

THE LOOK MAN REPORT 2006
NFL DRAFT SUPPLEMENT: RANDOM THOUGHTS BY JACK HANDY

"I love me some me." – Pokes WR Terrell (TO) Owens

As the NFL 2006 Draft reaches levels of hyperbole heretofore unseen, the Look Man figured it was time to stop the madness. Instead of focusing on this ridiculous exercise, he instead wanted to share some random thoughts.

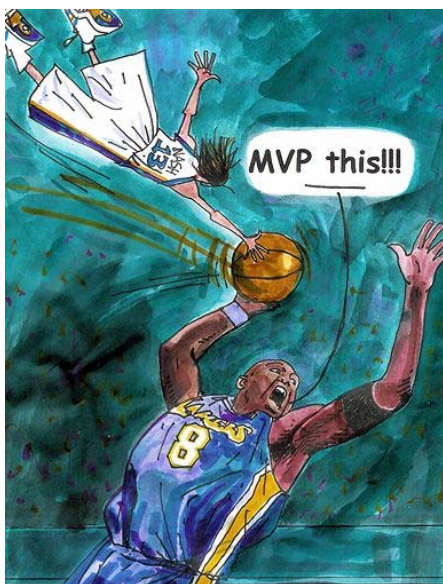
Without further ado, the week in pre- and review.

It's Fan-Tastic:

The NBA Playoffs are in full swing with seven game series in Round One. Round One used to be the best of five format, but David Stern couldn't resist the obvious revenue opportunity. Of these first round series, the Suns-Lakers, Cavs-Wizards and Clippers-Nuggets stand out. The Suns-Lakers series features the MVP-elect Steve Nash versus Kobe (Black Mamba) Bryant. Kobe saw fit to posterize Nash this week after the Arizona Republic(ans) spoiler announcing Nash as MVP. If you didn't see Mamba elevate over the top of Nash and slam the rock in his face, you better ax somebody, or simply go to this URL at the total Entertainment/Sports Network: <http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/dailydime?page=dailydime-060427>.

Nash joins Kareem Addul Jabbar, Tim Duncan, Michael Jordan and others as two time winners. Unfortunately, his year is eerily similar to the Nets' Jason Kidd (Rock) when they competed for the championship. Kidd Rock didn't win the MVP, and neither should Nash. The Look Man likes LeBron (King) James, who propelled the Cavs to the playoffs for the first time since the '90s without the benefit of one other player who can even shoot the rock. As for why Nash won back-to-back MVPs, well, I ain't saying he's a golddigger, but his mom didn't get cited for kicking out police car windows during a DUI arrest.

Speaking of this series, did anyone catch Kareem wearing a Native American getup replete with tassels? This outfit was straight out of the Village People, and this seven footer was wearing it like it was hot. One has to wonder if Kareem is headed the way of Elton John, where nothing he does or says is surprising. It actually gives credence to the fact that no one wants to pick him up as an assistant, despite his incredible skills and accomplishments. Look for him to tattoo his face, bungee jump from The Staple Center roof, or become a stock car racer next.



Actual photo of Kobe dogging the MVP

King James Version:

Over in the East, King James followed an epic triple double in Game One by going into the tank after hard fouls in Game Two versus the Wizards. Apparently Wiz Head Coach Eddie Jordan decided to force other Cavs to win the game, and there are no other scorers in C-Town. As the commercial says, "Nobody beats the Wiz." That is, except female NBA zebra Violet (David Palmer's Sister). Violet and the rest of the Zebras allowed this one to get way out of control in the second half, calling several questionable offensive charges, and other ticky-tack fouls.

K-Mart Announces Light Blue Light Special:

Nuggets coach George Karl (Marx) announced the indefinite suspension of F Kenyon (K-Mart) Martin following a tirade in Game Two of the series. K-Mart was unhappy about his playing time after missing most of the season with Denver. He was traded to the Mile High city from the Nets, and promptly suffered serious knee injuries.

K-Mart has issued an apology to the team and the coaches, but is unlikely to see action in games three or four. Unfortunately, the Clippers will have sent the Nuggets fishing by the time his suspension is over. It reminds us of the line from the 1993 film *Demolition Man*, starring Sly Stallone, Wesley Snipes and Sandra Bullock. Bullock's character from this futuristic dramedy talks about how the annually underachieving Clips have won multiple NBA titles. Oh, and Wes Snipes' over-the-top villain makes Bill Shatner's Kirk look like Shakespeare.

It's Not Boxing; It's HBO:

If you missed Wladimir (Ivan Drago) Klitschko-Chris Byrd (Parker) fight on HBO, you didn't miss much. Drago destroyed the sax player, and the fight should have been stopped. Klitschko has made a mockery of the heavyweight division, especially when no one examines his glass jaw.

This fight was indicative of the current mess in boxing as evidenced by the recent melee in the Floyd Mayweather-Zab (Lion of) Judah fight. Mayweather's trainer and biological father Roger faces expulsion after entering the ring and striking Judah following a low blow and a rabbit punch to his son. The Nevada Boxing Commission is reviewing the case while thinking about adding Roger to a new UFC division.

The Sweet Science needs a shot in the arm, and the introduction of seven-footer Nikolay (Sasquatch) Valuev isn't helping matters. Valuev suffers from a rare disorder that causes hair to cover every inch of his body. His corner is headed up by former Chief Medical Examiner Kay Scarpetta, with copious advice from Angelo (Mick) Dundee.

