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**AROUND THE AREA**

LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

**Universal Parks coming to Frisco**



**The City of Frisco is celebrating another big acquisition**

Universal Parks & Resorts, on Wednesday, announced plans specifically designed to inspire fun for families with young children with a theme park in Frisco.

According to Universal, the new park concept, set in a lush green landscape and featuring immersive themed lands, celebrates Universal's iconic brand of entertainment, humor and innovation and brings to life its beloved characters and stories in ways that will wow even the youngest theme park goers.

The proposed park will be designed to be more intimate and engaging for younger audiences and will be sized for a regional audience. It will be full of family-friendly attractions, interactive and playful shows, character meet and greets, unique merchandise and fun food and beverage venues. Although smaller in size, it will still carry the same quality as Universal's other larger resort destinations.

Part of 97 acres of land recently purchased by the company, the proposed park also has plans for an adjacent themed hotel and room for expansion. The entire area is

intended to have a completely different look, feel, and scale than Universal's existing parks and will appeal to a new audience for the brand.

"We are excited about the opportunity to partner with the city of Frisco and Mayor Cheney as we work to bring this innovative, new concept to life designed specifically for a younger generation of Universal fans," said Page Thompson, President, New Ventures, Universal Parks & Resorts. "We think North Texas is the perfect place to launch this unique park for families given its growing popularity within this part of the country."

Universal Parks & Resorts said that it selected the city of Frisco given the city's growing population and ability to attract businesses to the area. The proposed location for the new concept is east of the Dallas North Tollway and north of Panther Creek Parkway.



**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Georgia-TCU title game records lowest viewership in college football history**

The Georgia-TCU title game records lowest viewership in college football history yet, the Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl were reportedly the most-watched CFP semifinals in five years.

The TCU Horned Frogs faced the

Georgia Bulldogs Monday night for the national championship. College football fans don't want to watch a blowout game, and viewers made that clear Monday night. The College Football Playoff National Championship reached a total of 17.223 million viewers as Georgia dominated TCU 65-7, according to Sports Business Journal's Austin Karp.

ESPN had 16.626 million viewers while 483,000 watched on ESPN2 and ESPNU brought in 114,000 views, reportedly making the Georgia-TCU matchup the lowest-viewed College Football Playoff title game since the Bowl Championship Series era began in 1999.

The CFP National Championship paled in comparison to the season's semifinal games, which were reported the most-watched semifinals in five years according to Yahoo! Sports.

TCU's Fiesta Bowl win over Michigan recorded 21.7 million viewers while 22.4 million viewers watching Georgia's Peach Bowl win over Ohio State, despite being on New Year's Eve.



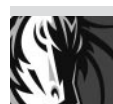

"Field Pass with The Pat McAfee Show" in which the former NFL punter and his friends watched the game and reacted from the field, brought in 423,000 viewers.

TCU didn't give fans much to stick around for after the Bulldogs scored 28 unanswered points to end the first half up 38-7 over the Horned Frogs. Georgia ran off with the victory, new CFP records and never looked back. Universal Announces Plan for Frisco Theme Park and Hotel Posted on January 11, 2023

**NCAA Basketball Poll**

AP	Week 10	Coaches
1. Houston	1. Houston	
2. Kansas	2. Kansas	
3. Purdue	3. Purdue	
4. Alabama	4. Alabama	
5. Tennessee	5. Tennessee	
6. UConn	6. UCLA	
7. UCLA	7. UConn	
8. Gonzaga	8. Gonzaga	
9. Arizona	9. Arizona	
10. Texas	10. Texas	
11. Kansas State	11. Xavier	
12. Xavier	12. Virginia	
13. Virginia	13. Kansas State	
14. Iowa State	14. Iowa State	
15. Arkansas	15. Miami	
16. Miami	16. Arkansas	
17. TCU	17. TCU	
18. Wisconsin	18. Wisconsin	
19. Providence	19. Providence	
20. Missouri	20. Missouri	
21. Auburn	21. Duke	
22. Charleston	22. Auburn	
23. San Diego State	23. Marquette	
24. Duke	24. Charleston	
25. Marquette	25. San Diego State	

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

	JANUARY 13 FRIDAY	JANUARY 14 SATURDAY	JANUARY 15 SUNDAY	JANUARY 16 MONDAY	JANUARY 17 TUESDAY	JANUARY 18 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 19 THURSDAY
				Cowboys at Buccaneers 7:15 / ESPN			
		Stars vs Calgary 1:00 / BSSW		Stars at Knights 5:00 / BSSW		Stars at San Jose 9:00 / BSSW	Stars at LA Kings 9:30 / BSSW
		Mavs at Trailblazers 9:00 / BSSW	Mavs at Trailblazers 8:00 / BSSW			Mavs vs Hawks 6:30 / BSSW	
	Allen at Thunder 7:05	Allen at Thunder 7:05					
		SMU vs Cincinnati 3:00 / ESPN				SMU at Tulsa 7:00 / 1310am	

# Final AP Top 25 Football Poll of 2022

## College football rankings: Final AP Top 25 poll of 2022 season revealed as Georgia wins National Championship

The final AP Top 25 college football rankings of the season are here, fresh off Georgia's victory over TCU in the national championship game. And while Bulldogs fans celebrate, others shift their focus to 2023. Semifinalists like Ohio State and Michigan as well as big bowl winners like Alabama, Tennessee, Penn State and Tulane have plenty of reason to look at today's final rankings.

Alabama made its own headlines with an impressive victory over Kansas State as stars like Bryce Young and Will Anderson say goodbye to Tuscaloosa. Tennessee got a big performance from Joe Milton, who stepped in after Hendon Hooker's season-ending injury.

Bowl Season saw multiple teams make statements about 2023, including a historic season at Tulane and impact victories for the Washington Huskies and Florida State Seminoles.

What does it all mean? The media speaks with its final AP Top 25 rankings of the 2022 season.

### 1. Georgia (15-0)

It was a bloodbath in the College Football Playoff National Championship. TCU could not pace the undefeated Georgia Bulldogs, and Kirby Smart wins another national title alongside quarterback Stetson Bennett. In a 65-7 victory for Georgia, Bennett threw for 304 yards and four touchdowns. Brock Bowers hauled in seven catches for 152 yards and a score of his own. And now the dynasty debates intensify against Nick Saban and Alabama. It does not get any easier for Georgia's 2023 opponents. The Bulldogs boast the nation's No. 2 recruiting class with three weeks until Nat. Signing Day.

### 2. TCU (13-2)

All the credit in the world to TCU for getting to the big dance. But there were no dance moves that could have led to an upset against Georgia last night. Down Kendre Miller, the Horned Frogs fell behind early and never recovered. While it was an ugly finish to the season, TCU still boasts an incredible 2022, and a College Football Playoff semifinal victory over an undefeated Michigan Wolverines team. TCU quarterback Max Duggan, a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, struggled against UGA with just 152 yards passing to go with two interceptions.

### 3. Michigan (13-1)

The Big Ten champs could not get it done in the Fiesta Bowl. Michigan lost 51-45 to TCU in one of the most iconic playoff games to date. Trading scoring runs and big plays, the Wolverines and Horned

Frogs came down to the final drive. And Michigan could not keep up the pace. Quarterback J.J. McCarthy was 20-for-34 passing with 343 yards, two touchdowns and two pick sixes in the game. Jim Harbaugh has another win over Ohio State, but a bowl loss sure hurts. And the Wolverines found out yesterday that star running back Blake Corum is back for a run at the Heisman in 2023.

### 4. Ohio State (11-2)

It was a devastating ending for the Ohio State Buckeyes, who were a missed field goal away from a spot in the championship game. Ohio State lost 42-41 as the clock struck midnight on 2022, missing the game-winning field goal against No. 1 Georgia.

### 5. Alabama (11-2)

The Crimson Tide rolled to a 45-20 Sugar Bowl victory on New Year's Eve. Bryce Young's final college game was one of his best, completing 15 of his 21 pass attempts for 321 yards and five touchdowns in a victory over Kansas State. Five different receivers caught touchdowns for the Tide, and Jas McClellan also ran for a score. Alabama finishes as a top-five team, but short of its championship aspirations.

### 6. Tennessee (11-2)

Joe Milton carried the Tennessee offense to the tune of 251 passing yards and three touchdowns in a 31-14 victory over Clemson in the Orange Bowl. It was not the College Football Playoff dream for Josh Heupel, but the Vols finish with an excellent 2022 resume.

### 7. Penn State (11-2)

The Nittany Lions capped off their season with a 35-21 victory over Utah in the Rose Bowl. Nicholas Singleton ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries. For the Nittany Lions and James Franklin, 2022 featured two losses to CFP semifinalists along with 11 wins, including the Rose Bowl.

### 8. Washington (11-2)

The Huskies went into hostile Texas territory for the Alamo Bowl and came home with a 27-20 victory over the Longhorns. It was a game-changing first season for coach Kalen DeBoer as head coach. Michael Penix Jr., who received Heisman Trophy consideration in 2022, returns next season. He threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns against the Longhorns. Washington also got 108 rushing yards and a touchdown from Wayne Taulapapa.

### 9. Tulane (12-2)

Tulane has a 12-win season for the first time since 1998, and did it in epic fashion. The Green Wave made their statement in the New Year's Six with a 46-45 victory over USC, scoring with nine seconds left in

the game. Michael Pratt (234 passing yards, two touchdowns) and Tyjae Spears (205 rushing yards, four touchdowns) stole the show against USC and its Heisman Trophy winning quarterback.

### 10. Utah (10-4)

Utah's season includes a Pac-12 championship but ends with a 35-21 loss to Penn State in the Rose Bowl. Quarterback Cameron Rising threw for 95 yards before his injury changed things.

### 11. Florida State (10-3)

Jordan Travis was 27-for-38 passing with 418 yards and two touchdowns in a 35-32 Cheez-It Bowl victory over the Oklahoma Sooners. Brent Venables has some work to do heading into his second season while FSU's Mike Novell has 2023 momentum as one of the favorites in the ACC.

### 12. USC (11-3)

Lincoln Riley's first season at USC had some highs, but back-to-back losses closed out 2022. The Trojans fell one point short, 46-45, in the Cotton Bowl Classic against Tulane. While Caleb Williams threw for 462 yards and five touchdowns after his recent Heisman Trophy win, the defense couldn't stop Tulane's game-winning drive.

### 13. Clemson (11-3)

Cade Klubnik was 30-for-54 passing with 320 yards and two interceptions in his big-time debut for Clemson. The Tigers lost 31-14 to Tennessee in the Orange Bowl. Dabo Swinney summed up the game succinctly when he said, "lot of missed opportunities" after things went final.

### 14. Kansas State (10-4)

The Wildcats had some special 2022 moments, most notably the Big 12 title win over undefeated TCU. But things concluded with a four-loss resume after the inability to topple Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. In a 45-20 loss to the Crimson Tide, Kansas State got 133 rushing yards and a touchdown out of star Deuce Vaughn.

### 15. Oregon (10-3)

The duel between Bo Nix and Drake Maye did not disappoint, and Oregon was one point better in a San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl win over North Carolina. The Ducks got a 28-27 victory on the game-winning touchdown pass from Nix to Chase Cota. Nix threw for 205 yards and two touchdowns while Bucky Irving starred with 149 yards and two rushing touchdowns. Dan Lanning begins his career with a 10-win season.

### 16. LSU (10-4)

Brian Kelly had LSU in the playoff conversation for a good amount of the season. But late stumbles led to the Citrus Bowl. And once LSU got there, it was a blowout, 63-7, over Purdue. Garrett Nussmeier, Jayden Daniels and Malik Nabers all threw touchdown passes.

Daniels added a game-high 67 rushing yards while Noah Cain also scored twice on the ground.

### 17. Oregon State (10-3)

A big year for the Beavers culminated in a 30-3 blowout of Florida in the Las Vegas Bowl. Oregon State beats Florida, 30-3, with the Gators held to just 219 total yards of offense. Oregon State celebrates its first 10-win season since 2006.

### 18. Notre Dame (9-4)

The Fighting Irish got five touchdowns from Tyler Buchner in a 45-38 victory over South Carolina in the Gator Bowl. The Irish finished 2022 with six wins in their last seven games, including top-25 victories over Syracuse, Clemson and the Gamecocks.

### 19. Troy (12-2)

In a clash of top-25 teams, Troy of the Sun Belt beat UTSA of Conference USA, 18-12, in the Cure Bowl. Both teams fell just short of a New Year's Six opportunity, but the Trojans head into 2023 with the momentum of a 12-win season.

### 20. Mississippi State (9-4)

The mourning Mississippi State Bulldogs came through with a special victory against Illinois in bowl season. The first game since the passing of Mike Leach, Mississippi State won with a 27-yard field goal followed by a wacky 60-yard return score. It is the first victory for Zach Arnett as head coach 19-10 over the Illini.

### 21. UCLA (9-4)

Chip Kelly had the Bruins in the College Football Playoff hunt through most of the fall. But the season ended with three losses in the last four games, including a 37-35 decision against Pitt in the Sun Bowl.

### 22. Pittsburgh (9-4)

Ben Sauls hit a 47-yard field goal with four seconds left to beat UCLA, 37-35, in the Sun Bowl. Sauls represented 10 of Pitt's 16 fourth-quarter points in the comeback win.

### 23. South Carolina (8-5)

Spencer Rattler was 29-for-46 with 246 yards, two touchdowns and an interception as South Carolina fell just short in the Gator Bowl. The 45-38 loss means Shane Beamer's second season ends with an 8-5 overall record.

