





BACK TO BACK

Smith Center champions, again

The Associated Press

HAYS, Kan. — Kerby Rice rushed for 120 yards and four touchdowns as Smith Center beat Pittsburg-St.Mary's-Colgan 36-16 in the Kansas 2-1A title game Saturday.

Rice scored on runs of 6, 6, 3 and 14 yards, and Taylor Jones rushed for 136 yards for Smith Center (14-0). Jones also caught a 14-yard TD pass from Joe Windscheffel as the Redmen ran their winning streak to 28 games.

High school

Smith Center .36
P-C 16

Smith Center took the opening drive 83 yards on 19 plays, with Rice scoring on a 6-yard run, and never trailed.

Jeff Smith was 7-of-15 for 101 yards passing for Pittsburg-Colgan (12-1), Jed Weber had 47 yards receiving and Tyler Riggs rushed for 46 yards.

The Panthers have won 78 of their last 80 games, with the only two losses coming against Smith Center in the 2004 and 2005 title games.

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FRED HUNT/*Tribune*

Above: The 2a State Champion Smith Center Redmen celebrate their 36-16 victory over the St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers after the KSHAA championship game Saturday afternoon at Lewis Field Stadium in Hays, Kan. Top left: Smith Center runningback Taylor Jones escapes the grasp of St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers Zach Caldwell and Jed Weber during third quarter. Top center: Smith Center defender Kirk Palmer takes down St. Mary's Colgan Panthers ball carrier Brenden Mitchelson during first quarter. Top right: Smith Center Assistant Coach Dennis Hutchinson reacts after the Redman defense recovers a fumble.



KC lives up to prediction by Wesley

DOUG TUCKER
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It's time for people to start taking notice when Greg Wesley makes bold predictions.

Right before a game against Miami in 2002, Kansas City's free safety said he would get three interceptions, and did. Then Sunday he picked off three of Tom Brady's passes after telling teammates he would, and Sammy Knight grabbed a fourth in a 26-16 victory over the injury-tattered New England Patriots.

Larry Johnson, with his fourth straight outstanding game, ran for 119 yards and a touchdown as the Chiefs (7-4) stayed within two games of Denver in the AFC West. The Patriots (6-5) remained two games ahead of Buffalo in the less-competitive AFC East.

"Maybe I should do it more often," said Wesley.



CHARLIE RIEDEL, ED ZURGA/*AP*

Above: Kansas City Chiefs defenders Sammy Knight (left) and Patrick Surtain (23) battle for control of an intercepted pass during the fourth quarter Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. Knight came up with the ball to stop a New England drive as the Chiefs won the game, 26-16. Top: Kansas City Chiefs safety Greg Wesley (25) evades New England Patriots wide receiver Bethel Johnson (right) after intercepting a pass during the first quarter.

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NU top seed in tourney

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — As expected, top-ranked Nebraska on Sunday was named the No. 1 seed in the 64-team NCAA volleyball tournament.

The Cornhuskers (28-1) open the first round Friday at the Nebraska Coliseum against Alabama A&M (15-11). The match will start at 7 p.m., or 30 minutes after a match between Duke (23-7) and American University (25-9).

Winners meet in the second round Saturday at 7 p.m. for the right to advance to the Omaha Regional on Dec. 9-10 at the Qwest Center.

"The first thing is that it's a big relief to know we're at home the first and second round," Nebraska coach John Cook said. "The reason it's a big relief is that one, our student athletes don't have to miss school this week. Second, it gives our Coliseum fans a chance to have two more matches in the Coliseum, and our seniors get to play two more matches in there as well, so that's really exciting."

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No. 1 Nebraska loses

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The No. 1 Nebraska volleyball team lost to No. 11 Texas in the final match of the regular season Saturday night, ending the Cornhuskers' undefeated season.

Texas (23-4, 17-3) won the last three games of the five-game match to defeat Nebraska (28-1, 19-1) and snap an 11-game losing streak to the Huskers.

Brandy Magee led Texas with 22 kills, and three other Longhorns also had more than 10 kills. Jen Christian had 16 kills, Lauren Paolini had 15 and Leticia Armstrong had 11.

Sarah Pavan led the Huskers with 15 kills. Christina Houghtelling had 14 kills, and Melissa Elmer and Tracy Stalls both had 11 kills each.

Sans skirt, Funk wins Skins Game

BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Tiger Woods might want to think twice about needling Fred Funk.

Sure, everyone had some side-splitting laughs on the third hole of the Skins Game when Funk pulled on a pink skirt, his penalty for failing to outdrive Annika Sorenstam. It was Woods who first suggested that Funk would face eternal grief if one of Funk's straight-but-short drives didn't measure up to one by the LPGA star.

Well, the yuks and double-entendres made way for some serious golf on Sunday, when Funk set rookie records by winning the Skins Game with a whopping $925,000 and 15 skins.

Funk had a two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th, collecting the final $550,000 and six skins when none other than Woods missed an 8-foot birdie putt.

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AP

Fred Funk laughs as he pulls on a floral pink skirt, given to him by Annika Sorenstam (left) after she outdrove him on the third hole on the first day of the Skins Game at Trilogy Golf Club in La Quinta, Calif., Saturday.

Football

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	5	0	.545	243	279
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	161	223
Miami	4	7	0	.364	195	217
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	140	248

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	10	0	0	1.000	305	152
Jacksonville	8	3	0	.727	235	187
Tennessee	3	8	0	.273	236	284
Houston	1	10	0	.091	168	325

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	3	0	.727	289	208
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	236	161
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	169	194
Baltimore	3	8	0	.273	145	226

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	2	0	.818	283	190
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	323	219
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	270	230
Oakland	4	7	0	.364	239	262

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	243	188
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	302	208
Washington	5	6	0	.455	217	224
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	229	246

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	266	188
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	216	196
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	271	213
New Orleans	3	8	0	.273	180	285

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	182	120
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	198	257
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	174	220
Green Bay	2	9	0	.182	232	223

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	9	2	0	.818	296	208
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	285	327
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	222	292
San Francisco	2	9	0	.182	173	323

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 27, Detroit 7
Denver 24, Dallas 21, OT

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 33, Houston 27, OT
Carolina 13, Buffalo 9
San Diego 23, Washington 17, OT
Tennessee 33, San Francisco 22
Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 10
Cincinnati 42, Baltimore 29
Kansas City 26, New England 16
Minnesota 24, Cleveland 12
Miami 33, Oakland 21
Jacksonville 24, Arizona 17
Seattle 24, N.Y. Giants 21, OT
Philadelphia 19, Green Bay 14
New Orleans 21, N.Y. Jets 19

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Miami, noon
Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, noon
Green Bay at Chicago, noon
Houston at Baltimore, noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
Atlanta at Carolina, noon
Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans at Baton Rouge, La., noon
Jacksonville at Cleveland, noon
Washington at St. Louis, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5

Seattle at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

NFL Summaries

At Houston

St. Louis	0	3	7	17	6	—	33
Houston	7	17	0	3	0	—	27

First Quarter

Hou—A.Johnson 5 pass from Carr (K.Brown kick), 6:35.

Second Quarter

Hou—D.Davis 30 pass from Carr (K.Brown kick), 11:33.
Hou—FG K.Brown 39, 4:25.
StL—FG Wilkins 37, :58.
Hou—Bradford 10 pass from Carr (K.Brown kick), :20.

Third Quarter

StL—Holt 19 pass from Fitzpatrick (Wilkins kick), 10:33.

Fourth Quarter

StL—S.Jackson 1 run (Wilkins kick), 6:37.
Hou—FG K.Brown 35, 2:49.
StL—Bruce 43 pass from Fitzpatrick (Wilkins kick), :26.
StL—FG Wilkins 47, :04.