The Cincinnati Ad Hominems Select:

With all of the talk of the first ten picks in the draft, the Look Man chooses to focus on the Nati pick at 24. Despite a pressing need to obtain a TE who would allow TJ (Ponytail) Houshmandzadeh to go vertical instead of getting crushed on crossing routes, they will bypass real talent and select Notre Dame TE Anthony (Big Pasta) Fasano. Their love for all things ND will result in a special promotion where they serve communion on Sundays at half-time. Look for the NFL to be giving last rites to Big Pasta by year four. He will end up becoming the next Marco Battaglia.

Conspiracy Theory of the Week I:

Nothing epitomizes the underhanded nature of the NFL Draft more than the recent story regarding Reggie (Mr. President) Bush's family getting a house rent-free for the last year. The media is now calling for Mr. President to return his Heisman, and for USC to be stripped of its Pac-10 title. The Look Man has a suspicion that this story was engineered by the Houston Slim Shades in order to undercut his draft negotiation and endorsement value. It stinks like the proverbial garbage can behind a Houston Vietnamese restaurant in June.

Conspiracy Theory of the Week II:

What is up with lacrosse players??!! First the Duke LaX scandal rocks the country, then this story from Columbus on a high school lacrosse team. These guys steal The Shocker from the wrestling playbook, probably getting the coach fired in the process. The Look Man figures it was simply an ad homo-nem retaliation on the coach.

As for the Duke scandal, the interplay between power and privilege, race and gender is likely just another shell game attempt by the GOP to divert attention from \$4/gallon gas, Dubya's plummeting popularity rating, Rumsfeld's imminent resignation, the Enron trial, the Scooter Libby trial, and hiring Tony Snow (White) as White House Secretary of Disinformation? The next Three Card Molly move will follow just before the November congressional elections and the smart money is on another Michael Jackson molestation story.

Fox in the Henhouse:

For 24 watchers, what is up with Secretary Heller driving off a cliff in the latest episode? Heller, played by the inimitable Bill Devane, decided to commit suicide to avoid being shot by a helicopter sniper. The guy played Jack Kennedy in the Missiles of October and now he drives rig off of a mountain and into a lake??! Why didn't he simply drive under some trees and call William Edward Kennedy's attorney?

Granted, 24 has become increasingly comical over the years. We suspended disbelief for four years while the diminutive Kiefer (Lover) Sutherland beat the snot out of trained six foot killers left and right. The Look Man would have liked to have seen Jack Bauer match up with Edgar Stiles in a battle over a Big Mac. The smart money would have been on Edgar in that one.

Baltimore No More:

If you haven't seen the new FX drama *Thief*, starring Andre Braugher, do yourself a favor this summer in reruns. This show has great acting, great script writing, and a nice ensemble cast. Braugher's dalliance with the big screen after success on *Homicide: Life in the Street* may now be over. He has the acting skill of Morgan Freeman, the deadpan of Christopher Walken, and the buttocks of Warren Sapp.

FX shows such as *nip/tuck* and *The Shield* now have some competition. Even the commercials are worthwhile when you have this kind of quality drama. *Thief* could use some eye candy, however. The Look Man is a little uncomfortable ogling the actress who plays Braugher's underage daughter.

Fairy Tale Come True?

The Reds signed pitcher Bronson Arroyo from the Red Sox in the offseason, and this guy is a potential NL Cy Young winner. Not only does he pitch like a stud, he jacks the ball over the fence after not hitting in the AL. It's so nuts that he wears a batting helmet with twin flaps, and has a Prince Valiant haircut. The Look Man hasn't seen any interviews, but if he comes with the Bronson Pinchot Serge character from *Beverly Hills Cop II*, it will blow the roof off the Unintentional Comedy Rating. Now all the Redlegs need is to add the Wesley Snipes character from *Major League*.

The Three Matts:

Last season the NFL featured the Three Mikes: Holmgren, Sherman and Martz. Two of the three got fired, and the third suffered an ignominious Super Bowl XL loss at the hands of Bill (Iron Chin) Cowher and the Zebras.

This season, we replace them with The Three Matts: Millen, Hasselback, and Schobel. The latter Matt is a former Bengal, who now plies his pass dropping abilities with the Iggles. Each will wear

a bulls-eye this season as the Look Man watches them self immolate. He might even make new Bengals signal caller Anthony (If Lovin' U is Wrong, I Don't Wanna B) Wright an honorary Matt, just for comedic purposes. For some reason, the Ugly & Black selected this scattershot hurler to sub for (Johnny) Carson Palmer, who may not return to form until at least Week 4 after suffering a devastating attack by a shunned civil servant named Kimo von Wilkes Boothe. Looks like another slow start and a season on the Island of Misfit Teams for the Ugly & Black.

Coming Attractions:

The Look Man is reviewing correspondents for the LMR ala The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. So far, Tailpipe GB Shaw has stepped up with a Dallas draft perspective entitled *Man and Superman: the Real Story of Jimmah Johnson*.

In the interest of equal time, the Look Man will allow others to issue a defense of their squads. No doubt Ad Hominem fans will want to crow about the Nati, Chowds Fan would like to rebut the anti-New England bias and so on.

Correspondents can feel free to use Zebra of the Week, Celebrity Obit of the Week or other LMR staples. Political commentary is always fair game as well. Format and writing style are subject to individual preference. Send all resumes and writing samples in care of the Look Man to this email address.

Epilogue:

Enjoy the draft, where folks get excited about players whose grades won't be known for two years. Unless your name was Shawne (Ethel) Merriman or DeMarcus Ware, your rookie season was likely a learning experience with an incomplete grade. The Look Man cannot wait for Mel (Hair Helmet) Kiper to expound upon the virtues of the next (c)Ryan Leaf on draft day.

Peace,

The Look Man