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Putting helps Furyk to lead at the PGA

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PITTSFORD, N.Y. — The final moments Saturday at Oak Hill brought out more emotion as big putts kept falling in the PGA Championship, with one big difference.

These putts were for par. Jim Furyk, after a 3-wood struck so poorly off the 18th tee that he couldn't have reached the green even if he had been in the fairway, worked his way up the 472-yard hole until he had a 15-foot putt from the fringe to keep a one-shot lead. The ball curled into the left corner of the cup, and the 43-year-old emphatically shook his fist.

Adam Scott, whose sweet swing turned sour on the last few holes, was on the verge of letting the lead get another shot away from him when he knocked in a 15-foot putt for par on the 17th hole, bowed his head and pumped his fist.

And then there was Jason Dufner, whose dis-

appointment turned to surprise on the 18th hole when he took a step toward the cup to tap in a missed putt and watched gravity pull it into the hole for a par that put him in the final group.

Perhaps those scenes were a prelude for today, the final round of the final major of the year.

"It's only going to get harder," Furyk said. Oak Hill finally had enough elements for a tough test, and Furyk showed enough of his western Pennsylvania grit for a 2-under 68 and a one-shot lead over Dufner.

Grinding to the end in a swirling wind that cast doubt on so many shots, Furyk closed with two clutch putts — one for birdie to regain the lead, the par putt to keep it — that put him 18 holes away from winning another major 10 years after his U.S. Open title.

There was nothing fancy about the way he worked his way to the top of the leaderboard at 9-under 201, but then, that's rarely the case with

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Jim Furyk hits out of a bunker on the 11th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship on Saturday. Furyk leads by one stroke heading to the final round.

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College offenses running wild

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Offense is out of control. Points have never been more plentiful in college football. If touchdowns could be weighed they'd be measured in tons. And yards? On some Saturdays it seems you could get to the moon and back with all the ground that gets covered.

Quarterbacks are better trained than ever before and their skills more diverse. The days when a QB was a rare commodity if he could run AND pass are long gone.

Offensive coordinators aren't afraid to blend eras and philosophies if it'll get them a first down. A little triple-option here. A little West Coast there. A dash of run-and-shoot for flavor.

"Every Saturday you're seeing all of football history in every game," said Chris B. Brown, the author of "The Essential Smart Football" and the Smart Football blog.

And to top it all off, they're running plays almost as fast as Usain Bolt can run the 100.

Outside of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and a few other spots around the country, defenses have become defenseless.

"In the early '90s, the defenses were ahead and Miami was dominating defensively. Things kind of evolved," said Arizona State coach Todd Graham, a former defensive coordinator. "But I will tell you, the last 10 years, man, it's been steadily, steadily, steadily the offenses having the edge. The game has changed."

How does a defensive coach deal with it?