Overtime

StL—Curtis 56 pass from Fitzpatrick, 8:46.
A—70,010.

	StL	Hou
First downs	22	26
Total Net Yards	429	412
Rushes-yards	29-138	31-124
Passing	291	288
Punt Returns	0-0	3-30
Kickoff Returns	4-68	5-146
Interceptions Ret.	1-15	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	21-33-1	25-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-33	3-5
Punts	4-41.5	2-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-65	4-54
Time of Possession	31:20	34:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—St. Louis, S.Jackson 25-110, Fitzpatrick 3-23, M.Faulk 1-5. Houston, D.Davis 25-78, Carr 4-39, Wells 1-10, Gaffney 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—St. Louis, Fitzpatrick 19-30-1-310, Martin 2-3-0-14. Houston, Carr 25-34-1-293, D.Davis 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING—St. Louis, Holt 10-130, Bruce 4-94, McDonald 2-18, S.Jackson 2-2, Curtis 1-56, Hedgecock 1-15, M.Faulk 1-9. Houston, A.Johnson 12-159, Gaffney 5-38, D.Davis 3-42, Bradford 2-19, Wells 1-19, Rivers 1-13, Bruener 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Houston, K.Brown 46 (WL).

At Orchard Park, N.Y.

Carolina	0	3	3	7	—	13
Buffalo	0	6	0	3	—	9

Second Quarter

Car—FG Kasay 25, 14:56.
Buf—FG Lindell 31, 2:03.
Buf—FG Lindell 45, :00.

Third Quarter

Car—FG Kasay 25, :00.

Fourth Quarter

Buf—FG Lindell 33, 10:04.
Car—Gaines 3 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 2:16.
A—71,440.

	Car	Buf
First downs	19	14
Total Net Yards	295	216
Rushes-yards	33-113	24-53
Passing	182	163
Punt Returns	4-45	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-40	4-86
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-27-0	16-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	4-34
Punts	2-40.5	4-48.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-20	4-31
Time of Possession	35:44	24:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Foster 23-77, S.Davis 6-22, Goings 2-9, Colbert 1-6, Delhomme 1-(minus 1). Buffalo, McGahee 21-53, Losman 3-0.
PASSING—Carolina, Delhomme 20-27-0-191. Buffalo, Losman 16-29-1-197.
RECEIVING—Carolina, Colbert 4-32, Foster 4-24, S.Smith 3-55, Hoover 3-20, Gaines 3-18, Mangum 2-18, Proehl 1-24. Buffalo, Moulds 7-84, Evans 5-45, Parrish 2-30, Reed 1-29, Neufeld 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Carolina, Kasay 45 (WR).

At Landover, Md.

San Diego	0	7	0	10	6	—	23
Washington	3	7	7	0	0	—	17

First Quarter

Was—FG Hall 38, 5:22.

Second Quarter

SD—Tomlinson 1 run (Kaeding kick), 10:31.
Was—Moss 22 pass from Brunell (Hall kick), 7:23.

Third Quarter

Was—Cartwright 13 run (Hall kick), 3:14.

Fourth Quarter

SD—FG Kaeding 48, 14:08.
SD—Tomlinson 32 run (Kaeding kick), 3:29.
Overtime
SD—Tomlinson 41 run, 14:26.
A—84,930.

	SD	Was
First downs	24	15
Total Net Yards	397	282
Rushes-yards	28-202	33-91
Passing	195	191
Punt Returns	5-32	1-3
Kickoff Returns	5-128	4-59
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-16
Comp-Att-Int	22-45-3	17-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	2-3
Punts	6-38.3	9-37.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	7-60
Time of Possession	30:47	29:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Tomlinson 25-184, Parker 1-13, Neal 1-3, Brees 1-2. Washington, Portis 29-87, Cartwright 1-13, Brunell 2-(minus 1), Moss 1-(minus 8).
PASSING—San Diego, Brees 22-44-3-215, Tomlinson 0-1-0-0. Washington, Brunell 17-27-0-194.
RECEIVING—San Diego, Parker 7-98, Tomlinson 6-29, McCardell 5-45, Gates 3-39, Neal 1-4. Washington, Moss 6-65, Jacobs 4-44, Cooley 3-28, Portis 1-23, J.Farris 1-18, Johnson 1-14, Royal 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Kaeding 42 (WL), 46 (WL). Washington, Hall 52 (WR).

At Nashville, Tenn.

San Francisco	0	14	0	8	—	22
Tennessee	3	6	21	3	—	33

First Quarter

Ten—FG Bironas 35, :04.

Second Quarter

SF—Barlow 1 run (Cortez kick), 9:20.
Ten—FG Bironas 41, 4:03.
Ten—FG Bironas 21, 2:00.
SF—Spencer 61 interception return (Cortez kick), :27.

Third Quarter

Ten—C.Brown 41 pass from McNair (Bironas kick), 13:18.
Ten—R.Williams 50 pass from McNair (Bironas kick), 11:59.
Ten—Kinney 4 pass from McNair (Bironas kick), 4:54.

Fourth Quarter

Ten—FG Bironas 22, 3:35.
SF—Battle 17 pass from Dorsey (T.Jackson pass from Dorsey), 1:15.
A—69,149.

	SF	Ten
First downs	15	15
Total Net Yards	261	461
Rushes-yards	22-74	27-118
Passing	187	343
Punt Returns	3-5	4-42
Kickoff Returns	7-125	1-16
Interceptions Ret.	1-61	2-30
Comp-Att-Int	23-43-2	23-41-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-5	0-0
Punts	8-44.6	5-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-35	10-70
Time of Possession	28:16	31:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Barlow 14-40, Hicks 6-30, Battle 2-4. Tennessee, Henry 13-86, Brown 10-30, Payton 1-2, McNair 3-0.
PASSING—San Francisco, Dorsey 23-43-2-192. Tennessee, McNair 23-41-1-343.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Battle 7-75, Barlow 4-17, Lloyd 3-30, Hicks 3-17, Jones 3-15, Bajema 1-20, Morton 1-10, Jackson 1-8. Tennessee, Bennett 5-52, Kinney 4-37, Troupe 4-28, Brown 3-105, Ro.Williams 3-95, Henry 1-14, B.Jones 1-4, Payton 1-4, Roby 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—San Francisco, Cortez 34 (WL).

At Tampa, Fla.

Chicago	7	3	3	0	—	13
Tampa Bay	3	0	0	7	—	10

First Quarter

Chi—Gilmore 1 pass from Orton (Gould kick), 11:50.
TB—FG M.Bryant 27, 2:12.

Second Quarter

Chi—FG Gould 25, :17.

Third Quarter

Chi—FG Gould 36, 3:47.

Fourth Quarter

TB—Alstott 2 run (M.Bryant kick), 7:00.
A—65,506.

	Chi	TB
First downs	15	15
Total Net Yards	239	275
Rushes-yards	33-118	25-107
Passing	121	168
Punt Returns	3-21	6-67
Kickoff Returns	3-69	4-94
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-28-1	19-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	4-34
Punts	8-43.9	7-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	5-52
Time of Possession	30:03	29:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Th.Jones 25-72, Peterson 5-27, Orton 3-19. Tampa Bay, C.Williams 20-84, Pittman 1-16, Alstott 3-8, Simms 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Chicago, Orton 14-28-1-134. Tampa Bay, Simms 19-30-0-202.
RECEIVING—Chicago, Muhammad 4-38, Gage 4-32, Th.Jones 3-50, Clark 2-13, Gilmore 1-1. Tampa Bay, Galloway 7-138, Alstott 2-14, Smith 2-14, Becht 2-12, C.Williams 2-7, Cook 1-9, Pittman 1-6, Moore 1-5, Simms 1-(minus 3).
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Tampa Bay, Bryant 29 (WR).

