The year was 1980. The Detroit Lions had a great Heisman trophy winning running back from the state of Oklahoma (no, not Barry the 1988 Heisman winner, and no, not Steve Owens the 1969 Heisman winner, and no, not Andre Ware). He was named Billy Sims and he won the award as a Junior in 1978. The lowly Lions started the year out 4-0 knocking off the (Los Angeles) Rams and Packers on the road and the (St. Louis) Cardinals and Vikings at home. So the success of the team perhaps spawned by the Sister Sledge “We Are Family” tune that guided the Pittsburgh Pirates to the World Series the previous year, was proudly proclaimed by using (and modifying) the words to Queen’s song by the same name. Little did they know at the time, but those words would come back to bite them on the butt as they would proceed to lose 7 of their next 10 games as they completed a Tampa, Green, and San Francisco Bay sweep. Unfortunately, the (Baltimore) Colts and Bears (who swept them) helped keep them out of the playoffs. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy_97CcJ28E

This year’s Lions, lead by Matthew Stafford and Calvin Johnson, are off to that same 4-0 start harkening those with a long enough memory back to the dwindling pre-MTV era of disco, disco demolition, and the disco duck. Speaking of ducks, cluck-a-duck and his cast of idiots continue to fall further behind the Stafford-led Kardiac Kids in the Hall. At least as long as Stafford keeps health and has someone who actually can protect his Backus side. Which is highly questionable. Barry, of course, benefitted (?) by having his #1 WR go down with an injury, allowing him to use Stevie Nicks instead. He’s now ahead by a Landslide, with Dreams of winning it all. But If Anyone Falls, we can hope it is him. First, we have to break The Chain of 4 straight 1000-point weeks.

Someone forgot to play a 200+ yard running back this week. I guess picking RBs isn’t his Forte. But where there is a Will, there is a joke somewhere in there. Cesar had his 2nd consecutive 1160 point week, thanks to a 518 point week from Rogers. Guido/Terry finally broke the quintdoza line capitalizing on an all-around team performance. ‘Low’ scores permeated the owner ranks, with ET, Chris/Mack, Mike, and the Alpha Boyz all scoring <820.