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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HURRICANES  
THE ROSE GARDEN  
FRIDAY, MARCH 9  
11:30 a.m.

Acconi's office

Welcome to the White House. It's great to see Senators Mack and Graham, as well as Representatives Fascell and Bennett, coach Dennis Erickson and his staff, and of course, the #1 college football team in America, the Miami Hurricanes.!!!

Just last week, I met with the San Francisco 49ers, the NFL's Team of the '80s. Now we've got college football's Team of the Decade. The 'Canes have only lost five football games in the last five years -- a 55-5 record. Your Sugar Bowl win this year marked the University of Miami's seventh straight trip to a New Year's Day Bowl game. And when sportsfans think of college ball over the last ten years, they think of two of the biggest games in college history:

January 1, 1984. Your team started making college football history when you went 10-1 and then upset Nebraska 31-30 in the Orange Bowl -- one of the greatest wins ever.

November 25, 1989. Your titanic struggle with the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame this year resulted in a convincing 27-10 victory over the then-top-ranked defending national champion in the "game of the year."

But with Miami, there's also great memories of great championships. Back in 1984, the Nebraska game at the Orange Bowl brought you your first national title. Then you beat

Fred McIlwain's office

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Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl to win the 1987 national title. Just when the opposition thought The Storm had passed -- you beat the Crimson Tide soundly in this year's Sugar Bowl. Three national titles, three great championship games.

Not only have you played great games, but you have produced some of football's greatest players. Take a look at the Miami dynasty of quarterbacks: Jim Kelly of Buffalo, Bernie Kosar of the Browns, Vinnie Testaverde of Tampa Bay, and Steve Walsh of the Cowboys. No wonder they call it "Quarterback U."

Now the team of the '80s heads for the '90s. With Craig Erickson as quarterback, your passing game is taking full flight. ((In fact, some people say when Craig Erickson throws the ball, anything that flies that far should be showing an inflight movie and serving a meal.\\)) ((And now they say that the Hurricanes are the Federal Express of college ball -- give the ball to Craig Erickson when it absolutely, positively has to get there.))

But behind the "Erickson Express" offense, is the #1 ranked defense in the country -- led by All American defensive linemen Greg Mark and Cortez Kennedy. ((I hear it's easier to get a tax cut through Congress than a ball carrier through that defense.))

And the man behind it all is right here. Coach Dennis Erickson. \\ It was your rookie year as Miami's coach, yet you made them National Champs. Coaching's never easy, but that first year is always the toughest. You did a great job.

Congratulations to all of you. In the best American tradition, the Hurricanes have shown that they won't settle for second best. Thank you, God bless you and God bless America.

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Players :

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- Cortez Kennedy
- Bernard Clark
- \* Michael Irving - WR Cowboys
- \* Michael Sherrard - WR Cowboys - 49ers  
49ers last week

} Current Players

Rookie Coach : Erickson from Washington St.  
Brought in his own coaching staff  
Incorporated all new ideas, style.

Chris Klug  
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Date of ND game 1988  
10:30 AM



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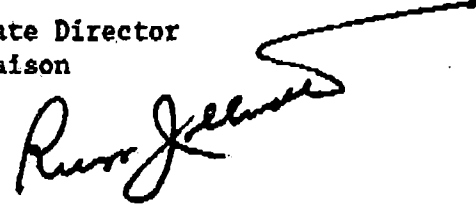


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It was a season that began with a tone of uncertainty. Any major coaching change will bring an abundance of those who second-guess the coaching staff. The new one-back look on offense proved explosive, while also serving as the focal point of criticism when it wasn't constantly scoring points. In the face of his doubters and critics, Erickson reminded UM fans that it would take time for all of the players to become comfortable in the new system.

Erickson's patience and perseverance inspired UM wins over Wisconsin (51-3), California (31-3), and Missouri (38-7) in season opening games that provided modest challenges. The Miami defense had undergone

was already performing with confidence and intensity. The defensive line was producing at a level that earned the unit praise as the nation's very best, with All-Americans Greg Mark, Cortez Kennedy and Russell Maryland providing the bulk of the damage.

Near midseason, and just as the "Air Erickson" offense was taking full flight, UM quarterback Craig Erickson was lost for three and a half games with a broken knuckle on his (right) throwing hand. Enter back-up QB Gino Torretta who rallied the 'Canes to a 26-20 win at Michigan State before going on to break the all-time UM single game passing mark (468 yards) against San Jose State two weeks later.

While cruising along with a 6-0 record and a No. 2 national ranking, Miami fell victim to the Florida State Seminoles for the first time since 1984, dropping a 24-10 decision in Tallahassee. An inspired FSU squad dealt Miami a critical blow that all but seemed to eliminate the 'Canes from national championship contention.

On the surface, the 'Canes appeared to be down and out, but within the confines of the UM locker room and practice field, the fever was starting to brew. It was a feeling borne of the disappointment from the FSU loss. It was a storm that was rapidly gaining power with wins over East Carolina, Pittsburgh and San Diego State, and it had gale force winds that were headed straight toward a November 25th matchup with top-ranked Notre Dame

to see what Miami Football was all about. In a regular season finale, the national championship was decided, as a healthy Craig Erickson passed the Hurricanes to a 27-10 win on the strength of fine receiving efforts by Dale Dawkins (two TD receptions) and Randal Hill.

The UM defense closed out the season ranked No. 1 nationally in both scoring defense (9.3 points per game) and total yards allowed (216.5 yards per game). With its impressive win over the Irish, Miami regained its No. 2 national ranking, and headed only a win over No. 7 Alabama in the Sugar Bowl—along with a Notre Dame victory over top ranked Colorado in the Orange Bowl—to claim a third national championship in the decade of the 80s.

When the story is recalled, for years to come, about how the '89 UM championship season was played out, the names that will be mentioned most often are those of Bernard Clark, the inspirational team leader and middle linebacker; Greg Mark, the first team All American defensive end; Craig Erickson, the multi-talented quarterback who overcame physical adversity to become the Sugar Bowl MVP; and Wesley Carroll, a tremendously gifted wide receiver who turned heads with his variety of offensive talents. There are several more players who performed critical roles, and that is why this title will always remain a team championship—the product of several individuals working unselfishly

toward one goal.

The man who orchestrated this successful symphony is as unassuming in character and nature as his team was talented and determined. Dennis Erickson has become one of the youngest men to ever guide a team to a national title in the major college ranks, and he accomplished the feat with a great deal of class and the common touch.

It all happened quickly, and it's rather hard to believe. But Sam Jankovich and everyone involved in the Hurricane program have come to expect miracles at the University of Miami.



Wide receiver Dale Dawkins celebrates with jubilant fans after the win at New Orleans on January 1.

## Join The Championship Team

by Ariane Adams  
Assistant Sports Information Director

"Hurricane football is not a team or a program. It's a feeling and an attitude. It is a state of mind that is shared by a small handful of athletes, coaches, and administrators — and thousands of friends, fans, and supporters throughout the community," says Coach Dennis Erickson. "And this championship, just as those in 1983 and 1987, are the result of an outstanding effort by our players, coaches, support staff, administration, boosters and fans."

The 1980s have been an exciting and most gratifying time at the University of Miami and its athletic department. The success of the program is due in large part to the generous contributions received through the efforts of the Annual Scholarship Fund Drive and Hurricane Club members.

Those who have contributed

refreshments and snacks

- Media guides
- Away game travel
- Post game VIP events in pressbox at the Orange Bowl
- "Eye of the Hurricane" newsletter

An association with the Hurricanes in the decades ahead means an investment in the future of the University of Miami and its student-athletes.

The 1990 Annual Scholarship Fund Drive begins this month with a cash goal of \$3 million. With the assistance of Hurricane supporters, coaches, and staff members there is hope to achieve as much success in fund raising as on the playing field. Last year's fund drive increased Hurricane Club membership by 36% to nearly 4,000 members who pledged \$2,361,910 in cash.

Hurricane supporters are urged to become involved in this year's fund drive by contacting the Development Office at (305)



undergone no changes and

in the Orange Bowl.

