

# See ya' later Gators: Miami is new No. 1 in poll

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But now that both teams have played a game, the voters were more impressed with Miami's victory under the 53-year-old Coker, a head coach for the first time.

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Last week, Miami out-first-placed Florida 33-21, but the Gators outpointed the 'Canes 1,723-1,710. Voting in the AP poll awards teams 25 points for first place, 24 for second, 23 for third and down to 1 point for 25th place.

"It's very gratifying to be ranked No. 1 and it's good to see the respect of the national media coming off the win over Penn State," Coker said. "Obviously it speaks well for the reputation of the program and for the job the players and coaches have done here."

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Oklahoma (2-0), the defending national champions, remained No. 3 after a 44-3 win at Air Force, followed by No. 4 Texas and No. 5 Nebraska. The Longhorns (1-0) and Cornhuskers (2-0) switched places from last week.

The Sooners had 10 first-place votes, the Longhorns two and the Huskers two.

Florida State, 55-13 winners over Duke, remained No. 6, followed by No. 7 Oregon, No. 8 Tennessee, No. 9 Virginia Tech and No. 10 Georgia Tech.

Michigan, which opened with a 31-13 win over Miami (Ohio), was up one spot to No. 11, followed by No. 12 Kansas State, No. 13 LSU, No. 14 UCLA, No. 15 Washington, No. 16 Northwestern, No. 17 Notre Dame, No. 18 Mississippi State, No. 19 Fresno State, No. 20 Clemson, No. 21 South Carolina, No. 22 Oregon State, No. 23 Wisconsin, No. 24 Ohio State and No. 25 Georgia.

Miami plays its home opener Saturday against Rutgers, coached by former Hurricanes defensive coordinator Greg Schiano. The 'Canes then play Washington, Pittsburgh and Troy State before traveling to Florida State on Oct. 13.

"We realize it is much more important for us to be on top at the end of the season than at the beginning," Coker said. "We have our work cut out for us. We've got a long way to go."

Alabama and Colorado State dropped out of the Top 25 this week, with Georgia joining Fresno State as the new teams.

## The Top 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Miami (37)	1-0	1,737	2
2. Florida (19)	1-0	1,721	1
3. Oklahoma (10)	2-0	1,633	3
4. Texas (4)	1-0	1,482	5
5. Nebraska (2)	2-0	1,474	4
6. Florida St.	1-0	1,458	6
7. Oregon	1-0	1,357	7
8. Tennessee	1-0	1,355	8
9. Virginia Tech	1-0	1,200	9
10. Georgia Tech	2-0	988	11
11. Michigan	1-0	963	12
12. Kansas St.	0-0	943	13
13. LSU	1-0	861	14
14. UCLA	1-0	809	17
15. Washington	0-0	728	15
16. Northwestern	0-0	674	16
17. Notre Dame	0-0	604	18
18. Mississippi St.	0-0	571	20
19. Fresno St.	2-0	554	—
20. Clemson	1-0	524	19
21. South Carolina	1-0	422	21
22. Oregon St.	0-1	293	10
23. Wisconsin	1-1	208	22
24. Ohio St.	0-0	189	23
25. Georgia	1-0	129	—

Others receiving votes: Louisville 91, Purdue 73, Southern Cal 71, Pittsburgh 59, BYU 37, Illinois 36, Michigan St. 25, Toledo 25, Alabama 20, Southern Miss. 14, East Carolina 11, Colorado St. 10, Stanford 9, Colorado 8, Texas A&M 8, Mississippi 6, Auburn 4, Boston College 4, Marshall 4, Arkansas 2, Iowa St. 2, W. Michigan 2, Arizona St. 1, Indiana 1.

## Sooner runner named Big 12 player of week

DALLAS (AP) — Junior tailback Quentin Griffin and the running game were destined to be a keystone of Oklahoma's offense this season no matter who was at quarterback.

Sooners coach Bob Stoops said the emergence of Griffin, the Big 12's offensive player of the week and leading rusher, isn't a product of having Nate Hybl at quarterback instead of Josh Heupel, the graduated two-year starter who was a Heisman Trophy finalist last season.

"Our goal was to continue to improve the running game and make sure that it is a dangerous part of the offense," Stoops said Monday. "Even if Josh Heupel was back, we would still be emphasizing it. We want to be very effective when we do run it. We have to create big plays and make defenses honor it."