At Cincinnati

Baltimore	0	0	14	15	—	29
Cincinnati	3	14	17	8	—	42

First Quarter

Cin—FG Graham 26, :50.

Second Quarter

Cin—R.Johnson 6 run (Graham kick), 7:24.
Cin—C.Johnson 54 pass from Palmer (Graham kick), 3:42.

Third Quarter

Cin—Houshmandzadeh 30 pass from Palmer (Graham kick), 13:50.
Cin—Henry 27 pass from Palmer (Graham kick), 11:10.
Cin—FG Graham 31, 6:18.
Bal—Mason 28 pass from Boller (Stover kick), 1:47.
Bal—Heap 34 pass from Boller (Stover kick), :15.

Fourth Quarter

Bal—J.Lewis 5 run (Stover kick), 11:58.
Cin—R.Johnson 3 run (Schobel pass from Palmer), 6:03.
Bal—Heap 17 pass from Boller (J.Green run), 1:57.
A—65,680.

	Bal	Cin
First downs	23	23
Total Net Yards	322	437
Rushes-yards	33-133	32-135
Passing	189	302
Punt Returns	2-18	3-21
Kickoff Returns	8-145	4-114
Interceptions Ret.	1-33	2-15
Comp-Att-Int	18-32-2	22-30-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-22	0-0
Punts	5-44.0	3-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-91	5-45
Time of Possession	29:47	30:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Baltimore, J.Lewis 23-113, Boller 4-10, Clayton 1-6, J.Green 5-4. Cincinnati, R.Johnson 27-114, Palmer 1-14, Houshmandzadeh 1-7, C.Perry 3-0.
PASSING—Baltimore, Boller 18-32-2-211. Cincinnati, Palmer 22-30-1-302.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, Heap 6-87, J.Lewis 5-36, Mason 3-58, Clayton 2-14, Wilcox 1-9, J.Green 1-7. Cincinnati, Houshmandzadeh 9-147, C.Johnson 5-88, Henry 3-53, C.Perry 2-2, J.Johnson 1-9, R.Johnson 1-5, Walter 1-(minus 2).
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Baltimore, Elling 54 (SH).

At Kansas City, Mo.

New England	0	3	7	6	—	16
Kansas City	7	12	7	0	—	26

First Quarter

KC—L.Johnson 1 run (Tynes kick), 9:03.

Second Quarter

KC—FG Tynes 25, 13:54.
KC—FG Tynes 20, 10:38.
NE—FG Vinatieri 29, 6:52.
KC—FG Tynes 33, 1:51.
KC—FG Tynes 47, :02.

Third Quarter

KC—Hall 52 pass from Green (Tynes kick), 10:28.
NE—Pass 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 4:21.

Fourth Quarter

NE—Fauria 1 pass from Brady (pass failed), 10:03.
A—78,025.

	NE	KC
First downs	20	24
Total Net Yards	306	420
Rushes-yards	18-74	37-112
Passing	232	308
Punt Returns	2-9	2-20
Kickoff Returns	7-147	4-100
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	4-26
Comp-Att-Int	22-40-4	19-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	2-15
Punts	3-48.3	3-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-22	5-35
Time of Possession	25:35	34:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Pass 8-26, Dwight 2-17, Brady 1-15, Evans 6-11, Cloud 1-5. Kansas City, L.Johnson 31-119, Richardson 1-0, Green 4-(minus 2), Kennison 1-(minus 5).
PASSING—New England, Brady 22-40-4-248. Kansas City, Green 19-26-0-323.
RECEIVING—New England, Dwight 5-76, Branch 5-49, Evans 3-25, Watson 3-14, Graham 2-37, Brown 1-25, Davis 1-23, Fauria 1-1, Pass 1-(minus 2). Kansas City, Parker 5-76, L.Johnson 5-53, Gonzalez 4-63, Kennison 3-65, Hall 2-66.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

At Minneapolis

Cleveland	0	3	3	6	—	12
Minnesota	3	7	7	7	—	24

First Quarter

Min—FG Edinger 43, 7:58.

Second Quarter

Min—M.Robinson 15 pass from B.Johnson (Edinger kick), 4:22.
Cle—FG P.Dawson 32, :04.

Third Quarter

Min—M.Robinson 15 pass from B.Johnson (Edinger kick), 7:24.
Cle—FG Dawson 38, 3:27.

Fourth Quarter

Min—M.Robinson 2 pass from B.Johnson (Edinger kick), 8:47.
Cle—Northcutt 9 pass from Dilfer (run failed), 1:06.
A—63,814.

	Cle	Min
First downs	20	18
Total Net Yards	262	281
Rushes-yards	20-78	31-81
Passing	184	200
Punt Returns	4-26	1-2
Kickoff Returns	5-155	2-63
Interceptions Ret.	1-24	3-24
Comp-Att-Int	23-36-3	19-28-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-30	2-7
Punts	4-33.0	6-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-30	7-49
Time of Possession	27:44	32:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cleveland, Droughns 19-73, Dilfer 1-5. Minnesota, Moore 21-67, Fason 3-14, T.Taylor 1-5, B.Johnson 3-(minus 2), Bennett 3-(minus 3).
PASSING—Cleveland, Dilfer 23-35-2-214, Frye 0-1-1-0. Minnesota, B.Johnson 19-28-1-207.
RECEIVING—Cleveland, Heiden 5-55, Droughns 5-46, Jackson 5-38, B.Edwards 4-42, Northcutt 2-17, Bryant 2-16. Minnesota, T.Taylor 5-70, Wiggins 5-67, K.Robinson 4-29, M.Robinson 3-32, Moore 2-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

At Oakland, Calif.

Miami	7	7	9	10	—	33
Oakland	0	7	7	7	—	21

First Quarter

Mia—Gilmore 44 pass from Frerotte (Mare kick), 11:58.

Second Quarter

Oak—Jordan 1 run (Janikowski kick), 9:34.
Mia—R.Brown 1 run (Mare kick), :32. Third Quarter
Mia—Safety, Taylor sacked Collins in end zone, 13:33.
Oak—Jordan 8 run (Janikowski kick), 5:49.
Mia—McMichael 25 pass from Frerotte (Mare kick), 1:48.

Fourth Quarter

Oak—Collins 18 run (Janikowski kick), 14:01.
Mia—R.Williams 34 run (Mare kick), 3:50.
Mia—FG Mare 27, 1:10.
A—49,097.

	Mia	Oak
First downs	21	24
Total Net Yards	394	305
Rushes-yards	32-145	25-120
Passing	249	185
Punt Returns	0-0	2-17
Kickoff Returns	5-141	4-135
Interceptions Ret.	2-16	1-33
Comp-Att-Int	18-31-1	21-37-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-12	7-41
Punts	4-51.3	6-34.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-70	13-90
Time of Possession	30:08	29:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami, R.Williams 16-82, R.Brown 15-58, Chambers 1-5. Oakland, Jordan 23-97, Collins 2-23.
PASSING—Miami, Frerotte 18-31-1-261. Oakland, Collins 21-37-2-226.
RECEIVING—Miami, Chambers 6-101, McMichael 4-59, R.Brown 2-23, R.Williams 2-13, Gilmore 1-44, Welker 1-16, Diamond 1-3, Holmes 1-2. Oakland, Jordan 7-47, Anderson 5-50, Porter 3-57, Moss 3-28, Gabriel 1-23, Whitted 1-18, Crockett 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Miami, Mare 38 (WR).

