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New England Patriots head coach Mike Vrabel speaks during an NFL football press conference on Tuesday in Foxborough, Mass.

Vrabel seeks counseling, misses NFL draft Day 3

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New England Patriots coach Mike Vrabel is seeking counseling and will not be with the team for Day 3 of the NFL Draft on Saturday, following the publication of photos of the coach and longtime NFL reporter

The photos of Vrabel and Russini at a Sedona resort were taken before the annual NFL meetings that began in Phoenix on March 29, according to the New York Post, which published the photos this month.

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"As I said the other day, I promised my family, this organization and this team that I was going to give them the best version of me that I can possibly give them. In order to do so, I have committed to seeking counseling, starting this weekend," Vrabel told ESPN on Wednesday night. "This is something that I have given a lot of thought to and is something I would advise a player to do if I was counseling them."

"I have always wanted to lead by example, and I believe this is what I have to do to be the best husband, father and coach that I possibly can be. This is not an easy thing for me to admit, but it is one that I know will make me a better person. I appreciate the support that everyone has given me and promise a stronger resolve as a result."

The Patriots confirmed Vrabel will miss the third day of the draft.

less than a week later, after the Post's report prompted an internal investigation at The New York Times-owned sports outlet.

Vrabel said he addressed players about the matter on Monday after they arrived for the start of the voluntary workout program. Two Patriots players were scheduled to be made available to reporters on Tuesday, but Vrabel said he wanted to speak before they did. He also said he didn't want the interest in the Post photos to take attention away from the NFL draft, which begins Thursday.

QB Mendoza, edge rusher Bailey and RB Love go 1-2-3 in NFL draft

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PITTSBURGH — Fernando Mendoza's journey from overlooked two-star recruit to the top of the NFL draft is complete after the Las Vegas Raiders took him with the first pick on Thursday night.

Turning the Raiders into a contender is the next challenge for the Heisman Trophy winner who led Indiana to its first national championship.

The 22-year-old quarterback wasn't in the Steel City for the festivities, choosing instead to celebrate with family and friends at home in Miami.

Mendoza flashed a big smile after Commissioner Roger Goodell announced his name, put a Raiders cap on and began hugging his family while seated on the couch, saving the warmest embrace for his mother.

He'll be heading to Las Vegas on Friday to begin an NFL career that may have seemed improbable when few colleges were interested in him coming out of high school.

"The last five months have been such a blessing by God, and I can't thank Him enough," Mendoza said. "I'm just looking forward to get to work, prove it at the next level. College was fantastic. I'm so blessed to have that career, but now I step into a great game, the NFL. Look forward to proving and earning it every single day."

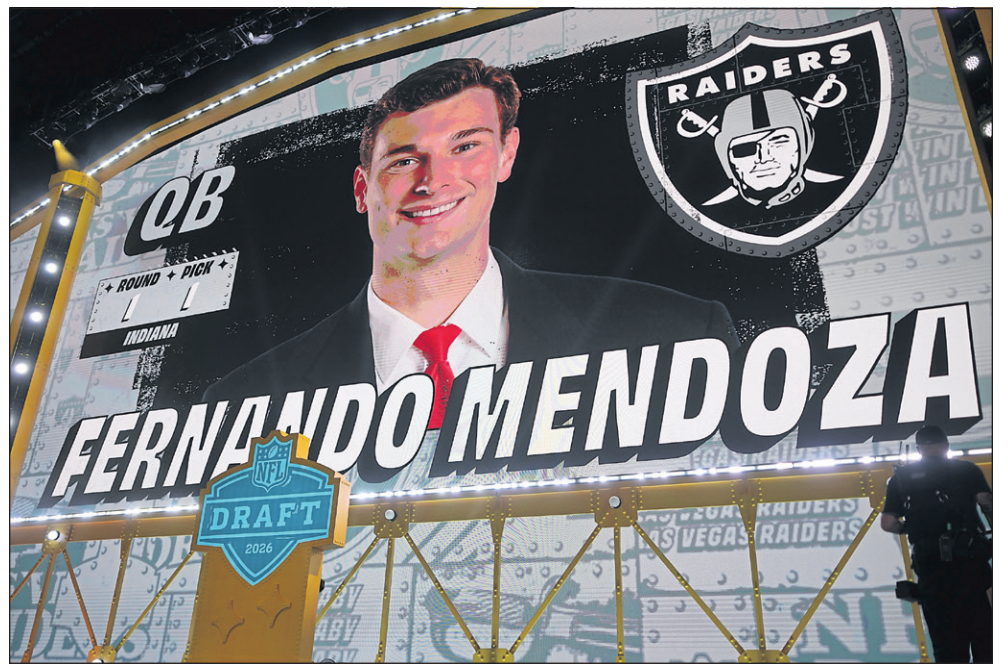
Mendoza wasn't even a prominent prospect at this time last year. But he had a sensational season with the Hoosiers, completing 72% of his passes for 3,535 yards, 41 touchdowns and just six interceptions.

Still, there are plenty of doubts about him in a quarterback-thin draft class. He's determined to prove any critics wrong again.

The Los Angeles Rams surprised draft experts by taking Alabama quarterback Ty Simpson with the 13th pick. Simpson, who started just 15 games in college, was among 16 prospects who came to Pittsburgh even though many draft boards had him going in the second round.

Simpson exuded confidence when he walked the red carpet.

"Absolutely, I am confident," Simpson said. "That's why I decided to come out. You know with the offensive infrastruc-



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Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza is shown on a screen after being chosen by the Las Vegas Raiders with the first overall pick during the first round of the NFL football draft on Thursday in Pittsburgh.