### 24. Fresno State (10-4)

The Mountain West Conference champions won their final nine games, finishing as one of college football's hottest teams. That included a dominant 29-6 win over Washington State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl.

### 25. Texas (8-5)

The Longhorns end their season on a down note, losing 27-20 to Washington in the Alamo Bowl, but remain ranked to close out Steve Sarkisian's Year 2.

# Having a Solid Practice Game Plan



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Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire.

“Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired.”- Martha Graham.

There are two phases of practice in golf: Practice for development of the skill; and practice before you play to loosen up your muscles. Practicing before playing is as beneficial to the golfer as it is to a baseball or football player or any other athlete.

Proper practice for golfing technique is the real secret to golfing skill and there is no substitute. With a golf club in your hand you can practice anywhere; because with or without a golf club, you can perfect your grip, stance, and body actions. Many players derive more pleasure from practicing than actual playing a round of golf. I personally enjoy that scenario too.

It’s important to always practice with definite objectives. Direct all your shots to a specific target to develop direction and judgment of distance. Practice with all clubs under similar conditions as you would on the course- bad lies as well as good lies. And make sure to change targets frequently while hitting balls on the range.

Through these articles I will delve into each area in greater depth to help in formu-

lating a comprehensive game plan.

It’s critical to learn the swing by feel, not by mechanics alone. Too much detail can be confusing. Thinking your way through a golf swing is impossible because the club is moving too fast to make any adjustments.

Short practice sessions are more preferable than long ones. Going for a couple hours can be physically and mentally exhausting which can be detrimental.

There are two sets of muscles used in the golf swing: Big muscles (heavy) and small muscles (speed). As in the formula for energy, mass (weight) and speed must correspond. The difference between a low handicaper and a high handicaper is coordinating the use of these two sets of muscles. The high handicapper uses his big (heavy) muscles to swing the club. The low handicap golfer does not allow the big muscles to dominate the smaller muscles; Therefore, he has weight plus speed.

The way I prefer my students to practice helps develop the proper timing and rhythm necessary to become the golfer they desire to be. By having great timing and rhythm in the swing there will be no real feeling of applying power and an absence of exerting physical force. It will feel so effortless because your power and distance were created by centrifugal force and not brute strength. Doing this gives the golfer the appearance of no conscious effort making the swing. You’ll look smooth and easy, but delivering a lot of power in the process.

Enjoy practicing because it will pay off on the course. There’s a wonderful quote about practice that goes,

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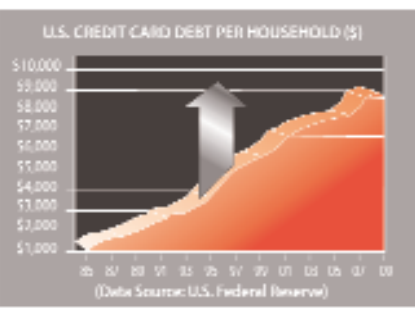


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# This week: The Sony Open in Hawaii



Hideki Matsuyama wins in playoff at the Sony Open



**Sony Open in Hawaii**  
**January 12-15, 2023**

**Waialae Country Club**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**Purse - \$7,900,000**

**Winners share - \$1,422,000**

**Defending Champ - Hideki Matsuyama**

By Adam Stanley  
PGATOUR.COM

The first full-field event of 2023 sees the best in the world tee it up in paradise for the Sony Open in Hawaii. The tournament is celebrating its 25th edition with Sony as the title sponsor.

Nineteen of the 39 golfers who played the Sentry Tournament of Champions will also make the island hop for the Sony Open.

**FIELD NOTES:** The field is headlined by Jordan Spieth, the No.14-ranked golfer in the world. This is Spieth's first time playing the Sony since 2019... Spieth's new BFF, Tom Kim (read more on their budding friendship here) is just behind him in the world rankings at No. 15 and will also be teeing it up... Six of the top eight golfers in the FedExCup standings (as of Jan. 7) are set to take on Waialae CC...

Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama looks to become the first golfer to go back-to-back since Jimmy Walker (2014-15)... Keegan Bradley is the highest-ranked player in the FedExCup (as of Jan. 7) in the field. He is No. 2 after his win at the ZOZO Championship, his first triumph since 2018... Other notables including Presidents Cup participants Adam Scott, Billy Horschel, Corey Connors, K.H. Lee and Christiaan Bezuidenhout... The top 10 finishers in The RSM Classic, the final full-field event of 2022, earned spots in the Sony, including former world No. 1 amateur Cole Hammer. His T5 at The RSM was his best TOUR finish and ended his first year as a pro on a high. He finished fifth in last year's class of graduates in the PGA TOUR University Ranking presented by Velocity Global. He does not have PGA TOUR status but will have conditional Korn Ferry Tour status this year... Sponsor exemptions include Blaze Akana (a sophomore at University of Hawaii at Manoa), Kohei Okada (who won the Japan Amateur Championship last year) and a pair of former world No. 1 amateurs from Japan: Taiga Semikawa and Keita Nakajima. Semikawa won back-to-back starts on the Japan Tour last year before turning pro. Nakajima, a former Asia-Pacific Amateur champion, was the world's No.1-ranked amateur for a record 87 weeks. Nakajima finished T12 in last year's ZOZO and was T5 halfway through last year's Sony before

finishing 41st... Kazuki Higa also is amongst the sponsor exemptions. He topped the Japan Golf Tour's money list in 2022. Higa recently received a special invitation to the Masters along with reigning NCAA champ Gordon Sargent.

## HIGHEST-RANKED PLAYERS IN FIELD

### World Ranking FedExCup

14. Jordan Spieth	3. Tom Kim
15. Tom Kim	5. K. Bradley
18. Billy Horschel	6. Mac Hughes
19. Sungjae Im	7. Brian Harman
21. H. Matsuyama	8. A. Svensson
24. Brian Harman	10. R. Henley
25. Keegan Bradley	12. T. Montgomery
30. Russell Henley	14. Tom Hoge
34. Adam Scott	16. Andrew Putnam
35. Corey Connors	24. Kurt Kitayama

\* -- as of Jan. 9

**FEDEXCUP:** Winner receives 500 FedExCup points.

**COURSE:** Waialae Country Club, par 70, 7,044 yards. Designed by Seth Raynor – and most recently renovated by Tom Doak – the Honolulu course is one of the TOUR's longest-tenured host venues. The narrow layout boasts tree-lined fairways and 83 bunkers.

**STORYLINES:** Tom Hoge will make the trip from the Sentry Tournament of Champions to the Sony Open – but not without a unique stopover first. Hoge will head to Los Angeles to watch his alma mater, TCU, play in the College Football

Playoff title game against Georgia... Hoge is one of 19 golfers to play both events on the Hawaii swing this season... Since the Sentry Tournament of Champions headed to Hawaii in 1999, 17 of the 24 Sony Open winners also played Kapalua the week prior... Two of the last three Sony Open tournaments (and four of the last seven) have gone into playoffs... Only six golfers have ever won both Hawaii TOUR events... Keep your eye on Taylor Montgomery this week to see if his hot fall effort continues as the calendar changes. Montgomery, a Korn Ferry Tour graduate from last season, made all seven cuts in the fall – with six top-20 finishes. He's already 11th on the FedExCup standings.

**72-HOLE RECORD:** 253, Justin Thomas (2017)

**18-HOLE RECORD:** 59, Justin Thomas (Round 1, 2017)

**LAST TIME:** Hideki Matsuyama stormed back from a five-shot deficit with just nine holes to play and topped Russell Henley in a playoff after hitting, arguably, the best approach into a par-5 of the season.

Matsuyama fired a 31 on the back nine Sunday to finish at 23 under for the week and launched a 3-wood from 276 yards to just 2 feet on the par-5 18th (the first playoff hole) and drained the eagle putt.

Matsuyama shot sizzling 63s on both Saturday and Sunday at Waialae GC en route to winning for the eighth time on the PGA TOUR. With the triumph, his eight TOUR titles tied K.J. Choi for the most by an Asian-born player. Henley, meanwhile, seemed to be on cruise control for the win after a 6-under 29 on his front nine including birdies on Nos. 6-8 and an eagle on the par-5 9th. Henley couldn't get anything going on the back nine, however, making eight pars and a bogey on the par-3 11th. He had a 10-foot birdie try on the 72nd hole for the win but couldn't convert. Kevin Kisner and Seamus Power finished tied for third at 19 under, while Michael Thompson and Lucas Glover rounded out the top five. Henley, the 2013 Sony Open champ, bounced back to win later in the year in Mexico, his first triumph in five years.

## HOW TO WATCH

**Television:** Thursday-Friday, 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. ET (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, TBD\*

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# Five things about: Waialae Country Club



Waialae Country Club is the home of the Sony Open in Hawaii. (Cliff Hawkins/Getty Images)

By Jeff Eisenband  
PGATOUR.COM

The PGA TOUR shifts from Maui to Oahu this week, and while the state may be the same, the island change calls for a dramatically different style of golf. Gone are the sweeping elevation changes of Kapalua and in comes the flatter, European and Hamptons-inspired Waialae Country Club, home of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Waialae pre-dates Hawaiian statehood, was featured in a popular 1960s comedy flick, and has been part of the PGA TOUR schedule since 1965. That's a lot of tournament film to study, but Waialae still packs a few new punches every January.

## 1. It pays tribute to legendary courses

When golf course architect Seth Raynor and his then-associate Charles Banks crafted Waialae in the early part of the 20th century, they looked to some of the famous courses of the day for inspiration.

Raynor designed the first hole, now a 488-yard par 4, with the "Road Hole" from the Old Course at St Andrews in mind. Like the 17th hole in Scotland, the first hole in Hawaii demands an approach shot into a shallow green with a deep bunker guarding in front.

No. 7 at Waialae is a sibling of No. 6 at National Golf Links of America in Southampton, New York, one of the trade-

mark courses of Charles B. Macdonald, Raynor's mentor. Both par 3s play short – the back tees at National Golf Links stretch to 141 yards and the Sony Open hole reaches 162 yards – but both provide a layer of bunker troubles in front of a wide green. Raynor originally surrounded the entire green with sand as a further tribute to Macdonald, but today it's only in the front.

Waialae's par-3 17th hole employs a "redan-style" green that was recently restored to Raynor's original vision with a large bunker on the left and four smaller bunkers to the right of the green. Macdonald and Raynor were important figures in establishing the redan concept in the U.S., bringing it over from its origin at North Berwick Golf Club in Scotland.

The par-3 fourth hole at Waialae, with its 55-yard green including a deep swale running across the middle, is said to take its shape from the Biarritz Golf Club in France.

Unfortunately for Raynor, he never saw the full fruit of his labors, as he passed away in January 1926, one year before Waialae officially opened.

## 2. The front and back nines are flipped

Hawaiian golf is primetime golf in the contiguous United States. And to make sure fans see the most picturesque views of

Oahu as they watch the late-night action, the Sony Open swaps the front and back nine for tournament play.

There are two notable reasons for the change. First of all, aesthetics: The back nine holes (front nine for members) best highlight the beauty of the Hawaiian sun setting in the west. Second, this affords the opportunity to use the par-5 dogleg left 18th hole (ninth hole for members) as a dramatic finishing hole. While the 18th only played 546 yards in 2021, a series of bunkers at the dogleg require a precise tee shot to set up a feasible second shot into the green.

Last year, Hideki Matsuyama made up a five-shot deficit on the back nine and then won the Sony Open in Hawaii in a playoff with one of the best shots he never saw, a 3-wood into the sun on 18 to 3 feet for an eagle to beat Russell Henley. In 1983, Isao Aoki holed out for eagle from 128 yards to become the first Japanese player to win on the PGA TOUR.

No matter what the contenders do on 18, it's almost always entertaining.

## 3. It's a mad, mad 'W'

The most iconic feature of Waialae is the "W" formed by four coconut trees behind the 16th green. This formation is on purpose, and while it has only been around since 2010, its history goes back more than

50 years.

In 1963 – two years before the debut of the Sony Open – Stanley Kramer's "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" debuted in theaters, and it featured one of Hollywood's all-time star-studded casts with Spencer Tracy, Milton Berle and Sid Caesar, among others. The film's plot revolved around a group of individuals racing to uncover \$350,000 hidden under a W-shaped tree in the fictional California city of Santa Rosita.

Waialae member Ethan Abbott estimated he was around 9 or 10 years old when he originally saw the movie. His boyish enthusiasm about the film never left him, and as an adult in the 2000s, he started lobbying the course to create its own W. After some initial pushback, Waialae relocated four trees from the hundreds on the course, planting them behind the No. 7 green for members. The entire alteration cost \$3,500 and came from a gift already earmarked for a project on the course.

While the trees are tricked into thinking they are growing straight, they now form one of golf's iconic images, with the "W" appearing on Waialae merchandise and earning the club a series of national landscape awards. Weddings have even become common at the "W," a prime photo opp spot for golf enthusiasts.

But did Abbott hide any cash under the trees? That remains unknown.

## 4. Justin Thomas has the course record

In 2017, Justin Thomas arrived at Waialae directly from a victory at the Sentry Tournament of Champions. He backed that up with an opening-round 59 at Oahu, a new course record, surpassing Davis Love III's 60 in 1994. Thomas started on the back and book-ended his round with eagles on No. 10 and No. 9.

At age 23, Thomas became the youngest player to ever shoot a sub-60 round.

Along with the 18-hole record, Thomas proceeded to set the 36-hole, 54-hole and tournament records at the Sony Open, finishing at 27-under 253 to beat Justin Rose by seven strokes. The Sony Open was Thomas' third of five wins en route to his 2016-17 FedExCup title.