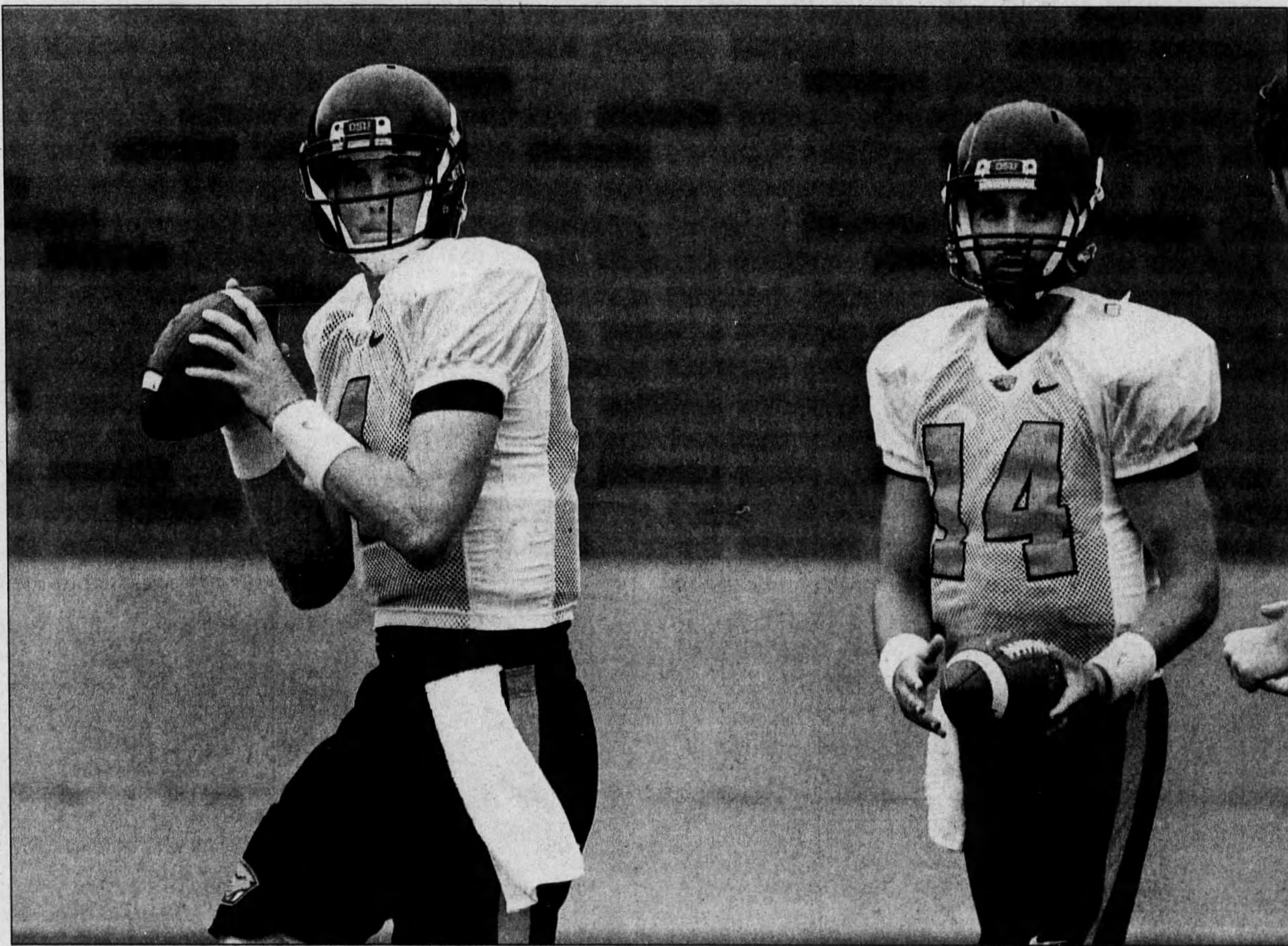
"It's hard," UCLA coach Jim Mora said, his eyes widening and his voice rising. "It's crazy."

Mora, a former NFL defensive coordinator, is one of the many feeling flummoxed.

Defensive innovators haven't been able to counter with Xs and Os. They're hoping a different approach in recruiting might help or possibly doubling down on fundamentals. Something to turn around a trend that's been developing for years.

In 2008, FBS teams averaged 27 points per game and 371.6 yards. Last year, those figures jumped to

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Amanda Cowan/Mid-Valley Sunday

Sean Mannion, left, and Cody Vaz are battling it out to be Oregon State's starting quarterback in 2013. Mannion started eight games in 2012; Vaz five.

Beavers in good hands

Players, coaches feel confident with either Vaz or Mannion getting the start at quarterback

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CORVALLIS — Sooner or later, Mike Riley is going to make his decision.

Riley has not announced who he's going with as the starting quarterback for the Oregon State football team this season.

It's not an easy choice, picking between Sean Mannion and Cody Vaz.

"I think they're both capable guys," cornerback Rashaad Reynolds said. "They're both winners and that was evident from last year."

Mannion started most of 2011 and began the 2012 season as the starter.

He threw for 2,446 yards and 15 touchdowns with 13 interceptions. He struggled with an injured left knee and wound up starting eight games.

In stepped Vaz, who started five times and

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finished with 1,480 yards with 11 scores and three picks.

"They're two very good players that we can win with and they're both great kids," offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said.

"They've really grown up through the years

and it's been really fun to see them mature and get better."

How do they compare?

Mannion is the bigger of the two, standing 6-foot-5 and weighing in at 207 pounds.

