

Arch Manning aims for bounce-back season at Texas

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

TAMPA, Fla. — The quarterback who could get picked first in next year's NFL draft isn't going to lose focus thinking about what looks like a bright 2027. And he sure isn't going to waste a lot of time worrying about his less-than-perfect 2025.

Arch Manning of Texas, the latest in the long line of football's royal family of quarterbacking, took 20 minutes worth of questions Thursday to close

out SEC Media Days. He mostly spoke about 2026.

“I'm not worried about anything in the future right now,” he said. “I'm worried about getting through this interview.”

He did just fine. Sporting a burnt-orange necktie and a Longhorn pin on his lapel, the son of Cooper, nephew of Peyton and Eli, and grandson of Archie ran the gantlet with reporters lined up three-deep to speak with him.

— How does it feel to be compared to others, both in and out of your family?

“I'm trying to do better not comparing myself to others. They say comparison is the defeat of joy.”

— Is he looking forward to leading the Longhorns into Uncle Peyton's old stomping grounds, Neyland Stadium at Tennessee? “They’ve got a good coach and good players. We’re excited to go. I'm not going to make it about me.”

— What’s his favorite hobby? Answer: golf. “I broke 80 for the first time last week. Well, pretty much. I gave myself a

putt.”

Certainly, there's still work to do for the 22-year-old junior-to-be, whose body and reputation took a beating with the Longhorns over a tumultuous, 10-3 season in 2025.

Heading into his second season as the starter, Manning insists he tries to minimize the expectations that have been heaped on him since he emerged in high school as a surefire star-to-be — or the criticism from those who said his 3-2 start last year that dropped him down those

NFL draft boards made him one of the biggest busts in college football history.

“Everyone has an opinion and people get paid to talk in the media, so there's really nothing you can do,” he said. “I'm trying to control the controllables.”

He got sacked 23 times last season and was under a pressure more than that. Because he's a Manning,

everything from his reactions after bad plays to his release time — somewhere around 3.2 seconds — got dissected way more than would those of a typical above-average college QB.

Texas opened last season with a 14-7 loss to Ohio State and followed that five weeks later with a six-sack, 29-21 loss to a Florida team that turned out not to be very good.



JOHN LOCHER/Associated Press

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Fernando Mendoza throws during the NFL football team's practice Wednesday, June 10, in Henderson, Nev.

Raiders sign No. 1 pick Mendoza to a 4-year, \$57.27M contract

BY MARK ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON, Nev. — Quarterback Fernando Mendoza, the top overall pick in this year's draft, signed a four-year, \$57.27 million contract with the Las Vegas Raiders on Thursday.

The Raiders hold a fifth-year option.

Mendoza was the last of the Raiders' 10 draft picks to sign.

“I'm excited to get this thing signed,” Mendoza

said on the team's social media post. “I'm excited to be a part of the silver and black. Can't wait.”

He ran the third-team offense in organized team activities and minicamp, but is expected to take on a larger role in training camp, which begins Wednesday.

Veteran Kirk Cousins, who signed a free-agent contract worth \$20 million guaranteed, enters camp as the No. 1 quarterback.

How long Cousins hangs on to that spot will be the

main storyline in camp and perhaps into the season.

Mendoza hopes to translate the success he experienced in his final season of college football in which he won the Heisman Trophy and led Indiana to its first national championship.

Also, star pass rusher Maxx Crosby said on his podcast “The Rush” that he would join the rookies for their training camp. Crosby has been working his way back from knee surgery.



BRUCE KLUCKHOHN/Associated Press

Ben Kohles hits from the 16th hole during the first round of the 3M Open golf tournament at the Tournament Players Club Thursday, July 23, in Blaine, Minn.

Kohles shoots 62 to take the 1st-round lead in the 3M Open. Scheffler 3 shots back

BY MIKE COOK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLAINE, Minn. — Ben Kohles eagled the final hole for a 9-under 62 and a two-shot lead Thursday after the first round of the 3M Open, leaving top-ranked Scottie Scheffler three shots back.