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Texas Tech linebacker David Bailey poses with fans after being chosen by the New York Jets with the second overall pick during the first round of the NFL football draft on Thursday in Pittsburgh.



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Fireworks explode over the draft stage before the first round of the NFL football draft on Thursday in Pittsburgh.

ture we had in Alabama with other coaches and the offensive system, the weight room, everything was set up to better you for the NFL. And that's why I stayed at 'Bama."

Mendoza's selection was expected for months. The intrigue began at No. 2 with the New York Jets, who selected Texas Tech edge rusher David Bailey over Ohio State edge Arvell Reese.

"It's surreal to me," Bailey said. "It's an awesome opportunity. I just want to get in there and be a

sponge and soak up everything."

Arizona took Notre Dame running back Jeremiah Love with the third pick. Love is the highest running back selected since Saquon Barkley went No. 2 to the New York Giants in 2018.

Ohio State wide receiver Carnell Tate was picked fourth by Tennessee in a surprise move that gives QB Cam Ward — last year's No. 1 overall pick — a top target.

The Giants took Reese at No. 5, adding a poten-

tial elite rusher less than a week after trading three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence to Cincinnati.

The Chiefs traded up to No. 6 to take LSU cornerback Mansoor Delane. Kansas City sent Cleveland the ninth pick along with Nos. 74 and 148 to move up.

Ohio State linebacker Sonny Styles went seventh to Washington, improving a defense that allowed the most yards in the league last season.

New Orleans selected Arizona State wide receiver Jordyn Tyson at No. 8, giving QB Tyler Shough a 1-2 punch with Chris Olave.

Utah's Spencer Fano was the first offensive lineman chosen, going to Cleveland with the ninth pick.

The Giants followed up with another offensive tackle, taking Miami's Francis Mauigoa at No. 10.

The Cowboys moved up one spot to select versatile Ohio State safety Caleb Downs at No. 11. Dallas sent Miami a pair of fifth-rounders and the 12th pick. The Dolphins took Alabama offensive tackle Kadyn Proctor.

Baltimore chose Penn State guard Olavavega Ioane at No. 14 with a pick they had traded to the Raiders for Maxx Crosby but regained when they voided the trade.

Miami edge rusher Rubeen Bain Jr. was selected by Tampa Bay with the 15th pick, giving the Buccaneers' dismal pass rush a possible game-changer who was considered a top-10 talent.

4 World Cup final tickets listed on FIFA resale site for over \$2M

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA's resale site has four tickets on sale for the World Cup final for just under \$2.3 million each.

The \$2,299,998.85 seats for the July 19 match at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, are located behind a goal in the lower deck in block 124, row 45, seats 33-36.

FIFA does not control the asking prices on its Resale/Exchange Marketplace but takes a 15% purchase fee from the buyer of each ticket and a 15% resale fee from the seller.

An aisle seat 33 in block 146, row 32 of the lower deck listed as easy access standard was listed at \$207,000, while a category two seat in the last row of the uppermost third deck was listed at \$138,000 for block 310, row 26, seat 23. A few feet away, seat 21 has an asking price of \$23,000.

The lowest-priced tickets for the final listed Thursday on the Marketplace were \$10,923.85 for four seats four rows from the top of the upper deck behind a goal, in block 323, row 23, seats 13-16.

"FIFA has established a

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Please make sure you do not leave isolated seats.

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- Category 3 10,923.85 USD - 64,400.00 USD

Block 124 - Row 45 - Seat 36
2,299,998.85 USD

FIFA

This image from the FIFA Resale/Exchange Marketplace website on Thursday shows the resale asking price for a ticket to the World Cup final soccer match on July 26.

ticket sales and secondary market model that reflects standard ticket market practices for major sporting and entertainment events across the host countries," the governing body said in a statement. "The applicable resale facilitation fees are aligned with industry standards across North American sports and entertainment sectors. FIFA's

variable pricing ticketing approach aligns with industry trends across various sports and entertainment sectors, where price adaptations are made to optimize sales and attendance and ensure a fair market value for events."

FIFA says it reinvests World Cup revenue among its 211 members to develop the sport.

opener against Paraguay on June 12 at Inglewood, California, were listed at \$4,105, \$2,735, \$2,330 and \$1,940, while seats for the Americans' second match against Australia on June 19 at Seattle cost \$2,715. Tickets for the U.S. group stage finale against Turkey on June 25 at Inglewood cost \$2,970 and \$1,345.

Canada's opener vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina on June 12 at Toronto was available for \$3,360, \$2,240, \$1,645 and \$980.

No tickets were listed directly by FIFA for the June 11 tournament opener between Mexico and South Africa in Mexico City.

For the quarterfinals, available tickets were \$4,200 and \$1,610 for the July 9 match at Foxborough, Massachusetts; \$5,730 for the July 10 game in Inglewood; \$4,770 and \$1,815 for the July 11 match at Miami Gardens, Florida, and \$4,080 for the July 11 game at Kansas City, Missouri.

Tickets for the third-place game at Miami Gardens on July 18 could be purchased at \$1,125.

Prices for the U.S.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Green River District Health Department is requesting proposals for roof replacement and related building repairs. Written proposals will be accepted until 3:00 PM on May 11, 2026, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of the proposal specifications at: 1501 Breckenridge Street, Owensboro, KY or by calling (270)-686-7747.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Adrian A. Wagler of 3527 N 850 E, Montgomery IN 47558 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a Single Family Residence. The property is located approximately at -86.859493 ° W, 37.786865 ° N. [DIRECTIONS TO SITE: From Knottsville take 951 to Indian Hill Road, then take left and stay on Indian Hill Road to 11090 Indian Hill Road. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions