

Around the horn with Craig Dewalt

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Hello and welcome back for the second season of Around the Horn with Craig Dewalt. In case you don't know the rules; I prepare a series of questions and ask four contestants for their responses. The four contestants will give their answers and be scored with pluses and minuses. If a comment is really good they can receive up to three pluses. If their comment is downright awful they can receive up to three minuses. If their answer is so terrible I will shut them up by putting them on mute. After each question one person will be eliminated. The winner will then get their time to shine in the "Moment of Fame" section. Here is the second round of questions:

1. All of the wide receiver stars have performed well early, but which wide receiver will have the best season?
2. Buy or sell? The Appalachian State victory over Michigan was more embarrassing than the Yankees allowing the Red Sox to come back from a 3-0 deficit in the 2004 ALCS
3. With Manning being the clear-cut favorite for #1 Fantasy QB, who will be the #2 ranked fantasy quarterback?

QUESTION 1

Sarver: "I know I am probably going to never hear the end of this answer but I have to go with my gut feeling and say Reggie Wayne (-). This man is the most underrated wide receiver in the league because he's ranked under Marvin Harrison (++) . However this will be the year that Reggie Wayne rules the NFL in most of the categories (-). Plus he will lead my fantasy team to the playoffs." (0 points)

Carroll: "After this weekend I think Ocho Cinco made it obvious that he will be atop the leader boards at the end of the season (+). Right now he is the only clear number 1 receiver with a real QB (-). TO has the problem of Tony Romo, Harrison has Wayne on the other side and Randy Moss has about 12 other receivers in NE to contend with for catches (++) ." (2 points)

Aumiller: "Chad Johnson. As much as it may be by his mouth, or just to piss off the NFL in general, the guy is motivated more than ever this year (+). Not too mention he has one of the top QB's in the league throwing him the ball (+). He gets the yards, the TD's, and can beat any corner in the league (+). Plain and simple." (3 points)

McComas: "Chad Johnson, for three reasons. First, he has an offense that can help him out. Rudi Johnson can open up the passing game for Carson Palmer who can deliver the ball accurately (+). In addition, T.J. Houshmandzadeh will prevent double-teams on "Ocho Cinco." (+) The second reason is that during the off-season Johnson asked opposing defensive backs to critique his game. He learned that when a play

was designated to go to him he would tighten his gloves at the line of scrimmage. Johnson fixed this giveaway and now the defense no longer has that advantage (++) . The third and final reason is that Johnson has motivation. He has publicly announced that he has celebrations for each game, which would give him 16 touchdowns on the year and therefore, most likely, making him the highest scoring wide receiver (+)." (5 points)

My Comments: "Sarver, Wayne isn't even the #1 on his team, how can he be #1 in the league. He'll have a solid year, but I don't think he'll compete with the likes of Chad, T.O., Steve Smith, or Randy Moss. Sarver...act like a dead groundhog and hit the road."

QUESTION 2

Carroll: "I'm going to go out on a limb and sell this one (-). At least 5 of Michigan's defensive starters from last year are playing on Sunday now, and Appalachian State has been a perennial stand out team in the 1-AA rankings (++) . I may be the only one old enough to remember Randy Moss tearing up 1-A teams with Marshall when they were playing and winning in 1-AA (++) . That being said I believe the Red Sox's comeback in '04 was one of the greatest upsets in history, barring of course Villanova winning their title in NCAA troumry (+)." (4 points)

Aumiller: "BUYING App State. Even though App State shouldn't have been taken lightly (Back-to-Back 1-AA Champs have to be doing something right), Michigan was #5 in the country (+). They scheduled ASU for a tune up game (+). The big 3 seniors (Henne, Hart, and Long) came back to play one more year to beat Ohio State and win a National title (or at least a bowl game) (+). Hopefully for them, the Big Ten will showcase some slower players to make their defense look better and Michigan will have a nice .500 6-6 record." (3 points)

McComas: "I am buying

this embarrassment. The Red Sox come back was impressive, but they were a playoff team (+), which means they were pretty darn good during the regular season. Appalachian State isn't even in the same league as Michigan. They are a 1-AA school, not 1-A (+). In addition, Michigan was ranked #5 in the country and playing at "The Big House." (+) Not only was Appalachian State's victory a bigger upset, it was the greatest of all

since Cincy's D will have Palmer throwing late in games to win them while Belicheat and Brady will be running out the clock most Sunday afternoons in starting in the third quarter (++) ." (5 points)