"Sean's a big, strong kid that can throw it a mile," Langsdorf said. "He's trying to work on playing a little faster, releasing the ball quicker."

"He's got a great handle on what we do and he's really worked hard on studying and being ultra comfortable with what we're doing. Get us in the right play, check us out of bad plays."

Langsdorf said Vaz — 6-1, 199 — has a quick release and plays at a good pace.

"He gets back, gets the ball out of his hands quick," Langsdorf said. "He's got a nice, strong arm. He's making a lot of good decisions."

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NCAA troubles have critics seeking changes at top

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INDIANAPOLIS — NCAA President Mark Emmert has spent 2 1/2 years trying to push through historic reforms and get tougher on cheaters.

It's only created more problems.

Today, Emmert presides over an organization that is struggling to maintain credibility with the public, is tied up in multiple court cases and is tainted by an embarrassing internal scandal. He has been criticized for his governing style and personality. There

have been questions surrounding the work he did in previous jobs and whether he overstepped his authority in punishing Penn State for the Jerry Sandusky scandal. He drew fire for pinning blame for the debacle in the Miami investigation on enforcement officials and some question whether he should lead the NCAA through its next major overhaul — fixing the governance structure.

Critics contend there is only way to only one way to restore the NCAA's tattered image: Find a new president.

"He should have been gone yesterday, as far as I'm concerned," said Gerald Gurney, Oklahoma's senior associate athletic director for academics and a former compliance director at Maryland. "He's absolutely unable to get anything through the NCAA system. Every time one of his proposals is voted down, that's like a vote of no confidence. If he can't get his ideas across to membership, he ought to leave."

Emmert has ignored the growing calls for his resignation and he

doesn't sound like a man planning to leave any time soon.

In February, the board of directors gave the embattled president an unusual public vote of confidence. A few days later, NCAA executive committee chairwoman Lou Anna Simon, Michigan State's president, offered her personal backing. Emmert took those moves as an endorsement of his agenda, so that's been his primary concern over the last 5 1/2 months.

"I've certainly not considered re-

signing and I've always felt that I had the good, strong support of my board and my executive committee. As long as we continue to make progress on behalf of student-athletes, then I want to be part of that," Emmert told The Associated Press. "Have I done things in ways that were inappropriate or frustrated people by mistakes I have made? Of course. But that doesn't mean that I'm going to stop doing these things. That's not the way I operate."

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## NCAA

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The public perception is that Emmert is in charge of a college sports world spinning out of control while the governing body tries to dig out from one of the bleakest 13-month spans in its history.

There were the salacious scandals at Penn State and Miami, reports of academic fraud at Auburn and North Carolina and now charges that Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel violated NCAA rules by selling autographs. The Miami case was particularly damaging — with the NCAA afloat of its own guidelines in investigating Nevin Shapiro's allegations, many fans started asking if anybody could play by the rules?

Emmert's push for speedy reforms has also been dramatically slowed.

The optional four-year scholarship he supported barely survived an override vote last year. The Emmert-backed \$2,000 stipend did not. An override petition in December 2011 ended the opportunity to give athletes money above and beyond the cost of tuition, room and board, books and fees. Emmert has repeatedly said there would be a new proposal, though none has been offered. The rule-book rewrite hasn't gone as quickly or been quite as far-reaching as hoped, either.

Meanwhile, a group of current and former athletes led by Ed O'Bannon is suing the NCAA for allowing their images and likenesses to be used in a video game. If the athletes win, the amateurism rules policing college sports may never be the same. Another federal lawsuit accuses the NCAA of being lax in establishing clear policies regarding concussions.

Legal observers believe the NCAA could lose either case or both with payouts potentially costing millions.

"I think what the O'Bannon case does is highlight an issue fans have known about for a long time but haven't really focused on. These athletes make a lot of money for their universities and why aren't they getting more of it?" said Michael McCann, director of the Sports and Law Institute at the University of New Hampshire. "I think the concussion case is more threatening to the NCAA than the NFL because the NFL can say the players agreed to it. The NCAA has no union."

The combination has created a perfect, but not unprecedented, storm.

