

Pass the holiday time with bowl games

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Another great week for sports fans as the College Bowl Season is being played and there are a number of outstanding college basketball games being played. It is tough to get little things done like going to work, but I still seem to find time to watch a few games here and there. You throw in some pro-football games and you have a full day and a much fuller weekend. I don't think I could handle it if I liked to watch professional basketball.

I think if I did watch it I would have to give up something else and that would probably not be that hard to decide on, work would just have to be put on hold. I'm sure if you ask Mr. Skeels, my very understanding boss, he would tell you that I have taken "coming in late" and "leaving early" to perfection.

Saturday I watched Louisville and Miami play in the Russell Athletic Bowl and the biggest surprise there was that Warren Buffett and Berkshire Hathaway owns Russell Athletic Company. Warren and BH owns a little bit of everything so that should not have been that big of a surprise.

The other surprise was that Teddy Bridgewater, the quarterback for Louisville, is probably better than a lot of people thought. I think most football people knew he was pretty good, but he killed Miami.

Bridgewater threw for 447 yards and accounted for four touchdowns. He threw for three and rushed for one and the Cardinals won 36-9. Next year Louisville will be in the ACC with Miami. Miami is young and I would bet they will remember this game for a while.

In the other game that took me way past my bedtime, my least favorite Kansas team, the K-State Wildcats, dominated a Big Ten team playing Michigan. This was the ever popular Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl. The K-State quarterback threw three touchdown passes to Tyler Lockett and the Wildcats won their first Bowl Game since 2002. K-State ended the season winning six of their last seven games and Michigan ended their season losing five of their last six. K-State ended the season at 8-5 and Michigan at 7-6.

Do you think there are too many Bowl Games?

I do know today that my sister Rita is happy in Heaven because the Kentucky Wildcats defeated that terrible school west of Lexington called Louisville. The Cardinal got whacked. All is well in the Bluegrass state for another year.

I always kidded my sister in that it didn't matter what Kentucky wins while Calipari is there because they will probably have to forfeit them later for NCAA violations. Sometimes Sis didn't appreciate my sense of humor.

Another match up game was Number 2 Syracuse and Number 8 Villanova. Syracuse came from behind to win by outscoring Nova 70-37 in the last 30 minutes of the game.

That is mind boggling because you are talking about a rated top-ten team giving up 70 points in

30 minutes. That is one game where if I were the Villanova coach I would never watch the tape.

The Cornhusker men's basketball team travelled to Cincinnati and the Bearcats clawed the Huskers up big time on the side on their way to a 74-59 win. I truly think the Huskers have way more talent than they did a year ago, but I also feel that their inside game is where they really will get hurt in Big 10 play.

Cincinnati is certainly not a poor team, but the Huskers are going to see a lot better teams in conference play and especially at the post position. The Huskers finished their non-conference record at 8-4.

The Cornhusker women wrapped their non-conference season up with a game played after this was written. They hosted Oral Roberts (1-8) at Pinnacle Bank Arena last Sunday. The Lady Huskers are 9-2 going into that game and are rated 18th in Nation.