

COLLEGE FOOTBALL CONFIDENTIAL

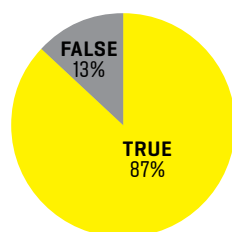
"This is definitely anonymous, right?" the likely All-American asks. Yes, he is assured. "Okay, because if we're going to talk about Coach's daughter ..." Yep, we went there [please read on before writing the editor] and other uncomfortable places when we rounded up 92 college football players in July. We swore to keep their names under our hat; in return, they let us peek inside their brains. BY MORTY AIN, BEN ARLEDGE, CARL CARCHIA, HALLIE GROSSMAN AND ANNA KATHERINE CLEMMONS

THE LOCKER ROOM LIFE

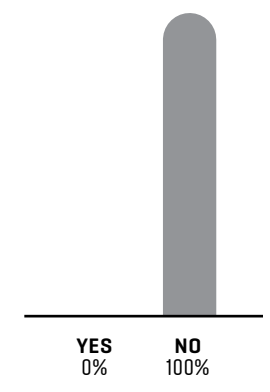
DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE ANY GAY TEAMMATES?



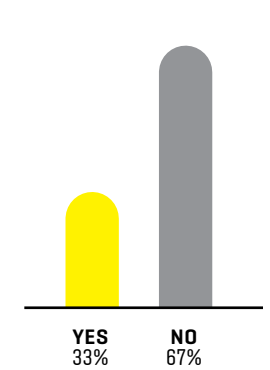
MOST PLAYERS WOULD BE FINE WITH A GAY TEAMMATE, BUT I THINK SOME PLAYERS WOULD NOT BE OKAY WITH IT.



DO YOU WEAR A CUP?

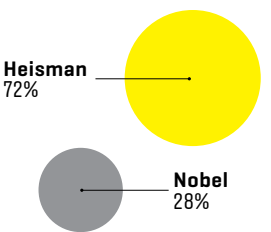


SINCE YOU'VE BEEN AT YOUR SCHOOL, HAVE YOU EVER LIED ABOUT A CONCUSSION?

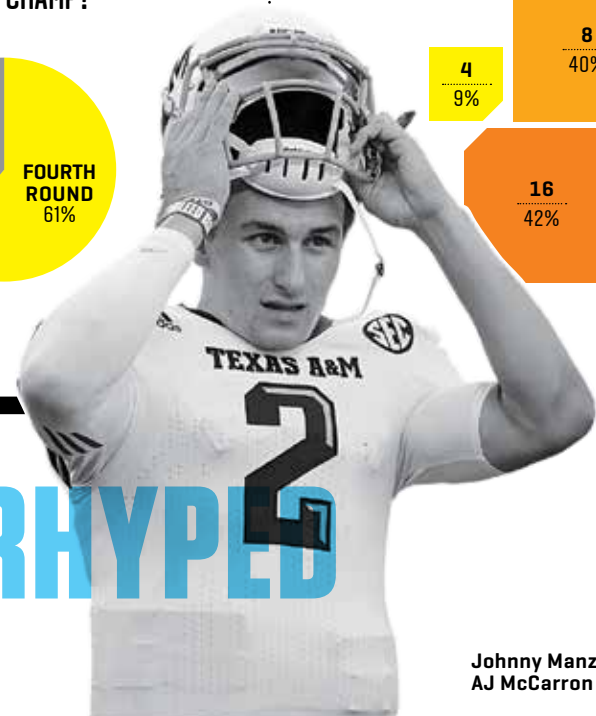


EXTRA YARDS

WOULD YOU RATHER WIN A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE OR THE HEISMAN TROPHY?



MOST OVERHYPED PLAYER?



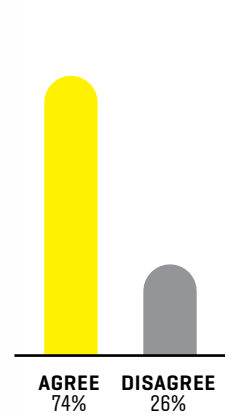
Johnny Manziel 43%
AJ McCarron 11%

THE (BIG) BUSINESS

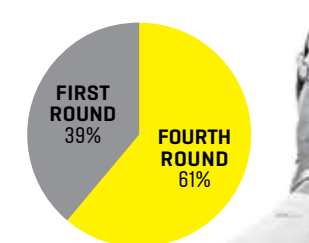
WHEN YOU SEE YOUR LIKENESS IN VIDEO GAMES, DO YOU FEEL YOU SHOULD BE COMPENSATED?



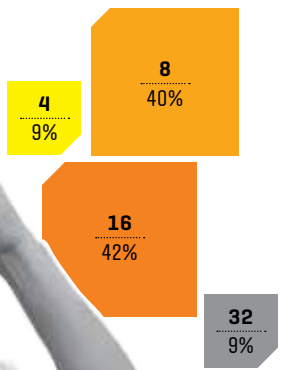
DO YOU AGREE/DISAGREE WITH THE NFL RULE THAT PLAYERS MUST BE DONE WITH HIGH SCHOOL FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE THEY CAN DECLARE FOR THE DRAFT?



WOULD YOU RATHER BE A FIRST-ROUNDER FROM A CONFERENCE CHAMP OR A FOURTH-ROUNDER FROM A NATIONAL CHAMP?



