

Lifestyles

Clarion staff serves up super speculations

Our paper's prognosticators present a poor man's PTI in print

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Casual Observers

BJ: The Pittsburgh Steelers. Even the name evokes a long and grand history of winning Super Bowls. Big Ben Roethlisberger already won the big game once.

JC: And the name New York Yankees makes me think of World Series titles, but how much have they won recently? Actually I think the perennial atrociousness of the Cardinals is in their favor. Think about it- the Cardinals were the franchise chosen to be the focal point of the film Jerry Maguire. Sports movies always pick terrible franchises with no chance of winning, which makes them lovable (Cleveland Indians, California Angels, et al.) The fact that Arizona is bad enough of a franchise to be the centerpoint of a sports comedy means that this year's edition must be REALLY special to rise above the perennial futility of the Cards' past on-field efforts and advance to the Super Bowl. Therefore they will win. They're kind of like a 53-man,



athletic version of Matt Damon in Good Will Hunting: They've got to be extra special to rise up from their terrible past.

BJ: And Big Ben has a real cohesive unit behind his arm, both offensively and defensively. The Steelers defense is one of the best in the league this year, and the offense is one of the best in the league as well.

JC: While the Steelers D is undoubtedly one of the best in the NFL, I will disagree with you about their offense. They ranked number 22 in the NFL in

total offense, barely edging out the mighty 49ERS for that spot. The Cardinals, however, are an offensive machine. I know that traditional wisdom states that defense wins championships, but Kurt Warner has already won a Super Bowl with an offensive juggernaut with Saint Louis in 1999.

BJ: Even though Bill Cowher is no longer with the team, and even though Jerome Bettis retired several years ago, the fact that there was a running back that could replace The Bus AND fill in his big shoes is

astonishing in and of itself.

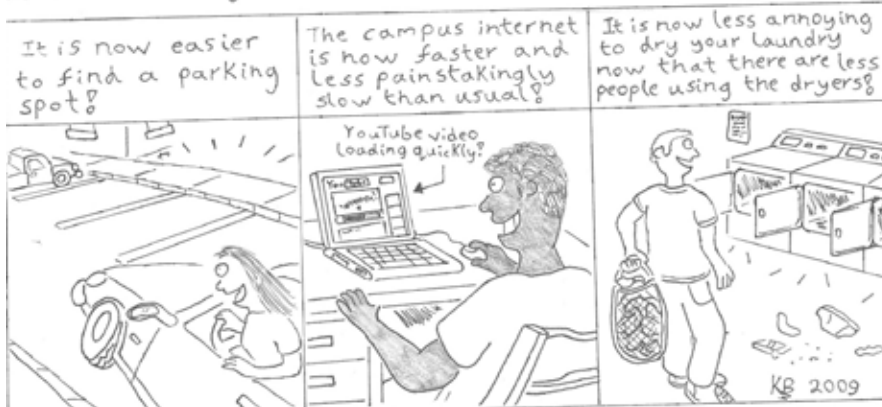
JC: I'll assume you're talking about Willie Parker, and since he is a UNC alum, my upbringing prevents me from speaking ill about him. I will, however, point out that Edgerrin James is leaving Arizona after this game and is going to want to put on a good show in order to secure getting some major bank from his next team.

BJ: The depth of the Steelers at every position tells me that the Steelers, as much as it can be said before the Steelers and the former St. Louis Cardinals face off this Sunday, are a sure thing to win.

JC: You never say something is a "sure thing" when Kurt Warner is involved. The man lives to defy odds. He went to work bagging groceries after college and made it to the NFL. He married a woman who he loved but who looked like Ivan Drago and she miraculously became hot year's later (it's true- Google it!) . He goes to the worst team in the league and takes them to the Super Bowl. The man is a modern Midas. If the Cardinals are ever going to win anything, it will be with Kurt Warner.

Comic by Karam Boeshaar

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