

# Battling the press

## Houston Cougar quarterback David Klingler adapts to the pressure of being a Heisman Trophy candidate.

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston quarterback David Klingler faces opposing defenses once a week.

The rest of the time he confronts a media blitz that includes conference calls and interview requests. He's been photographed on horseback and sitting in the cockpit of a jet.

Klingler spent part of Tuesday morning catching questions rather than throwing passes in a weekly conference call designed to meet the crush of press interview demands.

Klingler started the season in typical record form Saturday with nine touchdown passes, including an NCAA record six in one quarter, in a 73-3 rout of Louisiana Tech.

Now the 10th-ranked Cougars are preparing for national television appearance Sept. 12 against No. 3 Miami and Klingler is as practiced at fielding questions as he is threading passes through eight defensive backs.

Do you get the feeling you guys are running up the score a little bit?

"Not at all. The way our offense works, when you explode for 45 points in a quarter, that's still only a quarter of play. If you go through the whole season with a couple quarters of play in each game, it will catch up with you."

"Other teams are playing full games. We need some game experience, especially with the young offensive line and our receivers. (Wide receiver) Freddie Gilbert is doing well but he's still making some basic mistakes."

"Those are the things you have to work on in games. You can't really do that in practice but in front of a crowd it's a little harder."

The quote about the Heisman, you referred to it as a doorstop?

"It was taken out of context. The writer asked me if I thought the Eastern Washington game last year hurt my chances of winning the Heisman. I told him whether it did or not, if I had to go throw five

touchdowns (he threw 11) to the Heisman and really not try, it lessens the value of the trophy. What's the trophy mean if you're not giving your best?"

The Cougars beat Eastern Washington 84-21. Klingler passed for 572 yards before leaving the game with 12:41 to play.

"I don't think anyone should tell you you should go out there and lay down and not try to do your best," Klingler said. "All I did in the East Washington game was go out there and play the best I could play and the defense had a good game."

"If that lost me the trophy, so be it. If you don't give your best to win it, it's not worth much."

Do you want to win the Heisman?

"No, I want to win 11 football games. The Heisman is an award that comes out at the end of the season. It's really an individual award and I'm not in football to win individual awards. If I wanted to win individual awards I'd be a tennis player or golfer or something like that."

"I won't win the Heisman without the other 21 guys on offense and defense doing their jobs. If they don't do their jobs, what I do doesn't matter."

Can the run-and-shoot be stopped?

"There are definitely defenses around (to stop it), because it comes back to personnel. If you're getting whipped on the offensive line or getting covered it can be stopped. It's not like waving a magic wand and run it every time."

"If you have lesser talent than the other team, it doesn't matter you should get beat. By no means are we ever going to line up and say, 'If we're clicking today, we should line up and dominate the New York Giants.'"

Did you watch the Cotton Bowl, knowing you would be playing Miami?

"No, I was on a fishing trip. I heard a couple of minutes of the game but I didn't watch it."

# Capriati beats Sabatini

## 15-year old wins 6-3, 7-6 to become youngest semi-finalist in Open history

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, wallop serves more than 100 mph, took a giant step toward becoming the youngest U.S. Open winner in history as she reached the semifinals by toppling defending champion Gabriela Sabatini.

Capriati, at 15 already one of the strongest women in tennis, beat Sabatini for the first time in a full match, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) on Tuesday, overpowering her on serves and groundstrokes, pounding back returns from midcourt and, at critical moments, lobbing with perfection.

"I have come this far, I hope I can go all the way," said Capriati, a year younger than Tracy Austin was when she won in 1979. Capriati is the second-youngest semifinalist in U.S. Open history, three months older than Andrea Jaeger in 1980.

Capriati sneaked in on Sabatini's weak second serves and rocketed them back, or disoriented Sabatini enough with her movement and the noise of her skipping feet to cause double faults.

Capriati did that to break Sabatini in the 11th game of the second set, taking the ball about five feet behind the service line and rapping it back harder than it arrived. Put on the defensive, Sabatini hit a forehand long to fall behind 6-5 with her third broken service of the set and fifth of the match.