## 5. It's a flat track

The Sentry Tournament of Champions field climbs as high as 510 feet above sea level at the Plantation Course at Kapalua. At Waialae, players can leave their hiking boots back at the hotel. The Oahu course has an elevation change of roughly 10 feet. While Waialae includes features unique to Hawaii – coconut, monkey pod and kiawe trees, along with Pacific Ocean views – water hazards are minimal and 83 bunkers span the grounds. Breezes can play a factor, but after the mountains and unexpected winds of Kapalua, Waialae presents a more subdued atmosphere.

# Rules revisions taking effect in 2023

**2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES**  
The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

**HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES**

**New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities**

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



**Replacing Damaged Clubs**

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



**Ball Moved by Natural Forces**

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



**Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)**

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](http://usga.org) or [randa.org](http://randa.org).

A new year has brought changes to the Rules of Golf that are played on the PGA TOUR. (Ben Jared/PGA TOUR)

By Staff  
PGATOUR.COM

A new year has brought changes to the Rules of Golf.

The Rules are revised every four years, and the changes that took effect Jan. 1 are the first since the major overhaul of 2019. There are fewer changes this year, but they continue the trend of simplifying the game and reducing the number of head-scratching penalties that send social media ablaze. With last week's Sentry Tournament of Champions being the first PGA TOUR event played under the most recent revisions, here's a quick look at the changes that could come into effect during PGA TOUR competition.

## 1. Ball at rest rolls to another area of the course after being dropped or placed

If a ball is at rest after being dropped, placed or replaced and then natural forces cause it to roll to another area of the course, it must now be replaced. There is no penalty. This rule comes into effect when the ball rolls into a penalty area, into a bunker, onto a putting green or out of bounds.

This change was made by the governing bodies in response to the situations that impacted Rickie Fowler and Charley Hoffman at the WM Phoenix Open, where a ball at rest after a player took relief rolled back into a penalty area. Under the old rule, this resulted in a one-stroke penalty

for each player.

Fowler's situation happened in the final round of his victory at the 2019 WM Phoenix Open, after he hit his third shot into the water on TPC Scottsdale's 11th hole. He took a drop outside the penalty area, but his ball rolled back into the water while he was surveying his next shot. He was penalized another shot and then had to take relief again. Fowler eventually made a 17-footer for triple-bogey, but still went on to win the tournament.

Under the new rule, Fowler would not have been penalized for his ball rolling back into the water after he had taken a drop. He would have been allowed to replace his ball without penalty.

## 2. Unsigned scorecard

A Local Rule will be adopted on the major Tours that reduces the penalty for returning a scorecard without the signature of the player and/or marker from disqualification to two strokes. The penalty will be applied to the final hole of the round. The hole scores recorded in each box on the scorecard must still be correct.

## 3. Committee-approved yardage books

A Committee-approved yardage book from either 2022 or 2023 may be used in competition this year. The Committee-approved yardage books were introduced in January 2022 as part of a Local Rule that limited the amount of information about a green's contours allowed in yardage books.

Greens diagrams in the approved books show minimal detail about a green. The Local Rule also limits the handwritten notes that players and caddies can add to their approved yardage books.

## 4. Setting down objects to help with aiming or line of play

An object must not be set down to help a player take a stance for a stroke, aim a shot or to show the line of play. For example, a penalty applies as soon as a towel is placed down to show a player the line of play for a blind shot.

Laying down a club for alignment purposes while addressing the ball is still illegal. This year's rule emphasizes that drawing lines in dew or sand to aid in alignment are also illegal.

Under the previous rule, a player could set down an object on his line of play to help aim before attempting a blind shot, but it had to be removed before he started his stroke. Now an object cannot be set down at any time to assist with aiming a shot. A caddie can still assist his player with aiming by standing in a player's intended line before the stroke begins, provided he moves away before the player

begins his stroke.

## 5. Back-on-the-line relief procedure

The procedure for taking relief back-on-the-line has been simplified. Back-on-the-line relief is an option for an unplayable ball and also is a commonly-used option for relief from penalty areas. It allows a player to drop back on a straight line from the hole through the spot where the ball lies. The player must now drop a ball on the line. Once the ball is dropped on the line, it may roll up to one club-length in any direction from that spot, including closer to the hole.

## 6. Distance measuring devices in proams

As it is a common practice in the game of golf today, amateurs and their caddies will be allowed to use distance measuring devices during competition at The American Express and AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. However, the professionals and their caddies cannot get advice from a distance measuring device or greens book used by an amateur or their caddie during these tournaments.



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# NFL Wild Card picks and predictions



By Sayre Bedinger

What a fun ride the 2022 NFL season was, right? It ended with some theatrics as the Green Bay Packers were officially eliminated from playoff contention with a loss — at home — to the Detroit Lions. What a time to be alive. It was a prosperous week in Week 18 for NFL picks as well, as we finished with our absolute best straight-up picks record of the season at 13-3.

As we progress into the playoffs, expecting the unexpected has become the norm in the NFL this season. Before we get into the picks, let's take a look at our overall playoff bracket in both the AFC and NFC.

**AFC playoff bracket 2023**

- (1) Kansas City Chiefs: **BYE**
- (7) Miami Dolphins at (2) Buffalo Bills
- (6) Baltimore Ravens at (3) Cincinnati Bengals
- (5) Los Angeles Chargers at (4) Jacksonville Jaguars

**NFC playoff bracket 2023**

- (1) Philadelphia Eagles: **BYE**
- (7) Seattle Seahawks at (2) San Francisco 49ers
- (6) New York Giants at (3) Minnesota Vikings
- (5) Dallas Cowboys at (4) Tampa Bay

Without further ado, let's get into our NFL picks and predictions for these 2023 NFL playoffs, starting with the Wild Card round.

**Wild Card Byes: Kansas City Chiefs, Philadelphia Eagles**

2023 NFL picks, score predictions for Wild Card Round of NFL playoffs

**(AFC no. 7) Miami Dolphins (9-8) at (AFC no. 2) Buffalo Bills (13-3)**

The Miami Dolphins found a way to squeak into the playoffs after almost watching their chances disappear down the stretch. At one point this season, it looked like Miami was bound to be an unstoppable force with the way their offense was playing. Then they acquired Bradley Chubb at the NFL trade deadline, and it was seemingly all roses from there on paper.

And then they started losing games. Unfortunate injury luck at the QB position caused the Dolphins to have to run Skylar Thompson out there for a must-win scenario in Week 18, and they found a way to get the job done.

So what happens now? Is Tua Tagovailoa going to play in this Wild Card matchup against the Buffalo Bills? Teddy Bridgewater? Skylar Thompson again?

Dare I even say, Mike Glennon? The Buffalo Bills have to be feeling pretty good about their chances going into the playoffs, even though they have been given some fits by the Dolphins this season including being handed one of their few losses by Mike McDaniel's crew. I don't think this is a straightforward pick by any stretch but I do think the Bills are going to progress to the next round.

**Prediction: Bills win 29-22**

**(NFC no. 7) Seattle Seahawks (9-8) at (NFC no. 2) San Francisco 49ers (13-4)**

The Seattle Seahawks have done it. The journey was certainly anything but easy, but they found a way to win in Week 18 and the Detroit Lions came through for them in Green Bay.

After all the drama in the 2022 offseason with Russell Wilson, the blockbuster trade, and all of it, the Seattle Seahawks are going to — for the moment — experience some football catharsis. They have made the playoffs and they have a top-five pick in April's NFL Draft. It doesn't get much better than that, frankly.

That's the good news, and it's plenty of it. The bad news? They have to travel to Santa Clara to take on one of the absolute hottest teams in the NFL right now: the San Francisco 49ers. If Kyle Shanahan isn't the NFL coach of the year, the award is rigged.

The 49ers went into this year with a plan at the QB position, which was that Trey Lance would be their full-time starter. That caused Jimmy Garoppolo trade rumors to heat up to the point that everyone in the 49ers organization including Garoppolo said their goodbyes publicly. Fortunately for the 49ers, Garoppolo came back on a reduced contract and wound up winning them a bunch of games early on this season.

Garoppolo had the Niners looking like a contender and then he got hurt. Brock Purdy, Mr. Irrelevant in this year's NFL Draft, had to step in as the starter. He's done more than a fine job. Purdy is out there slinging the rock, dealing the ball to the 49ers' playmakers, and he's done quite a bit without Deebo Samuel in the lineup as Samuel missed a handful of weeks from December to January.

Now, Samuel is back in the fold. The 49ers are clicking on both sides of the ball. Even with Geno Smith making the Pro Bowl and Seattle getting a huge boost offensively from the emergence of rookie running back Kenneth Walker, this game feels like it's leaning toward Shanahan's squad. Can the Seahawks pull off an upset?

**Prediction: 49ers win 31-23**

**(AFC no. 6) Baltimore Ravens (10-7) at (AFC no. 3) Cincinnati Bengals (12-4)**

If you ask Joe Burrow, there's not really a Super Bowl "window" for this Cincinnati Bengals team. Burrow delivered a quote that will go down in Bengals lore when asked about any Super Bowl window, saying essentially that he is the Super Bowl window. As long as he's around, there's a window to win it.

You've got to love the confidence from no. 9, and you've got to love the Bengals' chances going into this postseason of at least returning to the AFC's final four. After Cincinnati lost in the Super Bowl last year, I pondered throughout the offseason whether that team would slightly regress given they were rebuilding up until the 2021 offseason. They accelerated their

rebuild and made it all the way to the final game of the year, falling just short.

Now, they look like they are established contenders in the AFC. They look like a well-oiled machine. The Bengals are terrific, but the Baltimore Ravens are going to be a tough out in the postseason especially if Lamar Jackson comes back.

Jackson was injured in a game against the Denver Broncos a couple of months ago, and hasn't practiced since. Have the Ravens just weathered the storm until the playoffs? That would certainly add to the intrigue of this game.

Not knowing whether Jackson will play, or whether he will play and be rusty, makes this a hard game to predict on the whole. With that being said, I'm going to go with my gut assuming Jackson plays and even plays at a high level.

**Prediction: Bengals win 31-27**

**(NFC no. 6) New York Giants (9-7) at (NFC no. 3) Minnesota Vikings (13-4)**

The New York Giants made the unpopular decision to rest their key players in Week 18 against the Eagles, but in hindsight, Brian Daboll made the correct executive decision there. The idea of playing starters in a meaningless Week 18 game was ridiculously bad and we saw that unfold with the Los Angeles Chargers, who lost a game in Denver where their starters played most of the afternoon.

While Mike Williams of the Chargers was carted off the field with a back injury, the Giants got their backups some reps and will plan on going to Minneapolis with a chance to play spoiler to a thrilling season for the Minnesota Vikings.

This matchup is very intriguing considering a lot of people just don't buy the Vikings' success this year, despite the fact they had 13 wins. Part of the reason people are thinking the Vikings' 2022 season was a bit of fool's gold? They had a -3 point differential in their 17 games. That's pretty crazy when you think about the fact that the team won 13 games in total, even though 11 of them were one-score games.

The Giants have had their share of close calls this year as well, but you could look at the bright side of things and say that the difference for these two teams that were non-playoff squads in 2021 is coaching. Certainly, having better coaching can help you execute properly in close games.

These two teams have very different strengths and weaknesses, but they played each other close back on Christmas Eve with the Vikings winning 27-24. Can the Vikings make that kind of lightning strike twice in the same season? I'm going with an upset pick here.

**Prediction: Giants win 24-23**



Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott was eight years old when Tom Brady won his first Super Bowl

**(NFC no. 5) Dallas Cowboys (12-5) at (NFC no. 4) Tampa Bay Bucs (8-9)**

I can't abandon ship on the Dallas Cowboys this late in the season. After pumping them up as a contender all off-season and believing that things were different throughout the regular season, the Cowboys won 12 games despite an extended absence for Dak Prescott and proved a lot of detractors wrong.

Although I can't abandon ship, the Buccaneers might make them walk the plank.

Deal with the dad jokes. The Buccaneers have been so underwhelming in 2022 that a few weeks ago I was writing, begging for someone like the Panthers to win the NFC South and at least make this an interesting fourth seed in the NFC. In hindsight, I'm sure we'll all agree that having Tom Brady in the playoffs is preferable to Sam Darnold, but we live in the moment.

Brady and the Bucs have been nothing like the iteration of this team we saw win the Super Bowl when he signed on a few years ago. They have been a shell of their old selves, and it's been boring to watch. Can Dallas end their apparent playoff curse? Can they actually come out, go on the road against Tom Brady, and advance in the postseason? Based on what we saw against the Commanders and based on what we've seen lately from Dak Prescott, I'm really not so sure.

There are seemingly different versions of this Cowboys team dating back to November. We've seen them absolutely run teams out of the stadium (including the Vikings) and we've seen them get smacked

around, blow leads, and not be able to beat Sam Howell in his NFL debut when the no. 1 seed in the NFC was on the line.

My faith in the Cowboys is rapidly declining.

**Prediction: Buccaneers win 21-17**

**Dallas Cowboys vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers Wild Card Preview: Last Stands For Tom Brady and Mike McCarthy?**

*Could the Cowboys' matchup against the Buccaneers be the end of Tom Brady in Tampa or Mike McCarthy in Dallas?*

*By Dalton Miller*

We likely won't see Tom Brady in a Buccaneers uniform in 2023. There isn't anything keeping him in Tampa Bay, and the roster will be going through changes in the offseason, given their current cap situation. But he's not the only one who could be on the sidelines for the final time with their team.

Although moving on from Mike McCarthy is unlikely, it's certainly not out of the question for the Dallas Cowboys. But why would a coach who has won 12 games in back-to-back seasons lose his job? I'm glad you asked.

