

Crowded Heisman Field For 2016 Starts With Watson, McCaffrey

2015 Award To Be Presented Today

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NEW YORK (AP) — Even before the Heisman Trophy is handed out Saturday night, it is tempting to look ahead to 2016 and what could be a doozy of a race for college football's most famous bronze statue.

While Alabama's Derrick Henry is likely to both win the Heisman and head to the NFL after the Crimson Tide's play-off run, the other two finalists, Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson and Stanford scat back Christian McCaffrey, are sophomores who will return.

Add Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield, Florida State's Dalvin Cook and LSU's Leonard Fournette and there is a strong chance five of the top eight Heisman vote-getters from this year will be back in 2016.

"It's a monster class," said Chris Huston, a Heisman historian and editor-in-chief of Heisman.com.

Henry, Watson and McCaffrey arrived Friday in New York from Atlanta, where

they attended the ESPN awards show at the College Football Hall of Fame. They were greeted in the Big Apple by a traffic jam that turned a 7-mile trip from LaGuardia Airport to the Times Square into a 2-hour journey. The delay cost them lunch at an Italian restaurant, but otherwise all was well.

"I'm just enjoying the moment and happy to be here," Henry said.

Being a finalist is a once-in-lifetime event for most players, often the culmination of a great career. For Watson and McCaffrey, maybe this is just a test run.

"Of course, next year I want to be back. And if I happen to stay my senior year I want to be back then," Watson said.

Only twice (2008 and '10) in the previous 10 seasons have at least two of the top three finishers in the Heisman voting returned to school the next year. Only twice in the last 10 seasons (2012 and '06) have five of the top eight returned the next season.

The contenders in 2016 aren't confined to just those players whose names

will show up in the final voting Saturday night.

Georgia's Nick Chubb, one of the preseason favorites this year, will return from an injury, as well as Washington State's Luke Falk and Baylor's Seth Russell. Though maybe Jarrett Stidham will be the Baylor quarterback with the Heisman hype?

Ohio State's J.T. Barrett should be the Buckeyes starting quarterback from Day 1 and there is a good chance people will start noticing that Oregon's Royce Freeman is as good as all those stud running backs down South.

Notre Dame's DeShone Kizer and Houston's Greg Ward Jr. will be trying to build upon breakout seasons.

UCLA's Josh Rosen and Penn State's Saquon Barkley are primed for fantastic follow-ups to their fabulous freshman seasons.

The Heisman race should have a very different feel from this season, when none of last year's finalists were back.

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Heisman Trophy finalists



Derrick Henry
Junior, Alabama, Sophomore, Stanford
RB



Christian McCaffrey
Sophomore, Stanford
RB



Deshaun Watson
Sophomore, Clemson
QB

2015 season		
Rushing yards	1,986	Rushing yards 1,847
Points per game	10.6	Points per game 6.0
Passing yards	3,512	Points per game 5.1

Source: Heisman Central, SportSource

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Bucks Surge Past Kernels



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Yankton's Bradey Sorenson pulls up for a three-point attempt during the Bucks' Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball game at Mitchell on Friday. Yankton won 56-31 after the game was tied at 21 at half-time. Due to the late completion of the game, more information was not available at presstime, and will be at www.yankton.net and in Monday's edition.

Big 12 Won't Punish Iowa State For Students Rushing Court

BY LUKE MEREDITH
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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Seven months after toughening penalties for schools whose fans rush onto the field of play, the Big 12 Conference said Friday it will not discipline Iowa State after students stormed the court following a basketball game in a scene that left a newspaper columnist with a broken leg.

The league said Iowa State handled the postgame celebration consistent with Big 12 guidelines for sportsmanship and ethical conduct, adding that it considers the matter resolved.

Randy Peterson of the Des Moines Register was knocked over while walking from press row to a postgame news conference Thursday after fans rushed the court in nearby Ames following Iowa State's 83-82 home win over rival Iowa. Peterson broke the tibia and fibia in his left leg, but said Friday he has no problem with what happened.

"If fans want to storm the court, they're going to do it," Peterson told The Associated Press in his room at a Des Moines-area hospital. "It happens everywhere. I mean, this is just this year's incident ... it just so happens that it happened to me. I think the Big 12 will look at it not just because of this. I think they've probably been looking at it for a while."

The incident with Peterson was indeed the first major test of the Big 12's stricter guidelines. The league passed a measure in May allowing it to fine member schools — even taking away a future home game if necessary — for failing to keep fans from storming courts or rushing fields after games.

The measure came on the heels of an ugly incident in February at Kansas State, where Kansas coach Bill Self was pushed up against a press table after the Wildcats beat the Jayhawks. Kansas State officials apologized and said its security staff had failed to get into position in time.