Emiliano Grillo, Jackson Koivun and Gary Woodland opened with 64s, and Scheffler topped the group at 65 in his first appearance in the event.

Coming off a fourth-place finish Sunday in the British Open, Scheffler was 1 under through eight holes, then birdied five of the next eight.

“I didn’t hit a bunch of fairways early, but I was able to kind of manage my way around and get out of some trouble areas without making any bogeys. That was important keeping my

momentum going,” he said. “Once I started to hit fairways and gave myself some looks, was able to start making some birdies.”

Kohles’ second shot from 241 yards out on the par-5 finishing hole settled 4 feet from the cup. The short putt capped a career-best round for the 36-year-old who has split the season between the PGA and Korn Ferry tours.

In a nine-hole stretch beginning on No. 6, he birdied every other hole and added another birdie at No. 15 to tie for the lead at 7 under.

“I was just in control all day,” he said.

Three weeks ago, Kohles nearly got his first career win, but a double bogey on the final hole resulted in a third-place finish at the John Deere Classic.

“Of course you would like the outcome to be dif-

ferent, but you’ve just got to keep putting the pedal down and see where you go,” he said.

Koivun birdied four holes on the front nine and three on the back during a bogey-free round at the TPC Twin Cities where scores are traditionally low. In the tournament’s seven previous years, the average winning score was 19 under.

“Playing smart, playing for a score. Just executing when the time is right and getting aggressive when you can,” he said. “Just felt like I did a good job of taking advantage of that today.”

In his 13th tour start, but just third as a professional, 64 is the lowest score in Koivun’s 43 career rounds. The 21-year-old turned professional in June after dominating at Auburn, including a school-record 11 wins.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of Radcliff, Kentucky adopted an Ordinance establishing the City of Radcliff, Kentucky Classification and Compensation (Pay) Plan on the 1st day of July 2000; and
WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous to amend said Ordinance under the section entitled "Salary Pay Equalization and Adjustment" as follows:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS: The "Salary Pay Equalization and Adjustment" is amended by adding and amending the table attached hereto. The remainder of the City of Radcliff, Kentucky Classification and Compensation (Pay) Plan shall remain the same.
Read at a meeting of the Radcliff City Council on the 16th day of June, 2026; a second reading was held on the 18th day of June, 2026; said Ordinance was READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on 18th day of June, 2026.

To view the full ordinance please visit www.radcliff.org or contact Ashley Russo, City Clerk at ashley.russo@radcliffky.gov

James S. Duvall Jr.
Mayor, City of Radcliff
ATTEST:
Ashley Russo
City Clerk



AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CITY OF
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WHEREAS, the City Council of Radcliff, Kentucky adopted an Ordinance establishing the City of Radcliff, Kentucky Classification and Compensation (Pay) Plan on the 1st day of July 2001; and
WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous to amend said Ordinance under the section entitled "Employee Strength Table" as follows:
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS: The "Employee Strength Table" is amended by adding and amending the table attached hereto. The remainder of the City of Radcliff, Kentucky Classification and Compensation (Pay) Plan shall remain the same.
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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elizabethtown will receive sealed bids for Network, Security Cameras, and Access Control Equipment for the SteelGrove Amphitheater project at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, until 10:00 AM Eastern Time (9:00AM Central Time) on Thursday August 13th, 2026, at which time each bid will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the City's consultant, Sports Facilities Companies, to obtain plans, specifications, and detailed bidding requirements. For information, contact Kevin Greene (kgreene@sportsfacilities.com) and Ishan Patel (ipatel@sportsfacilities.com).

The successful bidder shall provide all bonds, insurances, and licenses as required.

The City of Elizabethtown intends to award the contract based on the best evaluated bid. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to let the contract as a whole or in part, and to waive any formalities or irregularities in the bids received where the best interest of the City may be served.