That titanic battle with the Fighting Irish was a national showcase for the world of college football

*Junior Craig Erickson, in his first year as the starting QB, won the MVP award for his Super Bowl performance.*

to the program have shared in its success in a variety of ways. Hurricane Club members, who provide the resources for scholarships and programs for the student-athletes, are offered many benefits. Depending on donation level these may include:

- Priority in purchase of tickets for athletic events
- Priority to purchase football and basketball parking
- End zone pre- and post-game parties with complimentary

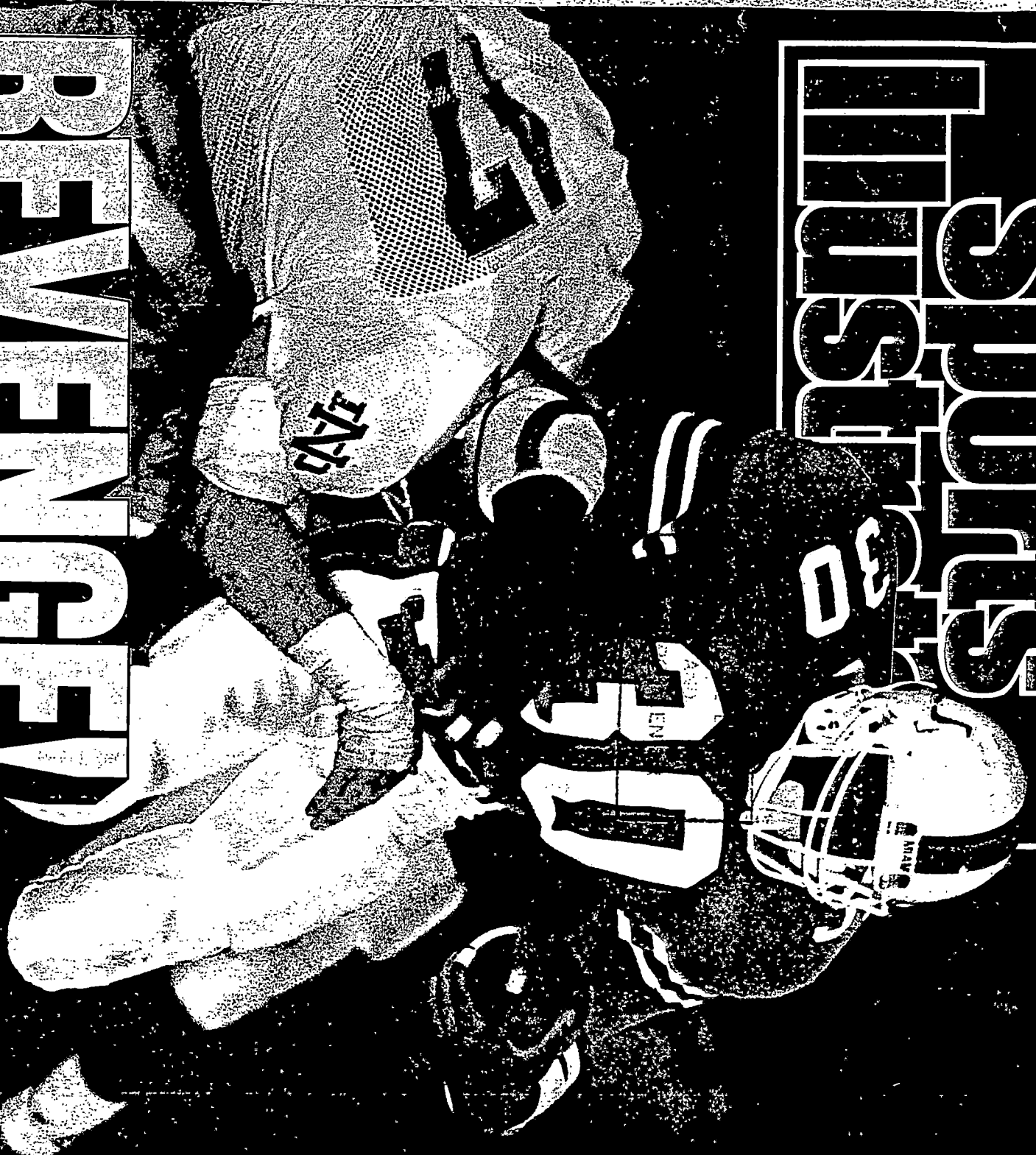
the Development Office at (305) 284-2491 (See Fund Drive Leaders, page 3 and Fund Drive Calendar, page 4).

"Intercollegiate athletics is extremely important to our South Florida community and our society. We provide many young people with an opportunity to obtain an education, and along with that education, the values of life," says Athletic Director Sam Jankovich.

"In order to continue our progress in the athletic depart-

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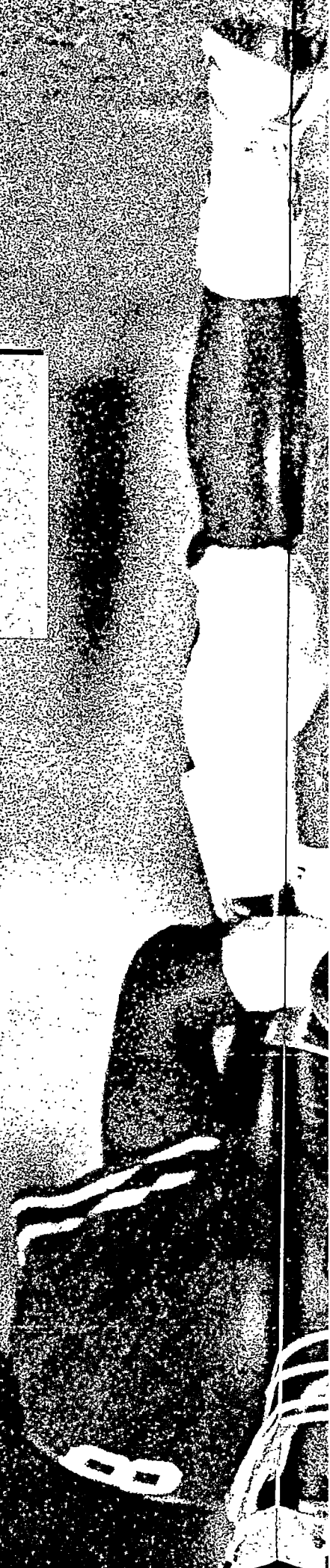
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STEVE MCGUIRE AND MIAMI  
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*Maurice Grum (49) and his teammates flattened Tony Rice and ended Noye Dunn's 23-game winning streak*

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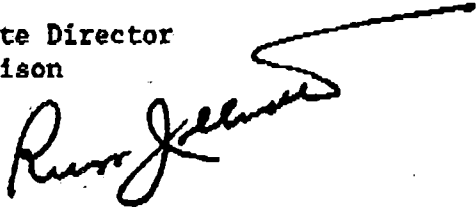


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It was a season that began with a tone of uncertainty. Any major coaching change will bring an abundance of those who second-guess the coaching staff. The new one-back look on offense proved explosive, while also serving as the focal point of criticism when it wasn't constantly scoring points. In the face of his doubters and critics, Erickson reminded UM fans that it would take time for all of the players to become comfortable in the new system.

Erickson's patience and perseverance inspired UM wins over Wisconsin (51-3), California (31-3), and Missouri (38-7) in season opening games that provided modest challenges. The Miami defense had undertaken

was already performing with confidence and intensity. The defensive line was producing at a level that earned the unit praise as the nation's very best, with All-Americans Greg Mark, Cortez Kennedy and Russell Maryland providing the bulk of the damage.

Near midseason, and just as the "Air Erickson" offense was taking full flight, UM quarterback Craig Erickson was lost for three and a half games with a broken knuckle on his (right) throwing hand. Enter back-up QB Gino Torretta who rallied the 'Canes to a 26-20 win at Michigan State before going on to break the all-time UM single game passing mark (468 yards) against San Jose State two weeks later.

While cruising along with a 6-0 record and a No. 2 national ranking, Miami fell victim to the Florida State Seminoles for the first time since 1984, dropping a 24-10 decision in Tallahassee. An inspired FSU squad dealt Miami a critical blow that all but seemed to eliminate the 'Canes from national championship contention.

