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You can count on two things at The Cleveland Fan. The first is Mansfield Lucas is going to have an opinion. The second is he will not hold back when it comes to expressing that opinion. After taking a few hours to take in the trade of Kellen Winslow, Mansfield fires a high hard right to your computer screen.



I don't bring it half way. Hate me. Love me. Whatever.

The Cleveland Browns just very probably became a far worse football team today thanks to dumping Kellen Winslow Jr for Lord knows what. Today, we play Taps for a fallen Souljah who gave his best.

Don't kid yourself drinking the Kool Aid TM party line if you are still stupid enough to believe in this franchise. A team that ostensibly is putting its hands in Brady Quinn as a quarterback - or should be - a rhythm passing west coast-style passer, just dumped the best receiving tight end in the NFL for who knows what? Maybe a day one pick? Maybe a first? Who knows? We don't.

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Tuna Strategy of finding The Example™ and hanging him out to dry, like Jason Taylor, and the rest of the team rallies under the guise of fear. That is assuming a failed, fired, third-year NFL coach who accomplished exactly jack-squat and a nobody-anyone-ever-heard-of-assistant personnel something or other crony hire who rode Ozzie's coat-tails are Bill Parcells. Uh huh.

They'd better be right.

Then nobody, including ole Mansfield cares. But on a team where no one has any talent to make a play, we just pissed away the one playmaker we had.

As Dirty Harry might say, "Marvelous". Don't relieve yourself on me noggin and tell me it is precipitating.

The questions are these:

What are these "undisclosed draft choices"?
Anything less than a second this year ought to inspire
"For Sale" signs posted in certain peoples' yards.
Just sayin'.

Does this imply they are performance based picks for 2010?
Can't wait that long.

Does it imply pending a physical and KW2's self-inflicted wounds are awaiting evaluation?

What did we trade our best offensive player for, exactly?

Is this just Randy Lerner's PR spite and ego "punishing" KW2 (Thank you, God, for trading me from these idiots - that's what I imagine K2 saying) for being a whistle blower on the abomination of staph infections and an uncaring, aloof, and disconnected front office; except when it came to answering fan email?

Who the hell knows?

The Souljah wasn't perfect by any means. He was a prima donna pain in the ass. But he could catch. He couldn't block well due to his injuries. I myself worried about his ability to separate due to his slowness off the line. Was this what ManKok saw in the film? Is this guy done?

All I know is that other than Joe Thomas, The Souljah TM was the best top draft pick we've had in about 20 years. And don't kid yourself. Ben Dooshberger would have been ruined here.

What I do know is that these two, Manginius and Kokinas, come into C-town with less credibility for fan patience than any hires in the history of the new Browns, or the old, real Browns, whatever. They have as much room for error as they do qualifications for these jobs. If these two think they can do the old bool dickey of creating holes, and then whining about the lack of talent, and then asking for patience, like Phil the Shill, they will get run out of town, THIS YEAR. We are all too jaded for this five-year plan crap to start a new. Screw you all, just move the team; again. Doesn't matter. So to make this move is a sign of huge, huge intestinal fortitude - or abject stupidity. If they are right, and they got high multiple draft picks that matter, and they ran a cancer out of town with a failing body that makes the sum of the remaining parts better than the whole, then bully for them. They are heroes.

But If they just traded the only decent target a controlled passing QB has on the roster so Edwards Scissorhands and Dante "Pussy" Stallworth (it goes out like that) are left along with a long-shot prospect that Phil The (inept) Shill Savage traded up for on day two, a crappy draft czar who missed on more picks than he hit, then their tenure here will be brief, and we can start speculating on new ownership - hopefully.

Just sell, Randy. Please?

This is the sort of needless "two steps back, no step forward" this franchise can simply not afford. It is what reportedly separated Man Kok from the successful Scott Pioli in the search process I might add. Manginius allegedly said that the Browns didn't need to be torn down to be built up. Did he flat out just lie to get a million dollar job because he was an unemployed failure who had an audience with an allegedly very gullible owner who may not even know his football roster from a limey futbol group due to apathy? Can we get a Rooney stepson here or something, please? Trading the best player on the team for unknown return enables that question to be asked.

But I am willing to await the results and judge then. Begrudgingly. The difference now is that after all this crap since 1999, I need to be convinced you all are right before I give the brainless love you'll see given to this trade by some of the sheep. You all stink and are morons when you do these things prima facia until you prove yourselves.

Memo: The Browns suck.

We suck badly. Chrome, bumper hitch; golf ball, garden hose.

So to get better instead of signing Albert Haynesworth, Bart Scott, or an impact player on day one of free agency, we just traded one of two or three actually good players for who knows what? Plus I read Shaun Rogers is alienated. Way to go, you two Einsteins. Off to a hell of a start.

Maybe these beans Jack Kokinas got back will bring us a golden goose stolen from any angry giant.

Today, they just feel like beans. Hard ass, worthless beans.

I'm sure the knees are quaking in Pittsburgh.