

SURPLUS TRASH TALK - TROJANS AND VIKINGS

We got off to an early start on Trash Talk because of the first game of the NFL season Thursday night. Just so everybody has an easily accessible place to jaw about the games, and especially the big Ohio State-USC tilt and the rest of the Sunday and Monday NFL games, here is another Trash thread.

A couple of comments are in order. That was a great season opener Thursday with the Stillers nipping the Titans in overtime. I still wish the NFL would give both teams a shot before ending overtimes in sudden death – it just isn't right that one team can own the ball, kick a field goal and the other team never gets a shot – but that was a great game. Polamalu getting injured may haunt Pittsburgh though. Despite the loss, the Titans look solid.

The big Wolverine-Domer matchup in da Big House has, somewhat surprisingly, been great to watch. Not much for defense, but both offenses have gotten a lot of exercise and it has been fun. A far cry from the pitiful matchup up the unvictorious and untieds that took place last year. And Big Blue has won a thriller 38-34. Oh Masaccio, I think you need to sing Hail To The Victors to Marcy! If Weiss also gets blown out by USC again, how does he survive? So far, the rest of the college schedule has gone as expected. BYU just obliterated Tulane and really looks good on the heels of their upset of ex-trollkiller Freepatriot's Sooners. A shoutout is also owed to GulfCoastPirate for his call on the Houston Cougars (William Ockham's hometown team too) for their big upset of number 5 rated Oklahoma State. Very impressive.

As to the pros, nothing new until tomorrow except the Tequila charges against Shawne Merriman have been dropped and RanDiego is now crowing about the inevitability of the Bolts winning the Super Bowl. Oh, and some old geezer

has apparently been named captain of the Vikings ahead of the season opener against Mannotsogenius and the Brownies.

There is also tennis via the US Open from Flushing Meadows. Nadal and Federer appear on a collision course and a young girl named Caroline Wozniacki looks to overcome an unseeded opponent to take on the winner of Serena Williams versus Kim Clijsters (in a great comeback run) for the women's final.

And last, but never least, for the F1 Circus aficionados, the always exciting Italian Grand Prix from Monza will go off at 8 am Eastern time with the pre-race starting at 7:30 am, all on Speed Channel. Lewis Hamilton of McLaren is on pole with the suddenly surprising Force India team, by driver Adrian Sutil, in P2. Ferrari's Raikonen is P3 with Brawn's Rubens Barricello and Jenson Button in P5 and P6 respectively.

Today's musical selection is "Lights Out" in honor of Shawne Merriman beating the rap and in anticipation of what USC will do the home of three yards and a cloud of dust.

That's it folks; juke the joint! Go Trojans!!!