



THE ROAD AHEAD



AP photo

Buckeyes say they've got a different approach to BCS title game this year

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Right up to the final game of last season, everyone considered Ohio State the best college football team in the land — including the Buckeyes.

My, how one game and one season have changed all that. Just like a year ago, the Buckeyes are No. 1 and headed for the national championship game on Monday night against LSU.

However, this year's team isn't nearly so brash. Nor is anyone making the case it belongs with the greatest

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LSU's Miles is not afraid to take chances, at least not on the field in tonight's game

Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS — Jumping motorcycles over school buses is a risk. So is walking a high wire without a net and, in the journalism world, reporting that the LSU coach has agreed to take the Michigan job.

Les Miles, speaking at media day Saturday in the Louisiana Superdome, said he was not the Evel Knievel of coaches. "I am not a risk taker," Miles insisted. "I stop at lights. I give it gas when I am supposed to."

What about blackjack?

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Road streak continues for Giants

New York has not lost away from home since the season opener in Dallas

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The New York Giants' rousing road show powered through Tampa Bay. Now it heads to the only place where it flopped: Dallas.

The Giants moved to 8-1 away from home with a dominating 24-14 NFC-wild-card playoff victory over Tampa Bay on Sunday. New York has won every road game since falling in its season opener against the Cowboys, and it gets a chance to diminish that blemish in a much bigger matchup next Sunday, with the winner going to the conference title game.

"We love playing there, we love getting down to Dallas," Eli Manning said. "There are no secrets."

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Chargers bolt past playoff brick wall

San Diego beats the Titans to win first postseason game since the 1994 Super Bowl run

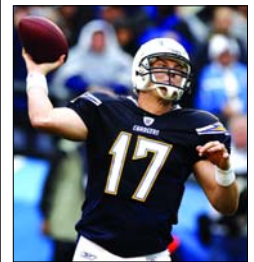
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SAN DIEGO — Well, wouldn't you know it, the San Diego Chargers can win in the playoffs.

Thirteen long years after their last postseason victory, the Chargers finally came to life late in the second half Sunday to beat the Tennessee Titans 17-6 in an AFC wild-card game.

A gloomy, rainy afternoon never looked so good in normally sunny San Diego. Star running back LaDainian Tomlinson was held to 42 yards, but got to celebrate the first playoff victory in three tries in his brilliant seven-year career.

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AP photo

San Diego QB Philip Rivers threw for 292 yards and one touchdown.

Hornets look back at season filled with broken records and a special victory

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LC Field Hockey

The year of 2007 may have just ended, but it won't soon be forgotten by Lynchburg College's field hockey team and coach Enza Steele.

Not only did the Hornets

(19-5) win their 11th Old Dominion Athletic Conference title by defeating Eastern Mennonite 1-0 in the tournament championship game, host

a first round game of the NCAA tournament, which they won 5-0 over Centre College (Ky.), and advance to the Sweet 16 where they fell to Lebanon Valley College 2-1, but Steele passed a major milestone when the Hornets defeated Washington & Lee to earn her 400th career victory.

"That was so awesome," sophomore attack Allie Weir said. "We worked hard for her because she works so hard for us."

This was Steele's 29th season with Lynchburg College and not surprisingly her 400th victory ranked among her favorite moments with

Hornets. "It was really exciting," Steele said. "It was an overtime win over Washington & Lee. They were also the team that I got my 300th win against. Each level gets to be a little more significant as there are fewer to accomplish it."

Steele wasn't always sure

she wanted to stay in Lynchburg. "I thought maybe I'd be here five years," Steele said. "I was looking to move back to New Jersey but a few years turned into several years. I think they finally knew I was here to stay when got my license plate changed."

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