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Burrow Secures the Heisman

After a long and tough college football career, Joe Burrow has won the Heisman trophy. Though Burrow is on the top of college football right now, it was not like that a few years ago. Burrow was a standout high school quarterback in Ohio, but his dream of playing for Nebraska was shot down when they passed on him. Though he did not make it Nebraska, he was a redshirt freshman at Ohio State in 2015. The following season, he could not beat out Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett for the starting job, who in 2014 received the 5th most votes for the Heisman award as a freshman. Playing the backup role, Burrow had a limited amount of snaps throughout the season. Burrow faced a similar situation the following year, but this time he played 3rd string quarterback behind both J.T. Barrett and freshman Dwayne Haskins. The next year is when Burrow changed the course of his college career, as he transferred to LSU, where he could start. So in his junior year (redshirted his true freshman year), Burrow played in 13 games, throwing for 16 touchdowns with 5 interceptions. This brought LSU to a solid 15 seed to end the season. His senior year is when he really broke onto the scene. He started at LSU again, and he put up big numbers. Leading his team to a College Football Playoff selection with a number one overall seed, Burrow threw for an insane 48 touchdowns. This mark is tied for 8th most in a college football regular season, ever (coincidentally, Dwayne Haskins, whom Burrow backed up for in the 2017 season, is tied for 4th on the list with 50 touchdowns in 2018). This monster breakout season gave Burrow 90.7% of all first-place votes for the Heisman, capping off his long and challenging college journey. Burrow looks to be a top pick, if not the number one pick, in the upcoming NFL draft, so it should be interesting to see how his professional career will play out. For now, his undefeated LSU Tigers will face off against the Oklahoma Sooners in the College Football Playoff Semifinal.



The Comeback of Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods' long journey back to the top of the golf world is complete. Earlier this year, Tiger winning the Masters signaled a return from his many injuries that had tremendously slowed his career. Today, he led the American Presidents Cup team to a victory. Tiger, appointed as captain of the team in 2018, was the first captain-player in 25 years. The start of the Cup didn't start out the way they wanted, though. Trailing for the first time in 16 years, the American team ended to mount a comeback. It started with Tiger, who was able to defeat Abraham Ancer, who had previously challenged Tiger a few weeks prior. This set the spark for the American squad, as Patrick Reed, Dustin Johnson, and Tony Finau all delivered wins in their matches against the international competition. The final piece that sealed the win was Matt Kuchar and his short birdie putt, giving the Americans the half point they needed to win. Tiger was a great leader and player during this tournament, with teammate Matt Kuchar saying that he was thrilled to have played with Tiger, "the greatest player ever." This capped off Tiger's comeback year, and it will be exciting to see what 2020 will bring for him.

In The Rulebook

Did you know: According to the United States Golf Association (USGA), a player is not allowed to start a round with more than 14 clubs, and cannot have more than 14 during the round.



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