

# SPORTS

## Who is naughty and nice in the world of sports

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'Tis the season to decorate your house with lights, prepare the Christmas tree, and make your Christmas list. This year, I am making a list of what I am getting people this year for Christmas, due to that I am in a generous mood lately and I really think that I nailed it on the head with what people want or need this year.

On the top of the list, I have Tom Brady. This year, Brady is getting the flu from me. Listen, your team has unreal talent and you're making everyone else look bad. Getting the flu will make you sit out one game tops. Plus, if you win with either Matt Cassell or Matt Gutierrez, you guys will truly be the best ever.

Next, I have Brady's coach Bill Belichick, who this year will be getting a suit from me. The hoodie thing was cool for a while, but it is time to upgrade. You might be coaching the greatest team of all-time and you need to look good while doing it. Just give me your measurements and I'll place an order.

Even though I really do not want to buy him anything, Barry Bonds is on my list. Bonds, I thought about your gift for a while and this year, I'm baking you a cake with a file in it. Face it, you might go to prison for perjury. With your upcoming trial, I am nervous. I do not want to see you in jail with those animals, so I'm going to get you some protection.

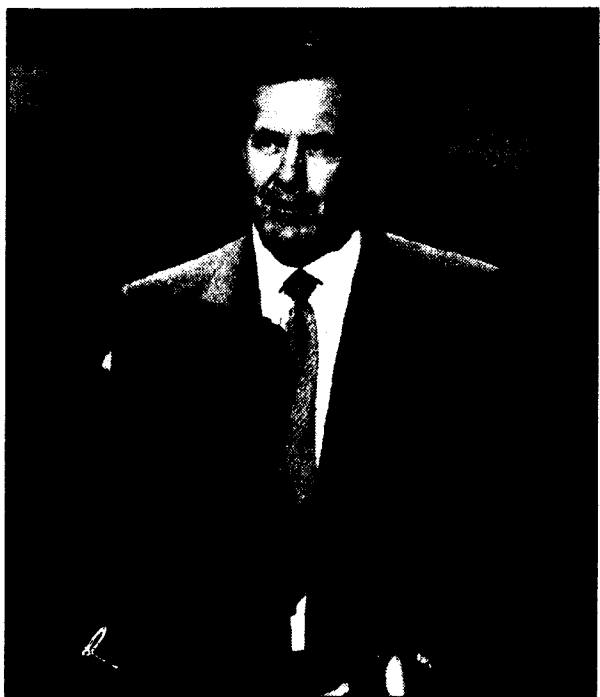
For the phenom Sidney Crosby, I am getting you DJ Craven. Crosby may open his gift and wonder,

"who is this?" Craven is the all-time leading goal scorer in Penn State Behrend history and last time I checked, Crosby, you need a winger that can score. Craven has proven that, at the D-III club level, and he is currently unsigned. If you don't like the gift, I can make a few calls and see what Nils Ekman is doing these days.

Football coach Bobby Petrino is on my list and I got just the thing for the coach. Petrino is getting *Runaway Bride*, starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. I seriously think coach Petrino has a problem. He has signed 20 years worth of contracts in 18 months. You need to stick with a job. Coaching professional football is not like working at McDonalds. You cannot just get up and quit during the season for another job. Petrino is like the kid you played backyard football with who took the ball home when he was mad. Maybe watching Roberts leave altar after altar, Petrino will wake up and realize that he needs to see if that Michigan job is still available.

For Pittsburgh Steelers safety Anthony Smith, I am getting a muzzel. Here is a real quick lesson on calling out opponents: DO NOT CALL OUT THE TEAM THAT IS 12-0. This is the reason why the Steelers got rid of loud-mouth Joey Porter. If you would like to keep your job, then you need to be quiet and play your position. Smith, if you really want to call out a team, call out the Ravens or the Dolphins. Call out a team that you know you can beat.

For the last name on my list, I have Michael Vick. Wait, Michael Vick...man, I got to bake another cake. I will have to go out and get some more eggs and another file.



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Patriot's head coach Bill Belichick at the Espy's

## Beat The Experts

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NCAA	Andy	Chris	Ryan	Muska	Matt
Penn St. vs. Texas A&M	PSU	PSU	A&M	A&M	PSU
Kentucky vs. Florida St.	UK	UK	FSU	UK	UK
BC vs. Michigan St.	MSU	BC	BC	BC	BC
Arizona St. vs. Texas	Texas	Texas	ASU	Texas	ASU
Auburn vs. Clemson	Clem	Clem	Aub.	Clem	Clem
Oregon vs. South Florida	Ore.	Ore.	Ore.	Ore.	Ore
Virginia vs. Texas Tech	TT	UVA	TT	TT	UVA
Arkansas vs. Missouri	Ark.	Mizz	Ark.	Ark.	Mizz
Tennessee vs. Wisconsin	Wis.	Wis.	Wis.	Wis.	Tenn.
Michigan vs. Florida	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	UF	UF
Georgia vs. Hawaii	UGA	UGA	Hawaii	UGA	UGA
USC vs. Illinois	USC	USC	USC	Ill.	USC
Oklahoma vs. WVU	WVU	WVU	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.
Virginia Tech vs. Kansas	VT	KU	VT	KU	VT
Tie-Breaker Ohio State vs. LSU	(+17) OSU	(+8) OSU	(+3) LSU	(+10) LSU	(+13) LSU
Totals:	110-70	116-64	102-78	114-66	114-66

