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Diary of a Kraut Man Sum 108 (re-krautification 2024)

Angela Merkel is our John Madden, a Captain Obvious of American Football television commentators.

Madden struck gold when he joined the party just at the right time, with a potent sugar daddy behind him. His team was loaded and the opposition could not get their acts together. The players just won, baby, deserved, or not, to make their boss the chancellor with the best winning percentage.

The boss was a popular high school star with a promising career, and finished college with a magna cum laude dissertation *Untersuchung des Mechanismus von Zerfallsreaktionen mit einfachem Bindungsbruch und Berechnung ihrer Geschwindigkeitskonstanten auf der Grundlage quantenchemischer und statistischer Methoden.*

While John Madden never made it into the big leagueas a player, Angela Merkel did. Madden rehabbed the injury that would forever bar him from becoming an NFL player, "ended up" (his words) with a degree in teaching, and still made it to the show.

When the big league opened for Angela Merkel in 1989, many of her peers thought she would continue her university career. In 1990, she headed for politics instead, disavowing the Raiders at first, only to join them the same year, presumably after meeting her Al Davis. She became an assistant coach in 1991, was promoted to head coach nine years later, and was finally approved as League Commissioner by the owners in 2005.

John Madden retired from coaching in 1979, citing occupational burnout. He also upped his annual salary in the very same year by an order of magnitude becoming the first TV commentator to get paid a million dollars per year to provide expert analysis, only to say things like:

"If the referee threw a flag there is probably going to be a penalty."

Angela Merkel said today:

"Until the UK leaves they will remain a member of the EU. If the sun shines, it is day. If you are hungry and eat something, you might feel less hungry. Until we stop breathing, we will remain alive. Ia, das ist gut."

Magna cum laude leadership.