At Tempe, Ariz.

Jacksonville	7	3	7	7	—	24
Arizona	0	0	3	14	—	17

First Quarter

Jac—Garrard 16 run (Scobee kick), 2:45.
Second Quarter
Jac—FG Scobee 30, 2:59.

Third Quarter

Ari—FG Rackers 42, 4:00.
Jac—Wimbush 91 kick return (Scobee kick), 3:43.

Fourth Quarter

Ari—Edwards 1 pass from Warner (Rackers kick), 13:34.
Jac—G.Jones 25 run (Scobee kick), 4:20.
Ari—Fitzgerald 5 pass from Warner (Rackers kick), 2:56.
A—39,198.

	Jac	Ari
First downs	19	20
Total Net Yards	295	368
Rushes-yards	33-162	16-67
Passing	133	301
Punt Returns	2-9	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-138	3-57
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-28-0	29-46-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-14
Punts	4-39.0	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-81	11-105
Time of Possession	31:41	28:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Jacksonville, G.Jones 23-78, Garrard 6-61, Toefield 2-9, M.Jones 1-8, Pearman 1-6. Arizona, Arrington 6-39, Shipp 6-23, Warner 1-5, Boldin 1-4, Jackson 1-2, Fitzgerald 1-(minus 6).
PASSING—Jacksonville, Garrard 12-26-0-115, Leftwich 2-2-0-18. Arizona, Warner 29-46-1-315.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, J.Smith 7-70, Wilford 2-28, Pearman 2-21, M.Jones 1-7, Wimbush 1-6, Brady 1-1. Arizona, Boldin 10-115, B.Johnson 5-77, Fitzgerald 4-41, Shipp 3-31, McCoy 2-40, Edwards 2-1, Arrington 1-4, Baxter 1-4, Bergen 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Jacksonville, Scobee 38 (WR). Arizona, Rackers 43 (WL).

At Seattle

N.Y. Giants	0	10	3	8	0	—	21
Seattle	7	0	7	7	3	—	24

First Quarter

Sea—Jurevicius 35 pass from M.Hasselbeck (J.Brown kick), :43.

Second Quarter

NY—FG Feely 39, 4:23.
NY—Shockey 7 pass from Manning (Feely kick), 1:07.

Third Quarter

NY—FG Feely 43, 10:20.
Sea—Jurevicius 16 pass from M.Hasselbeck (J.Brown kick), 4:36.

Fourth Quarter

Sea—S.Alexander 4 run (J.Brown kick), 4:33.
NY—Toomer 18 pass from Manning (Shockey pass from Manning), 1:59.

Overtime

Sea—FG J.Brown 36, 2:45.
A—67,102.

	NY	Sea
First downs	25	17
Total Net Yards	490	355
Rushes-yards	29-166	34-127
Passing	324	228
Punt Returns	6-50	1-0
Kickoff Returns	4-101	6-118
Interceptions Ret.	1-4	1-40
Comp-Att-Int	29-53-1	21-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-20	3-21
Punts	7-37.3	9-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	16-114	8-65
Time of Possession	39:21	32:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Barber 26-151, Manning 3-15. Seattle, S.Alexander 31-110, Strong 1-10, M.Hasselbeck 2-7.
PASSING—New York, Manning 29-53-1-344. Seattle, M.Hasselbeck 21-37-1-249.
RECEIVING—New York, Shockey 10-127, Burress 6-109, Toomer 6-62, Barber 5-27, Finn 2-19. Seattle, Jurevicius 8-137, Engram 6-34, Strong 3-18, Hackett 2-47, Warrick 1-9, S.Alexander 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New York, Feely 40 (WL), 54 (SH), 45 (SH).

At Philadelphia

Green Bay	7	7	0	0	—	14
Philadelphia	10	0	3	6	—	19

First Quarter

Phi—Akers 44, 7:16.
Phi—Westbrook 27 run (Akers kick), 6:54.
GB—Gado 33 run (Longwell kick), 5:45.

Second Quarter

GB—D.Martin 13 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), :35.

Third Quarter

Phi—FG Akers 38, 6:40.

Fourth Quarter

Phi—FG Akers 37, 4:31.
Phi—FG Akers 33, 1:49.
A—67,665.

	GB	Phi
First downs	18	15
Total Net Yards	292	264
Rushes-yards	30-128	34-180
Passing	164	84
Punt Returns	5-39	4-35
Kickoff Returns	6-98	3-64
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-0
Comp-Att-Int	15-33-2	12-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	2-7
Punts	7-36.0	7-39.3
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-40	7-50
Time of Possession	28:55	31:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Green Bay, Gado 26-111, Fisher 2-9, Driver 1-4, Favre 1-4. Philadelphia, Westbrook 21-117, McMahon 4-29, Moats 6-24, Gordon 3-10.
PASSING—Green Bay, Favre 15-33-2-171. Philadelphia, McMahon 12-28-0-91.
RECEIVING—Green Bay, D.Martin 4-41, Driver 3-50, Fisher 3-33, D.Lee 2-21, Ferguson 2-15, Gado 1-11. Philadelphia, Westrook 4-11, Smith 2-28, C.Lewis 2-22, McMullen 2-10, Parry 1-11, G.Lewis 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

At East Rutherford, N.J.

New Orleans	0	14	0	7	—	21
N.Y. Jets	3	6	7	3	—	19

First Quarter

NY—FG Nugent 29, 1:56.

Second Quarter

NO—Stallworth 21 pass from Brooks (Carney kick), 12:59.
NY—FG Nugent 45, 7:02.
NO—Hilton 15 pass from Brooks (Carney kick), 2:41.
NY—FG Nugent 41, :14.

Third Quarter

NY—McCareins 27 pass from Bollinger (Nugent kick), 5:35.

Fourth Quarter

NY—FG Nugent 38, 14:56.
NO—Henderson 30 pass from Brooks (Carney kick), 8:32.
A—77,152.

	NO	NY
First downs	18	19
Total Net Yards	269	360
Rushes-yards	25-97	35-118
Passing	172	242
Punt Returns	1-22	4-33
Kickoff Returns	6-107	4-83
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	17-23-0	19-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	1-9
Punts	5-42.8	3-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	7-55
Time of Possession	26:41	33:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New Orleans, Stecker 11-54, A.Smith 12-45, Brooks 2-(minus 2). New York, Martin 24-91, Bollinger 6-15, Houston 5-12.
PASSING—New Orleans, Brooks 17-23-0-181. New York, Bollinger 19-28-0-251.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Stallworth 5-48, Horn 4-47, Hilton 3-33, Karney 2-13, Henderson 1-30, Stecker 1-6, Hall 1-4. New York, Cotchery 4-72, Jolley 4-62, McCareins 3-71, Coles 3-36, Martin 3-8, Sowell 2-2.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—New York, Nugent 53 (SH).

The AP Top 25

By The Associated Press

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (55)	11-0	1,615	1
2. Texas (10)	11-0	1,570	2
3. LSU	10-1	1,447	3
4. Penn St.	10-1	1,430	4
5. Virginia Tech	10-1	1,332	5
6. Ohio St.	9-2	1,276	7
7. Notre Dame	9-2	1,252	6
8. Oregon	10-1	1,144	8
9. Auburn	9-2	1,126	9
10. Miami	9-2	989	10
11. UCLA	9-1	942	11
12. West Virginia	9-1	932	12
13. Georgia	9-2	899	13
14. Alabama	9-2	758	14
15. TCU	10-1	740	15
16. Louisville	8-2	600	17
17. Florida	8-3	542	19
18. Texas Tech	9-2	512	18
19. Boston College	8-3	396	21
20. Michigan	7-4	340	22
21. Wisconsin	9-3	317	24
22. Clemson	7-4	225	25
23. Fresno St.	8-3	203	16
24. Georgia Tech	7-4	187	20
25. Iowa	7-4	91	—

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 73, South Carolina 64, Florida St. 24, UCF 20, Boise St. 15, Nevada 13, California 10, Nebraska 8, Northwestern 8, Colorado 7, Minnesota 6, Toledo 6, Iowa St. 4, UTEP 2.

USA Today Top 25 Poll

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern California (53)	11-0	1,540	1
2. Texas (9)	11-0	1,497	2
3. LSU	10-1	1,397	3
4. Penn State	10-1	1,369	4
5. Virginia Tech	10-1	1,290	5
6. Ohio State	9-2	1,162	7
7. Notre Dame	9-2	1,153	6
8. Oregon	10-1	1,127	8
9. Auburn	9-2	1,049	9
10. Miami (Fla.)	9-2	990	10
11. UCLA	9-1	946	11
12. West Virginia	9-1	883	12
13. Georgia	9-2	827	13
14. Alabama	9-2	731	14
15. TCU	10-1	705	15
16. Texas Tech	9-2	605	17
17. Louisville	8-2	532	18
18. Florida	8-3	506	19
19. Boston College	8-3	436	20
20. Wisconsin	9-3	367	22
21. Michigan	7-4	250	23
22. Fresno State	8-3	186	16
23. Clemson	7-4	158	NR
24. Georgia Tech	7-4	80	24
25. Iowa	7-4	76	NR

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 61; Florida State 40; Boise State 39; South Carolina 38; Central Florida 30; Northwestern 22; California 15; Iowa State 11; Nevada 9; Colorado 7; Minnesota 6; Nebraska 5; Texas-El Paso 2; Rutgers 1; Toledo 1; Virginia 1.

Harris Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Southern Cal (98)	11-0	2,810	1
2. Texas (15)	11-0	2,727	2
3. Penn State	10-1	2,525	4
4. LSU	10-1	2,500	3
5. Virginia Tech	10-1	2,313	6
6. Ohio State	9-2	2,180	7
7. Notre Dame	9-2	2,173	5
8. Oregon	10-1	2,031	8
9. Auburn	9-2	1,946	9
10. Miami	9-2	1,791	10
11. UCLA	9-1	1,637	11
12. Georgia	9-2	1,601	12
13. West Virginia	9-1	1,538	13
14. Alabama	9-2	1,339	14
15. TCU	10-1	1,282	15
16. Texas Tech	9-2	1,074	17
17. Louisville	8-2	984	18
18. Florida	8-3	931	19
19. Boston College	8-3	768	20
20. Wisconsin	9-3	643	23
21. Michigan	7-4	521	24
22. Fresno State	8-3	292	16
23. Clemson	7-4	268	NR
24. Georgia Tech	7-4	255	22
25. Iowa	7-4	122	NR

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 103, Florida State 67, California 59, South Carolina 45, Northwestern 38, Colorado 35, Nebraska 28, Central Florida 23, Nevada 23, Boise State 22, Minnesota 10, Iowa State 9, UTEP 7, Rutgers 2, South Florida 2, Toledo 1.

NAIA Football Playoffs

First Round

St. Francis, Ind. 41, Pikeville, Ky. 7
Sioux Falls, S.D. 31, St. Xavier, Ill. 28
Morningside, Iowa 58, St. Ambrose, Iowa 7
Carroll, Mont. 23, Dickinson State, N.D. 13
Georgetown, Ky. 36, Geneva, Pa. 35
Evangel, Mo. 34, McKendree, Ill. 31
Tabor, Kan. 17, Graceland, Iowa 14
Montana Tech 24, Azusa Pacific, Calif. 17

Quarterfinals

St. Francis, Ind. 44, Georgetown, Ky. 14
Sioux Falls, S.D. 48, Tabor, Kan. 13
Morningside, Iowa 54, Evangel, Mo. 21
Carroll, Mont. 24, Montana Tech 0

Semifinals

Morningside, Iowa (11-0) at St. Francis, Ind. (12-0), Noon
Sioux Falls, S.D. (11-1) at Carroll, Mont. (12-0), 2 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, Dec. 17
At Jim Carroll Stadium
Hardin County, Tenn.

Morningside, Iowa-St. Francis, Ind. winner vs. Sioux Falls, S.D.-Carroll, Mont. winner, 1 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	—
New Jersey	6	7	.462	1/2
Boston	5	7	.417	1
New York	4	8	.333	2
Toronto	1	13	.071	6

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	7	6	.538	—
Orlando	6	6	.500	1/2
Washington	6	7	.462	1
Charlotte	5	9	.357	2 1/2
Atlanta	2	10	.167	4 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	2	.833	—
Cleveland	9	4	.692	1 1/2
Indiana	8	4	.667	2
Chicago	6	5	.545	3 1/2
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	3	.769	—
Dallas	9	3	.750	1/2
Memphis	9	5	.643	1 1/2
New Orleans	6	6	.500	3 1/2
Houston	3	11	.214	7 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	5	.583	—
Denver	8	6	.571	—
Utah	6	8	.429	2
Portland	5	7	.417	2
Seattle	5	8	.385	2 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	9	4	.692	—
Golden State	9	6	.600	1
Phoenix	7	5	.583	1 1/2
Sacramento	6	7	.462	3
L.A. Lakers	5	7	.417	3 1/2

Sunday's Games

Portland 77, Atlanta 75
Indiana 97, L.A. Clippers 92
New Jersey 102, L.A. Lakers 96, OT

Monday's Games

Dallas at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Portland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Transactions

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released WR Dominique Thompson. Signed OT Matt Morgan from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled G Adam Berkhoel from Chicago of the AHL.
BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled RW Jason Pominville from Rochester of the AHL. Assigned G Michael Leighton to Rochester.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled G Jimmy Howard from Grand Rapids of the AHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Activated C Rostislav Olesz from injured reserve. Assigned C Greg Jacina to Rochester of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled LW Ryan Flinn from Manchester of the AHL.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled G Cristobal Huet from Hamilton of the AHL. Assigned G Yann Danis to Hamilton.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned LW Denis Hamel to Binghamton of the AHL.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled D Jeff Woywitka from Peoria of the AHL. Assigned F Jay McClement to Peoria.

COLLEGE

ELON—Announced the resignation of Paul Hamilton, football coach.
NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Fired Mary Byrne, volleyball coach.
TENNESSEE—Fired Jimmy Ray Stephens, offensive line coach, and Pat Washington, wide receivers coach.

Monday's TV broadcasts

College men's basketball	**Station**
8 p.m., Virginia Tech at Ohio State	ESPN2
Football	**Station**
8 p.m., Pittsburgh at Indianapolis	ABC

Tuesday's TV broadcasts

College football	**Station**
Noon, Bill Callahan Show	FSN
7 p.m., Big Red Wrap-Up	NET1
College men's basketball	**Station**
7 p.m., Wisconsin at Wake Forest	ESPN
7:30 p.m., Purdue at Florida State	ESPN2
9 p.m., Illinois at North Carolina	ESPN
9:30 p.m., Miama at Michigan	ESPN2
Hockey	**Station**
7:30 p.m., Boston at New Jersey	OLN

Local

York College avenges loss

The Hastings College men's basketball team lost 72-66 Saturday to York College in the Hastings College Thanksgiving Classic at Lynn Farrell Arena.

