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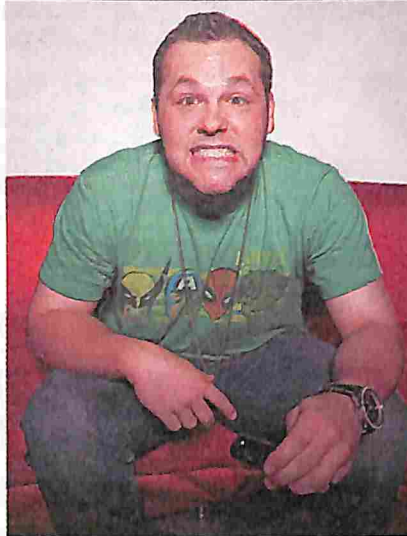
We asked. You voted. And **JOBA CHAMBERLAIN** (right) is NEXT. For the third year in a row, we polled fans on ESPN.com to select the athlete destined to make the biggest impact on sports in the coming year (and years). And while the Yankees fireballer came out on top, the four runners-up below—**PATRICK WILLIS**, **NOEL DEVINE**, **BRANDON ROY** and **TYSON GAY**—aren't too shabby either. All of their beautiful todays (not to mention these candid self-portraits) are sure to be outpaced by boundless tomorrows.

63 THE INNOVATIONS

An inside peek at the future of sports: the skate that could speed up hockey, the stat that will shake up baseball, the play that will heat up football ... well, you get the idea. Change is coming.

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The US of A might seem like the center of sports. But look beyond our borders, and you'll see all sorts of proof that the next generation of game-changers hails from the global village.

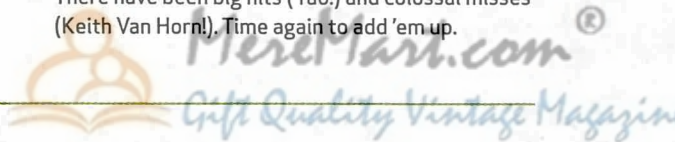


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They didn't make our finals, but these nine NEXT athletes are ready to impress—starting now.

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We've been declaring athletes NEXT for 10 years. There have been big hits (Yao!) and colossal misses (Keith Van Horn!). Time again to add 'em up.



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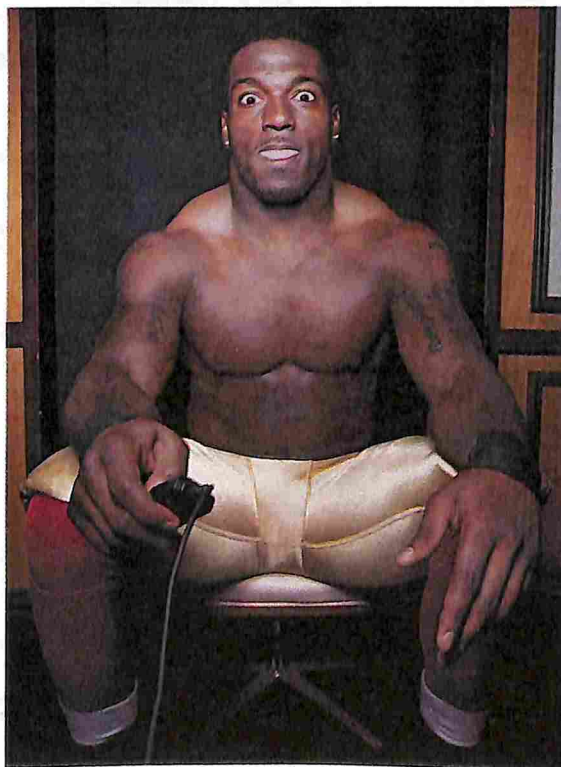
There once was a kid named Will MacKenzie who could play golf really, really well—and then decided not to. Now he's back on the greens and raking in the green. **BY JEFF BRADLEY**

106 YO, ANDRE!

Andre Iguodala is The Man in post-Iverson Philly. Which, in the City of Brotherly Loathe, might not be such a good thing. **BY MOLLY KNIGHT**

114 NEITHER RAIN, NOR SLEET, NOR A 2-3 ZONE

You can accuse mailman/D3 hoops star/dad Dana John of many things. Loafing isn't one of 'em. Meet the most exhausted man in sports. **BY SAM APPLE**



