

Season returns to Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Boomer Esiason, who staged a one-day walkout after being benched, has changed his mind and the Arizona Cardinals quarterback will suit up Friday for practice. Esiason said today at the team complex that his only regret in leaving was telling a television station the decision to play Kent Graham might have been made in a financial basis. Coach Vince Tobin denied the allegation Wednesday, and Esiason said he was satisfied after several conversations with team president Bill Bidwill Jr., that it wasn't the case. Esiason took back his request to be released from his two-year con-

tract. Tobin said Esiason would be fined for missing practice for two days, but he and Bidwill declined to say how much the fine would be. "I really feel good about everything I've accomplished here, both on the field and off the field, basically until this week," Esiason said. Esiason left the New York Jets in the offseason, agreeing to play for the Cardinals for \$800,000 year for two years, because he owned a home in a golf-course development in nearby Scottsdale. But the contract also included performance incentives that could have yielded him another \$300,000-\$350,000 this season, and he alluded to that in an interview with KPNX-TV of Phoenix.

Hanspard snubbed

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard took the news in stride that he was the first 2,000-yard rusher not even invited to the Heisman Trophy ceremony, which takes place Saturday. Former Texas great and Heisman winner Earl Campbell, however, expressed shock. "I disagree with that, because that kid is unbelievable," Campbell said Wednesday in a Prime Sports Radio interview. Campbell added that he voted Hanspard No. 1 on his ballot. Hanspard, headed to Florida for an ESPN college football awards show Thursday night, said he was unfazed by what many in this part of the country consider a snub. "It doesn't bother me at all,"

Hanspard said. "I've said all along that what's for Byron, Byron will receive. Evidently, it wasn't meant for me to go to New York." Hanspard did collect the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's top running back. Hanspard, the sixth 2,000-yard rusher in NCAA history with 2,084 this season, also is the second to have not won the Heisman. The other is 1996 finalist Troy Davis, who now has rushed for at least 2,000 yards in two straight seasons. Invited along with Davis were quarterbacks Danny Wuerffel of Florida and Jake Plummer of Arizona State, and Ohio State offensive tackle Orlando Pace.

The Battalion's 1996 Staff Picks

The Match-Ups	Tom Day	Kristina Buffin	Jamie Burch	Sara Duesing	Jeremy Furtick	Colby Gaines	Ross Hecox	Matt Mitchell	Dennis Ramirez	Nicki Smith
#19 Miami vs. Virginia	Miami	Miami	Virginia	Miami	Miami	Miami	Virginia	Miami	Miami	Miami
#21 Iowa vs. Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
#5 Colorado vs. #13 Washington	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
Auburn vs. #24 Army	Auburn	Army	Army	Auburn	Auburn	Army	Auburn	Auburn	Army	Auburn
#6 Nebraska vs. #10 Virginia Tech	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
#16 Alabama vs. #15 Michigan	Alabama	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Alabama	Alabama	Michigan	Michigan
#25 W. Virginia vs. #12 N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	W. Virginia	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	W. Virginia	W. Virginia
#9 Tennessee vs. #11 N'western	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	N'western	Tennessee
#5 BYU vs. #14 Kansas State	BYU	BYU	Kansas St.	BYU	Kansas St.	BYU	Kansas St.	BYU	BYU	BYU
#2 Arizona St. vs. #4 Ohio St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Ohio State	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Ohio State
#7 Penn State vs. #20 Texas	Texas	Penn State	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Penn State	Texas	Penn State	Texas
#1 Florida St. vs. #3 Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida	Florida	Florida St.	Florida	Florida	Florida St.
Last Week	7-5	6-6	8-4	7-5	9-3	8-4	4-8	7-5	8-4	6-6
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