

FWAA preseason poll picks Florida No. 1; Sooners No. 3

The Florida Gators lead a pack of six Southeastern schools in the FWAA's annual preseason Top 25 football poll.

Returning 17 starters from a 2000 team that posted a 10-3 record and claimed another SEC title, the Gators were first-place

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choices on six of 17 ballots and easily outdistanced second-place Miami (Fla.) by 19 points.

The Gators, who last won the FWAA's prestigious Grantland Rice Trophy as national champions in 1996, were one of eight teams to receive more than 300 points in the balloting.

Following the top two teams was 2000 Grantland Rice Trophy winner Oklahoma with 358 votes, then Oregon, Nebraska, Texas, Florida State, Tennessee, Virginia Tech and Oregon State.

Miami (Fla.) received four first place votes and Nebraska two. Oklahoma, Texas, Oregon, Florida State and Oregon State each had one first-place vote.

Other SEC teams in the Top 25 are Tennessee, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Alabama. The Big 12 had five teams among the nation's elite – Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado. The Pac-10 had four – Oregon, Oregon State, Washington and UCLA. The Big Ten (Michigan, Northwestern, Wisconsin), Big East (Miami, Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh) and the ACC (Florida State, Georgia Tech and Clemson) had three each. Notre Dame was the only independent ranked in the FWAA's Top 25.

In 2000, FWAA preseason voters accurately predicted 15 of the 25 teams in the in the final Associated Press Poll. FWAA writers picked eventual national champion Oklahoma 19th in the preseason poll. The FWAA pollsters had five of the final AP Top 10 in the FWAA preseason poll. The FWAA writers picked Nebraska to win the national championship, but the Cornhuskers finished eighth in the Final AP poll.



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President's column



DAVE SITTLER

As the FWAA celebrates its 60th anniversary with the start of the 2001 season, I'm happy to report some good news.

In an era when some officials seem hell bent on finding ways to make our game-day assignments even more difficult to perform, we have found some people with a different attitude.

Our band of white knights includes Errol McKoy, president of the State Fair of Texas, along with Cotton Bowl Athletic Association officials and athletic department personnel at the universities of Texas and Oklahoma.

First, some background.

Any FWAA member who has covered one of the college game's greatest rivalries, the annual OU-Texas game in Dallas, knows where I'm going with this. For those who have never experienced a Red River Shootout, here's a story to give you an idea of the madness the media often must endure.

It happened during interviews following a game in the 1970s. Those were the days when accusations of spying were flying between the two camps and Barry Switzer and Darrell Royal weren't on speaking terms.

With cramped locker rooms at the Cotton Bowl stadium, interviews are conducted outside as thousands of fans and State Fair visitors crowd against the fence to listen in.

When reporters approached Switzer to get his take on the Sooners' loss, it took only one question to set off the OU coach. Switzer frantically waved his arms as he barked a response that was certain to be loaded with juicy quotes.

There was one problem, however. The winning team's band traditionally marches out via the South end zone and up the stadium's famous ramp while

playing its fight song. The interview areas are on either side of the ramp.

So the Longhorns' band proudly and loudly unleashed The Eyes of Texas, drowning out Switzer. As the band completed its last note, reporters were horrified to hear the OU coach scream "and, by God, you quote me on every word."

Switzer then returned to the locker room. His interview was over.

"Quote him on what?" frustrated writers grumbled. "How can we quote him when we couldn't hear him?"

The band had played so loud that even writers standing next to Switzer didn't hear what he said.

Similar incidents prompted school officials to locate an interview room. But their options were limited because of space needed for the State Fair.

The tiny room they used was so cramped that it wasn't unusual to see fights break out between media members as they jostled for position.

Given the huge media contingent expected to cover this season's OU-Texas game, many of us have dreaded what the working conditions will be like that first Saturday in October.

But a series of meetings produced a plan that should ensure the best interview setting in the game's history.

McKoy has agreed to construct a large, air-conditioned tent a few yards from the stadium. It will include up to 200 seats and a quality sound system.

The State Fair will also provide heavy security for writers, players and coaches as they make their way through the crowd to the interview area.