In the 1980s, the NCAA lost control of regular-season college football television rights in court, and while the NCAA eventually won its legal battle against coach Jerry Tarkanian, it still wound up paying him \$2.5 million a decade later to settle a harassment suit. Proposal 48 spurred complaints that minority students would be hit harder because of the new, tougher academic requirements. Sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom faced criminal indictments after signing dozens of athletes to contracts before their college eligibility expired. Basketball programs at Kentucky and North Carolina State were barred from the NCAA tourney because of rules violations and, of course, the SMU football program received the "death penalty."

Some wondered — and still do — whether big schools or conferences will break away from the NCAA. The most powerful conference commissioners have recently been among the most vocal proponents for change.

Emmert, of course, is an easy target because he's the leader of an organization many college fans don't understand and distrust.

But the former University of Washington president hasn't helped himself, either.

Over the past few months, the public has seen Emmert spar with reporters in Atlanta and watched enforcement department officials leave en masse because of what some describe as low morale inside NCAA headquarters. Gurney, who is affiliated with the NCAA-watchdog The Drake Group, complains Emmert is "smug" and "not particularly inclusive" in seeking advice even as NCAA executives open discussions on changing governance rules.

A longer, more detailed debate is expected to take place during the national convention in January.

"It isn't about what I think or anyone thinks, it's about how we can reach a consensus," Simon said. "The commissioners of the big conferences have made their position clear. The challenge is, can we use our current structure to include Division II and III and accommodate some of the

concerns being expressed?"

Jo Potuto, a Nebraska law professor and former infractions committee chairman, said the Division I landscape is now too big to find common ground, making it almost impossible for anyone to govern.

"When you have schools whose entire budget is one-eighth or one-tenth of the budget at the University of Texas, you have too big a discrepancy to get anything done," she said. "Look, they (the big-budget schools) have got advantages that are going to be there, and knitting at the periphery about — how often you recruit someone or how often you make phone calls — doesn't make any difference. They're not going to be able to compete against Ohio State or Alabama."

Potuto contends that the continual problems are more the result of where the college sports world is today rather than a reflection of Emmert's leadership.

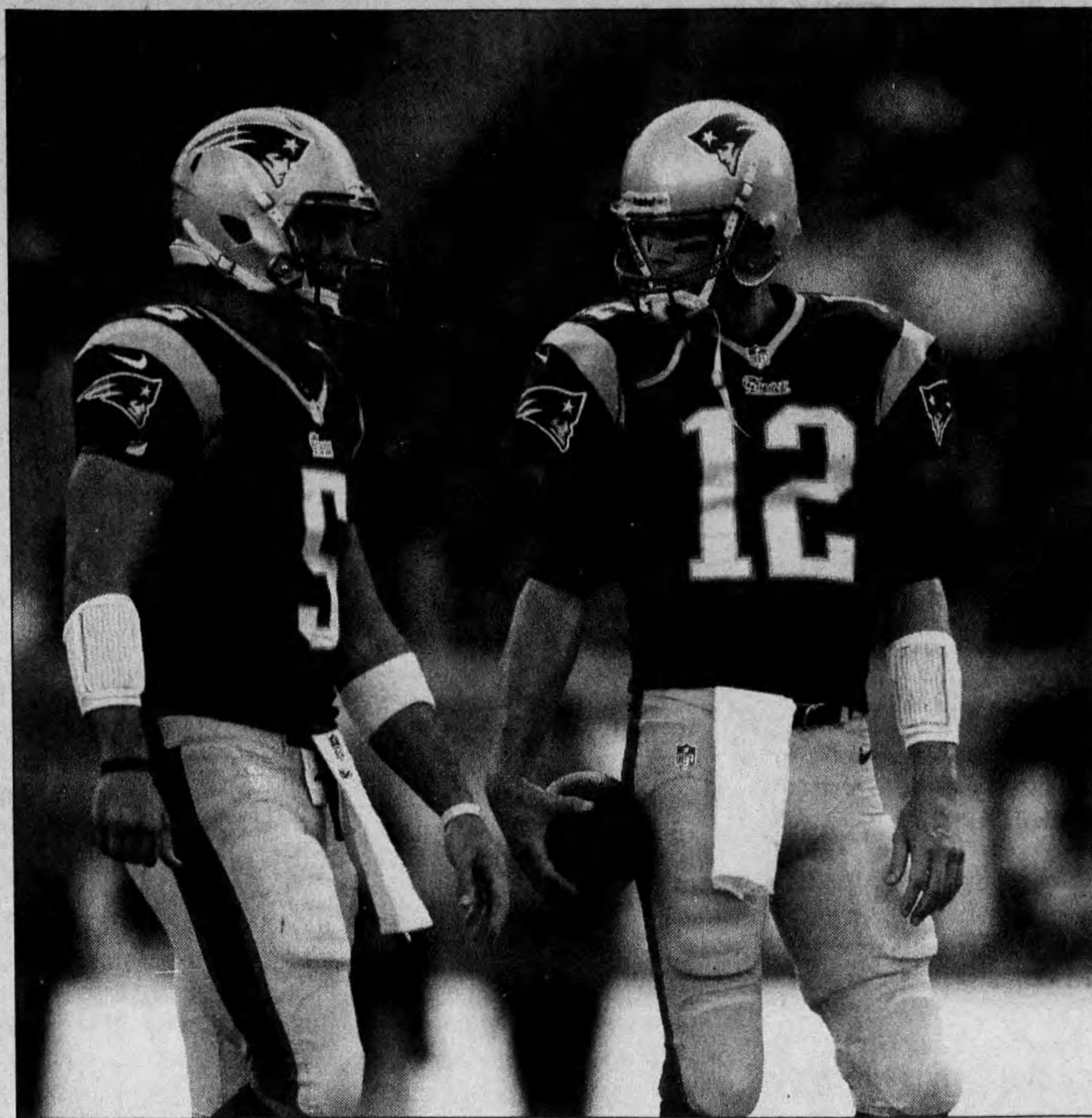
Gurney disagreed and then cited the Penn State sanctions, claiming Emmert misused his executive authority that was intended solely for policy matters.

