

SUPER TRASH

It is kind of hard to write the last football Trash of the season. Especially now that there is no more Favre. The Saints are a nice story and all, but let's be serious, it isn't the National Favre League for nuthin ya know. I guess we will have to press on anyway, so off we go!

The Saints: Any discussion of the Who Dats has to start with Drew Fookin Brees. He didn't *have* to go to New Orleans when he signed with them, there were other and arguably better offers, he *wanted* to go to New Orleans. The team and the city were hurting and needed him, and he stepped up and has given his heart and leadership to both, and that is a pretty cool thing. And Brees may not be Peyton Manning, but he isn't far off in QB production; always puts the ball in the right place, spreads it around and reads defenses very well. Unlike the Colts, however, the Saints can run the ball too; in fact, the running game is deceptively solid with Pierre Thomas, Mike Bell and Reggie Bush. Then there is the defense, which has *really* benefitted from the wily tough nut veteran Darren Sharper and being coached up by Gregg Williams. They are very sound and have a knack for making key plays and forcing critical turnovers (Adrian Peterson is *still* looking for all the footballs they took from him). Special teams are sound, and the return game features Reggie Bush, who has rediscovered some of his scary explosiveness now that he is healthy and rested. The Big Easy is gonna be big crazy. The party is on, they are even canceling court and giving the schools a break because of the big game. You gotta love the spirit. And, hey, did you know Lombardi coaches for the Saints? I hear tell there are Lombardi fans at this blog...

The Colts: The Colts should not even be in the playoffs to start with, as they should have been banned for their shameless, unethical and craven tanking of games at the end of the regular

season. Pete Rose never tanked games, and he got a lifetime ban from baseball; apparently taking a dive, skewing the playoff race and demeaning the integrity of the game is no problem for the NFL. What a joke. In fairness to Manning, you could tell he was not happy standing on the sidelines as the games were tanked and the chance at the immortality of a perfect season went up in flames. But then again, he agreed to be sidelined; you think Brett Favre would have put up with that pansy ass shit?? Nuh uh. Peyton was the MVP this year, and he earned it; the dude is really all that. He has very good receivers and he spreads the ball around, always finding Dallas Clark when he really needs it. You can hurry him, but Manning simply does not get hit much, and he is protected a heck of a lot more than Favre was in the NFC Championship Game. The Colts defense has already been without Bob Sanders for a while, and now Dwight Freeney is severely hobbled, if he plays at all. Freeney was going to try to practice Friday and Saturday, but was unable to go either day. If he plays, he sure is not going to be the disruptive force he normally is. This is a problem for the Colts defense; it skews a lot of what they do up front, and you can put another player there, but it will not be Dwight Freeney. No Adam Vinatieri either; Matt Stover is a well seasoned pro, but he is not Adam Vinatieri when it comes to championship kicks.

Prediction: Laissez les Bon Temps Roulez! Geaux Saints!!

Odds and Ends: Here is an all time Super Bowl team, position by position. I thought it was pretty decent, what do you think? Turns out the Republicans think luncheads with brain injuries are just their kind of candidates. Brilliant, cause you know, JC Watts and Steve Largent were such stellar successes in the history of Congress.