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Manning will stay at Tennessee for senior season

FOOTBALL:

The quarterback decided not to enter the NFL draft this year

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning said today he will return for his senior season, bypassing an early jump to the NFL in which he likely would have been the top draft choice.

"I made up my mind, and I don't expect to ever look back," Manning said at a news conference. "I am going to stay at the University of Tennessee."

Cheers went up around the room. "As difficult as it has been, I knew I couldn't make a bad decision. But I knew whatever decision I made had to be my own decision and nobody else's."



He thanked his parents, Archie and Olivia Manning, for their support.

Archie Manning, former Mississippi and New Orleans Saints quarterback, has fielded most of the media calls for his son for the last two months.

Peyton Manning said there was no one factor that led to his decision, which he slept on last night.

"This past week, I felt all the pieces of the puzzle fit together," he said.

Manning said the hiring of Bill Parcells as coach of the New York Jets — the team with the top draft

pick — tempted him to jump to the NFL, but he decided against it.

"I had been pretty intent on staying until I found out that Bill Parcells would be coach of the New York Jets. I have a lot of respect for him," he said.

Manning said he researched his decision by talking to other professional athletes, including Michael Jordan, Troy Aikman, Phil Simms and Drew Bledsoe.

"That's a hard act to follow!" said an obviously pleased Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee's head coach, who took the microphone after Manning.

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ASU betting scandal may be alive still

INVESTIGATION: Federal officials have reportedly prepared search warrants

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Three bettors laid down so much money on two Arizona State basketball games three years ago that the impact set off an investigation.

The betting in the 1994 games with Washington and Washington State was so heavy and unusual that most Las Vegas bookies stopped taking bets. The Nevada Gaming and Control Board and the Pac-10 Conference each investigated, and so did the FBI.

The investigation surfaced again Tuesday when ESPN reported federal officials concluded their probe into possible point-shaving in the games and have prepared search warrants.



The ESPN report left unclear on whom the warrants might focus, but set off a series of denials from the schools and others that anyone knew anything was going on now.

Arizona State athletic director Kevin White said the university "has not been advised of any new developments since the initial allegations." The university will cooperate if requested, he added.

Officials with Washington and Washington State issued similar statements.

Arizona State coach Bill Frieder, an avid gambler who has described betting as a form of relaxation, declined comment Tuesday, but had insisted in 1994 that neither he nor his players were involved in any point-shaving.

At the time, he went so far as to pledge to stay away from Las Vegas during that season.

FBI spokesman Jack Callahan acknowledged there had been a preliminary probe, but said agency rules prohibit his saying whether it was continuing.

However, Ron Asher, the Nevada

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Ducks duel with Beavers



Oregon guard Natalie Hughes and the Ducks hope to change recent history when they play Oregon State in Corvallis tonight. The last time Oregon won at Gill Coliseum was 1992.

MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

WOMEN: Oregon looks to close its regular season with eight wins in its final nine games

By Ryan Frank
Sports Reporter

Eleven years to the date after earning a 21-win regular season with a victory over Oregon State, the 1997 version of the Oregon women's basketball team has a chance to repeat that performance with a win tonight over the Beavers in Corvallis.

But they will have to reverse recent history to do so.

In their last four trips to Corvallis, the Ducks have lost all four games by an average margin of 10 points. And no member of the Oregon team was around when the Ducks last beat the Beavers at Gill Coliseum in 1992.

"Oregon State, their a good team and it's always tough to play on the road, especially there," Oregon senior Arianne Boyer said. "I know since I've been here, we haven't won."

Oregon head coach Jody Runge agrees her seniors will be looking forward to recording their first win in Corvallis.

"I think for this bunch of seniors in particular, they haven't won at Oregon State and I think that is a great motivation for us," Runge said.

In addition to their four-game losing streak at Gill Coliseum, the Ducks (20-6 overall, 13-4 Pacific-10 Conference) will have the sour taste of last Saturday's too-close-for-comfort victory over sixth-place UCLA on their minds.

"I think we'll kind of be out for blood right now because we weren't happy with our performance against UCLA," Oregon freshman Jenny Mowe said. "We won, but we weren't happy, and we want to make a statement against Oregon State."

And the Beavers (11-15, 5-12) could prove to be easy prey.

The Ducks come into tonight's game having won seven of their last eight, including a

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Women's Basketball

- **OPPONENT:** Oregon State
- **WHERE:** Gill Coliseum
- **TIP-OFF:** 7 o'clock



UO Men's Tennis

The Oregon men's tennis team lost to the California Golden Bears 6-1 Wednesday. The Ducks picked up their only win via the racquet of Miguel Arriaga, who defeated California's Adam Gross 7-5, 6-1. Arriaga is the Ducks' No. 6 singles' player.

NFL

(AP) — Desmond Howard, who salvaged his career with a kickoff return in the Super Bowl, parlayed his comeback into a new job — with the Oakland Raiders. Howard left Green Bay to sign a four-year, \$6 million contract.

NHL

(AP) — NHL commissioner Gary Bettman on Wednesday upheld the 10-game suspension of Anaheim's Jean-Jacques Daigneault for abusing an official. The incident took place in Anaheim's game last Feb. 23 against Vancouver.

Olympics

(AP) — NBC completed its \$2.3 billion deal with the Olympics on Wednesday, giving the network exclusive U.S. television rights to the games of 2004, 2006 and 2008. Wednesday marked the official conclusion of a deal made in 1995.

MLB

(AP) — Tom Lasorda said his election to the Hall of Fame by the veterans committee was the best thing that's ever happened to him. Lasorda, 69, was informed of the news while watching a Dodgers exhibition game in Dodgerstown.