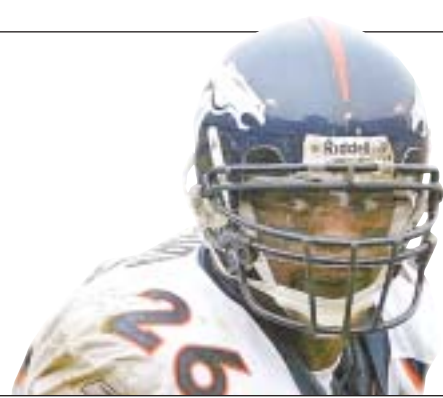


Sports



Horse power

Clinton Portis uses his legs to back up his mouth. **B-10**



THE HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

FINALISTS: JASON WHITE, ELI MANNING, LARRY FITZGERALD, CHRIS PERRY
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Great White

Sooner quarterback completes comeback story with award

By **DAVE SITTLER**
World Sports Writer

NEW YORK — First the Big Apple, and then the Big Easy. That's the big-time double Jason White intends to pull off over a three-week period.

White accomplished the first part Saturday night when the University of Oklahoma quarterback was named the 69th winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy. White became the fourth OU player and first Sooner quarterback to win college football's most prestigious individual award when an official of the Downtown Athletic Club made the announcement at the Yale Club.

It was the latest and greatest chapter in what has been a storybook season for the star-crossed White. But he insisted that he won't consider his remarkable comeback from two severe knee injuries complete unless he can help OU claim the school's eighth national championship.

The fifth-year OU senior has that opportunity and also a chance to pull off the unique double of leading his team to the national title the same season he won the Heisman. White and the Sooners will play Louisiana State at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 4 in the Bowl Championship Series national title game.

Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson was the last player to pull off the Heisman Trophy-national championship sweep in 1997. The Wolverines shared the national championship that season with Nebraska.

Ironically, Michigan could play a role in deciding if the 2003 national title is split. A Wolverines victory over No. 1-ranked Southern California in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3 would most likely

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Voting

Voting for the 2003 Heisman Trophy, with first-, second- and third-place votes and total points (voting on 3-2-1 basis):

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Jason White, Oklahoma	319	204	116	1,481
Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh	253	233	128	1,353
Eli Manning, Mississippi	95	132	161	710
Chris Perry, Michigan	27	66	128	341



KATHY WILLENS / Associated Press

Oklahoma quarterback Jason White became the fourth Sooner to win the Heisman Trophy.

Will OU's Heisman QB return or head off to NFL?

NEW YORK — Will he, or won't he? That question will dominate conversations the next few weeks whenever the topic is Oklahoma football as much as how the Sooners will fare against Louisiana State in the Jan. 4 Sugar Bowl.

Will Jason White turn professional after the bowl game? Or will the Sooners' fifth-year senior



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petition the NCAA for a sixth-year of eligibility and return to OU for the 2004 season?

That intriguing question was guaranteed to pop up often Saturday night when White became the fourth OU player and the first Sooner quarterback to win the Heisman Trophy. Becoming the 69th Heisman recipient means the interest in White's future will quadruple in intensity over the next month.

Does he return to OU in 2004

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Oklahoma Heisman Trophy winners Billy Vessels (1952), Steve Owens (1969) and Billy Sims (1978).



Dominoes, cancer: He won't lose

► Henson is bringing New Mexico State to TU today with more than a game at stake.

By **JIMMIE TRAMEL**
World Sports Writer

This is how much New Mexico State basketball coach Lou Henson hates losing:

Henson and Arizona State coach Rob Evans are long-time domino rivals. Henson cannot stand for anyone to have an upper hand on him, so he began keeping track of their one-on-one games.

Henson stored the results on a piece of paper in his wallet for 10 years until the piece of paper wore out, according to Evans. Now they argue over who owns the all-time edge.

"He's a competitor deluxe," said Evans.

Care to guess how Henson reacted in July when diagnosed with a form of cancer?

He fought like his life depended on it, which is only fair since that's the same way he treats a domino game.

Yes, it's trivial to compare cancer to a game. But, said Evans, "I absolutely think that being competitive goes a long way in defeating any disease. You've got to fight it. That's

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Radio: KRMG am740
TV: None

When: 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: Reynolds Center

New Mexico State 4-1

	Hl.	Pt.	Rb.
F Jones	6-8	56	4.8
F Moore	6-8	164	7.6
F Crooks	6-6	112	8.4
G Haynes	6-1	74	3.6
G Roberson	5-10	10.0	2.6

Tulsa 2-3

	Hl.	Pt.	Rb.
F Price	6-8	11.0	5.0
F Teichmann	6-9	62	5.6
G Glenn	6-6	152	7.8
G Parker	6-2	20.0	3.2
G Collins	6-4	4.2	1.8

*Assists per game

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Lavender scores 13 in 83-56 OU win over Prairie View

College scoreboard

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Gonzaga zonks Missouri in overtime

Texas Tech beats San Diego St. 78-68

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Jenks hurdles Gant's show for repeat title

By **JOHN D. FERGUSON**
World Sports Writer

Putnam City West had the best player in Danielle Gant, but Jenks had the better team on Saturday night.

The Trojans used a speed of light offense and raced past the Patriots 79-57 to capture the fifth Oklahoma's Best girls basketball tournament championship before 500 at the Reynolds Center. Jenks, 5-0 and the defending champion, is the first team to win two tournament titles.

The Patriots (4-2) showcased a superstar in Gant. The 6-foot-2 junior scored a game-high 33 points and finished the tournament with a record 95 points. That total eclipsed the old mark of 62

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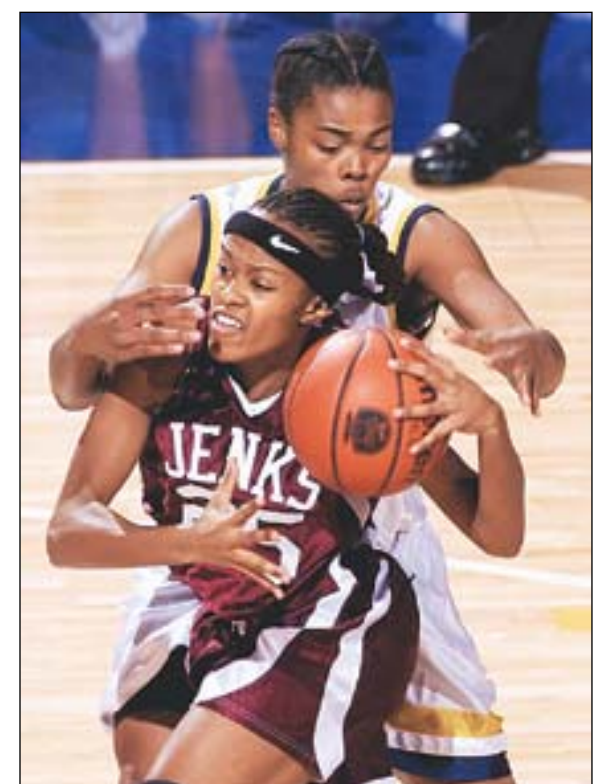
Oklahoma's Best

Jenks	79
Putnam West	57
Claremore	33
Kansas	32
Edison	70
Tulbert	48
Keys	55
Okay	53

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STEPHEN HOLMAN / Tulsa World

Jenks' Zanita Johnson drives against Putnam City West's Chania Stephenson.