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Are NFL officials required to be as old as my Grandfather?

I read that Bill Gates lost 11 billion dollars and is *still* the richest man in the United States. I lost ten bucks the other day and it ruined my afternoon.

Has any championship team, in any sport, gotten less respect than the New England Patriots? (myself included) Good for them though for coming out and kicking ass in their first two games. (as Vegas underdogs, by the way)

The Mateen Cleaves/Jumaine Jones trade gets voided by the Cavs because Mateen has foot troubles. Is Mateen destined to be the black Bobby Hurley, minus the car accident? A National Championship winning college point guard, who is a high NBA pick, who are good guys, who get to the league and teams realize they can't shoot.

Mateen at least has learned the art of the towel wave. Or as my buddy Mark likes to say, he's M.L. Carr without the talent.

The other night I had a bout with insomnia and turned on the TV at around 4 AM and the Knicks and Heat were on ESPN Classic. After about half a quarter . . . I was sleeping like a baby.

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck dating? I'm not sure there could be a more irritating couple. I couldn't even make up a couple that would grate on me this bad.

Why don't they have the Tampa Bay Devil Rays just not show up for the rest of the season. I mean would anyone really care? Or notice? It's not like the standings would be affected. Just give their opponents the wins.

I mean if the Devil Rays came to Sacramento to play the River Cats, I'd be on the phone with my bookie faster than you could say Raley Field.

I'm such a sucker for cheesy 80's movies. I actually bought a used copy of this horrible movie called Sing with Lorraine Bracco in which the big moment in the movie is where she does this terrible 'Footloose' type dance number with a student from the high school where her character teaches. Just horrible. But I'm glued to it like it's porn.

I need help.

Turns out, I'm as loyal as a two-dicked dog. After getting on my 'Soap Box' about how Emmitt Smith will always be on my fantasy team, I cut him like he's Rocky's eye and pick up that gutless turd Fred Taylor. Now I have Fred Taylor and Terry Glenn, my two least favorite, no balls football players . . . is it any wonder I'm 0-2?

Too bad Jeff George isn't available.

Until next time.

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