

Heisman hunt still alive as season winds down

Two Miami players are among the favorites in the Heisman race, which is still going

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With three of the preseason Heisman Trophy favorites — Florida's Rex Grossman, Michigan State's Charles Rogers and Oregon's own Onterio Smith — having fallen from the weekly tallies, it may seem like the trophy is going to land in the hands of Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey or Miami running back Willis McGahee.

Contrary to this belief, there are many other candidates, and the trophy is still up for grabs. Here is an overview of those who still have the Heisman within their reach.

Ken Dorsey
— senior QB, Miami

Last week, Dorsey and the Miami Hurricanes beat Tennessee 26-3. Dorsey threw 18 complete passes of 35 attempts, for 245 yards and one touchdown.

Dorsey is 152-of-297, for 2,265 yards on the season. He has thrown 21 touchdown passes and eight interceptions.

Miami hosts Pittsburgh on Nov. 21.

Willis McGahee
— sophomore RB, Miami

McGahee had 30 carries for 154 yards and one touchdown in Miami's win over Tennessee.

McGahee has 190 carries for 1,188 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season.

Miami hosts Pittsburgh on Nov. 21.

Brad Banks
— senior QB, Iowa

Banks and the Hawkeyes beat Northwestern 62-10 last week. Banks threw 10 complete passes on 10 attempts, for 197 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 54 yards and two touchdowns.

Banks is 146-of-241 for 2,269 yards on the season. He has thrown 23 touchdown passes and four interceptions.

Iowa travels to Minnesota on Saturday.

Chris Brown
— junior RB, Colorado

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Carson Palmer (3) is among the favorites for the 2002 Heisman Trophy award.

Northwest supremacy, in many ways, will be won or lost at Autzen

Go ahead, give Washington State the Rose Bowl. Let them prick their fingers all the way to Pasadena. They've earned it this season.

But it doesn't matter. The Pacific-10 Conference doesn't belong in the Palouse, or even in California, and surely not Arizona.

The real conference crown will be handed out Saturday at Autzen Stadium.

And it will be in the form of a fat paycheck.

Of course, the Ducks and Huskies of 2002 have played like anything but the Ducks and Huskies of the recent past, but the fight for the Northwest —

and ultimately the entire conference — rests upon this game.

Saturday's game will obviously have some implications for the teams' seasons and their bowl eligibility. The bigger game, though, has

the biggest implications. The game of power, which encompasses the donors, the recruits, the facilities, is what's at stake here.

A win on the field Saturday will equal a win in the bank account, though neither program really needs more money.

The Ducks have Phil Knight, who UCLA head coach Bob Toledo earlier this season called the best owner in college football. Even after a fallout with the University more than two years ago (and the subsequent kiss-and-make-up story), Knight has been the donor for Oregon sports, including footing a large chunk of the bill for the Autzen Stadium expansion.

The Huskies, well, they also can get whatever they want. Their stockholders probably combine to Mr. Knight's worth. After Oregon set the pace with the Moshofsky indoor practice facility, UW wasn't about to be dawgged, so they built their own indoor facility, which opened last year.

Not that everyone else is standing idly by. The Cougars built their own indoor facility, and the

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