

TRASH TALK: IT'S ALL OVER BUT THE SCREAMING

Golf widow here again. My seasonal widowhood has come to the end of the road.

It's the last weekend of the golf season here in this bit of the Midwest. The final round is underway now. Hereforth the not-so-retired retiree will be home until golf's pre-season begins next April.

Or until firearm deer season begins on November 15.

Or the pre-season preparation of deer camp over the weekend before the season begins.

In other words I have a very narrow window of opportunity to get honey-do tasks accomplished over the next five days, and even that has been shortened by a previous commitment to replace brakes and repair an A/C system on my son's car.

As soon as I finish publishing this post I will be assembling all the tools and supplies needed for a whirlwind of chores. Let's hope four days is enough time to get them all done.

What's on your fall chore list?

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Another season has come to an end, the boys of summer can go home: Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies last night. The final score was 4-1 in the sixth and last game of the Major League Baseball Championship series, with the Astros achieving best of seven games with four games to Phillies' two.

There will be a lot of discussion about Phillies' manager Rob Thomson's sixth inning decision to pull pitcher Zack Wheeler and replace him with Jose Alvarado while the bases were full.

Astro's Yordan Alvarez batted a home run on Alvarado and that was the entire ball game.

Wheeler's made polite politic noises about Thomson's decision but surely he must be gutted.

Feels like we should all be a bit more inured to lousy management decisions by now.

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In NFL news, Miami Dolphins are currently up 28-25 against the Chicago Bears. Cooler weather isn't deterring them.

This bit of reporting from CBS Sports made me snort:

Miami's two-game winning streak can directly be tied to the return of quarterback Tua Tagovailoa as the Dolphins have wins against the Pittsburgh Steelers and at the Detroit Lions in his first two games back in action. He leads the NFL in passing yards per attempt (9.0) and passer rating (112.7) with the Dolphins amassing 2,340 passing yards this season, the most in the NFL. He'll be going up against the NFL's fifth-ranked pass defense in Chicago that allows only 188 passing yards per game.

It's great that Tagovailoa has apparently recovered from his gawdawful injuries, but the last two games were against an AFC North team with a 2-6 record and an NFC North team with a 1-6 record. The latter – the Detroit Lions – really? Who couldn't beat them?

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Yikes – this Major League Soccer 2022 MLS Cup final yesterday between Los Angeles Football Club and Philadelphia Union was something.

Massive and scary moment with 10 minutes left in extra time of #MLSCup. LAFC GK Maxime Crépeau races off his line and is

badly hurt after attempting to cut off
Cory Burke's path to goal

(via @FoxSoccer)

pic.twitter.com/Hk06ZSwUUJ

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I shudder each time I've watched this.

The final came down to a shootout in which
Crepeau's substitute John McCarthy managed three
saves.

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After WNBA player Brittney Griner's appeal was
denied by a Russian court on October 25, the
U.S. Embassy attempted to visit her.

They were able to check on her condition on
November 3. She's holding up as best she can all
things considered.

I wonder how much Griner and the welfare of the
other detained American Paul Whelan factored
into the new report the Biden administration's
request that Ukraine remain open to negotiation.

It had better not have come about because of
House Democratic progressives' sloppy approach
to this subject this summer.

Treat this as an open thread.