

College football

# TCU quarterback suspended for Alamo Bowl

## Boykin charged with assaulting officer

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SAN ANTONIO — Trevone Boykin's brilliant college career has come to an abrupt and inglorious end even though TCU has one game left to play this season.

Boykin was arrested early Thursday and charged with felony assault of a police officer after the one-time Heisman Trophy contender slipped out of his team hotel past curfew, was allegedly heckled at a bar and ended up being subdued by authorities who said they had to threaten the quarterback with a Taser.

The 22-year-old Boykin was swiftly suspended for Saturday's Alamo Bowl against No. 15 Oregon.

The game would have been the last for Boykin, a senior who shattered school passing records once held by Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton. But he

was no doubt hoping to give NFL scouts one final look at his skills as the 11th-ranked Horned Frogs wrapped up their season.

Boykin was arrested shortly before 2 a.m. outside a bar near San Antonio's famous downtown River Walk. Police say an altercation inside spilled into the street and ended when Boykin took a swing and made contact with a police officer on bike patrol. Police Chief William McManus said it was not clear whether Boykin was swinging at the officer or someone else.

The skirmish was set off by Boykin being heckled in the bar about the upcoming game, McManus said.

"His teammates had tried to take him back to the hotel, and he broke away from them and came back and he got into it with officer," McManus said. "Mr. Boykin was finally subdued after being threatened with a Taser."

Boykin was released on \$5,000 bond. He left a Bexar County jail with a coat over his head and did not answer questions from reporters.



In this Oct. 17, 2015, file photo, TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin stands on the sidelines during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Boykin has been charged with felony assault of a police officer. San Antonio Police spokesman Sgt. Jesse Salame said Boykin is being held on \$5,000 bond. Bexar County Magistrate's website showed Boykin was arrested at early Thursday morning, Dec. 31, 2015.

TCU wide receiver Preston Miller was also suspended for bowl game for what coach Gary Patterson said was an unspecified violation of team rules.

"We are disappointed in their actions and apologize to the TCU Horned Frogs Nation, Valero Alamo Bowl and city of San Antonio,"

Patterson said in a statement.

According to a police report, Boykin had been fighting with employees at the bar, but people with the star quarterback told officers they would take him back to his hotel. Boykin then charged at responding officers and swung at one before he was taken to the ground,

authorities said.

McManus said the officer allegedly struck by Boykin was treated for a swollen face and bruised but was otherwise OK.

Patterson did not speak to reporters Thursday, but co-offensive coordinator Doug Meacham said Boykin was in his hotel room when the team did checks Wednesday night.

"I'm hurting for him. He's a good person," TCU running back Aaron Green said.

Oregon defensive end DeForest Buckner said his teammates try avoiding potentially heated situations when out in public.

"Coach always preaches, when something hostile comes amongst one of the players, we got to get our guy out," Buckner said. "We're not here to be tough guys off the field, to try to start up fights and everything. We just try to get our guy out and kind of turn the other cheek in a way, just walk away."

Boykin finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a junior in 2014 and went into this season considered one of the front-runners for the

award. The dual-threat quarterback from Dallas is second nationally with 381 total yards per game, but missed a game in November after awkwardly twisting his right ankle in a win over Kansas.

He sat out against Oklahoma game but returned for the TCU's regular-season finale, an overtime victory over Baylor that was played in heavy rain. He was expected to be fully healthy for the Alamo Bowl.

Boykin threw for 3,575 yards with 31 touchdowns and ran for 612 yards and 10 more scores this season. He has accounted for 56 percent of TCU's offense since 2012, and leaves with career school records for total yards (12,777), passing yards (10,728), passing touchdowns (86) and touchdowns responsible for (114).

Senior Bram Kohlhausen or redshirt freshman Foster Sawyer will start in Boykin's place.

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# Iowa, Stanford see Rose Bowl as solid substitute for playoff

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PASADENA, Calif. — Kevin Hogan will make a bit of Rose Bowl history when he steps behind center Friday for his record-tying third start for Stanford in the Granddaddy of Them All.