In last Saturday's 44-3 win at Air Force, Griffin ran for 201 yards on 26 carries, including five carries of at least 15 yards. He also caught a pass, extending his school record to 20 straight games with a reception.

Griffin has 269 yards rushing for the third-ranked Sooners (2-0), and is already more than one-third of the way to the 807 yards he had during the 13-0 national championship 2000 season.

"If you really pay attention and dissect us a year ago, you see in all of the big games the production that Quentin had," Stoops said. "Sometimes people just look at total yards. That's misleading."

Griffin scored 16 touchdowns last year, the most since Billy Simms had 22 in 1979. His TDs included a school-record six in the 63-14 victory over Texas that began Oklahoma's ascent to No. 1, and the only touchdown scored in the 13-2 national championship-clinching victory over Florida State.

While the Sooners get a breather this week, playing North Texas, No. 12 Kansas State plays an unusually tough opener; Kansas and No. 5 Nebraska play Top 25 teams and Texas A&M has a short turnaround.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, whose team has had four straight 11-win seasons, has been criticized often in the past because of weak non-conference schedules. On Saturday, the Wildcats open their season at Southern California.

"If you listen to outside sources, it's a no-win situation," Snyder said. "If you win, they say why didn't you do this all of the time? If you lose, they say why in the devil did you do it."

After an opening win against Southwest Missouri State, Kansas plays No. 14 UCLA (1-0). It's only the second game for most of the coaching staff and many players.

"It was an interesting game against Southwest Missouri. There were so many new faces," Jayhawks coach Terry Allen said. "We had seven new coaches that made their coaching debut and 16 players that were totally new in the program, plus six guys started

that had never started."

Nebraska (2-0) hosts No. 17 Notre Dame for the Irish's season opener.

"It's an advantage in a small way having played two games," Cornhuskers coach Frank Solich said. "The other team has a small advantage in they've been able to zero in on us."

Texas A&M (1-0) has to play Thursday night at Wyoming, just five days after narrowly escaping McNeese State 38-24 when two Aggie turnovers turned into TDs and an early 16-0 deficit.

"If we had come out of that game with a 38-8 score, everybody would have said that's OK," said Aggies coach R.C. Slocum. "We did a good job of not panicking and came back. It was 38-8 once we got past the miscues. It's probably better than had we won 55-0. Then we may have had a false sense of where we are."

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I appreciate the fact that so many people are saying we had a lot of fight, saying the guys looked good and know we are going to win eight or nine games. Obviously, it's not the press saying that, but people close to the program. The thing that fires me up is those are the things guys that finish second talk about. I'd rather finish first and tell you what a sloppy game it was," said Oklahoma State coach Les Miles, who lost his debut 17-9 at Southern Mississippi after four turnovers on a rain-soaked field.

0. Her quarterfinal opponent will be No. 5 Kim Clijsters, who beat No. 11 Elena Dementieva 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

## FOOTBALL

TAMPA, Fla. — Ryan Leaf's short stay with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is over. Unable to beat out Joe Hamilton for the third-string quarterback job in training camp, Leaf was released when the Bucs claimed receiver Milton Wynn off waivers from the St. Louis Rams.

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings signed Pro Bowl center Matt Birk to a seven-year, \$31 million contract extension, according to his agent.

