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Nebraska's Crouch Wins Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP)—Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch won the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night in one of the closest races in the history of the award.

"I just made history," Crouch said after winning college football's top individual prize by 62 points, 770-708, over Florida quarterback Rex Grossman.

Crouch of the Huskers (11-1) in the national title race all season, and not even a 62-36 loss to Colorado two weeks ago kept him from winning the Heisman.

Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey was third with 638 points and Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington fourth with 364 points. Crouch's margin of victory was the fourth closest in the Heisman's 67-year history.

The Heisman ceremony was



Nebraska's quarterback Eric Crouch poses with the Heisman Trophy after winning the award.

held at a midtown hotel, the first time it's been away from the Downtown Athletic Club. The club was damaged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A gutty 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior from Omaha, Neb., Crouch

ran for 1,115 yards and 18 touchdowns, passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores and even caught a 63-yard TD pass in a big win over Oklahoma. He's one of only three major college quarterbacks to run for 3,000 yards and pass for 4,000 yards in a career.

Grossman, who threw for 3,896 yards and 34 TDs in the Gators' 9-2 season, became the fourth sophomore to finish second in the Heisman. No sophomore has won it.

Crouch, the first true option quarterback to win the award, had 162 first-place votes, 98 second-place votes and 88 third-place votes, but won only one region—the Southwest. Grossman had 137 first-place votes, 105 for second and 87 for third. He won the Mid-Atlantic and South.

Dorsey, who led Miami to an 11-0 record and a spot in the national title game, had 109 first-place votes, 122 for second and 67 for third. He won the Northeast.

Harrington, who threw for 2,414 yards and 23 TDs in leading the Ducks (10-1) to the Pac-10 title, had 54 first-place votes, 68 for second and 66 for third. He won the Far West.

Voters list three choices on their ballots, and players are awarded 3 points for first place, 2 for second and 1 for third.

While Grossman put up awesome numbers, Dorsey's team didn't lose and Harrington led the Ducks to 10 wins, it was Crouch who convinced the voters he had the best Heisman-winning combination.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nebraska Gets Rose Bowl Bid

Nebraska will play for a national title after all. In an astounding turn certain to send out a cry for a playoff or changes in the Bowl Championship Series, The Cornhuskers squeezed into second place over Colorado in the final BCS standings. Even though the Buffaloes beat the Huskers by 26 points three weeks ago, Nebraska won the points battle that counted most and will play undefeated Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

Selig Finds Congress a Tough Sell

WASHINGTON—Commissioner Bud Selig had a difficult time convincing Congress that eliminating two teams prior to next season will ease baseball's economic problems. Selig, who presented unprecedented volumes of financial information on the 30 teams, testified before the House Judiciary Committee. Lawmakers' questions were at times hostile. Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., called the figures more a summary than a detailed spreadsheet.

Santa Clara Grabs Women's Soccer Title

DALLAS—Santa Clara used a first-half goal from Aly Wagner to beat top seed and 16-time champion North Carolina 1-0 in the NCAA College Cup Championship. The win gave the No. 2 seed Broncos (23-2) their first national title after seven trips to the national semifinals. The loss was the first for the Tar Heels (24-1) since Oct. 27, 2000.

Webber Makes First Start of Season for Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Sacramento forward Chris Webber was in the starting lineup for the first time this season after missing the Kings' first 20 games with a sprained right ankle. Webber was activated from the injured list before the game against the Miami Heat. He finished with 18 points and six rebounds in 28 minutes as the Kings defeated the Heat 95-88.

Notre Dame Hires O'Leary

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—George O'Leary was introduced as the new coach at Notre Dame, promising to make the storied football program one of the nation's best again. The former Georgia Tech coach replaces Bob Davie, who was fired a week ago. The Irish lost six or more games three times under Davie, whose 35-25 record gave him the third-worst winning percentage in Irish history.

Seles Shaken After Car Accident

VENICE, Fla.—Monica Seles and her mother were treated for minor injuries after a car accident in which the other driver was charged with driving under the influence, police said. The 28-year-old tennis star and her 62-year-old mother, Ester, were taken by ambulance to Doctors Hospital and later released. Monica Seles was driving her sports utility vehicle when a pickup truck turned directly in front of Seles' path, police said.

New Inductees Join Benson Hall of Fame



Head coach Leon McKenzie Jr. jokes with Walter Bailey, a recent inductee to this year's Benson Hall of Fame.

PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Ten athletes and two teams were recently inducted into the second annual Benson Sports Hall of Fame which was held on Friday, Dec. 7 at the Eastmoreland Golf Course. Nominations for athletes, coaches and teams were presented in writing and voted by the hall of fame selection committee.

The new inductees include:

- Football—Walter Bailey, Class of 1988
- Baseball—Paul Krueger, Class of 1976
- Basketball, football, track and field—Ricky Lee, Class of 1973
- Football, basketball, baseball, track and field—Raymond 'Butch' Morse, Class of 1931
- Basketball—Charles Patterson, Class of 1932
- Football, track and field, basketball, soccer and cross country—Jim Pettit, Class of 1941
- Baseball, football, basketball, soccer—Tony Robertson, Class of 1989
- Track and field, basketball—Tim Vollmer, Class of 1965
- Football coach—Bill Dressel, 1977–1997
- Football coach—Ralph Harper, 1949 and 1952-1958
- 1947 Cross Country state and city champions
- 1988 Football team state champions

Blazers Defeat Sonics



Bonzi Wells (#6) shows Rashard Lewis of the Seattle Sonics that his quick first step is as good as ever!

PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

It may take the energy of R. Patterson, the prowess of B. Wells, the maturity of S. Pippen, the aggressiveness of D. Davis and the unselfishness of D. Stoudamire to make a full state-

ment to the Sonics that don't come to "our house" halfheartedly and expect to win.

And...the Blazers made that statement Saturday as they defeated the Seattle Sonics 113-92.

Lordy, Lordy
Look Who's Forty
December 12th
David A. Carter

Love—
Mom, Deanna & Alton Jr.



New Staff for The New Year



Billy Reed's new Catering Manager, Ms. Heidi Frazier and Chef, Patrick Warner.

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Billy Reed's is proud to introduce their new Catering Manager and Chef.

The Catering Manager, Ms. Heidi Frazier, was born in Seaside Oregon and has lived in Puerto Rico. Heidi has had extensive training in the culinary arts through her previous work at Shenanigans and with the Portland Trail Blazers at The Rose Garden Arena. Heidi is a specialist at catering and banquets, wether for a party of 5 or 500, she walks the client through every step of planning for a special event or reception. Billy Reed's is proud to add Heidi to their team.

Billy Reed's new Chef, Patrick Warner, is highly trained with a vision for the culinary arts. Patrick has worked at fine Restaurants throughout Oregon, California and Arizona, including Spago's in Hollywood, Stanford's in Portland and Club Med in the Virgin Islands. Patrick's culinary expertise has been published in Gourmet Magazine.

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