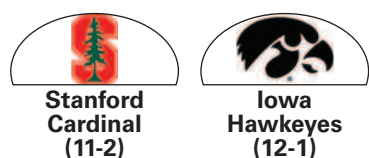
It's all new to his Iowa counterpart, C.J. Beathard, who will make his first bowl start in the Hawkeyes' first trip to Pasadena in 25 years.

Hogan is grateful for Stanford's remarkable run of three Rose Bowl berths, but he doesn't think the No. 5 Cardinal (11-2) have much of an advantage over the sixth-ranked Hawkeyes (12-1) in the 102nd edition of college football's most historic game.

These teams are too talented, and there's too much on the line — even if the national title is not.

"Both of us could be in the playoff," said Hogan, who will become just the third quarterback to start three Rose Bowls. "Both of us could be playing for a national championship, but there's not enough room for us, and we did that to ourselves. We're going to enjoy this opportunity instead."

The Rose Bowl is the traditional reward for outstanding seasons in the Big Ten and Pac-12, and tradition should run rich in this matchup: two run-oriented offenses, two no-nonsense defenses and a list of stars led by running back Christian



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McCaffrey, Stanford's Heisman Trophy finalist.

Iowa and Stanford gratefully embraced this assignment after they ended up as the last two teams to miss the College Football Playoff.

"It's such a historic bowl, and I can't imagine there's a better environment in America to play college football," said Iowa's Kirk Ferentz, who finally led the Hawkeyes to the Rose Bowl after 17 years as head coach. "But it's still a game."

The Hawkeyes returned on the strength of their school-record 12-0 regular season. Even after a narrow loss to Michigan State in the Big Ten title game, Iowa got the chance to win the Rose Bowl for the first time since the 1959 game after losing its last three appearances under Hayden Fry.

"The only right way to end the season would be to go out with a win," Beathard said. "(If) you start 12-0 and lose your last two games, that's tough."

Stanford's improbable Nerd Nation powerhouse is back yet



Stanford head coach David Shaw, right, and Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz shake hands during a news conference for the Rose Bowl NCAA college football game, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, in Los Angeles. Stanford and Iowa are scheduled to play on New Year's Day.

again after the Cardinal won another Pac-12 title, bowling over schools with bigger budgets and less stringent academic demands. Hogan is grateful for his place in history, but he is only interested in ending his career by joining the list of two-time Rose Bowl champions.

"We had a couple of losses, but a win in the Rose Bowl is the best way you can go out," he said.

Here are some more things to watch on another beautiful New Year's Day in Arroyo Seco:

ADVANTAGE IOWA?: Stan-

ford's relatively modest fan base could have Rose Bowl fatigue, but Iowa appears ready to fill any gap. Hawkeyes athletic director Gary Barta said the school had 55,000 requests for tickets and fulfilled more than 23,000. Everybody expects a sea of old gold and black in Pasadena — and it might have been even bigger, but storms across the Midwest scuttled many fans' travel plans. "Many of our fans were here for the last Rose Bowl and couldn't wait to do it again," Barta said. "There was probably a

pent-up desire to be in this special place at this special time."

MCCAFFREY MAGIC: McCaffrey is making his Rose Bowl debut after setting the NCAA single-season record for total yards during his spectacular sophomore campaign. The son of NFL receiver Ed McCaffrey never attended the Rose Bowl as a kid, but remembers watching it on television on New Year's Day.

STILL HUNGRY: Stanford's experience won't translate into Rose Bowl fatigue, Hogan promised. The Cardinal's current upperclassmen beat Wisconsin in their first trip in 2013, but they lost to Michigan State two years ago, stoking a motivational fire. "We felt like we didn't do our best that year, and it left a horrible feeling," Hogan said. "You felt how it felt to be up on that stage after winning the game, and then we felt how it felt to go back to the locker room after losing. It doesn't get stale. We're just as excited to come down here this time as we were the first time."