On the surface, the 'Canes appeared to be down and out, but within the confines of the UM locker room and practice field, the fever was starting to brew. It was a feeling borne of the disappointment from the FSU loss. It was a storm that was rapidly gaining power with wins over East Carolina, Pittsburgh and San Diego State, and it had gale force winds that were headed straight toward a November 25th matchup with top-ranked Notre Dame

to see what Miami Football was all about. In a regular season finale, the national championship was decided, as a healthy Craig Erickson passed the Hurricanes to a 27-10 win on the strength of fine receiving efforts by Dale Dawkins (two TD receptions) and Randal Hill.

The UM defense closed out the season ranked No. 1 nationally in both scoring defense (9.3 points per game) and total yards allowed (216.5 yards per game). With its impressive win over the Irish, Miami regained its No. 2 national ranking, and needed only a win over No. 7 Alabama in the Sugar Bowl—along with a Notre Dame victory over top ranked Colorado in the Orange Bowl—to claim a third national championship in the decade of the 80s.

When the story is recalled, for years to come, about how the '89 UM championship season was played out, the names that will be mentioned most often are those of Bernard Clark, the inspirational team leader and middle linebacker; Greg Mark, the first team All American defensive end; Craig Erickson, the multi-talented quarterback who overcame physical adversity to become the Sugar Bowl MVP; and Wesley Carroll, a tremendously gifted wide receiver who turned heads with his variety of offensive talents. There are several more players who performed critical roles, and that is why this title will always remain a team championship—the product of several individuals working unselfishly

toward one goal.

The man who orchestrated this successful symphony is as unassuming in character and nature as his team was talented and determined. Dennis Erickson has become one of the youngest men to ever guide a team to a national title in the major college ranks, and he accomplished the feat with a great deal of class and the common touch.

It all happened quickly, and it's rather hard to believe. But Sam Jankovich and everyone involved in the Hurricane program have come to expect miracles at the University of Miami.



Wide receiver Dale Dawkins celebrates with jubilant fans after the win at New Orleans on January 1.

## Join The Championship Team

by Ariane Adams  
Assistant Sports Information Director

"Hurricane football is not a team or a program. It's a feeling and an attitude. It is a state of mind that is shared by a small handful of athletes, coaches, and administrators—and thousands of friends, fans, and supporters throughout the community," says Coach Dennis Erickson. "And this championship, just as those in 1983 and 1987, are the result of an outstanding effort by our players, coaches, support staff, administration, boosters and fans."

The 1990s have been an exciting and most gratifying time at the University of Miami and its athletic department. The success of the program is due in large part to the generous contributions received through the efforts of the Annual Scholarship Fund Drive and Hurricane Club members.

Those who have contributed

- refreshments and snacks
  - Media guides
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  - "Eye of the Hurricane" newsletter
- An association with the Hurricanes in the decades ahead means an investment in the future of the University of Miami and its student-athletes.
- The 1990 Annual Scholarship Fund Drive begins this month with a cash goal of \$3 million. With the assistance of Hurricane supporters, coaches, and staff members there is hope to achieve as much success in fund raising as on the playing field. Last year's fund drive increased Hurricane Club membership by 36% to nearly 4,000 members who pledged \$2,381,910 in cash.
- Hurricane supporters are urged to become involved in this year's fund drive by contacting the Development Office at (305)



changes and

in the Orange Bowl.

That titanic battle with the Fighting Irish was a national showcase for the world of college football

*Junior Craig Erickson, in his first year as the starting QB, won the MVP award for his Sugar Bowl performance.*

to the program have shared in its success in a variety of ways. Hurricane Club members, who provide the resources for scholarships and programs for the student-athletes, are offered many benefits. Depending on donation level these may include:

- Priority in purchase of tickets for athletic events
- Priority to purchase football and basketball parking
- End zone pre- and post-game parties with complimentary

284-2491 (See Fund Drive Leaders, page 3 and Fund Drive Calendar, page 4).

"Intercollegiate athletics is extremely important to our South Florida community and our society. We provide many young people with an opportunity to obtain an education, and along with that education, the values of life," says Athletic Director Sam Jankovich.

"In order to continue our progress in the athletic depart-

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By thrashing Alabama in the Sugar Bowl, the Hurricanes not only won the national crown but proved they are the team of the decade as well

BYLINE: BY WILLIAM F. REED

BODY:

GO AHEAD, MIAMI. GET RIGHT UP THERE in college football's face and waggle your index fingers, talk your trash and do your silly little dances. Laugh and point at Notre Dame and Colorado and all the others. Poke fun even at Florida State, if you want. Sure, the Seminoles were the only team to beat you in this, your third national championship season of the 1980s, but any team that lets Southern Mississippi knock it out of title contention deserves what it gets -- or, to be more precise, doesn't get. So brag and strut, Hurricanes. You are, most deservedly, No. 1.

At the end of their 33-25 thrashing of Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on Monday night, the Miami players hoisted their first-year coach, Dennis Erickson, onto their shoulders and carried him to midfield and then moved toward the stands to join the celebration of Hurricane fans, who were a tiny minority in the Louisiana Superdome crowd of 77,452. But these festivities were merely a continuation of others that had begun much earlier. With almost 11 minutes remaining in the final quarter, the news from the Orange Bowl -- that Notre Dame had beaten previously undefeated Colorado 21-6 (page 16) -- reached the Miami bench, touching off a frenzy of helmet-waving, arm-thrusting and all-around 'Cane-raising.

So why does Miami deserve to posture, while 12-1 Notre Dame and 11-1 Colorado don't? Well, first, in that 24-10 loss to Florida State in Tallahassee on Oct. 28, the Hurricanes were without quarterback Craig Erickson, who was nursing a broken index finger on his throwing hand. Erickson, who was named the Sugar Bowl MVP for completing 17 of 27 passes for 250 yards and three touchdowns, would have made a sizable difference against the Seminoles.

Second, when the defending national champion Fighting Irish brought their unbeaten, top-ranked team to Miami on Nov. 25, the Hurricanes clobbered Notre Dame 27-10. And finally, Colorado demonstrated in the Orange Bowl that it was lucky to be playing in a league, the Big Eight, that simply is not what it used to be. (Check Nebraska's 41-17 loss to Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl for further proof of that assertion.)

If any team among the pretenders to the throne has cause for remorse, it is Florida State, which didn't begin playing up to its potential until after losing its first two games, to Southern Miss and Clemson. The Seminoles' 34-23 loss to perennial national power Clemson would have been forgivable, but their 30-26 defeat by the lowly Golden Eagles was such a blow that not even 10 straight

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wins were enough to give them a chance in the polls.

"I think we are the best," said coach Erickson after the Sugar Bowl. "These last two football games, against Notre Dame and Alabama, have been our best. Our coaching staff and players truly deserved to win the game, and they truly deserve the national championship."

Both Ericksons, who are not related, are actually only replacement parts in college football's most dominant program of the past decade. In 1979, Miami was drawing around 12,000 for home games in the Orange Bowl, leading university officials to consider a drop to Division I-AA, and the Hurricanes had been through six head coaches during the previous 10 years. But along came Howard Schnellenberger, who turned Miami around by recruiting in-state talent that used to be grabbed by Florida and Florida State. By '83 the Hurricanes were good enough to go 10-1 and upset Nebraska 31-30 in the Orange Bowl for their first national title. 1983

When Schnellenberger left for the United States Football League, Jimmy Johnson went to Miami from Oklahoma State and built on the foundation that Schnellenberger had laid. The Hurricanes lost the 1986 title when Penn State upset them in the Fiesta Bowl, but the next year they beat Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl to cap a 12-0 season and claim title number two. Last year, only a 31-30 loss to Notre Dame in South Bend marred an otherwise perfect season for Miami, which finished second in the polls for the second time in the decade. 1987

When Johnson left last February to take over as coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Erickson was hired away from Washington State, and he did little more than tinker with success. He inserted more short passes into the Hurricane playbook, but the Miami players remained their cocky, taunting, obnoxious selves during games. The baiting and bullying, unsavory though it may be, obviously works to buoy the Hurricanes up and distract opponents.

"I don't think a lot of people like Miami because of our success in the '80s," said free safety Charles Pharms before the game. "We are sort of like the Raiders. I am not going to say we are going to make a runaway of the game, but if we play like we did against Notre Dame, we should win without too much trouble."

