



# Sports/METRO

## SPORTS briefs

### Miami Takes Control of USA TODAY/ESPN Poll

MCLEAN, Va. — Miami took advantage of its big victory in a weekend of upsets to capture 59 of the 60 first-place votes and take command of the USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 Coaches' Poll. The Hurricanes, who romped past Washington 65-7 on Saturday, received 1,499 points to easily maintain the No. 1 ranking. Florida moved up to second, with Texas, Tennessee and Oregon rounding out the top five.

### Mercer Next on Tyson's Schedule

If Mike Tyson is going to fight heavyweight champ Lennox Lewis under a two-fight deal being worked out by rival cable giants HBO and Showtime, He is going to have to earn his title shot. Tyson will meet Ray Mercer on Jan. 19 (SET, \$39.95) in a dangerous tune-up, Showtime said. No site has been selected but New York's Madison Square Garden is the leading candidate.

### Goosen Heads Woods in Grand Slam

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii — U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Tiger Woods in the 36-hole PGA Grand Slam of Golf. PGA champion David Toms shot a 68, and British Open winner David Duval had a lackluster 76.

### Oates Recovering After Brain Surgery

BALTIMORE — Former Texas Rangers and Baltimore Orioles manager Johnny Oates was in good condition following surgery for a brain tumor at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Additional information will not be released because of a request by Oates' family, hospital spokesman Trent Stockton said. The tumor was diagnosed earlier this month.

## FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

### CLASS 4A SEMIFINALS

Friday, PGE Park

- McNary vs. Lake Oswego, 5:30 p.m.
- Sheldon vs. Glencoe, 8 p.m.

### CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS

Day, times, sites, TBD

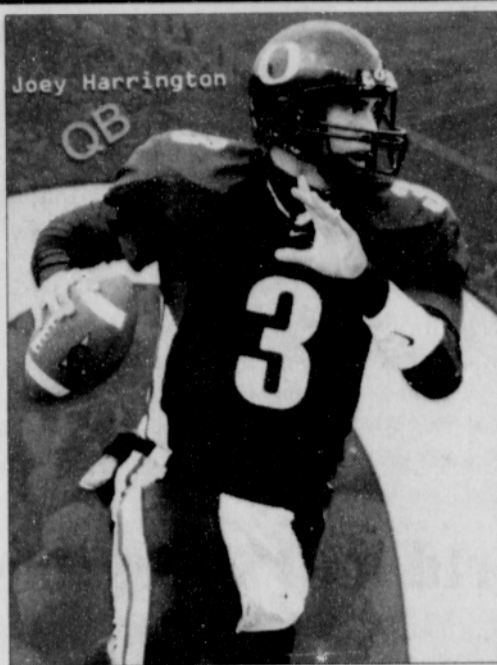
- Junction City vs. Scappoose
- Pleasant Hill vs. Sisters

### CLASS 2A FINAL--Sat., Hare Field

- Amity vs. Regis, 8 p.m.

### CLASS 1A FINAL --Sat., Hare Field

- Dufur vs. St. Paul, 5 p.m.



Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington is the new Pac-10 offensive player of the year.

## Civil War to Break Out This Weekend

The Beavers and Ducks are busy preparing for the upcoming Civil War game that will be held at Autzen Stadium in Eugene on Saturday. Last year, the Beavers beat Oregon, eliminating the Ducks from the Rose Bowl competition.

This week, the Ducks are fifth in the BCS Standing. So far, they have had the best regular season record and have a good chance at the national title. The Beavers look forward to being a good threat to one of the top teams in the country.

## Norman Wins Big at Skins Game

BY TODD BEHRENDT, SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

INDIO, Calif. — When Skins Game officials devised a new rule that made winning a skin much more difficult, they did so in the hopes that one player would win the entire \$1 million purse on a single hole.

They had to settle for one player winning it all on two holes instead.