Traditional NCAA supporters have joined the chorus, too. Though former NCAA vice president David Swank, a law professor at Oklahoma, understands Emmert's desire to act swiftly in the Jerry Sandusky matter, he believes Emmert overreached.

"It was completely outside the rules of the NCAA," Swank said. "The school dropped the ball on a lot of things, but the question of NCAA infractions, there is a procedure to go through and it was not used."

Whatever the complaints, it's increasingly clear they are not going away — and neither is Emmert.

"It's difficult to have everyone maintain their wonderful enthusiasm when they open the paper and there's a constant barrage of criticism," Emmert said. "But let me tell you a story. We came in (Aug. 1), at 7:30 a.m. and all of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) was in town. They lined up and cheered everyone that walked through the door. It's a reminder that we're here to do the work for these kids and that someone out there being critical doesn't really matter."



Matt Rourke/Associated Press

Tim Tebow, left, and Tom Brady get ready for Friday night's preseason game against Philadelphia. Unlike years past, there hasn't been much talk about Tebow now that he is in New England and has very little chance of playing quarterback

## Brady is the star, Tebow the bit player

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AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady walks over to a rookie receiver and, motioning emphatically with his arms, instructs the youngster on some intricacies of the offense.

Then Brady chats with his blockers, showing them some footwork he is using in the pocket they form for him. He takes a running back aside, holds out the football and shows him the exact position it will be in for a handoff.

Tim Tebow watches all of these moments — when he's not off on another field working with the scrubs and the hopefuls. Or he's practicing with the special teams as a punt protector.

The Tom and Tim Show really has no co-star. It's all about Brady with the New England Patriots, just as it has been for a dozen years. Tebow isn't even a sideshow. He's just a guy trying to prove he belongs in the NFL — as a third-string quarterback.

"Every day is a great learning opportunity," Tebow says. "Getting a chance to watch how he operates the offense, the speed in which he does things, the knowledge which he has in this offense and being in it for over a decade, and just a lot of little things about getting people lined up and just the pace in which he plays, very fast, a very quick pace. It's a great learning opportunity for me."

What it's not is a competition, in any way, shape or form. Indeed, Tebow almost certainly isn't in the running for Ryan Mallette's backup job behind Brady.

Doesn't matter how much the fans chant Tebow's name at practices, which they incessantly do. Or how many autographs he signs for his legion of followers, which he loyally does. Or how many extra passes he throws on his own when the training sessions end. This isn't Jets Redux, Tebow vs. Mark Sanchez.