The Broncos, 7-2, beat York College 86-67 in the season opener. This time York College outscored HC 43-32 in the second half to overcome a five-point deficit at halftime. York College hit 53 percent of its shots in the second half and outrebound HC in the game — 37 rebounds to 32.

Krae Dutoit lead HC in scoring with 19 points and Bobby Kempf scored 13 points.

In the other men's game Saturday, Doane College defeated Friends University 82-79.

HC women beat Morningside

Three players scored in double figures to lead the Hastings College women's basketball team to a 81-66 win Saturday over Morningside College during the Hastings College Thanksgiving Classic at Lynn Farrell Arena.

For HC, Lynnze Martinsen scored 24 points, Stacy Svoboda had 19 and Ali Clouse had 12. The Broncos, 5-3, made 60 percent of its in the second half. They had a 40-29 lead at halftime.

In other women's game Saturday, Doane College defeated St. Gregory's 63-53.

Storm hockey

KEARNEY — The Tri-City Storm hockey team split a pair of games over the weekend, losing 3-0 Friday to Des Moines and winning 2-1 Saturday over Cedar Rapids.

Against Cedar Rapids, the game Storm won in a shoot-out as two teams were tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation. Both goals were scored in the second period. The Storm, which took 26 shots versus Cedar Rapids' 17, scored first with 15:04 on the clock on a goal by Sean Wiles. Kyle Lawson offered the assist. Cedar Rapids scored just over a minute later.

In the shoot-out, the Storm outscored Cedar Rapids 3-1, with Zach Cohen, Jarod Palmer and Jordan Willert all putting the puck in the net for Tri-City.

Against Des Moines, the Storm had 28 shots on goal compared to 15 by Des Moines, which scored one goal in each period.

The Storm's next four games are also at the Kearney Events Center:

- ◆ Tuesday vs. Waterloo, 7:05 p.m.
- ◆ Friday vs. Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday vs. Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 9 vs. Waterloo, 7:05 p.m.

State

UNK beats Dana

KEARNEY— Six players scored in double figures to help Nebraska-Kearney beat Dana 92-76 Saturday night.

Nebraska-Kearney (2-1) led the entire game, and outrebounded Dana (3-5) 47-31.

The Lopers' leading scorers were: Chris Dean scored 17 points; Ryan Moore scored 13; Chad Burger, Dusty Jura and James Lane all scored 11; and Avery Stephenson scored 10.

Dana's Jason Isaacson led all scorers with 27 points in the loss.

Huskers still unbeaten

LINCOLN — Wes Wilkinson's first start of the season resulted in the best game of his career.

Wilkinson scored a career-high 25 points and had a team-high nine rebounds to lead Nebraska to a 69-54 victory over Southeast Missouri State on Sunday.

Wilkinson was coming off an ankle injury suffered Nov. 19 against Yale. He had to sit out a game against Louisiana Tech the following day.

"I think I had a little to prove to myself," Wilkinson said. "I knew I could play good. It was just a matter of getting through the injuries and playing well."

Wilkinson's nine rebounds tied his career high, and he also had two assists and a blocked shot. He topped his career high of 22 points against Kansas State last season.

"Wes can also shoot and I think he maybe rebounded his best game ever today," Nebraska coach Barry Collier said. "He was getting up and getting after it on the defensive end. He scored a lot of points for us. That's part of the reason our offense was better today."

Nebraska (4-0) broke a 17-all tie on an Aleks Maric jumper and then held the Redhawks (2-2) to four points over a 6:21 span of the first half.

Nebraska, which shot just 39.8 percent in its first three games, hit 59 percent of its shots in the first half and finished at 51.9 percent.

Southeast Missouri, which shot just 30.3 percent, cut the lead to eight points early in the second half but got no closer.

"We missed easy baskets. I can think of four layups that we missed," Southeast Missouri coach Gary Garner said. "I'm not saying that we would have won the game, but we could have made this game very interesting."

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Irvin says drug paraphernalia wasn't his

PAUL J. WEBER
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia after Plano police officers searched his vehicle during a traffic stop.

Irvin, an ESPN analyst and semifinalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, told The Associated Press late Sunday that the drug pipe found in his car belonged to a friend of 17 years who left a Houston rehab center and came to Irvin's house in Carrollton for Thanksgiving. Irvin wouldn't reveal his friend's name.

Irvin said he put the pipe in his car because he didn't want it in his house where his children might find it. He said he planned to drive somewhere the next day, like a grocery trash bin, and throw the pipe away but forgot.

"It's a situation that is not as it seemed," said Irvin, whose voice was choked with emotion during the telephone conversation.

"I know the type of demons they have to fight and I am going to help them, because it's the only way I can keep them from getting to my family. I have to clean up my friends because they are around my boys. It's upsetting."

Irvin was arrested on an outstanding warrant for speeding in Irving after being pulled over Friday afternoon for speeding in Plano. Irvin said he thought he had paid the outstanding ticket.

NU: Huskers top seed in NCCA tournament

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The Huskers earned the top seed after winning 28 straight matches. Their only loss came against Texas on Saturday in their final regular-season match.

"I guess that's a recognition that the (tournament) committee thinks that we've had the best season up until now," Cook said. "But really, there are 64 teams that are undefeated right now that are starting a tournament for three weeks.

"Our goal is to win six matches, and that's the only way you have to look at it. Seeding doesn't really mean anything anymore. It's about next point and trying to advance in each match."

The Huskers were one of seven Big 12 schools to qualify for the tournament, the most of any conference. In addition to the Huskers, Missouri was the No. 10 seed overall and is joined in the tournament by Texas, Kansas State, Colorado, Texas A&M and Kansas.

The Huskers, who clinched the Big 12s automatic berth with a 19-1 conference record, is led by its trio of All-Americans. They are senior middle blocker Melissa Elmer, who leads the nation with 2.15 blocks per game and is hitting a team-best .407; sophomore right-side hitter Sarah Pavan (3.79 kills per game on .354 hitting); and senior outside hitter Jennifer Saleaumua (2.23 kills ad 3.87 blocks per game).

Nebraska is 13-0 at home this season and has a 29-match home winning streak.

Alabama A&M is on a 12-match winning streak and earned the Southwestern Athletic Conference's automatic bid after winning the league's tournament title. The Bulldogs, who have made six straight NCAA Tournament appearances, are led by Alexandria Brazelton, who was named the MVP of the SWAC Tournament. She averages 3.46 kills per game.

American is making its fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and seventh overall after winning the Patriot League title. The Eagles are led by two-time All-Patriot League pick Cutrina Biddulph, who averages 4.05 kills per game and is hitting .337 after earning honorable-mention All-America honors in 2004.

Duke makes its 11th NCAA Tournament appearance and fourth under seventh-year coach Jolene Nagel. The Blue Devils have won 12 of their last 13 matches and finished third in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 17-5 record. Middle blocker Carrie DeMange leads Duke, as she averages 4.25 kills and 1.14 blocks per contest.

Tickets for the first and second rounds in Lincoln are already sold out. More than 10,500 tickets have been sold for the Omaha Regional.

NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball pairings

First and Second Rounds

OMAHA REGIONAL

At Lincoln, Neb.

Friday, Dec. 2

American (25-9) vs. Duke (23-7), 5 p.m.
Alabama A&M (15-11) vs. Nebraska (28-1), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

American-Duke winner vs. Alabama A&M-Nebraska winner, 7 p.m.

At Los Angeles

Friday, Dec. 2

San Diego (22-5) vs. Long Beach State (25-6), 7:30 p.m.
Kansas (15-14) vs. UCLA (18-10), 10 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

San Diego-Long Beach State winner vs. Kansas-UCLA winner, 9 p.m.

