

# the SPORTS page

## Weekly

www.sportspagedfw.com



## 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class

Jan. 14 - Jan. 20, 2022

Vol. 20, Issue 21

www.sportspagdfw.com

**FREE**

***Make Tax Problems a Thing of the PAST!***

Call now for your  
free consultation

**800-406-5032**

# IN TROUBLE WITH THE IRS?



*If you owe the IRS or state \$10,000, \$15,000 or more  
call us for a FREE, no obligation consultation.*

## **Our FREE Consultation will help you:**

- ☒ Resolve your past due tax problems
- ☒ End Wage Garnishment
- ☒ Stop IRS Tax Levies

We know your rights and are here to protect you.

Our team of highly qualified tax attorneys deal with the IRS for you.

**We have successfully represented  
thousands of cases with the IRS.**



***Make Tax Problems a Thing of the PAST!***

Call now for your  
free consultation

**800-406-5032**



**SMU**  
**BASKETBALL**

**2021-22 TICKETS**

- PHONE: 214-SMU-GAME
- EMAIL: [TICKETSALES@SMU.EDU](mailto:TICKETSALES@SMU.EDU)
- ONLINE: [SMUMUSTANGS.COM/TICKETS](http://SMUMUSTANGS.COM/TICKETS)





Cover Photo:

**4 AROUND THE AREA**

**5 RANGER REPORT**  
BY DIC HUMPHREY

**6 GOLF, ETC**  
BY TOM WARD

**7 SONY OPEN IN HAWAII PREVIEW**  
BY PGATOUR.COM

**8 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT  
WAILAI COUNTRY CLUB**  
BY PGATOUR.COM

**9 2022 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL  
OF FAME SELECTIONS**  
BY NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

**15 COLLEGE FOOTBALL NEWS AND  
NOTES**  
BY BO CARTER

## Follow us on Twitter & Facebook



[twitter.com/sportspagedfw](https://twitter.com/sportspagedfw)



[facebook.com/sportspageweek-](https://facebook.com/sportspageweek-)

Publisher  
**Sports Page Publishing Group, LLC**  
info@sportspagedallas.com  
www.sportspagedfw.com

Contact Us  
**Main Number (214) 683-1469**  
P.O. Box 820813  
Dallas, Tx. 75382

Dic Humphrey, Tom Ward, Bo  
Carter, Richard Pollak, Robert  
Cortinez, James McAnally

To advertise in *The Sports Page Weekly*  
call the contacts above or 214.683.1469

For editorial comments/suggestions,  
e-mail [dmcvicker@sportspagedallas.com](mailto:dmcvicker@sportspagedallas.com)  
Follow us on [Twitter@sportspagedfw](https://twitter.com/sportspagedfw)

Copyright 2016 *Sports Page Weekly, Inc.* All rights reserved. The *Sports Page Weekly* is published every week on Thursdays. Views expressed in *The Sports Page Weekly* are not necessarily the opinion of *The Sports Page Weekly*, its staff or advertisers. *The Sports Page Weekly* does not knowingly accept false or misleading editorial content or advertising, nor is *The Sports Page Weekly* responsible for the content or claims of any advertising or editorial in this publication. No content (articles, photographs, graphics) in *The Sports Page Weekly* may be used for reproduction without permission from the publisher.

The *SportsPage Weekly* is available free of charge, limited to one copy per reader. Additional copies of *The SportsPage Weekly* may be purchased for \$1.00, payable at *The SportsPage Weekly's* office in advance. *The SportsPage Weekly* may be distributed only by *The SportsPage Weekly's* authorized independent contractors or *The SportsPage Weekly's* authorized distributors. No person may, without prior written permission of *The SportsPage Weekly*, take more than one copy of each *SportsPage Weekly* issue.

## AROUND THE AREA

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

# U.S. Announce Ice Hockey Team



### 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team Unveiled

USA Hockey announced the final roster for its 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team tonight, a group that includes 15 current NCAA players, eight European pros and two players from the AHL. The squad will represent the United States at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Feb. 3-20 in Beijing, China.

"We're excited about the roster we've put together," said John Vanbiesbrouck, general manager of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and also the assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey.

Brian O'Neill (Yardley, Pa./Jokerit/Yale University), who is one of five players from the KHL on the U.S. roster, is the lone returning Olympian after playing for Team USA in the 2018 Games. He is currently third in the KHL with 33 assists and 11th in points with 42. Kenny Agostino (Morristown, N.J./Torpedo/Yale University) is also part of the Team USA roster. He is seventh in the KHL with 20 goals, and his 40 points are 14th in the league.

Nathan Smith (Hudson, Fla./Minnesota State University) is the leading point-getter in the NCAA and is one of nine collegiate players on the roster averaging a point or better per game, including Nick Abruzzese (Slate Hill, N.Y./Harvard University),

Matty Beniers (Hingham, Mass./University of Michigan), Brendan Brisson (Manhattan Beach, Calif./University of Michigan), Sean Farrell (Hopkinton, Mass./Harvard University), Matthew Knies (Phoenix, Ariz./University of Minnesota), Marc McLaughlin (North Billerica, Mass./Boston College), Ben Meyers (Delano, Minn./University of Minnesota) and Jake Sanderson (Whitefish, Mont./University of North Dakota).

A total of seven players will bring NHL experience to the Team USA lineup, led by Nick Shore (Denver, Colo./Sibir/University of Denver), who has played 299 regular-season NHL games (18-41-59) and Steven Kampfer (Jackson, Mich./Ak Bars Kazan/University of Michigan) with 231 regular-season NHL contests played (15-24-39). Agostino (86GP, 8-22-30), Aaron Ness (Roseau, Minn./Providence/University of Minnesota/72GP, 1-6-7), David Warsofsky (Marshfield, Mass./ERC Ingolstadt/Boston University/55GP, 2-9-11), O'Neill (22GP, 0-2-2) and Andy Miele (Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich./Torpedo/Miami University/15GP, 0-2-2) have also played in the NHL.

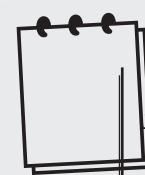
Strauss Mann (Greenwich, Conn./Skelleftea AIK/University of Michigan), who leads the Swedish Hockey League in goals against average (1.77) and save percentage (.930) highlights Team USA's trio of netminders that also includes Pat Nagle (Bloomfield Township, Mich./Ferris State University), who is currently playing for the AHL's Lehigh Valley Phantoms (2.74, .897) and Boston U's Drew Comness (Norwell, Mass./2.67, .907), who was part of the 2022 U.S. National Junior Team.

### The 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team by the numbers:

- 25 players
  - 14 forwards (Nick Abruzzese, Kenny Agostino, Matty Beniers, Brendan Brisson, Noah Cates, Sean Farrell, Sam Hentges, Matthew Knies, Marc McLaughlin, Ben Meyers, Andy Miele, Brian O'Neill, Nick Shore, Nathan Smith)
  - 8 defensemen (Brian Cooper, Brock Faber, Drew Helleeson, Steven Kampfer, Aaron Ness, Nick Perbix, Jake Sanderson, David Warsofsky)
  - 3 goaltenders (Drew Comness, Strauss Mann, Pat Nagle)
- 15 Playing NCAA Hockey (Big 10-5/NCHC-4/HEA-3, ECAC Hockey-2, CCHA-1), 8 Playing Professionally in Europe (5-KHL, 2-SHL, 1-DEL), 2 Playing Professionally in AHL
- 1 Olympian (O'Neill)
- 6 with NHL experience (Agostino, Kampfer, Miele, Ness, Shore, Warsofsky)
- 13 states represented (Alaska-1, Arizona-1, California-1, Colorado-1, Connecticut-1, Florida-1, Massachusetts-5, Michigan-4, Minnesota-6, Montana-1, New Jersey-1, New York-1, Pennsylvania-1)
- 14 NCAA schools represented (Boston College-2, Boston University-2, Ferris State University-1, Harvard University-2, Miami University-1, Minnesota State University-1, St. Cloud State University-2, University of Denver-1, University of Michigan-4, University of Minnesota-4, University of Minnesota Duluth-1, University of North Dakota-1, University of Nebraska-Omaha-1, Yale University-2)
- 6-0 – average height
- 189 lbs – average weight

### NCAA BASKETBALL

AP	(Week 10)	Coaches
1. Baylor	1. Baylor	
2. Gonzaga	2. Gonzaga	
3. UCLA	3. UCLA	
4. Auburn	4. Auburn	
5. USC	5. Purdue	
6. Arizona	6. Arizona	
7. Purdue	7. USC	
8. Duke	8. Duke	
9. Kansas	9. Michigan State	
10. Michigan State	10. Kansas	
11. Houston	11. Houston	
12. LSU	12. LSU	
13. Wisconsin	13. Wisconsin	
14. Villanova	14. Villanova	
15. Iowa State	15. Ohio State	
16. Ohio State	16. Iowa State	
17. Xavier	17. Kentucky	
18. Kentucky	18. Seton Hall	
19. Texas Tech	19. Texas Tech	
20. Seton Hall	20. Providence	
21. Texas	21. Xavier	
22. Tennessee	22. Texas	
23. Providence	23. Tennessee	
24. Alabama	24. Illinois	
25. Illinois	25. Alabama	



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

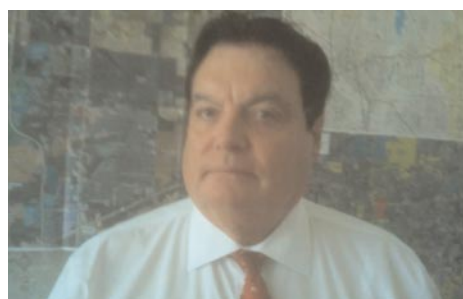
	JANUARY 14 FRIDAY	JANUARY 15 SATURDAY	JANUARY 16 SUNDAY	JANUARY 17 MONDAY	JANUARY 18 TUESDAY	JANUARY 19 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 20 THURSDAY
			Dallas vs San Francisco 3:30 / FOX				
		SMU at Tulane 1:00 / 770 am					SMU at Memphis 1:00 / 770 am
	Mavs at Grizzlies 9:00 / BSSW	Mavs at Magic 8:30 / BSSW		Mavs vs OKC 7:30 / BSSW		Mavs vs Raptors 7:30 / BSSW	Mavs vs Suns 6:30 / BSSW
	Stars at Florida 6:00 / BSSW	Stars at Tampa Bay 6:00 / BSSW			Stars vs Montreal 7:30 / BSSW		Stars at Buffalo 6:00 / BSSW
	Allen at Tulsa 7:05	Allen at Kansas City 7:05	Allen at Tulsa 7:05				



# Progress slow towards new agreement



More than 40 days after the expiration of the last CBA, virtually no progress has been made toward a new agreement



BY DIC HUMPHREY  
DHUMPHREY24@GMAIL.COM  
MEMBER: USBWA

On Thursday, representatives for MLB and the MLB Players Union met for the first time since the lockout was instituted to discuss the core issues. The players and owners seem miles apart but getting together for a virtual meeting Thursday had to be a good sign. MLB put forth a new proposal. Unfortunately, the players were not impressed, and the session ended earlier than hoped. The union is said to be meeting to formulate a response; but there is no timetable in place for a response, nor are there any additional meetings scheduled.

From a fan's standpoint, it is disappointing. Spring training camps are set to open in about a month; but with the snail's pace of negotiations, opening on time with the Major League players looks improbable.

Fans will hear balderdash about trying to bring competitive balance and other noble solutions to problems in the game. However, ultimately, there is only one issue - \$\$\$\$\$. The players want more, and the owners don't want to give it to them. For example, under the system in the expired

collective bargaining agreement (CBA), there was a minimum Major League Salary of \$570,500 in 2021. The minimum had increased every year this century. Owners discussed a tiered salary system for players in their first three years from \$700,000 to \$800,000. Players want a minimum salary of \$775,000 that would escalate over the term of the agreement to \$875,000.

The players want changes in the luxury tax on teams, which they view as a de facto salary cap. The threshold for the luxury tax was \$210 million in annual salaries last season with penalties that escalated by the amount over the cap as well as consecutive years of being over the cap. The owners offered to increase the threshold to \$214 million escalating over the term of the agreement to \$220 million, but with more severe penalties on teams with payrolls that exceed the threshold. The players want the luxury tax threshold moved to the \$245 million range.

MLB has offered a draft lottery system like the NBA to discourage teams from tanking to get high draft picks. The owners have proposed a lottery for the first four draft picks, while the players want the lottery to cover the first eight picks. How much impact this will have is questionable. High draft choices are certainly treasured in baseball, but unlike football and basketball where the top draft picks are expected to play immediately and become impact players; high picks in the baseball draft have less chance of ever reaching the Majors, and even a smaller chance of being an impact player. Other factors such as

signability often go into team's thinking such that the value of high draft choices is lessened. Last year for example, Pittsburgh with the first pick selected a college catcher thought to be less of a talent than others in draft. The Pirates selected him because he was signable for less than the slot money allocated to that pick, allowing Pittsburgh money to pay over slot value for players selected later in the draft.

The players have campaigned for a shorter period for players to reach free agency and want revenue sharing reduced. The owners did not address those issues at all. The expansion of the playoffs to 14 teams and making the designated hitter universal in both leagues still looks doable.

It is still a disappointment that more than 40 days after the expiration of the last CBA, virtually no progress has been made toward a new agreement. Certainly, spring training opening on time for Major League players looks to be delayed, and it won't be long before the March 31 start to the season looks to be in jeopardy.

On the local front, the Texas Rangers held a camp this week in Arlington for six top prospects in their farm system. The players included pitchers Jack Leiter, Cole Winn and Owen White, and position players Josh Jung, Dustin Harris and Josh Smith. Teams are not allowed to have contact with players on the 40-man roster, but none of these prospects are on the 40-man roster at this point. The players were involved in both active workouts and small discussion groups. This may prove to be especially beneficial to Jung, as he could be the Rangers' starting third baseman this season.

Jack Leiter garnered particular interest from local media. Last year's top draft pick threw more than 100 innings for Vanderbilt, so the Rangers delayed his professional debut to this season. Leiter has worked out at Vanderbilt's baseball facilities and continued working towards his college degree since being drafted. He is now headed to Arizona for more pitching instruction from the Rangers.

**lendingtree**

Call now: 800-831-9873



## Refinancing now could save you thousands

### LendingTree Can Help You Refinance

Just as you would shop around for your home, it's equally as important to shop around for your home loan - whether you're a first-time buyer or are looking to refinance your existing loan. At LendingTree, we make it easy by doing the shopping for you. By comparing lenders and having them compete for your business, you're certain to get the best rate possible on your mortgage refinance. The better your rate, the lower your payment will be and the more money you will save over the life of your loan.

#### Benefits of Refinancing

- Lower your interest rate
- Lower your monthly payment
- Adjust your loan term
- Convert a variable rate to a fixed rate
- Take cash (equity) out of your home

Call LendingTree at 800-831-9873 to get multiple offers, and speak with our network of top lenders today

NMLS #1136



# Keeping an open mind on learning golf



**TOM WARD**  
**TOMPWARD@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

As we embark on a new year it's important to have an open mind when it comes to learning and educating yourself, regardless of the endeavor.

In golf, it's really essential to be vigilant as there is a lot of mis-information available that can be quite confusing. I will act as a guide, helping to navigate to improving your game and having fun in the process.

One of the real challenges when working with people on their golf games is getting them to have alternative ways of viewing something that could really open their minds to quicker improvement.

Getting someone to see something different than what they perceived in the past can be a formidable task. When people come to me I try to ascertain quickly what they have been working on and find out their strengths and weaknesses. It's critical to know where people are coming from and to try and get as much information on them as I can. This helps to formulate a game plan and get them pointed in the right direction.

