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Randy Johnson delivers a pitch for the Arizona Diamondbacks during a September 2001 game. Johnson, who played for the Yankees the past two seasons, agreed Sunday to a two-year contract with Arizona.

Johnson agrees to deal with Arizona

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Randy Johnson agreed Sunday to a \$26 million, two-year contract with Arizona, leaving only physicals and final approvals to complete his trade from the New York Yankees back to the Diamondbacks.

Johnson most likely will take his physical today, and the trade probably will be finalized Tuesday. Arizona general manager Josh Byrnes confirmed the agreement but otherwise declined comment until after the medical information is reviewed.

New York, which acquired the Big Unit from Arizona two years ago, would receive reliever Luis Vizcaino, minor league right-handers Ross Ohlendorf and Steven Jackson, and minor league shortstop Alberto Gonzalez.

"We're very excited and very happy for Randy. We think it's a win-win for everybody," said Alan Nero, who represents Johnson along with Barry Meister. "It was very complex because there was a lot of legal work: It was the third time the contract has been redone. Other than that, I think it went very smoothly."

Johnson, a 43-year-old left-hander who lives in the Phoenix area, was owed \$16 million this year in the final season of his January 2005 contract with the Yankees, a deal that called for \$1.5 million to be deferred without interest until 2010.

Because of the cash involved, commissioner Bud Selig must approve the trade. The players' association also might want to review the restructuring of his contract.

If the trade goes through, Johnson would join an Arizona starting rotation that includes reigning Cy Young winner Brandon Webb, Livan Hernandez and Doug Davis. In their only other major move in the offseason, the Diamondbacks acquired the left-handed Davis from Milwaukee in a six-player deal that sent catcher Johnny Estrada to the Brewers.

His new deal calls for a \$12 million signing bonus, of which \$3.5 million is payable this year, \$500,000 in 2008 and \$4 million each in 2009 and 2010, a baseball official with knowledge of the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms weren't disclosed in Sunday's announcement. Johnson gets salaries of \$4 million this year and \$10 million in 2008.

As part of the trade, New York would pay \$2 million of Johnson's salary this year. That means Arizona would be responsible for \$24 million: \$5.5 million this year, \$10.5 million in 2008 and \$4 million each in 2009 and 2010.

In addition, the Diamondbacks owe the five-time Cy Young Award winner about \$44 million, including accrued interest, from 2007-12.

FC can't hang on against Engineers

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The Franklin College and Manchester College women's basketball teams entered into their game Saturday afternoon with the same goal: Stay close behind undefeated conference leader Rose-Hulman.

Early on, it looked like Franklin was going to fulfill its goal, but Manchester battled back for a 70-58 win.

The Grizzlies built a 23-17 lead with 7:42 left in the half behind the outside shooting of junior guard Courtney Swain.



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But the Spartans ended the half with a 25-8 run that propelled them to a 41-31 halftime lead.

"I thought we started out with a lot of intensity, but then we lost it," Franklin coach Kim Eiler

said. "Manchester really picked up its defense and became a lot more physical."

"There were a lot of things we didn't do well in those last minutes, defensively, offensively, handling the press, everything. We just didn't respond well to the physicality of the game."

In the first 11 minutes of the second half, the Grizzlies managed to cut the Spartan lead to four, at 48-44.

During that period, both Swain and freshman center Heather Harper contributed four points, while junior forward Kelly Snider scored three.

However, the combination of Franklin's fatigue and Manchester's tenacity helped the Spartans pull away for the final 12-point margin.

"I thought we responded a little better, and it wasn't as physical in the second half," Eiler said. "But when you dig yourself a 10-point hole, it's rough to dig yourself out of it. We lost a lot of energy trying to do that."

Franklin shot only 26 percent in the second half, including only 1 of 6 from behind the 3-point arc.

The Grizzlies were led by Harper's 16 points and eight rebounds. Swain scored 15 points,

and Snider contributed 14 points and six rebounds. Junior forward Jennifer Redicker dished out five assists.

Manchester (8-6 overall, 4-1 conference) was led by senior guard Heather Terflinger's 16 points.

"I think we learned that we can't take a possession off," Eiler said. "We can't play a conference game without forty minutes of intensity. Hopefully, we learned what we need to do correctly for our next game."

Franklin (9-4, 3-2) travels to Transylvania on Wednesday and will host Anderson on Saturday.

