

SPORTS

Around the horn with Matt Sarver

Hello readers! The semester is finally winding down and for some of us our school careers are over. In case that there are any new readers to this article let me explain to you the rules. I will ask three different sports-related questions to each of the contestants. Based on how they respond, I will either reward them points for good answers or dock them points for horrible answers.

In the case that their answer I so pathetic that it does not deserve to be printed in the paper I will mute them and they will be out for the rest of the article.

After each question I will eliminate the contestant with the fewest amounts of points, until there are only two left. Then the final two will face off in a showdown with the winner receiving time to brag about whatever they want in the "Moment of Fame"

For the second straight issue Mr. Matthew Carroll has decided to not answer back to any of these questions. Has anyone even seen this guy around campus? Matt I know that you graduate in May and your one class schedule is really hard for you, but come on man. All you need is to take a few minutes for one day, every-other-week, and answer these questions. Unfortunately King Kupfer was unable to participate this week as well, however former host Craig Dewalt stepped up to the plate and will be taking his place against Mr. Austin Kulp, and Mr. Kris Aumiller.

Let's get to the game. Here are the questions for this week:

1. Since all my boyz on here are huge baseball fans and opening day was just a few weeks ago some teams are starting fast, like the Baltimore Orioles and Milwaukee Brewers. Others are slumping like the Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox. Yes I know that there are 150 some games left in the season but like we do when every sport starts give me your AL, NL Champs and the surprise team for 2008.

2. Overall what were your thoughts on this year NCAA Tournament? Were you excited, pleased with the outcome, or didn't really care about March Madness this year?

3. The Miami Dolphins are on the clock for the NFL Draft. They add Bill Parcells to become the VP of Football Operations and started cleaning house. If you were the Dolphins Organization who would you take at Number One in this year's draft?

Question 1:

Kulp- "Since I am a Phils fan the Road to the World Series is going to be through Philadelphia this season. (-) The Phillie Phanats have the 2006 and 2007 NL MVPs in Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins. (+) They also have the best player in the league right now in Chase Utley. I'm making the prediction now that Utley will be the 2008 MVP and the Phils will win their 2nd straight Division Title. The AL winner will be the Red Sox; Daisuke Matsuzaka is now in his 2nd season and will be a 20 game winner along with Josh Beckett. (+) Wakefield is always good for 15 wins and has shown this over the past 5 seasons. They also have a young lice arm in Jon Lester who won 7 games in 15 starts last season. My sleeper team is going to be Braves when your pitching rotation consists of John Smoltz, Tim Hudson, Tom Glavin and Mike Hampton when he returns. (+) These 4 guys are good for 70 win together. All the Braves have to do is score a couple runs because their starting 4 will keep them in close games." (2 Points)

Aumiller- "First off, if I hear one more thing about the Orioles, I will beat Barry Wiestling with a stick. Now, teams like the Tigers, Mets, and Red Sox will remember that they are the Tigers, Mets, and Red Sox and start playing like it after a so called "rough start." These teams are more than capable of ripping off 10 in a row at any point in time as soon as the bats heat up and they just didn't right out of the gate. For the AL, I like

though. My surprise team of the year is probably going to be the Kansas City Royals. (+) They're a perennial punch-line to a baseball joke, but they're off to a good start and could shock some people this year. Watch out for the Pirates too, behind Jason Bay. (-)" (2 Points)

My thoughts- "First off Kulp I'll give you credit for the prediction. If Utley has a year like Rollins did last year there is a chance that he could

didn't even watch the championship game this year." (3 Points)

Aumiller (2 Points)- " Well, seeing as I didn't watch much of the tournament this year, I can't say much. From what I did see though, I have to say; it was great (or something)! Four #1's in the Final Four and UNC didn't win was kind of upsetting but hey, what can you do. (+) A team from no where grabbed everyone's heart

the first time. North Carolina had a cakewalk to the Final Four and I think it proved costly for them.(+) Memphis took out UCLA and we were set for a Memphis/Kansas final. I was pulling for Memphis, but I think the fact that they didn't get many close games in Conference USA and didn't have to practice clutch free throws proved costly. They couldn't hit ONE clutch free throw out of various attempts in the final minutes of regulation, and