There are many outside influences that affect how we play the game. Family, friends, co-workers, coaches, Golf Channel, magazines, videos, televised tournaments, etc.. All of these sources have made significant impact upon us, sometimes unconsciously, and can affect how we proceed in playing the game.

Over the years I have used a helpful tool that I learned from a well-respected psychologist many years ago while giving him lessons. Take a good look at the two color photos and carefully describe what you see. In the top photo what is the immediate image you see? Do you see the head of a horse? In the bottom photo do you see the profile of a young woman? What if I were to tell you that you're not completely correct. The top photo can also be a frog sitting down. The bottom photo can be a black panther on a tree branch overlooking a bird perched on another branch. Look closely at the photo again. Can you now see images of two different things in both of the photos? So Who's right?

The point I'm trying to make is that two people can see the same thing, disagree,

and still be right. It's not logical; it's psychological. I've had a group of golfers argue over whether they saw a horse or a frog in the top picture, and a young woman or a panther overlooking a bird in the bottom photo. This all occurred after viewing the photos for only 10 seconds. They were adamant about the image they saw and in many cases couldn't see the other image right away. Imagine, if only 10 seconds can have that type of impact on the way people see things, what about the conditioning of a lifetime?

The great Albert Einstein once said, "All significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them".

Golfers tend to like quick fixes or band aid solutions and unfortunately they usually lead to disappointment and frustration. "A thousand mile journey begins with the first step" and you can only do that one step at a time. What will create a successful solution for you is to commit to developing good habits. For our purposes a habit is defined as the intersection of knowledge, skill, and desire.

Knowledge is the what to do and why of your golf swing.

Skill is the how to do it.

Desire is the motivation, the wanting to do it.

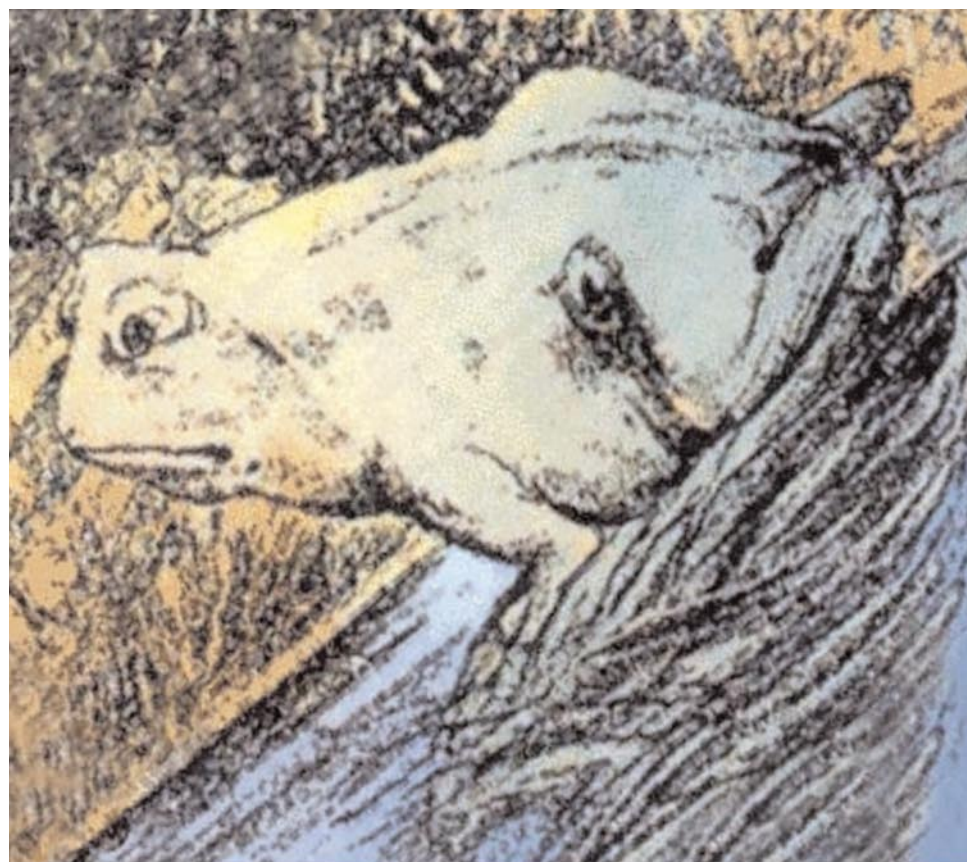
I can teach a golfer the knowledge and skill aspects to improving their game pretty quickly, however you as player wanting to get better must possess the desire component to make this all come to fruition.

Change can be a painful process unless you allow yourself to be motivated by a higher purpose. Your willingness to find happiness playing the game at a high level is to subordinate what you think you want now for what you really want later. It's this type of investment that will give you years of pleasure and purpose as it pertains to the golf game.

So look again at the two photos and see if you view two images in each photograph now instead of one. Once you have the ability to look at something objectively you may experience an "aha moment." This can become a powerful motivating force to help move forward in your golf game because now you'll see things differently, think differently, feel differently and finally behave differently.

My hope is that by shining some new light your way will open the mind to experience new possibilities to improve your golf game in 2022.

*Tom Ward can be contacted at [www.tee-timewithtom.com](http://www.tee-timewithtom.com)*





# This week: Sony Open in Hawaii



Kevin Na returns this week to defend his title at Waialae



**Sony Open**  
**January 13 - January 16, 2022**  
**Waialae Country Club**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**Purse - \$7,500,000**  
**Winners share: \$1,350,000**  
**2021 Winner - Kevin Na**

By Adam Stanley  
 PGATOUR.COM

The Aloha Swing concludes with the Sony Open in Hawaii, where Kevin Na returns to defend his 2021 title.

Twenty-four players who competed at the Sentry Tournament of Champions will make the trip from Kapalua to Honolulu.

**FIELD NOTES:** Bryson DeChambeau makes his return to Waialae after a T10 in 2019, marking the first time DeChambeau will take on the short Hawaiian club since his long-drive transformation ... World No. 1-ranked amateur Keita Nakajima is in the field on a sponsor's exemption. The Japan native finished T28 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP last fall ... Other exemptions

include Chan Kim, Takumi Kanaya and Rikuya Hoshino, all ranked inside the top five on the Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit ... Several 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour graduates will make their first start of the 2022 calendar year, led by cumulative Points leader Stephan Jaeger ... Returning Sony Open winners of late include Patton Kizzire (2018), Matt Kuchar (2019) and Cameron Smith (2020) ... 1996 Sony Open winner Jim Furyk will tee it up on the PGA TOUR for the first time since the 2021 RBC Heritage. Furyk won three times on PGA TOUR Champions last season.

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

**COURSE:** Waialae Country Club, par 70, 7,044 yards. The Seth Raynor design is one of the TOUR's longest-tenured venues, having hosted the Sony Open since 1965. The coastal gem takes inspiration from some of the most iconic golf designs on the planet. The 24 players making the trip from Kapalua will find a stark contrast to that course, as Waialae is flatter and narrower. Wind will likely be a factor, but the average winning score across the last 10 tournament iterations is approximately 19-under.

**STORYLINES:** Kevin Na is looking to become the first player since Jimmy Walker (2014, 2015) to repeat at the Sony Open ... Will this finally be the year for

Brendan Steele? Steele held the 54-hole lead in 2021 but stumbled home and finished T4. He also finished runner-up to Cameron Smith in 2020 after losing in a playoff ... Since the Sentry Tournament of Champions moved back to Hawaii in 1999, 16 of the 23 Sony Open winners have also played Kapalua the week prior.

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

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

**LAST TIME:** Despite nearly withdrawing on Wednesday due to a rib injury, Kevin Na notched his fifth career PGA TOUR win at the 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii. Na shot a Saturday 61 – the low round of the tournament – to earn a spot in Sunday's final group alongside Brendan Steele. As Steele played his final nine holes in 2-over, Na kicked into gear, playing his final six holes in 4-under, including a birdie on the par-5 finisher. Na, whose win in Hawaii marked four straight TOUR seasons with a trophy, topped Chris Kirk and Joaquin Niemann by one shot. In his final start on a

major medical extension after stepping away from the TOUR in May 2019, Kirk got up-and-down for birdie on his final hole to satisfy the requirements of the extension. Webb Simpson, Marc Leishman and Steele finished a shot further back at 19-under and tied for fourth.

## HOW TO FOLLOW

**Television:** Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. ET (Golf Channel). Sunday, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. (Golf Channel).

**PGA TOUR LIVE:** Thursday-Friday, 12 p.m.-7 p.m. ET (Featured Groups), 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. (Featured Holes). Saturday, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. (Featured Groups), 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. (Featured Holes). Sunday, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (Featured Groups), 6 p.m.-10 p.m. (Featured Holes).

PGA TOUR LIVE is available exclusively on ESPN+

**Radio:** Thursday-Saturday, 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m. ET. Sunday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (PGA TOUR Radio on SiriusXM and PGA-TOUR.com/liveaudio)



**Missing  
a piece of  
the puzzle?**

Get Investor's Business Daily.

Call 1-888-459-3685 now  
for your FREE 2 week trial.

Get the timely stock market analysis and research you need with a FREE trial to Investor's Business Daily.

Your trial includes IBD's heralded features that help you find the next big winner:

- IBD's 50 Stock List
- IBD's Proprietary Stocks Ratings
- Powerful Investing tools & Screens on Investors.com

**INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY®**

© 2021 Investor's Business Daily, Inc. Investor's Business Daily, IBD, and corresponding logos are registered trademarks owned by Investor's Business Daily, Inc.



# Five things to know about Waialae CC



Waialae Country Club is the home of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

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 trademark 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 nines 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, Kevin Na put his second shot through the green on 18 before getting up and down for birdie and a one-shot win. 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 rac-

ing 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.

The last three Sony Open champions are Kevin Na, Cameron Smith and Matt Kuchar, which suggests ball-striking and putting are more important than distance on this classic course.



# NFF announce 2022 Hall of Fame class

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS**

ARRINGTON  
BAILEY  
CRABTREE  
CROOM  
DOSS  
EALEY  
FAULK  
GARDNER  
GRIGSBY  
HASS  
JONES  
LUCK  
MESSNER  
MILLER  
SALAAM  
THOMAS  
WIEGERT  
WILLIAMS  
LUCKHARDT  
MURPHY  
PINKEL

## NFF Announces Star-Studded 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class

18 First Team All-America players and three coaches will be inducted during the 64th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec 6, 2022

By National Football Foundation

The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame announced today the 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class during "Championship Drive Presented by Capital One" on ESPN. Big 12 players include Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree, Oklahoma State's Terry Miller, and Roy Williams of Oklahoma.

### PLAYERS

**LaVar Arrington**  
LB / Penn State (1997-99)  
**Champ Bailey**  
DB, Georgia (1996-98)  
**Michael Crabtree**  
WR, Texas Tech (2007-08)  
**Sylvester Croom**  
C, Alabama (1972-74)  
**Mike Doss**  
S, Ohio State (1999-2002)  
**Chuck Ealey**  
QB, Toledo (1969-71)  
**Kevin Faulk**  
AP/RB, LSU (1995-98)  
**Moe Gardner**  
DT, Illinois (1987-90)  
**Boomer Grigsby**  
LB, Illinois State (2001-04)  
**Mike Hass**  
WR, Oregon State (2002-05)  
**Marvin Jones**  
LB, Florida State (1990-92)  
**Andrew Luck**  
QB, Stanford (2009-11)  
**Mark Messner**

DT, Michigan (1985-88)  
**Terry Miller**  
RB, Oklahoma State (1974-77)  
**Rashaan Salaam**  
RB, Colorado (1992-94)  
**Dennis Thomas**  
C, Alcorn State (1971-73)  
**Zach Wiegert**  
OT, Nebraska (1991-94)  
**Roy Williams**  
DB, Oklahoma (1999-2001)

### COACHES

**John Luckhardt** - 225-70-2 (76.1%)  
Washington & Jefferson [PA] (1982-98), California [PA] (2002-11)  
**Billy Jack Murphy** - 91-44-1 (67.3%)  
Memphis (1958-71)  
**Gary Pinkel** - 191-110-3 (63.3%)  
Toledo (1991-2000), Missouri (2001-15)  
The 18 First Team All-America players and three standout coaches in the 2022 Class were selected from the national ballot of 78 players and seven coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision, the 99 players and 33 coaches from the divisional ranks and the NFF Veterans Committee candidates.

"We are extremely proud to announce the 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class," said Archie Manning, NFF Chairman and a 1989 College Football Hall of Famer from Mississippi. "Each of these men has established himself among the absolute best to have ever played or coached the game, and we look forward to immortalizing their incredible accomplishments."

The inductees will also be recognized at their respective collegiate institutions with NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the fall. Their accomplishments will be forever immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College

Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, and each inductee will receive a custom ring created by Jostens, the official and exclusive supplier of NFF rings.

The announcement of the 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class was made Monday during "Championship Drive Presented by Capital One" leading up to the College Football Playoff National Championship.

"We want to thank ESPN for the opportunity to announce the 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class during today's lead up to the College Football Playoff National Championship," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "Today's announcement shines a light on the accomplishments of some of college football's greatest legends."  
**2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class Notes**

### PLAYERS

- 1 Heisman Trophy winner (Salaam)
- 10 unanimous First Team All-Americans (Arrington, Crabtree (2), Doss, Gardner, Jones, Messner, Miller, Salaam, Wiegert, Williams)
- 3 consensus First Team All-Americans (Bailey, Gardner, Jones)
- 8 multi-year First Team All-Americans (Arrington (2), Crabtree (2), Doss (3), Gardner (2), Grigsby (3), Jones (2), Miller (2), Thomas (2))
- 9 winners of college football major awards (Arrington – Bednarik, Butkus; Bailey – Nagurski; Crabtree – Biletnikoff (2); Hass – Biletnikoff; Jones – Butkus, Lombardi; Luck – Maxwell, Walter Camp; Salaam – Doak Walker, Heisman, Walter Camp; Wiegert – Outland; Williams – Nagurski, Thorpe)
- 4 member of national championship

teams (Croom, Doss, Wiegert, Williams)

- 11 conference players of the year (Arrington, Doss, Ealey (3), Gardner, Grigsby (3), Luck (2), Messner, Miller (2), Salaam, Thomas, Williams)

- 9 members of conference championship teams (Croom (3), Doss, Ealey (3), Gardner, Jones, Messner (2), Miller, Wiegert (4), Williams)

- 9 players who still hold school records (Crabtree, Doss, Faulk, Grigsby, Hass, Luck, Messner, Miller, Salaam)

- 11 played for College Football Hall of Fame coaches (Arrington – Joe Paterno; Bailey – Jim Donnan; Croom – Paul "Bear" Bryant; Doss – John Cooper & Jim Tressel; Hass – Dennis Erickson; Jones – Bobby Bowden; Messner – Bo Schembechler; Salaam – Bill McCartney; Thomas – Marino Casem; Wiegert – Tom Osborne; Williams – Bob Stoops)

- 8 first-round NFL draft picks (Arrington, Bailey, Crabtree, Jones, Luck, Miller, Salaam, Williams)

- 10 offensive players (Crabtree, Croom, Ealey, Faulk, Hass, Luck, Miller, Salaam, Thomas, Wiegert)

- 8 defensive players (Arrington, Bailey, Doss, Gardner, Grigsby, Jones, Messner, Williams)

- 5 decades represented: 1970s (4) – Croom, Ealey, Miller, Thomas; 1980s (2) – Gardner, Messner; 1990s (6) – Arrington, Bailey, Faulk, Jones, Salaam, Wiegert; 2000s (5) – Crabtree, Doss, Grigsby, Hass, Williams; 2010s (1) – Luck

- 1 school with its first-ever Hall of Fame player (Illinois State – Grigsby)

### COACHES

- 18 conference championships (Luckhardt – 14, Murphy – 3, Pinkel – 1)

- Most wins in school history (Luckhardt – California [PA]; Murphy – Memphis; Pinkel – Toledo, Missouri)

- 28 bowl/postseason appearances (Luckhardt – 16, Murphy – 1, Pinkel – 11)

- 24 First Team All-Americans coached (Luckhardt – 11, Murphy – 4, Pinkel – 9)

- 28 conference coach of the year honors (Luckhardt – 21, Murphy – 3, Pinkel – 4)

- 1 school with its first-ever Hall of Fame coach or player inductee (California [PA] – Luckhardt)

### SELECTION CRITERIA

**1.** First and foremost, a player must have received First Team All-America recognition by a selector recognized by the NCAA and utilized to comprise its consensus All-America teams.

