

# TRASH TALK: MY TRAFFIC SU@K\$

JimWhite, who seems anxious to start the college season for some unknown reason, pointed out how remiss I was in not posting a trash talk for the first college games of the season. Oops. Sorry.

In college ball, I have three things to report:

First, for one whole quarter, Navy kept it close with OSU. Alas, one quarter does not make an upset.

Second, apparently those people driving to MI's first game of the season are suffering from some first-game jitters. Specifically, all the suburbanites driving through my neighborhood to the game seem to never have driven through a traffic circle before. And with four straight home games (that's what a 1AA schedule will get you in the Big House), I won't be able to drive through said traffic circles on a Saturday for an entire month.

Third, for some reason Ann Arbor has broken the cardinal rule of city road construction: which is that you finish the major arteries before the first game. They're starting road construction right out in front of my house on Monday. Now I've got wayward traffic circles and construction drivers to contend with.

As to MI football? I don't have much to say about that.

In the pros, though, here's an interesting development while we wait for the season to really start. Roger Goodell anticipates that next year (2010), there may be no salary cap (because they haven't agreed to a new contract yet). So for those of you who want to talk about something else than JimWhite's gloating, I invite you to consider who will make worse use of his opportunity to spend unlimited funds on big egos: Jerry Jones or Dan Snyder?

Here's another puzzler. Does anyone doubt that the NFC North—the perennial laughingstock of the NFL—is going to be the most improved division this year? Frankly, with Dallas looking pretty crappy and the Gents looking dicey and the Iggles looking gimmicky, I wonder whether the NFC North might be the best NFC division this year? I understand that doesn't mean the Kitties will win any games (though I think we've done far better off of stealing masaccio's Titans' Defensive Coordinator than we did off of stealing Christy's Mountaineers' Head Coach), but there are some seriously strong teams up here in the Midwest this year.