

TRASH TALK: TODAY'S BLOWOUT GAME

The score of today's game was mind-blowing. One could reasonably expect last year's champion to do well again this year but holy smokes – go Ireland! This is an open thread.

TRASH TALK: EMBRACING YOUR BI AS IN COASTAL

I screwed up thinking this was about bi-coastal championships with Baltimore on the east coast and San Francisco on the west coast, forgetting about Detroit on the northern fresh water coast. This is an open thread.

LEADERS AND BEST MICHIGAN AND SOME OTHER FOOTBALL TRASH

Hail to the Victors Valiant! Hail to the Conquering Heros! Hail hail to other trash as well!

MOST UNDERRATED TRASH TALK

We had a bit of a detour on Marcy's Absolute Immunity post. To get it out of the way here, yes I think the absolute immunity claim is ludicrous. But that is what Trump does.

But the detour started with Adrian Belew being underrated. He was, and still is. What about other legendary, yet still underrated guitarists? I'll throw out a few names off the top of my head, and let the discussion begin.

Frank Zappa. If you did not see him live, you may not understand how freakishly good of a guitar player he was.

Bill Nelson. Of Be Bop Deluxe. Just spectacular.

Earl Slick. Probably best known for his Bowie collaborations, starting with Diamond Dogs.

Ariel Bender of Mott The Hoople. Real name is Luther Grosvenor. He was great.

Steve Hunter and Dick Wagner. Probably best known for their work with Lou Reed, but also with Alice Cooper. They come as a pair.

The list is endless, so have at it!

The MLB playoffs are underway. Houston still seems very alive and Verlander still clutch. The DBacks somehow or another clobbered the Dodgers in game one. Not sure they can keep it up, but that was fun.

In what I can only term a tragedy, Verstappen won his second drivers' championship yesterday in a stupid sprint race in Qatar. No, still not going to give Max the first one, because that was simply, and wrongfully, stolen by the FIA from Lewis Hamilton.

If you have not been watching the WNBA playoffs, you are missing out. The NY Liberty and Las Vegas Aces are the real deal.

Alright, hoop it up and let loose.

TRASH TALK: THE TRASHIEST TALK EVER TRASHED

Uh, it's TRASH talk, which is talk about trash. Not all trash is exclusively about sports. This week's trash brought to you by the Taylor Swift effect.

TRASH TALK: WON'T SOMEBODY THINK OF THE CHILDREN EDITION

Disgusting: how unprepared MSU was to handle a high-profile sexual harassment complaint, and how the GOP blows off revolting behavior by its own. Won't somebody think of the children?

SUNSET MUSINGS III AND TRASH TALK

A few of you may remember Sunset Musings II regarding the fall of Grandpa Pricky. Most were likely not here back then. So Casa de bmaz has today lost yet another noble centurion. Grandma Pricky.

TRASH TALK: PREPPING FOR TAILGATE SEASON

We're two weeks out from the first NCAA Football games – with them comes tailgate party season. This is an open thread.

ARE THE DUBS DONE?

Last night I was too tired, and half asleep, so did the unthinkable and semi-hijacked Rayne's thread with a shout out to Punaise and Molly Pitcher regarding the Golden State Warriors demise. Punaise has not showed up yet, but Molly's response was pretty spot on:

Yeah, bummed of a birthday for Mr Pitcher. We had to turn the sound off in the second half.

I think Bob Myers made some head scratching decisions prior to this season, and at the Allstar break. Why did they keep Iguodala, whom I love, but is definitely beyond his sell-by date?

Why was so little done to find some sort of replacement for Wiseman? The lack of a mobile Big really crippled us. Loony was a rebounding machine, but he cannot handle the other Bigs in the league.

The Warriors have some serious thinking and greatly needed action ahead of them, starting immediately. Steph, Klay and Dray need to take pay cuts so the Warriors can bring the needed talent to support them, now that the NBA has monkeyed with the salary cap rules to

keep Joe Lacob from just ponying up the salary cap tax.

Draymond has recently said he wants to play 4 more years and retire as a Warrior. Both Kerr and Tom Izzo have said that not only is Draymond the smartest basketball mind they have ever met, but he is one of the smartest guys they have ever met. If Klay and Steph still want to compete as much as they have claimed, they can still get another Championship, but only if they have the supporting cast that has been missing this year. And Jordan Poole needs to be traded yesterday, there was a reason Draymond punched him in camp.

Think that is right. So, are the Dubs done? Dunno, but they do have some impending salary cap issues under the NBA's ever more byzantine guidelines. If Golden State keeps the big three together, they are going to need some help. Jordan Poole thinks he is Steph Curry, but he is not Steph Curry, does not play defense that well and appears a bit of a cancer in the locker room. Loose Poole. Ike is wonderful (and a former Arizona great), but he is done. Keep the big three, get a little help and keep Wiggins healthy, and you still have an elite team.

The Suns are kind of in the same boat. Have Booker and Durant, and that is as dynamic a duo as there is in the NBA. Yet Chris Paul is old, slow, and never managed to be there come playoff time even when younger and faster. Deandre Ayton is just a puzzle. Has every physical skill and factor in the world, but doesn't seem to care. The sun is setting on Ayton's time in Phoenix. If anybody will take him. The NBA Western Conference is not what it once was. Change is afoot.

DERBY DAY TRASH TALK 2023

It is Derby Day, the weekend of the Miami Grand Prix (on the most hideous circuit in recent memory) and NBA Playoffs. Time to Trash talk!