

Johnny Manziel Ready to Leave College Station

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Johnny Manziel has been no stranger to the media. He's had his ups and downs with both good and bad press. The latest eyebrow-raising event occurred at 1:38 Sunday morning, when Manziel apparently posted on his Twitter account to about 350,000 followers, "(Expletive) like tonight is a reason why I can't wait to leave college station...whenever it may be."

Manziel is eligible for the NFL draft following this season, and all indications are that he's going to take full advantage of the opportunity. He took all online courses during the past spring semester to avoid hassles on campus, although, like many 20 years olds, he's a regular on the night scene. Unlike many 20 year olds, he is a frequent court side guest at many marquee NBA games.

As his tweet began to go viral, Manziel or someone else deleted the tweet. Around the same time he posted, "Don't ever forget that I love A&M with all of my heart, but please please walk a day in my shoes." Considering he comes from wealth and regularly enjoyed the "finer things" even prior to winning the Heisman, some Twitter respondents weren't exactly feeling his pain at that point.

Earlier this week, Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin was asked about the constant attention Manziel has received during the offseason. Since Manziel won the Heisman Trophy in December, his profile has risen dramatically. "I've seen it, just like everybody else," Sumlin said Thursday. "I think being around other guys in the past has helped me, but there's never been anything like this before. Being around Adrian Peterson, Jason White, Sam Bradford, Case Keenum, or Drew Brees, people like that, that's part of the deal. When you are a nationally

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recognized person, whether you're young or a freshman or an older guy, there are some things that come with that."

"Like I said before, (Manziel) is still himself, and he has made some mistakes and he knows that. That's part of growing up. I think, like I've said before, we've got a support process that's in place for him and his family and I know that ever since summer school started he has been back hard at work and he's happy to be back with his teammates."

The quarterback led the Aggies to an 11-2 season and their highest end-of-season ranking (No. 5) since 1956. He compiled an SEC single-season record 5,116 total offensive yards (3,706 passing, 1,410 rushing) and 47 touchdowns en route to becoming the first freshman in college football history to win the Heisman Trophy.

Manziel and the Aggies report for training camp in early August.