## Vick or no Vick, Hokies brace for Hurricanes

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Virginia Tech quarterback Dave Meyer hopes to fare better in Saturday's Hokies-Hurricanes game than Miami's Ken Dorsey did in last year's matchup.
Dorsey, who replaced an injured Kenny Kelly in the second half of the Hokies' 43-10 win in '99, was harassed nearly every play He was sacked twice, intercepted once and hit just 6 of 17 passes for 45 yards.
"I was overwhelmed and my head was spinning," Dorsey said.
Meyer, a fifth-year senior, starts for the injured Michael Visk when No. 2 Virginia Tech ( $8-0$, 6-0 Big East) visits No. 3 Miami $(6-1,3-0)$ in a nationial title elimination game at the sold-out Orange Bowk
"Im ready," said Meyen wholed the Hokies on the field-goal drive that produced a $37-34$ winagainst Pittsburgh last week. "From week to week, I prepare to start, whether I'm the backup or starter."
Vick, among the Heisman Trophy favorites, has a sprained right ankle
but coach Frank Beamer hasn't
counted out his star. Vick will be counted out his star. Vick will be and may play. Miami coach Butch Davis expects to see Vick, Vick and Davis expect
more Vick.
"He's not hurt," Davis said earlier this week. "If you think he's hurt, you're kidding yourself."
He's hurt for sure, but how seriously remains to be seen.
Against the Panthers, Meyer was
of 13 for 114 yards, his last three completions going for 12,11 and 11 yards to set up Carter Warley's game-winning 27 -yard field goal with 16 seconds left.
"He's tall, he's athletic. He can throw the football. He's smart," Beamer said of Meyer. "I think it's obvious he's not quite as quick as Michael. He doesn't throw the ball quite as quick. His release is not like Michael's and he probably doesn't throw quite as far is diesnael."
Vick, with 1,023 yards and seven TDs passing and 584 yards and eight TDs rushing, isn't the oply
star fighting off an injury. Hokies top receiver Andre Davis - 23
catches for 318 yards and two TDs as well as three punt returns for scores - has bursitis in his left foot. Four Miami starters were hurt in last week's 42-31 win over Louisiana Tech, but all are expected to play - LB Dan Morgan (sprained ankle), FB D.J. Williams (separated shoulder), OL Brett Romberg (broken finger) and S Al Blades (biceps).
Dorsey has rebounded nicely from his Hokies experience. This season, he's thrown for 1,675 yards and 14 TDs for the nation's topscoring team, at 45 points per game. The Hokies are fifth ( 42 ppg ).
Vick isn't the only hurting Heis-man-contending quarterback: A healing Chris Weinke leads No. 4 Florida State (8-1, 6-0 ACC) against an ailing Woodrow Dantzler and No. 10 Clemson ( $8: 1,6-1$ ).
Weinke, hampered by a sore left ankle since Sept. 28, tries to keep the defending national champions in the running for another title. Last year, he rallied the team from an 11-
poin.
Dantzler reinjured his left ankle in the first half of last week's 31-28 loss to Georgia Tech. If he can't play, freshman Willie Simmons gets his first start - just 20 miles from where he played at Shanks High School in Quincy, Fla.
The picks: No. 1 Oklahoma (minus 38) at Baylor
Looks like a half-day for Sooners quarterback Josh Heupel. ... OKLAHOMA, 51-7.
No. 2 Virginia Tech (no line) at No, 3 Miami
Canes can match Oklahoma's rare feat of beating Nos. 1 and 2 in same season. .. MIAMI, 35-24.
No. 10 Clemson (plus 19) at No. 4 Florida State
Florida State has outscored Clemson 156-3 in last four games at Tallahassee. ... FLORIDA STATE, 45:31.
No. 6 Florida (minus 19) at Vanderbilt
Woody Widenhofer's Com-
modores makes Gators work.

FLORIDA, 28-17
No. 7 Oregon (minus 9) at Washington State
Ducks need win to stay in control of Rose Bowl race. ... OREGON, 3421.

Arizona (plus 7) at No. 8 Washington
Huskies' huge offensive line wears down Wildcats. ... WASHINGTON, 30-20.
No. 12 Michigan (minus $71 / 2$ ) at No. 21 Northwestern
Matchup of nation's third- and sixth-leading rushers - Wildcats' Anderson vs. Wolverines' Thomas. MICHIGAN, 31-24.
No, 14 Oregon State (minus 6) at California
Bears out to avenge ' 99 loss that clinched Beavers' first winning season since 70 .... CALIFORNIA, 30 sons.
27.

Michigan State (plus 14) at No. 16 Ohio State
Buckeyes try to end two-game osing/streak against Spartans. OHO STATE, 34-17.

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