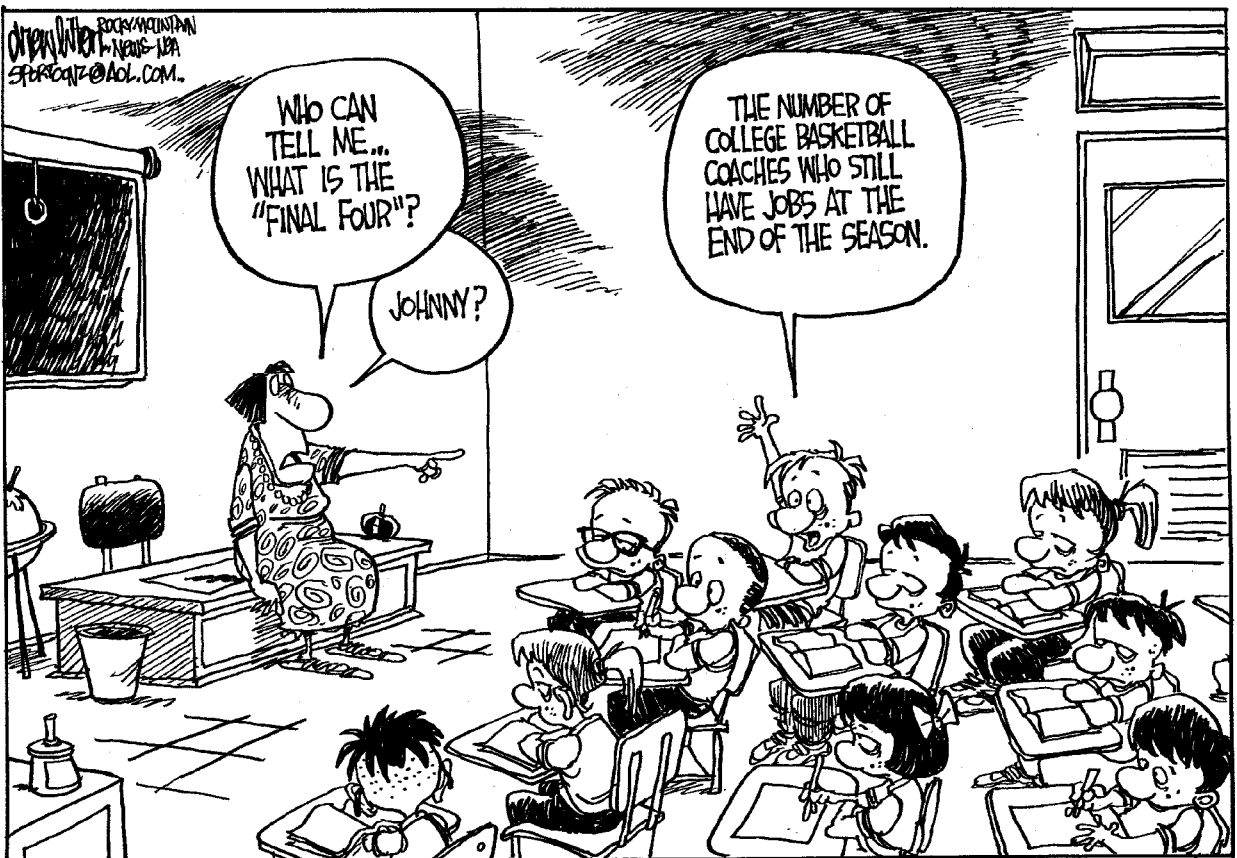
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bubby Brister, at 39 the oldest active quarterback in the NFL, was released by Kansas City.

The move was to make room on the roster for backup Joe Germaine, whom the Chiefs acquired from St. Louis for a sixth-round draft choice.

Brister spent 14 seasons with Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, the New York Jets, Denver and Minnesota.

In 99 career games, Brister completed 1,207 of 2,212 passes for 14,445 yards with 81 touchdowns and 78 interceptions.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



## Denver Bronco receiver vows to avoid future confrontations

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos wide receiver Eddie Kennison, discussing his arrest in Louisiana outside a nightclub, said he'll walk away the next time he is confronted by an angry security guard.

Kennison practiced with the team on Monday, despite being without his driver's license, which was confiscated by Baton Rouge police. He used an old high school ID to board his flight back to Denver.

Kennison, a former LSU standout who attended his former team's season opener against Tulane on Saturday, was arrested early Sunday and charged with three misdemeanors after an argument with a bouncer at Club Raggs, a popular nightclub.

A police spokesman said Kennison, denied entry into the club because he wasn't in compliance with the dress code, was arrested after refusing to leave the premises despite being asked to do so several times by the club's personnel and law enforcement.

Kennison, who was held by police for about an hour, was charged with

## Headache sends Bronco to hospital

DENVER (AP) — Although somewhat "groggy," Denver Broncos wide receiver Ed McCaffrey practiced and reported no lingering symptoms from the severe headache that caused him to be hospitalized last week.

McCaffrey, who experienced a migraine-type headache, was hospitalized for two days while doctors ran a battery of tests. There were concerns that McCaffrey might have contracted spinal meningitis or developed a tumor.

Doctors believe the illness was caused by some sort of virus.