**2.** A player becomes eligible for consideration by the NFF's Honors Court 10 full seasons after his final year of intercollegiate football played.

**3.** While each nominee's football achievements in college are of prime consideration, his post football record as a citizen is also weighed. He must have proven himself wor

(continued on page 10)





Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree is the first two-time winner of the Biletnikoff Award

hy as a citizen, carrying the ideals of football forward into his relations with his community. Consideration may also be given for academic honors and whether or not the candidate earned a college degree.

4. Players must have played their last year of intercollegiate football within the last 50 years\*. For example, to be eligible for the 2022 ballot, the player must have played his last year in 1972 or thereafter. In addition, current professional players and/or coaches are not eligible until retirement.

5. A coach becomes eligible three full seasons after retirement or immediately following retirement provided he is at least 70 years old. Active coaches become eligible at 75 years of age. He must have been a head football coach for a minimum of 10 years and coached at least 100 games with a .600 winning percentage.

6. Nominations may only be submitted by the current athletics director, head coach or sports information director (SID) of a potential candidate's collegiate institution.

Nominations may also be submitted by the president/executive director of a dues-paying chapter of the National Football Foundation.

\* *Players that do not comply with the 50-year rule may still be eligible for consideration by the Football Bowl Subdivision and Divisional Veterans Committees. Veterans Committee candidates must still meet First Team All-America requirement.*

#### College Football Hall of Fame Quick Facts

- When the 2022 Hall of Fame Class is officially inducted in December, only 1,056 players and 226 coaches will have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame from the nearly 5.54 million who have played or coached the game during the past 152 years. In other words, less than two one-hundredths of a percent (.02%) of the individuals who have played the game have earned this distinction.

- Founded in 1947, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame inducted its first class of inductees in 1951. The first class included 32 players and 22 coaches, including Illinois' Red Grange, Notre Dame's

Knute Rockne, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Carlisle (PA)'s Jim Thorpe.

- 316 schools are represented with at least one College Football Hall of Famer.
- Induction for the Class will take place Dec. 6 during the Annual Awards Dinner.

#### College Football Hall of Fame Class Bios LaVAR ARRINGTON Penn State University Linebacker, 1997-99

Known for the "LaVar Leap" where he would jump over the offensive line, LaVar Arrington was one of the most feared linebackers in the late 1990s. The Pittsburgh native becomes the 19th Penn State player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame. The 12th Nittany Lion ever selected as a two-time First Team All-American, Arrington earned unanimous honors in 1999. In 1999, he was the recipient of the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and the Bednarik Award as the country's top defensive player. A finalist for the Nagurski and Lombardi awards, Arrington finished ninth in the 1999 Heisman Trophy voting. A two-time First Team All-Big Ten honoree, Arrington became the first sophomore to ever be named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year when he received the honor in 1998.

The 1999 Jack Lambert Award recipient led the Nittany Lions to three bowl games, including wins in the 1999 Outback Bowl and the 1999 Alamo Bowl. Penn State finished with top 20 national rankings all three years of his career, highlighted by a No. 11 finish in 1999. Arrington racked up 173 tackles, 39 tackles for loss, 19 sacks and three interceptions while playing for College Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Paterno. The Big Ten Network named him to its "Mount Rushmore of Penn State Football," and he was elected to the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2011 for his excellence at North Hills High School in Pittsburgh.

The second overall pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Washington Football Team, Arrington played for Washington from 2000-05 and then for the New York Giants in 2006.

He was a three-time Pro Bowl selection.

Following his NFL career, Arrington began a successful broadcasting career. Currently working for FOX Sports Radio, he is the co-host of the network's weekday morning show "2 Pro's and a Cup of Joe" alongside Brady Quinn and Jonas Knox. He is also co-host of the nationally-syndicated weekend program/podcast "Up On Game" with TJ Houshmandzadeh and Plaxico Burress. Arrington has also been featured on FOX Sports television programs, including FS1's "Speak for Yourself."

#### CHAMP BAILEY University of Georgia Defensive Back, 1996-98

One of the most versatile players in Georgia history, Champ Bailey played more than 1,000 snaps on offense, defense and special teams during his remarkable 1998 season. The Folkston, Georgia, native becomes the 16th Bulldog player to join the College Football Hall of Fame.

The 1998 consensus First Team All-American took home the Nagurski Trophy as the nation's top defensive player that season while finishing seventh for the Heisman Trophy. During that standout season, Bailey was a team captain and saw action at defensive back and wide receiver while also returning kickoffs. He was named the SEC Player of the Week against Auburn that season after a performance that included a career-high 119 plays highlighted by a fourth-quarter interception.

A two-time First Team All-SEC selection (1997, 1998), he was also named to the SEC All-Freshman Team in 1996. The inaugural recipient of the UGA Vince Dooley MVP Award, Bailey led the Bulldogs to consecutive postseason wins at the 1998 Outback Bowl and the 1998 Peach Bowl, where he won Defensive MVP honors. He helped UGA to national rankings in 1997 (No. 10) and 1998 (No. 14) while playing for College Football Hall of Fame Coach Jim Donnan and alongside Hall of Famer Matt Stinchcomb. A member of the FWAA's 75th Anniversary All-America Team, Bailey finished his career at Georgia with 147 tackles, eight interceptions and 27 pass breakups while racking up 978 receiving yards and five touchdowns on offense.

The seventh overall pick by Washington in the 1999 NFL Draft, Bailey played 15 seasons for Washington (1999-2003) and Denver (2004-13). The 12-time Pro Bowl selection is a member of the NFL's 2000s All-Decade Team, and he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2019.

While in Denver, Bailey donated time and money to the Denver Rescue Mission, and he worked with The Crossing in Park Hill, a transitional housing program in Denver. He also supports the Bailey Brothers Foundation with his brother and fellow Georgia football alum, Boss. The 2018 State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame inductee was also a record-setting track and field athlete at UGA.

#### MICHAEL CRABTREE Texas Tech University Wide Receiver, 2007-08

The first two-time winner of the Biletnikoff Award, Michael Crabtree was one of the most electric wide receivers in college

football history. The Dallas native becomes the sixth Red Raider player in the College Football Hall of Fame.

The only two-time unanimous First Team All-American (2007, 2008) in Texas Tech history, Crabtree finished fifth in the 2008 Heisman Trophy voting. The 2007 Freshman All-American burst onto the scene by setting still-standing freshman single-season FBS records for receiving yards (1,962), receptions (134), receiving yards per game (150.9), touchdown receptions (22), receptions per game (10.3) and 100-yard receiving games (11). Crabtree still ranks in the top 15 all-time in nine FBS receiving categories, with his 1,962 receiving yards in 2007 currently third in FBS single-season history. A two-time recipient of the Paul Warfield Award, Crabtree was named CBSSports.com's National Freshman of the Year and the AT&T All-America Player of the Year in 2007.

A two-time First Team All-Big 12 selection, Crabtree was named the Big 12 Co-Offensive Freshman of the Year in 2007. Despite playing just two seasons, he remains Texas Tech's all-time leader with 41 career receiving touchdowns and 15 career 100-yard receiving games while ranking second with 3,127 career receiving yards. His 1,962 receiving yards and 134 receptions in 2007 are both Big 12 and Red Raider records, and he owns the top two single-season receiving touchdown marks in school history (22 in 2007, 19 in 2008). The 2007 Texas Tech team MVP owns nearly every freshman receiving record in the Big 12 and Red Raider record books. In 2008, Crabtree led Texas Tech to a share of the Big 12 South Division title, an 11-2 record and the No. 12 final ranking. His highlight moment came against Texas that season, in which he hauled in the game-winning 28-yard touchdown with one second remaining to shock No. 1 Texas. Crabtree led the Red Raiders to two bowl games, including a win in the 2008 Gator Bowl. The 2020 Texas Tech Hall of Fame inductee was named to the school's Football Ring of Honor in 2021.

The 10th overall pick in the 2009 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers, Crabtree played 11 seasons with the 49ers (2009-14), Oakland Raiders (2015-17), Baltimore Ravens (2018) and Arizona (2019).

Off the field, he established the Crab5 Foundation, which hosts numerous events each year for underprivileged youth. Crabtree also fully endowed a scholarship at Texas Tech in 2019.

#### SYLVESTER CROOM University of Alabama Center, 1972-74

Highlighted by a national championship, Sylvester Croom was a leader at center during one of the most successful runs in Alabama history. The Tuscaloosa, Alabama native becomes the 20th Crimson Tide player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

A 1974 First Team All-American, Croom helped the Crimson Tide to a UPI national title in 1973. The 1974 First Team All-SEC selection and Jacobs Blocking Trophy recipient led Alabama to three consecutive conference titles. The 1974 team captain led the Tide to three bowl games and three top 10





Gardner is tied for fifth all-time at Illinois with 18 career sacks

final national rankings (No. 7 in 1972, No. 4 in 1973 and No. 5 in 1974).

Behind Croom's stellar blocking, the Tide averaged 414.7 yards per game in 1972, 480.7 yards per game in 1973 and 388.3 yards per game in 1974. During his three seasons, Alabama posted an impressive 32-4 record, with only one loss coming during the regular season. Croom capped his collegiate career in the 1975 Senior Bowl after playing for College Football Hall of Fame Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and alongside Hall of Famers John Hannah, Woodrow Lowe and Ozzie Newsome in Tuscaloosa. He was inducted into the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2020, and the Crimson Tide's spring practice award is named the Sylvester Croom Commitment to Excellence Award in his honor.

After going undrafted in 1975, Croom played one season with the New Orleans Saints before returning to Alabama to begin his storied coaching career. After serving on the Crimson Tide staff from 1976-86 under his former coach Bryant and Ray Perkins, he then coached in the NFL from 1987-2003. In 2004, Croom made history when Mississippi State hired him as the first Black head football coach in SEC history. He was named the SEC Coach of Year in 2007. Following five seasons at Mississippi State, Croom returned to the NFL as an assistant coach before retiring following the 2017 season.

Croom is heavily involved with College View Baptist Church, which was started by his father who was an All-American at Alabama A&M.

**MIKE DOSS**  
**Ohio State University**  
**Safety, 1999-2002**

One of just eight three-time All-Americans in Ohio State history, Mike Doss capped his remarkable career by leading the Buckeyes to a national championship. The Canton, Ohio, native becomes the school's 27th player to join the College Football Hall of Fame.

A First Team All-American during his last three seasons at Ohio State, Doss earned unanimous honors following his stellar senior campaign in 2002 in which he recorded a

personal best 107 tackles. That season, the team captain and Thorpe Award finalist led the Buckeyes to a perfect 14-0 record, the Big Ten title, the No. 1 final ranking and the BCS National Championship following a victory over Miami (FL) in the Fiesta Bowl. Doss was named the Defensive MVP of that 31-24 double-overtime victory after recording nine tackles and a 35-yard interception return that led to Ohio State's first touchdown of the game on its ensuing possession. The 2002 season was the Buckeyes' first 14-0 season in school history and their first undefeated season since 1973.

The 2002 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, and a three-time First Team All-Big Ten selection. With the most career tackles by a defensive back in school history (331), he led Ohio State in tackles as a sophomore and junior. His 228 career solo tackles are the fifth most in Buckeyes history. A 2011 Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, Doss played for College Football Hall of Fame Coaches John Cooper and Jim Tressel.

A second-round pick by the Colts in the 2003 NFL Draft, Doss played six seasons for the Colts (2003-06), Vikings (2007) and Cincinnati Bengals (2008). He won Super Bowl XLI as a member of the Colts.

In 2005, he founded the Michael A. Doss Foundation, which focuses on education and social welfare. He has also hosted "Make a Difference" youth camps. In 2019, Doss earned a master's in business operational excellence from Ohio State, and he is now a licensed real estate agent for the Robert Weiler Company in Columbus, Ohio.

**CHUCK EALEY**  
**University of Toledo**  
**Quarterback, 1969-71**

The signal caller for the best run in Toledo football history, Chuck Ealey never lost a game in his three seasons as the Rockets' starting quarterback. The NFF Veterans Committee selection becomes the second player in school history to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

Named a 1971 First Team All-American, Ealey went a remarkable 35-0 as Toledo's starting quarterback. The three-time MAC

Back of the Year became the first player in conference history to receive votes for the Heisman Trophy, tallying 168 points for an eighth-place finish in 1971. A three-time First Team All-MAC selection, Ealey led the Rockets to three consecutive conference titles. While guiding the team to three-straight Tangerine Bowl victories, he earned MVP honors following standout performances in the 1969 and 1971 editions.

A 1971 team captain, Ealey finished his career as Toledo's all-time leader with 5,275 passing yards and 45 touchdown passes, both marks that still rank in the top 10. In both 1970 and 1971, he received the team's Jim Nicholson Award. Voted No. 1 on Toledo's All-Century Football Team, Ealey is one of just four players to have his number retired by the Rockets. The Portsmouth, Ohio, native played alongside College Football Hall of Famer Mel Long during his time in the Glass Bowl.

After going undrafted by the NFL, Ealey signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League. Taking over as the starting quarterback in 1972, he would go on to win the CFL's Most Outstanding Rookie Award and lead the Tiger-Cats to a victory in the Grey Cup, where he earned MVP honors. In total, Ealey played seven seasons in the CFL with the Tiger-Cats (1972-74), Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1974-75) and Toronto Argonauts (1975-78).

Following his football career, Ealey served as a financial advisor in the Toronto area. He currently serves as a consultant and public speaker, helping people of all ages discover and embrace their undefeated spirit so they can better themselves and their community. He founded the Chuck Ealey Foundation, which annually awards academic scholarships to college and high school recipients of The Chuck Ealey Undefeated Spirit Award. The Chuck Ealey Foundation also provides opportunities to high school students to help build their mentoring skills while guiding underprivileged youth to discover and embrace their sense of self-worth and "undefeated spirit."

**KEVIN FAULK**  
**Louisiana State University**  
**All-Purpose/Running Back, 1995-98**

The epitome of an all-purpose player, Kevin Faulk remains the SEC's leader in career all-purpose yards and LSU's all-time leading rusher. The Lafayette, Louisiana, native becomes the 11th Tiger player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A 1996 First Team All-American as an all-purpose player, Faulk still holds the all-time SEC record with 6,833 all-purpose yards a mark that was fourth in FBS history when he finished his career. During that 1996 season, he led the SEC in all-purpose yards and ranked second in the league in rushing. Faulk followed up his All-America campaign by leading the SEC in rushing during both his junior and senior seasons, and he also topped the league in scoring as a senior. The three-time First Team All-SEC selection was the first player in LSU history to average more than 100 yards per game during his entire career.