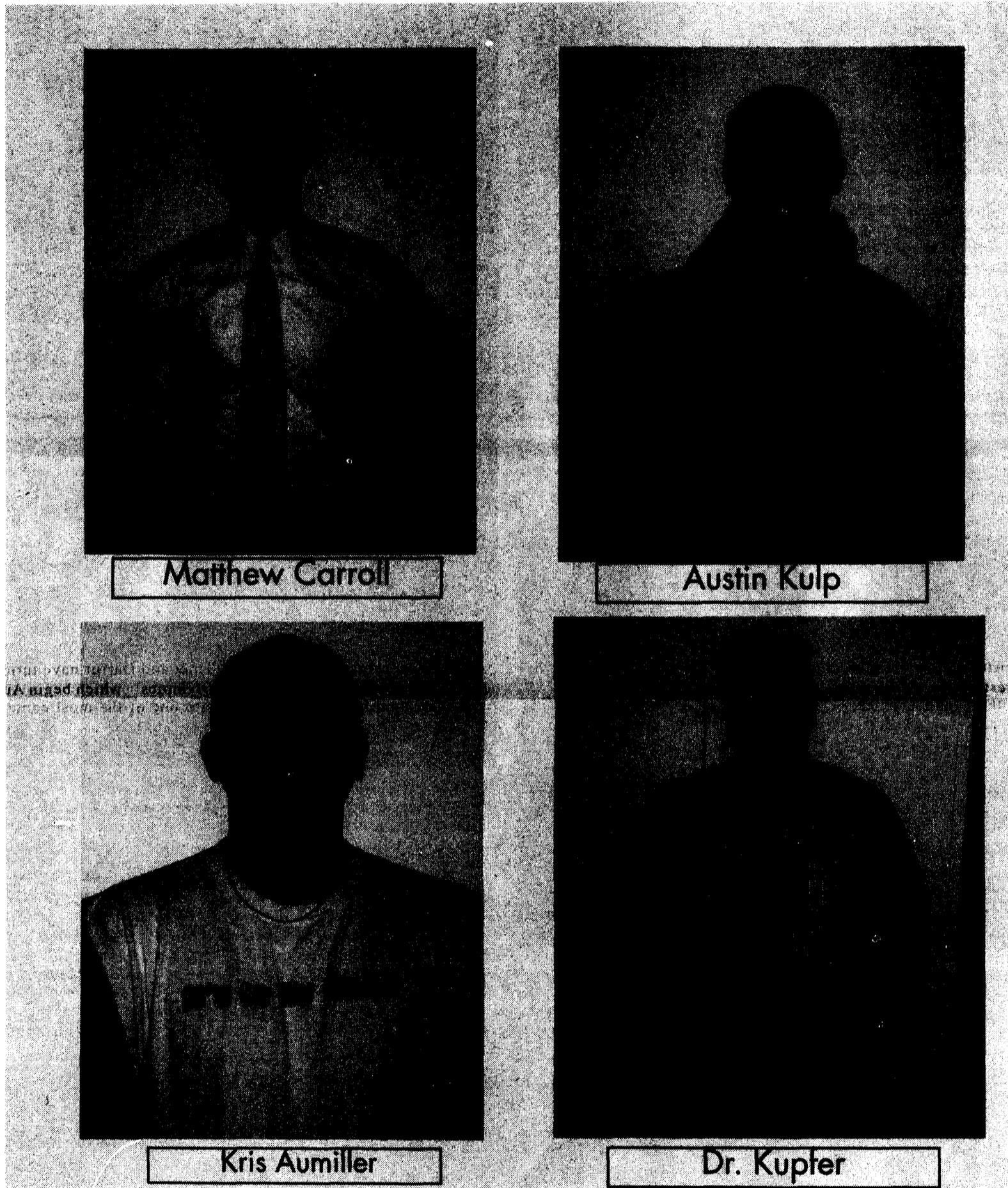
from. They should thank Ronnie Brown for narrowing it down a little bit. One constant for the Dolphins for the past however many years has been Jason Taylor.(+) He has said he would like to be a Dolphin, however they don't have "plans" for him. So, I'm thinking that Chris Long is in the Dolphins future which is who they should and will take.(+)" (9 Points)

Craig (4 Points)- "I don't think anyone in this years draft class deserves the money that the first overall draft pick will receive.(+) Also, Miami needs a lot more then just one player. So here's the deal. You just went out last year and passed up on Brady Quinn for Ted Ginn Jr., obviously you saw something in your second round pick John Beck that made you excited. (+) So you ended up with a great young receiver and a young quarterback. You already have the running back depth. Ronnie Brown will be back after his break out season that was ended early due to an injury. Word on the street is that Ricky Williams had a falling out with his best friend Mary Jane McDevitt. So the offense is looking towards the future. Now all we have to do is protect that. By drafting a player such as Jake Long and offensive lineman from Michigan, you can protect the young QB, get Ted Ginn Jr. some catches to gain confidence, and pave the way for another strong year from Ronnie Brown.(+) Only problem is, with age holding you back on the defensive side of the ball, you need more. Therefore, you trade down a few spots, still get the guy you want in Jake Long, but pay him less, save yourself some money, and most importantly, get some additional draft picks, and let Parcells do what you hired him for. Draft smart for the future. (+)" (8 Points)

My Thoughts- "Craig you came so close to repeating in back-to-back issues but you fell just short, like most of Aumiller's long balls to deep center. I love the Mary Jane McDevitt comment but unless any of the readers went to Palmyra Area High School I doubt anyone knows whom you are talking about. Still it was a good chuckle. I feel that which either Long the Dolphins go with will work out for them. How long with Jason Taylor be in a Miami uniform nobody knows. Chris Long replacing him would be a huge hole filled. However on offense the Dolphins line is terrible. Ronnie Brown is a dominating force to be dealt with if he could get some blocks. I don't see them drafting Matt Ryan. They have two QB's that with some work could be decent enough to manage the game and get the team some quality wins. The only thing that has me excited for this year's draft is where Dan Conner goes, and if Palmyra High School 2003 Graduate Joe Brockington, from Notre Dame, gets drafted. Good Luck to you Joe! Now it's time for Aumiller to do something he doesn't get to do very often, brag."

