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# 2022 TEXAS RANGERS SCHEDULE

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 TOR 12:37	4 COL 3:35	5 COL 7:03	6	7 LAA 7:15	8 LAA 7:15	9 LAA 6:05
10 LAA 1:35	11	12 SEA 8:40	13 SEA 8:40	14 SEA 8:40	15 OAK 8:40	16 OAK 9:07
17 OAK 8:07	18 HOU 7:05	19 HOU 7:05	20 HOU 7:05	21 HOU 1:05	22 ATL 7:05	23 ATL 6:05

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 NYM 12:40	4 BAL 12:05	5 BAL 8:05	6 BAL 8:05	7	8 MIN 7:05	9 MIN 3:05
10 MIN 1:05	11 OAK 7:05	12 OAK 7:05	13 OAK 7:05	14 SEA 7:05	15 SEA 7:05	16 SEA 8:05
17 SEA 1:05	18	19 ALL-STAR GAME	20	21 MIA 12:10	22 OAK 8:40	23 OAK 8:07
24 OAK 8:07	25 SEA 9:10	26 SEA 9:10	27 SEA 2:40	28 LAA 8:38	29 LAA 8:38	30 LAA 8:07
31 LAA 8:07						

## MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 ATL 1:35	2	3 PHI 5:45	4 PHI 5:45	5	6 NYY 8:05	7 NYY 12:05
8 NYY 12:35	9	10 KC 7:05	11 KC 7:05	12 KC 7:05	13 BOS 7:05	14 BOS 6:05
15 BOS 1:35	16 LAA 7:05	17 LAA 7:05	18 LAA 7:05	19 HOU 7:10	20 HOU 7:10	21 HOU 8:10
22 HOU 1:10	23	24 LAA 8:38	25 LAA 8:38	26 OAK 8:40	27 OAK 8:40	28 OAK 2:07
29 OAK 8:07	30 TB 7:05	31 TB 7:05				

## AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 BAL 7:05	2 BAL 7:05	3 BAL 1:05	4 CWS 7:05	5 CWS 7:05	6 CWS 8:05
7 CWS 1:05	8	9 HOU 7:10	10 HOU 7:10	11 HOU 1:10	12 SEA 7:05	13 SEA 2:10
14 SEA 1:35	15 OAK 7:05	16 OAK 7:05	17 OAK 7:05	18 OAK 1:05	19 MIN 7:10	20 MIN 6:10
21 MIN 8:10	22 MIN 8:10	23 COL 7:40	24 COL 2:10	25	26 DET 7:05	27 DET 8:05
28 DET 1:05	29	30 HOU 7:05	31 HOU 1:05			

## JUNE

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12 CWS 1:10	13 HOU 7:05	14 HOU 7:05	15 HOU 2:05	16 DET 6:10	17 DET 6:10	18 DET 2:10
19 DET 12:40	20	21 PHI 7:05	22 PHI 3:05	23	24 WSH 7:05	25 WSH 3:05
26 WSH 2:05	27 KC 7:10	28 KC 7:10	29 KC 1:10	30		

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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4 BOS 12:35	5 HOU 6:10	6 HOU 7:10	7 HOU 7:10	8	9 TOR 7:05	10 TOR 6:05
11 TOR 6:35	12 MIA 12:10 & 12:10	13 OAK 7:05	14 OAK 7:05	15	16 TB 8:10	17 TB 5:10
18 TB 12:10	19	20 LAA 7:05	21 LAA 7:05	22 LAA 1:10	23 CLE 7:05	24 CLE 6:05
25 CLE 6:05	26	27 SEA 8:40	28 SEA 8:40	29 SEA 8:40	30 LAA 8:38	1 LAA 8:07
2 LAA 3:07	3 NYY 5:05	4 NYY 1:05 & 7:05	5 NYY 7:05			

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## AROUND THE AREA

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

# Deadline approaching for Texas Open



### Deadline Approaching – 52nd Higginbotham Texas State Open

DALLAS, Texas – The deadline for the 52nd Higginbotham Texas State Open is quickly approaching. The entry deadline for all contestants is Thursday, June 2 at 5:00 p.m. CDT. This year's championship is presented by Joyce Crane and Veritex Bank and will be conducted at The Cascades Country Club in Tyler, Texas. Online registration is available at [www.ntpga.com](http://www.ntpga.com). Contestants do not have to be residents of Texas to play.

The 72-hole stroke play event will consist of 156 professionals and amateurs competing for a projected purse of \$200,000. The field will play 36-holes before being cut to the low 55 scores and ties. The champion is projected to take home the first-place prize of \$40,000.

