

Heisman Favorites

1. Braxton Miller

QB-Ohio State

As expected, Miller performed very well in Urban Meyer's offense in year one. A second year under Coach Meyer will give Miller every opportunity to excel and prove his skills over the course of the season. Even though this may sound absurd, Miller can increase his numbers from last year and also become a better drop back passer. It's going to be a big year for the Scarlet #5!

2. Johnny Manziel

QB-Texas A&M

Someone finally did it! It was only a matter of time before a freshman would take home the Heisman Trophy and last season Manziel was the first to do so. Manziel put up some shocking numbers in 2012, putting Cam Newton's records to shame. Manziel has the best shot at getting back-to-back trophies than any other winner over the past ten years. Johnny Football is the most exciting player in college football.

3. Duke Johnson

RB-Miami

The man can do it all! It's hard to grasp the fact that I have Johnson at #3 but the upside on this Miami sophomore is unreal! Johnson split carries in 2012 with senior Mike James and still managed 947 yards on 139 carries with ten touchdowns. He closed his freshman campaign with 492 yards in his final four games. With the projected success of this year's Miami squad, Johnson would be a big part of that and would have a legitimate shot at a trip to New York.



4. Marcus Mariota

QB-Oregon

Manziel received most of the buzz last year as a redshirt freshman but Mariota was not very far behind. Mariota led the Pac-12 in passer rating and finished the year with 37 total touchdowns. The only question mark is how much will the loss of Chip Kelly hurt Mariota's production?

5. Teddy Bridgewater

QB-Louisville

The number one draft eligible quarterback is set for a star-studded season. Bridgewater put his name on the map after a great Sugar Bowl performance versus Florida. Main target Devante Parker returns and Louisville has a great shot to be undefeated in December, in which we all know helps a Heisman candidate.

6. Jadeveon Clowney

DE-South Carolina

Clowney might be, by far, the most athletic player in college football. But for this defensive juggernaut to win the trophy he must perform well in the biggest games and must make the highlight reel weekly. There's a reason why only one defensive player has ever won the trophy.

7. Todd Gurley

RB-Georgia

Gurley posted stellar numbers in 2012 as a freshman with 17 touchdowns with 1,385 yards. Gurley ended the season strong with 120-plus yards in each of his last two games proving he was one of the best backs in the country. Production won't be an issue in 2013, but getting the carries and yards he needs to win a Heisman may be. If he was the lone runner in the Georgia backfield, he may be #1 on this list.

8. Tajh Boyd

QB-Clemson

Boyd had a spectacular junior campaign throwing for 3,896 yards with 36 touchdowns. Boyd has done wonders in the offense brought to you by Chad Morris and could even see improvement in 2013. Boyd has the capability of surpassing 4,000 yards and inching close to 40 touchdowns. Boyd loses top target DeAndre Hopkins but returns the freshman sensation, Sammy Watkins. With a conference title on the ropes, a trip to New York could very well be in Boyd's future.

9. Brett Hundley

QB-UCLA

Playing sidekick to Manziel and Mariota, Hundley had a stunning redshirt freshman season as well. Hundley threw for 3,740 yards and 29 touchdowns in his first year as the starting quarterback for the Bruins. Hundley also added nine touchdowns on the ground. Hundley is one of the more athletic quarterbacks in the country and should receive much more media attention as UCLA looks to be a threat in the Pac-12 this season.

10. TJ Yeldon

RB-Alabama

Yeldon had a solid freshman season as a backup to Eddie Lacy in 2012. He topped the century mark even with the split carries. With a more primary role as a sophomore, Yeldon should easily get to 1,000 yards and possibly push Mark Ingram's record for most rushing yards in a season in school history. (1,658 yards) But Yeldon may have to split carries again with top recruit Derrick Henry.

11. Ka'Deem Carey

RB-Arizona

He led the nation last season in rushing with 1,929 yards.

12. De'Anthony Thomas

RB-Oregon

He defines the term "all-purpose" but needs more touches.

13. Marqise Lee

WR-Southern Cal

Led the country with 118 receptions in 2012. New QB in 2013.

14. Aaron Murray

QB-Georgia

Most passing yards in SEC history has to mean something.

Other Contenders...

15. Lache Seastrunk *RB-Baylor*

16. AJ McCarron *QB-Alabama*

17. Taylor Martinez *QB-Nebraska*

18. Logan Thomas *QB-Va. Tech*

19. Jordan Lych *QB-N. Illinois*

20. Devin Gardner *QB-Michigan*

21. Blake Bell *QB-Oklahoma*

22. James White *RB-Wisconsin*

23. Sammy Watkins *WR-Clemson*

24. Johnathan Gray *RB-Texas*

25. Jameis Winston *QB-Fla. State*

26. Stefon Diggs *WR-Maryland*