Franklin men edge conference foe Manchester by 3 points

Special to the Daily Journal

NORTH MANCHESTER

Junior forward Marty Young shot 9 of 10 from the field and collected a career-high 22 points to help Franklin College edge host Manchester College 62-59 in a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball matchup Saturday afternoon.

It was the host Spartan's fourth

conference loss in a row, dropping them to 1-4 in the HCAC and 9-5 overall. After suffering a disappointing conference loss to College of Mount St. Joseph at home Wednesday, the Grizzlies bounced back and improved to 3-2 in league play and 7-6 in all contests.

When the host Spartans introduced some changes in their game plan, the Grizzlies simply took advantage, Franklin coach

Kerry Prather said.

"Once we discovered they had no one who could guard (Young), we just posted him up on them, and he scored at will," Prather said.

"With all of the things that hurt us defensively on Wednesday, we did much better against Manchester," he added.

After trailing by one point at halftime, Franklin came out of the locker room to lead by as

much as 14 with 13:15 remaining in the game.

A 3-pointer from Manchester guard Wes Gardner helped cap a late run by the Spartans and narrow the Franklin lead to two with 1:02 remaining in the game.

Franklin was able to put together a string of three free throws to seal the game.

Senior guard Luke Tudor collected nine points to complement

Young's solid play with the rest of the scoring distributed evenly throughout the rest of the team. The Grizzlies capitalized on 15 Manchester errors, outscoring the hosts 24-9 off turnovers.

The Spartans had four players in double-digits. Leading the way was junior guard Jamaal Wade with 17 points. Sophomore guard Jim Reed and sophomore forward Jeff Grabowski both recorded 12.

• Bowl

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you have to win them all," said Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, seeking his second national title in his sixth season with the Buckeyes.

But Florida? The Gators (12-1) lived on the edge, navigating a brutal Southeastern Conference schedule by orchestrating several great escapes. Blocked kicks, late rallies and a healthy dose of trickery — Florida used it all. It's enough to make some say good fortune has been the Gators' best friend.

They see it another way. "We don't really believe in destiny," defensive tackle Ray McDonald. "We believe when your number's called you make that play."

Still, Florida needed help to get here.

Southern California's loss to UCLA on the last day of the regular season opened the door for Florida, and a sea change among poll voters allowed the Gators to jump over Michigan in the final BCS standings and into a matchup with the Buckeyes.

Then USC helped out Florida again, pounding the Wolverines in the Rose Bowl last week and removing any questions about whether the winner of Monday's night game at shiny new University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale should be national champion.

Ohio State's won four national titles, the most recent in 2002 when Maurice Clarett and the Buckeyes shocked a powerful Miami team in a double-overtime classic in Arizona. A fifth title would match USC and Miami for the fourth-most in major college football.

But this one would be unique for Ohio State. Only Florida State in 1999 and USC in 2004 have gone from preseason to post-bowls as No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25.

Athletic director Gene Smith challenged the Buckeyes before

the season to set themselves apart by going wire-to-wire as No. 1.

"I've always felt that in great programs you need to find ways to differentiate yourself from history," he said. "What is your mark as a senior class? I just felt that that's just something they should focus on, trying to leave their legacy."

"I got lucky with that." With Troy Smith on their side, the Buckeyes didn't need much luck.

Smith was brilliant in his senior season, throwing for 2,507 yards and 30 touchdowns as the Buckeyes outscored the opposition by 26 per game. He turned the Heisman voting into another rout, winning in a record-breaking landslide.

Of course, Heisman winners have found themselves on the losing end more often than not when playing for a BCS national title. Five have done so since 2000, and only one — USC's Matt Leinart in '04 — has won.

Smith said the Heisman isn't a burden.

"I am not going into this game thinking I am the Heisman Trophy winner so I have to do this," he said. "For everybody out there, I want them to know that I think the Heisman Trophy is a team award. If my team is not undefeated, I am probably not in this kind of situation."

Make no mistake, Ohio State wouldn't be here without Smith, who's 25-2 as a starter and been at his best against the best.

In Ohio State's first two 1-2 games against Texas and Michigan, Smith threw for 585 yards and six touchdowns. And if he needs to run, he can do that, too.

The Gators are underdogs but undaunted.

"We're not afraid of Troy Smith at all," said linebacker Brandon Siler, who leads a defense ranked in the top 10 nationally in yards and points allowed. "He is a great player. He has a great arm and he can run the ball. Don't get it confused, we are not afraid at all."