The 52nd Higginbotham Texas State Open is open to all professionals, competitive amateurs and junior golfers with advanced tournament experience. Unless otherwise exempt, interested contestants shall gain access to the championship via 16 qualifying tournaments conducted throughout Texas and surrounding states. Qualifying for the championship will be conducted from June 7 – July 14. The entry deadline for all qualifiers is June 2. Proceeds from the tournament will ben-

efit the Northern Texas PGA Foundation's scholarship program with the creation of the Higginbotham Texas State Open scholarship. The scholarship will be designated for an NTPGA Junior Tour Member from the Tyler area who will be attending college this fall. This year alone, the foundation will be awarding more than \$658,000 in scholarships to approximately 74 high school seniors from North Texas.

For registration or further information about the 52nd Higginbotham Texas State Open, please visit the Northern Texas PGA website at [www.ntpga.com](http://www.ntpga.com) or contact the NTPGA office at (214) 420-7421.



### Big 12-BIG EAST Battle Schedule Announced

The Big 12 and BIG EAST Conference have announced the dates and matchups for the fourth year of the Big 12-BIG EAST Battle.

The matchups, which will be played in late November and early December, were jointly determined by the two conferences. The home school has the right to determine the venue of its game. Broadcast arrangements for the games will be determined by the national television rights holder of the home team, which is FOX Sports for the BIG EAST and ESPN for the Big 12.

The four-year agreement between the two conferences continues through the

2022-23 season with an equal number of games played in each conference's home market each year. Television designations and game times to be announced.

### 2022 Big 12-BIG EAST Battle Schedule

Nov. 29	Baylor at Marquette
Nov. 30	Providence at TCU
Nov. 30	Georgetown at Texas Tech
Nov. 30	Kansas State at Butler
Dec. 1	Creighton at Texas
Dec. 1	Oklahoma State at UConn
Dec. 1	Seton Hall at Kansas
Dec. 3	Oklahoma at Villanova
Dec. 4	St. John's at Iowa State
Dec. 4	West Virginia at Xavier

### SMU men's golf played to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Bryan Regional, bringing its 2021-22 campaign to a close

Noah Goodwin, in the hunt for the single individual qualifier awarded to the low individual on a non-qualifying team at each regional, opened the round tied for fourth place, and was tied for first coming out of the turn with eventual medalist Joe Highsmith of Pepperdine. Goodwin ended the day at two-over and tied for fifth at three-under overall. Goodwin, along with Canon Claycomb (Alabama), Carson Berry (Oregon State), and Aymeric Tassot (TCU), entered a playoff to determine the individual qualifier. Goodwin and Berry advanced to a second hole, where Berry ultimately prevailed. Goodwin's one-under (3.97 avg.) on par fours was the third-best of the 75-player field. The senior's 38 pars were the second most of the field, with 39 being the high mark.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	MAY 20 FRIDAY	MAY 21 SATURDAY	MAY 22 SUNDAY	MAY 23 MONDAY	MAY 24 TUESDAY	MAY 25 WEDNESDAY	MAY 26 THURSDAY
			Mavs at Suns GAME 7 / TBD				
	Stars vs Calgary Game 6 / TBD		Stars at Calgary Game 7 / TBD				
		FC Dallas at Los Angeles 9:30 / TXA21				FC Dallas vs Vancouver 9:00 / TXA21	
	Rangers vs Red Sox 7:05 / BSSW	Rangers vs Red Sox 6:05 / BSSW	Rangers vs Red Sox 1:35 / BSSW	Rangers vs Angels 7:05 / BSSW	Rangers vs Angels 7:05 / BSSW	Rangers vs Angels 7:05 / BSSW	Rangers at Astros 7:10 / BSSW
	Roughriders at Tulsa 7:05	Roughriders at Tulsa 7:05	Roughriders at Tulsa 1:05		Roughriders vs Corpus Christi 11:05	Roughriders vs Corpus Christi 6:35	Roughriders vs Corpus Christi 6:35

# Texas Rangers News and Notes



Rangers move into third place in the A.L. West at 17-20



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Week six of the Texas Rangers' season came to an end Thursday night in Houston with 5-1 loss to the Astros. Texas ran into a very hot Astros' pitcher – Framber Valdez, who gave up a run over seven innings. He was followed by a couple of relievers that struck out the final six Ranger batters to secure the win. Glenn Otto, who grew up in the Houston area and played at Rice University, gave up two runs in six innings. The Ranger bullpen however was depleted from having played 12 straight days, allowed Houston to blow the game open late.