Greg Norman walked away from Landmark Golf Club in Indio, Calif. on Sunday with all 18 skins and a check for \$1 million, while playing partners Tiger Woods, Colin Montgomerie and Jesper Parnevik were all left empty-handed — the first time in the 19-year history of the Skins Game that one player swept the match.

"I knew coming out here I had to play solid, consistent golf, and I did all week," Norman said.

While he played solid golf throughout the weekend, Norman also benefited from the new format, in which a player needed to win or halve the following hole in order to validate a skin won on the previous hole.

The bulk of Norman's winnings came on the par-5 18th hole, where his three-foot putt for par validated his skin from the previous hole and earned him \$800,000 — more money than he earned during any single tournament in his Hall of Fame career. It also helped him set seven Skins Game records.

For good measure, Norman sank a birdie putt on the second playoff hole to win the one remaining skin — a Toyota Super Skin worth \$200,000.

Norman only needed a two-putt for par on



Australian golfer Greg Norman poses with the trophy after winning the Skins Game.

the 18th because all three of his opponents got a little too aggressive on their respective approach shots.

Parnevik's second shot clipped the lip of a fairway bunker and left him 148 yards from the green. Woods and Montgomerie were no less fortunate, as both found the lake to the left of the green.

Norman had put himself in position to be Sunday's big winner by sinking a 12-foot birdie putt on 17. In the process, he also cost Parnevik a big payday. Parnevik had made a difficult 21-foot putt for birdie on the previous hole and was hoping his tap-in for par would have been sufficient to validate the \$730,000 skin.

It wasn't. While the change in format undoubtedly added some excitement to the closing holes, it also cost everyone but Norman a little money. Under the old format, all four players would have won at least one skin and Parnevik would have been the big winner with 11 skins and \$605,000.

Even so, none of the players appeared to be dissatisfied with the new format.

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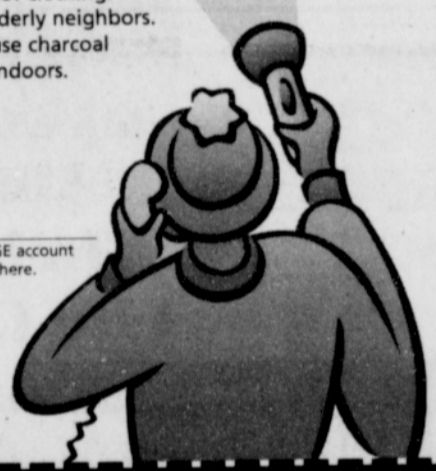
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Denver	6	5	0	.545	3-4-0	2-3-0
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	5-3-0	2-2-0
San Diego	5	6	0	.454	3-5-0	1-3-0
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	2-5-0	2-2-0
EAST						
Miami	7	3	0	.700	6-2-0	3-2-0
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	5-1-0	4-1-0
New England	6	5	0	.545	4-4-0	3-2-0
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	4-4-0	3-3-0
Buffalo	1	9	0	.100	1-8-0	0-5-0
CENTRAL						
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	7-2-0	5-2-0
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	6-3-0	5-3-0
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	5-3-0	4-2-0
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	3-5-0	2-4-0
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	2-6-0	2-5-0
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	3-7-0	3-5-0
NFC						
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	NEC	Div
St. Louis	8	1	0	.889	5-1-0	2-1-0
San Francisco	8	2	0	.800	6-2-0	5-1-0
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	6-3-0	3-2-0
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	3-3-0	2-2-0
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	1-8-0	0-6-0
EAST						
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	5-3-0	4-2-0
Washington	5	5	0	.500	3-3-0	2-2-0
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	4-4-0	3-2-0
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	2-5-0	1-3-0
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	2-5-0	2-3-0
CENTRAL						
Chicago	8	2	0	.800	6-1-0	3-1-0
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	6-3-0	4-2-0
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	4-3-0	3-3-0
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