

MID OCTOBER TRASH TALK

Well, we had a good discussion about the reply function yesterday, but time to move on to some proper Trash Talk. We already have the college games in the book, and there were some surprising results. LSU dispatched the Dawgs of Georgia surprisingly easy, and Oregon took out the favored Washington Huskies. It wasn't always pretty, but Jim White's beloved Gators got another win, this time over Vanderbilt, who is often a thorn in their side. Auburn got smoked by Tennessee, did not see that coming. The unranked Sparty's of Michigan State stunned #8 rated Penn State in Happy Valley.

And, in the don't sleep on them category, Iowa State took out #6 ranked West Virginia. The Cyclones have a true freshman QB named Brock Purdy. Remember that name, because he is blowing shit up. Here, we kind of knew of Purdy from his exploits at Perry High in the East Valley. He is a true pro-style QB with incredible field vision, and he can flat chuck it. Last week, he threw for 5 TD's and blew out the heavily favored and ranked Oklahoma State. Last night, he followed up with an 18/25 night with 3 TD's against West Virginia. This kid has a future.

Okay, on to the pros. The biggest game is, of course, the SNF matchup of the white hot Pat Mahomes and the Chiefs in Foxborough to visit Bill Bel, Brady and the Pat boys. The question is whether the lethargic to start the season Pats offense is starting to wake up now with Josh Gordon and Julian Edelman in the lineup. The presence of those two alone ought to help out the anemic running game, that is also starting to now show up behind Sony Michel. Huge game.

The Bears are in Miami to face the Fish, who are suddenly without starting QB Ryan Tannehill. That means it is Brock Osweiler time, and Khalil Mack is likely to feast on that. Arizona

travels to Minnesota for Larry Fitzgerald's likely last game in his home town. The Cards look better with rookie Josh Rosen at the helm, but hard to see them doing much against the Vikes' solid defense in the noise factory there. The Chargers at Brownies seems curiously interesting. You'd have to take the Bolts, but Cleveland is actually playing real football lately, so who knows.

Steelers have been uncharacteristically dysfunctional this year and really need a win in Cincy against the Bungles. I think they will get it, but Cincy looks more solid than they usually do, so this could be quite a game. Speaking of dysfunctional, that describes the Broncos too, and it is hard to see them stopping the Rams, even though the game is at Mile High and there is white stuff on the ground. The Niners are at the Packers for MNF. Aaron Rodgers is still banged up on the knee, and is going to a bigger and stiffer brace. Still, that should be enough for the Niners in Lambeau.

Lastly, it is MLB playoff time, with both leagues into their championship series. The Brewers took game one from the Dodgers, but LA came back to win game two in the heartland. The series now moves to LA and it sure seems like the momentum has shifted to the Dodgers. In the ALCS, game one last night was yet another gem by Justin Verlander as the Stros took out the Sawx in Fenway. Game two features Gerrit Cole, a sneaky good pitcher versus David Price for the Sawx. A LOT is riding on Price, who can be erratic in the postseason, because Boston sure doesn't want to roll into Houston down 0-2.

No F1 this week, so that is it.