If that sounds as if the Hurricanes were less than impressed by Alabama -- well, they were. That attitude, as much as anything, was the reason why Miami led by only 20-17 at halftime. In fact, the score should have been 20-20. With only 37 seconds left in the second quarter, Erickson foolishly tried to throw a 20-yard pass from his own 27-yard line. The ensuing interception by Alabama defensive back Lee Ozmint set up a 40-yard field goal attempt by Philip Doyle with seven seconds remaining. Fortunately for Miami, the boot was wide to the left.

In the locker room the Hurricanes were angry with themselves. Homer Smith, the Alabama offensive coordinator, had devised a game plan that had Gary Hollingsworth, the Tide's string bean of a quarterback, throwing short passes out of the shotgun formation. Controlling the ball and working patiently, Alabama had been able to score more first-half points against Miami's best-in-the-nation defense than any other team had all season. Of course, 10 of the Tide's points had resulted from Hurricane mistakes in the kicking game: a 'Bama punt that was fielded at the Miami six-yard line instead of being

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allowed to go into the end zone -- it put the Hurricanes into a deep hole and gave the Crimson Tide excellent field position on its next possession -- and a fumbled punt that Alabama turned into a field goal. "The guys on defense got on each other at halftime," said Pharms. "We were cursing at each other, saying things like, 'Hey, you ain't doin' the job.' The offense was really carrying us."

Indeed, the Miami offense, which had improved steadily since quarterback Erickson's return to action on Nov. 4, came up with what coach Erickson called its "best all-around game of the season." Never mind that during two of their touchdown drives, the first and last, the Hurricanes were aided by the officials, who twice negated fumbles lost by Miami by ruling that the ball was dead before it was mishandled. Otherwise, the Hurricanes earned everything they got, mostly by befuddling Alabama's defense with a mixture of runs and play-action passes.

After the chastened Miami defense had stopped Alabama cold on its first two possessions of the second half, the Hurricanes took a 26-17 lead by putting together a 10-play, 67-yard drive that culminated when Erickson, who wasn't able to call many audibles because of the crowd noise, stifled a loud "Rooolll, Tide" by drilling an 11-yard touchdown pass to tight end Rob Chudzinski over the middle.

The Tide punted on its next possession but got the ball back on a fumble recovery -- only to give it back to Miami when Hollingsworth overthrew Prince Wimbley and Pharms intercepted on the Miami 12. That set up an 11-play, 88-yard drive that ended when Erickson connected with another tight end, Randy Bethel, who caught the ball at the one and took it into the corner of the end zone, where he proceeded to taunt Alabama fans sitting in the front rows.

Right after Chudzinski's touchdown, Miami received the news of Notre Dame's victory. With the title all but sewn up, it hardly mattered that the Hurricanes surrendered a meaningless touchdown on a nine-yard pass from Hollingsworth to Wimbley with 2:53 remaining to play. Earlier in the game, after Wimbley had done a Miami-style dance to celebrate a routine catch, Crimson Tide coach Bill Curry pulled him from the game and, while yanking him by his face mask, told him in no uncertain terms that such shenanigans would not be tolerated at Alabama.

Give Curry credit for having a lot of class, but give Miami credit for having a team that's as long on talent as it is short on manners. So, go ahead, Miami. Gloat until next fall, if you must. You earned this championship, just as you earned the right to claim the 1980s as the decade in which you joined, and then surpassed, the nation's elite. Said Hill, "Other coaches try to suppress and oppress, but our coaches let us have fun. We might be showboats, but we also get the job done."

GRAPHIC: Picture 1, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT 1. MIAMI 2. NOTRE DAME 3. FLORIDA STATE 4. SOUTHERN CAL. 5. COLORADO HURRICANE QB CRAIG ERICKSON descColor cover., COVER PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD MACKSON; Picture 2, Chudzinski made 'Bama pay for not worrying about him. descColor: Rob Chudzinski., RICHARD MACKSON; Picture 3, Alex Johnson and his running mates rolled through the Crimson Tide at 4.5 yards a clip. descColor., RICHARD MACKSON; Picture 4, Erickson didn't tamper too much. descColor: Dennis Erickson, others., RICHARD MACKSON; Picture 5, Johnson got a lift from guard Darren Handy, after scoring to put Miami in front 20-10.

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# “I’d say, ‘We’ve got to stop them on this play,’ and they’d get another first down.”

BY AUSTIN MURPHY

**S**AY WHAT YOU WILL ABOUT MIAMI’S sack dances, touchdown shimmies and interception bumps and grinds—you really couldn’t fault the Hurricanes for strutting last Saturday night. It was payback time in college football’s nastiest, most sublime rivalry, and when it was over, the Hurricanes had ended Notre Dame’s winning streak at 23 games while putting themselves back into contention for the national championship (page 75) a month after their only loss of the season, to Florida State. Miami all but shut down the Irish’s vaunted option attack—as well as quarterback Tony Rice’s Heisman Trophy dreams—in the 27–10 victory, and most of the Hurricanes stayed on the Orange Bowl field, basking in the crowd’s adulation and savoring this delicious twist of fortune.

Last year Miami went to South Bend ranked No. 1 and left with a 31–30 defeat. It was their only loss of the season, and it deprived the Hurricanes of a second straight national championship.

Notre Dame claimed the title by sweeping its regular-season opponents and easily defeating West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. Last Saturday, in the humid night air, the Hurricanes got to spoil Notre Dame’s hopes of winning back-to-back titles. “This one is sweet,” said Miami safety Hurlie Brown. “We waited so long for revenge.”

On the game’s very first play, Rice gained 12 yards up the middle, but that would be his longest run of the evening. Even so, the Irish were not broken until the Hurricanes received the second-half kickoff with a 17–10 lead and began the Drive, a remarkable 11-minute odyssey, to their third touchdown. The Drive lasted 22 plays, but should have stalled after eight. Following a Miami penalty, the Hurricanes had a first-and-25 on their own 26-yard line when Irish defensive end Eric Jones dropped quarterback Craig Erickson for a 12-yard loss and stripped him of the ball in the process. Coming from the other side, defensive end Devon McDonald swooped down on the fumble. Instead of falling on the ball on the 10-yard line, though,

McDonald tried to pick it up and run in for the score. He didn’t get a handle on the ball, and Miami center Bobby Garcia made the recovery.

“I messed up. I didn’t do my job,” said McDonald afterward. Upon being told that fumbles cannot be advanced in college football, McDonald said, “Is that right?”

That mistake evolved into disaster two plays later, with Miami facing third-and-44 on its own seven-yard line. Erickson called “80 double zone” in the huddle. Randal (Thrill) Hill lined up wide right and streaked up the sideline. Inexplicably, Notre Dame had only four defensive backs in the game, and cornerback Stan Smagala allowed Hill to get behind him. Erickson’s pass settled into Hill’s hands at the Notre Dame 49, giving the Hurricanes a first down.