"I feel good," McCaffrey said after his workout Monday. "I just felt a little groggy from lying around. I was pretty much lying in bed for three days, and two of those days in a lot of pain. It felt good to run around for the first time."

McCaffrey practiced last week in preparation for the Broncos' final pre-season game on Friday night, but he admitted he didn't feel well all week.

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inciting a riot, failing to leave the property when asked to do so, and aiding and abetting others to remain on the premises when forbidden. Each charge carries a maximum jail term of six months and a \$500 fine.

Police spokesman Don Kelly said Kennison "continued to argue and tried to rile up the guys who were with him."

Kennison, who discussed the altercation frankly with the media on Monday, said he had no disagreement about the club's dress code. He said he simply was trying to alert his friends driving behind him that they would have to make other plans, and he insisted on making a statement to police after the bouncer allegedly drew a gun on him.

"I pulled up to Club Raggs with some friends and parked my car in front of the door," Kennison said. "The bouncer made a statement that he wanted \$1,000 to park my car. I thought he was clowning because of the car I was driving. I had on shorts and tennis shoes, and he said, 'You guys won't get in the club like that.' I said, 'No problem.'"

"He told me to leave, and I said I needed to tell my friends that we were going somewhere else. He said, 'No, you need to leave right now.' I asked to speak to the manager. He said, 'No.'"

After several such exchanges, Kennison said the bouncer drew a small black pistol from his pocket and "pointed it at me."

The manager emerged, but Kennison said he never got a chance to lodge a complaint. Police arrived and told him to leave.

"I asked the police officer, 'I want to make a statement, because the guy pulled a gun on me,'" Kennison said. "The police officer said, 'No, you can't make a statement, get in your car and leave.' So I asked him to speak to his superior. He said, 'No, you can't talk to him. You have to get in your car and leave. I'm going to give you 30 seconds to start your car.'"

"So I got in and started my car. Then I asked him again, 'Can I speak to your superior officer?' He said, 'You're under arrest. Put your hands on top of the car.' And he put me in handcuffs and we went to jail."

Insisting he did nothing wrong, Kennison said he would take the prudent approach next time.

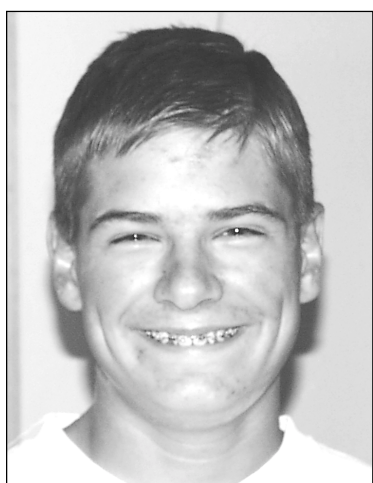
"After the third 'Get in your car and leave,' I probably would have left," he said. "I thought I had the right to speak to the manager or a superior officer, but I have to be smart about the situation. I should have got in my car and left."

Kennison has been in contact with his agent and with a lawyer, who plan to take steps to get his driver's license back and to possibly pursue legal action against the club.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, who said Kennison won't be fined by the team, commented on the situation during team meetings on Monday morning.

"I think Eddie was totally right," Shanahan said. "But sometimes common sense has to prevail. You've got to swallow your pride and walk away from the situation even if you're in the right, especially being a high-profile athlete like he is."

## student of the week



**Name:** Michael Mangus  
**Parents:** Danny & Charlene Mangus  
**Grade:** Sophomore  
**Age:** 15  
**We've nominated this student because:** he has taken on the roll of the Drum Major for "The Sound of Goodland" Marching Band for the first time this year, and has stepped into the roll with confidence and pride. He is an excellent leader who always does his part to promote a

positive working atmosphere for the band.

### Student Comment:

Seeing all my friends and learning interesting things. Favorite subject is band. I'll remember all the fun times and all the friends I've made.

### Activities involved in at school:

Band, Golf in Spring  
**My choice of movies, books, and games :** Movies are October Sky, Back to the Future, and Apollo 13. Music is pop/ rock. Books are Rocket Boys and Banner in the Sky. Game is Back-yard football with my brothers.

### After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ....

Go to college, maybe K-State, KU or Fort Hays  
**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ....** I really don't know yet. I hope to have a job I can be proud of.

**Favorite Quote:** "This isn't Burger King, You can't have it your way."

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