In addition to McKoy and his staff, several others worked hard to make these changes. They include Rick Baker and Charlie Fiss from the Cotton Bowl, ADs DeLoss Dodds of Texas and Joe Castiglione of OU, and SIDs John Bianco of Texas and Mike Houck of OU.

Many of you have encountered similar problems. I hope you can use the example of the changes in Dallas to help improve your situation. Please let me or any FWAA board members know if there is anything we can do to help.

Budd Thalman retires

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., -- Longtime FWA member L. Budd Thalman, Penn State's associate athletic director for communications, retired July 31 after a distinguished career spanning almost 40 years in athletic communications.

A member of the Nittany Lions' athletic staff since August 1986, Thalman supervised and administered the operations and budgets for the sports information, publications, Internet, marketing and promotion and radio-television areas.

"Budd Thalman is one of the best, if not the best, in his field," coach Joe Paterno said. "He has been an important part of our growth and helping Penn State gain national exposure. He and Pattie have become good friends, and Sue and I wish them a great retirement."

A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Thalman is a 1957 journalism graduate of West Virginia University. He worked for one year in the Associated Press bureau at Huntington, W. Va., before entering the Army, in which he served from 1958-60 as public information officer for Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N.Y.

Thalman returned to the AP in 1960, transferring to the Annapolis, Md., bureau. He joined the U.S. Naval Academy as sports information director in 1962, the same year he joined the FWA. His Navy football handbook was twice honored by CoSIDA as "Best In The Nation," and in 1963 he provided assistance to the national media during Roger Staubach's Heisman Trophy-winning season.

Ironically, the first of Thalman's nearly 500 football games as a publicist was a 41-7 Penn State win over Navy in Beaver Stadium on September 22, 1962.

Former Penn State athletic director Jim Tarman, with whom Thalman first became acquainted during the Navy-Penn State football game in 1962, hired him at Penn State. In 1967, Thalman and Tarman, the Nittany Lions' SID at the time, were hurriedly asked to be the commentators for ABC's telecast of the Penn State-Navy game when the announcers refused to cross the TV technicians' picket line.

In 1973, Thalman was named vice president for public relations with the NFL's Buffalo Bills. During his 13 years with the Bills, he worked on the NFL public relations staff at seven Super Bowls and twice served as the American Conference public relations director at the Pro Bowl.

Last year, Thalman wrote his first book, *Quotable Joe: Words of Wisdom by and About Joe Paterno*, which was released in September.

Thalman was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame in 1998. He was the leading vote getter to receive the organization's highest honor that year.

This past February, he received the President's Award at the Maxwell Football Club Banquet in Philadelphia. The honor is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Maxwell Football Club and have helped elevate the organization. The award is only presented in years the Club feels there is a worthy recipient. He is a former member of the NCAA Communications Committee.

Thalman and his wife, Pattie, reside in State College and have three children, Mark, Scott and Kelly. Scott and Kelly earned their degrees at Penn State.

FWAA TOP25

First-place votes in parentheses

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Florida (6)	398
2.	Miami (Fla.) (4)	379
3.	Oklahoma (1)	358
T-4.	Oregon (1)	348
T-4.	Nebraska (2)	348
6.	Texas (1)	346
7.	Florida St. (1)	341
8.	Tennessee	321
9.	Virginia Tech	257
10.	Oregon St. (1)	244
11.	Georgia Tech	241
12.	Michigan	213
13.	Kansas St.	197
14.	Notre Dame	168
15.	LSU	164
16.	Northwestern	155
17.	Washington	154
18.	Clemson	140
19.	UCLA	134
20.	Mississippi St.	131
21.	South Carolina	116
22.	Wisconsin	58
23.	Colorado	57
24.	Alabama	34
25.	Pittsburgh	33

FWAA Member Voters: Dave Sittler (*Tulsa World*); Kelly Whiteside (*USA Today*); Jack Bogaczyk (*The Roanoke Times*); Shelly Anderson (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*); Mark Blaudschun (*Boston Globe*); Ivan Maisel (*Sports Illustrated*); Gregg Doyel (*Charlotte Observer*); Blair Kerkhoff (*Kansas City Star*); Dennis Dodd (*CBS SportsLine*); Ken Davis (*Hartford Courant*); Mike Griffith (*Knoxville News-Sentinel*); Ed Graney (*San Diego Union-Tribune*); Stewart Mandel (*CNN.com*); Don Borst (*Lindy's*); Rob Biertempfel (*The Tribune Review*); John Adams (*Knoxville News-Sentinel*); Ron Gullberg (*Casper Star-Tribune*).