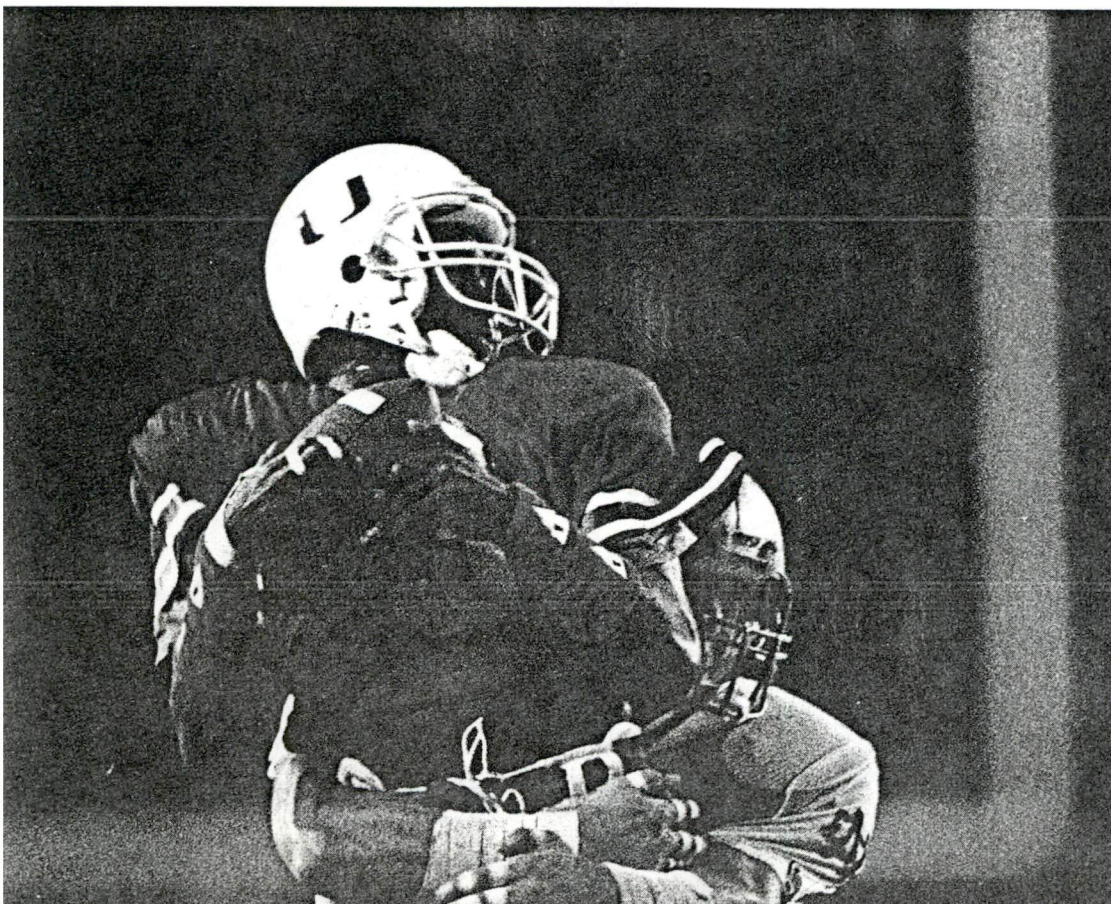
Twelve plays after Hill’s 44-yard catch, Erickson connected on a five-yard pass with wideout Dale Dawkins, who was open in the end zone. “In the huddle on the play before, I told him [Erickson] they were covering me one-on-one, so look for me,” said Dawkins after the game.

“You told me? I told *you*,” said Erickson, who was eavesdropping three lockers away. “I have to tell this guy what coverages they’re in, what formation we’re in, the snap count. Don’t listen to him.”

They were jesting, of course. Erickson was still a bit delirious with happiness. And why not? He had engineered a huge win without self-destructing, as so many people had expected him to do. All season Hurricane watchers have been saying it: Erickson has the footwork and the arm to be a worthy heir to Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde and last season’s starter, Steve Walsh. Erickson had one flaw, though: a proclivity for throwing interceptions.

The week before, in what was hardly a promising tune-up for the Irish, he had thrown his eighth, ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th interceptions of the season in a 42–6 victory over

When he wasn’t dancing, Hill was making four receptions for 68 yards.



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San Diego State. What's more, his season had consisted of only six games. Erickson had suffered a broken knuckle on his throwing hand against Michigan State on Sept. 30, forcing him to miss four starts, including the loss to Florida State, and the injury still affects him. "Every once in a while one gets away because of it," he says.

The larger challenge for Erickson has been learning Miami's offense. As a backup for two seasons, he absorbed coach **Jimmy Johnson's** system. When he finally got a chance to start, Johnson bolted for the **Dallas Cowboys**, and Erickson had to adjust to the scheme of new coach **Dennis Erickson (no relation)**. It features some of the deeper patterns from Johnson's days but is primar-

ily designed to take smaller bites out of the field with quick outs and hitch passes. The offense is not as glamorous a showcase for a quarterback as the previous Miami attack was. Craig Erickson runs into trouble—he throws interceptions—when he tries to make it one.

But he came of age Saturday night. His first scoring pass, a 55-yarder to Dawkins at the end of the first quarter that made the score 10-0, came in the face of a heavy blitz. His second one finished the Drive, during which he completed six of eight passes, masterfully blending long and short stuff. And he was intercepted only once.

Before the Drive, the Irish had been outgained by just five yards, 133 to 128. But the Drive quelled Notre Dame's

**Instead of self-destructing, Erickson proved he'd mastered Miami's new passing attack.**

spirit. "I'd say, 'O.K., we've got to stop them on this play,' and they'd get another first down," said Smagala afterward. "It happened over and over, and each time it happened, it would take a little something out of you."

Yet surprisingly few tears could be found in the Notre Dame locker room Saturday night. Perhaps the Irish drew comfort from knowing that if they beat Colorado in the Orange Bowl game and got some help in other bowls, they might still retain their national championship. More likely, they recognized that against a team like Miami, winning becomes only a remote possibility when



your most effective offensive weapon is a linebacker—senior Ned Bolcar scored the Irish's only touchdown on a 49-yard interception—and your passing attack makes Oklahoma's look state-of-the-art.

Throughout his team's winning streak, Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz got a lot of mileage out of his "grenade" joke. "If the ball had been a hand grenade on some of our passes, none of our receivers would have been injured," he

would quip after wins in which the Irish had not thrown impressively—which was weekly. Before taking on the Hurricanes, Notre Dame could afford to laugh: With its devastating ground attack, who needed to throw?

It was that lightning-quick option, which Rice had executed so flawlessly, that Miami bottled up. Unable to turn the corner against the even quicker Hurricanes, the Irish fell behind and reluctantly resorted to their passing game. "They've been forcing the ball down people's throats all year," said safety Brown. "They haven't had to throw, so they didn't have any practice at it."

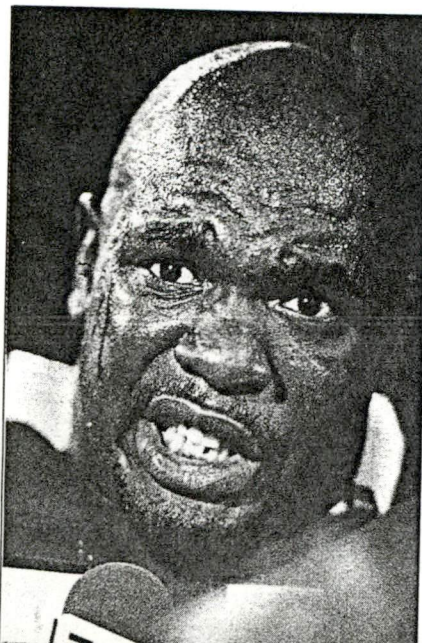
"We knew they'd eventually have to start passing to catch up," said safety Charles Pharms. "So we just stayed way back and let our front seven take care of the run. They were like Oklahoma. They look great until they get behind."

For all intents and purposes, the Irish aerial attack could have consisted of a single spoken instruction in the huddle from Rice to flanker Raghiv (Rocket)

Ismail: "Rocket, you go deep, and I'll throw the ball as far as I can." Often, because the other receivers were needed at the line of scrimmage to neutralize Miami's blitzes, Ismail, who was held to one catch for 19 yards, was Rice's sole target, and Rocket drew double and triple coverage. "We should have called more play-action passes," said Holtz afterward. "I don't know why I didn't get to those."

The Irish were equally ineffective when they got into scoring territory. Twice they found themselves inside Miami's 10-yard line. For those efforts, they received three measly points, and that field goal turned out to be a gift. Early in the second quarter fullback Anthony Johnson appeared to fumble on the Hurricane one-yard line. The ball was recovered by Miami, but the officials ruled that Johnson's knee was down before the ball came loose. Replays showed that decision to be in error. "We've got to cash in when we get that close," said Holtz. "That's like getting paid but losing the money."

Last year's game was fraught with overtones of good versus evil—a notion



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Despite 13 tackles and a pivotal interception, Clark got grief for his performance.

Mark (94), Jones and Maryland (67) celebrated a sack in typical Hurricane style.



