



## FROM MICHAEL VICK TO A MONEY HUNGRY CHICK

By Kerry Schmidt July 26, 2009

Well, Michael Vick is out of jail, has his electronic ankle collar off, and is, basically, a free man. He is still on probation, but he's done his time.

Ironic that many dog owners have a buried electric wire in their yard so that if the dog should try to go out too far, he gets shocked.

Michael would not get shocked, he would just set off the "alarm" and a zillion cops would be after him.

So, what now for Vick?

In April and May, 2007, I wrote at least 2 columns re Vick and his dog fighting "business."

In those columns, I don't think it would be possible for anyone else to blast Vick more brutally than I did. Since I have no editors, I could say whatever I wanted, and I did.

I said everything from him having to go to a maximum prison, and put him in with the "White Aryan" gangs to this tidbit: I said that he should have had about 20 some prime steaks tied to his body and then had him put in one of those cages with about 10 pit bulls who had not eaten in 3-4 days.

I further said that I thought it was worse killing dogs than some people.

And those were some of the nicer things I said about him.

Much of what I said was because I happen to really love dogs. I've always had a dog, ever since I was a kid, and they are like my best friend.

Hey, a dog never bitches at you, talks back to you, has a headache or demands anything.

When you get home, he rushes out to see you, happy as can be. All he wants is to be near you.

Plus, and I know this is true, when you are really down about something, perhaps putting your head in your hands, etc, your dog can honestly sense your mood. He will come up to you and rub against you. He knows you feel bad.

All of these aspects were part of why I came down so hard on him.

Now, old clichés are still around, probably because they are true.

"Time heals everything," is applicable here.

Vick has most certainly done his time. He has paid for his crime(s).

And how he did pay!

He went from a star with a multiyear \$100 million contract to bankruptcy and working for \$10 an hour at a construction job.

Except for his 5-bedroom, 3,560 sq foot house, he lost virtually everything of value that he had.

And, of course, he spent 20 months behind bars. And we're not talking about one of those "white collar," places, with tennis courts and stuff.

He did his time in Leavenworth State Penitentiary, one of the toughest and badest places to be.

What he did was awful, but remember, the NFL is not exactly a place for priests. Character and good behavior does not really abound here. What there is of it, is just week to week.

And hell, two players were DUI and both killed a human and neither did time.

Donte Stallworth, just last summer ran over a man and killed him. Dante was driving his Bentley.

He got 8 years of probation and an "indefinite" suspension, but no jail time.

Just goes to prove that, in many cases, dogs are more important than people.

So, yes, it is time to let Vick back into the game.

I think I have heard the word "remorse" about a million times. That is what Roger Goodell wants to see in Vick. What, he's a psychiatrist now?

Webster's dictionary says it means, "mental anguish from guilt."



Now I don't know what qualifies for that, but I'm damn sure Vick is well past that point.

So, what is Roger the Doggie Dodger going to do?

ESPN reports that he and Vick met last Wednesday for 3 ½ hours. Goodell reportedly told Vick he was concerned with his lifestyle prior to his prison time. He particularly brought up Vick's positive test for Mary Jane.

Thus, he will be subject to random drug tests. Hell, most all players are.

Most believe that Goodell will allow him to play this year.

However, ESPN reports that he will likely be suspended for the first 4 games of the season. More than further punishment, most believe that keeping him away from the game for the first month is so Vick's presence is not the focal point of the media coverage for the opening of the 2009 season.

Once the season is in swing, his re-involvement will not be such a big deal.

The NFL front offices said that if a team signs him, he would be allowed to take part in training camp.

Of course, all this is predicated on some team signing him. Any team that does is likely to, initially at least, take some heat from some SPCA folks and others.

But there is another factor. Vick, now 29, has not played football for two years. Leavenworth had no "Longest Yard" set up. He has had nothing even close to football workouts.

"No one has any idea what type of shape he is in," said former NFL QB Boomer Esiason.

Translation: Can he still play?

If he can come back, he could recapture some of the mega bucks he earned before he went to the dogs.

The former Vick was dynamic and widely entertaining, but he was not a top rated QB. Vick is not the pocket passer type the NFL wants. He runs first, passes second. And, his completion percentage was only 53%.

Case in point. In 2006, he ran for 1,039 yards – most for a QB, and passed for 2,474, but Atlanta ranked only 25<sup>th</sup> in points scored.

But he was, as said, a very exciting player to watch.

And, which team(s) will take a chance (and heat) for signing him? Esiason says that the Redskins, Jacksonville and the Raiders are the most likely. Hell, I think it's required that he be a felon in order to be a Raider, so....

Who knows what will happen. Can he recapture his glory moments and move on?

If he can, it will be a great story. If he can't, it will be a sad and bitter end to a once promising life.