MOMENT OF FAME

Aumiller- "The NHL playoffs have started again and once again, no one cares except Canadians and Sarver. However, if you haven't noticed, and judging by the attendance you haven't (Thanks for the line Bob Uecker), the Penn State - Harrisburg baseball team has managed to win a few games here and there and is now sitting pretty (as I'm writing this) at first place in the conference. Not only that, but we just happen to be unbeaten on the lovely field on campus. So, for those of you that actually spend 20 minutes of your day reading this, stop just sitting around on these nice spring days in between your classes and head down to the "ballpark" and watch the Best Damn Team on Campus! - KA



the Angels. They have a solid pitching staff (Lackey, Weaver, Garland) with a good starting rotation and great late inning guys to shorten the game (Somebody say K-Rod?), not too mention a well balanced line-up. (++) As for the NL, who else would I pick? I'm picking my Metropolitans to go all the way behind Santana, Maine, Pedro's healed hammer string, and murderer's row. (+) This year's surprise team, The Tampa Bay Rays.(-) Looks like they will be fighting to get in. Craig I am very surprised with you surprise pick the Pirates. You know I love my Pittsburgh teams but I've even said this before. The Pirates do not belong in MLB. They are terrible and don't be surprised when they trade Jason Bay away around the trade deadline. Since there are only three of you this issue, I am not eliminating anyone so you all live to see another question.

Craig-"You're absolutely right. I like the Red Sox and the Angels in the AL. I have to give Boston the edge; I think they have better pitching. Both teams can put up big runs, but I think Boston's pitching will prove to be efficient. The NL is a wide open race. I know the acquisition of Johan Santana and some other players had Mets fans running to the store to personalize cute little Mets uniforms by getting their own names on the back with their numbers like Kris Aumiller, (+) but I don't see them winning it. I like the young, talented Arizona Diamondbacks to win the NL. (+) Look for New York and St. Louis to give them a run for their money

win it. Kulp I like your predictions about the winners and wildcard. Not very risky like Aumiller and Craig though. Aumiller we all know how much you love the Mets, lets just hope they don't pull an end of season choke like they did last year. Santana is going to give them wins. Every baseball fan knows they can hit. But they need more than just Santana to pitch. Hopefully Pedro can get healthy for them if not they will be fighting to get in. Craig I am very surprised with you surprise pick the Pirates. You know I love my Pittsburgh teams but I've even said this before. The Pirates do not belong in MLB. They are terrible and don't be surprised when they trade Jason Bay away around the trade deadline. Since there are only three of you this issue, I am not eliminating anyone so you all live to see another question.

Question 2:

Kulp (2 Points)- "This year the NCAA tournament bored me with the exception of Davidson. (+) They were the only underdog team to really make this year's tournament exciting. Coming into the tourney the #1 and #2 seeds were head and heels above the rest of the teams in the bracket. As far as the outcome of the tournament I

for a little bit and then poorly managed their final shot to crush their hopes and dreams of a final four.(+) Congratulations to Kansas for bringing it home. That was who won wasn't it?(+)" (5 Points)

Craig (2 Points)- "This years March Madness tournament had all the makings of a great one. Turn on the TV the first few days and you're overloaded with first round match-ups. You watch as some of the upsets start to unravel. Next thing you know you're making bold predictions for some of these Cinderella's for the second round. A majority of them get shot down by powerhouses, but some of them pull through and make it to the sweet sixteen. By now you're thinking, well it's been a fun ride but it's nearly impossible for one of these upset specials to make it to the elite 8, isn't it? Then Davidson knocks out Georgetown and pulls off the miracle. (+) Now the question is? They can't possibly make it to the Final Four, can they? And you already know the answer. No way. I was pulling for them, but you know it probably isn't going to happen. Now you're stuck with the Final Four teams, which are usually always your powerhouses. This year we got to see the best team in each region square off for

therefore lost the game. All-in-all, it was a great March Madness." 4 Points

My Thoughts- "I'm agreeing with Aumiller and Kulp on this one. This year just did not have the same hype as years before. Yes I'm sure that we all had 10 brackets each but nobody really followed them. Everyone did pull for Stephen Curry and the Davidson team but in the end for the first time in a long time all four #1's made it to the final four. Unfortunately the team I was pulling for the entire tournament, Memphis, couldn't hit ONE free-throw and in the end it cost them the game. But who watched the championship anyway. I know I didn't. I was getting ready for PLAYOFF HOCKEY! Kulp I'm sorry that I have to eliminate you, especially considering that you have more homeruns than Aumiller! But you can go for the glory in the final issue in a few weeks.

SHOWDOWN:

Aumiller (5 Points)- "Does it matter? It wouldn't matter if Miami had every pick in the first round, they will still suck. (++) They need help at everywhere but running back. Therefore, I would say they have 21 positions to choose