**The Cowboys May Not Be Long For Mike McCarthy**

If you've spent any significant time following the Cowboys, you know that owner Jerry Jones talks a lot. He joins 105.3 The Fan in Dallas twice a week, as does Stephen Jones. The difference is Jerry talks himself into trouble with his delivery and sometimes grotesque analogies.

The other day was no exception. Those

who have been around the Arkansan enough know what he was trying to say, even through his ambiguous word choice and awkward delivery.

"No. I don't even want to — no. That's it. I don't need to go into all the pluses or minuses, but I've got a lot more to evaluate Mike McCarthy on than this playoff game." What he's saying is that losing one game does not make or break McCarthy's employment with Dallas.

The Cowboys are in the playoffs in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2006-2007. They won 12 games in consecutive years for the first time since their Super Bowl run in the early '90s. They accomplished that in 2022 despite Dak Prescott missing five games.

But that alone may not save McCarthy. Jones is 80 years old, and although he has more money than most can fathom, he hasn't exactly subjected his body to highway miles over the years. There is no guarantee his patience won't run out if the 12-win Cowboys lose to an eight-win Buccaneers team that made the playoffs by default.

The prospect of losing one, if not both (probably not), of the team's coordinators adds to the intrigue surrounding McCarthy's status. The players adore defensive coordinator Dan Quinn. And while he doesn't have a Super Bowl victory under his belt, he has Super Bowl experience without having an all-time QB to hang his hat on.

The Sean Payton rumor will reach volcanic temperatures if Dallas loses to Tampa Bay. But it's a stretch to assume Dallas, a team who practically used their draft picks as their only team-building avenue, would give up significant draft capital for Payton.

Jones' own history cannot be discarded, either. He fired Chan Gailey after multiple one-and-done playoff appearances. He also fired the only coach the Cowboys had ever had to hire Jimmy Johnson, who won three Super Bowls with the team before a quick departure to Miami.

The Cowboys were embarrassed a season ago in the Wild Card Round by the San Francisco 49ers. McCarthy most likely survives a hard-fought loss in a game in which both teams played well. But anything is possible if the Cowboys are embarrassed on Monday Night Football against a team that ranked 25th in weighted DVOA.

**Does Tom Brady Have Enough to Extend His Buccaneers Career?**

Brady has not been the same player in 2022 as in his prior two seasons with the team. He posted the lowest QBR of his career and spent most of the year looking like a man going through hell.

Of the 32 QBs with at least 250 attempts, Brady ranked 29th in yards per attempt, 17th in ANY/A, and 27th in aDOT despite being pressured less often than any QB in the NFL, likely because he wasn't holding onto the ball any longer than he absolutely had to.

But we're also not going to ignore what Brady did to the Carolina Panthers in a must-win game just two weeks ago. See, Brady and Mike Evans picked on the Panthers' secondary, who did not have Jaycee Horn on the field.

Dallas will field one of Trayvon Mullen, Nahshon Wright, or Xavier Rhodes opposite of Trevon Diggs. That does not bode well for the Cowboys. But Brady and the Buccaneers' receivers haven't been connecting downfield the way they have in the past. Brady was "off" for most of the year, pushing the ball downfield.

Can Brady and company put together a full 60 minutes of football and extend his Buccaneers career for another week?

**Turnovers Could Decide the Game**

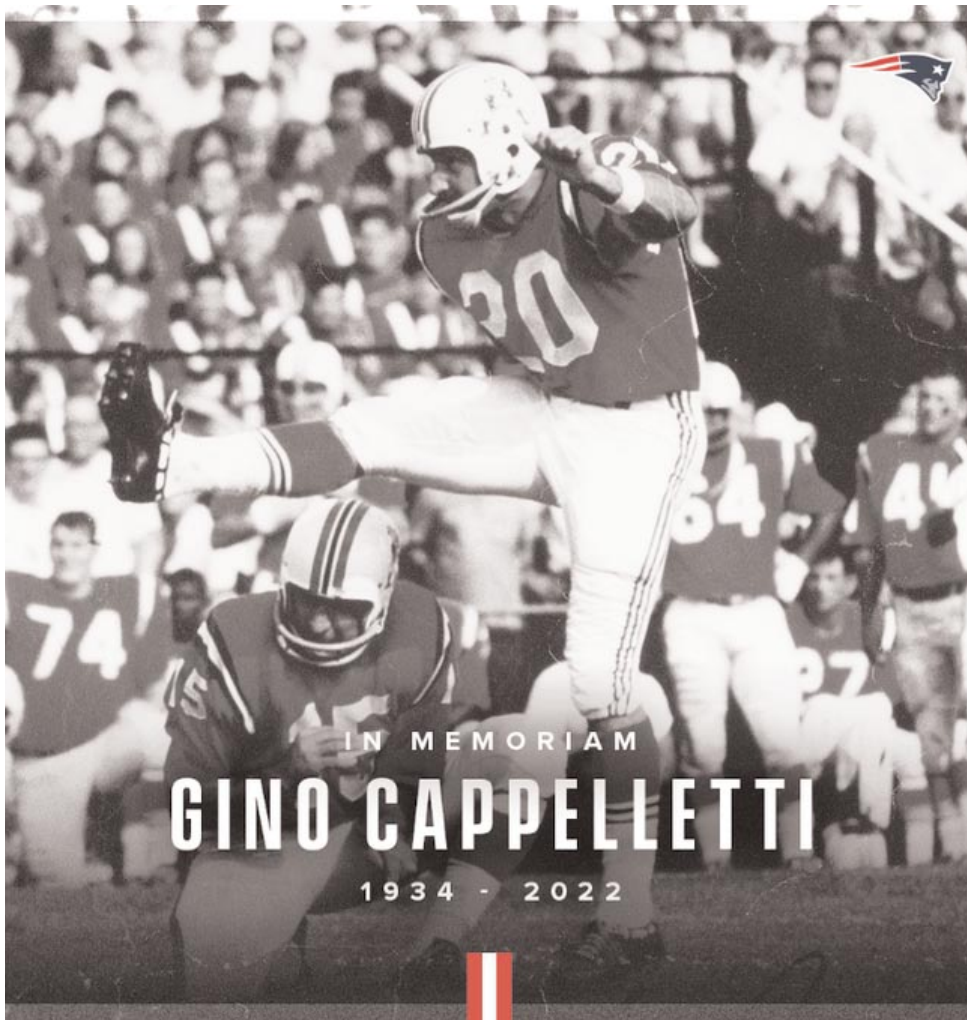
The Cowboys turn over teams more than anybody but have also struggled with turnovers themselves, particularly in the form of interceptions.

However, the outcome has less to do with turnover differential and much more with how Dallas' defense has fared when they cannot turn teams over. Dallas finished the year second in defensive EPA per play and fourth in defensive success rate. While they only fall to seventh when we exclude turnovers, that doesn't take into account their recent form.

Since Prescott's return, the Cowboys rank fourth in defensive EPA. But they've been successful because of their ability to turn the ball over. They drop to 19th on non-turnover plays, which is a far cry from the dominant defense Dallas fielded early in the season.

Injuries have slashed production, but the Cowboys are getting some important defensive pieces back for the Wild Card Round, which should help quell concerns.

# 2022 College Football in Memoriam



**The National Football Foundation remembers those who paved the way in college football and left us in 2022**

*By Footballfoundation.com*

The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame remembered those who passed away in 2022 and played a role in improving the game of college football for future generations.

"It is always important at this time of year to reflect on those who have left us," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Part of the mission of the National Football Foundation is to shine a light on the good in the game and to preserve its history. We lost some great ones in 2022, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families, friends and universities. We will work hard to ensure that their contributions are not forgotten."

#### **Bill Archie**

Head Football Coach, Athletics Director  
Norfolk State University  
Dec. 25, 1930 – March 19, 2022

#### **Jimmy Asato**

Head Football Coach  
University of Hawai'i  
July 18, 1927 – May 11, 2022

#### **\* Bob Babich**

1994 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
Miami University (OH)  
May 5, 1947 – April 3, 2022

#### **\* Frank Beckmann**

2014 NFF Chris Schenkel Award  
Voice of the Michigan Wolverines  
Nov. 3, 1949 – Feb. 12, 2022

#### **Jerry Berndt**

Head Football Coach  
DePauw (IN), Pennsylvania, Rice, Temple  
May 11, 1938 – Dec. 4, 2022

#### **\* Marlin Briscoe**

2016 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Nebraska Omaha  
Sept. 10, 1945 – June 27, 2022

#### **\* Ross Browner**

1999 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Notre Dame  
March 22, 1954 – Jan. 4, 2022

#### **\* Dave Butz**

2014 Hall of Fame Inductee  
Purdue University  
June 23, 1950 – Nov. 4, 2022

#### **Leland Byrd**

Athletics Director – Glenville State (WV),  
West Virginia, Western Michigan  
Executive Director – Atlantic 10  
Conference  
April 8, 1927 – Jan. 19, 2022

#### **Bill Cain**

Athletics Director  
East Carolina University  
Sept. 30, 1933 – June 8, 2022

#### **\* Frank Cignetti Sr.**

2013 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
Head Football Coach  
West Virginia, Indiana (PA)  
Oct. 8, 1937 – Sept. 10, 2022

#### **\* Jake Crouthamel**

1999 NFF Toner Award  
Athletics Director – Syracuse University  
Head Football Coach – Dartmouth College  
June 27, 1938 – Nov. 6, 2022

#### **Bill Dando**

Head Football Coach  
John Carroll (OH), Buffalo  
April 30, 1932 – Feb. 15, 2022

#### **\* Vince Dooley**

1994 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
2004 NFF Toner Award  
Head Football Coach, Athletics Director  
University of Georgia  
Sept. 4, 1932 – Oct. 28, 2022

#### **Bill Draddy**

NFF Westchester (NY) Chapter Past President  
Michigan State University  
May 31, 1937 – May 22, 2022

#### **Robert Epling**

NFF Board Member  
Orange Bowl Committee Past President  
Former Furman University Football Player  
Dec. 22, 1942 – Feb. 23, 2022

#### **Lawrence Fan**

Athletics Administrator  
San José State University  
Sept. 9, 1954 – Feb. 21, 2022

#### **Bill Fulcher**

Head Football Coach  
Tampa, Georgia Tech  
Feb. 9, 1934 – Sept. 23, 2022

#### **Gary Gaines**

Head Football Coach  
Abilene Christian University  
May 4, 1949 – Aug. 22, 2022

#### **Ray Greene**

Head Football Coach  
North Carolina Central, Alabama A&M  
Aug. 12, 1938 – June 17, 2022

#### **Tim Griffin**

San Antonio Express-News Sports Writer  
FWAA Past President  
University of Memphis  
July 15, 1959 – July 8, 2022

#### **\* Ray Guy**

2004 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Dec. 22, 1949 – Nov. 3, 2022

#### **\* John Hadl**

1994 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Kansas  
Feb. 15, 1940 – Nov. 30, 2022

#### **Charles Harris**

Athletics Director – Pennsylvania, Arizona State, Averett (VA)  
Commissioner – Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference  
c. 1951 – Dec. 7, 2022

#### **Jim Hilyer**

Head Football Coach  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
July 1, 1935 – Jan. 26, 2022

#### **\* Ernie Hoidal**

2013 NFF Chapter Leadership Award  
NFF Southern Idaho Chapter  
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Past Chairman  
University of San Francisco  
Aug. 26, 1949 - Sept. 20, 2022

#### **\* Paul Hoolahan**

2018 NFF Legacy Award  
Sugar Bowl CEO  
Athletics Director – Vanderbilt University  
University of North Carolina  
c. 1950 – Nov. 16, 2022

#### **\* Walt Hunt**

2005 NFF Chapter Leadership Award  
NFF King County/Seattle Chapter  
University of Washington  
June 29, 1963 – Jan. 30, 2022

#### **Arnold Jeter**

Head Football Coach  
Delaware State, New Jersey City Univ.  
Feb. 28, 1939 – Jan. 1, 2022

#### **Dr. Vannette W. Johnson**

Head Football Coach, Athletics Director  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
May 27, 1930 – May 12, 2022

**\* Shelby Jordan**

2013 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
Washington University in St. Louis (MO)  
Jan. 23, 1952 – Sept. 9, 2022

**Larry Lacewell**

Head Football Coach, Athletics Director  
Arkansas State University  
Feb. 12, 1937 – May 17, 2022

**Mike Leach**

Head Football Coach  
Texas Tech, Washington State, Miss. State  
March 9, 1961 – Dec. 12, 2022

**\* Jim Lynch**

1992 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
1966 NFF National Scholar-Athlete  
University of Notre Dame  
Aug. 28, 1945 – July 21, 2022

**John Madden**

Legendary Football Coach and Broadcaster  
Cal Poly  
April 10, 1936 – Dec. 28, 2021

**\* Hugh McElhenny**

1981 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Washington  
Dec. 31, 1928 – June 17, 2022

**Gary Moeller**

Head Football Coach  
Illinois, Michigan  
Jan. 26, 1941 – July 11, 2022

**Guy Morriss**

Head Football Coach  
Kentucky, Baylor, Texas A&M-Commerce  
May 13, 1951 – Sept. 6, 2022

**\* Darrell Mudra**

2000 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
Head Football Coach – Adams State (CO),  
North Dakota State, Arizona, Western  
Illinois, Florida State, Eastern Illinois,  
Northern Iowa  
Athletics Director – North Dakota State  
Jan. 14, 1929 – Sept. 21, 2022

