

TRASH TALK: TODAY'S BLOWOUT GAME

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

The score of today's game was mind-blowing. One could reasonably expect last year's champion to do well again this year but holy smokes.

Ireland kicked Italy's behind so hard Italy has no dignity left, final score 36-0.

There's more than one ball game scheduled today. The other one was part of the Guinness Six Nations' rugby series, the second round of six to be played by teams representing England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales.

Side note: I'm a bit uncomfortable referring to this series as "Six Nations" because it has been the nickname of the First Nations' Iroquois confederacy of which Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora were members.

Same also for another marginalized group of Celtic nations, the Celtic League: Brittany, Cornwall, Isle of Man Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Anyhow, the Six Nations' series began with Round 1's first match on February 2, and will run through the last match on March 16.

I bet there was a fair amount of revelry in Ireland today after the blowout smashing Italy.

Because it was rugby, here's a haka performed by New Zealand's All Blacks for last year's World Cup:

Perfect way to prepare for the kickoff in San Francisco in a couple minutes when the Kansas City Chiefs meet their hosts the San Francisco 49ers.

This is an open thread.