Despite Thursday's disappointing loss, it was another good week for the Rangers. They finished 4-3 to improve to 17-20, which is good enough to jump over the Seattle Mariners into third place in the American League West.

Week six did not get off to a good start. The Red Sox limped into Arlington in last place in the American League East. It was unthinkable that they would actually trail the Baltimore Orioles in the standings, but that was true.

Surprisingly then, the Rangers quickly lost the series with almost non-competitive games on Friday and Saturday. The Red Sox blew Friday's game open in the seventh inning to win 8-1 and blew Saturday's game open early to win 11-3.

The Rangers avoided getting swept in a series for the first time this season with a 7-1 win on Sunday. All seven runs were driven in by four Ranger home runs – two

each from Kole Calhoun and Adolis Garcia. Calhoun's were solo shots, while Garcia's pair drove in five runs. It was the first time in five years that two Rangers hit multi-home runs in the same game. When it last happened in 2017, Joey Gallo and Robinson Chirinos were the two hitting two home runs each.

Martin Perez again was outstanding. He completed six innings allowing a run on five hits. In his last five starts covering 32-1/3rd innings, he has allowed three earned runs, an ERA of 0.84. He has not allowed a home run so far this season.

On Monday, the Rangers began another schedule trip through the American League West with a three game series against the Los Angeles Angels. Texas swept the Angels to complete a 6-3 home stand. It was the first three game sweep for Texas this year.

The first two games were decided by one explosive inning. On Monday, that explosive inning came in the first. Jon Gray started for Texas allowing the first three batters of the game to score. Texas answered that 3-0 start by batting around in their half of the inning. After scrambling to take a 4-3 lead, Eli White batting for the second time in the inning, made it a big inning with a soft line drive to left field scoring two runs to put the Rangers in front 6-3.

Both teams scored once more in the game making the final score 7-4. Gray completed five innings to win for the first time this season.

On Tuesday, the explosive inning came in the eighth. Mike Trout homered in the seventh inning to put the Angels in front 4-3, with all seven runs having been driven in with home runs. The Rangers loaded the bases in their half of the seventh inning with one out only to watch White and Marcus Semien strike out on six pitches, all sliders, to quell the threat.

Texas finally cracked the scoreboard with seven runs in the eighth inning, the most they have scored in an inning this

year. With the Rangers ahead 7-4, White again struck a hard hit ball to left field that scooted past left fielder Brandon Marsh and went all the way to the outfield fence such that the speedy White circled the bases to score. It had all the excitement of an inside the park home run; but alas, it was scored (and correctly so) a single and an error.

The Angels tagged Josh Sborz for a home run in the ninth inning to make the final score 10-5.

On Wednesday, the Rangers completed the sweep with perhaps the most exciting game of the series. Texas took a 4-2 lead to the ninth inning, but Brandon Marsh tagged Matt Bush for a two run home run to send the game into extra innings.

Los Angeles scored the ghost runner in the top of the tenth inning to take a 5-4 lead, but that left just one pitch remaining in the game. On that pitch, Nathaniel Lowe hit a line shot down the right field line for a home run and walk-off 6-5 win, the first of the season for Texas.

Of note in this game was three hits from Jonah Heim off Angels' starter Shohei Ohtani. In the earlier series between these two teams, Heim hit a grand slam home run, the first Ohtani allowed in his career. Heim is 5-5 against Ohtani this season with six RBIs.

This weekend, the series in Houston continues. Game times (all CDT) are 7:10 PM on Friday, 6:10 PM on Saturday and 1:10 PM on Sunday. The announced starting pitchers for Texas are Martin Perez (2-2) on Friday, Jon Gray (1-1) on Saturday and Taylor Hearn (2-2) on Sunday.

The Astros have been going with a six man rotation, but with the injury to Jake Odorizzi earlier this week, they have decided to drop to a five man rotation as they have a number of off days coming including five in June. The announced Astros

pitchers this weekend are Christian Javier (2-1) on Friday, Justin Verlander (5-1) on Saturday and Jose Urquidy (3-1) on Sunday.

## ROSTER DECISIONS:

- Mitch Garver was activated from the injured list prior to Thursdays' game, after playing two games on minor league rehab assignment. However, he is still not able to throw such that he will only be a designated hitter for some undefined period of time. The Rangers thus kept Sam Huff on the roster, and Nick Solak was optioned to AAA Round Rock to make room for Garver.

- The roster will need to be tweaked again by May 30 when the limit for pitchers drops from 14 to 13. The Rangers are currently carrying 14 pitchers.