• Hamilton

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indicated his CAT scans looked good. But microscopic cancer cells remained on the right side of his neck.

"Cancer is an ongoing battle, and once you are diagnosed you always live with the thought of the disease in your body," Hamilton said in an article posted on NASCAR's Web site last month. "It is the worst thing you could ever imagine."

Hamilton, born in Nashville in 1957, drove in all of NASCAR's top three divisions, making 371 starts and winning four times in what is now the Nextel Cup series. He won 10 truck races and one Busch Series race.

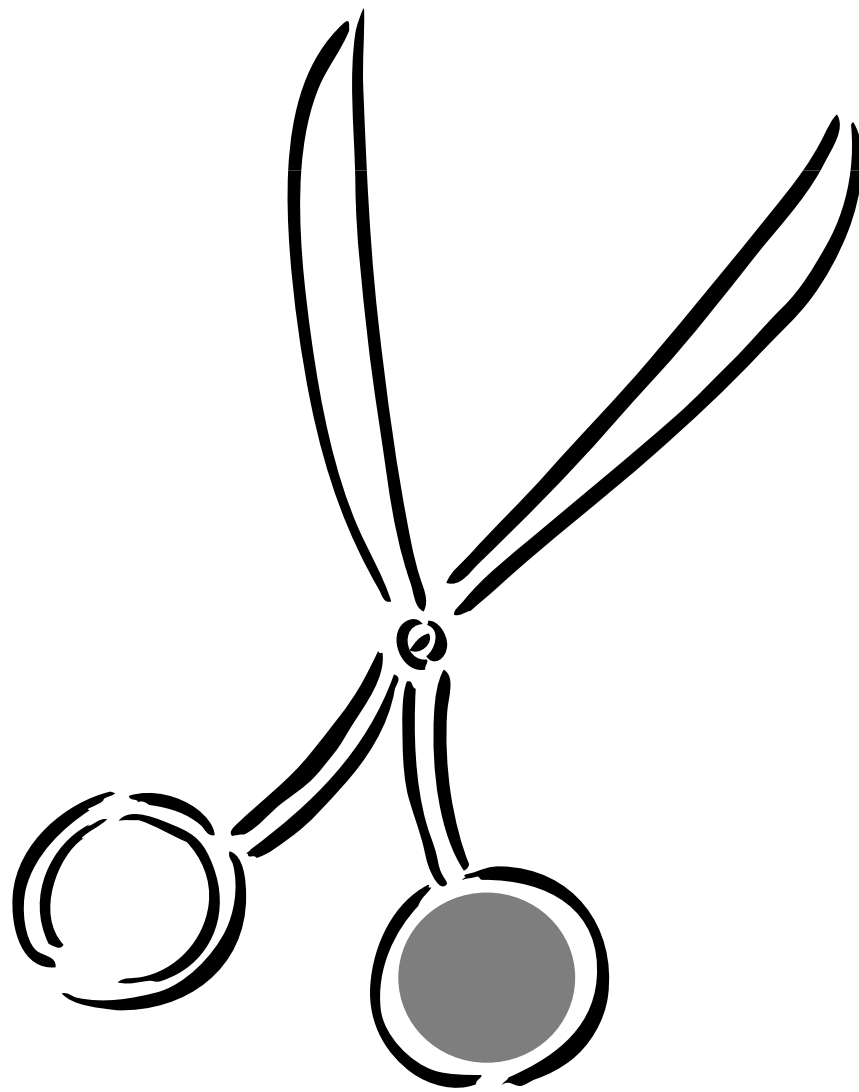
"I love what I do; I love this business," he said in March 2006 when he disclosed that he had cancer. "NASCAR has been good to me, and I just don't feel comfortable when I am not around it."

Hamilton's Nextel Cup wins, in addition to Talladega, came at Phoenix, Rockingham and Martinsville. His best season was in 1996 when he finished ninth in the points standings. He won his first Cup race that year, at Phoenix.

Hamilton drove in the top-level NASCAR series from 1989-05, earning \$14.3 million and racing to 20 top-five finishes.

He became a full-time driver-owner in the truck series in 2003.

Another NASCAR favorite, 1973 Winston Cup champion Benny Parsons, was diagnosed with cancer in his left lung in July. He was checked into intensive care last week at a North Carolina hospital.



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