

11-5-2007 NCAA Football vs NFL

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2 JOSH CENTOR: Good afternoon. And welcome to "Mondays
3 With Myles".

4 So Dr. Brand, all the rage this morning, people
5 talking about the Colts and Patriots game. It was a fantastic
6 football game.

7 But here's what we want to talk about. The fact that
8 that was a regular season game in the NFL, and we'll probably
9 see a rematch in January during the playoffs.

10 In college football, all of the emphasize is really on
11 the regular season, making the games that happen on Saturdays
12 a little bit more important in my opinion.

13 What do you think?

14 DR. MYLES BRAND: Oh, I think that's exactly right,
15 Josh. It was a great football game. We live in Indianapolis,
16 so, you know, there's some bias here. And we're all a little
17 quiet and sad today. But it was a terrific game. Both sides
18 played well.

19 You know, I heard Tom Brady on the radio this morning,
20 coming into the office -- and I thought he made a really
21 interesting comment. What he said was when the announcers
22 said to him, you're at 9 and 0, isn't that terrific/, that he
23 responded saying, that doesn't matter. The only thing that
24 matters is the Super Bowl in January or February.

25 The point is that he understood that it was a

1 tournament sport, and all that matters in the regular season
2 is positioning the team for the postseason.

3 It's very different in college football. Every game
4 counts. You lose a major game, you're out. Boston College
5 was having an incredible year. They lost one game. They're
6 out of the contention. Every game counts in the regular
7 season for college football. It's a different environment
8 without the playoff.

9 JOSH CENTOR: The football bowl subdivision is
10 obviously different than the football championship
11 subdivision, Division II and Division III, which are
12 tournament brackets. And we have ADA championships in 23
13 sports, so this one's a little bit unique.

14 But when you compare it to the NFL and what those
15 games mean, those individual four quarters each week, it's
16 really a stark contrast.

17 JOSH CENTOR: Well, when we think of high profile
18 football, we think of the bowl championship series. And that
19 really is different. It really is what happens on the
20 Saturdays. Every Saturday counts. And that's what brings out
21 the fans, and that's what brings out the fan interest.

22 We've had a terrific season in terms of upsets and
23 schools that aren't necessarily high profile occupying very
24 high and lofty positions because of their win/loss record up
25 to this point.

1 You don't see that in the pros. Not that the pros
2 aren't interesting. The NFL is of great interest, but it's
3 really a different situation. And those who want to
4 assimilate college football, the bowl championship series to
5 the pros just missed the point of what special opportunities
6 they have in terms of every Saturday being relevant in the
7 college game.

8 JOSH CENTOR: So that Boston College, Florida State
9 game, if there had been an opportunity for an 8 team or 16
10 team playoff, do you think that it would have had as much of a
11 feel? Would it have been as important? Would the regular
12 season diminish if we went to a playoff?

13 DR. MYLES BRAND: Well, if there's, say, a 16 team
14 playoff, maybe Boston College will still make that 16 team
15 playoff and they'll have another chance. It would have
16 diminished the interest by the fans, by the players, by the
17 school, in that particular local game. It's like having a
18 playoff game every week.

19 JOSH CENTOR: Interesting take. Well, a very blue
20 Indianapolis this Monday. Dr. Brand, thanks for weighing in.

21 DR. MYLES BRAND: Thanks, Josh.

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