Lou Marciani, the director of the National Center for Specta-

Johnson Leads Iowa State Women Past No. 23 Iowa

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Seanna Johnson scored 22 points, including two free throws with 5.4 seconds left, and Iowa State rallied to defeat No. 23 Iowa 69-66 on Friday night.

Ally Disterhoft, who led the Hawkeyes with 26 points, missed a contested 3-pointer over Bridget Carleton at the buzzer.

Iowa (8-2), which lost its 10th straight at Ames, led 33-28 at the half and 54-46 entering the fourth quarter before the Cyclones (5-3) rallied.

It became a duel between Disterhoft, who had nine points in the fourth quarter, and Johnson, who had 11. The duo combined to score the last 12 of the game in the final two minutes but Disterhoft missed a free throw with seven seconds left.

The Hawkeyes made 4 of 15 shots in the fourth quarter, Iowa State 8 of 15.

Johnson also had 10 rebounds and five assists. Disterhoft had eight rebounds and three assists.

tor Sports Safety and Security at Southern Mississippi, said the first priority for a university in such incidents is to ensure that the players, coaches and officials are immediately protected by getting them to their locker rooms safely.

But there is little that can be done to stop determined fans from swarming a field or court after a big game.

"People's emotions take over, and they're so excited that they are going to come on," Marciani said.

Peterson, who has worked as a sports writer for the Register for

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GARRICK HODGE/MITCHELL DAILY REPUBLIC

Yankton's Brianna Benjamin directs the offense during the Gazelles' Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball game on Friday in Mitchell.

Farnham Buzzer-Beater Lifts Mitchell Girls To OT Win Over Yankton

MITCHELL — Erin Farnham's three-pointer at the overtime buzzer lifted Mitchell to a 45-42 victory over Yankton in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball action on Friday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Farnham finished with 11 points to lead Mitchell (1-0). Mackenzie Miller scored 10 points. Jenna Weich and Tess Limberg each had eight points in the victory.

For Yankton, Lindsey Hale scored 14 points and Becky Frick had 13 points to lead Yankton. Madason Tessier netted nine points.

"I thought we did a good job early," Gazelles head coach Trey Krier said. "I didn't think we came out of the half very strong; weren't

very aggressive on the offensive side, and Mitchell got some momentum going."

Yankton led 20-13 at the half, but Mitchell fought back, tying the game at 37-37 with two seconds left in regulation. The game was tied at 42 when Farnham hit her lone three-pointer in the game.

"We got some really good looks, but just didn't make very many of them," Krier said. "That happens sometimes, but we've got to have a quick turnaround and move on."

Yankton (0-1) will look to bounce back on Tuesday at home against Brookings. The contest will be Yankton's only home game in the month of December.

Mitchell also claimed a

close victory in the JV game, 41-37. Aurora Papstein led the Gazelles with 10 points and Jessica Reinhardt added nine points.

Mitchell won the sophomore game 43-24. Yankton got eight points from Reinhardt.

YANKTON (0-1)

Madason Tessier 2-9 5-6 9; Brianna Benjamin 0-0 0-0 0; Becky Frick 6-15 0-0 13; Lindsey Hale 4-11 5-5 14; Josie Sayler 1-2 2-5 4; Bailey Kortan 0-2 0-2 0; Emily Oswald 1-2 0-0 2; Sophie Drotzmann 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 14-41 12-18 42

MITCHELL (1-0)

Erin Farnham 2-9 6-10 11; Brenna Morgan 2-2 0-0 4; Kaelyn Kaul 0-0 0-0 0; Jayci Hinker 0-3 0-0 0; Jenna Weich 4-8 0-0 8; Jordyn Cranny 1-4 0-0 3; Tess Limberg 3-8 2-3 8; Mandy Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0; Kendra Brewster 0-1 1-2 1; Mackenzie Miller 5-8 0-0 10. TOTALS 17-43 9-15 45

YHS 9 20 27 37 42

MHS 7 13 24 37 45

Three-point goals: MHS 2-6 (Farnham 1, Cranny 1); YHS 2-11 (Frick 1, Hale 1); Rebounds: MHS 28

(Farnham 6, Weich 6), YHS 24 (Drotzmann 5, Benjamin 5); Assists: MHS 2 (Farnham, Morgan); YHS 1 (Tessier); Turnovers: MHS 13, YHS 14; Total fouls: MHS 19, YHS 19

Cougar Boys Edge Scotland

SCOTLAND — Burke-South Central edged out the Scotland Highlanders by a score of 47-43 in the season opener for both boys' basketball teams on Friday night in Scotland.

Thomas Heth posted 14 points and eight rebounds to lead Burke-South Central. Zach Sebern added 13 points and seven rebounds, while Ethan Fernau finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

For Scotland, both Tanner and Travis Skorepa finished with a double-double. Tanner Skorepa had 16 points, 14 rebounds, and four blocks, while Travis Skorepa totaled 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Burke-South Central will travel to North Central on Tuesday, while Scotland

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