86 RUN SUPPORT

The guy behind center is always a target, but the guy behind the guy behind center has a huge load on his back too. Lucky for the Colts, Joseph Addai has someone to help him carry it. **BY TIM STRUBY**

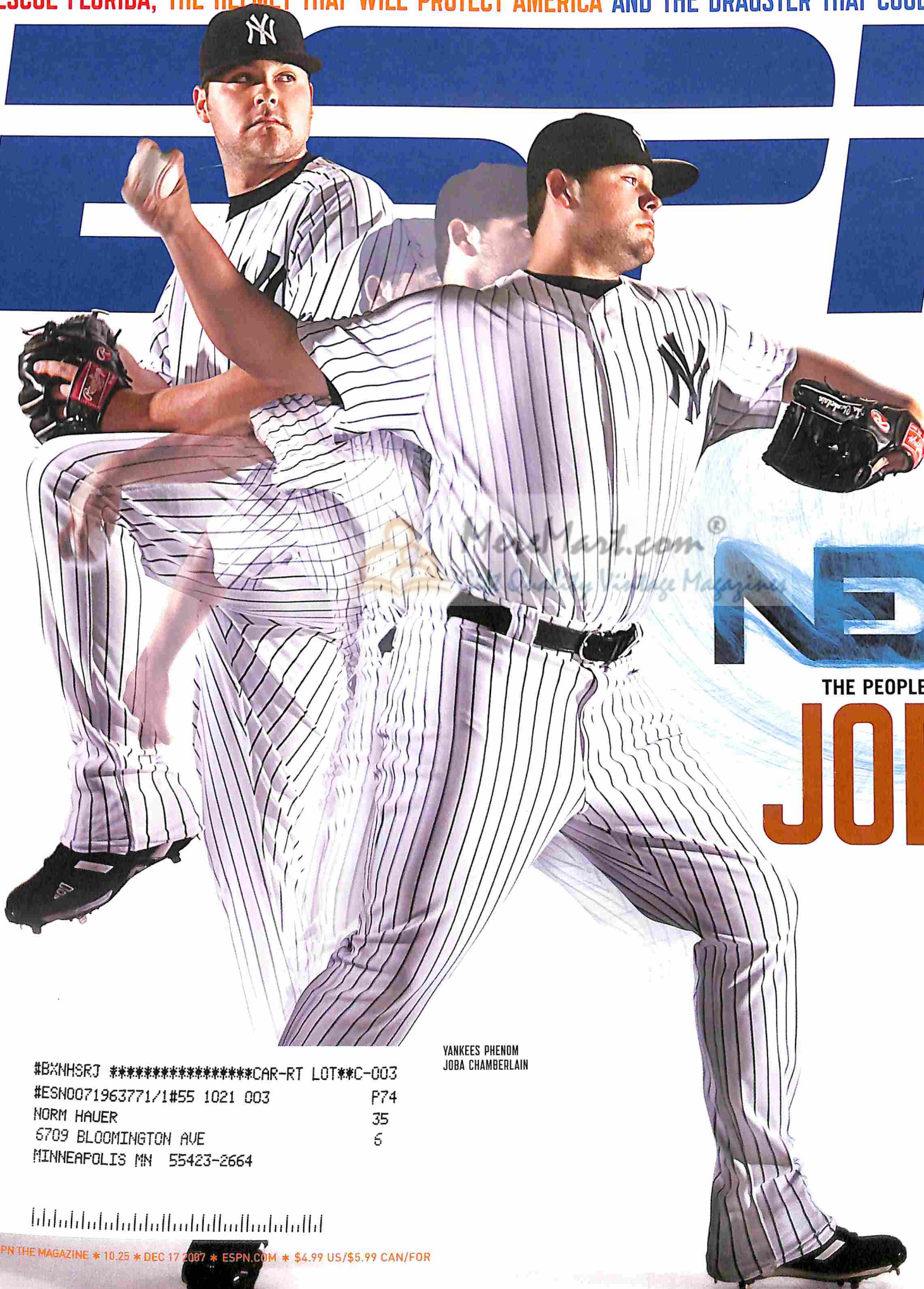
94 THIS WAY TO THE DRAFT

Drafting QBs is an ordeal for NFL teams. But it's no picnic for the guys getting picked, either. Over the next few months, *The Mag* will check in on three college passers to see how they're holding—and shaping—up.



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