

The Sportier

The Year Of 2014

Read the Top 5 Stories of the year

Check out where Odell's catch ranks on the Top 5 Plays of 2014

Look at what the Fail of The Year was

Table of Contents



Pages 2-6..... Top Stories

By: Kiran Pathy

Pages 7-11..... Top Plays

By: Shailen Pathy

Page 12..... Fail Of The Year

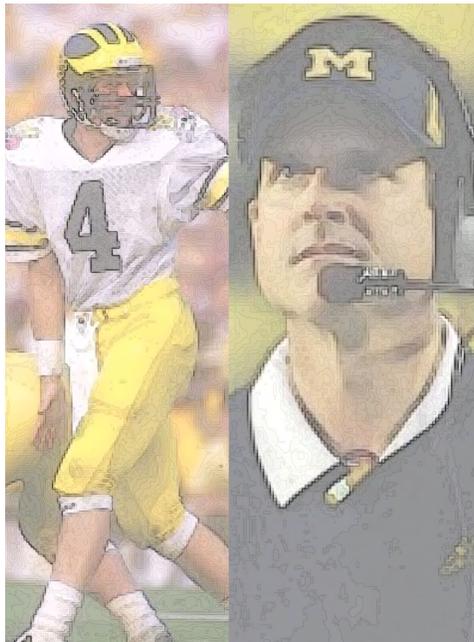
By: Kiran and Shailen Pathy

Top Stories

Number 5: Harbaugh Coming To Michigan

Jim Harbaugh has fixed lots of teams with his coaching expertise. He worked as an assistant at Western Kentucky University, a Quarterback coach with the Oakland Raiders, and head coach with San Diego college, Stanford college and the San Francisco 49ers. He has made a difference everywhere, whether head coach or something else. He has gotten the NFC Champion (2012), AP NFL Coach of the Year (2011), Orange Bowl champion (2011), Woody Hayes Trophy (2010), AFC Champion (2002) and the Pioneer Football League Champion (2005, 2006). But this year, he is leaving his San Francisco 49ers, who he has gotten to a Super Bowl, but lost to the Ravens in 2013 by 3, 34-31. He is going to Michigan, his old college. He said that, "I know Michigan Football, and believe Michigan Football." He also later said that, "Top to bottom, Michigan is about excellence, is about greatness, and you have my pledge that I will carry forward the tradition of excellence of the University of Michigan football program." His contract is for 7 years and \$5 Million dollars a year, giving him \$35 Million after he finishes as a Michigan Head Coach. Hopefully he can help the struggling Michigan and turn them around like he did for his other teams.

Source: [ESPN](#)



Jim Harbaugh Quarterbacking and Jim Harbaugh Coaching

Top Stories

Number 4: The Return of The King

LeBron James is the one of the best current NBA players, no doubt. He has won 2 championships, both with the Miami Heat, which were back to back. But then, the Heat lost in the championship against the Spurs. And then LeBron was a free agent. LeBron used to play for the Cavaliers in his home state of Ohio. LeBron wanted to go away from Miami, and the Cavs wanted him back. So what did he do? He went to the Cavs. Before he went to Miami, LeBron had 15,251 in 7 seasons with the Cavs. All the Cavs fans were so excited. The Heat fans? Not so much. His first game, which was against the Knicks at home, he got 17 points, 4 assists and a bad 8 turnovers. They lost that game, 90-95, but won their first away game against the Bulls, LeBron making 36 of 114 points, 5 assists and 3 turnovers. When LeBron visited Miami, the Cavaliers lost, 91-101, but LeBron had 30 points, 8 assists and 4 turnovers. The Cavs also picked up Timberwolves star power forward Kevin Love and star point guard Kyrie Irving, which makes a good place where LeBron can be a superstar. Cleveland needed that boost of a king.

Source: [NBA](#)



Top Stories

Number 3: Seattle Takes Their First

Lots of people thought that the Denver Broncos would win the Super Bowl in 2014, no matter what team they played. They had a great season and that was supposed to continue to a Super Bowl. That was supposed to happen.

The Seahawks didn't have a championship yet. But they played like they already had won a few Super Bowls. They were ranked No. 1 and played their first playoff game in the divisional round against the Saints. Russell Wilson had 103 yards, but Marshawn Lynch went in the end zone twice and Steven Hauschka made 3 field goals a 23-15. The most memorable moment of the next game against the 49ers was when Cornerback Richard Sherman tipped the ball to Linebacker Malcolm Smith in the end zone to finish their 6 point win.

