

LEADERS AND BEST MICHIGAN AND SOME OTHER FOOTBALL TRASH

On this day, University of Michigan's football team is the uncontested champion of the 2023 season and the Detroit Kitties are the NFC North Champions, hosting a home playoff game for the first time in decades.

I had stopped watching much football even before I moved to Ireland, on account of the injuries. I didn't take the trouble to find someone screening the games (which started after bar time here).

But I remember how magical was the 1997 season, when I was a student right alongside Tom Brady and others who were bigger superstars at the time.

Go Blue! Go Kitties!

Everything has gotten discombobulated in college football since I have watched, with Alabama losing in the Rose Bowl before the championship game, only to have two old style Rose Bowl teams play for the Championship in Houston. Confusing!

I'm instructed there are other big games in the NFL this weekend, with Buffalo digging out their stadium again to host the Stillers tomorrow, KC hosting the Fins in subzero temperatures today, and Flacco leading the Browns to Houston today. Plus some teams from the NFC East we're more used to.

Plus, this week has also marked other generational transitions in football, as Bill Belichick, Nick Saban, and Pete Carroll also left the game. I'm hoping Harbaugh sticks with the college game.

A number of you have asked in the last week

where bmaz is, and this is a post he might have otherwise have posted. Over the holidays, after months of difficulties, I yelled at bmaz. I understand he felt his role was not appreciated here. I regret I did not better show my appreciation, because I do value the contributions he has made to the site. He remains free to comment and I hope one day to resolve our difficulties.