**\* Robert Mulcahy III**

NFF Board Member  
2010 NFF Toner Award  
Athletics Director – Rutgers University  
May 23, 1936 – Feb. 8, 2022

**\* Thomas Murphy**

1994 NFF Gold Medal  
Chairman of Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.  
Cornell University  
May 31, 1925 – May 25, 2022

**Walt Nadzak**

Head Football Coach – Juniata (PA),  
Connecticut  
Athletics Director – Juniata (PA), The  
Citadel  
July 14, 1936 – March 18, 2022

**Stan Parrish**

Head Football Coach  
Wabash (IN), Marshall, Kansas State, Ball  
State, Eastern Michigan  
Sept. 20, 1946 – April 3, 2022

**\* Marvin Powell**

1994 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Southern California  
Aug. 30, 1955 – Sept. 30, 2022

**Bo Reardon**

NFF Western Massachusetts Chapter  
President  
Springfield College (MA)  
May 26, 1951 – Sept. 27, 2022

**\* Rick Redman**

1995 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Washington  
March 7, 1943 – Sept. 30, 2022

**Tom Reed**

Head Football Coach  
Miami (OH), North Carolina State  
Jan. 7, 1945 – Sept. 26, 2022

**Greg Robinson**

Head Football Coach  
Syracuse University  
Oct. 9, 1951 – Jan. 5, 2022

**Vin Scully**

Legendary Broadcaster  
Fordham University  
Nov. 29, 1927 – Aug. 2, 2022

**Chuck Stobart**

Head Football Coach  
Toledo, Utah, Memphis  
Oct. 27, 1932 – Nov. 29, 2022

**John T. Stuart III**

Cotton Bowl Past President & Chairman  
University of Texas  
Aug. 12, 1936 – May 27, 2022

**\* Charley Trippi**

1959 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee  
University of Georgia  
Dec. 14, 1921 – Oct. 19, 2022

**Roger Valdiserri**

Athletics Administrator  
University of Notre Dame  
May 16, 1927 – June 2, 2022

**\* Joe Yukica**

Head Football Coach – New Hampshire,  
Boston College, Dartmouth  
1995 NFF Chapter Leadership Award  
NFF Joe Yukica/New Hampshire Chapter  
May 27, 1931 – Jan. 22, 2022

**Devin Chandler (2002-2022)**

**Lavel Davis Jr. (2002-2022)**

**D'Sean Perry (2000-2022)**

University of Virginia Football Players

*\* College Football Hall of Fame inductee  
or NFF award recipient*

## University of Georgia recognized as 2022 NFF MacArthur Bowl recipient

**Georgia named back-to-back recipient of the MacArthur Bowl, claiming the trophy for the third time in school history as the Bulldogs concluded their season with a win over TCU in the CFP National Championship**

The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame today recognized No. 1 Georgia (15-0) as the recipient of the 2022 NFF MacArthur Bowl National Championship Trophy following the team's 65-7 victory over No. 3 TCU (13-2) yesterday in the College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship Presented by AT&T before a sellout crowd of 72,628 fans at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California.

The name of the 2022 Bulldogs will now be etched alongside the greatest teams in college football history on the MacArthur Bowl Championship Trophy, including the 1980 and 2021 Georgia teams. The trophy is housed at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. An event honoring the team will take place at the Hall in the future.

"On behalf of the National Football Foundation, our 12,000 members, our Board of Directors and Chairman Archie Manning, we are extremely proud to recognize Coach Kirby Smart and the Georgia Bulldogs," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "This trophy was started in 1959 by General Douglas MacArthur, the great sports writer Grantland Rice and legendary coach Red Blaik, and etched on the side of this stadium replica in all silver are all of the subsequent national champions. As the keepers of the history and the legacy of the sport of football, we are exceptionally pleased to maintain this unique tradition by etching the 2022 Georgia team on its walls."

Stetson Bennett IV, the former walk-on who has now led Georgia to back-to-back titles in storybook fashion, claimed the game's offensive MVP honors, completing 18 of 25 passes for 304 yards. He threw for four touchdowns and ran for another two, tying him at first for most points scored (36) in a CFP title game. Safety Javon Bullard earned defensive MVP honors, picking off two passes and recovering a fumble, all before the half, which helped give the Bulldogs a 38-7 advantage after two quarters.

With the win, Georgia claimed its third MacArthur Bowl, having captured the MacArthur Bowl in 1980, under College Football Hall of Fame head coach Vince Dooley, and last year with Coach Smart. Prior to the presentation of the MacArthur Bowl in 1959, Georgia was recognized as national champions by polling agencies in 1920, 1927, 1942 and 1946. A team in the current SEC has now claimed it 21 times.

Presented to every national champion since 1959, the MacArthur Bowl represents the pinnacle of team achievement in college sports, and each year during its 64-year history a new name has been etched alongside the greatest teams of all time. The trophy, a replica of a football stadium, features archways with space to engrave the names of 100 teams and miniature goal posts. The trophy was the gift of an anonymous donor, who commissioned Tiffany & Co. to craft it from 400 ounces of silver, in honor of early NFF leader General Douglas MacArthur. It took eight months to make, and the trophy features MacArthur's famous quote: "There is no substitute for victory."

Twenty-four different schools have claimed the trophy at least once during its 64-year history. Alabama has hoisted it the most, claiming it 10 times. Notre Dame is second with five wins while Ohio State, Miami (FL), Southern California and Texas have each etched their names four times on the trophy. Georgia joins Clemson, Florida, Florida State, LSU, Nebraska and Oklahoma as three-time recipients. Penn State and Michigan State have each won the trophy twice.

During college football's Poll Era, the NFF MacArthur Bowl Committee selected the recipient of the trophy. With the advent of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) in 1998, the national championship game has determined which team claimed the MacArthur Bowl, a tradition that continues under the College Football Playoff.

First presented in 1959, NFF National Champions and MacArthur Bowl recipients include: Syracuse 1959, Minnesota 1960, Alabama 1961, Southern California 1962, Texas 1963, Notre Dame 1964, Michigan State 1965, Michigan State/Notre Dame 1966, Southern California 1967, Ohio State 1968, Texas 1969, Ohio State/Texas 1970, Nebraska 1971, Southern California 1972, Notre Dame 1973, Southern California 1974, Oklahoma 1975, Pittsburgh 1976, Notre Dame 1977, Alabama 1978, Alabama 1979, Georgia 1980, Clemson 1981, Penn State 1982, Miami (FL) 1983, Brigham Young 1984, Oklahoma 1985, Penn State 1986, Miami (FL) 1987, Notre Dame 1988, Miami (FL) 1989, Colorado 1990, Washington 1991, Alabama 1992, Florida State 1993, Nebraska 1994, Nebraska 1995, Florida 1996, Michigan 1997, Tennessee 1998, Florida State 1999, Oklahoma 2000, Miami (FL) 2001, Ohio State 2002, LSU 2003, Vacated 2004, Texas 2005, Florida 2006, LSU 2007, Florida 2008, Alabama 2009, Auburn 2010, Alabama 2011, Alabama 2012, Florida State 2013, Ohio State 2014, Alabama 2015, Clemson 2016, Alabama 2017, Clemson 2018, LSU 2019, Alabama 2020, Georgia 2021 and Georgia 2022.

# O'Brien Scholarship Finalists Announced

## 2022 DAVEY O'BRIEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS



### Davey O'Brien High School Scholarship Finalists Announced

The Davey O'Brien Foundation has revealed the five finalists for the 37th Annual Davey O'Brien High School Scholarship Award. The scholarship, underwritten by Higginbotham and Simmons Bank, is presented each January to an exceptional senior student-athlete in North Texas.

In alphabetical order, this year's finalists are Rob Batton (Fort Worth Country Day), Branden Browning (Mabank High School), Camryn Dyke (Richardson High School), Matthew Spivey (John H. Guyer High School) and Srija Venna (Hebron High School).

"We are so honored to have these five individuals associated with the Davey O'Brien Foundation as High School Scholarship Award finalists," David O'Brien Jr., Chairman of the High School Scholarship Selection Committee, said. "Once again we had an extremely challenging task of selecting the finalists from an amazingly talented group of applicants from all over North Texas."

The recipient of the \$30,000 scholarship will be announced Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the High School Scholarship Luncheon at The Fort Worth Club. The Foundation will award \$2,500 scholarships to each of the four remaining finalists. The scholarships are paid to the college or university of the

winner's choice and may be used for undergraduate or graduate studies.

Recipients of the High School Scholarship Award are chosen on the basis of scholastic achievements, community service, character, leadership and varsity sports participation. As part of the selection process, the committee will interview all five finalists this week.

The Foundation has distributed more than \$1.2 million in scholarships and university grants to help high school and college athletes transform leadership on the field to leadership in life. The winner will be honored alongside National Quarterback Award winner Max Duggan of TCU at the 46th Davey O'Brien Awards Dinner at The Fort Worth Club on Monday, Feb. 20.

#### About the Finalists

##### Rob Batton Fort Worth Country Day

Rob Batton is a member of the football, wrestling and track and field teams at Fort Worth Country Day. In football, he earned All-Southwest Preparatory Conference honors and was team captain as a two-way starter on both the offensive and defensive lines.

A National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar and member of the Cum Laude Society, Batton carries a 98.56 grade-point average on a 100-point scale. The school's Honor Council president as a junior and senior, he also works at Chick-fil-A.

##### Branden Browning Mabank High School

Branden Browning is a four-year letterman in powerlifting and earned three varsity letters in football at Mabank High School. A three-time regional qualifier in powerlifting, he was an all-district lineman in football and served as team captain as a senior. In the classroom, Browning ranks third in his class of 203, has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, he has held multiple jobs including Cosway Marina and Adams Mobile Detailing.

##### Camryn Dyke Richardson High School

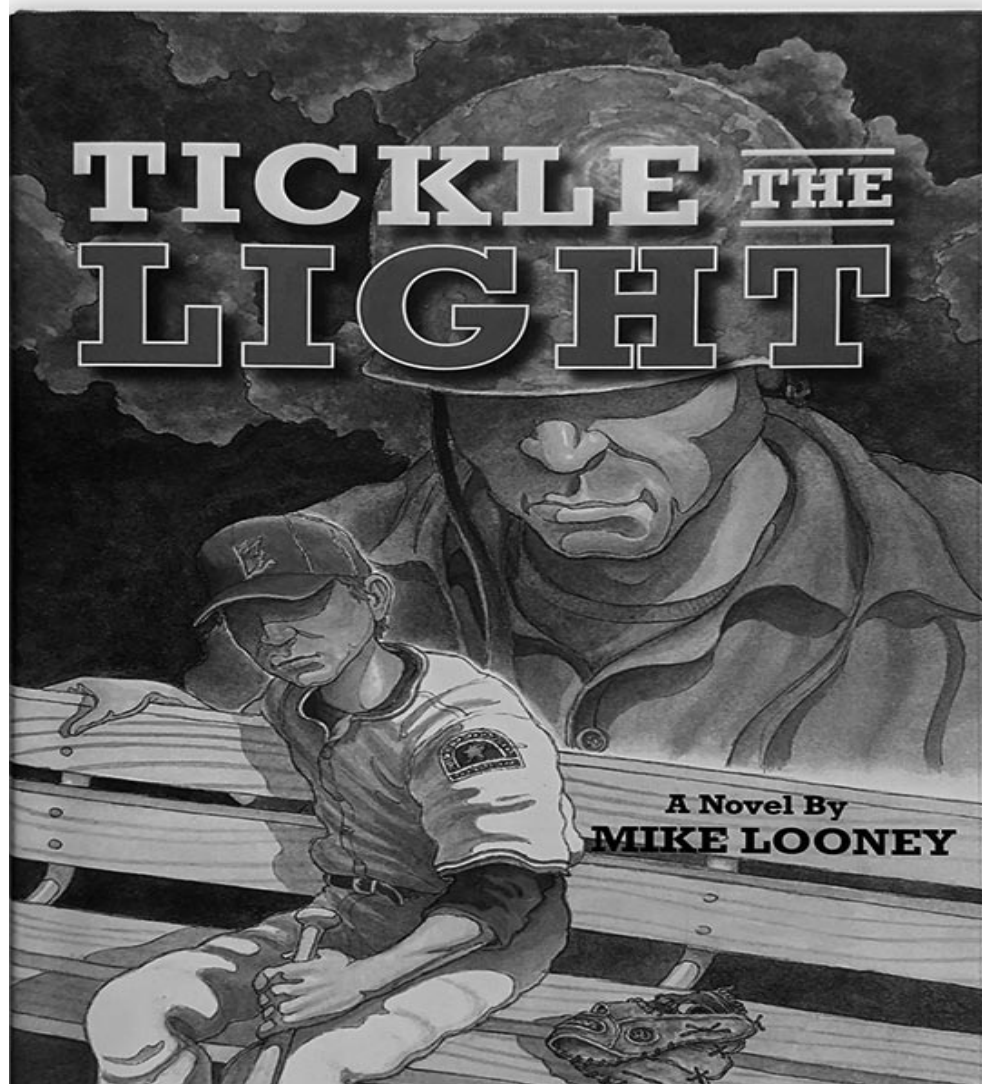
Camryn Dyke claimed two varsity letters in volleyball and also was a two-year member of the Richardson High School Desperados dance team. She was a THSCA Volleyball Academic All-State Elite Team selection. A National Merit Semifinalist, Dyke ranks fifth in a class of 608 students, 103.66 GPA on a 100-point scale. She is president of the National Honor Society and is a member of the Student Athlete Leadership Team. She has participated in the Hearts of Servants organization.

