

TRASH TALK: 0-3 WEEK

I might as well have posted this later Sunday afternoon. After all, the big games of the week are on Sunday night (the scary looking 'Boys against the new-look Packers) and Monday night (one of the best two-minute drill quarterbacks ever, Favre, playing a team that has lost two in a row in the last seconds of the game, the Bolts). It's like someone actually wants us to do yard work on Sunday or something. Or maybe canvass.

Speaking of the Bolts. I haven't seen randiego around these parts lately, 'specially not during trash talk. I wonder why that is? I mean, I know it must suck to have the very best ref in football lose the game for you. But still, you gotta talk trash!

See, I can say that. I know my local team gave up a bunch of touchdowns at the end of the game last week—but that's what we know to expect from the Lions.

Speaking of local teams, John McCain has officially lost MI. True to form for McCain, he's trying to win by pandering to the home crowd—and he has chosen OH over MI. You can tell it's pandering, too, because he bought Cindy a necklace—a Buckeye necklace!?!?!—that cost less than \$1000.

McCain shopped for bargains and purchased two black Ohio State T-shirts priced at two for \$20. He also grabbed a porcelain statue of Brutus Buckeye.

On his way out of the store, McCain also decided to buy a Buckeye necklace for his wife, Connelly reported.

Palin's pandering too, like McCain claiming to be a Steelers fan, while secretly favoring the Seahawks. Seahawks!?!?!?

Biden, however, is so far above pandering that

he claims Delaware can beat the Buckeyes. I mean, I hear what bmaz says about how crappy the Big 10 is and all, but ... really, Joe?

Which leaves Obama, the narrow winner of the much-coveted "want to watch football with" vote.

People would rather watch a football game with Barack Obama than with John McCain – but by barely the length of a football.

Obama was the pick over McCain by a narrow 50 percent to 47 percent, according to an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll released Friday that generally mirrored each presidential candidate's strengths and weaknesses with voters. Women, minorities, younger and unmarried people were likelier to prefer catching a game with Obama while men, whites, older and married people would rather watch with McCain.

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McCain backers were a bit more intrigued by watching with Obama than the Democrat's supporters were with making McCain their football buddy. While fewer than one in 10 Obama backers wanted to watch with McCain, nearly one in five McCain supporters wanted to kick back with Obama.

"He seems intensely focused in a way I'm not sure he does sit down and relax," McCain supporter Lanita Lynch, 41, of Harrison, Ark., said of the Republican. She said she'd rather watch with Obama because he seemed like "someone you could be comfortable and at ease with," but cautioned, "If he's not a Cowboys fan, we'd have a problem."

Lanita must never have seen the pictures of McCain kicking back with Charles Keating, huh?

So here are my predictions for the week:
Carolina will beat a beat up Vikings team. The
fifth-round college backup coached by BillBel
will notch another win.

And about that 0-3 of the title? On paper, by
all reasoning, the Chargers should beat the
Jets. But that last second thing is really
killing them this year, so you gotta go with
Favre.

Finally, the Jaguars keep trying for that
elusive break-out game against Peyton Manning.
The Jags aren't the team they were last year.
But then, neither are the Colts. Two teams with
swiss cheese for an O-line, the Jags still
looking for their first win, in Indy?

Unfortunately, I think there are going to be at
least two playoff teams from last year that'll
be 0-3 after this weekend.