

# **NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS IN PANDEMIC TRASH TALK**

Greetings to all fans, whether you are scoring at home, or alone in isolation. It is pretty remarkable that the NFL has made it this far without blowing up from Covid. Yet here they are down to four games this weekend.

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# **NFL PLAYOFF FOOTBALL IS BACK, AND WE'RE GONNA GET IN TROUBLE TRASH TALK**

It has been a hell of a fun first few months, er week, of 2021. So, with no further adieu, lets get to the ball.

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# **THANKSGIVING DAY CHEER**

Okay, the football gods did not smile on fans today. But, hey, there is a lot else to be thankful for. Especially here, thanks to all of you. And so we are thankful for all of you!

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# GOODBYE EARL TRUMP

“Well, the weeks went by and spring  
turned to summer  
And summer faded into fall  
And it turns out he was a missing person  
who nobody missed at all”

Listen, this has been really over since mid Wednesday morning. Am not sure how long The Arizona Republic has called this race, but pretty sure it has been at least a day or more. Even if the drama happy cable networks won't acknowledge it.

But even MSNBC and CNN are chiming. So, it is really over. Goodbye Earl Trump!

Some good college football on today. ASU at USC starts it off. Houston at Cinci could be interesting. Best game could be Gators at the UGA. But the oxygen in the room goes to....Clemson at The Golden Domers. Having Taylor Lawrence out puts a large dent in this, bet Clemson can still put up a fight.

I'll be back in a bit with the pros.

The Chicks with Goodbye Earl.

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## LAST TRASH TALK BEFORE THE ELECTION

The long national nightmare is hitting the home stretch, Sean Connery has passed, and there is some great football and F1 on tap this weekend.

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# TEN DAYS TO GO TRASH TALK

There are ten days left to insure the Trump Train leaves the station forever. Let Mr. Springsteen tell you to drive that train on out of town.

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## TUSCALOOSA GETS THE BIRMINGHAM BLUES

The Saban Spreader:

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## WHAT A WEEK TRASH TALK

Since the period where there was no sports to trash talk about, and this turned into a music blog, it has been hard to get back into the normal trash groove. Let's try to get back to it, because everything else is botched up.


The NBA has actually been pretty good in their bubble, but not that many are watching as normally would. Ditto for the NHL and MLB. For all the clamor to get sports "open" from all kinds of preening politicians, maybe that is okay. Sports are great, but there is a problem going on in the world.

The NFL is also back, and initially without much drama. That worm has turned. The Tennessee Titans had a full on Trump White House like outbreak. The Saints had a scare that, so far, seems to have abated. But then, as they were preparing to make the already perilous trip to

Arrowhead to meet the Chiefs, the Patriots' Cam Newton has tested positive for Covid. That's a problem, both for the Pats and the league. The first three weeks went quite well, but the inevitable has arrived. The Covid has arrived, and not just as to the Trump crew. King Roger (h/t Scribe) we have a problem. It is sad in a way, because Newton's reclamation in New England was one of the really good stories in the NFL so far.

On a more somber note, Bob Gibson has passed. He was simply one of the best athletes in history. He did not just star in baseball, but was also a Harlem Globetrotter. If he had played in the NBA instead of MLB, he might have rivaled Elgin Baylor. He was that good. But MLB it was, and what a career. Read this great story.

Here is the Gibson stat line from just 1968. Keep in mind, this is just ONE season.



.112 ERA
34 Starts
28 Complete Games
13 Shutouts

Yep, that is pretty good.

Music today by Johnny Rivers. No, he did not write all his songs. But neither did Elvis. Johnny Rivers was great. With a hat tip to the Dodge City Cowboy Band.

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## NFL SUNDAY TRASH TALK

I mostly boycotted NCAA football yesterday, and got busy with an absolutely insane F1 race from Italy. It is the Tuscan Grand Prix, celebrating Ferrari's 1000th F1 race. But it is a shit cookie cutter circuit, and the course is WAY too

narrow. It is nuts, eight cars have already crashed out, and there has been safety cars out and two, TWO full red flag suspensions of the race.

Anyway, after the Chefs cooked and BBQ'd the Texans on Thursday, today brings a full slate of games. Brady and the Bucs have a very tough opener with the Saints. Probably can't win it, but we will start to see how they are going to look. Cards are choking on the Santa Clara air to play the 49ers.

Eh, it is a new year for everybody. Discuss!

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## **THE FABULOUS EMPTYWHEEL MUSIC BLOG: SETTING THE SCENE**

We have done live music for a couple of weeks, now let's set the scene with the greatest music documentaries.