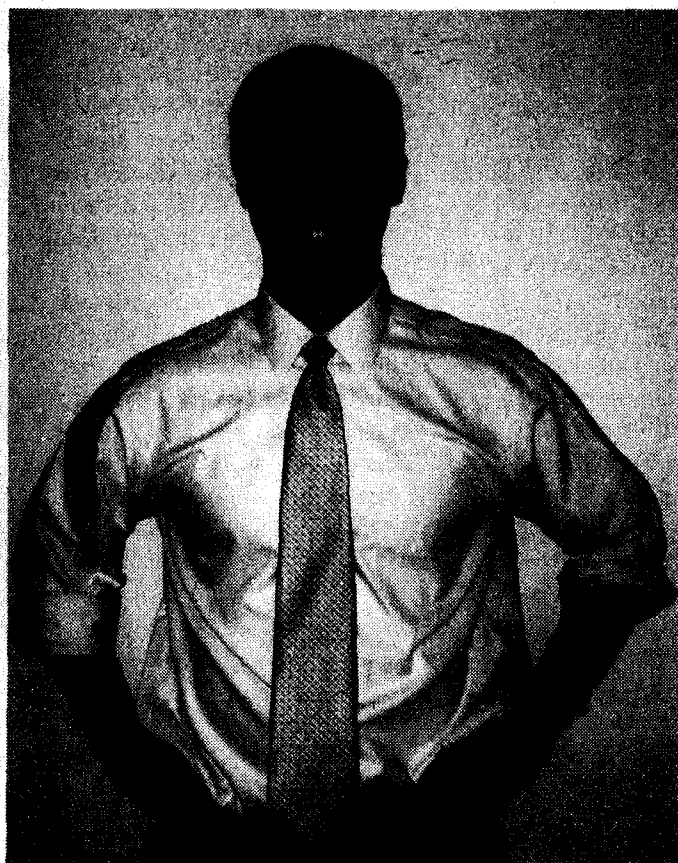
McComas: "You have to go with Tom Brady (-). Brady has consistently been one of the best quarterbacks in the league. He always throws for over 3,000 yards and 20 touchdowns, while throwing under 15

game. More importantly, look at the arsenal Brady has at wide receiver this year. Randy Moss, Dante Stallworth and Wes Welker. He has two #1's and a third who can produce each game (-). The speed on the outside with Moss and Stallworth will be hard for any team to contend with. And hey, need an end zone target? I'm pretty sure Moss can out jump a lot of corners, especially in the AFC East (++) ." (2 points)

cheating acquisitions. Palmer is going to put up monster numbers this year. Carroll..once again, awesome job. McComas great rookie debut. Aumiller and Sarver you just didn't have it. Your winner, Matt Carroll

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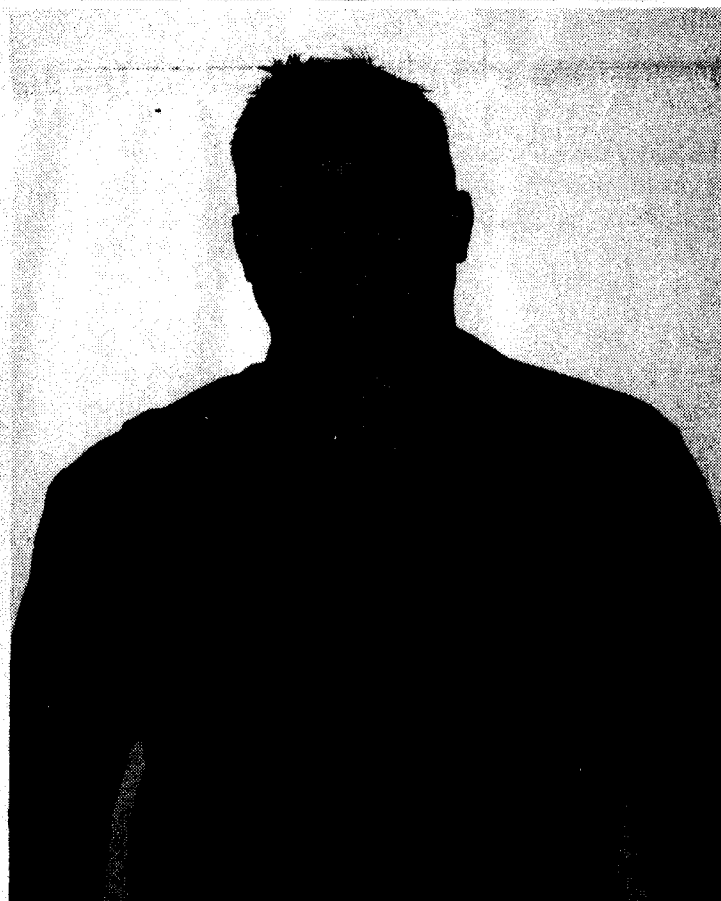
Carroll: "I'd like to sound off today and recognize not just myself with my brilliant sports knowledge but all the other student athletes hear at The Capital College on