At Louisville, Ky.

Friday, Dec. 2

Maryland (27-4) vs. Kentucky (17-11), 4 p.m.
Louisville (29-2) vs. Western Kentucky (31-2), 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Maryland-Kentucky winner vs. Louisville-Western Kentucky winner, 6 p.m.

At Gainesville, Fla.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Kansas State (20-10) vs. Florida A&M (22-5), 4 p.m.
Florida (30-2) vs. Florida Atlantic (29-2), 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2

Kansas State-Florida A&M winner vs. Florida-Florida Atlantic, TBA.

PALO ALTO, CALIF. REGIONAL

At Stanford, Calif.

Friday, Dec. 2

Santa Clara (23-4) vs. Sacramento State (26-8), 7 p.m.
Stanford (25-5) vs. Nevada (18-12), 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Santa Clara-Sacramento State winner vs. Stanford-Nevada winner, 8 p.m.

At Los Angeles

Friday, Dec. 2

Brigham Young (25-3) vs. Pepperdine (17-11), 7 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara (21-8) vs. Southern Cal (16-10), 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Brigham Young-Pepperdine vs. UC Santa Barbara-Southern Cal winner, 8 p.m.

At Columbus, Ohio

Friday, Dec. 2

Ohio (31-2) vs. Alabama (23-10), 4 p.m.
Ohio State (21-8) vs. Marshall (26-5), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3
Ohio-Alabama winner vs. Ohio State-Marshall winner, 6 p.m.

At Salt Lake City

Friday, Dec. 2

Arizona (22-5) vs. Utah State (21-12), 7 p.m.
Utah (22-8) vs. Loyola Marymount (19-10), 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Arizona-Utah State winner vs. Utah-Loyola Marymount winner, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS REGIONAL

At Fort Collins, Colo.

Friday, Dec. 2

Washington (26-1) vs. Siena (20-11), 6 p.m.
Colorado (15-12) vs. Colorado State (20-8), 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Washington-Siena winner vs. Colorado-Colorado State winner, 6 p.m.

At Chapel Hill, N.C.

Friday, Dec. 2

Purdue (23-8) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (22-11), 4 p.m.
North Carolina (23-9) vs. College of Charleston (30-1), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Purdue-Virginia Commonwealth winner vs. North Carolina-College of Charleston winner, 5 p.m.

At Madison, Wis.

Friday, Dec. 2

Valparaiso vs. California (18-10), 4 p.m.
Loyola, Ill. (13-17) vs. Wisconsin (23-6), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Valparaiso-California winner vs. Loyola, Ill.-Wisconsin winner, 6 p.m.

At South Bend, Ind.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Northwestern (19-11) vs. Texas A&M (16-13), 4 p.m.
Notre Dame (28-3) vs. Dayton (24-10), 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2

Northwestern-Texas A&M winner vs. Notre Dame-Dayton winner, 6 p.m.

STATE COLLEGE, PA. REGIONAL

At Austin, Texas

Friday, Dec. 2

Hawaii (25-6) vs. Texas State (17-14), 5 p.m.
Texas (23-4) vs. LSU (21-7), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Hawaii-Texas State winner vs. Texas-LSU winner, 6:30 p.m.

At Columbia, Mo.

Friday, Dec. 2

Arkansas (20-11) vs. St. Mary's, Calif. (19-9), 5:30 p.m.
Missouri State(24-9) vs. Missouri (22-4), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Arkansas-St. Mary's, Calif. winner vs. Missouri State-Missouri winner, 5:30 p.m.

At Knoxville, Tenn.

Friday, Dec. 2

Winthrop (28-5) vs. Minnesota (24-7), 4:30 p.m.
Jacksonville State(19-10) vs. Tennessee (21-8), 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Winthrop-Minnesota winner vs. Jacksonville State-Tennessee winner, 4:30 p.m.

At College Park, Pa.

Friday, Dec. 2

Cornell (19-5) vs. Long Island (25-13), 4 p.m.
Binghamton (29-2) vs. Penn State (29-2), 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Cornell-Long Island winner vs. Binghamton-Penn State winner, 6 p.m.

Regional Finals

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10

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Semifinals

Thursday, Dec. 15

At San Antonio

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Championship

Saturday, Dec. 17

At San Antonio

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FRED HUNT/*Tribune*

St. Mary's-Colgan's Zach Caldwell trieds to tackle Redman ball carrier Taylor Jones during the third quarter of the state championship game Saturday in Hays, Kan.

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Smith Center rushed for 423 yards and dominated the time of possession, 31:20-16:40.

Smith Center won its second straight state title and fifth for head coach Roger Barta.

KU earns bowl bid with win over Cyclones

DOUG TUCKER
The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas is going bowling. So is Iowa State, only without a quick side trip to the Big 12 championship game.

The same fate has befallen the Cyclones two years in a row. All they needed last year to reach their first conference championship match was to beat Missouri in the regular-season finale. But they lost in overtime.

This year all they needed was to beat Kansas. But they lost in overtime.

"As I was walking off the field, I thought I was dreaming," said Iowa State punter Troy Blankenship. "I couldn't believe this was happening. It was the same situation as last year in overtime. It definitely is one of the worst feelings in the world."

The Cyclones wasted an 11-point lead and missed a field goal in overtime, then watched Scott Webb nail a 34-yarder to give the Jayhawks a 24-21 victory Saturday that makes them bowl eligible and sends Colorado to the Big 12 game next weekend to meet No. 2 Texas.

Iowa State, after losing their first three conference games, had reeled off four wins in a row. But it's Colorado (7-4, 5-3 Big 12) who will limp to the matchup with the unbeaten Longhorns. They'll be coming off a 30-3 loss to Nebraska on Friday which gave Iowa State (7-4, 4-4) a chance to tie Colorado for the North title. The Cyclones would have gone to the championship game because they beat the Buffaloes in the regular season.

"I feel terrible for these kids," said Iowa State coach Dan McCarney. "They gave a great effort, just as Kansas did. They put a lot into this and my heart goes out to them, because I know how hard they've worked."

There was little compassion in the Kansas locker room, where 20 seniors had just finished with the Jayhawks' first unbeaten home record since 1951.

"We've kind of spoiled their season, so to speak," said linebacker Nick Reid. "And that's great. It makes you feel really good, especially when they're out there talking all that trash they were talking."

It will be the second bowl in Mark Mangino's five years at Kansas (6-5, 3-5).

"If you were one of the lucky fans sitting in Memorial Stadium today, you watched two good football teams play," Mangino said. "The kids stayed poised. We just tried to execute what was planned."

Before Webb kicked his game-winner, Iowa State's Bret Culbertson missed from 41 yards in overtime. Culbertson missed a field goal last year that would have beaten Missouri in regulation.

"I was hoping to make up for last year," Culbertson said. "But it (stinks) to let your team down again. I just missed the kick."

The Cyclones, who tied Colorado for the North title last year but lost to the Buffaloes in the regular season, missed an opportunity to play for their first outright conference championship in 114 years of football.

The Cyclones entered last year's regular-season finale in the same position, needing to beat Missouri. But they lost 17-14 after Culbertson missed a 24-yard field goal attempt in the final seconds of regulation, and Iowa State couldn't convert in overtime on first-and-goal from the 3.

After kicking his third field goal of the day, Webb was mobbed by teammates and fans.

"That's what I dream about every night. I finally got to do it," he said. "That's the best feeling in the world right there. It's unbelievable. Having everyone coming out of the stands and having your teammates celebrating with you — that's why people play sports, to have that kind of feeling right there."