Setting 11 school records by career's end, Faulk still holds LSU career marks for rush-

ing yards (4,577), rushing touchdowns (46), all-purpose yards (6,833) and 100-yard rushing games (22). The 1995 SEC Freshman of the Year ranks fourth in the conference in career rushing yards and is tied for third in career rushing touchdowns. A two-time LSU MVP, Faulk led the Tigers to two top-15 final rankings and three bowl victories, earning offensive MVP honors following the 1995 Independence Bowl after setting LSU bowl records with 234 rushing yards and 271 all-purpose yards. Faulk owns LSU's single-game all-purpose yards record (376 vs. Houston, 1996), and ranks fifth in school history with 832 punt return yards. He is also a member of the LSU Athletics and State of Louisiana Sports halls of fame.

Taken in the second round of the 1999 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots, Faulk spent his entire 13-year career with the franchise. The 2016 New England Patriots Hall of Fame inductee led the team to three Super Bowl titles (XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX), and he holds the franchise record for career all-purpose yards.

Following his pro career, Faulk served as an assistant football coach from 2013-17 at his former high school, Carencro High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. He then served on the coaching staff at his alma mater, LSU, from 2018-21. He annually hosts a free youth football camp in Louisiana, and he founded the Kevin Faulk Foundation to support youth. He is the cousin of 2017 College Football Hall of Fame inductee Marshall Faulk from San Diego State.

**MOE GARDNER**  
**University of Illinois**  
**Defensive Tackle, 1987-90**

A two-time First Team All-American, Moe Gardner was described by Illinois head coach John Mackovic as "the best player at any position in college football" during his senior campaign in 1990. The Indianapolis, Indiana, native becomes the 13th Fighting Illini player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

Gardner earned unanimous First Team All-America honors in 1989 before earning consensus laurels as a senior in 1990. In 1989, he was named the Big Ten Lineman of the Year and an Outland Trophy finalist after leading the Illini to a No. 10 final ranking and a win in the 1990 Citrus Bowl the program's first bowl victory since 1964. The following season, Gardner was a Rotary Lombardi Award finalist and earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year after guiding Illinois to a share of the 1990 conference title and a No. 25 final ranking.

A four-time All-Big Ten selection, Gardner earned first team honors from 1988-90 after second team recognition as a freshman. The two-year team captain finished his career with a school-record 57 tackles for loss, which currently rank second, and he led the Illini in the category during his final three seasons. Chosen as the 1989 team MVP, Gardner is tied for fifth all-time at Illinois with 18 career sacks. A 2020 Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, he was named to the school's all-century team as an active player in 1990.

A fourth-round pick by in the 1991 NFL  
*(continued on page 12)*



Draft, Gardner played six seasons for the Atlanta Falcons from 1991-96.

A fourth-round pick by in the 1991 NFL Draft, Gardner played six seasons for the Atlanta Falcons from 1991-96.

After earning a master's degree in library information sciences from Clark Atlanta University, Gardner currently works as a public services librarian principal at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History in Atlanta, serving in the reference, research and programs division. His responsibilities include assisting scholars and PhD candidates who study the African diaspora on a global scale.

**BOOMER GRIGSBY**  
**Illinois State University**  
**Linebacker, 2001-04**

The all-time leading tackler in FCS history, Boomer Grigsby is the only three-time Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year in league history. The Canton, Illinois, native deservedly becomes the first Redbird player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A three-time First Team All-American (2002-04), Grigsby remains the FCS leader in career tackles (550), career solo tackles (325), single-season tackles per game (16.27 in 2002) and single-season solo tackles per game (9.82 in 2002). The standout linebacker is the only player in history to finish in the top three for the Buck Buchanan Award in three consecutive seasons. Grigsby ranks second all-time in FCS history with 12.5 tackles per game during his career, and he boasts two of the top three single-season solo tackle performances in FCS history: 109 in 2003 and 108 in 2002. He twice won the College Sporting News FCS Defensive Player of the Year award, which has since been renamed in his honor.

The three-time First Team All-MVFC selection remains the all-time leading tackler in conference and school history (note: both the MVFC and Illinois State credit him with 580 career tackles). Grigsby was also an honorable mention all-conference selection in 2001 when he was named to the MVFC All-Newcomer Team. He led the FCS in tackles in 2002, led the conference in tackles three times and led Illinois State in tackles all four seasons. A three-time team captain, Grigsby was also twice named the Illinois State Milt Weisbecker Male Athlete of the Year, and he was inducted into the Illinois State Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame in 2010.

A fifth-round pick in the 2005 NFL Draft, Grigsby played in league for the Kansas City Chiefs (2005-07), Miami Dolphins (2008) and Houston Texans (2009).

Off the field, he established the Boomer Grigsby Foundation, and he has volunteered with Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors and the Special Olympics. Grigsby continued his relationship with ISU football as the color analyst for Redbird football broadcasts on NBC Sports Chicago for three seasons, and he served as a television analyst for Illinois High School Association football playoff broadcasts for two years. He currently works in Las Vegas as a sales representative for Stryker.

**MIKE HASS**  
**Oregon State University**  
**Wide Receiver, 2002-05**

After receiving no Division I scholarship offers and walking on at Oregon State, Mike Hass left the university as its all-time leading receiver while boasting a Biletnikoff Award. The Portland, Oregon, native becomes the third Beaver player to join the College Football Hall of Fame.

The 2005 First Team All-American and Biletnikoff Award recipient was just the 10th player in NCAA history and the only Oregon State player ever with three seasons of 1,000-plus receiving yards. During his stellar senior season in 2005, Hass led the nation with 139.9 receiving yards per game. He set then-school records for single-season receptions (90) and receiving yards (1,532 – also a Pac-10 mark at the time), surpassing his own records set in 2004 when he was a Third Team All-American. The 2005 team captain led the Beavers to three consecutive bowl berths, including wins in the 2003 Las Vegas Bowl and 2004 Insight Bowl.

A two-time First Team All-Pac-10 selection, Hass' 3,924 career receiving yards rank third all-time in conference history. In addition to being the school's all-time leading receiver, he owns Oregon State records for career 100-yard games (19), single-season 100-yard games (nine in 2005) and single-receptions (14 vs. Arizona State in 2004). Hass owns four of the top 10 single-game receiving performances in school history, including a Beaver record 293 yards against Boise State in 2004. His 20 career receiving touchdowns are second in school annals while his 220 receptions rank fourth.

A sixth-round pick by the New Orleans Saints in the 2006 NFL Draft, Hass played in the league for the Chicago Bears (2006-08) and the Seattle Seahawks (2009). He also played for the Omaha Nighthawks in the United Football League from 2010-11.

Hass earned his degree in civil engineering from Oregon State in 2007. Following his football career, he worked in the development department at Nike, helping design sporting equipment. Hass is currently a project manager at Pacific GeoSource, an industry leader in pavement design and engineering. He has also coached youth football.

**MARVIN JONES**  
**Florida State University**  
**Linebacker, 1990-92**

A dominant force on Florida State's stellar teams in the early 1990s, Marvin Jones became the first player from the university to win two national awards in the same season. The Miami, Florida, native becomes the eighth Seminole player in the College Football Hall of Fame.

A two-time First Team All-American, Jones earned consensus honors in 1991 and unanimous honors in 1992. During his stellar 1992 campaign, he won the Butkus and Rotary Lombardi awards and finished fourth for the Heisman Trophy. Jones tallied 111 tackles that year while guiding the Seminoles to the ACC title, an 11-1 record and the No. 2 final ranking after a win over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. The 1992 First Team All-ACC selection was also named the Sporting News Defensive Player of the Year and received the Jack Lambert Trophy.

In 1991, Jones tallied 125 tackles while leading Florida State to an 11-2 record and a No. 4 final ranking following a win over

Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. A Third Team All-American as a freshman in 1990, he guided that squad to a 10-2 record, No. 4 ranking and a win in the Blockbuster Bowl. Prior to joining the ACC in 1992, Jones was a two-time First Team All-South Independent selection. He ranks seventh in Seminole history with 369 career tackles despite playing just three seasons. One of 11 players in school history to have his number retired, Jones was inducted into the Florida State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000. Coached by College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden, he played alongside Hall of Famers Derrick Brooks, Terrell Buckley and Charlie Ward during his time in Tallahassee.

The fourth overall selection in the 1993 NFL Draft, Jones played his entire 11-year career with the Jets from 1993-2003.

Now a coach in the Champions Indoor Football (CIF) league, Jones has served as the head coach of the Omaha Beef since 2019. In 2021, he led the team to a victory in Champions Bowl VI. Jones also serves as general manager of NFL Draft Bible's Pro Football Free Agent Database, which enables scouts from all pro football leagues to easily evaluate and obtain pertinent prospect information.

**ANDREW LUCK**  
**Stanford University**  
**Quarterback, 2009-11**

One of the most precise passers in college football history, Andrew Luck put together a record-setting career at Stanford and claim multiple national awards. The Houston native becomes the 19th Cardinal player to join the College Football Hall of Fame.

A 2011 First Team All-American, Luck took home the Maxwell, Walter Camp and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm awards. The two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up (2010, 2011) transformed a Stanford program that had suffered seven-straight losing seasons before he became the starter in 2009. Luck would lead the Cardinal to a 31-7 record, including three -straight postseason berths and consecutive top 10 final rankings in 2010 (No. 4) and 2011 (No. 7). He was named the MVP at the 2011 Orange Bowl after throwing for 287 yards and four touchdowns in a win over Virginia Tech, which gave Stanford a school-record 12 wins.

A two-time Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year, Luck led the conference in multiple categories during his stellar 2011 campaign, including completion percentage (71.3) and passing efficiency (169.7). The two-time First Team All-Pac-12 selection is Stanford's all-time leader in career passing touchdowns (82) and passing efficiency (162.8). Ranking second in Cardinal history with 9,430 career passing yards, Luck owns two of the top four passing seasons in school history: 3,517 yards in 2011 and 3,338 in 2010. His .670 career completion percentage is the best in Stanford annals, as are his single-season completion percentages in 2010 (.707) and 2011 (.713). His 37 touchdown passes in 2011 are a single-season school record, followed by his 32 touchdown passes in 2010.

Luck presided over three of the most prolific offensive teams in Stanford history, helping the Cardinal to scoring records in 2009 (461), 2010 (524) and 2011 (561). Just as proficient in the classroom, he was named the

2011 Academic All-American of the Year, and he was a three-time First Team Academic All-Pac-12 honoree and a member of the NFF Hampshire Honor Society.

The first overall pick in the 2012 NFL Draft, Luck spent his entire seven-year career with the Colts from 2012-18. The four-time Pro Bowler was named the 2018 Comeback Player of the Year, and he owns the NFL rookie record for passing yards (4,373).

Luck is involved with several philanthropic pursuits, including Riley Children's Foundation and the Andrew Luck Book Club. He was previously honored by the NFF in 2008 as an NFF National High School Scholar-Athlete. Luck is now retired and living in Indianapolis.

**MARK MESSNER**  
**University of Michigan**  
**Defensive Tackle, 1985-88**

One of the greatest defensive players in Michigan history, Mark Messner terrorized offenses while becoming the Wolverines' all-time leader in sacks and tackles for loss. The Hartland, Michigan, native becomes the 33rd player in school history to be elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

A unanimous First Team All-American in 1988, Messner started every game of his career (49) at Michigan. The 1988 Rotary Lombardi Award finalist remains the Wolverines' all-time career leader with 70 tackles for loss, 376 tackles for loss yardage, 36 sacks and 273 sack yardage. Named the 1988 Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year, Messner led Michigan to conference titles in 1986 and 1988. He was the first player in Big Ten history to be a first team all-conference selection in four consecutive years, and his career tackles for loss and sacks are both tied for third in the Big Ten record books.

The 1988 team captain led the Wolverines to three bowl victories, including the 1986 Fiesta Bowl where he earned Defensive MVP honors, as well as the 1988 Hall of Fame Bowl and the 1989 Rose Bowl. Messner guided the Wolverines to a 38-9-2 record and four final national rankings, including two top five finishes in 1985 (No. 2) and 1988 (No. 4). Michigan's sack leader all four seasons, his five sacks against Northwestern in 1987 remain a school single-game record. The Wolverines' 1987 team MVP and 1986 Defensive MVP led the team to a 3-1 record against archrival Ohio State. Messner was coached by College Football Hall of Famer Bo Schembechler and played alongside Hall of Famer John Elliott during his time in Ann Arbor. He capped his collegiate career in the Hula Bowl all-star game.

A sixth-round pick in the 1989 NFL Draft, Messner played one season for the Los Angeles Rams before a career-ending injury.

After retiring from football, Messner worked for Eastman Kodak, and he currently serves as a market vice president at Konica Minolta. He is also a board member of Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee in Florida.

**TERRY MILLER**  
**Oklahoma State University**  
**Running Back, 1974-77**

One of only three players in Big Eight history to rush for more than 4,000 yards during his career. His 4,754 yards were the fourth most in NCAA history when his career ended. The Colorado Springs native



becomes the fifth Oklahoma State player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A two-time First Team All-American, Miller earned unanimous honors in 1977, and he twice finished as a top five Heisman Trophy finalist (second in 1977 and fourth in 1976). The only rusher in Oklahoma State history with three 1,000-yard seasons, he ranked fifth in the nation in rushing yards in 1976 (1,714) and third in 1977 (1,680). Miller also led the nation with 23 rushing touchdowns in 1976. The two-time Big Eight Offensive Player of the Year (1976, 1977) led the Cowboys to the 1976 conference title and postseason wins in the 1974 Fiesta Bowl and 1976 Tangerine Bowl, which led to a final No. 14 ranking for the Pokes.

Miller led the Big Eight in rushing his final two seasons, boasting 1,887 yards in 1976 (note: OSU credits him with a different total than the NCAA) and 1,680 yards in 1977 – marks that rank third and sixth all-time, respectively, at OSU. He owns the Cowboy record with 26 career games with 100 yards rushing. Sitting behind fellow College Football Hall of Fame running backs Barry Sanders and/or Thurman Thomas in nearly every other school career rushing category, Miller ranks second in rushing yards (4,754), rushing touchdowns (871) and rushing yards per game (113.2) while placing third in career all-purpose yards (5,305).

The fifth overall pick in the 1978 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills, Miller played for the Bills from 1978-80 before one season with the Seattle Seahawks in 1981.

Miller has been a regular volunteer for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Payne County Youth Services, among many other organizations. He is now retired and living in Stillwater.

#### **RASHAAN SALAAM** **University of Colorado** **Running Back, 1992-94**

The winner of the 1994 Heisman Trophy, Rashaan Salaam was just the fourth player in NCAA history to run for 2,000 yards in a season. The San Diego native becomes the ninth Buff player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

A unanimous First Team All-American in 1994, Salaam also claimed the Walter Camp and Doak Walker awards in addition to the Heisman Trophy. That season, the 1994 Big Eight Offensive Player of the Year led the nation in rushing yards (2,055), scoring (144) and all-purpose yards (2,349), all while not playing in the fourth quarter in five games. Salaam led the 1994 Buffs to an 11-1 record and the No. 3 final ranking after a win over Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. He led Colorado to two other bowl berths, including a win in the 1993 Aloha Bowl where he was named MVP, and two other top 20 finishes in 1992 (No. 13) and 1993 (No. 16).