/s/ Jeffrey H. Gregory, Mayor
Attest: Jessica J. Graham, City Clerk



LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR CONSULTING PLANNING/ ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

In accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E and the policies and procedures of the Elizabethtown Airport Board, notice is hereby given that a Request for Statements of Qualification is invited from qualified consulting engineering/planning firms for the preparation of a Feasibility and Environmental Study for a Runway Shift and Land Acquisition project at the Addington Field Airport in Elizabethtown, KY. The successful firm will coordinate with the Airport Board and the FAA to get the study approved. The scope of work will be conducted in two phases.

Phase 1 Planning & Feasibility This phase will determine the feasibility of realigning the existing Runway 5/23 to allow for a future runway development of at least 7,800x150' as well as precision approaches into both runway ends. Phase 1 shall also identify the land acquisition required for the Runway realignment.
Phase 2 Environmental (NEPA) This phase will include the environmental assessment addressing the proposed runway realignment and the associated land acquisition, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FAA Orders 1050.1F and 5050.4B. Any land acquisition undertaken with Federal participation will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (49 CFR Part 24), FAA Order 5100.37B, and FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-17.

Both the feasibility study and the environmental assessment must be completed by December 2027 for the Airport Board to retain available funds for the land acquisition.

This project is funded in whole or in part with Federal funds made available through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Accordingly, the consultant selection and the resulting contract are subject to all applicable Federal requirements, including the qualifications-based selection requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 47107(a)(17) and 40 U.S.C. §§ 1101-1104, the procurement standards of 2 CFR Part 200, and the Federal contract provisions required by FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E. The selected firm must have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

The Statement of qualifications should address the following items:

1. Firm Background and Location of Offices
2. Key Personnel who will be working on the project
3. Relevant Experience
4. Project Approach
5. References

The Airport Board will evaluate Statements of Qualifications based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and competence of the firm. 25%
2. Qualifications of the project team and familiarity with the airport. 25%
3. Capability of the firm to perform the service desired within an acceptable time-frame. 25%
4. Firm's location in relation to the Addington Field Airport. 5%
5. The firms approach completing the project. 20%

In accordance with FAA selection procedures, all selections shall be qualification based. No overhead rate, fees, or any cost information should be identified as part of this submission. The Airport Board may select a firm based on the Statements of Qualifications or short-list and interview interested firms. Questions can be directed to Carl Swope, Chairman via email at EKXFinancial@gmail.com.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation.

This procurement is subject to 49 CFR Part 26. The Airport Board has established, or will establish, a DBE contract goal for this project, and respondents are encouraged to demonstrate good-faith efforts to use DBE firms in performing the work. The Airport Board will ensure that DBEs have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in this contract. Nondiscrimination. The Airport Board, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d) and 49 CFR Part 21, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in the consultant selection or the award of any contract. The selected firm must comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination requirements. Questions and Addenda. All questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the contact identified above no later than July 24, 2026. Responses and any addenda will be issued in writing to all firms known to have obtained this solicitation. Only written interpretations or addenda issued by the Airport Board are binding.

Reservation of Rights. The Airport Board reserves the right to reject any and all Statements of Qualifications, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the process, and to make no selection if it determines that to be in the best interest of the Airport Board.

Six (6) copies of the Statement of Qualifications must be submitted sealed, delivered via mail and marked "Statement of Interest and Qualifications" on the outside of the envelope. Statements of Qualifications must be received at the address below by the stated deadline; postmarks will not be accepted, and late submissions will not be considered. Submittals may also be hand-delivered to the same address.

The deadline for submittals of Statements of Qualifications shall be 4:00 PM, August 4, 2026. Submittals should be submitted to the following address:

Carl Swope, Chairman
Elizabethtown Airport Board
1828 Kitty Hawk Drive
Elizabethtown, KY 42701