

## Battle with the bulge

### Ricky Williams shows up 20 pounds lighter to personal workout

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ricky Williams put on good show for representatives of several NFL teams on Tuesday, and the thing they were most impressed with was his waistline.

With his dreadlocks tied back in pigtails, the Heisman Trophy winner from Texas went through a 2-hour workout at UC San Diego for scouts, coaches and general managers.

He ran three 40-yard dashes, did some agility drills, pass-catching drills and then, with dozens of UC San Diego students looking on, he benched pressed 225 pounds 22 times.

The big moment came when he stepped on the scales. Back in mid-February during the NFL scouting combine, where he did interviews with teams but skipped the drills, he weighed 244 pounds. On Tuesday, he was down to 224.

"I just worked really hard," Williams, who went to high school in San Diego said. "We had to concentrate so much on losing the weight that maybe it took away from speed work, but mean, I think the main thing was getting my weight down."

Williams, the NCAA career rushing leader with 6,279 yards, made an impression with the

two coaches whose teams have the first two picks in the draft April 17-18.

"What he did today was allow a lot of scouts, general managers and head coaches to rest easy tonight," said Chris Palmer of the expansion Cleveland Browns, who holds the first pick.

*"Oh, all sweets... Just sweets. Right now I'm going to a doughnut shop"*

— RICKY WILLIAMS on the hardest thing he gave up for his diet



"The No. 1 thing was that he has dropped the weight," Andy Reid of the Philadelphia Eagles said. "That's always a concern, somebody's up 20 pounds from a normal playing weight. You've just got to (come and) see. We understood that he had been on the banquet circuit. But he lost it and he looked sharp. That

showed me a little something."

Being on the rubber-chicken circuit was tough "only because you're not working out," Williams said. "Eating wasn't that bad, it's just that you're traveling so much that it's really hard to take time to work out."

As for his diet, "I just kind of made up stuff," Williams said. "I got by. It changed almost every day. I had to work extremely hard. It wasn't just strictly diet."

The hardest thing he gave up? "Oh, all sweets. Doughnuts, cheesecake. That's about it. Just sweets. Right now I'm going to a doughnut shop."

Palmer said Williams was timed anywhere from 4.6 seconds to 4.72 running against the wind in the 40 and anywhere from 4.43 to 4.52 in two heats with the wind. Two other college players who were being timed suffered hamstring injuries on the cold and blustery day.

Among those in the crowd of 200 watching the workout were Cleveland general manager Dwight Clark, Indianapolis GM Bill Polian and coach Jim Mora, New Orleans Saints GM Bill Kuharich and Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green.

## Rodman, Electra end 6-month marriage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eccentric basketball rebounding star Dennis Rodman and his actress wife Carmen Electra have called their marriage quits — again.

"Carmen Electra and Dennis Rodman have announced that they have mutually agreed to end their 6-month-old marriage under amicable circumstances," publicist Matt Labov said Tuesday.

Speaking for both, "Divorce papers were filed today in Los Angeles on behalf of Miss Electra, Miss Electra and Mr. Rodman are

and will remain friends."

Rodman, 37, and Electra, 26, were married in Las Vegas on Nov. 14 after what was reported to be an all-night bender. Nine days later, Rodman cried fraud and filed for an annulment, saying he was of unsound mind when he recited his vows.

Electra, whose real name is Tara Patrick, was with Rodman at Planet Hollywood in February when he announced he would be joining the Los Angeles Lakers.

During that news conference,

Rodman said he and his wife were happily married but living in separate homes.

Electra attended several games to watch her husband play.

Then on March 13, Rodman, received permission to leave the Lakers to resolve personal issues. He rejoined the team in Orlando on March 21.

The seven-time rebounding champion, who has helped teams win five NBA championships, insisted the eight-day break had nothing to do with drinking, gambling,

smoking or marital problems.

Rodman later stated it was Electra who encouraged him to return.

Rodman was an instant hit with fans when he joined the team, helping the Lakers win nine straight games.

However, the team has performed erratically since Rodman returned from his leave of absence. One of the lowest points came Saturday night when Rodman was ejected after picking up two technical fouls in the final minutes of an 81-76 loss to visiting Golden State.

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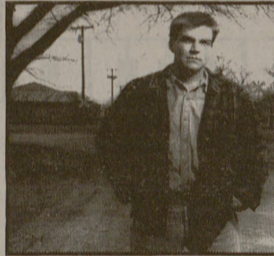
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