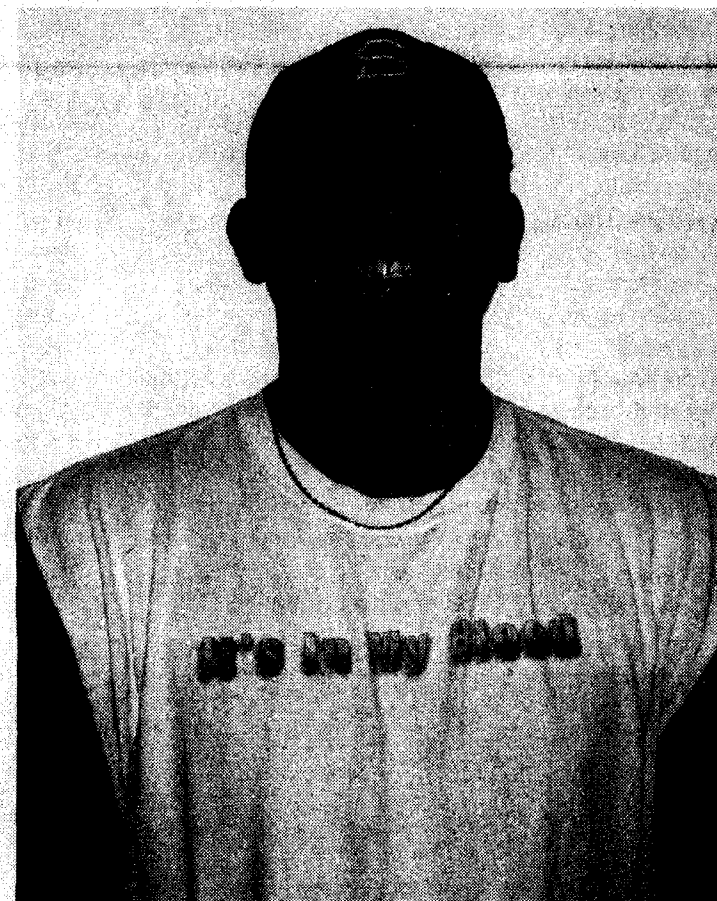
Matthew Carroll



Matthew Sarver



Matthew McComas



Kris Aumiller

time." (3 points)

My Comments: "After researching Mr. Carroll's argument, I commend him for his answer. The Yankees lost 4 consecutive to their arch rival which is a complete joke, especially when the left half of your infield makes more money than Wal-Mart in a given year. Aumiller, you and Carroll may be tied, but I'm advancing Carroll here since he won the question."

QUESTION 3

Carroll: "Obviously not McNabb, he made me sick on MNF against the awful Redskins (++) . I think its almost a toss up between Palmer and Brady (+). They both have the line and tools around them to be clearly ahead of the rest of the NFL, though I will have to give the edge to Palmer

interceptions. The scary thing, he has done this without any good wide receivers or a dominant running back (++) . While I'm not going to say that Lawrence Maroney is a dominant running back, he may provide more consistency in the running

My Comments: "Carroll, you won this edition on this question. Palmer was awesome last year and wasn't fully recovered from getting von Oelhoffened. I cannot credit Brady anything since the

their amazing efforts on bringing our campus into NCAA D-III. This year will be a year of many first and I challenge all of you readers to get out there and support your athletic representatives."

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