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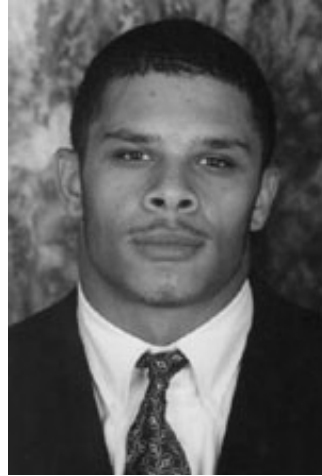
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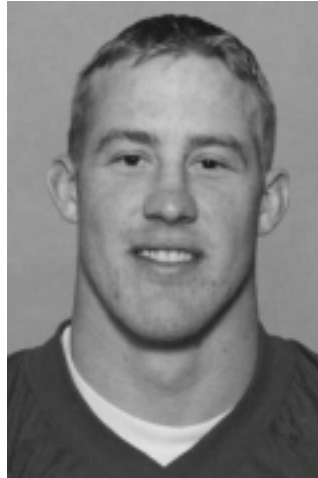
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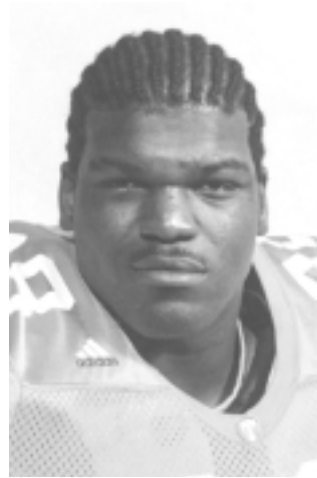


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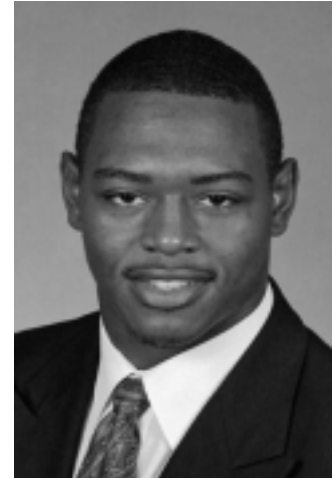
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COTTON BOWL HONORS OUTLAND WINNERS



Three former Outland Trophy winners were inducted into the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame on May 15. They were Loyd Phillips, who won the award in 1966 at Arkansas and is pictured above with his wife, Betsy; Miami's Russell Maryland, the 1990 winner at right, and the late Scott Appleton, the 1963 winner at Texas.

Lodge notes . . .

Comings and Goings

Mark Hansen of *The Des Moines Register* has left sports and is doing a news side column. ... Craig Harper has taken an early buy out and left *The Boulder Daily Camera*. ... Jonathan Rand is the new beat reporter on Kansas State football for *The Kansas City Star*. ... FWAA member Kenny Mossman, formerly at Illinois State, is the new sports information director at the University of Oklahoma. Former OU sports information director Mike Prusinski is the new director of information for the Byron Nelson Golf Tournament. ... Mike Konradi, formerly with the Big 12, is the new marketing director for the Cotton Bowl. ... Rana Cash is *The Dallas Morning News'* new beat reporter on the University of Texas. She formerly covered SMU. ... FWAA member Mike Wolf is the new sports information director at Northwestern after leaving the same post at Miami (Ohio). ... Sean Johnson left North Texas to assume the same position as SID at New Mexico State. ... Greg Creese left New Mexico to take a similar sports information job at Maryland. ... Mike McKenzie has left Dallas will spend the football season in Tuscaloosa. He is finishing a book on

Dennis Franchione, the new Alabama coach. ... Jon Wilner left *The Los Angeles Daily News* to take a college sports writing job with *The San Jose Mercury News*. ... Gary Long has retired from *The Miami Herald*.

