs will shade the calls in favor of LA and Cleveland, since that Finals Match-up would probably be THE most watched ever. Some have even said it could match a SB.

Denver/Orlando? Wake me up when the NFL training camps open.

Side note. The ever so important fake "Wrestling Matches. Well, their latest "fall down" was scheduled for Monday night in Denver's Pepsi Arena. Same night that the Lakers/Nuggets game 4 is scheduled there.

Vince McMahon, head of that farcical crap, was not a happy camper. He tried to say his event had priority. Get a life, jerk off. I have a better chance of getting laid by Carmen Electra than you do of ousting an NBA Playoff game.

He said, "We've planned this for a long time, and sold 10,000 tickets - to 3rd grade drop-outs. Who gives a poop? They will sell over 20,000 for the playoff game at prices a lot higher. And while the WWE may get a few thousand who are stupid enough to pay \$49.95 PPV, the TV ratings for the NBA game will be worth several million bucks.

Speaking of big.

All NFL teams have those large TV's set up in the end zones so you can see live action and replays.

Well, Dallas has really gone big time.

Yes, they have end zone TV's that are 51 feet wide and 29 feet high. Pretty big. That's bigger than most stadiums.

But they have installed humungous TV's on each sideline. Suspended 90 feet above the field, the Mitsubishi Diamond Vision sets are 162 feet wide and 72 feet high! In format, they stretch from 25-yard line to the other 25-yard line! That's 26,000 square FEET of HDTV!

Makes my 52 inch HD flat screen seem pretty puny.

Yea, they were expensive, but the Texas taxes paid for most of them.



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Man oh man. Here is where I wish I was a super hot-shot hacker! Just imagine, 4th quarter, tie game. You hack in to some wild porno flick and put same onto those giant TV's! You'd have many a drunken guy pounding his pod, and even some couples doing the doggie. Hmmm, let's see. 160 foot wide HDTV, heck his "manhood" must be about 8 feet long! And the ladies, they would have a size 82 quintuple X bras.

Great stuff!

And if your were a real hot shot hacker, you could make it so that it could not be changed or shut off without some really smart geeks available.

Imagine those testosterone/steroid monsters on the field. Watching them charge the cheerleaders, now that would be cool.

(NOW YOU KNOW WHY I WRITE THIS COLUMN ON MY OWN SITE, IE, NO SENSORS).

Even for me, this is really "off the wall."

Monday Night Football. A religion.

Ever since John Madden's station lost Monday Night Football, it was just not the same. They went through a couple of different combos, the last of which was Joe Theisman, Mike Tirico and Tony Kornheiser, who had been a columnist.

While Madden teamed with Al Michaels for the best duo on Sunday nights, MNF was a distant second. Two years ago, they FINALLY got rid of that wind bag, 400-pound ego, Joe Theismann and replaced him with Ron Jaworski. One QB for another. But the latter talked about the game, not himself, and actually let the other two get a word in now and then.

But Kornheiser just did not make it with the listeners.

Thus enters a never before announcer, former Raiders and Bucs coach, Jon Gruden.

Some may think a guy with no real announcing skills would be a stretch.

Not so. Gruden is smart, very funny, acidic and caustic at times, but he really knows the game.

And, he explains it as clearly as any one.

I think they may have a real good trio this year.

I've interviewed Gruden a few times, last just after his Bucs had riddled his old Raiders in the SB in San Diego in Feb, 2003. I asked him if, since he had "made" Oakland's QB (Rich Gannon) over the previous two years, did he feel that was an advantage. Most would avoid that question. He said, "Hell yes. I knew exactly what they were going to call, I had my D (defensive) captain (safety John Lynch) actually finish calling the plays, thus really pissing off Gannon." Funny stuff. I also asked Lynch about that, and he said, "yea, we knew most of the plays they were going to run before the snap. Fun times."

My "doggy boy," Michael Vick, got out of prison last Thursday. He will be under home confinement for two months.

He left Leavenworth, Kansas and was driven directly to his home in Virginia, an 18-hour, 1,200 mile trip.

He spent 19 months of a 23 month sentence (he got 2 months off for good behavior), and will spend the final 2 months under virtual house arrest. He will wear an electronic monitor, meet with his probation officer on a regular basis and drug tests will be random and mandatory.

From those who know him and are close to him – his family, mainly, say he is truly a changed person. His agent, Joel Segal said "he is definitely not the same person who went into prison." Heck, from a one-of-a-kind Lamborghini Murcielago LP640 (only \$385,000) to a couple of Maseratis, millions and a mansion to an 8X10 jail cell, that could change anyone.

Allegedly, he is to spend "a few" months working on a \$10 an hour construction job. He also is going to do work for the Humane Society.

By all counts, he has changed. "He's very quiet, subdued, even shy," said a close friend.



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The obvious question: When, or if he will play in the NFL again. 60% of fans in a poll said he should be allowed to return. "He has done his time," they said.

Warren Sapp, along with sports columnists William Rhoden, NY Times, Gwenn Knapp, S.F. Chronicle and Greg Cote of the Miami Herald said likewise.

Like any other former criminal, he should be allowed to work.

I looked back at the columns I wrote re him at the time, and I was brutal. Said things like "they should put him in one of those cages with 20 steaks attached to him and let about a dozen starved dogs in."

But I have softened, as most do over time. As a dog lover, what he did was as bad as it gets. Like a child molester, I said.

But from all I hear now, he truly is a different person. He can never undo what he did, but I do think he has learned his lesson.

It is up to Commissioner Roger Goodell as to him returning to the NFL. Goodell keeps saying "He must show real remorse." Again, whatever that is.

Atlanta still owns his rights, but has said he will not play there again.

Vick is also going through a \$20 million Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Drew Sharp, a columnist for the Detroit Free Press, says Goodell should keep Vick sidelined. He does not say how long, but says "at least" one more year. Sharp really wants him to still pay. Hey, he's from Detroit. He has to be crooked.

I don't know what is right. As I said, I crucified him when it happened.

But from all I hear, he is a changed man. I think it would be OK if Goodell made him sit out the 2009-10 season, but no more.

Some team will take a chance on him. He has too much talent to not get another shot. Hell, the Raiders are known as a convict haven.

Vick will get booed, etc, on the road, but like everything, time changes all.

His life was ruined, by his own fault. But, give him a chance, by his own doing, to make amends. The economy is hitting the rednecks also.

Attendance at NASCAR is down almost 30%. Several teams have reduced the number of cars and a few have merged. Two no longer exist.

Unhappy rednecks complain they can only afford to drink a case of beer a day. Yep, hard times. Final worthless tidbit.

More proof that it's "all about the money."

III-A Delaware State is forfeiting a 2009 football game vs. conference rival North Carolina A&T. Why?

They will get paid \$550,000 to get killed at powerhouse Michigan.

Just goes to show how schools feel the need to run up the scores against virtual high school teams to do well in the polls. Insane.

I cannot stand President Obama, but he is strongly in favor of a playoff system, so who knows. Give that job to Pelosi, and she can really screw it up.

Economy has hit me, hard. I can now have only 2-3 fingers of single malt. That's about 1 1/2 "wee" drams.