

Heisman Favorites

1. Marcus Mariota

QB-Oregon

Marcus Mariota's 2013 season was as good as it gets before stumbling across a knee injury hurting his Heisman status and Oregon's run at a national championship. Despite the injury, Mariota still topped 4,000 yards of total offense and accounted for 40 touchdowns (59% of Oregon's offense). With a top ten offensive line and a good supporting cast, Mariota will be the king of college football's 2014!

2. Braxton Miller

QB-Ohio State

My 2013 preseason Heisman, Miller improved on his passing numbers and became the fourth player in Big Ten history to win the player of the year twice (goes for record setting three in 2014). Like Mariota, Miller also faced a knee injury limiting his athleticism for a few games. Miller has improved every season and should be in New York in 2014.

3. Jameis Winston

QB-Florida State

Winston ranked 26th in my preseason Heisman list a year ago, but found himself at the top of the list after a 4,057 yard 40 touchdown passing season. Florida State has my number one ranked offensive line and my number eighth ranked receiving unit. With that in the bank, Florida State also has a shot at repeating as national champions, which always increases a player's value. One negative, though, the highest finish for a defending Heisman winner in the following season was third.



4. Brett Hundley

QB-UCLA

Brett Hundley has thrived under Jim Mora, Jr. and is one of the more underrated players in the country. Hundley guided the Bruins to a 10-win season and led the team in rushing. Hundley was one of three players in 2013 to throw for 3,000 yards and run for 700 (Manziel & Mariota). It's hard to believe UCLA has only had one Heisman winner, but Hundley and UCLA's success gives the Bruin faithful a possible second.

5. Nick Marshall

QB-Auburn

Marshall developed into a dynamic player in the middle of the season and his steady improvement helped guide the Tigers to their third SEC championship in ten seasons. Marshall has a strong receiving unit and a great offensive line and is in his second season under Gus Malzahn. Can you imagine what kind of numbers he can put up this season? Sit back and enjoy!



6. Tyler Lockett

WR-Kansas State

Tyler Lockett is one of the most dynamic and dangerous players in college football. Lockett posted a 1,262-yard season with 11 touchdowns. Lockett is also the nation's top kick returner. Lockett nursed a hamstring injury for most of 2013, but should be at 100% in 2014 and that's scary for opposing defenses.

7. Todd Gurley

RB-Georgia

Gurley posted stellar numbers in 2012 as a freshman with 17 touchdowns with 1,385 yards. Gurley had 989 yards in the following season, but battled an ankle injury all season. 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 near the top on this list.

8. Cyler Miles

QB-Washington

The reoccurring theme of the Heisman is a first year starting quarterback taking home the trophy. Cyler Miles will start this season for the Huskies and showed potential in backup duties to Keith Price. Miles was highly touted out of high school and has all the tools to put up Heisman winning numbers in 2014.

9. Melvin Gordon

RB-Wisconsin

Even with a 1,609-rushing season, Gordon didn't get much buzz as he didn't even finish in the top ten in the 2013 Heisman voting results. Gordon had 7.8 yards per carry average and had eight games with over 140 rushing yards. Gordon will run behind a great offensive line and will be the focal point of a Big Ten title contending Wisconsin.

10. Mike Davis

RB-South Carolina

Mike Davis burst onto the scene in 2014 with 1,183 rushing yards and started his year rushing for 100 yards in seven of his first nine games. South Carolina will break in a new starting quarterback, which should help Davis' chances as the SEC's premier running back and a true Heisman contender.

11. Marquise Williams

QB-North Carolina

First-year starter, but has 3,000-1,000 potential (pass/rush yards).

12. Duke Johnson

RB-Miami

He had broken ankle in 2013. Should anchor Miami offense.

13. Stefon Diggs

WR-Southern Cal

If healthy (ACL), he's the best WR in football. All-purpose guy.

14. TJ Yeldon

RB-Alabama

Back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons, but will split more carries this year.

Other Contenders...

15. Christian Hackenberg *QB-Penn St.*

21. Jeremy Langford *RB-Mich. State*

16. Ameer Abdullah *QB-Nebraska*

22. Taysom Hill *QB-BYU*

17. Trevor Knight *QB-Oklahoma*

23. Chuckie Keeton *QB-Utah State*

18. Jesse Scroggins *QB-Arizona*

24. Johnathan Gray *RB-Texas*

19. Jake Waters *QB-Kansas State*

25. Dak Prescott *QB-Miss. State*

20. Karlos Williams *RB-Florida State*

26. Taylor Kelly *QB-Arizona State*