PAYING ATTENTION: Stanford coach David Shaw likes to spend his Saturday mornings watching early games, and he paid close attention to Iowa's rise. "You respect the way they went about their business and didn't care what people said they could or couldn't do," Shaw said. "They've had a special season, and it's been very similar to our season."

## ALABAMA: Tide more serious this season

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use Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry. The big tailback who has carried the Crimson Tide offense most of the season was mostly just a role player against a Spartans defense stacked to stop him. He ran for 75 yards and scored two touchdowns. The last made it 38-0 halfway through the fourth quarter. The celebration at that point was pretty tame on the Alabama sideline. Henry got a chest pump from a lineman and some pats on the helmet before taking a seat next to a fan to cool off.

He was done for the day as if it was a September game against one of those nonconference cupcakes.

The 'Bama fans were having fun, though, breaking out the "S-E-C!" chant and singing along to "Sweet Home Alabama" with that familiar "Roll Tide Roll!" AT&T Stadium in North Texas — where Alabama started its season by blowing out a Big Ten team (Wisconsin) — had turned into Tuscaloosa west.

The only team to make to the College Football Playoff each of its first two seasons will be playing in the final for the first time.

Last season the Crimson Tide couldn't get past the semifinals, upset by Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl. Heading into another game as a big favorite against the Big Ten champions, the Tide players said all week that the focus was better and



Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley (3) celebrates his touchdown against Michigan State with tight end O.J. Howard (88) as wide receiver Richard Mullaney (16) joins in during the second half of the Cotton Bowl NCAA college football semifinal playoff game, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

their attitude more serious.

They talked about how some players were too concerned about where they would be drafted or partying on Bourbon Street. In chilly Dallas there was nothing to do but practice and that was fine by them.

Michigan State embraced its role as the underdog

and came in expecting to slug it out with the Tide and its smothering defense and hammering Heisman winner. The Spartans offensive line watched video of the 1971 Ali-Frazier fight to prepare for what it expected to be a 15-round heavy-weight bout.

Instead it was a TKO.

## CLEMSON: Watson named offensive MVP

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Watson certainly lived up to the hype of being a Heisman finalist. He got off to a slow start passing, but came back to complete 16-of-31 for 187 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Renfrow that gave Clemson some breathing room late in the third quarter. Watson carried the running load in the early going, finishing with 145 yards on 24 carries and scoring the Tigers' first touchdown on a 5-yard run. He was named the offensive MVP.

The game went back and forth through the first half, the Sooners jumping ahead on an impressive first possession that culminated with Samaje Perine's 1-yard drive. Oklahoma went to the locker room with a 17-16 lead after Mark Andrews hauled in an 11-yard touchdown pass from Baker Mayfield with 1:34 remaining, and the Sooners defense came up with a pick in the end zone on an ill-advised throw by Watson into triple-coverage.

If Watson was flustered by that pick, he sure didn't show it after the break.

Clemson took the second-half kickoff and breezed down the field, covering 75 yards in 12 plays to reclaim the lead on Wayne Gallman's 1-yard run, the first of his two TDs. Oklahoma's first possession was the exact opposite: three straight yards-losing plays forced the Sooners to punt, setting the tone for the struggles they would face the rest of the game.

Clemson, looking to

become the first team in FBS history to finish 15-0, advanced to face second-ranked Alabama in the Jan. 11 finale in Arizona. Those teams met Thursday night in the Cotton Bowl.

"We're not worried about who we play," said linebacker Ben Boulware,

named the defensive MVP.

On a balmy evening in south Florida, the orange-clad Clemson faithful gobbled up at least three-fourths of the seats at Sun Life Stadium, turning what was supposed to be a neutral-site game into Death Valley South.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SAM COLBRAY

Hermiston Wrestling

Athlete of the week is Hermiston Wrestler Sam Colbray. Colbray took first place at the Tri-State Tournament in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Saturday, competing in the 220 pound weight class.

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