Salaam was a two-time First Team All-Big Eight selection, including unanimous recognition in 1994, and he led the Buffs to second place finishes in the conference all three seasons. He still owns 18 school records, including many single-season marks for rushing yards (2,055), touchdowns (24), points (144) and all-purpose yards (2,349), all set during his 1994 Heisman campaign. That season, Salaam also set Colorado single-season records with 10 games of 100 yards rushing,

four games of 200 yards rushing and nine consecutive games with 100 yards rushing. He finished his career with 3,057 rushing yards, which rank fourth all-time at Colorado. During his time in Boulder, Salaam played for College Football Hall of Fame Coach Bill McCartney and alongside Hall of Famer Michael Westbrook.

A first-round pick in the 1995 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears, Salaam played three seasons with the Bears (1995-97), and he was named the NFC Rookie of the Year in 1995. He spent the 1999 season with the Cleveland Browns and Green Bay Packers before playing with the XFL's Memphis Maniax in 2001.

A member of both the CU Athletic and the State of Colorado Sports halls of fame, Salaam's No. 19 jersey was retired by the university in 2017. He died Dec. 5, 2016, at the age of 42.

#### **DENNIS THOMAS** **Alcorn State University** **Center, 1971-73**

The only offensive lineman to ever be named the SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, Dennis Thomas was a looming force on Alcorn State's offensive line. The Heidelberg, Miss. native becomes the second Braves player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A two-time First Team All-American, Thomas earned the honor from the Pittsburgh Courier in 1972 and 1973 and from the Black Mutual Sports Network in 1973. The only offensive lineman to ever win SWAC Offensive Player of the Year honors, he put together such an impressive 1973 season that he beat out legendary College Football Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton (Jackson State) for the award. That season, Thomas was a First Team All-SWAC selection and received Alcorn State's outstanding offensive lineman award. He also blocked for freshman running back Augusta Lee, who would go on to become the school's all-time leading rusher (currently ranks second).

Thomas lettered three seasons and started two years at center for Hall of Fame Coach Marino Casem. In 1970, he was redshirted on the Braves' SWAC championship team. In 1973, Thomas was named to the "Who's Who in America Colleges and Universities," and he was a member of the dean's list all four years of college. In 1974, the state of Mississippi declared April 15 as Dennis and Johnny Thomas Day.

Following his collegiate career at Alcorn State, Thomas joined the Braves' coaching staff, and he helped Casem's teams win SWAC football championships in 1976, 1979 and 1984. He then served as the head coach at South Carolina State from 1986-88. After earning his bachelor's degree from Alcorn State, Thomas later earned his master's from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo. From 1990-2002, he served as the athletics director at Hampton University, where he oversaw the school's transition from NCAA Division II to the Division I level. In 2002, Thomas was named NACDA's Athletics Director of the Year for the Southeast Region.

Thomas served as the commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference from 2002 until his retirement in December 2021. As

MEAC commissioner, he negotiated a multi-million dollar TV contract with ESPN and was instrumental in the creation of the Celebration Bowl, the annual game between the MEAC and SWAC champions. A 2020 Black College Football Hall of Fame inductee, Thomas also serves on the NFF Board of Directors.

#### **ZACH WIEGERT** **University of Nebraska** **Offensive Tackle, 1991-94**

The anchor of some of Nebraska's dominant teams of the 1990s, Zach Wiegert capped his collegiate career by helping the Huskers win a national title. The Fremont, Nebraska, native becomes the 20th player in school history elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

A unanimous First Team All-American in 1994, Wiegert received the Outland Trophy after helping Nebraska to a perfect 13-0 national championship season and the NCAA rushing title. In 1993, he was a finalist for the Outland Trophy after leading the Huskers to an 11-1 record, the No. 3 final ranking and berth in the Orange Bowl for the national title. The three-time First Team All-Big Eight selection led Nebraska to four conference titles and two other top 15 national finishes in 1991 (No. 15) and 1992 (No. 14).

Wiegert's other honors include being named the 1994 TD Club of Columbus Offensive Lineman of the Year, the 1994 UPI Lineman of the Year, a 1993 Second Team All-American and a 1992 First Team Sophomore All-American. He was named the ABC Chevrolet Player of the Game following the Huskers' 1994 win over UCLA in which he helped the team rush for 340 yards. Wiegert blocked for three 1,000-yard rushers during his career, and he allowed only one sack in 37 starts. In 1994 alone, he recorded 113 pancake blocks. Wiegert played for College Football Hall of Fame Coach Tom Osborne and alongside five other Hall of Famers at Nebraska: Trev Alberts, Tommie Frazier, Will Shields, Aaron Taylor and Grant Wistrom.

A second-round pick by the St. Louis Rams in the 1995 NFL Draft, Wiegert played with the Rams (1995-98), Jacksonville Jaguars (1999-2002) and Houston Texans (2003-06). He started in 137 NFL games and helped the Jaguars make the playoffs in 1999.

After a decade of working in commercial real estate as an investor and developer, Wiegert formed Goldenrod Companies in October 2005 to oversee his own portfolio of assets. He has served, or is currently serving, on many non-profit boards, and he has chaired events for The Salvation Army, The United Way, The Omaha North Magnet STEM School, The Boy Scouts of America and The Teammates Foundation.

#### **ROY WILLIAMS** **University of Oklahoma** **Defensive Back, 1999-2001**

The first player in history to claim the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Jim Thorpe Award in the same year, Roy Williams struck fear in his opponents as he led Oklahoma to the 2000 national title and a 31-7 record during his three seasons in Norman. The Union City, California, native becomes the 23rd Sooner player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A unanimous First Team All-American in

2001, Williams started 31 games for the Sooners, recording 287 tackles, 34 tackles for loss, nine interceptions and 44 pass deflections during his career. In 2001, he captained the Sooners to an 11-2 record and a 10-3 win in the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas, posting six tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks in the game, claiming Defensive MVP honors. His performance during the 2001 season earned him Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year honors as well as the Nagurski and Thorpe awards, and he finished seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting, the highest vote total in 2001 for a non-quarterback. In 2000, he led the Big 12 champion Sooners to their first 13-win season and first undefeated season since 1987, capped by a 13-2 win over Florida State in the 2001 Orange Bowl to claim the BCS National Championship.

In 1999, which marked the first season at OU for Coach Bob Stoops (inducted into the Hall in 2021), Williams helped OU notch a 7-5 record and a spot in the Independence Bowl, which snapped the school's four-year absence from postseason play. A two-time First Team All-Big 12 selection, he carved a unique place in Oklahoma football annals with an iconic play during the 2001 Red River Showdown. Leaping over defenders, Williams knocked the ball from Texas QB Chris Simms and into the hands of OU's Teddy Lehman, who scored a touchdown. The play sealed a 14-3 win for OU while earning Williams the "Superman" moniker as he appeared to fly through the air.

Selected as the eighth overall pick in the 2002 NFL Draft by Dallas, Williams played for the Cowboys from 2002-08 and the Bengals from 2009-10, earning five consecutive Pro Bowl selections from 2003-07 while being named a First Team All-Pro in 2003.

William currently serves as the president of Global Security Corporation in Edmond, Oklahoma, which provides protection for VIPs, security at corporate events and other security consulting services. Active in the community, he established the Roy Williams Safety Net Foundation to support low-income single mothers. The Roy Williams Strength and Speed Complex at OU is named in his honor, and he is a member of the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

National Scholar-Athletes and 79 first team all-conference players.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel was an all-conference and Honorable Mention All-America tight end at Kent State, playing for future College Football Hall of Fame Coach Don James. Pinkel worked as an assistant under James at Washington for 12 years, including the Huskies' 1991 national championship team. He also served as an assistant at Kent State and Bowling Green.

Pinkel has been inducted into multiple halls of fame, including the State of Missouri Sports, St. Louis Sports Commission, Mid-American Conference, Toledo Athletics, Kent State Athletics and Kenmore High School. Active in the community, he created the GP Made Foundation to help youth facing difficult challenges and he has raised more than \$10 million for charitable causes. In 2017, Pinkel released an autobiography "The 100-Yard Journey: A Life in Coaching and Battling for the Win."

*(continued on page 14)*



security consulting services. Active in the community, he established the Roy Williams Safety Net Foundation to support low-income single mothers. The Roy Williams Strength and Speed Complex at OU is named in his honor, and he is a member of the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

National Scholar-Athletes and 79 first team all-conference players.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel was an all-conference and Honorable Mention All-America tight end at Kent State, playing for future College Football Hall of Fame Coach Don James. Pinkel worked as an assistant under James at Washington for 12 years, including the Huskies' 1991 national championship team. He also served as an assistant at Kent State and Bowling Green.

Pinkel has been inducted into multiple halls of fame, including the State of Missouri Sports, St. Louis Sports Commission, Mid-American Conference, Toledo Athletics, Kent State Athletics and Kenmore High School. Active in the community, he created the GP Made Foundation to help youth facing difficult challenges and he has raised more than \$10 million for charitable causes. In 2017, Pinkel released an autobiography "The 100-Yard Journey: A Life in Coaching and Battling for the Win."

#### **JOHN LUCKHARDT**

**Washington & Jefferson College [PA] (1982-98), California University [PA] (2002-11) Head Coach, 225-70-2 (76.1%)**

A stalwart on the Western Pennsylvania football scene for the better part of three decades, John Luckhardt turned two programs into perennial national contenders, winning an astounding 76.1 percent of his combined games at Washington & Jefferson and California University of Pennsylvania. He becomes the first person ever to represent the Vulcans in the College Football Hall of Fame and the fourth person with ties to Washington & Jefferson.

In 1982, Luckhardt took over a Washington & Jefferson program that had only produced four winning campaigns in the previous 17 seasons. By 1984, Luckhardt had turned the Presidents into a 9-2 team, winning the team's first Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) title and earning the school's first trip to the NCAA Division III playoffs. The program never looked back, amassing winning records every season under his watch, culminating in 1998 with a 137-37-2 record during his 17-year tenure.

Under Luckhardt's guidance, W&J claimed 13 PAC championships and made 11 appearances in the NCAA Playoffs, including two trips to the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl (1992 and 1994). In 1992, he was named the AFCA National Coach of the Year, and CNN named him the Division III Coach of the Year in '94.

Following his time at W&J, Luckhardt led the program at nearby Cal U from 2002-11. His tenure with the Vulcans witnessed the best 10-year stint in school history, and he exited as the school's all-time winningest coach with an 88-33 overall record. He led Cal U to the NCAA Division II Semifinals in three consecutive seasons after capturing NCAA Regional titles in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The 2008 season marked the program's first Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championship since 1984. Two more

playoff appearances in his final two years at Cal U gave him five consecutive seasons of double-digit victories and five NCAA Division II Playoff appearances along with seven consecutive PSAC West titles.

Luckhardt's teams appeared in 16 NCAA playoffs during his 27-year coaching career, and he coached 11 First Team All-Americans, nine Academic All-Americans and two NFF National Scholar-Athletes. He was named the PAC Coach of the Year 11 times and the PSAC West Coach of the Year once.

A native of Western Pennsylvania, Luckhardt played college football at Purdue for College Football Hall of Fame Coach Jack Mollenkopf, and he was the center on the 1967 Rose Bowl team that beat USC. He began his coaching career at Northern Illinois and then Lehigh. Luckhardt has been inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports; the Washington & Jefferson College Athletics; and the California University of Pennsylvania Athletic halls of fame. From 1994-98, he served on the American Football Coaches Association Board of Directors. From 1996-98, Luckhardt also served as Washington & Jefferson's Director of Athletics.

#### **BILLY JACK MURPHY**

**University of Memphis (1958-71) Head Coach, 91-44-1 (67.3%)**

The winningest coach in Memphis history, Billy Jack Murphy headed the Tigers' program for 14 years, posting winning records in all but two seasons and leading the school into the national rankings. Murphy, who passed away in 2008 at 87, becomes the second person with ties to Memphis to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

In 1958, Murphy became head coach at Memphis, then-known as Memphis State, and he would take the program from obscurity to national prominence with multiple firsts while winning 67.3 percent of his games before his exit after the 1971 season with an overall record of 91-44-1. In 1960, he led the team's transition to major college status as a member of the NCAA University Division while posting an 8-2 record. As the Tigers' program grew in stature, Murphy replaced small-college opponents with major programs, including wins against Florida State, Houston, Miami (FL), Mississippi State, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. In 1962, Murphy led the Tigers to their first win over a member of the SEC, a 28-7 victory at Mississippi State.

In 1963, the Tigers posted the school's first undefeated season since 1938 with a 9-0-1 record, and Murphy claimed National Coach of the Year honors from The Detroit Times while Memphis running back Dave Casinelli claimed the NCAA rushing title and the defense posted five shutouts. The team finished No. 14 in the UPI Coaches Poll, the highest ranking in school history. The lone tie that season, a 0-0 tilt, came against No. 2 Ole Miss who had not been shutout in 47 games. In 1967, Murphy and the Tigers would finally gain the upper hand, claiming the program's first win against Ole Miss, 27-17, at home.

In 1968, Memphis ended its 27-year run as an independent, joining the Missouri Valley Conference, and Murphy would earn Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year honors in three of the school's first four seasons in the conference. On Dec. 18, 1971,

Murphy led Memphis to its first appearance and first win in a major bowl with a 28-9 victory over San Jose State in the Pasadena Bowl. The game marked Murphy's final appearance as a head coach, and he transitioned fulltime to athletics director, a role he had started in 1966 and held until 1981.

Murphy grew up in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, before enrolling at Mississippi State in 1939 and playing as an All-SEC tailback for future College Football Hall of Coach Allyn McKeen who had previously headed the Memphis program. In 1943 and the midst of World War II, Murphy joined the Marine Corps Reserve and transferred to Duke University for training with the V-12 Program. He served heroically in the South Pacific, narrowly escaping with his life on at least four occasions and receiving the Bronze Star, the Presidential Citation and the Navy Citation. Following World War II, Murphy returned to Mississippi State as the captain of the 1946 Bulldogs team.

After graduating from Mississippi State, Murphy took his first job as an assistant coach at Memphis for a five-year stint. In 1951, he returned to Mississippi State under head coach Murray Warmath who he then followed to Minnesota in 1954 for four seasons as the running backs coach before becoming the Memphis head coach at the age of 37 in 1958. Murphy has been inducted into the State of Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, the Mississippi State Hall of Fame and the Memphis M Club Hall of Fame. Each year the Billy J. Murphy Award is presented to a former Memphis athlete who has excelled in their chosen profession after graduation, and the Tigers' practice facility is named in Murphy's honor.

#### **GARY PINKEL**

**University of Toledo (1991-2000), University of Missouri (2001-15) Head Coach, 191-110-3 (63.3%)**

Standing at No. 20 for most wins in Football Bowl Subdivision history at the time of his retirement, Gary Pinkel's legacy as the winningest coach in school history at both Toledo and Missouri makes him one of only three coaches to hold the distinction at two Division I programs. He becomes the first coach from Toledo and the sixth coach from Missouri inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Pinkel began his head coaching career at Toledo in 1991 and during the next 10 years he would take the Rockets to new heights, winning 65.9 percent of his games and amassing a 73-37-3 record, the most wins in school history. His nine winning seasons at Toledo included the 1995 MAC championship, with the Rockets going 11-0-1 and finishing at No. 24 in the final polls. Pinkel would lead Toledo to three other MAC West Division titles. In 1997, the Rockets finished 9-3, climbing as high as No. 18 in the national rankings. They repeated as division champions again in 1998 with a 7-5 record. In his final season with the Rockets in 2000, the team went 10-1, including a 24-6 win at Penn State. The team finished the regular season with the MAC West Division title and ranked No. 25 in the AP Poll. He was named the MAC Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1997.