HOW MANY TEAMS SHOULD MAKE A COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ... 4, 8, 16 OR 32?

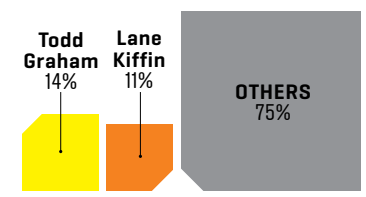


DEALING WITH COACH

BEST COACH?

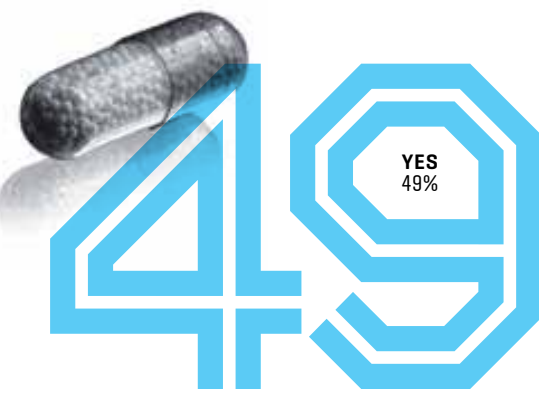


LAST COACH YOU'D EVER WANT TO PLAY FOR?

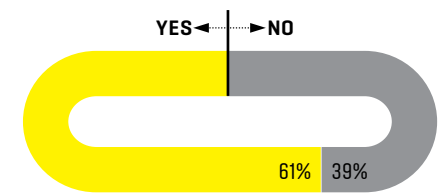


CHEATING

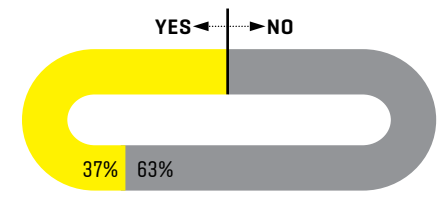
I HAVE AT LEAST ONE TEAMMATE WHO I THINK IS TAKING PEDS.



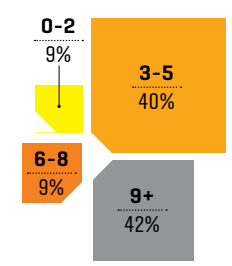
ONE OF YOUR COACHES HAS A 20-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WHO ATTENDS THE SAME COLLEGE AS YOU. WOULD YOU CONSIDER ASKING HER OUT?



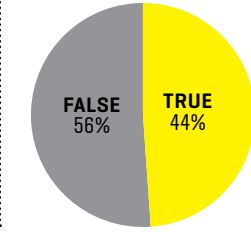
IS YOUR CURRENT HEAD COACH THE SAME AS WHEN THE SCHOOL FIRST OFFERED YOU?



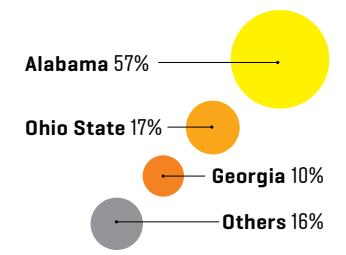
IN THE PAST YEAR, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SEEN SOMETHING THAT YOU THOUGHT COULD BE AN NCAA VIOLATION?



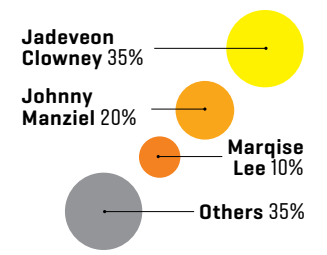
SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE TALK TO ME ABOUT THE TEAM, I FEEL THEY MAY BE FISHING FOR GAMBLING INFORMATION.



WHO WILL WIN THE BCS TITLE THIS YEAR?



BEST PLAYER?



GOING DEEP

MAC PLAYER ON WHO'S MOST OVERHYPED
"I don't want to say AJ McCarron has an easy job, but he has an easier job. Best O-line, best receivers, best running backs, best defense—he just has to not mess it up."

MWC PLAYER ON WHO'S THE BEST
"I think Johnny Football is the best player in the country and the most overhyped. He's amazing, but the expectations for him are unattainable. It's just not fair."

BIG TEN PLAYER ON POSTSEASON PREFERENCE
"Explain to me why we can't do a 16- or 32-team playoff. Division III does it. High schools do it. All of that stuff about injuries and academics is just nonsense. You can't say that you care about D1 players sooooo much and then let hundreds of other players play a 32-team playoff."

PAC-12 PLAYER ON GAY TEAMMATES
"Nobody would really care that much about a guy being gay. It's more that we constantly have distractions—arrests, suspensions, fights at practice, coaching changes, the whole deal—and having a player who's gay would just be another huge distraction. We don't need any of that crap."

MWC PLAYER ON DATING COACH'S DAUGHTER
"Our coaches dictate our whole lives, decide who's playing and who's not, bench you because they didn't like your attitude during a practice ... You name it, they have total authority. I would love to turn the tables and roll past my coach's house one day on a date, with his daughter in the front seat."

AAC PLAYER ON DEALING WITH GAMBLERS
"You have to be really careful, especially on social media now. You never know when a simple tweet question is really so that a guy can bet \$50,000 on the other team."

SEC PLAYER ON HIDING CONCUSSIONS
"I've lied about concussions. It's pretty easy to get away with it—you just stay away from the team doctors."