

# **OKAY ALREADY, HERE'S YOUR DAMN TRASH TALK THREAD**

Everyone's spoiling my Bhutto thread with their damn trash talk, so I'll put up this one, a whole day early. Jeesus, you put the Pats on TV and people get all uppity. (Incidentally, this Pats-on-three-channels thing started after John Kerry complained; where was all this gumption in 2004 when we needed it???)

That said, as much as I'm hoping the Pats win (and recognizing that, even without Shockey, the Giants have a shot), I'm most interested in those games that actually, you know, matter. I'm of the opinion that the most interesting factor still to be decided for the playoffs is who has to face the Jacksonville Jaguars when. The Jags have the ability to beat either the Colts or the Pats (though they have one of those blocks against beating Peyton), to say nothing of those "division winners" with worse records than the Jags. And those guys are Hu-Ge. Will San Diego put up enough against the hapless Raiders to earn the right to avoid the Jags, and if not, will the Parker-less Steelers be able to beat a very cranky Baltimore to avoid the team that beat them a few weeks ago? I've gotta hunch that one of these games will be an upset, and I'm hoping it's San Diego.

And while we're at it, can the Titans and 'Skins beat the Colts' and 'Boys' second stringers, respectively, in order to seal up their playoff spots? Even the T0-less 'Boys aren't going to want to get beat by their big conference rivals. And Dungy probably remembers the lesson of 2005 acutely, so will try to avoid treating this game like a rest game.

So I think all of those games may be more interesting than the Pats' dance with history.

But just in case, I'm going to do what I've been

doing for several weeks, to ensure the solid play from a key Pat: I'm going to predict that if the Pats lose, it'll be because Rodney Harrison has lost a step. You see, every time I suggest Rodney-Roid no longer has the speed and power he needs to compete, he comes on and makes some really key defensive stops. That's the whole point of trash talk, after all, isn't it? To incite your team to win and win big?

Go Pats!

**Update:** Brady soft porn courtesy of joejoejoe. mr. emptywheel hates when I play that YouTube. But it's one of McCaffrey the MilleniaLab's favorites, so what can I do?