I now jump to the "money hungry chick," mentioned in my title spot.

Some woman, who obviously got convinced by an ever sick bastard they call lawyers, that she (and of course he) could get a good piece of change from Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger by claiming that he had raped her in his hotel room at Lake Tahoe during the 2008 celebrity golf tournament.

In other words she never reported anything to the police nor filed a civil suit for over a year. (See latent attorney).

Ben's lawyer said, "Ben has never sexually assaulted anyone; especially Andrea McNulty," and he added that the absence of any criminal charges are the "most compelling evidence" that the allegations are false.

McNulty, 31, claims the rape took place over the July 4 weekend LAST YEAR at the golf tournament, which raises money for needy children.

McNulty's lawyer, Cal Dunlap, said she fell into a deep depression after the alleged rape, and spent most of the next 6 months in and out of hospitals.



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Dunlap declined to comment further.

NOTE: According to one report, a local newspaper checked all hospitals in and around the area and could find no record of her having been there.

Steelers' spokesman Dave Lockett said the team was aware of the suit, but declined to comment. He also said Roethlisberger's status with the team had not changed in response to the suit.

Local law enforcement officials in Nevada have no intention of opening a criminal investigation into the allegations (sic).

Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Teresa Duffy said the accuser would have to file the complaint. "The victim is the only one who can do that, and with no third party that actually witnessed the incident, which according to the civil case there was no third party, thus no case here."

The NFL has said they do not comment on any alleged civil suits.

All this is about some dumb bitch that listened to a has-been lawyer and convinced her they could pressure him to settle for some amount and both could make a few bucks.

Shakespeare was right. He once said, "First we kill all the attorneys."

Enough legal crap.

All NFL training camps open this week, so.....ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?! Remember how in even the most recent past, that virtually all teams left their home base and went to some hell hole where they slept in dorms with tiny beds and ate cafeteria food?

Well, I don't know if it's the economy or just the fact that they now feel the players would be better off staying near home, but 26 of the 32 teams are either at their own facilities, or within 30 miles of same.

Now Oakland (has for many years) gone up to the Napa Valley, about 50 miles north of S.F. That is one of the most beautiful places in the world, so they don't suffer much.

Only Cincinnati and Kansas City go out of state. Chicago has the most interesting place. They go to Olivet Nazarene University in BOURBONnais, Ill. Those Nazerenes love their bourbon.

I wonder if the players have to go door to door handing out religious pamphlets in the evenings. I can just imagine some tiny little lady in her Nazarene dress open her door and see a couple of grubby 300 pound monsters. "Hey lady, take this here thing. Tells us where the good titi bars are. Wanna come with us?" COOL!

Remember a good part of my column last week was about David Beckham, and what a loser he was with the L.A. Galaxy.

Well, he returned to L.A last week and played with the Galaxy. He played "poorly," according to one writer and seemed "tired, out of breath."

The fans – now about ½ of the total that came when he first arrived as the "savior" – had a large sign that said "GO HOME, FRAUD."

And, many a fan heckled Beckham long and loud, along with showing him certain digits of their hands. Beck was dumb enough to go over to the stands and also flash fingers, and he even challenged fans to come down. Well, one did, jumped over on to the field, but Beck quickly got away as security collard the "fan."

All football coaches in the crazed SEC sent in their pre-season ballots for the All-SEC team. Only one coach did not have Florida's QB Tim Tebow on the first string roster.

For a day, it was a huge "who done that" question, and the media had a field day. (Hey, SEC football is a religion, remember!). Well, turns out Steve Spurrier was the culprit.

His ballot had Ole Miss QB Jevan Snead (WHO?!). Spurrier quickly said it was a mistake, that his director of football operations had filled it out and just handed it to Spurrier, who said he just glanced at it and signed off on it.

"I take full responsibility," he said, emphasizing that he believed Tebow to be one of the best QB's in Florida history.



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Knowing Spurrier's many digs and quirky comments re other SEC teams, you never know. But, who the F cares. Well, down south heeah, that caused a 7.2 quake on the Richter scale.

Remember DB Pacman Jones? He of the many teams that gave the talented player a shot, with Dallas cutting him last season. Well, as of this writing, no team has picked him up.

I wonder if his 40 or 50 arrests had anything to do with it.

Last, but most important bit of sports info! Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle pitched a perfect game last Thursday. The game stayed perfect due to a fantastic catch by center fielder DeWayne Wise.

Well, our wonderful leader, Osama bin Laden (who wore a White Sox jacket when he threw out the first pitch at the All Star game), during a national press conference, told all that "I called (Wise) from Air Force One. I'm the President, so I can do that."

Man, hearing that sure made my frickin day!

Well, better than calling him Stupid!

I need 2 or 3 shots of single malt because of that egotistical SOB. Stands for Stupid Old Bastard.