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propagated largely by followers of the Irish, who played on Miami's outlaw reputation. A favorite T-shirt in South Bend read CATHOLICS VS. CONVICTS, but the comparison didn't hold much water then—the teams rumbled in the tunnel leading to the locker rooms before the '88 game—and was even less appropriate this season. Though the Hurricanes still jive and jaw ("We're trying to cut back, but it's hard to just stop," says

Pharms), they have, for the most part, been well behaved, while Irish players have been fingered in a number of well-publicized incidents, on and off the field.

At Miami, meanwhile, athletic officials have asked players to tone down the pregame woofing that had branded the Hurricanes as troublemakers. Some progress appears to have been made. "Oh no, I wouldn't say we hate them, not at all," said senior defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy before the game. "We're just glad for the opportunity to play Notre Dame."

"We can't go around resenting people," added fellow defensive tackle Russell Maryland, who's a junior. "That will only take away from our performance."

Notre Dame tailback Ricky Watters did his part to bolster the uneasy truce. "The fight will be in the way we hit them on the field," he said. "Besides, I talked to some of them after last year's game. Some of those guys are pretty cool."

Amid all this goodwill, the week's most memorable quip was not emblazoned on a T-shirt or spouted by an athlete. It came rather out of an impromptu theological debate between Holtz and Miami's chaplain, Father Leo Armbrust. In his invocation at a booster luncheon on Friday, Armbrust assured his listeners that the Almighty was impartial. When Holtz got up to speak, he agreed with Father Leo. "I don't think God cares who wins tomorrow, either," said Holtz. "But His mother does."

However, divine intervention isn't

what stalled Notre Dame's rushing attack, which was chewing up 301 yards per game, although at practice on Thanksgiving morning, Erickson wasn't certain that his team would be up to the task. "I don't know how we'll do against their option," he said. "We haven't played any option teams, and our scout team can't really simulate the way Rice runs the option."

Quickness turned out to be the antidote. Kennedy and Maryland stunted, looped and bulled their way into the Irish backfield all evening. As a result, fullback Johnson, who is the first man Rice can hand the ball to on the option, was held to 26 yards on nine carries. Kennedy and Maryland are close friends with similar stories. Both came out of high school overweight and underappreciated.

Maryland, who's from Chicago, weighed 321 as a senior and was offered one scholarship—to Indiana State—before Miami decided to take a chance on him. "I had to lose some of the weight I'd accumulated during my younger years," he says. Having done that, he won a starting job as a sophomore, and had eight sacks that year. At 6'2", he now weighs in at 265 and is so virtuous his teammates call him the Conscience.

When Kennedy arrived at Miami two years ago from Northwest Mississippi Junior College, he was loaded with potential, as well as adipose tissue, carrying nearly 315 pounds on his 6'3" frame. Maryland took him under his wing. "I had come into the program un-

Brown thought Johnson (left) had fumbled, but in a dubious call the ball was ruled dead.



HEINZ KLUETMEIER

Dawkins's second TD grab (left) put Miami up 24-10, but his digit was a bit premature.

der very similar circumstances," says Maryland. "I felt obligated to help."

Every morning last summer they would spend 20 minutes running up the hill at Tropical Park, a few miles from campus. Then they would run 110-meter sprints on the university's track. At 2 p.m. they would join the team for informal workouts. Kennedy got down to 290 and last August beat out Jimmie Jones for the starting job.

Notre Dame was confounded by the Hurricanes' front four, whose two other members were ends Greg Mark, an All-America, and Willis Peguese. Said guard Tim Ryan, "They destroyed our blocking scheme. They whipped our butts."

Miami's front four also kept the Irish linemen off the Hurricanes' linebackers. Therefore, said Notre Dame offensive tackle Dean Brown, those linebackers were "free to roam and make plays." In particular, they took away Rice's second option, the quarterback keeper. He rushed 20 times for a mere 50 yards.

If Rice sees one person in his sleep for the next few weeks, it will be senior middle linebacker Bernard Clark, who made 13 tackles and was in Rice's face all night. Clark's biggest play came in the waning moments of the first half, six plays after Bolcar's TD had evened the score at 10-10. Clark stepped in front of Notre Dame tight end Derek Brown, picked off a Rice pass and returned it 50 yards. The interception set up Miami's second touchdown, a five-yard burst up the middle by Steve McGuire.

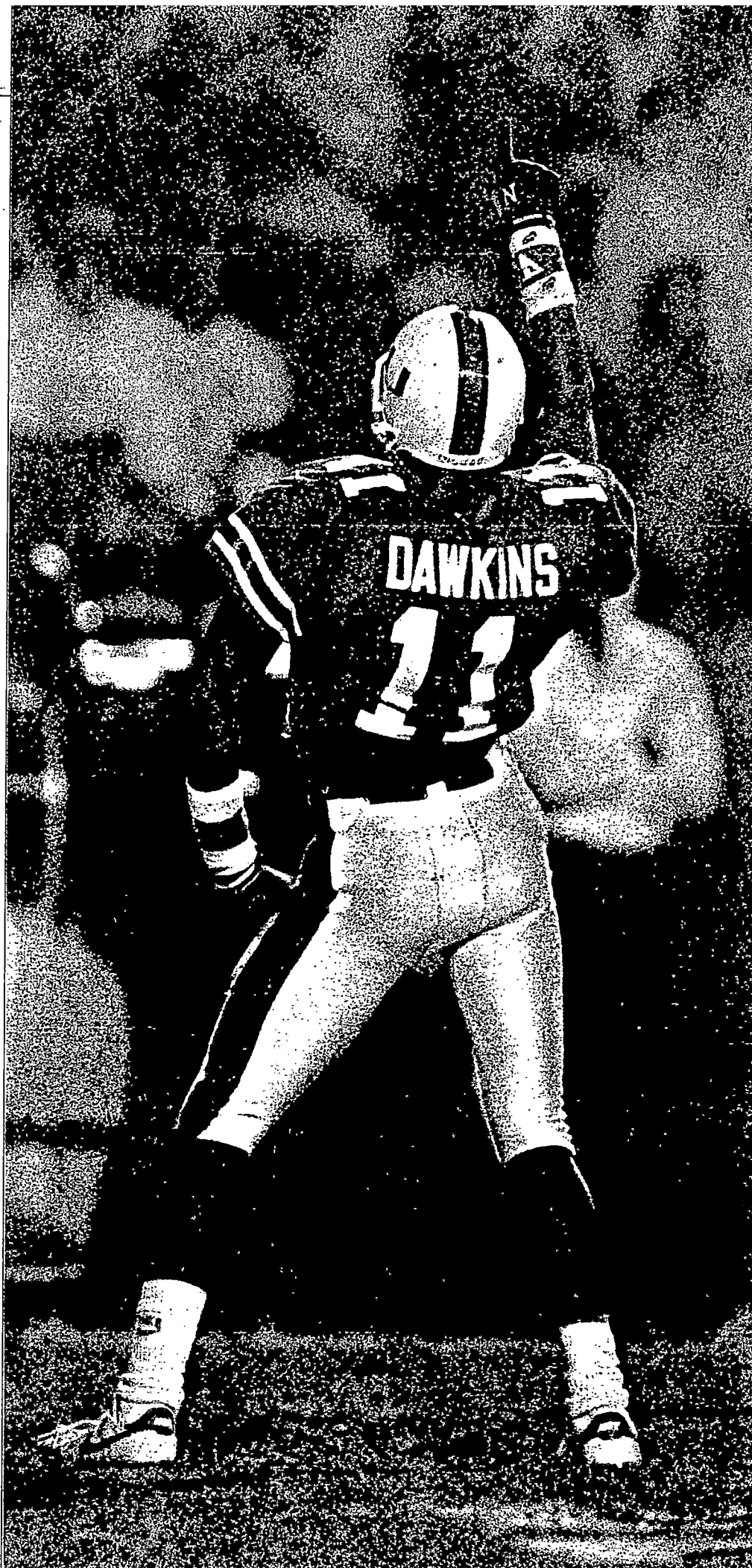
Yet Clark was disappointed in himself after the game. "I got caught from behind [by Derek Brown]," he said shaking his head. "That's not good. I'll never live that down."

"If you were in any kind of shape at all, that would've been six!" said tackle Mike Sullivan jokingly.

Clark responded with a friendly obscenity. "See what I mean?" he said.