KC: Chiefs beat defending champs

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"I had three the other time, but it doesn't compare to this."

He had tight end Tony Gonzalez to verify his prediction.

"I said, 'How many are you going to get for me?' " Gonzalez said. "He said three."

Brady was high on many throws. Three of the interceptions were deflected, including Knight's, which he when it bounced off Tim Dwight's hands after the Patriots pulled within 10 points.

The four interceptions tied Brady's career-high and his quarterback rating of 42.5 tied for second lowest in the career of the two-time Super Bowl MVP.

"Tough day," said Brady, 22-for-40 for 248 yards and one TD.

In the first 10 games, he'd been intercepted only six times.

"We didn't execute. It's tough when you spot a good team all those points. I just threw it high," he said.

An aggressive defense also kept pressure on him.

"We got some hits on him and hands in his face," said end Eric Hicks. "When you do that to any quarterback, he's going to become very average."

Two of Wesley's interceptions set up field goals by Lawrence Tynes, who tied an NFL record with four 3-pointers in one period.

Running behind an offensive line bolstered by the return of Pro Bowl left tackle Willie Roaf, Johnson pounded New England inside and out, displaying a Priest Holmes-like patience behind his blockers that was missing his first two years.

Johnson, who had a franchise-record 211 yards rushing against Houston the previous week, has 462 yards in three games since three-time Pro Bowler Holmes went on injured reserve.

He had a 1-yard TD plunge in the first quarter and also caught five passes for 53 yards, including a 30-yard gain on a screen pass. He declined to speak with reporters.

"He has a passion to play the game," said coach Dick Vermeil. "He didn't want to come out. He thinks Priest is still sitting on the bench. He's a tough, tough guy. He's been around football all of his life, so he understands all the concepts."

The Chiefs scored on five of their first six possessions, including Tynes' 12 points in the second period. He hit from 25, 30, 33 and 47 yards in the quarter.

New England coach Bill Belichick, who missed two days of practice attending to family business and funeral services for his father, Steve, watched his two-time defending Super Bowl champions dominated in almost every phase.

"That is a lot to make up against a team like this," said Belichick. "We didn't play well enough. I think that goes across the board."

New England linebacker Willie McGinest said the distractions of the week had nothing to do with the way the Patriots played.

"We had the game plan. We practiced well," he said. "They put us in a position to win and we didn't execute it."

Dante Hall got behind rookie cornerback Ellis Hobbs, one of several reserves the Patriots have pressed into service, and hauled in Trent Green's 52-yard pass for a 26-3 lead.

After Brady connected with Daniel Graham and Dwight for long gainers on consecutive throws, Patrick Pass scored on a 1-yard run to make it 26-10 late in the third.

Then Johnson made just about his only mistake and fumbled, with Ty Warren recovering on the KC 21.

Nine plays later, Brady hit Christian Fauria with a 1-yard toss. The 2-point conversion pass failed.

The Chiefs scored on all five first-half possessions, getting a touchdown on Johnson's 1-yard run and then Tynes' field goals.

Adam Vinatieri had a 21-yarder for New England in the second period.

Steeler QB eager for Manning match-up

MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Ben Roethlisberger visits the RCA Dome for the first time Monday night, he'll glimpse at Peyton Manning and try to steal a few tips.

It'll be one of the few times in Roethlisberger's 1 1/2 NFL seasons he's played the role of fan.

"I'm excited to watch Peyton in person, I think it will be fun," Roethlisberger said.

How much Roethlisberger enjoys the show will depend on three things — how well he plays after missing three games, how well Manning performs and whether the Steelers (7-3) can become the first team to knock off the unbeaten Indianapolis Colts (10-0).

For the second straight week, the Colts will get an up-close look at one of the league's emerging stars. Last week, Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer shredded the Colts defense for 338 yards and two touchdowns — and they don't want a repeat.

Meanwhile, the Colts offense seems nearly unstoppable.

Manning has regained his two-time MVP form. He's topped 300 yards in two of the last three games, thrown 18 touchdowns in the last seven games and rapidly has ascended the league-leading charts in both touchdown passes and passer rating.

The Colts also have the AFC's top rusher in Edgerrin James (1,116 yards), two of the top three receivers and have scored at least 31 points in five straight games.

That kind of production worries Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher, a defensive mastermind.

"I think what we're playing is a very confident team. They're unbeaten for a reason," Cowher said. "I think it's going to take our best game to beat them, and it's a great challenge and a great opportunity for us."

Skins: Funk gets serious Sunday to win

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"Wow," said the 49-year-old Funk, who became the oldest Skins Game winner.

"I'm still in shock that I got asked to be in this thing," said Funk, who was invited to his first Skins Game after winning The Players Championship in March. "I've always watched it on TV and was shocked to be part of it. It's something that I didn't even dream of, actually. First of all, I didn't dream that I'd win The Players Championship."

Said Woods: "It started off with some nice birdies at first, and after that Funky just took over."

Coincidentally, Funk won $775,000 and 12 skins on two par-5s. The $925,000 and 15 skins were records for a rookie.

Almost as surprising as Funk winning practically the entire purse was Fred Couples, the King of Skins, getting shut out for the first time in 12 appearances.

"Getting nothing is not the end of the world," said Couples, who still holds the Skins Game career records with $3,515,000 and 77 skins. "I've gotten my share. So I'm tickled pink just to be here."

Woods won the other $75,000, on the third hole on Saturday. Sorenstam was shut out for the second straight year.

"This course is long for me to start with, and you put some wind and some firm greens, it made it really tough for me to get it close," said Sorenstam, the LPGA star playing in her third straight Skins Game. "It's an honor simply to come here. This is a great experience for me."

With more than half the purse up for grabs on the final hole, Funk played it brilliantly. As usual, his drive was in the middle of the fairway on the 524-yard, par-5 finishing hole, although Woods and Couples had more distance. Funk's approach shot left him with a 30-foot eagle putt, which curled just to the left, leaving him a tap-in for birdie.

"Obviously I'm not a power hitter at all," said Funk, who hit a 284-yard drive and a 3-wood from 241 yards.

"I wasn't sure, into the wind, that I could get home, but I hit a really good drive and a really good 3-wood to get it up there," he said. "I didn't think birdie would win it, but you just never know in the Skins.

"Again, timing's everything," Funk said. "It was very difficult to make putts. You saw a lot of putts go right up to the hole and break off. Freddie and Tiger hit a bunch like that. It's just difficult trying to read these things and you don't know where they go."

Woods needed to make his birdie putt to halve the hole and force a playoff. He missed just left.

Funk also won $150,000 and three skins with a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-4 12th, the day's third hole.

The previous oldest Skins Game champion was Gary Player, who was 48 when he won it in 1983.

Funk won the most money in one year and won the biggest hole in a regular Skins Game — not including the 2001 event that was played under a validation format. Greg Norman won $800,000 on one hole in that 2001 event, and $1 million overall.

Woods and Couples both had chances to reel in Funk, who won $225,000 and six skins on Saturday.

Woods had a sensational approach shot out of the right rough on the par-5 16th and could have won $280,000 and four skins, but his 25-foot eagle putt stopped about 4 inches short of the cup.

"Don't do that, don't," Woods said to the ball before covering his face.

"Nice lag," Sorenstam told him.

"I've got a pretty pink skirt for you," Funk said to Woods.

On the par-3 17th, which was worth $350,000 and five skins, Funk hit into the water and Woods and Couples both missed long birdie putts. Sorenstam made a par putt, forcing Woods and Couples to do the same to halve the hole and carry the money over to the 18th.