

Florida QB leads Heisman chase

NEW YORK (AP) - Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, trying to become the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy, and Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, the runner-up for last year's award, were among the four finalists selected.



DARREN McFADDEN second-leading passer, having completed 68 percent of his throws for 3,132 yards, with 29 touchdowns and just six interceptions in his first season as a starter.

Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel and Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan were the other finalists. They will all be in New York on Saturday night when the award is given to the top player in college football.

The Heisman race took a while to develop this season and seemed wide open until the last month when Tebow, McFadden and Daniel emerged as front-runners.

Since the first Heisman was given to Chicago's Jay Berwanger in 1935, all 70 players that have won college football's most prestigious award have been juniors or seniors.

Tebow could break that trend. The ultimate dual-threat quarterback at about 235 pounds, Tebow ran for 838 yards rushing and an Southeastern Conference-record 22 touchdowns.

He's also the nation's

Tebow's already had a historic season, becoming the first major college player to run for 20 touchdowns and throw 20 TD passes in the same season.

McFadden was one of the preseason favorites after finishing second to Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith last year. His candidacy lagged with a mediocre October, but he gave himself a boost with a spectacular November. In the final month of the season, McFadden tied the SEC record with 321 yards rushing against South Carolina, and ran for 206 yards and three TDs and also threw a touchdown

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Cops

(Continued from Page 2) shooting, Barron visited the 79th Precinct. As he, Coppin's family and the community at large awaited developments in a case born in an all-too familiar territory, Barron stated, "A wallet, a brush, a candy bar, that young man in Harlem pointed his finger... I hold the mayor and police commissioner responsible because they refuse to send a signal and hold police officers who kill Black people accountable. This latest killing is just a couple of blocks from where Timothy Stansbury was killed. Police Commissioner Kelly gave that killer cop, Richard Neri, a 30-day suspension."

Just one block over from where Coppin was gunned down, an unarmed Stansbury was shot and killed by housing cop Neri in January 2004. Neri was never prosecuted, and this summer the city settled with Timothy's mother, Phyllis Claybourne, for \$2 million.

"Nobody is buying that 'we thought he had a gun crap,' that the cops say every time they kill an unarmed Black man. They should just be honest and say 'we shot because we could — now what?'" said Divine Allah, youth minister of the New Black Panther Party. "A wallet? A chocolate bar? A hairbrush? What kind of people are they recruiting who can't decipher these things from a weapon? That is if we were to ever believe their ridiculous claim. And is suicide by cop just a convenient cover — all they're going to use every time they kill a Black person?"

As news filtered down that some gangs were planning a response the morning after the shooting, the NBPP activist concluded, "These kids out here don't hear foolishness and act like they don't. They aren't rolling with the patience of their grandparent's generation. This leadership out here has to stop telling them that all

they've got to do is fall back and pray and trust in the system. They don't guide them correctly. Speak their language so they can hear you. The youth are going to respond. They know they are the targets, and they aren't for meetings and marches and turning the other cheek."

Fresh from rallying for Megan Williams, in Charleston, W. Va., Divine Allah said that in the wake of the shooting, "the police do what they are allowed to do. In the meantime, while we are

fighting Black-on-Black crime and fighting without compromise for real justice for Sean Bell, and for the Jena Six, and for Megan Williams, and for a countless number of other government-sanctioned crimes against the Black community, we should never, never forget that there is an enemy amongst us, a predator who is relentless and ruthless. It should also be remembered that not every shut eye is asleep."

Nayaba Arinde writes for the Amsterdam News.

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Shoppers

(Continued from Page 10) what the community thinks about our supermarkets," he said. "We always want to get better. We know that we are not perfect."

O'Neil acknowledged that certain products sold in one part of city aren't offered in others, but said quality standards are meant to be uniform.

"I can't speak on specifics, about an item that is past its 'Sell by Date.' Our policy is to have fresh and wholesome food," he said. "If it isn't, we would ask that you bring it to the attention of store management."

"Sometimes you can find items based upon different shopping habits of two different neighborhoods," O'Neil said, adding that inventory for all stores originates in the same warehouse. "You'll see a difference there. [But] we hold all of our stores to the same standard."

O'Neil said that about two years ago, he met with Community Health Council rep-

resentatives on six separate occasions, in an effort to address some of the concerns they had with supermarkets in the area. Each session ended on a positive note, he said.

"We were able to tour some of the stores and talk about what we were doing and the products we were selling on our shelves," O'Neil said.

"We know that it's our duty to have the best stores possible for our customers and carry healthy food items."

Gene C. Johnson Jr. writes for the WAVE newspapers.

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