Deaths

Former Nebraska football writer Virgil Parker, who was sports editor of the *Lincoln Journal Star* for 20 years, passed away at the age of 77. Since 1988 he had been head of the Nebraska Golf Association. Since the last publication, FWAA member John Steadman, a longtime writer for the *Baltimore Evening Sun*, and Bill Bruce of Highlands, N.C., also have passed away.

This and That

FWAA member Doug Huff has helped collaborate on another record book, *The National High School Football Record Book*, which is the first publication to focus solely on national football records that span more than 120 years. Contact Rob Wheat (rwheat@juno.com) for more information. ... A second edition of *Football Clock Management* has been released by FWAA member John T. Reed (johnreed@johnreed.com).

Executive director's column



**STEVE
RICHARDSON**

(Ed. Note: This column has been reprinted from a recent issue of Tip-Off, the newsletter for the United States Basketball Writers Association).

It was rather comforting to sit in on my first USBWA Board meeting held jointly with representatives of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee at the Final Four in Minneapolis. Somehow, I kept thinking how much luckier college basketball writers are than college football writers.

There's somebody who actually pays attention and at least listens to complaints and oversees the press operations of a national basketball tournament. Let's count the ways basketball writers can thank Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese, chairman of the committee this past tournament. And here's hoping his voice could be heard in the operation of the Bowl Championship Series.

Basketball writers actually have phones they ordered at their seats. Basketball writers actually have press conferences that usually start on time. Basketball writers actually have seats with enough electrical outlets for their computers. And, although the buses in Minneapolis sometimes ran more dizzying routes than St. Louis Rams pass receivers, at least there were some buses waiting to take writers back to their hotels after the games.

And more importantly, at least for the time being, basketball writers have seats on the floor and can see the Final Four and adequately cover the event without having to watch from the baseball press box.

As unthinkable as it may seem, the aforementioned necessities and even common media courtesies have been absent, either at the Nokia Sugar Bowl and the FedEx Orange Bowls the last two years in the BCS. The Fiesta Bowl has done a great job. The Rose Bowl has yet to perform at a BCS title game, but we will see this coming January.

But .500 doesn't cut it for most coaches, why should it for bowls? They need a better performance standard.

Basketball writers, you don't have it so bad.

Don't complain about the hot dogs or the turkey sandwiches at your NCAA Tournament sites. Don't complain about having to pay for beer or wine in the hospitality room. Nobody ever said the NCAA owed you meals. Complain only when you are at the top row of the Georgia Dome next year (it won't happen) and straining to

see the court.

Some football writers were out in the rain at the Orange Bowl. Most of the rest were in the baseball press box. They all had to wait nearly an hour for one press conference to start after the title game. Coaches and players were known to be late or not show for weekday press conferences. And finding the buses after the game? They were about as easy to discover as a uniform chad in south Florida. The Sugar Bowl press box was so crowded the year before and with so few phones, there was a near riot by reporters.

No, basketball writers don't have it so bad. The NCAA may micromanage to the point it gets upset when a host committee has an ice cream machine for reporters at a tournament site. But at least there is some predictability about what the press set up will be from one site to another. At least, there is some accountability for coaches and players to do what they are asked to do.

No, I will take the NCAA's blue curtains and rugs, the words student-athletes from the press conference moderators, 10-minute cooling off periods and those dry turkey sandwiches, pretzels and chips. At least I know what I am getting in March.

VOLNEY MEECE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

For the fifth consecutive year the FWAA will award the Volney Meece Scholarship to the son or daughter of a member. The scholarship, worth \$1,000 per year for four years, is available either to high school seniors or those already enrolled in college.

Members interested in obtaining application forms should contact Dave Sittler at: davesitt@aol.com or 918-581-5754. Deadline for application is Dec. 1, 2001.

The four previous winners, their hometowns and the colleges they are attending are: Brett Goering, Topeka, Kan., the University of Kansas; Kelley Brooks, Denver, Colo., the University of Colorado; James Butz, Schaumburg, Ill., the University of Notre Dame; Sara Barnhart, Atlanta, Ga., the University of Georgia.



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