Capriati made several errors while suffering a break that put the set into a tiebreaker.

Capriati broke Sabatini's first serve in the tiebreaker, won the first four points and made it 5-1 with a beautiful lob into the corner that Sabatini couldn't touch. At match point, Capriati pulled a new weapon out of her burgeoning arsenal, a backhand volley drop that left Sabatini stunned and out.

"Every time I used to play her before, she'd control me," Capriati said. "She would move me side to side with her heavy topspin. I never used to attack her second serve, but now I went in with a different attitude."

# Johnson starts in Mets' victory over Astros, 6-1

NEW YORK (AP) — Howard Johnson, making his first outfield start since 1986, drove in two runs to help the Mets to a 6-1 victory over the Astros on Tuesday night.

Johnson doubled home a run in the Mets' three-run first and singled in another in a three-run fifth that helped Anthony Young (1-1) to his first major league win.

Young allowed seven hits over the first seven innings, walking none and striking out six. Tim Burke pitched two scoreless innings in relief for the Mets.

Astros starter Mark Portugal (10-7) helped the Mets with a wild throw in the first inning after Keith Miller led off with a walk, and Dave Magadan hit a tap back to

Portugal. Johnson doubled to score Miller from third and Kevin McReynolds doubled two more runs home.

New York made it 6-0 in the fifth on Johnson's RBI single, an RBI single by Mackey Sasser and Kevin Elster's sacrifice fly.

Houston scored in the sixth when Steve Finley doubled, moved to third on a groundout and came home on Jeff Bagwell's grounder to third.

Johnson had appeared in 14 major league games as an outfielder and was shifted to right in part because he leads NL third basemen in errors with 29.

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4 Lamar (H)  
5 North Texas (H)  
12-14 Cal-State Full. Inv. (A)  
18 Stephen F. Austin (H)  
21 UTSA Invitational (H)  
25 Texas-Arlington (H)  
27-28 SWT Bobcat Classic (A)

October

2 Rice (H)  
5 Florida St. (H)  
9 Texas (A)  
12 Houston (H)  
16 Baylor (H)  
23 Texas Tech (A)  
26 Rice (A)  
30 Texas (H)

November

3 LSU (H)  
6 Houston (A)  
8-9 Rhode Island Classic (A)  
13 Baylor (A)  
20 Texas Tech (H)  
23 Cal-State Sacramento (H)  
27 Sam Houston (H)

# Rangers pound Yankees, 6-1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas won its 15th consecutive home game over the Yankees as Jose Guzman pitched a five-hitter Tuesday night and led the Rangers to a 5-1 victory.

The Yankees have not won at Texas since May 4, 1989. The AL record for consecutive home victories over one team is 22, set by the Boston Red Sox against the Philadelphia Athletics in 1945 and 1946.

Guzman (10-5) struck out six and walked three in his third complete game this season.

Texas, which won its third straight, went ahead in the first on a run-scoring single by Mike Stanley. Jose Hernandez hit an RBI double in the fourth, but the Yankees pulled to 2-1 in the fifth when Guzman threw a run-scoring wild pitch with Matt Nokes on third.

Ruben Sierra hit his 20th home run in the fifth.

# Giants

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The important thing for the Giants is that in many ways they carried over the things they did well last year. They played good defense and got the clutch plays from their offense with the game on the line.

To win the NFC title game in January, quarterback Jeff Hostetler — substituting for an injured Phil Simms — had to take New York on a seven-play, 33-yard drive that Bahr capped with a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the game.

"The last drive, we needed to put some points on the board," said Hostetler, who this season beat out Simms for the starting position.

"The defense got us the ball and we wanted to make sure we took advantage of it and got it down within field-goal range. We executed well and it was a good come-from-behind victory."

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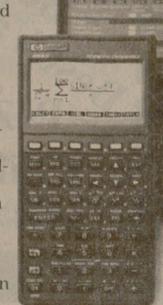
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