

# TRASH TALK, FAILED PUNDIT EDITION

Say, did any of you notice how badly I did with predictions last week?

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.

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## EMPTYWHEEL'S TRASH TALK - DEBATE WITH THE DISHONORABLE GEEZER EDITION

There are a bunch of games. Half the mopes will lose. Teams from Phoenix will be among them; but with the USC burb Thursday night, it is a little easier to take. This done on the fly, so additional fun discussion will have to follow later. I am thinking you guys know how to rip the joint up without a bunch of mumbo jumbo anyway.

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## TRASH TALK: 0-3 WEEK

I might as well have posted this on 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 last two-minute drill quarterbacks ever, Favre, playing a team that has lost two in the last seconds of the game, the Bolts).

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## **EW'S TRASH TALK - THE BIG GAMES START**

Week 2 is upon us, football is really back, and the big games are really starting to be played now. The first weekend you are just glad to have the pigskin back in the air, you don't care that the games are usually not that good. That is not the case for Week 2 though, there are huge games on tap. Let's belly up to the bar then.

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## **TRASH TALK IS BACK!!!**

Who would schedule a nomination accepting speech to compete with football?

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## **MOURNING THE LOSS OF A GIANT RECENTLY PASSED - SUNSET MUSINGS II**

Despite the wall to wall coverage, not just on NBC and MSNBC, but all the networks, the hand wringing, the eulogizing, the lionization, the body lying in state at the Kennedy Center, and

the funeral worthy of royalty, not enough has been said about the recent passing of a giant. Probably because all that bleating was about Saint Tim of Russert. I am talking about a different giant. A giant in my own family has passed. Granpa Pricky.

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## THE SUN ALWAYS RISES

If power is based on principles, what principles are they based on? That's my question for Mr. Obama. Because it would seem that the Congress is attempting to sell out the Bill of Rights to telcos and abusers of the law and our Constitution. It seems that it is, indeed, just "a piece of paper" that the President can ignore with almost complete impunity...as long as those abuses remain hidden from all but the few who get to benefit or suffer by those abuses. At some point, the abuses will grow, have grown, and they continue to this day because...little is done to punish those who have committed those abuses, either politically, and especially legally.

In fact, the abuse has gotten so bad that some loyal Americans and supporters of the U.S. Constitution are left with the helpless and crazy opinion that other countries will have to sort out our politics for us...and some of us, at this point, even advocate for that; for foreign countries to enforce their human rights, and other treaty and legal obligations against our own citizens so that justice and human dignity will be served well.

It is, indeed, a sad and dangerous time that has fallen upon us, the American people, because of the arrogance and power that has been wielded with little restraint, nor concern, for our own well-being. As long as Bush and his coterie are happy, what happens to us appears to be of little importance.

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## **DON'T TELL YOUR MOMMA, TELL OBAMA**

Well, we got Mr. Obama's reply to all of us. Everybody has a lot to say to Mr. Obama. Here is the place. Now is the time. Trash talk is allowed. I heard the Lakers, er Celtics just won something. Also heard Curt Schilling is done, how the Sawx gonna win without him?

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## **EW'S TRASH TALK - AGONY IN DEFEAT EDITION**

There is a lot going on out there, so consider this a somewhat open thread to yammer at will. The first item of business is the passing of Jim McKay. Also on the plate are the Belmont Stakes and Big Brown's run at the Triple Crown, and the Canadian Grand Prix.