Then Sullivan planted a kiss on Clark's cheek.

As he surveyed these kinder, gentler Hurricanes, coach Erickson injected a note of defiance into the postgame gaiety. "Coming into this game, I don't think anyone gave us much credit," he said. "Well, the transition is over." And the battle for No. 1 has just begun. ■



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BODY:

SAY WHAT YOU WILL ABOUT Miami's sack dances, touchdown shimmies and interception bumps and grinds -- you really couldn't fault the Hurricanes for strutting last Saturday night. It was payback time in college football's nastiest, most sublime rivalry, and when it was over, the Hurricanes had ended Notre Dame's winning streak at 23 games while putting themselves back into contention for the national championship ( page 75) a month after their only loss of the season, to Florida State. Miami all but shut down the Irish's vaunted option attack -- as well as quarterback Tony Rice's Heisman Trophy dreams -- in the 27-10 victory, and most of the Hurricanes stayed on the Orange Bowl field, basking in the crowd's adulation and savoring this delicious twist of fortune.

Last year Miami went to South Bend ranked No. 1 and left with a 31-30 defeat. It was their only loss of the season, and it deprived the Hurricanes of a second straight national championship. Notre Dame claimed the title by sweeping its regular-season opponents and easily defeating West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. Last Saturday, in the humid night air, the Hurricanes got to spoil Notre Dame's hopes of winning back-to-back titles. "This one is sweet," said Miami safety Hurlie Brown. "We waited so long for revenge."

On the game's very first play, Rice gained 12 yards up the middle, but that would be his longest run of the evening. Even so, the Irish were not broken until the Hurricanes received the second-half kickoff with a 17-10 lead and began the Drive, a remarkable 11-minute odyssey, to their third touchdown. The Drive lasted 22 plays, but should have stalled after eight. Following a Miami penalty, the Hurricanes had a first-and-25 on their own 26-yard line when Irish defensive end Eric Jones dropped quarterback Craig Erickson for a 12-yard loss and stripped him of the ball in the process. Coming from the other side, defensive end Devon McDonald swooped down on the fumble. Instead of falling on the ball on the 10-yard line, though, McDonald tried to pick it up and run in for the score. He didn't get a handle on the ball, and Miami center Bobby Garcia made the recovery.

"I messed up. I didn't do my job," said McDonald afterward. Upon being told that fumbles cannot be advanced in college football, McDonald said, "Is that right?"

That mistake evolved into disaster two plays later, with Miami facing third-and-44 on its own seven-yard line. Erickson called "80 double zone" in

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the huddle. Randal (Thrill) Hill lined up wide right and streaked up the sideline. Inexplicably, Notre Dame had only four defensive backs in the game, and cornerback Stan Smagala allowed Hill to get behind him. Erickson's pass settled into Hill's hands at the Notre Dame 49, giving the Hurricanes a first down.

Twelve plays after Hill's 44-yard catch, Erickson connected on a five-yard pass with wideout Dale Dawkins, who was open in the end zone. "In the huddle on the play before, I told him [Erickson] they were covering me one-on-one, so look for me," said Dawkins after the game.

"You told me? I told you," said Erickson, who was eavesdropping three lockers away. "I have to tell this guy what coverages they're in, what formation we're in, the snap count. Don't listen to him."

They were jesting, of course. Erickson was still a bit delirious with happiness. And why not? He had engineered a huge win without self-destructing, as so many people had expected him to do. All season Hurricane watchers have been saying it: Erickson has the footwork and the arm to be a worthy heir to Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde and last season's starter, Steve Walsh. Erickson had one flaw, though: a proclivity for throwing interceptions.

The week before, in what was hardly a promising tune-up for the Irish, he had thrown his eighth, ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th interceptions of the season in a 42-6 victory over San Diego State. What's more, his season had consisted of only six games. Erickson had suffered a broken knuckle on his throwing hand against Michigan State on Sept. 30, forcing him to miss four starts, including the loss to Florida State, and the injury still affects him. "Every once in a while one gets away because of it," he says.

The larger challenge for Erickson has been learning Miami's offense. As a backup for two seasons, he absorbed coach Jimmy Johnson's system. When he finally got a chance to start, Johnson bolted for the Dallas Cowboys, and Erickson had to adjust to the scheme of new coach Dennis Erickson (no relation). It features some of the deeper patterns from Johnson's days but is primarily designed to take smaller bites out of the field with quick outs and hitch passes. The offense is not as glamorous a showcase for a quarterback as the previous Miami attack was. Craig Erickson runs into trouble -- he throws interceptions -- when he tries to make it one.

But he came of age Saturday night. His first scoring pass, a 55-yarder to Dawkins at the end of the first quarter that made the score 10-0, came in the face of a heavy blitz. His second one finished the Drive, during which he completed six of eight passes, masterfully blending long and short stuff. And he was intercepted only once.

Before the Drive, the Irish had been outgained by just five yards, 133 to 128. But the Drive quelled Notre Dame's spirit. "I'd say, 'O.K., we've got to stop them on this play,' and they'd get another first down," said Smagala afterward. "It happened over and over, and each time it happened, it would take a little something out of you."

Yet surprisingly few tears could be found in the Notre Dame locker room Saturday night. Perhaps the Irish drew comfort from knowing that if they beat Colorado in the Orange Bowl game and got some help in other bowls, they might

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still retain their national championship. More likely, they recognized that against a team like Miami, winning becomes only a remote possibility when your most effective offensive weapon is a linebacker -- senior Ned Bolcar scored the Irish's only touchdown on a 49-yard interception -- and your passing attack makes Oklahoma's look state-of-the-art.

Throughout his team's winning streak, Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz got a lot of mileage out of his "grenade" joke. "If the ball had been a hand grenade on some of our passes, none of our receivers would have been injured," he would quip after wins in which the Irish had not thrown impressively -- which was weekly. Before taking on the Hurricanes, Notre Dame could afford to laugh: With its devastating ground attack, who needed to throw?

It was that lightning-quick option, which Rice had executed so flawlessly, that Miami bottled up. Unable to turn the corner against the even quicker Hurricanes, the Irish fell behind and reluctantly resorted to their passing game. "They've been forcing the ball down people's throats all year," said safety Brown. "They haven't had to throw, so they didn't have any practice at it."

"We knew they'd eventually have to start passing to catch up," said safety Charles Pharms. "So we just stayed way back and let our front seven take care of the run. They were like Oklahoma. They look great until they get behind."

For all intents and purposes, the Irish aerial attack could have consisted of a single spoken instruction in the huddle from Rice to flanker Raghib (Rocket) Ismail: "Rocket, you go deep, and I'll throw the ball as far as I can." Often, because the other receivers were needed at the line of scrimmage to neutralize Miami's blitzes, Ismail, who was held to one catch for 19 yards, was Rice's sole target, and Rocket drew double and triple coverage. "We should have called more play-action passes," said Holtz afterward. "I don't know why I didn't get to those."

The Irish were equally ineffective when they got into scoring territory. Twice they found themselves inside Miami's 10-yard line. For those efforts, they received three measly points, and that field goal turned out to be a gift. Early in the second quarter fullback Anthony Johnson appeared to fumble on the Hurricane one-yard line. The ball was recovered by Miami, but the officials ruled that Johnson's knee was down before the ball came loose. Replays showed that decision to be in error. "We've got to cash in when we get that close," said Holtz. "That's like getting paid but losing the money."

Last year's game was fraught with overtones of good versus evil -- a notion propagated largely by followers of the Irish, who played on Miami's outlaw reputation. A favorite T-shirt in South Bend read CATHOLICS VS. CONVICTS, but the comparison didn't hold much water then -- the teams rumbled in the tunnel leading to the locker rooms before the '88 game -- and was even less appropriate this season. Though the Hurricanes still jive and jaw ("We're trying to cut back, but it's hard to just stop," says Pharms), they have, for the most part, been well behaved, while Irish players have been fingered in a number of well-publicized incidents, on and off the field.

At Miami, meanwhile, athletic officials have asked players to tone down the pregame woofing that had branded the Hurricanes as troublemakers. Some progress appears to have been made. "Oh no, I wouldn't say we hate them, not

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at all," said senior defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy before the game. "We're just glad for the opportunity to play Notre Dame."

