

Don't Get Me Started

Winning the Heisman: A blessing or a jinx?

Well it's that time of year again folks. Time to look back on the college football season and prepare for the upcoming bowl games during December and January.

Each year one player is selected from the list of nominees who has demonstrated superior athletic accomplishments during the current season.

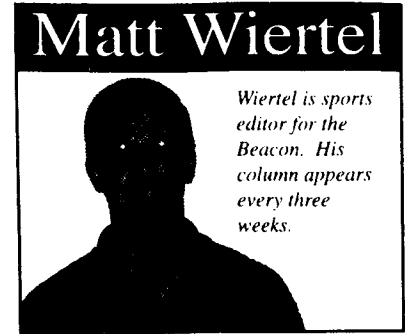
Leading the list is Ron Dayne, running back from Wisconsin, who set the career rushing yards

record earlier this season against Iowa. Dayne surpassed Ricky Williams, last year's Heisman trophy winner and eventual first overall pick in the NFL draft, for the rushing record.

Also included on the list of Heisman candidates are Tom Brees, quarterback from Purdue, and Michael Vick, quarterback from the undefeated Virginia Tech Hokies.

Let's take a couple of recent winners and rate their performances in order to prove the theory of the Heisman jinx.

Last season's winner, Ricky Williams, has had a lackluster debut in



the NFL. For the majority of the season he has been injured and when he has played, his performances have been far from stellar.

were supposed to be riding high in the glory of the NFL are now pushing shopping carts for a living.

lot. Charlie Ward, former Florida State standout, wasn't even drafted into the NFL. Instead he opted to play basketball for the hoodlum ridden New York Knicks.

But on the other hand, several players have gone onto enormous success after winning the Heisman. Players like Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning, and

former Detroit Lions superstar Barry Sanders are some of the athletes who avoided the Heisman jinx.

So why do these players who have so much promise fall out of fame a few short years after entering the professional ranks?

The answer lies in the organization that the particular athlete is drafted to. Take Andre Ware for an example. He entered a Lions organization that was struggling to compete with the powerhouses of the NFC and which put too much pressure on the young quarterback to excel.

So what does this say about the Heisman? Well, not much except for the fact that the trophy doesn't secure instant success in the NFL. Rather it's merely a piece of hardware to put on the mantle.

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL (6-0)

Table with 3 columns: Team, Score 1, Score 2. Rows include Penn State Behrend, Pitt-Greensburg, Lake Erie, Frostburg, Penn State Altoona, Pitt-Bradford, La Roche.

Behrend 83 La Roche 64

Behrend 40 43 83
La Roche 25 29 64

Player stats table for Behrend vs La Roche. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 20, Rebounds: 40, Blocks: 2, Steals: 10, TO: 11

Player stats table for La Roche. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 6, Rebounds: 41, Blocks: 2, Steals: 2, TO: 19

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (6-3)

Table with 3 columns: Team, Score 1, Score 2. Rows include Penn State Behrend, Penn State Altoona, Frostburg, Lake Erie, Pitt-Bradford, La Roche, Pitt-Greensburg.

Behrend 90 D'Youville 51

Behrend 39 51 90
D'Youville 18 33 51

Player stats table for Behrend vs D'Youville. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 21, Rebounds: 44, Blocks: 1, Steals: 11, TO: 11

Player stats table for D'Youville. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 9, Rebounds: 32, Blocks: 0, Steals: 4, TO: 25

Behrend 59 La Roche 54

Behrend 31 17 10 59
La Roche 25 24 5 54

Player stats table for Behrend vs La Roche. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 11, Rebounds: 42, Blocks: 2, Steals: 4, TO: 17

Player stats table for La Roche. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 10, Rebounds: 45, Blocks: 4, Steals: 4, TO: 14

Behrend 57 Wilmington 68

Behrend 25 32 57
Wilmington 41 27 68

Player stats table for Behrend vs Wilmington. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 14, Rebounds: 29, Blocks: 0, Steals: 9, TO: 13

Wilmington

Player stats table for Wilmington. Columns: Player, FG, 3-point, FT, Points.

Assists: 11, Rebounds: 35, Blocks: 0, Steals: 13, TO: 14

National Sports

BCS

Bowl Championship Series Ratings table with columns: Team, BCS Ranking, AFC East, etc.

NFL

NFL Standings table with columns: Team, W, L, T, PCT, PF, PA.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

NHL Eastern Conference Standings table.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NHL Western Conference Standings table.

WEEK 13 RESULTS

Table of NFL Week 13 results and schedules.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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WEEK 13 SCHEDULE

Table of NBA Week 13 schedule.

GAME OF THE WEEK

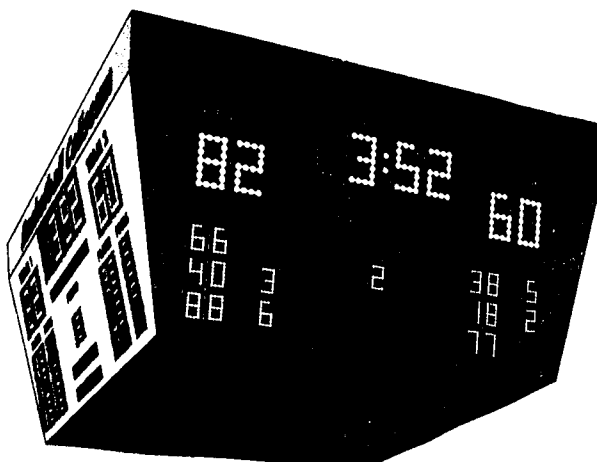
Table listing Game of the Week matchups and scores.

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