Pinkel took over at Missouri in 2001, inheriting a program that had produced just

one 10-win season in school history and two winning seasons in the previous 17 years. Pinkel would transform the program, leading the Tigers to 10 winning seasons (including five years with 10 wins or more), five conference division titles, 10 bowl appearances and six bowl victories. The end result: an overall record of 118-73 and the distinction of being the school's all-time winningest coach.

Pinkel's Missouri teams posted final top-20 national rankings five times, including AP rankings of No. 4 in 2007 and No. 5 in 2013. In 2007, he was named the National Coach of the Year by FieldTurf, and he won conference coach of the year honors in 2007 (Big 12) and 2014 (SEC). In 2007, Mizzou claimed the school's first No. 1 national ranking since 1960 after a watershed 36-17 win against archrival Kansas in the Border Showdown at Arrowhead Stadium on Nov. 24, 2007. The Tigers subsequently fell short against Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game, but the team ended the season with a school-record 12 wins, including a win in the Cotton Bowl and a No. 4 final national ranking.

Pinkel's finest year may have come in 2013, one year after Mizzou joined the SEC. Picked to finish sixth in the SEC Eastern Division, the Tigers finished 11-1 as East Division champs, and they gave Pinkel his second victory in the Cotton Bowl and his second 12-win season along with a final No. 5 ranking in the national polls. Pinkel would lead the Tigers back to the SEC Championship Game in 2014, falling short against Alabama. The team finished the season with a win against Minnesota in the Citrus Bowl and an 11-3 record and No. 14 ranking in the AP Poll.

After his final game in 2015 and announcing his retirement because of a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Pinkel ranked as the third-winningest active coach behind future College Football Hall of Fame inductees Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech and Bill Snyder of Kansas State. Pinkel also is one of only three coaches in history to be the winningest coach of two college football programs, joining College Football Hall of Fame inductees Bear Bryant (Kentucky, Alabama) and Steve Spurrier (Florida, South Carolina). Pinkel coached 10 First Team All-Americans, three Academic All-Americans, three NFF National Scholar-Athletes and 79 first team all-conference players.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel was an all-conference and Honorable Mention All-America tight end at Kent State, playing for future College Football Hall of Fame Coach Don James. Pinkel worked as an assistant under James at Washington for 12 years, including the Huskies' 1991 national championship team. He also served as an assistant at Kent State and Bowling Green.

Pinkel has been inducted into multiple halls of fame, including the State of Missouri Sports, St. Louis Sports Commission, Mid-American Conference, Toledo Athletics, Kent State Athletics and Kenmore High School. Active in the community, he created the GP Made Foundation to help youth facing difficult challenges and he has raised more than \$10 million for charitable causes. In 2017, Pinkel released an autobiography "The 100-Yard Journey: A Life in Coaching and Battling for the Win."



# College Football News and Notes



Georgia last won a National Championship in 1981



**BO CARTER**

[bcarter@footballfoundation.com](mailto:bcarter@footballfoundation.com)

The NFF College Hall of Fame Class of 2022 (18 players, three coaches) includes LaVar Arrington – LB, Penn State (1997-99); Champ Bailey – DB, Georgia (1996-98); Michael Crabtree – WR, Texas Tech (2007-08); Sylvester Croom – C, Alabama (1972-74); Mike Doss – S, Ohio State (1999-2002); Chuck Ealey – QB, Toledo (1969-71); Kevin Faulk – AP/RB, LSU (1995-98); Moe Gardner – DT, Illinois (1987-90); Boomer Grigsby – LB, Illinois State (2001-04); Mike Hass – WR, Oregon State (2002-05); Marvin Jones – LB, Florida State (1990-92); Andrew Luck – QB, Stanford (2009-11); Mark Messner – DT, Michigan (1985-88); Terry Miller – RB, Oklahoma State (1974-77); Rashaan Salaam – RB, Colorado (1992-94); Dennis Thomas – C, Alcorn State (1971-73); Zach Wiegert – OT, Nebraska (1991-94); Roy Williams – DB, Oklahoma (1999-2001). Coaches - John Luckhardt – 225-70-2 (.761 winning percentage); Washington & Jefferson [Pa.] (1982-98), California [Pa.] (2002-11); Billy Jack Murphy – 91-44-1

(.673); Memphis (1958-71); Gary Pinkel – 191-110-3 (.633); Toledo (1991-2000), Missouri (2001-15).

There are now 1,056 student-athletes and 226 coaches in the Hall of Fame since the first selections were made in 1951. The newest class will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during ceremonies Dec. 6 at the 64th NFF Awards Dinner.

**Notes:** On the night of the first College Football Playoff championship game in Indianapolis, Ind., former Illinois standout lineman Moe Gardner became the first native of Indianapolis to join the Hall of Fame...Andrew Luck is the sixth Hall of Famer born in Washington, D.C....Current Hall of Fame members Desmond Howard of Michigan, David Pollock of Georgia and Robert Griffin III all welcomed Hall newcomer safety Roy Williams of Oklahoma in a live interview announcing the Class of 2022 on ESPN's pregame coverage of the CFP.

Georgia defeated Alabama 33-18 in the eighth annual College Football Playoff championship contest Monday night at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. Tuesday morning the National Football Foundation also presented its 63rd annual MacArthur Bowl, one of the most unique trophies in all sports, to Georgia in Indianapolis for the first time since 1980 after Syracuse won first MacArthur Bowl in 1959...Alabama has won it a NFF-record 10 times – five times since 2011 – two occasions since 2017...The 2021 season trophy game is Chapter Two of the 2017 season CFP crown affair between Georgia and Bama with the Crimson Tide prevailing 26-23 in overtime at Atlanta. Alabama now leads the series with the

Bulldogs 42-26-4 and had captured the last seven meetings between the teams from 2007-22 with a 41-24 victory in the Dec. 4, 2021, SEC title tussle until Georgia downed the Tide...Note from ABC Good Morning program: Alabama actually featured a live elephant with the Homecoming queen riding aboard in 1946. That Bama team finished 7-4 without a bowl invitation, and ailing NFF College Hall of Fame head coach Frank Thomas resigned from UA at the end of the season after 16 years at the helm.

Some additional 2021 season CFP notes: Alabama (54 players) and Georgia (34) combined for a CFP-most 88 active NFL players during the 2021 campaign...The first half Monday night was the first time in CFP history (since the 2014 season) and the first time in national championship playoff annals (FCS, 1998-2013) since the 2011 outing (Alabama led LSU 9-0 with three field goals in the Allstate title tussle in New Orleans and won 21-0 in the first match of two teams from the same conference)...Georgia's defense allowed just three rushing touchdowns in 15 games this season...Georgia had not attempted a two-point conversion in 2021 before failing once in the finale, and Alabama missed its first two-pointer in five tries this campaign...Georgia won its first BCS or CFP championship with a claimed national championship (consensus No. 1 in all polls) in 1980 under NFF College Hall of Fame coach Vince Dooley...Alabama's Heisman Trophy QB Bryce Young had been intercepted just five times this outing and was picked off twice (once for a pick-six) by Georgia's defense, and the UGa defense recorded four sacks and eight tackles for losses...Georgia head coach Kirby Smart (now 66-15 in seven seasons with the Bulldogs) became the first former Nick Saban assistant coach to down the Bama master and the first coach to win a national crown at his alma mater since NFF College Hall of Fame member Phillip Fulmer at Tennessee in 1998...In five postseason meetings of No. 1 teams against No. 2, the No. 2-ranked squad has avenged the earlier game with a victory...Alabama is now 43-27-3 all-time in bowl games (a NCAA-high 73 appearances) while the Bulldogs are 35-21-3 in 59 bowl treks...Georgia led Alabama in the previous four meetings before falling to Crimson Tide comebacks but held serve Jan. 10...UGa outscored its 15 opponents by 426 points while Bama tallied 296 more markers than its 15 foes...This was the 30th meeting between the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 in Associated Press rankings, and the No. 1 schools' edge dropped to 17-12-1...The Bulldogs became the NCAA's 16th team to win 14 or 15

games since NCAA records were compiled officially in 1937.

North Dakota State and Montana State football maintained their normal December COVID-19 testing procedures prior to Saturday's NCAA FCS national championship fracas Saturday at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas, with the NDSU Bison prevailing 38-10. NDSU captured its NCAA-record ninth FCS title since the 2011 season – all played in Frisco...

...Montana State head coach Brent Vigen (who played and coached at NDSU from 1993-2014) was seeking to become one of a handful of DI head coaches to win a national championship in his first season as head coach along with winning Bison head coach Matt Entz who merited the honor in his rookie season at the helm in 2019 with a 16-win season (the most college season victories since Yale was 16-0 in 1894)...

...The Bison also played an amazing 24 games in the 2021 COVID-19-altered calendar year before capping off a 21-4 reign with the national title...MSU was seeking a school-record 13th win and closed the campaign at 12-3...North Dakota State is now second all-time in NCAA FCS postseason victories with 41 behind Georgia Southern with 45 from 1978-2013...The Missouri Valley Football Conference also had an opponent in the title clash for a record, 11th consecutive season...The AFCA final Top Five among the Top 25 poll included North Dakota State, Montana State, James Madison, Sam Houston, and South Dakota State.

NFF Hall of Fame lineman Ross Browner of Notre Dame and NFL fame passed away Ross Browner, a 1999 College Football Hall of Fame inductee who played defensive end at Notre Dame on two Irish national championship teams, passed away Jan. 4 in Nashville, Tenn. He was 67. One of the most decorated defensive players in the history of the game, Browner was a four-year starter for the Irish in 1973 and from 1975 to 77, earning unanimous All-America laurels his last two seasons.

In 1976, he won the Outland trophy as the nation's best interior or defensive lineman, and UPI named him their Lineman of the Year. In 1977, UPI again named him Lineman of the Year (becoming the only player to ever win the award twice), and he won the Lombardi Trophy as the nation's best lineman and the Maxwell as the nation's best player. In a 10-year period, 1970-79, Browner was the only lineman who won the Maxwell. In 1977, he also placed fifth in voting for the Heisman Trophy.

Browner was 6-3, 247 pounds and was quick and powerful. Notre Dame had a 39-7 record in his time that covered 11-0 in



1973, 8-3 in 1975, 9-3 in 1976, and 11-1 in 1977. Notre Dame won national championships under College Football Hall of Fame coaches Ara Parseghian (1973) and Dan Devine (1977) during Browner's tenure in South Bend.

His career statistics included 340 tackles, a school record; 77 tackles for loss; 12 fumble recoveries; ten deflected passes; and two blocked kicks. He is the school record holder for career tackles by a defensive lineman, tackles for loss in a single season (28, 1976), career fumbles recovered (12) and career tackles-for-loss (77). He also scored a touchdown and two safeties. The touchdown came Nov. 1, 1975. He blocked a Navy punt and recovered it in the end zone. His first safety was Sept. 22, 1973, against Northwestern. He blocked a punt, and the ball rolled out of the end zone. The second safety was Nov. 22, 1975, against Miami (Fla.). He tackled the Miami quarterback in the end zone.

Selected eighth overall in the 1978 NFL Draft, Browner went on to play nine years with the Cincinnati Bengals and one with the Green Bay Packers. The Warren (Ohio) native was born March 22, 1954, and he attended Western Reserve High School. Ross is survived by his wife Shayla and his two sons, Max Starks and Rylan Browner.

The 63rd edition marked the first time the NFF Annual Awards Dinner was held outside of New York City. Standout ESPN broadcaster and emcee Rece Davis, the host of the Emmy Award-winning "College GameDay Built by The Home Depot" and pride of football- and music-famous Muscle Shoals, Alabama, entertained the crowd with numerous anecdotes and memories of college football. The 2020 and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes were introduced by NFF Board Member Archie Griffin, a Hall of Fame running back from Ohio State and only two-time recipient in 1973 and '74 of the Heisman Trophy while NFF Chairman and Hall of Fame inductee Archie Manning of Ole Miss conducted the Official Hall of Fame Ring Ceremony. Replays of the Awards Dinner are available via the NFF website and ESPN3 at <https://footballfoundation.org/news/2021/12/1/induction-of-28-players-and-four-coaches-headlines-star-studded-63rd-nff-annual-awards-dinner-presented-by-las-vegas.aspx>.

Fans can enjoy a visit to the Chick-fil-A NFF College Football Hall of Fame if they are in the Atlanta area throughout 2022. They have GameDay Tailgate every Saturday where fans can watch the top games of the weekend. Also, the 2020-2021 College Football Hall of Fame Classes' specialty exhibit remains open to honor honoring the legendary players and coaches of both classes and featuring personalized lockers for each member with memorabilia highlighting their stellar collegiate careers.

#### NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

Some notable birthdates in NFF

College Hall of Fame annals in the Jan. 11-17 time period are 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; (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, Va.; Jan. 16 (1882) Henry Phillips, Philadelphia, Pa.; (1894) Guy Chamberlin, Blue Springs, Neb.; (1914) Monk Simons, New Orleans, La.; (1953) Dave Brown, Akron, Ohio; (1977) Mark Simoneau, Phillipsburg, Kan.; Jan. 17 (1933) J.C. Caroline, Warrenton, Ga.; (1937) Buddy Dial, Ponca City, Okla.

**Notable anniversary death dates** for Hall of Famers are Jan. 11 (1941) Bob Torrey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jan. 12 (1965) Dr. John Tigert, Gainesville, Fla.; (1980) Lawrence "Biff" Jones, Washington, D.C.; Jan. 13 (1985) Brud Holland, New York City; Jan. 17 (1974) Bill (Not the Bard) Shakespeare, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Happy birthdays** to Hall of Famers on Jan. 11 Dave Dickenson, Jan. 12 Cade McNown, Jan. 13 Bill Stanfill, Tyrone McGriff, Jan. 15 Randy White, Marty Lyons, Ken Easley, Jan. 16 Mark Simoneau

TCU will host a single clash with Abilene Christian in 2025...The postponed Hawai'i-Oregon regular-season game from 2020 will be played in 2031...With Kansas State's win over LSU in the TaxAct Texas Bowl last week, West Virginia ended up with seven losses to teams who all won their bowl bashes in post-2021...Auburn and Southern California are working together for series in men's basketball and other sports starting in 2023-24...LSU suited up 39 scholarship student-athletes for its bowl tussle with Kansas State, and this number was below the earlier SEC allowance of a minimum of 53 scholarship grid players to compete during the 2020 season...Purdue's nine victories (9-4 overall) after a bowl win over Tennessee represented the school's most triumphs since the 2003 season...Some of the upcoming college all-star contests after last week's All-American Bowl to showcase high school seniors are the Feb. 3, 96th East-West Shrine Bowl at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Feb. 5, 63rd annual Senior Bowl at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile, Alabama, and the Feb. 19 inaugural HBCU Legacy Bowl at Yulman Stadium in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Former SMU and current NFL standout Kelvin Beachum was praised for his work World Vision and tutoring children in Honduras...Christy Sports Partners of Colorado and the Community Foundation

of Boulder County, Colorado are providing funding and supplies to those affected by the devastating Marshall and Middle Fork Fires in the Mountain State during recent weeks...Mississippi State is hosting its 37th annual Super Bulldog Weekend April 14-16 with barbecue contests, ample ringing of cowbells, a three-game series in baseball between defending NCAA champ MSU and Auburn, SEC tennis matches, and the piece de resistance MSU Spring Football Game with an anticipated national cable television contest on Saturday, April 15. MSU's Alumni Association also will be taking several non-football fanatics (except those watching the MSU-Ole Miss game in Oxford, Mississippi on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 24) on a special tour of New York City highlighted by VIP viewing of the Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving morning.