"We can't go around resenting people," added fellow defensive tackle Russell Maryland, who's a junior. "That will only take away from our performance."

Notre Dame tailback Ricky Watters did his part to bolster the uneasy truce. "The fight will be in the way we hit them on the field," he said. "Besides, I talked to some of them after last year's game. Some of those guys are pretty cool."

Amid all this goodwill, the week's most memorable quip was not emblazoned on a T-shirt or spouted by an athlete. It came rather out of an impromptu theological debate between Holtz and Miami's chaplain, Father Leo Armbrust. In his invocation at a booster luncheon on Friday, Armbrust assured his listeners that the Almighty was impartial. When Holtz got up to speak, he agreed with Father Leo. "I don't think God cares who wins tomorrow, either," said Holtz. "But His mother does."

However, divine intervention isn't what stalled Notre Dame's rushing attack, which was chewing up 301 yards per game, although at practice on Thanksgiving morning, Erickson wasn't certain that his team would be up to the task. "I don't know how we'll do against their option," he said. "We haven't played any option teams, and our scout team can't really simulate the way Rice runs the option."

Quickness turned out to be the antidote. Kennedy and Maryland stunted, looped and bulled their way into the Irish backfield all evening. As a result, fullback Johnson, who is the first man Rice can hand the ball to on the option, was held to 26 yards on nine carries. Kennedy and Maryland are close friends with similar stories. Both came out of high school overweight and underappreciated.

Maryland, who's from Chicago, weighed 321 as a senior and was offered one scholarship -- to Indiana State -- before Miami decided to take a chance on him. "I had to lose some of the weight I'd accumulated during my younger years," he says. Having done that, he won a starting job as a sophomore, and had eight sacks that year. At 6 ft. 2 in., he now weighs in at 265 and is so virtuous his teammates call him the Conscience.

When Kennedy arrived at Miami two years ago from Northwest Mississippi Junior College, he was loaded with potential, as well as adipose tissue, carrying nearly 315 pounds on his 6 ft. 3 in. frame. Maryland took him under his wing. "I had come into the program under very similar circumstances," says Maryland. "I felt obligated to help."

Every morning last summer they would spend 20 minutes running up the hill at Tropical Park, a few miles from campus. Then they would run 110-meter sprints on the university's track. At 2 p.m. they would join the team for informal workouts. Kennedy got down to 290 and last August beat out Jimmie Jones for the starting job.

Notre Dame was confounded by the Hurricanes' front four, whose two other members were ends Greg Mark, an All-America, and Willis Peguese. Said guard Tim Ryan, "They destroyed our blocking scheme. They whipped our butts."

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Miami's front four also kept the Irish linemen off the Hurricanes' linebackers. Therefore, said Notre Dame offensive tackle Dean Brown, those linebackers were "free to roam and make plays." In particular, they took away Rice's second option, the quarterback keeper. He rushed 20 times for a mere 50 yards.

If Rice sees one person in his sleep for the next few weeks, it will be senior middle linebacker Bernard Clark, who made 13 tackles and was in Rice's face all night. Clark's biggest play came in the waning moments of the first half, six plays after Bolcar's TD had evened the score at 10-10. Clark stepped in front of Notre Dame tight end Derek Brown, picked off a Rice pass and returned it 50 yards. The interception set up Miami's second touchdown, a five-yard burst up the middle by Steve McGuire.

Yet Clark was disappointed in himself after the game. "I got caught from behind [by Derek Brown]," he said shaking his head. "That's not good. I'll never live that down."

"If you were in any kind of shape at all, that would've been six!" said tackle Mike Sullivan jokingly.

Clark responded with a friendly obscenity. "See what I mean?" he said.

Then Sullivan planted a kiss on Clark's cheek.

As he surveyed these kinder, gentler Hurricanes, coach Erickson injected a note of defiance into the postgame gaiety. "Coming into this game, I don't think anyone gave us much credit," he said. "Well, the transition is over." And the battle for No. 1 has just begun.

GRAPHIC: Picture 1, REVENGE! STEVE MCGUIRE AND MIAMI OVERPOWER NO. 1 NOTRE DAME descColor cover., Cover Photograph by Heinz Kluetmeier; Picture 2, NO CAPTION descColor: Maurice Crum, Tony Rice., HEINZ KLUETMEIER; Picture 3, When he wasn't dancing, Hill was making four receptions for 68 yards. descColor: Randal (Thrill) Hill., DAMIAN STROHMEYER; Picture 4, Instead of self-destructing, Erickson proved he'd mastered Miami's new passing attack. descColor: Craig Erickson, others., JOHN BIEVER; Picture 5, Despite 13 tackles and a pivotal interception, Clark got grief for his performance. descColor: Bernard Clark., JOHN BIEVER; Picture 6, Mark (94), Jones and Maryland (67) celebrated a sack in typical Hurricane style. descColor: Greg Mark, Jimmie Jones, Russell Maryland, Tony Rice, others., JOHN BIEVER; Picture 7, Brown thought Johnson had fumbled, but in a dubious call the ball was ruled dead. descColor: Hurlie Brown, Anthony Johnson., HEINZ KLUETMEIER; Picture 8, Dawkins's second TD grab put Miami up 24-10, but his digit was a bit premature. descColor: Dale Dawkins., JOHN BIEVER; Picture 9, See above. descColor: Dale Dawkins., DAMIAN STROHMEYER

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HURRICANES  
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TIME?

Welcome to the White House. I'd like to recognize the distinguished Members of Congress here from the Florida delegation; coach Dennis Erickson, and of course, the #1 college football team in America, the Miami Hurricanes.

Just last week, I met with the San Francisco 49ers, the team of the '80s. Now ~~two weeks later~~, we've got college football's team of the decade. <sup>The Canes have only lost 5 football games in the last five years, with a 55-5 record. Their Sugar Bowl win this year marked the U of M's 7th straight trip to a New Year's Day Bowl game.</sup> And when sportsfans think of college ball over the last ten years, they think of two of the <sup>biggest</sup> greatest games in college history:

January 1, 1984. The Hurricanes went 10-1 and upset Nebraska 31-30 in the Orange Bowl -- one of the greatest wins in college bowl history.

<sup>Other</sup> ~~November 25, 1988~~ <sup>1989 game</sup> NOV. 25, 1989. Even in losing to Notre Dame by one point, the Hurricanes fought in one of the most thrilling games ever -- and played valiently like true champions to the end.

Not only do they play great games, but they produce some of football's greatest players. Take a look at the Miami dynasty of quarterbacks: Jim Kelly of Buffalo, Bernie <sup>Kosar</sup> Cosar of the Browns, Steve Walsh of the Cowboys, and Vinnie Testaverde of Tampa Bay. No wonder they call it "Quarterback U."

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Started your <sup>reign</sup> dominance of the decade / punctuated by win over ND this year - end decade

Now the team of the '80s heads for the '90s. With Craig Erickson as quarterback, they've perfected the passing game to the best in the business. ((In fact, some people say the Hurricanes are the Federal Express of college ball -- give the ball to Craig Erickson when it absolutely, positively has to get there.))

Leaders of #1 defense

*But behind great offense is #1 defense. Def. lineman - Greg Mark & Cortez Kennedy All American.*

But with Miami, there's also great memories of great teams.

Back in 1985, the Hurricanes beat Nebraska at the Orange Bowl for their first national title. Then, after a heartbreaking finish

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to the 1986 season as #2, they came back against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl to win the 1987 national title. Then -- they say

Brick wall

luck comes in threes -- Miami beat the Crimson Tide soundly in this year's Sugar Bowl after (ending Notre Dame's undefeated)

Farm Bill Ball carrier

winning streak earlier in the season. Three national titles, three tough championship games. And now they say that when Craig Erickson throws the ball, anything that flies that far should be showing an inflight movie and serving a snack.\\\

And the man behind it all is right here. Coach Dennis Erikson. \\ It was his rookie year as Miami's coach, yet he made them National Champs. He had a big legacy to follow, a tradition of success to live up to. You know, coach, as President I can relate to the challenge of filling your predecessor's shoes. \\ I only hope that I can do as well as you.

Thank you, God bless you and God bless America.

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