## Mitchell Report

The Mitchell Report is the investigation of Senator George Mitchell, who was hired by MLB Commissioner Bud Selig to find major league baseball players who are linked to steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs. There is no word if there will be consequences for being in the report. Here are the following players:

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| Clay Hensley      | Jerry Hairston Jr. | Felix Heredia, Jr. |
| Darren Holmes     | Wally Joyner       | Matt Lawton        |
| Raul Mondesi      | Guillermo Mota     | Robert Machado     |
| Abraham Nunez     | Rafael Palmiero    | Juan Rincon        |
| Alex Sanchez      | Ismael Valdez      | Matt Williams      |
| Will Cordero      | Ken Caminiti       | Ozzie Canseco      |
| Ryan Franklin     | Rich Garces        | Jason Grimsley     |
| Juan Gonzalez     | Marvin Bernard     | Barry Bonds        |
| Bobby Estalella   | Jason Giambi       |                    |
| Benito Santiago   | Gary Sheffield     |                    |
| Lenny Dykstra     | David Segui        |                    |
| Brian Roberts     | Jack Cust          |                    |
| Josias Manzanillo | Todd Hundley       |                    |
| Hal Morris        | Matt Franco        |                    |
| Rondell White     | Cody McKay         |                    |
| Roger Clemens     | Andy Pettitte      |                    |



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| Kent Mercker       | Kevin Pratt       | Miguel Tejada     |
| Jason Christiansen | Mike Stanton      | Stephen Randolph  |
| John Roker         | Paul Lo Duca      | Adam Riggs        |
| Bart Miadich       | Fernando Vina     | Kevin Brown       |
| Eric Gagne         | Mike Bell         | Matt Herges       |
|                    | Gary Bennett Jr.  | Jim Parque        |
|                    | Brendan Donnelly  | Jose Guillen      |
|                    | Chad Allen        | Jeff Williams     |
|                    | Rick Ankiel       | David Bell        |
|                    | Paul Byrd         | Jose Canseco      |
|                    | Jay Gibbons       | Troy Glaus        |
|                    | Gary Matthews Jr. | Scott Schoenweiss |

## Steelers look to rebound against the jags

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On Sunday the Pittsburgh Steelers (9-4) will look to solidify their undefeated home schedule when they host the Jacksonville Jaguars (9-4). While the Steelers will be looking to clinch a spot in the playoffs with the combination of a victory and a Cleveland loss, the Jags will be playing for the wildcard race.

In the past few games, the Steelers have had to deal with an obstacle of injured key players. Hines Ward was out a few games earlier in the season. Antonio Holmes returned for last week's game against the New England Patriots after missing two games due to a sprained ankle. Troy Polamalu remained on the sidelines for the third week in a row during the Patriots game from a knee injury but is expected to return for this week's game. Aaron Smith will be out for the remainder of the season from a torn bicep during last week's game. Smith has been Pittsburgh's starting left defensive end since 2000. Travis Kirschke will be filling in for Smith on Sunday. Ben Roethlisberger got a little shaken up when he landed on his shoulder wrong and had to come out in the fourth quarter against New England, but he is said to be fine and will play Sunday.

Jacksonville is also dealing with some injury issues of their own. Defensive tackle Marcus Stroud will be out for the remainder of the season

when he reinjured his ankle last week against the Carolina Panthers. With Stroud out, this means Jacksonville has a total of three starters missing from the defensive line-up when they travel to Heinz Field. Also sitting out will be middle line-backer Mike Peterson with a broken hand and defensive end Reggie Hayward with a groin injury. Last week in Foxborough it was New England's No. 1 offense against Pittsburgh's No. 1 defense. This week the biggest matchup for Sunday's game will be Jacksonville running backs Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew and their No. 2 rushing offense against Pittsburgh's No. 2 rushing defense. With the combination of Jaguars' Taylor and Jones-Drew as well as the loss of Smith for the Steelers, this will be the most difficult defensive running game the Steelers will have to face all season.

For the Steelers, they will look to exploit Jacksonville's weak passing defense as they have allowed 3,261 yards passing so far this season. Both teams will be looking to utilize the running game on Sunday, despite the probability that it will once again be a muddy showdown. Willie Parker is leading the NFL in rush yards with 1,217; however, he only has two touchdowns this season compared to last year's 13. The Steelers have gone 8-10 against the Jaguars since Jacksonville entered the league in 1995. Pittsburgh is 5-3 at home against the Jags, however they have lost three of the last four games. Their last match-up was last September in Jacksonville where Pittsburgh lost 9-0. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Heinz Field.