Cincinnati head coach Luke Fickell was named AFCA Werner Ladders Head Coach of the Year at the 90th annual AFCA convention Sunday in San Antonio, Texas...Bubba McDowell of Prairie View A&M is the new head coach after serving briefly as interim head coach...Ultra-successful Mary Hardin-Baylor head coach Pete Fredenburg is retiring after 24 seasons, three NCAA Division III championships (all since 2016), 19 trips to the DIII playoffs, and a 257-47 all-time mark with the Crusaders since 1998. Replacing Fredenburg will be 17-year MHBU offensive coordinator Larry Harmon...Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney recorded his 150th career win (over 13 seasons in just 186 games) with the Tigers by downing Iowa State in the postseason. Swinney is one of the earliest head coaches to reach 150 career triumphs...Wisconsin head coach Paul Chryst felt a sense of redemption after missing the Big Ten Conference championship bout on the final weekend of the season after a 20-13 SRS Las Vegas Bowl victory over Pac-12 Conference contender Arizona State...North Dakota State head coach Matt Entz (37-4 after three seasons) is the third Bison mentor to take his teams to two NCAA titles in his first three years as a head coach along with Craig Bohl and Chris Klieman...South Carolina head coach Shane Beamer still may be trying to get the mayonnaise out of his cap, hair and clothes after receiving a surprise mayo bath after USC downed North Carolina 38-21 in the Duke's Mayo Bowl. Beamer did agree to the dousing in pre-bowl meetings...Former Kansas State star QB Collin Klein has been installed by the Wildcats as fulltime offensive coordinator...Joe Harasymiak is Rutgers' new defensive coordinator...Former Ohio State and NFL standout LB James Laurinaitis has joined his old teammate Marcus Freeman as an assistant coach at Notre Dame....Virginia's Mark Atuaia is moving to Washington State as running backs coach along with other new WSU assistants Joel Filani (wide receivers), Pete Kaligis (assistant head coach and defensive tackles), Clay McGuire (offensive line), and Brent

Vernon (football chief of staff)...Georgia Tech named 2000 Heisman Trophy recipient Chris Weinke of Florida State as its quarterbacks coach...Richmond head coach Russ Huesman related that he will return as head coach of the 2022 Spiders after he received some other unconfirmed coaching offers...Miami (Fla.) added Aaron Feld as its football strength and conditioning coordinator...Illinois head coach Bret Bielema may be making some additional changes to his coaching staff in coming days via educated sources.

Hometowns of more 2021-22 college head coaches – Southwestern (Kan.): Brad Griffin, Emporia, Kan.; Southwestern (Texas): Joe Austin, St. Paul, Minn.; Springfield: Mike Cerasuolo, Northboro, Mass.; Stanford: David Shaw, San Diego, Calif.; Temple: Stan Drayton, Cleveland, Ohio.

One of the longest-serving employees at one school in athletics and media relations – Kevin McKinney – retired from active duties Dec. 31 after 49 years as assistant AD for communications at Wyoming. He will remain with the school as analyst for football and basketball broadcasts after beginning his career in Laramie May 1, 1972...UNLV has elevated Erick Harper to the fulltime AD's post...USF AD Michael Kelly signed a contract extension through June 2028...Eastern Kentucky AD Matt Roan has been selected for the NCAA Football Championship Committee through August 2025...Bemidji State AD Tracy Dill will retire at the end of the 2022 spring athletics season...Cincinnati director of athletics John Cunningham noted that the Bearcats took extra precautions for weeks against COVID-19 and omicron variant prior to the 2021 CFP semifinal in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl against Alabama. Cunningham also said that many have called for an expansion of 40,000-seat Nippert Stadium and expanded marketing and apparel deals. Currently, Under Armour has this contract with UC athletics...Morgan State AD Edward Scott has become deputy AD at Virginia...Jacksonville State AD Greg Seitz recalled that JSU's elevation to NCAA FBS and Conference USA took a mere 10 days due to quick-changing college landscape in 2021. The Gamecocks also will be opening a new football operations building at Burgess-Snow Field with projected completion in autumn 2023...Oklahoma AD and NFF board member Joe Castiglione and new OU head coach Brent Venables released when Sooners freshman QB Caleb Williams decided to enter the NCAA the transfer portal...Retiring Montana State senior associate AD for internal operations Dan Davies recalled many interesting moments as a football student-athletes, assistant football coach, football radio analyst, women's golf head coach, and multiple other duties over 47 total years since he came to MSU as a freshman in 1975....Illinois AD Josh

(continued on page 16)



Whitman explained changes in attitude for Illini athletics over the last six years and a new maturity and connectedness within the department during that time. He also expects each UI student-athlete, coach and administrator to bring his/her “A Game” on every level of competition and in the classroom...Penn State AD Sandy Barbour mentioned her contract, which is set to expire in August 2023, and how working with a new upper administration might affect PSU athletics...Former Arkansas and Kansas AD Jeff Long had solid praise for new College Football playoff COO Byron Hatch who was assistant AD at UA from 2021-15 and Hatch’s credentials for the position...Florida president Dr. Kent Fuchs will be retiring in 2023 after an eight-year tenure with the Gators. He succeeded famed Vanderbilt graduate and noted dentist Dr. Bernie Machen who was CEO of the Gainesville university from 2004-14. A national search for a successor is underway...Dayton AD Neil Sullivan visited with D1.ticker.com about UD’s future conference availability, the relevance of the Flyers successful basketball programs and Dayton’s competition in the Pioneer Football League...Chattanooga AD Mark Wharton expressed excitement over future facility upgrades such as an addition to McKenzie Arena and possibilities for the historic Engel Stadium complex along with membership in the Southern Conference and Title IX compliance...Georgia Southern AD Jared Benko opined on the current state of FBS teams and a new standard of excellence expected of GSU coaches and student-athletes...St. Bonaventure AD Joe Manhertz reflected about COVID-19 scheduling difficulties and how some schools may be trying to reschedule clashes to their best advantage rather than ethically...Toledo is seeking to name a new AD by mid-February, and current AD Mike O’Brien will complete his tenure in April...Northern Kentucky AD Ken Bothof will retire June 30, 2022, after working in athletics for 35 years and the last nine years as AD for the Norse...BYU associate AD for communications and media strategy Jon McBride explained the department’s NIL relationship with the Built Bar Group...George Washington U. named Katie Reifert as women’s volleyball head coach...Minnesota women’s basketball head coach Lindsay Whalen had to miss a game and several practices last week after an emergency appendectomy...Baylor senior associate AD for external affairs Jovan Overshown related her experience in college leadership after working in earlier capacities at other universities...Temple named Linda Hampton-Keith as head women’s volleyball coach...Brown selected Britt Broady as women’s field hockey head coach...Drake tabbed Pat Flinn as men’s soccer head coach...New North Dakota volleyball head coach Jesse Tupac signed a four-year contract with incentives for conference titles and NCAA appearances...UNLV chose BJ Craig as its men’s

soccer head coach...Auburn men’s basketball head coach Bruce Pearl acknowledged that his two-game suspension by the NCAA was a good alternative to a ban for the NCAA postseason 2022 by the NCAA Infractions Committee and also recalled Auburn’s self-penalties in enforcement areas...AthleticDirectorU and its annual Executive Leadership Book Recommendations database are primed and ready for 2022 success...Former Texas football creative director Matt Lange noted how pricing and budgets can affect creative football operations...Bradley associate AD for marketing and fan engagement T.J. Christie related job responsibilities and expectations for a new assistant AD for ticket operations with the Braves...New postings for positions in athletics are available at D1Ticker.com for UC Santa Barbara, Louisville, Marshall, Wilkes, Towson, Creighton, San Diego State, James Madison, Oklahoma State, Weber State, George Washington, Northwestern, Auburn, Navy, Western New England, Xavier (Ohio), Maryland, the Sun Belt Conference, Mississippi State, Tulane, Tennessee, and Texas Tech

Murray State has been approved for membership in the Missouri Valley Conference beginning July 1. The Valley also has been in exploratory talks with UIC and UT Arlington, which would be the second team from the Dallas-Fort Worth area to become a MVC competitor. Baseball associate member DBU joined the Valley in 2013...Mid-American Conference deputy commissioner and COO Bob Gennarelli will retire from the MAC July 1 after 23 years of service in the league. In the late 1980s Gennarelli, retired Goodyear Cotton Bowl vice president and historian and NFF correspondent Bo Carter formed the “terrific trio” in Southwest Conference media relations before the circuit ceased operations in 1996...Central Michigan’s 24-21 victory in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl was the third triumph in 21 composite series games by Mid-American Conference schools against Pac-12 Conference foes...Cal State Fullerton men’s indoor track and field will compete in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation starting this month...Marshall, Southern Miss, Old Dominion, and James Madison are expected to leave their current circuits and join the Sun Belt Conference in July 2022...The Southwestern Athletic Conference is bringing more stringent forfeiting procedures if teams are unable to play, and this includes double forfeits instead of non-contest rulings...The Pac-12 Conference has reduced isolation times for people in athletics with positive COVID-19 tests from 10 days to five days and a negative test before quarantine ends. The Big South Conference also adjusted some of its COVID-19 protocols in conjunction with CDC guidelines...Mount St. Mary’s (Md.) had to forfeit a men’s basketball game last week due to new, 2022 COVID-19 protocols for games to be played by the Northeast Conference...Pac-12 Conference

commissioner George Kliavkoff is seeking to invest in improved performances for football with better recruiting, more physical teams to compete in non-conference tests, better showings in bowl games, and more placements in the College Football Playoff after Oregon advanced to the first CFP championship clash against Ohio State following the 2014 regular season...Big 12 Conference commissioner Bob Bowlsby noted the difficulties in getting a consensus on the expansion of the CFP to eight or 12 teams after the current media and competition contracts expire.

The College Football Playoff capped a 38-game bowl season that started Dec. 18 and attracted 1,395,305 fans. That represents the 19th time in 20 seasons (interrupted by last year’s pandemic-limited public turnouts) that bowls have drawn 1.3 million-plus attendees...The Mountain West Conference also captured the 2021-22 ESPN Bowl Challenge Cup with a 5-1 postseason record for a record fifth time since the Cup first was awarded after the 2002-03 bowl session. Conference USA is next with four EBCC trophies (three outright and one shared)...Las Vegas, Nev., and Miami Lakes, Fla., will be hosts to the College Football Playoff championship skirmishes in January 2025 and 2026. Exact playing dates will be determined...The Cheez-It and Valero Alamo Bowls sported Nielsen Ratings near five million viewers on the same day and night Dec. 29...Southeastern Conference members played in a NCAA-record 14 bowls (6-8 mark) with a combined record of 6-8 and one SEC vs. SEC matchup in the CFP championship skirmish...Just prior to the College Football Playoff semifinals, the average purchase for a second-hand market ticket to the Georgia-Michigan Capital One Orange Bowl was \$570 while the Alabama-Cincinnati Goodyear Cotton Bowl final market was \$321. Next was the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl between Notre Dame and Oklahoma State at \$252.

NFF College Hall of Fame coach R.C. Slocum of Texas A&M has been declared cancer-free earlier this month after a year-long bout with Hodgkin’s lymphoma...NFF College Hall of Fame QB Troy Aikman of UCLA and Oklahoma has introduced a new, organic beer named EIGHT in honor of his longtime football uniform number with lighter and heart healthy hops and other key ingredients...Former Jacksonville State All-Gulf South Conference gridiron standout Rusty Fuller of Birmingham, Alabama, now is a member of the JSU Board of Trustees and the Gamecocks Sports Hall of Fame...Alabama walkon deep snapper from Florence, Alabama, Kneeland Hibbett, is a relative of the founder of Hibbett Sporting Goods – Rufus Hibbett – who founded the company in Florence in 1945. The Anderson Media Company headed by NFF board member and Tennessee great Charlie Anderson acquired Hibbett Sporting Goods in 1980 before the 488-store group went public in

1996. Kneeland Hibbett also is the grandson of Alabama wide receiver great Dennis Homan.

Nebraska athletics utilized \$16.5 million from the Nebraska Foundation and \$12.5 million in department reserves to alleviate a \$29 million in fiscal year 2021 deficits. The 2022 fiscal year budget appears to have the Huskers in the black with a projected 75 percent capacity at all events and approximately 90 percent of the 2019 revenue for NU athletics...Miami (Fla.) athletics reported a new sale of 2,000-plus season tickets for 2022 football the week after new head coach and UM graduate Mario Cristobal received his appointment with the Hurricanes...Miami athletics also gained a \$2 million donation from the local Ruiz family to expand the current facilities and to fund a new strength and conditioning area at Alex Rodriguez Park at Mark Light Field...NC State athletics will make \$15 million in upgrades to historic Doak Field and other facilities...Cincinnati is taking advance deposits and close to selling out its 2022 football season ticket allotment...North Texas athletics continues to offer special single game, weekend and midseason ticket packages for men’s and women’s basketball and other winter sports...In January (for the moment) only families of Stanford student-athletes are allowed as spectators for winter sports contests...Connecticut athletics has funded its women’s rowing team for the next five years after it almost was dropped due to COVID-19-raleted budget deficiencies...Through Jan. 6 there have been 100-plus men’s and women’s basketball pauses and just under 600 total college basketball contests either postponed or cancelled since last November...The NBA Toronto Raptors are banning fans at Scotiabank Arena for first three weeks in January, and Penn athletics is closing its public seats for all winter sports indefinitely...Of the 52 AD positions with headhunter groups aiding the search, there were 34 vacancies filled in 2021. Collegiate Sports Associates paced these firms with assistance on almost 30 percent of the AD hires...DePaul athletics has added the INFLCR+ Local Exchange to its 2022 operations...NCAA records indicated that 965 NCAA FBS scholarship student-athletes entered the transfer portal from Aug. 1-Dec. 31, 35 withdrew from the portal, and 650-plus are remaining in the portal awaiting new school assignments...Maryland athletics started a proof of vaccination requirement effective January 9 for all spectators at UM indoor sporting events for an indefinite time frame...The Illinois State Board of Trustees approved an \$11.5 million indoor practice facility when ISU athletics reaches an additional \$1 million to get the project to the \$8 million starting point in funding. The department hopes to sell naming rights to selected facilities to help push the project over the initial hurdle...TCU athletics is in the process of updating its website platform...In 2021 sports and online betting



represented 15 percent of the gross Nevada gaming revenue, but iGaming revenue took a 300 percent leap from 2020...Fanatics will purchase Topps trading card business for an estimated \$450 million-plus... Louisville executive vice president for research and innovation Dr. Kevin Gardner related how UofL, the Atlantic Coast Conference, NCAA, and CDC had been communicating about directives for the pandemic...Michigan State athletics now requires proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of each event for its winter indoor contests... Researchers from Cincinnati, Temple and Texas A&M conducted a scientific study about engaged employees and workaholics in college athletics and how gender and job flexibility have been keys to predicting workaholism in departments...Colleges in general and athletics' offices are taking stock and doing planning for 10.6 million job postings nationally in November and 11.1 million openings in October. Plus, a record 4.5 million people in the United States resigned their posts or retired last November...adidas and Puma had slight sales declines in the third quarter of 2021 because of COVID-19 and supply chain challenges...Texas executive senior associate AD for external affairs Drew Martin spoke about the Longhorns' students-only attended men's basketball game, and Seton Hall followed suit with a similar contest...The Vanderbilt administration for the moment is not allowing students to attend indoor winter home contests in athletics due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 omicron variant and group health concerns...The state of Maine legislature has a bill ready for passage dealing with the NIL bill during its legislative session, and the legislation prohibits a college or university from preventing a student-athlete from making certain contracts regarding or earning money from the use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness or providing compensation for a prospective student-athlete's NIL...Xavier (Ohio) will require fans to be vaccinated or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test for all home men's and women's basketball clashes...BYU coaches told the Cougars administration that winter sports and upcoming spring sports with conference contests that have to be cancelled due to health issues should be replaced preferably with added non-conference games in order to play a full schedule for NCAA postseason considerations...Several colleges in the Omaha, Neb.-Council Bluffs, Iowa-Lincoln, Nebraska areas are hoping to use the new Lost Rail Golf Club in Omaha for competition, recruiting and recreation...A national publication estimates that Texas A&M's 2022 recruiting class and transfers will have the opportunity to receive between an estimated \$25-30 million in NIL agreements before their careers end in Aggie-land...MLB Houston Astros 2013 first-round draft selection Mark Appel of Stanford is opening Ike's Love and

Sandwiches in the Rice University Village and will honor four generations of Rice graduates and Owls fans in his family with the new restaurant. Appel made a comeback in the baseball minor leagues in 2021 after recovering from an arm injury...Logo Brands and NC State athletics have a new, exclusive licensing agreement for branded tailgate supplies and outdoor products...Coastal Carolina and CCU athletics have reinstated many staff positions affected and furloughed during the height of COVID-19 challenges...