In the Super Bowl, the Seahawks were supposed to do good, but wasn't predicted to beat Denver. But when the game started, it was a Denver disaster. The first play of the game was a bad snap, ending in a safety and 2 points to Seattle. Seattle then got a field goal on that drive and their next, leaving the Broncos scoreless, 8-0, at the end of the quarter. Marshawn Lynch got a touchdown to take a 15-0 lead in the second. Peyton Manning got the ball back, but the drive didn't even matter because it resulted in an interception for a touchdown by Malcolm Smith for Seattle, making the score 22-0 at the half. The second half started with a Percy Harvin kick return for a touchdown. Russell Wilson would then throw a touchdown to Jermaine Kearse to have a 36-0 lead. The Broncos would score a touchdown and convert a two-point conversion, but it wouldn't matter because the Seahawks would score in the fourth to finish off a 43-8 win. It would be the first title going to Seattle and it was Russell Wilson's first Super Bowl win, which was in his rookie year, the only rookie QB to win a Super Bowl.

Sources: ESPN Answers



Top Stories

Number 2: Giancarlo's Big Deal

Giancarlo Stanton was 2014's NL Home run king, even though he was out for a little of the end of the season due to a face injury. The Marlins believed in him, too. They knew that Stanton had lots of talent and power and wanted to keep this superstar outfielder on their side for a long time. So they gave him a big deal. A BIG DEAL. The deal was for \$325 Million and 13 years, which is now the biggest deal in history. He is able to opt out of his contract, but only in 2021, meaning he would have played 6 years of his contract. This was the smart move because Stanton is a power hitter and good in the field, making him a great all-around player. They need some help because their last playoff appearance was in 2003, the year they won the World Series against the Yankees, and that 11 year span without going to the playoffs is too long, so adding more runs with a power hitter can give this team a better chance.

Source: [ESPN](#)



Top Stories

Number 1: Derek Jeter Says Goodbye

Derek Jeter was a great shortstop, maybe one of the greatest ever to live. He has had a long 20 year career and that is a long time to be playing baseball, so he decided to retire. He had many accomplishments in his career, giving the New York Yankees 5 more World Series rings, making the Rookie of the Year in 1996, a 14x All-Star, a World Series MVP, a 5x Gold Glove winner, a 5x Silver Slugger Champion, a 2x Hank Aaron Award winner, a Roberto Clemente Award and was named the Yankees Captain from 2003-2014. He was respected some much that teams donated him things. He was donated many things from the Mets subway tile 2 and subway station to the Rawlings glove shaped chair. He also was donated money for his Turn 2 Foundation from many teams. His fantastic moment happened when he played for the last time in Yankee Stadium.

Antoan Richardson on second... Jeter hit it past first! Richardson is coming home! Nick Markakis throwing from right field... Not in time!! Derek Jeter has gotten a walk off single on his last game in New York!!

Jeter was named captain for a reason, and that reason was that he was great and respected. If he wasn't great and respected, mostly respected, then he wouldn't be named all these great things, like the captain of the Yankees. And when he left, lots of people still respected him because he was a great player. Even some people that didn't like the Yankees love Jeter because of how he plays the game, no cheating and no fighting, just a great leader and player.

Sources: [Newsday](#) [Wikipedia](#)



Top Plays

Number 5: Richard Sherman Tip To Malcolm Smith



Why It Was Important

The 49ers were down by 6 and Colin Kaepernick passes to Michael Crabtree in the corner of the end zone. But Richard Sherman says no. He reaches out with his left hand and tips the ball to Malcolm Smith, who intercepts the ball. The Seahawks would advance to the Super Bowl.

Top Plays

Number 4: Damian Lillard's 3 Point Win



Why It Was Important

This buzzer-beating three point shot by Portland Trail Blazers Point Guard Damian Lillard would complete the Trail Blazers first playoff series win since 2000.

Top Plays

Number 3: Jaelen Strong's Hail Mary TD



Why It Was Important

This play was the game winning play in which unranked Arizona State defeated No. 16 USC. Quarterback Mike Bercovici threw a Hail Mary into 6 man coverage to Wide Receiver Jaelen Strong and Strong caught the pass.

Top Plays

Number 2: Derek Jeter's Walk-off Hit



Why It Was Important

Derek Jeter's walk-off RBI single was the last hit for him in the Bronx.

Top Plays

Number 1: The Three Fingered Grab



Why It Was Important

It wasn't important. It was just the craziest catch ever! Odell Beckham Jr. used his thumb, index finger and middle finger to catch this insane pass that would have been out of bounds.

Fail Of The Year



Grady Sizemore's Drop

Philadelphia Phillies Left Fielder Grady Sizemore dropped this easy pop-fly by Mets Center Fielder Juan Lagares. This drop caused the Mets to score two runs and would later set up a double steal. The final would be 4-1, Mets.