##### Matthew Spivey John H. Guyer High School

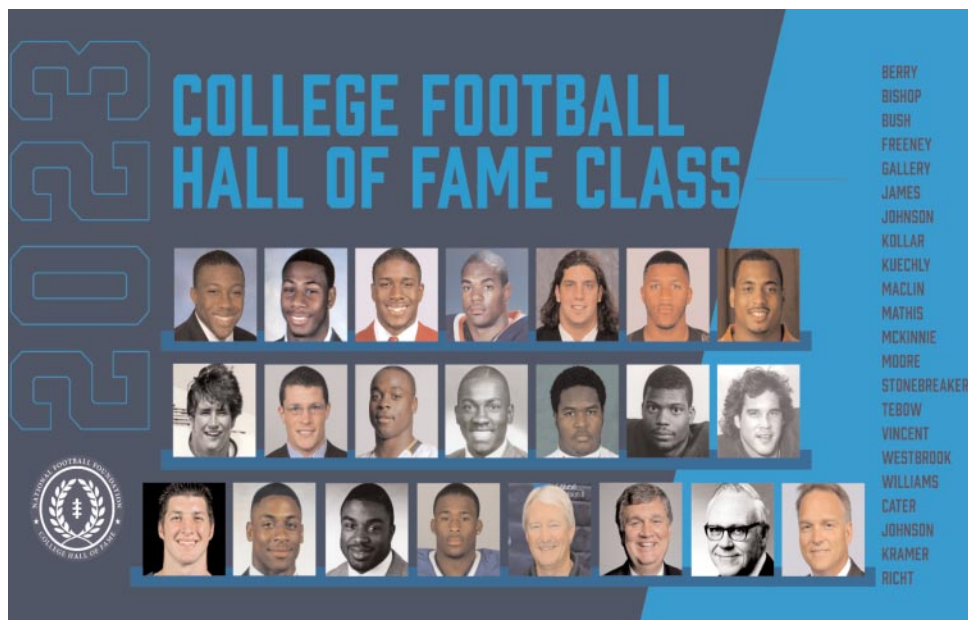
Matthew Spivey is a two-year starter at goalkeeper for the soccer team at John H. Guyer High School where he helped lead his team to a playoff appearance in 2022. He sits atop his class of 604 students with a 5.0 grade-point average on a 5.0 scale. Spivey is a National Merit Semifinalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He is president of the National Honor Society, co-president of the student council, founder of the Hope in the Moment nonprofit organization and an Eagle Scout.

##### Srija Venna Hebron High School

Srija Venna is a four-year letterwinner in both track and cross country at Hebron High School. In 2022, she was a UIL Class 6A state qualifier in cross country after placing among the top 10 at both the district and regional races. In the classroom, Venna ranks 23rd in a class of 923 students with a 4.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Additionally, she is an AP Scholar with Distinction and earned National Merit Commendation. She also has worked at Heart to Heart Hospice.



# College Football News and Notes



The NFF & College Football Hall of Fame class of 2023 consists of 18 student-athletes and four coaches



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The NFF & College Football Hall of Fame denoted its Hall of Fame Class of 2023 with 18 student-athletes and four head coaches. It brought total membership in the Hall to 1,074 players and 230 coaches from the millions who have competed in college football since 1869.

Some of the notables on this '23 honor roll are 2007 Heisman Trophy and NFF William V. Campbell Trophy® winner QB Tim Tebow of Florida, 10 unanimous first team All-America choices, right consensus first team All-America, 10 multi-year first team All-America, and 11 recipients of college football major awards. The four coaching legends in the class combined for 718 victories over 89 seasons and countless bowl invitations as well as Coach of the Year laurels from all sides.

The Class of 2023 includes Eric Berry – DB, Tennessee (2007-09); Michael Bishop – QB, Kansas State (1997-98); Reggie Bush – RB, Southern California (2003-05); Dwight Freeney – DE, Syracuse (1998-2001); Robert Gallery – OT, Iowa (2000-03); LaMichael James – RB, Oregon (2009-11); Derrick Johnson – LB, Texas (2001-04); Bill Kollar – DT, Montana State

(1971-73); Luke Kuechly – LB, Boston College (2009-11); Jeremy Maclin – WR/KR, Missouri (2007-08); Terance Mathis – WR, New Mexico (1985-87, 1989); Bryant McKinnie – OT, Miami [Fla.] (2000-01); Corey Moore – DL, Virginia Tech (1997-99); Michael Stonebreaker – LB, Notre Dame (1986, 1988, 1990); Tim Tebow – QB, Florida (2006-09); Troy Vincent – DB, Wisconsin (1988-91); Brian Westbrook – RB, Villanova (1997-98, 2000-01); and DeAngelo Williams – RB, Memphis (2002-05).

**Coaches:** Monte Cater – 275-117-2 (.701 winning percentage) Lakeland [Wis.] (1981-86), Shepherd [West Va.] (1987-2017); Paul Johnson – 189-99-0 (.656); Georgia Southern (1997-2001), Navy (2002-07), Georgia Tech (2008-18); Roy Kramer – 83-32-2 (71.8%); Central Michigan (1967-77); Mark Richt – 171-64-0 (.728); Georgia (2001-15), Miami [Fla.] (2016-18). Mr. Kramer also pioneered the first NCAA FBS (then I-A) conference football championship for the Southeastern Conference in 1991 and played a major role in the development of the Bowl Championship Series (1998-2013) and College Football Playoff (2014-present) as commissioner and commissioner emeritus of the Southeastern Conference.

The 18 First Team All-America players and four standout coaches in the 2023 Class were selected from the national ballot of 80 players and nine coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 96 players and 33 coaches from the divisional ranks.

The 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class officially will be inducted during the 65th NFF Annual Awards Dinner

Presented by Las Vegas on Dec. 5, 2023, at the ARIA Resort & Casino Las Vegas.

Dean A. Spanos, the owner and chairman of the board of the NFL Los Angeles Chargers, and Anthony Noto, the CEO of SoFi, were inducted into the 2023 NFF Leadership Hall of Fame in ceremonies on Jan. 6 at the YouTube Theater in SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California.

NFF president and CEO Steve Hatchell presented the 64th annual MacArthur Bowl for the NCAA FBS football titlist (first won by Syracuse in 1959) to Georgia Tuesday to College Football Playoff victor Georgia after the Bulldogs downed Big 12 Conference power and 13-2 TCU. This is the third time for the Bulldogs to capture the coveted bowl – one of college athletics' most unique trophies – along with Georgia's 1980 and '21 teams. Alabama has the most MacArthur Bowls' titles with 10 from 1961-2020.

Dr. Allen Sills, who serves as the NFL's chief medical officer, remains active in several areas of Vanderbilt and Belmont athletics medicine with specialty areas in concussion protocols. He has been a leading spokesperson and consultant throughout injury treatment for former Pittsburgh and injured current Cincinnati Bengals DB Damar Hamlin and is the son of famed Mississippi State director of marching bands and name of the Sills Band Building – the late Dr. Kent Sills.

Former Arkansas and NFL standout RB Peyton Hillis is in serious condition after saving his children from a possible drowning incident near Pensacola, Florida last week. Hillis is being hailed as a hero for his valiant efforts as his children were rescued and in good condition.

The INFLCR NIL Summit with 350-plus attendees in its 2022 gathering at the Chick-Fil-A NFF College Hall of Fame in Atlanta, is scheduled again for June. Early-bird registration has started at [INFLCR.com](http://INFLCR.com) and closes on Friday, February 17. (link) Quote of the Week from Clemson's famed head coach Dabo Swinney: (On tight relationships with other coaching staffs):

"That's what makes our business unique. Coke doesn't sit down with Pepsi at the end of the year and go, 'Well, boys, what'd you think?'"

#### NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

**Some notable birthdates** in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the Jan. 9-15 time period are Jan. 9 (1916) Brud Holland, Auburn, N.Y.; (1956) Ken MacAfee, Portland, Ore.; (1956) Gary Spani, Satanta, Kan.; Jan. 10 (1892) Alex Weyand, Jersey City, N.J.; (1909) Harvey Jablonsky, Clayton, Mo.; (1921) John Tavener, Newark, Ohio; Jan. 11 (1895) Paddy Driscoll, Evanston, Ill.; (1973)

Dave Dickenson, Great Falls, Mont.; Jan. 12 (1895) Bo McMillin, Prairie Hill, Texas; (1899) Fritz Crisler, Earlville, Ill.; (1943) Tucker Frederickson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; (1977) Cade McNown, Portland, Ore.; Jan. 13 (1907) Gerald Mann, Sulphur Springs, Texas; (1921) Billy Jack Murphy, Lorenzo, Texas; (1947) Bill Stanfill, Cairo, Ga.; (1958) Tyrone McGriff, Vero Beach, Fla.; Jan. 14 (1908) Vernon Smith, Macon, Ga.; (1929) Darrell Mudra, Omaha, Neb.; Jan. 15 (1892) Hobey Baker, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.; (1898) Dutch Meyer, Ellinger, Texas; (1953) Randy White, Wilmington, Del.; (1957) Marty Lyons, Takoma Park, Md.; (1959) Ken Easley, Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Notable death anniversaries** in this time period are Jan. 9 (1945) Roland Young, Tokyo, Japan; Jan. 10 (2006) Dave Brown, Lubbock, Texas; (2019) Arnold Tucker, Miami, Fla.; Jan. 12 (1965) Dr. John Tigert, Gainesville, Fla.; (1980) Lawrence "Biff" Jones, Washington, D.C.; Jan. 13 (1985) Brud Holland, New York City; (1987) Matt Hazeltine, San Francisco, Calif.; Jan. 15 (1986) Four Horseman "Sleepy" Jim Crowley, Scranton, Pa.; (1990) Don Lourie, Wilmette, Illinois.

**Happy birthdays** to Hall of Famers on Jan. 9 Ken MacAfee, Gary Spani, Jan. 11 Dave Dickenson, Jan. 12 Cade McNown, Jan. 13 Tyrone McGriff, Jan. 15 Randy White, Marty Lyons, Ken Easley...

FIU will travel to North Texas in '23 to complete the Mean Green's slate...Notre Dame and Syracuse have confirmed their 2025, '26 and '29 contests...Houston and Rice will extend their 44-game series after the 2023 season as they both will be members of the American Athletic Conference... Oregon State and Texas Tech will play in 2025 and '26...Louisiana's finalized non-conference for 2023 is Northwestern State, at UAB, at Minnesota, and New Mexico State...Both Penn State and Utah were 70-30 in their last 100 games prior to the 2023 Rose Bowl...

Damar Hamlin's Chasing M Toy Foundation gained \$7 million in the 24 hours following Hamlin, the former Pittsburgh Panthers and current NFL Buffalo Bills DB, and his injury on Jan. 2 against the Cincinnati Bengals...Hamlin regained consciousness on Jan. 5 and asked doctors: "Did we win?" Surgeons told him: "Yes, you won; you are alive"...The NFL will determine a possible neutral site for the American Football Conference playoffs after not continuing the postponed Jan. 2 Buffalo-Cincinnati contest due to the injury to of Hamlin...Mississippi State lauded late head coach Mike Leach with com-

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memorative helmet decals at the Relia-Quest Bowl with a 19-10 triumph over Illinois in the shadow of Tampa's Raymond James Stadium and the giant NFL Bucs pirate ship – a symbol Leach would have loved...

TCU athletics joined with the Tarrant (County) Area Food Bank to celebrate the group's 40th anniversary and to increase holiday food donations to TAFB...TCU fans also gathered by the thousands last Sunday at the Santa Monica (Calif.) Pier for a CFP pep rally...Hundreds of Rice local alumni, students, parents, and friends are signed up to attend the Association of Rice Alumni Houston area annual Holiday Party Friday at Houston's Buffalo Bayou Brewing Company.

Navy named former Midshipmen's defensive coordinator Brian Newberry head coach and selected Grant Chesnut as offensive coordinator...New Mexico State head coach Jerry Kill received a contract extension through 2027...Georgia head coach Kirby Smart continues to rack up bonus compensation in his contract for the Bulldogs massive postseason success in both 2021 and '22...South Dakota State FCS national champ head coach John Stiegelmeier has received the 2022 Stats Eddie Robinson NCAA FCS Coach of the Year Award...Ohio head coach Tim Albin and Maryland head coach Mike Locksley added bonus compensation and a one-year contract extension for Locksley for bowl victories...The 2005 Texas Tech football coaching staff late head coach Mike Leach included the likes of future head coaches Sonny Dykes of TCU, Dana Holgorsen of Houston, Lincoln Riley of USC, Seth Littrell of North Texas, and Ruffin McNeill of East Carolina as well as new North Texas mentor Eric Morris, a player on that squad...Joey Halzle is the new offensive coordinator at Tennessee...Texas A&M added veteran college head coach Bobby Petrino as associate head coach and offensive coordinator...Coastal Carolina selected Travis Trickett as offensive coordinator and Craig Naivar and Dan Carrel as co-defensive coordinators...Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh has been mentioned for some of the current and future head coaches' openings in the NFL after his previous NFL coaching and playing experience but has refuted all offers at this point. He also issued an extensive public statement about remaining at UM during a news conference last week...Longtime Arlington (Texas) Martin HS head coach Bob Wager is a new assistant coach at Nebraska...Mississippi State expects to bring back former football administrator Brad Peterson as football chief of staff and named Matt Brock 2023 defensive coordinator and Will Friend as linebackers coach...Mindset Strategist and Poison Pawn Chess founder Seth Makowsky has been working with UCLA quarterbacks specifically and the rest of the squad on analyzing moves quickly and making high-percentage decisions...