Rutgers QB Noah Vedral remembered the excitement and challenges in the nine-day leadup to the Scarlet Knights appearance against ACC runner-up Wake Forest in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. It was learned later that the high-academically RU football program also was under consideration for two cancelled bowls...Alabama 2021 standouts and transfers WR Jameson Williams (Ohio State) and Henry To'o'o (Tennessee) were lauded for their roles in Alabama's drive to the CFP title encounter...Oklahoma QB Caleb Williams entered the NCAA transfer portal last week but related that remaining at OU was an option...Michigan State WR-KR David Ojabo will return to the Spartans in '22...Ole Miss QB Matt Corral received negative X-rays for a leg injury he sustained against Baylor in the Allstate Sugar Bowl and is considering his possibilities for the 2022 season...Ole Miss freshman backup QB Luke Altmyer is the son of Mississippi State team orthopedic surgeon Dr. Chad Altmyer...Texas A&M star RB Ainiias Smith will return for his senior campaign...Baylor LB Terrel Bernard is the third player in Allstate Sugar Bowl history to register at least 17 stops in one game...Kansas State wide receivers Landry Weber (son of former K-State QB and Wildcats broadcaster Stan Weber) and Kade Warner (son of Pro Football Hall of Fame member and UNI star Kurt Warner) helped lead the Wildcats to the TaxAct Texas Bowl against LSU...In the transfer portal quarterback merry-go-round, Dillon Gabriel has joined Oklahoma from UCF while former Sooners standout Spencer Rattler currently is at South Carolina but may be contemplating a return to Norman, Oklahoma...Baylor DB Al Walcott broke the Allstate Sugar Bowl record for longest interception return with a 96-yarder against Ole Miss. The previous mark was a 77-yard runback in the 1945 New Orleans bowl tussle by Alabama's Hugh Morrow against Duke...Former Texas A&M QB Zach Calzada is transferring to Auburn...LSU was able to hold the redshirt in 2021 for QB Garrett Nussmeier who had played in four of the Tigers first 12 games by having him sit out the TaxAct Texas Bowl...Former LSU wide receiver (a high school quarterback) was called into emergency service against Kansas State in the TaxAct Texas Bowl and responded with three touchdown aials and 138 yards on seven completions and also led the Tigers

with 11 carries for 61 rushing yards...SMU offensive lineman Alan Ali is transferring to TCU...SMU standouts RB Tre Siggers and DL De'Vere Levelston are returning for their senior seasons in fall 2022... Undergraduate Arkansas CB Montaric Brown, Baylor RB Abram Smith and CB Kalon Barnes, WR Kaylon Geiger of Texas Tech, Michigan OLB David Ojabo, CB Ahmad Gardner of Cincinnati, Mississippi State DE Aaron Odom, WR Quinton Torbor and OT Calvin McMillian, and West Virginia QB Jarret Doege (952-of-1,488 passing for 10,494 yards and 79 TDs in five seasons at Bowling Green and WVU with super senior status in 2022) have declared for the 2022 NFL Draft... North Carolina QB Sam Howell rushed for a career-best 828 net yards and 11 TDs in 2021...Baylor WR RJ Sneed has entered the NCAA transfer portal...Former Texas starting QB Casey Thompson told friends he has targeted Nebraska and Oklahoma as possible landing points for his 2022 talents and transferred officially to NU last week...Nationally ranked prospect DL Omari Abor has signed with Ohio State for '22...Star LB Harold Perkins will play for Texas A&M in '22...Five-star slot receiver Kevin Coleman Jr. will play for Jackson State as a freshman in the coming outing...Oklahoma received a key dotted line agreement with RB Jovante Barnes for the 2022 campaign...Seven Nevada players from the 2021 squad will transfer with new head coach Jay Norvell...Elle Glock is transferring from Southern California to Louisville for the 2022-23 academic year...Florida State midfielder Jaelin Howell was the Hermann Award's 2021 NCAA Women's Soccer Player of the Year while Georgetown (D.C.) midfielder Dante Polvara captured the same men's kudos.

Twitter and ESPN published the inaugural Twitter Tribune newspaper after the CFP championship encounter in Indianapolis Monday night...The New York Times has purchased The Athletic for a reported \$550 million as the Times will exceed a projected 10 million subscribers online and in hard copies in coming months...Sports Business Journal has foretold a possible sale of ESN from Disney to Apple, possibly as early as 2024...Stadium.com discussed the possibility of "czars" for NCAA football and NCAA basketball to help solve the nuances presented by the transfer portal, NIL arrangements, continued fiscal challenges in college athletics, and confidence in NCAA governance...Sports and programming departments at the large, traditional over-the-air networks are set to challenge as well as enhance their programming with streaming services and smartphone applications...The Inmar Intelligence Group released a new document - College Athletes as Influencers: Navigating Compliance and Disparate Regulations - to examine how NCAA compliance and NIL agreements can produce effective return on money invested in leading NIL student-ath-

letes...ExtraPoints.com voiced predictions for possible college labor relations' negotiations in 2022, NIL bidding wars for student-athletes, the state of academics and athletics, and mass transfers both during and after football and other sports' seasons...ESPN revealed Nielsen ratings for its first 22 bowl telecasts with the postseason games serving as 23 percent of all ESPN networks' programming minutes and 47 percent of its daily viewership...SEC commissioner Greg Sankey was featured in a New York Times exclusive about conferences wielding the most power in NCAA competition, especially football. CFP executive director Bill Hancock told the Times that he respected Sankey's ability not to force issues and persuasive discussions when needed...Sports Illustrated commented on how teams are working to keep their football student-athletes from entering the transfer portal or looking at their possibilities with NIL, etc., for remaining at their 2021 schools...The Dallas (Texas) Morning News observed that upcoming Big 12 Conference members BYU, Cincinnati, Houston, and UCF finished a composite 2-2 in bowl games. Current Big 12 members closed 5-2 for a 10-2 record over the last two postseason outings... Sports Illustrated columnist Ross Dellenger took an extensive glance at the large number of quarterbacks entering the transfer portal - especially after post-2021 bowl encounters...The Football Scoop online publication celebrated its 26-year anniversary last week...Stadium.com noted in a survey that 70 percent of college basketball coaches wanted to work through COVID-19 barriers and keep the season going with limited crowds and extra precautions...ExtraPoints.com examined how the college football playing field could be levelled somewhat with a limitation on how much traditional powers could spend on recruiting, facilities, NIL agreements, and other major projects related to the sport...The Wasserman Group is acquiring The Montag Group, which has such famed clients as Jim Nantz, James Brown and Bob Costas...FiveThirtyEight.com noted that there will 14 new head coaches at Power Five conference schools - the most in the last 10 seasons. The average service for the holdover schools at these conferences is just 4.2 years in their present assignments...Sports Illustrated writers had a roundtable feature about whether dominance in college football by the South eastern Conference and Alabama may not be inherently bad for the sport...The Athletic interviewed several Bowl Season executives and coaches of 2021-22 bowl teams who spoke about the unique aspects of holiday bowls, the 18 first-time matchups in post-2021 and how rating often were better for the bowl games in head-to-head matchups with NBA, NHL and other major professional sporting events in December and January...The Sioux Falls (S.D.) Argus Leader newspaper spoke of North Dakota

(continued on page 18)



State's nine-time domination of the NCAA FCS crown since 2011 and how possible changes in the NCAA constitution might level the playing field somewhat in future Division I playoffs... WarnerMedia, Comscore, iSpot.TV, and VideoAmp are working across new technologies to form a viewing suite for linear, digital and connected television. There will be strong football and sports elements to the new entity... Business of College Sports related some possibilities of NIL incentives being utilized for potential college football transfers... Jacob Weiszer, a senior at Athens (Ga.) Cedar Shoals High School in was named the 25th winner of the FWAA Volney Meece Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually by the FWAA and named for the late Volney Meece who served 22 years as the FWAA's executive director and was the organization's president in 1971... The annual FWAA awards breakfast was held virtually with several members in Indianapolis on Jan. 7-10 for the eight annual College Football Playoff championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium. Some of those honored were CBS Sports columnist Dennis Dodd with the 2022 Bert McGrane Writer of the Year Award and Auburn assistant AD for media relations Shelly Poe as recipient of the NCBWA Lifetime Achievement Award... John Lewandowski of ULM, Rocco Gasparro of Louisville, Rand Champion of Little Rock, Lindsey Olsen of SMU, and Paul Smith of Texas Woman's U. were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter, social media and magazine... Arizona State, Army West Point, BYU, Evansville, Kansas, Louisville, LSU, Miami (Fla.), Michigan, Michigan State, Southern California, and Tennessee are working with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and probes at their respective schools... Longtime college and NFL head coach Mike Riley is the new head coach and general manager of the USFL New Jersey Generals in the U.S. Football League... The NCAA established guidelines for postponements, no-contests and forfeitures in case of COVID-19 disruptions prior to the eight annual College Football Playoff matchup Monday night... AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, has been mentioned as a possible emergency venue for NFL Super Bowl LVI on Feb. 13 in case COVID-19 protocols or other conditions prevent the game from being contested at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers became the first team to host and win a Super Bowl in SB LV last February at Raymond James Stadium... North Dakota State's Matt Entz (NCAA FCS), Bowie State's Damon Wilson (Division II), Central (Iowa) College's Jeff McMartin

(Division III), and Morningside's Steve Ryan (NAIA) are the 2021 AFCA National Coaches of the Year... The AFCA named six coaches to its 2022 Board of Trustees and Craig Bohl as 2022 president of the 89-year-old coaches' association. The new trustees are Penn State head coach James Franklin, Coastal Carolina's Jamey Chadwell, Wake Forest's Dave Clawson, UTEP's Dana Dimel, Kennesaw State's Brian Bohannon, and Iowa Western Community College's Scott Strohmeier have been elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA)... The NCAA updated its COVID-19 guidelines for 2022 winter sports with fully vaccinated student-athletes, coaches, fans, and game workers being the optimum phrase... Southland Commissioner and NCAA men's basketball committee chair Tom Burnett and Duke AD and women's basketball committee chair Nina King placed a joint statement regarding the impact of hoops' scheduling alterations and how they might affect post-2022 NCAA Championship selections... The NHL and 20 NHL teams have filed lawsuits against insurance providers for the league due to breach of contract for insurance payouts to teams due to COVID-19 economic losses.

**2022-23 College Football Playoff Bowl Schedule with New Year's Six Games (All games televised by ESPN, tentative eastern standard airtimes TBD)**

**Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022**

(CFP Semifinals)

**Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl**

No. 1 vs. No. 4 or No. 2 vs. No. 3 see, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia 3:30 or 7:30 p.

**Playstation Fiesta Bowl**

No. 1 vs. No. 4 or No. 2 vs. No. 3 seed, State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Arizona, 3:30 or 7:30 p.

**Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 - CFP**

**Championship, Semifinal winners**

SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif., 8 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 20, 2022-Jan. 2, 2023**

**(Other New Year's Six Bowls)**

**Friday, Dec. 30**

**Capital One Orange Bowl**

Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Lakes, Florida, 8 p.m.

January 2

**Goodyear Cotton Bowl**

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas early game TBD

Jan. 2

**Rose Bowl presented by Capital One**

Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, California mid-afternoon

Jan. 2

**Allstate Sugar Bowl**

Caesars Superdome, New Orleans, Louisiana 8 p.m.

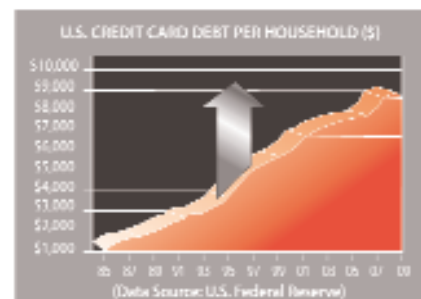
-30-

# Credit Card Debt?

Solutions that can help you get out of debt.

Tom I'll  
CGA STAFF WRITER

Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card debt. It's no wonder, since every major credit card company has nearly doubled the minimum monthly payment on consumers' bills. Federal Regulators forced the change because of their concern about the growing mountain of consumer debt, which stands at \$2.17 trillion. Many consumers can only pay the minimum payment, which can take up to 30 years to pay off. Now, relief is in sight for millions of Americans.



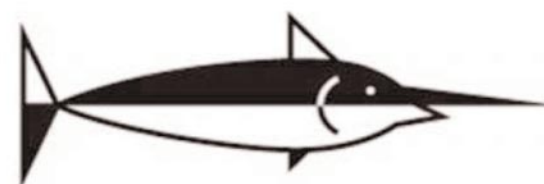
CreditGUARD of America, a non-profit licensed debt management service provider, is making a new program available to lower debt payments and become free of all credit card debt in only three to five years. Consumers need only \$2,000 or more in total credit card debt and at least 30 days behind on any account, to cut their payment by 35% to 50%, and reduce or eliminate interest charges altogether.

Over 200,000 families, located throughout the U.S. have regained financial independence with CreditGUARD's licensed, bonded and insured service. CreditGUARD of America has received high marks in consumer surveys showing high consumer satisfaction and confidence. The CreditGUARD debt management program can lower your monthly payments by hundreds and save you thousands!

One such case is Sandra L. who proclaimed "CreditGUARD cut my monthly payment by \$666 and saved me over \$29,206.53 in interest. They saved my way of life and gave me back my peace of mind! Now I can see myself on my way to becoming debt free." or Jeffrey C. who said "CreditGUARD of America helped me consolidate 3 of my credit cards into one affordable payment. They are now saving me nearly \$200 a month. Now I will be debt free in 2 years or less"

Certified Credit Counselors at CreditGUARD of America provide Debt Relief  
Consultations at no charge, when you call:

**1-866-253-0182**



**ST. PETE'S DANCING MARLIN**

*Restaurant and Bar*



**Watch All the Games Here**

HIP FOOD FOR MODERN FOLK

2730 Commerce Street • Dallas, TX 75226

Phone 214.698.1511

www.stpetesdancingmarlin.com





**SERVED IN FINE ESTABLISHMENTS  
AND QUESTIONABLE JOINTS EVERYWHERE.**



Your friends at Jack Daniel's remind you to drink responsibly.  
JACK DANIEL'S and OLD NO. 7 are registered trademarks. ©2004 Jack Daniel's.  
Come visit us at [www.jackdaniels.com](http://www.jackdaniels.com)