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The Associated Press' Top 10 teams				9. Union City	6-1	42	9
in each of Tennessee's six Division I non-financial aid classifications and in			10. Lewis County	6-1	26	10	
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6. Centennial (1)	7-1	81	9	8. Clay County	6-1	56	9
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Commercial Appeal, Memphis.

Tigers

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Two plays later, Malachi Cromwell found paydirt for the final score of the night.

"When you play somebody good, it's a game of inches and a game of plays. Hats off to them (Pearl Cohn), but I'm so, so proud of our kids. I told them no matter what happened this week, we would find out a lot about our football team and we have a lot of fighters on this team," Osteen said.

Indeed the Tigers found out plenty as they stood toe-to-toe with one of the top Class 4A teams in the state.

Braden was the driving force for the Tigers' offense that kept Pearl Cohn's offense on the sideline for much of the game.

that way and we didn't have a good plan for them. This year, we practiced it. You can't simulate it in practice, but we at least had a plan," Osteen said.

That game plan held arguably the top offense in the state to just 14 points through three and a half quarters.

While Thursday night's loss was a ding in what's been a perfect run through 2022 for the Tigers, Marshall County still has a goal of not just making the playoffs, but aiming for home-field advantage in the playoff opener.

"We've got three games left. We still have to win one more to get



AP Photo/Gerald Herbert

Vols guarterback Hendon Hooker has worked his way into the Heisman conversation after a stellar star to the 2022 season.

Young vs. Hooker massive **QB** matchup if it happens

By JOHN ZENOR AP Sports Writer

It could well be among the marquee quarterback matchups of the season: Alabama's Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young vs. Tennessee's own emerging candidate, rising star Hendon Hooker.

Or it could be Jalen Milroe and Hooker instead.

Young's sprained right shoulder was being re-evaluated on Monday, but coach Nick Saban was cautiously optimistic about his status for the third-ranked Crimson Tide's game Saturday at No. 6 Tennessee.

"Hopefully we're going to try to get him ready to play this week, but this is something that, you know, nobody can predict how quickly this is going to give him an opportunity to go out and be able to do what he needs to do," Saban said. "And we'll see as the week progresses, but I don't have an update much more than that."

Young hasn't played since early in the second quarter against Arkansas. Jalen Milroe took over the rest of the way in that Texas A&M that came down to a goal-line stand.

Hooker, meanwhile, has put up Young-like numbers for one of the most prolific offenses in the nation. He has completed 70% of his passes for 1,432 yards and 10 touchdowns without throwing an interception and has passed Young in the midseason Heisman Trophy odds, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

'Hooker has really done a nice job of executing their offense,' Saban said. "He's one of the leading pass efficiency guys in the country as well as has the ability to extend plays and make plays with his feet.'

Young has passed for 1,202 yards, completing 67.2% with 14 touchdowns and three interceptions. The Tide offense hasn't been the same without him, despite Milroe's big-play flashes.

Alabama is just 68th nationally in pass offense while ranking behind only Air Force and Army in running the ball.

Hooker and Young both attended the Manning Academy over the summer.

"Awesome player. Very electric. Love to see him play," Hooker said. "We spent some time game and started in Alabama's at the Manning Academy and mistake-filled, 24-20 win over chopped it up a little bit. Really just had a good time, a genuine to be crazy."

time of enjoying everyone that was there and just having general conversation."

Milroe turned in an uneven performance against the Aggies, losing two fumbles and getting intercepted once against the Aggies. He completed 12 of 19 passes for 111 yards and ran 17 times for another 83.

"I just think Jalen played with a lot of anxiety," Saban said. "I don't think he allowed himself to let his training sort of guide him and trust and believe in it so that he could have success in executing plays. You can't turn the ball over and not execute plays like they're designed."

Tennessee coach Josh Heupel called Milroe "athletic, dynamic with the ball in his hands."

This will be Milroe's first time inside Neyland Stadium, but he's watched enough games on TV to know the environment in this traditional rivalry game will be "crazy."