**Hometowns** of more 2023 college head coaches – Temple: Stan Drayton, Cleveland, Ohio; Tennessee: Josh Heupel, Aberdeen, S.D.; Chattanooga: Rusty Wright, Aiken, S.C.; Tennessee State: Eddie George, Philadelphia, Pa.; Texas: Steve Sarkisian, Torrance, California.

UC Santa Barbara elevated former interim director of athletics Kelly Barsky to the fulltime position...Hawai'i AD David Matlin will retire after eight years in Manoa in June...Louisiana Tech AD Dr. Eric Wood announced that the first 50 Joe Alliet Society (named in memory the NFF College Hall of Fame Bulldogs coach and administrator) have made donations totaling \$6.5 million in total giving...Georgia AD Mark Brooks and the Georgia Classic City Collective related how NIL collectives play an integral part in recruiting and retaining five-star student-athletes for the Bulldogs...Kent State AD Randal Richmond detailed an integral hiring process for new head coach Kenni Burns last month...Tulane AD Troy Dannen, who began his career in athletics with UNI, recalled the characteristics of head coach Willie Fritz that led to the mentor's acquisition in 2016. The 2022 Green Wave and Fritz rewarded Dannen's decision with a 12-2 record, NCAA FBS record turnaround of 10 wins from 2021 to '22 and Goodyear Cotton Bowl title in Tulane's first trek to that prestigious classic. The Tulane AD also said the Greenies decision to leave the SEC in 1966 is past history and hears from old time TU fans frequently about football performances since then...Florida State AD Michael Alford spoke about his careful allocation of resources for 2022-23 has placed the Seminoles to be competitive in every sport sponsored by the ACC...Nebraska AD Trev Alberts and his staff are working to streamline concessions' operations at Memorial Stadium/Dr. Tom Osborne Field as well as NU's Pinnacle Bank Arena...Florida AD Scott Stricklin expressed support for head coach Billy Napier as the Gators are enduring a rebuilding phase in football...Southern Indiana AD Jon Mark Hall and Evansville AD Ziggy Siegfried in a joint interview complimented the two rivals for friendly cooperation away from the fields of play and how NIL compensation challenges face virtually every mid-major athletics program...UNCW's Tiffany Tucker and Stanford's Heather Owen were featured in a D1Ticker.com podcast detailing servant leadership in athletics...Wright State AD Bob Grant discussed his biggest challenges in the leading chair were the changing NCAA landscape, the win-at-all-costs philosophy and budgetary concerns for mid-major college programs...West Virginia AD Wren Baker calculated his management style as a "matchmaker" who seeks to link faithful donors and friends with athletics and specific areas within WVU to help various programs prosper...Rodney Terry has taken over as permanent head coach for Texas men's basketball after the departure

of former head coach Chris Beard...South Carolina chose attorney Andy Humes as senior associate AD for compliance services...Florida A&M will retain former interim AD Michael Smith as assistant vice president for athletics administration and strategic initiatives and added Brittney Johnson as senior associate AD for compliance and senior women administrator...LSU executive deputy AD and chief operating officer Keli Zinn outlined plans for the renovation of the Pete Maravich LSU Assembly Center, new revenue sources, AD Scott Woodward's plans to keep LSU atop the NCAA scene, and the continuing success of LSU women's volleyball...NC State has chosen former Georgia Tech and UCF AD Todd Stansbury as the deputy AD with oversight of internal operations and football sport supervision...SMU selected Dawn Rogers as deputy AD for internal affairs...Marshall tabbed Gregory Beals as baseball head coach...Rider named Chad Duernberger as men's soccer head coach...Florida A&M chose Garfield Ellenwood II as the director of track and field and cross country...St. Bonaventure named Donny George women's soccer head coach...Richmond men's basketball head coach Chris Mooney purported how a full, 360-team NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship will take just two additional rounds over the current, 68-school format...Akron added Tim Donnelly as interim baseball head coach...Loyola Marymount named Trent Kersten women's volleyball head coach...Fresno State baseball Mike Batesole is retiring after 20 years heading the program and will be replaced in '23 by interim head coach Ryan Overland...Troy tabbed Stuart Gore as women's soccer head coach...UNLV named Shoji women's volleyball head coach...UConn women's basketball head coach and Naismith Hall of Fame member Geno Auriemma was forced to miss his fourth game this season because of a lingering illness. The Huskies also had to postpone last week's Big East Conference women's basketball contest with DePaul due to not having the minimum seven healthy scholarship student-athletes available...Georgia added contract years for women's volleyball head coach Tom Black through the 2027 season...Utah president Dr. Taylor Randall gave his team and head coach Kyle Whittingham encouraging words about Penn State's previous performances in the Rose Bowl presented by Prudential before the Utes faced the Nittany Lions...Fresno State chose Leisa Rosen as women's volleyball head coach...D1Ticker.com has new job postings in athletics for UNC Wilmington, Mississippi State, Colgate, Appalachian State, Huntington (Ala.), Minnesota-Duluth, and Austin College.

The Sun Belt Conference revealed its 2023 complete home and road games' schedules with dates to come by March 1, and Conference USA and the Big 12 Conference are expected to denote theirs in

coming days. The Big 12 will compete with 14 teams for the first time in history in '23...Former West Virginia AD and NCAA executive vice president Oliver Luck is the new executive director of the new Atlantic Sun and Western Athletic Conferences' joint football agreement...Georgia and TCU will be receiving bonus end-of-year compensation by the SEC and Big 12 Conference, respectively, per bylaws for teams making the College Football Playoff championship...One of TCU's unique history points is being a member of five different conferences over the last 28 seasons – the Southwest, Western Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West, and Big 12 – since 1995...The Big 12 and TCU athletics marketing department had a giant presence in both Inglewood and Los Angeles, California through a branding campaign that brought Frogtown logos, videos, apparel, and related media blitz items to the areas around SoFi Stadium and the CFP championship last week...The Big East Conference and the Inclusion Playbook Group are collaborating on diversity and equity opportunities and challenges within the loop...Eastern Kentucky has asked for a review of its change in conferences' jurisprudence against the Ohio Valley Conference as the Colonels now compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference...

The 2022 season College Football Playoff title is in the books with Georgia scoring a record-breaking (for points scored and margin) 65-7 win over TCU. The Bulldogs also tied a NCAA FBS national mark with a 15-0 worksheet and first-ever back-to-back CFP crowns titles since the new system began in 2014. UGA also became the first school to win two national championships in the BCS or CFP era since Alabama in 2011 and '12. In the process the Bulldogs racked up 589 yards of total offense and nine touchdowns against the Frogs. Georgia now leads its series with the Horned Frogs 5-0 with a pair of wins coming in the 2016 AutoZone Liberty Bowl and the 1942 CapitalOne Orange Bowl. Bulldogs QB Stetson Bennett also tied LSU's Joe Burrow in 2019 season championship contest against Clemson with touchdown responsibility of six (four rushing, two passing)...There have been 14 undefeated BCS (10 teams) or CFP (three) champions in the combined first 25 seasons of the championships prior to '22. Tennessee ('98 season) and Georgia (2022) are the first and most recent unbeaten national champs. In the final 2020 CFP rankings there were five undefeated schools...Tennessee ('98 season), Florida State (99), Oklahoma (00), Miami (Fla.) (01), Southern California (04 – later vacated), Texas (05), Alabama (09), Auburn (10), Florida State (13), LSU (2019), Alabama (2020), and Georgia (2022) each were undefeated BCS or CFP titlists. All four 2017 CFP semifinalists had at least one loss, and three of both the

2018 and '19 semifinalists entered the postseason unbeaten...Clemson (15-0) for the 2018 season was the first CFP champ to go undefeated after downing then-14-0 Alabama in the '18 title game. LSU (15-0) duplicated that feat in '19, Alabama (13-0) with a reduced schedule due to COVID-19) in 2020 continued the trend, and Georgia closed 15-0 in 2022 with the first consecutive CFP trophies. The Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl on ESPN between Georgia and Ohio State averaged 22.4 million Nielsen viewers while the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl between Michigan and TCU hit 21.7 million on average...The Florida State-Oklahoma Cheez-It Bowl game averaged 5.4 million Nielsen Ratings' viewers on ESPN for that postseason tussle's top viewership since the 2013 outing...The Vrbo Fiesta Bowl is valued at \$2.5 million, has a \$1 million removable football on top, weighs 285 pounds, has 2,200 diamonds attached...Mississippi State played in six bowl games from 1896-1990 and then has compiled a 11-9 mark in 20 postseason tests over the last 32 seasons...Utah now has a 7-4 record in bowl games played in the Pacific Time Zone, and the Utes finished 5-3 against FBS opponents with .500-plus marks in 2022...Penn State remains No. 9 in all-time bowl winning percentage at 31-19-2 (615) after downing Utah in the Rose Bowl presented by Prudential...The Rose Bowl has been played 15 times on Jan. 2 when its traditional Jan. 1 date falls on Sundays. The game also featured its first No. 8 (Utah) vs. No. 11 (Penn State) national rankings by opponents' game in its history...

Nebraska Gov. and former Huskers DB from 1975-78 under NFF College Hall of Fame coach Dr. Tom Osborne – Dr. Jim Pillen – was sworn in as governor of the state on Jan. 5...Finalists for the Class of 2023 Pro Football Hall of Fame are, along with the seniors' committee choices, LB Chuck Howley of West Virginia, DL Joe Klecko of Temple, DB Ken Riley of Florida A&M, NFF College Hall of Fame coach Don Coryell of Washington, DE Jared Allen of Idaho State, OT Willie Anderson of Auburn, CB Ronde Barber of Virginia, DE Dwight Freeney of Syracuse, KR/PR/WR Devin Hester of Miami (Fla.), NFF College Hall of Fame WR Torry Holt of NC State, WR Andre Johnson of Miami (Fla.), CB Albert Lewis of Grambling, CB Darrelle Revis of Pittsburgh, NFF College Hall of Fame member and National Scholar-Athlete OT Joe Thomas of Wisconsin, NFF College Hall of Famer LB Zach Thomas of Texas Tech, OLB DeMarcus Ware of Troy, WR Reggie Wayne of Miami (Fla.), NFF College Hall of Fame LB Patrick Willis of Ole Miss, and safety Darren Woodson of Arizona State. There currently are 191 members of both the NFF College and Pro Football Halls of Fame...Two-time NHL all-star team member Troy Terry is named after NFF College Hall of Fame QB Troy Aikman of UCLA and Oklahoma. Terry's

father Chuck Terry is a former quarterback at Arizona State...The XFL San Antonio Brahmas signed 2012 Heisman Trophy winner QB Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M for their spring campaign...Legendary former TCU head coach Gary Patterson was interviewed about his role in recruiting most of the '22 squad before leaving that position in October 2021...Esteemed retired communications director Jim Saccomano of the NFL Denver Broncos attended his 1,000th NFL contest when the Broncos hosted the San Diego Chargers last Sunday...Late Texas Tech head coach and high school coaching legend Spike Dykes, father TCU consensus Coach of the Year Sonny Dykes, was highlighted on ABC News Monday night.

Incarnate Word QB Lindsey Scott Jr. captured the 2022 Walter Payton Award as NCAA FCS Player of the Year on Offense last week after throwing for a NCAA-record 60 touchdowns last season...2022 Buck Buchanan Award recipient as NCAA FCS Defensive Player of the Year is Zeke Vandenburg of Illinois State...Winners outside the NCAA FBS realm for the 2022 Rimington Trophy for best centers nationally are Matt Armendariz of Colorado School of Mines for Division II, Zack Gieg of Southeast Missouri State for FCS, Dalton Simpson of Susquehanna for NCAA Division III, and Andrew Carter of Carroll (Mont.) for NAIA...Alabama RB Trey Saunders is the third member of the Crimson Tide to transfer to TCU for 2023...Oklahoma QB Dillon Gabriel will return for the '23 squad...DB Isaiah Taylor has followed his bloodlines with a solid freshman season at Arizona. He is the son of Pro Football Hall of Famer Jason Taylor of Miami (Fla.) and nephew of NFF College Hall of Fame member Zach Thomas of Texas Tech...Texas A&M inked WR Raymond Cottrell for 2023, and FB Demani Richardson will return for the coming campaign...Mississippi State backup quarterbacks Bradyn Locke, Sawyer Robertson and Daniel Greek (to Tarleton State) have entered the '23 transfer portal, but MDSU got an oral commitment from guard Jeremiah Wilkinson...The marketing firm Postgame Group included 60 college and pro football and basketball athletes, including Georgia RB Kenny McIntosh and TE Darnell Washington, to promote Reebok shoes, Foot Locker and Champs Sports stores...Former Indiana DB Christopher Keys has transferred to Mississippi State.

