

TRASH TALK: NOT EXACTLY FAVRE-NÜGEN

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

Yes, I am a widow.

I've been a golf widow since the first week of April when the grass was greening but still too short to cut, but long enough to bear the weight of golfers.

I am now widowed twice over because said golfer hangs in the clubhouse after 18 holes to watch every sport on all the big screens lining the clubhouse walls.

At least I have a month to plan the golfer's resurrection after the last golf outing the first week of November.

Damn it. I forgot about deer season. I guess I have two months of planning woodworking and painting projects to keep him busy until the cycle begins again next April.

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Last weekend when the widow-maker spouse came home from watching post-golf football he was far too happy. He launched into a paean to the Detroit Lions. I pissed him off by replying, "You mean the perpetual losing Lions?"

"But they won!" he sputtered.

Two games does not a season make. I know better than to get my hopes up this early.

Apparently the sputterer is not alone: 2 analysts are already talking playoffs for Detroit Lions

The Lions may be up 14-0 as I type this but I am still not ready to believe.

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I doubt I will see the sputtering undead golfer before the end of the Tampa Bay-Green Bay game

which begins at 4:25 p.m. ET. Plenty of time to figure out what to serve for dinner to a guy who's fallen deeply into the 19th hole.

Give me Aaron Rogers over Tom Brady and the non-profit, community-owned team versus the corporate team.

I won't bother to argue the relative merits of either team; in truth the Green Bay Packers are a family favorite because of a family member who lives in Milwaukee area and is a superfan of the Pack. We're really rooting for them to have a good Sunday.

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Last but not least, that POS Brett Favre and his bullshit corruption, insisting on redirecting welfare money to university sports. He doesn't have the morals to fess up to the public and do right by the state of Mississippi.

A special #ESPNDaily:

The case of Brett Favre, millions in welfare funds for needy families, and what is alleged to be the largest public fraud in the history of Mississippi.

As explained by the reporter who broke the story: @ayewolfe of @MSTODAYnews

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– Pablo Torre (@PabloTorre) September 21, 2022

Remember the college admissions scandal, particularly that surrounding actor Lori Loughlin and her spouse who paid bribes to get their two daughters admitted to the University of Southern California as members of the rowing team though neither student ever rowed? Loughlin and her spouse were arrested, prosecuted, and served time; Loughlin also paid tuition for other students as amends.

But Favre pressed state officials to use Mississippi welfare funds to build a volleyball facility for his daughter to use at his alma mater...and nothing.

Or at least nothing has happened to Favre, while former head of Mississippi Department of Human Services, John Davis, pled guilty to federal and state charges related to misuse of funds including those on behalf of Favre.

It's not as if there weren't text messages released which show Favre knew the misallocation was wrong.

Brett Favre: Will the media find out that we're using welfare funds intended to help the poorest residents of America's poorest state to build a volleyball center?

Nancy New: Nah. Oh yeah, the governor is fully on board!
@ayewolfe five years later: <https://t.co/rWXHRXISsu>
pic.twitter.com/wo3QuIYXaY

— Adam Ganucheau (@GanucheauAdam)
September 13, 2022

One might even come away thinking Favre conspired to launder the money

The caper on all of this has been the ridiculous amount of attention the sports media sector paid to another sports 'scandal' this week, when Boston Celtics' head coach Ime Udoka admitted to engaging in a consensual relationship with an employee working for the same team, resulting in a season-long suspension for Udoka.

Favre's corruption received much less attention in comparison.

Meanwhile people outside the state ask why Mississippi's capital city, Jackson, has such tremendous problems with its water system.

Can't imagine why.

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Just a head's up that this thread will be an overflow catch-all this week, assuming we don't have too many other posts between now and the scheduled House January 6 Committee hearing on the 28th.

You might want to bookmark this for all non-hearing chatter.