

Sports

Super Bowl Point/Counterpoint Debate



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B.J. thinks the Giants will pull the upset of the century, Joe is more rational in predicting the Patriots. The Clarion lets them have their debate...

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Master Debaters

B.J.-Plaxico Burress and Eli Manning form the best quarterback/wide receiver pairing in football

Joe- Having caught 70 passes for 1045 yards and 12 touchdowns, Plaxico Burress is having a good season. However, The Patriots have two different receivers in Wes Welker (112 catches for 1175 yards and 8 touchdowns) and Randy Moss (98 receptions for 1493 yards and 23 touchdowns) who have had indisputably better seasons than Burress.

B.J.- Eli Manning doesn't have superhuman defense-reading skills, but he can read the defense adequately, which is good enough for me.

Joe- The Patriots' defense gives up 190 passing yards per game, meaning that Eli will have to conjure up the

superhuman abilities that even you admit he does not possess if the Giants are to have a chance.

B.J.-The Giants don't have a so-called dynasty like the Patriots.

Joe- I fail to see why that is an argument for why the Giants will win. If you are making a David vs. Goliath analogy, it is not applicable in this instance. Goliath was technically a giant, so even if Eli and Co. are playing David metaphorically, they will really just be killing themselves.

B.J.-The Giants have deep blue helmets, while the Patriots have silver helmets with only a smattering of blue. I like blue more than any other color except maroon.

Joe- Once again, I don't really see the correlation between this point and the on-field performance of the teams. In their 18 wins the Patriots have

beaten teams whose helmet colors fall all over the spectrum, deep blue included.

B.J.- The Giants didn't tape the defense's signals in the first week of the season.

Joe- What some people call cheating on the part of the Patriots, I call resourcefulness. The laws of nature state that man [sic] must adapt to survive. This is the Age of Technology. The Patriots adapted. That is why the Patriots are the at the top of the NFL's food chain.

B.J.-The Giants came off a huge overtime upset in the NFC Championship game against the Green Bay Packers

Joe- While some may see that as a positive, it is really detrimental to the Giants for two reasons. For one thing, that game showed the world that the Giants' kicker does not have the leg strength to win the NFL's "Punt, Pass,

and Kick" contest in the under-12 age group. Secondly, the karma that comes along with knocking Brett Favre out of the playoffs will not treat the Giants kindly.

B.J.- The Giants are the last hope for a honest football team to win the Super Bowl (at least until the Washington Redskins are a decent football team again and not have Wide Receivers that have an eternal case of the dropsies).

Joe- There are many traits that cause a football team to have a winning season. Honesty is not one of them. The Patriots may be as crooked as a gerrymandered political district, but that does not take away from the fact that their level of talent is on a separate plane of existence from that of the Giants.

B.J.-It's New York vs. New England. What can be better than that??

Joe- I can think of lots of things, most of them having nothing to do with football. If I had to refine my answer to the gridiron, however, I would probably say that a Super Bowl in which one team (the Giants) is not bringing a salvation army knife to a nuclear arms conflict would be much better than New York vs. New England.

Basketball teams sweep North Greenville



The men's and women's basketball teams traveled to North Greenville University on Saturday Jan. 26, and both teams came away with victories. In the women's game, Brevard held off NGU in overtime for a 57-52 win. Sophomore guard Lindsay Thrift canned 5-of-8 three point attempts to lead the Lady Tornados with 19 points. In the men's game, the Tornados scorched the nets, hitting a season-high 17 three pointers as a team and cruised to an 86-65 win. Andrew Freeman knocked down six long range bombs en route to scoring a season-high 26 points. Joseph Chilton added 17 points and Jonathan Whitson recorded a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Clarion needs writers to cover basketball. E-mail Clarion@brevard.edu if interested.