USF athletics netted a \$5.1 million gift from J.D. Porter and the Porter Family for its new to name its new Porter Family Indoor Performance Facility, which opens Tuesday...TCU's marketing department is getting tons of additional mileage from the "psychedelic cartoon amphibian" Hypnotoad that is appearing on dozens of apparel items and other sales pieces from TCU athletics – especially in light of the Horned Frogs CFP title appearance...Construction additions at Louisiana's

Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium may start in December 2023 and are scheduled to be completed in 18-24 months...Pell Grants for underserved college students will increase by \$500 to \$7,400 during fiscal year 2023...The Hoosiers For Good and Hoosiers Connect NIL collectives passed its monetary goal of raising \$1 million from Nov. 14-Dec. 31, 2022, through a concerted effort...North Texas football is seeking a new sponsor for its stadium after Apogee of Austin, Texas, did not complete its 20-year sponsorship, which started in 2011. The Independent Sports and Entertainment Group is aiding UNT in its quest for a new corporate stadium partner...New Mexico State athletics administrators mentioned how emphasis on diversity continues to be a major tenet in the day-to-day operations of the department...Fordham athletics and Nike have an extended multi-year apparel, footwear and accessories partnership starting July 1 with the Turba Sports Group providing key aid in the process...Miami (Fla.) released architectural updates for a seven-story, 172,000-square foot Football Operations complex, which is being designed by Arquitectonica and HOK, with a fundraising campaign following...DBU has stepped up baseball season ticket sales for its inaugural campaign in Conference USA...Legalized sports wagering has started in Ohio for all college and pro teams as well as related events...Generous sponsor of college athletics and USA Paralympics Toyota Motor North America had year-end 2022 U.S. sales of 2,108,458 vehicles. The Toyota of Plano (Texas) dealership has been an annual sponsor of TCU football and athletics for seven-plus years...Wisconsin athletics is debating re-sizing its current ice hockey rink to smaller NCAA specifications in coming months...Little Rock athletics received an interim homecourt surface from Praters Flooring after the original Jack Stephens Center flooring was damaged by water from burst pipes...Nebraska is making renovations at facilities such as Bowlin Stadium and several football areas and offices...The Jacksonville State marching band was on hand in the Alabama Governor's inaugural parade last week for loyal Auburn alumna and football fan Gov. Kay Ivy...Former Oregon women's basketball student-athlete Sedona Prince related how women's student-athletes and men's student-athletes face different challenges in social media followers and NIL agreements for current collegians...The St. John's (N.Y.) Red Storm Baseball Banquet is set for Long Island, N.Y., on Jan. 28...The Under Armour High School Football All-America Game had a survey where 15 of the top 2023 prospects said the NIL was third or fourth on their list of priorities for signing with colleges...McNeese renamed its basketball surface the Joe Dumars Court for former MSU and NBA standout Joe Dumars...The City Council of Fresno, Calif., voted unanimously to have Fresno State athletics elevated to a Power Five

conference (the council did not list ways or means) as soon as possible...Defending Mountain West Conference champion Air Force baseball is working out at its revamped indoor practice facility...The Augusta (Ga.) Sports Council, sponsor of the Ray Guy Award, is seeking volunteers for the annual award as well as the popular Augusta Half Marathon.

The Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram newspaper reported that TCU admissions' officials expect 2023-24 applications to reach 50,000-plus (over the usual 20-25,000 requests) and that donations to athletics have skyrocketed since the Frogs upset win over Michigan in the College Football Playoff semifinals...HBCU Gameday observed that HBCU national contenders such as Jackson State, North Carolina Central, Southern (Baton Rouge), Prairie View A&M, and Grambling, among others, would help their budgets by seeking to compete in NCAA FCS playoffs along with the Celebration Bowl in Atlanta...CBSSports.com columnist Dennis Dodd explained that a hypothetical, 16-team College Football Playoff bracket might have included four additional Pac-12 Conference squads as well as potential additional 2022 champions from the Mountain West and Mid-American Conferences. That model would entail the two teams in the title game playing a 17-game schedule similar to the NFL's regular campaign...Sports Illustrated's Pat Forde took a deep glance at how the storied Michigan-Ohio State rivalry may take a bit of a back seat for either team in the Big Ten Championship or postseason activity due to the high emotion in that clash...A Dallas area computer analyst has compiled a list of all ESPN College GameDay predictions and listed Lee Corso's record as 264-131 over 27 years of putting on the winning mascots' headgears...Crakes Media opened about the possibility of Amazon gaining primary control of the Pac-12 Conference's upcoming multimedia rights' pact...Extrapoints.com penned a fond remembrance before NIL where an alumnus from the East paid for an eight-day vacation two decades before NIL agreements and spending free for a men's crew team in the late 1800s after a key win over a nearby rival...The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News newspaper's Jon Wilner examined supply and demand issues as college conferences and individual universities negotiate multimedia rights...The Boston (Mass.) Globe newspaper detailed the experience in athletics and leadership in athletics of Massachusetts governor and incoming NCAA president Charlie Baker...Athlon Sports projected its version of a 12-team, post-2022 playoff with Georgia, Michigan, Clemson, and Utah drawing byes to meet TCU or Tulane, Ohio State or Penn State, Alabama or USC, or Tennessee or Kansas State in first round matchups...NC State broadcaster Gary Hahn has been reinstated after a brief suspension and

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apology by NCSU athletics and Learfield... USA Today expressed opinions about length of seasons and changes in preparations as the College Football Playoff prepares to expand in post-2024... The Athletic chronicled a handful of ongoing lawsuits involving college and professional athletics... The Athletic also penned an interesting piece on how TCU was able with a team of primarily two- and three-star recruits was able to upend a Michigan squad filled with four- and five-star rated high school signees. TCU head coach Sonny Dykes credited the addition of 13 transfers to the program as a major factor... A Student-Athlete Insights' query of 1,000-plus student-athletes noted that 28 percent of head coaches promoted NIL arrangements while 52 percent of the chief mentors did not emphasize the program... ExtraPoints.com explained that the NCAA Transformation Committee recommendations may aid many college programs in great need of non-football or smaller football budgets and could have a positive effect on budgets for HBCU athletics... CBSSports.com related that the NCAA Transformation Committee report was not "landscape-changing" and may contain several areas of legislation that may take months or years to place into effect... Sportico.com pointed out that the NCAA might take a glance at legal sports wagering as a possible revenue stream... Some media members studied a paragraph in the NCAA Transformation document that noted that the U.S. Congress could be the "only entity that can grant stability" and how that might impact several key NCAA legal issues, particularly the NIL and possibly the NCAA transfer portal... Fanatics is selling its portion of the NFT company Candy Digital to Galaxy Digital... Stadium.com hinted that the NCAA Transformation Committee report might be top-loaded to help bring additional NCAA funding to larger Division I programs in men's and women's basketball championships and other sports... ESPN.com divulged some insider information about methods of stealing sideline signals in college football and specific instances where Navy, NC State, Tulane, and Pittsburgh suspected some mischief from opposing sidelines... Nielsen Ratings indicated that 21 of the 22 most-viewed over-the-air telecasts in 2022 were NFL games... The Gartner Research Group published a story detailing "quiet" hiring of parttime employees in areas such as corporate America and college athletics... CBSSports.com believes that the proposed 90-team NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Field has some economic challenges such as television placement on the CBS family of networks and ESPN. There also is the challenge of helping the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship to become profitable with increased attendance and interest in early round contests... TCU athletics placed full-page advertisements in the New York Times and the Los Angeles

Times to promote the Horned Frogs CFP appearance on Jan. 9.

The FWAA honored TCU head coach Sonny Dykes with the 2022 Eddie Robinson FBS Coach of the Year Award at last Saturday's annual Awards Breakfast in Los Angeles and presented the 2022 FWAA Lifetime Achievement Award to retired, 43-year sports journalist of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Tribune Donald Hunt... The AFCA awarded the 2022 AFCA/ AFCF Power of Influence Award to Becker (Minn.) High School head coach Dwight Lundeen for his leadership and community service influence at the famed school in Minnesota... NFF membership director Ron Dilatush was on hand in Charlotte, N.C., Monday at the 103rd annual AFCA Awards Luncheon to give kudos to '22 college championship coaches except for the CFP title winner. The recipients were FCS – John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State; Division II – Tony Annese, Ferris State; DIII – Brad Spencer, North Central; NAIA – Northwestern College (Iowa) Matt McCarty... The AFCA also elected six head coaches to its 2023 Board of Directors – Tulane's Willie Fritz, New Mexico's Danny Gonzales, Buffalo's Maurice Linguist, Oregon State's Jonathan Smith, South Alabama's Kane Wommack, and McKendree's Mike Babcock... Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney and Illinois head coach Bret Bielema were keynote clinic speakers at the AFCA Convention... Trending on social media and other platforms nationally from the College Sports Communicators group are CSC Hall of Fame member Tim Tessalone (retired) of Southern California, Kris Peterson of Penn State, E.J. Borghetti of Pittsburgh, Ian MacDougall of Purdue, and Chuck Pool of Rice... College Sports Communicators Executive Director Erik Christianson, CSC president/Chicago State deputy AD Jessica Poole and Arkansas senior associate AD for public relations/CSC first vice president Kevin Trainor discussed the rebrand of the former College Sports Information Directors of America and how the 66-year-old organization has been vital to all areas of college athletics – especially NCAA Divisions I-II-III and NAIA... The College Sports Communicators also unveiled new international logos and special brands last week for the 71-year-old (began five years before the communicators were organized formally as an organization) CSC Academic All-America and All-District honors for all NCAA and NAIA divisions... Arizona State, Kansas, Kentucky, LSU, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Siena, Tennessee, UCLA, and USC have been conferring with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and probes at their respective schools... The NCAA FCS playoffs featured a "Dak Bowl" with No. 1 seed South Dakota State and defending champ North Dakota State meeting in the finals at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas, Sunday, for the 14th consecutive season with a

national telecast on ESPN. South Dakota State captured its first NCAA Division I crown in any sport with a 45-21 triumph and ended NDSU's 9-0 reign in championship contests since 2011. The Jackrabbits also managed a four-game winning streak over their potent rival for the first time since 1947-50 in a game with the most points scored by the winning team since the game was moved to Frisco... The NCAA Division I Council is set to act on numerous proposals Wednesday such as official and unofficial visits, removing limits for the number of schools at which a recruit can take an official visit; and adjustments to athletics personnel definitions, personnel and limits, and possible increases in fulltime coaching staffs for baseball, softball and ice hockey... NACDA has new administering officers in CEO Manak, executive vice presidents Jason Galaska and Julie Work, senior vice president and director of the McLendon Foundation Adrien Harraway, and vice presidents Kara Ditzel, Katie Hein, Brian Horning, and Dana LeRoy... The NCAA DI Transformation Committee sent its complete report to the NCAA Board of Directors prior to the 118th NCAA Convention this week in San Antonio... The National Association of Basketball Coaches and executive director Craig Robinson applauded the NCAA Transformation Committee's final report for swift action, welcoming NABC input and including some favorable recommendations for college basketball... International Monetary Fund managing director Kristalina Georgieva cautioned volatility in the world and possibly U.S. economies as schools manage and formulate annual budgets. Analysts feel that the biggest highs and lows in monetary management may occur between January and March... The Premier Hockey Federation has a new multi-year contract with ReaResponse.

BYU offensive lineman Sione Veikoso passed away after a construction accident in Kailua, Hawai'i, on Dec. 30. He was 22... Former Purdue and NFL standout OL Uche Nwaneri passed away in West Lafayette, Ind., on Dec. 29. He was 38... Former Southern Miss head coach (1982-87) and longtime assistant coach at USM, Mississippi State and Ole Miss Jim Carmody passed away Jan. 5 in Hattiesburg, Miss. He was 89... Former Baylor QB standout and pro football regular Cotton Davidson passed away in Waco, Texas, on Dec. 23. He was 91... Former Penn State and New York Jets LB Jim Rosencrans passed away Dec. 30 in Syracuse, N.Y. He was 69... College Baseball and ABCA Hall of Fame member Cliff Gustafson passed away Jan. 2 after a long illness. He was 91 and guided the Texas Longhorns to a record 17 NCAA World Series, two NCAA titles and 1,466 victories over 29 seasons from 1968-96... Prominent Mississippi State alumnus, national food service executive, donator of the Bryan Athletics Building at MSU, and golf course develop-

er George Bryan Sr, passed away Jan. 6 in West Point, Miss. He was 79... Art McNally, one of the most famous referees in NFL annals and NFL coordinator of officials from 1968-91, passed away Jan. 1 in Newtown, Pa. He was 97 years old and the oldest living member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame at the time of his passing... Rally sports car star Ken Block passed away after a snowmobile accident near Heber City, Utah, Jan. 2. He was 55.

2023 National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Vitals and Goals: Preserving the Past, Promoting the Present, Preparing the Future, and Protecting the Game Through Programs and Initiatives that Support 774 Colleges & Universities, 81,000-plus College Football Players, 15,810 High Schools, 1.04 million-plus High School Football Players. There will be 7.8 percent of public high school football student-athletes who will play college football on all levels in '23. A total of 88 colleges and universities added football programs from 2008-22, seven colleges and several other universities have added or will add football programs starting in 2023. There also are 15 colleges and universities offering sprint football, there are 16 NAIA schools competing in women's flag football, and 125 community colleges are slated to compete in 2023 football. Fans can join an NFF Chapter and support these programs as well as national members and receive the same great benefits while also providing a rebate that supports the initiatives of each local NFF Chapter.

**2023-24 College Football Playoff Bowl Schedule with New Year's Six Games**  
*(All Games Televised by ESPN, Tentative Eastern Standard Airtimes)*

**Saturday, Dec. 30**  
 Vrbo Fiesta Bowl, CFP semifinals  
 State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Arizona  
 4 or 8 p.m.  
 Capital One Orange Bowl, CFP semifinals  
 Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Lakes, Florida  
 4 or 8 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 - CFP Championship, NRG Stadium Houston, Texas, 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Dec. 29, 2022-Jan. 1, 2024**  
*(Other New Year's Six Bowls)*

**Friday, Dec. 29**  
 Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl  
 Mercedes Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia  
 TBD

**Jan. 1 –**  
 Allstate Sugar Bowl  
 Caesars Superdome, New Orleans, La.,  
 TBD

**Jan. 1 –**  
 Goodyear Cotton Bowl  
 AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas  
 TBD

**Jan. 2 –**  
 Rose Bowl presented by Prudential  
 Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, California  
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