So Tebow gets a few minutes here and there with Brady during practices and they share a few words about formations and release points. More often, Brady is in discussions with an al-

most entirely new group of receivers, from that rookie, second-round pick Aaron Dobson, to veteran Danny Amendola, a newcomer to New England who the Patriots hope emulates Wes Welker as a target from the slot.

Brady generally spends more time talking with Mallette, and they are together for a lot more drills than Brady and Tebow share. When Tebow is included, it's usually because all three QBs are together.

Brady has no reason to feel threatened by Tebow — or any other quarterback, for that matter — and has a comfort level with the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner that only can help Tebow make the squad.

"I've really enjoyed it, he's fun to be around," Brady says, whose words don't ring hollow the way that similar comments did coming from Sanchez and the Jets in 2012, a lost season for Tebow and that team. "He's had a lot of experience and a lot of productivity, so we have good conversation. He loves playing football and those are usually the type of guys that do well."

"He's been on a few different teams. He's run some different style offenses. He's done a good job. He's come in here and Josh (McDaniels) has had some familiarity with him, coaching him in Denver. He's come in and just tried to do the best that he can do."

McDaniels was the head coach in Denver when he drafted Tebow in the first round in 2010. He was long gone from that job when Tebow helped the Broncos turn around their 2011 season, make the playoffs, then beat Pittsburgh in a wild-card game — on Tebow's touchdown pass in overtime.

Having McDaniels in New England as offensive coordinator provides Tebow with a comfort zone. When Tebow spent part of a night-time practice on special teams, McDaniels suggested it was a chance for Tebow "just to go out there and take advantage of the opportunities that he has." Then he added, "He's putting in a lot of time and effort into trying to improve his individual skill set to play

the position of quarterback in our offense."

That's where Brady has been something of a mentor, albeit in meetings and film sessions more so than on the field. Because Brady recognizes Tebow is no threat to him, he can be totally accommodating with words of wisdom.

"I think for the most part it could be a read here and there, but it's also just watching him, seeing how he handles himself, how he operates this offense and how he runs it. There's a lot that I can pick up from him," Tebow says.

Still, they have little in common, which is magnified on the field. Tebow is a left-hander, Brady a righty. Those southpaw tosses tend to sail in many directions, although Tebow has thrown more pinpoint passes this preseason than he did in his entire stay with the Jets.

Brady's practice throws nearly always are on the money.

Although Tebow was a mammoth success in college ball, he's just trying to hang on in the NFL in his fourth pro season. Brady won his second of three Super Bowl rings in his fourth NFL season.

There is one link that is obvious to everyone — teammates, coaches, fans, media.

Their diligence.

"He works hard at everything he does," Brady says of Tebow. "He has a very professional approach and wants to improve."

Adds Tebow: "He's someone that's great to be around because he's been one of the best for a long time, and he's still doing extra. He's still working hard. He still has that edge and that's awesome to be able to see."

Tebow says he and Brady spent plenty of time together in meetings and talk about non-football matters, too. McDaniels is certain that Tebow is filling those conversations with questions.

"I think Tim probably picks everybody's brain," McDaniels said. "I'm not sure exactly the volume of questions that he asks per day, but I'm sure Tom probably puts a strict limit on that."

### Wise Dan wins Fourstardave at Saratoga

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — Reigning Horse of the Year Wise Dan won the \$500,000 Fourstardave Handicap on Saturday at Saratoga Race Course, taking control at mid-stretch and beating King Kreesa by 1 3/4 lengths.

Ridden by John Velazquez and carrying 129 pounds, Wise Dan ran a mile over the turf course in 1:34.

The victory extended the 6-year-old gelding's winning streak to eight races, including the 2012 Breeders' Cup Mile. He's ranked as the world's

leading active thoroughbred. "As I told some of you today, to prove that he's a great horse like everybody's talking about, he had to carry that weight," trainer Charles LoPresti said. "I think he proved that he's a very good horse."

Wise Dan, the prohibitive favorite, paid \$2.80, \$2.20 and \$2.10. He earned \$300,000 for owner Mortoh Fink.

King Kreesa returned \$3.80 and \$2.40, and Lea, third of six, paid \$2.40 to show.

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