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Star running back charged with falsification

Horns and Hogs renew old rivalry

By Rusty Miller THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Sophomore running back Maurice Clarett was charged Tuesday with lying about items stolen from his car, and Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said the school is ready to cut ties with the star back.

Clarett was charged with misdemeanor falsification, city attorney spokesman Scott Varner said. If convicted, Claret would face up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. But probation is likely the harshest sentence a judge would impose, city prosecutor Stephen McIntosh said.

Tressel said he does not expect Claret to return this season to the defending national champion Buckeyes. He would recommend that Claret be released from his scholarship if the request was made by Claret, the coach said.

Clarett has already been suspended indefinitely from the team, and probably will not play for the Buckeyes this season. He is also being investigated by the NCAA.

Tressel was asked if it was time for Claret to move on. "I think that he needs to make, along with his family, whatever decision he thinks is best for him," Tressel said.

If Claret's career at Ohio State is over, the running back's last carry would rank among the most memorable in school history. He scored on a 5-yard run in the second overtime in a 31-24 victory over Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, giving the Buckeyes their first national championship in 34 years.

Alan C. Milstein, the Claret family attorney, said he wasn't surprised by Tressel's comments or the misdemeanor charge. "Nothing Ohio State does surprises me," he said. "I don't think the family recognizes what Ohio State's actions and motivations are, either."

Milstein declined to comment on whether Claret would consider transferring.

If Claret transferred to another Division I-A school, he would have to sit out a year in addition to any suspension or ineligibility handed down by the NCAA. He could transfer to a Division I-AA, II or III and be immediately eligible to play, but any possible penalties would also apply.

NCAA spokeswoman Kay Hawes would not speak about the Claret case, but did say that if a suspended or ineligible player transferred, the athlete's new school would first have to declare him ineligible, and would then seek his reinstatement through the organization.

Ohio State has been working for more than two weeks on a response to "several pages" of allegations sent by the NCAA to the university.

Ohio State Athletic Director Andy Geiger wouldn't comment Tuesday on the progress of the response, and said he didn't know when it would be finished.

Hawes said the NCAA had not received Ohio State's formal response.

Ohio State and the NCAA have been looking into Claret's finances since springtime. Claret acknowledged earlier this summer that he filed an exaggerated theft report after his car was broken into in April. The car, a Chevrolet Monte Carlo, was borrowed from a local dealer.

Claret said he lost more than \$10,000 in items in the theft, including \$800 in cash, \$300 in clothing, hundreds of CDs and thousands of dollars in stereo equipment.

Claret has until Oct. 10 to enter a plea and won't have to appear in court to plead innocent, McIntosh said. If he pleads guilty or no contest, he can be sentenced the same day.

The university does not have a set punishment for athletes charged with misdemeanors, Geiger said. The charge



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Ohio State sophomore running back Maurice Claret leaps over a defender from Texas Tech last year. Claret set school records for rushing and led the Buckeyes to the national title.

will not factor into the length of a suspension the university will recommend to the NCAA, he said.

Unrelated to the suspension, Claret is also being investigated by an Ohio State

panel looking into allegations of academic improprieties involving athletes.

Claret set Ohio State freshman records last season with 1,237 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns.

By Douglas Pills THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK — Texas and Arkansas football players may not be old enough to remember how intense the rivalry between the two schools once was, but they can recognize a "Hook 'Em Horns" hand sign — even turned downward.

So they know what the fans are saying with their hands — and even the occasional coach. Many fans and most of the coaches know how much it means that the two schools will play each other again this year and in 2004.

The players were in grade school when Arkansas left the Southwest Conference in 1991, ending a series that had been played for 60 straight seasons. The last time Arkansas and Texas played each other as ranked teams with an SWC title on the line in 1982, incoming freshmen were two and three years away from being born.

Players from both teams say they're not getting caught up in the hype.

"I know there's not a lot of liking of each other going into the game," said Texas quarterback Chance Mock. "But that's one of the things you can't get too caught up in because emotions take over and you make mistakes."

Emotion has been running high among Arkansas fans as the game with Texas approaches.

The Razorbacks (1-0) tuned out the Texas talk by taking a 28-3 lead at halftime en route to a 45-13 victory over Tulsa last weekend. Since then, Arkansas running back Cedric Cobbs said he's been seeing a lot of

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