"I watch football. I'm a huge football fan," Milroe said after the Texas A&M game. "Growing up, I watched college football. I never experienced a Tennessee football game, but I watch football a lot, and I see the atmosphere. And I know it's going

He had 23 carries for 90 yards and a touchdown to lead Marshall County.

"He's a warrior. We've expected that out of him all year. Such a good kid and such a good player. I wanted to win this for the kids, and they're hurting right now, but they should take away a lot of confidence from this game as well," Osteen said.

Teat completed 13of-29 attempts for 122 yards, a touchdown and three interceptions.

In leading up to Thursday night's key region matchup, Osteen said it was tough to simulate the Firebirds' tempo and speed at which they run their offense, but his staff was still able to generate a plan to slow Pearl Cohn down.

"Last year, they went

in the playoffs. We're banged up after this game. We knew how physical it would be. But that's what football is. You get yourself off the ground, dust yourself off and go again next week," Osteen said.

The Tigers will be back in Nashville on Thursday night, traveling to Glencliff, before finishing the season at home against Montgomery Central and Greenbrier.

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Tennessee captain charged with aggravated assault

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee starting safety and captain Jaylen McCollough has been arrested for aggravated felony assault, putting his status for Saturday's game against No. 3 Alabama in question for the sixth-ranked Volunteers.

Coach Josh Heupel said the team learned about McCollough's arrest on Sunday night. The Volunteers (5-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) host Alabama (6-0, 3-0) on Saturday.

"As they gather information, we'll have a conversation based on the facts of it and then go from there," Heupel said.

This is the third arrest for the Vols since mid-August, and the other two players were kicked off the team. Linebacker William Mohan, a Michigan transfer, was arrested on a charge of felony aggravated domestic assault, and offensive lineman Savion Herring was arrested for domestic assault.

McCollough is a four-year starter for Tennessee and is tied for fourth with 23 tackles. He had seven in a 40-13 win over then-No. 25 LSU on Saturday.

The 21-year-old safety was arrested on Sunday. An arrest warrant obtained by Knox News shows police responding around 3:30 p.m. to an apartment complex where they found a man missing teeth with his mouth bloody and swollen.

The man told police he had been drinking with friends and went to get something from his

vehicle. The man says he went to the wrong building, knocked and opened an unlocked door to go inside. The police report says the man realized then he had gone into the wrong apartment, apologized and left.

The man told police he apologized again when someone followed him out and allegedly punched him in the face, causing him to fall down stairs and knocking him unconscious.

Police spoke to a woman who called McCollough back to the scene, and the safety had blood seeping through a bandage on his right hand. McCollough did not answer questions and was arrested, police said.

Brett Favre says he's 'unjustly smeared' in welfare case

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. - Retired NFL quarterback Brett Favre says he is being treated unfairly in news coverage of a Mississippi welfare scandal, including about payments he received to help fund a pet project of his — a volleyball arena at the university he attended and where his daughter was playing the sport.

"I have been unjustly smeared in the media," Favre said in a statement to Fox News Digital, which was published Tuesday. "I have done nothing wrong, and it is past time to set the record straight.

"No one ever told me, and I did not know, that funds designated for welfare recipients were going to the University or me," Favre said. "I tried to help my alma mater USM, a public Mississippi state university, raise funds for a wellness center. My goal was and always will be to improve the athletic facilities at my university."

It is one of the few public statements Favre has made about Mississippi's largestever public corruption case involving the misspending of tens of millions of dollars in welfare money that was intended to help some of the poorest people in one of the poorest states in the U.S.

Favre is not facing criminal charges. He is among more than three dozen people or companies being sued by the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

Mississippi Auditor Shad White, a Republican who has investigated the welfare misspending, took exception with Favre's new statement. White pointed to text messages between Favre and other people about the volleyball arena, recently disclosed in the civil lawsuit.

"Obviously, Mr. Favre knew that he was being paid in government funds, based on the texts," White told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "He knew that those funds were coming from the Department of Human Services. He's obviously acknowledged that he needed to repay those funds, too."

The lawsuit was filed in May and says the defendants "squandered" more than \$20 million from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families anti-poverty program.

Favre has repaid \$1.1 million he received for speaking ▶ See Favre, Page 8B