

FROM CROSSTOWN SERIES TO CROSSTOWN STRUGGLES



Remember all the hoopla over a crosstown series this October? With the Sox muddling through a road trip and holding a 1-1/2 game lead over Minnesota while the Cubs still have a 4-game advantage over Milwaukee and an even larger cushion over the rest of the pitiful National League in the wild card race, this scenario is still within the realm of possibility. Those possibilities have taken a huge hit, though, with Sox left-fielder and AL MVP candidate Carlos Quentin needing surgery on his broken right wrist and Cubs ace Carlos Zambrano missing starts and MRI's and just not pitching well while the offense takes an ill-timed vacation. Add in the continued back problems for Sox third baseman Joe Crede and the Cubs' re-incarnation of Mark Prior in the person of Rich Harden these teams look destined for late-season disappointment. The Cubs have enough margin for error to get to October while the Sox, not so much. If these situations persist, though, it's hard to see how either team can do much once they get into the playoffs. So, my friends in hell, don't buy your winter jackets just yet!



GIANTS BEAT UP ON REDSKINS IN OPENER START THE BETTING!

So the NFL football season has begun. Who has lost a bunch of money already on Thursday night's opener at Giants Stadium? I would hate Thursday night games when I played fantasy football because I'd forget to set my line-up, so I'd be stuck with guys on byes and all that stuff. That reminds me, fantasy football sucks! It's so easy to get engrossed in that, and I didn't even play in a money league. After three seasons of that crap, I gave up. The NFL invades my life enough when I avoid it, so I just don't have time or energy to have to follow the NFL for an entire other reason. It's maddening, to be honest. It doesn't help when your fantasy team gets its brains beat in week-after-week. It's too tedious, and I can't see how people get so into it. I also hate that the media gives stats for fantasy football purposes. The guy who runs the league or the computer, if you do it on line, figures out the score on their own, so you don't need fat Chris Berman to give you your fantasy score. Fantasy football...what a crock!

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS WAKE ME UP WHEN IT'S OVER!

Big time college sports is the biggest waste of time and money in the sports world. I can't stand watching much of this unless Northwestern is winning or Notre Dame is getting their gilded brains bashed in. The coverage college football gets is maddening. There are so many teams and so many players, I don't know why anyone would put so much time into knowing this unless they got paid for it. Overpaid coaches looking for the next pay day leading spoiled brats who were given scholarships to not go to school appearing on national TV from Thursday through Saturday is a great way to ruin a weekend. And the incessant BCS vs Coaches and Media Rankings vs Playoff argument had grown tiresome about 20 years ago. The argument is seemingly bigger than the games themselves. So break out the band, and get ready to sing the alma mater, and I'll go do something more important and exciting like watch hair fall on the floor.

DENNIS THE MENACE STRIKES AGAIN



WHITE SOX CATCHER A.J. PIERZYNSKI FOUND A WAY TO GET TO THIRD BASE ON AUG. 24, THANKS TO AN INTERFERENCE CALL DURING A RUNDOWN. UMPIRE DOUG EDDINGS CALLED THE SLIGHT CONTACT IMMEDIATELY. HMM...DOUG EDDINGS. SOUNDS FAMILIAR. WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE? OH YEAH (LOOK BELOW).