## NOTABLE:

\* Attendance for the Boston series was 90,393, including Saturday's crowd of 34,462, the fifth largest crowd of the season. Attendance for the Angels' series was 53,203 which brings the Rangers' total home attendance this year to 521,792, a per game average of 23,718. The largest crowd in the Angels' series was 20,766 on Wednesday night, which was Dollar Hot Dog night. Almost 16,000 hot dogs were sold at that game.

\* Mike Trout hit two home runs in the series bringing his total to 43 against Texas. That ties Reggie Jackson for the most home runs by a Ranger opponent. Jackson still holds the record against the franchise, as he hit 12 more home runs against the Washington Senators before the move to Arlington.

\* Adolis Garcia leads the Rangers in hits (12), RBIs (14) and runs scored (8) in day games.

\* In warmups prior to Sunday's game, Taylor Hearn wore a Luka Doncic jersey.

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# Getting out of the bunkers with ease



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This weekend at the PGA Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma the best players in the world will be battling it out to win the prestigious Wanamaker Trophy.

I've played Southern Hills a number of times over the years and it's a great track and quite challenging. Well positioned bunkers surrounding the course in the landing areas off the tees and around the greens make it imperative to exercise caution getting out or their championship dreams will turn into nightmares quickly. That's why this week's tip is a wonderful opportunity to talk about how to extract your golf ball from the bunker.

The key to being successful out of the sand is to eliminate excessive hand and

wrist action. Your hands are the only contact with the club, and this is an area when we get nervous and overuse when attempting to get the ball up and out of the trap.

In the top left photo, the golfer is in the bunker on a slight upslope, close to the lip of the bunker. This drill is to drive the clubface into the base of the lip. This will help firm up the hands at impact resulting in great extension with the arms. Hitting the clubface into the base of the sand trap will do wonders for your swing.

I've drawn two lines down his arms to highlight this move. When doing this properly the clubface is coming into the impact area at a shallower angle of attack with is ideal.

I've drawn an arrow down his right leg to showcase the importance of using the lower body properly driving through the ball, not to the ball. Because of this great action on the swing his right shoulder is working down and under staying back. This helps the golfer remain down on his shot instead of coming up and out of posture.

Words can't adequately describe what a few moments of doing this drill will help to

accomplish.

Next, in the top right photo I had him hit a shot to the green that was only a few yards away. Utilizing the technique, I had him practice by staying down and visualizing himself driving the clubface towards the lip of the bunker and he made a great swing. His right shoulder (for right-handed golfers) is working under like he's making an uppercut punch.

I've drawn an arrow to pinpoint the importance of keeping your shoulders working under instead of around or across on these types of shots.

His right knee is driving towards the intended target instead of remaining stagnant.

The bottom two photos are from directly behind the golfer. Checkout how well the golfers knees have remained flexed. When the legs are flexed it translates into tremendous foot action whereby your lower body is pulling your upper body back into the impact area.

His head has remained down well past impact in all the photos which is a must.

The bottom left photo is a shot where he was trying to hit a longer bunker shot, around 100 yards. The bottom right photo is shot where he is attempting to hit his ball only about 10 yards. Compare both photos and look at the clubfaces. In the bottom left longer shot he released his arms and the clubface has turned over naturally. The toe of his club is facing upwards which I've circled. In the bottom right photo the golfer's clubface is slightly open at impact. This motion will put more spin on the ball and help the ball stop on the green quicker like a butterfly with sore feet.

Take a closer look at the amount of sand taken in both photos. Less sand for longer shots and more sand for shorter shots.

So whether you're in a fairway bunker or greenside bunker it's essential that you stay down on your shot.

Next time on bunker shots: The adjustable stances.

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# This week on TOUR: PGA Championship



Southern Hills will play host to the 2022 PGA Championship. (Keyur Khamar/PGA TOUR)



**PGA Championship**  
**May 19 - May 22, 2022**  
**Southern Hills Country Club**  
**Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
**Purse - \$12,000,000**  
**Winners share: \$2,200,000**  
**Defending Champ - Phil Mickelson**

By Adam Stanley  
 PGATOUR.COM

FedExCup leader and world No.1 Scottie Scheffler leads the field as he looks for his second major championship victory of the season.

**FIELD NOTES:** Tiger Woods is set to return to action. Just 14 months after a horrific car accident Woods teed it up at the Masters in April and made the cut. The PGA Championship will mark Woods' second start of the season. Woods has won the Wanamaker Trophy four times (including the last time the PGA was hosted at Southern Hills) and has finished runner-up three times – as recently as 2018...

FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler will look to win his second major championship of the year. Scheffler, who won the Masters by three shots, has won four times on TOUR already this season. He also has won a Big 12 Conference title at Southern Hills while playing for the University of

Texas... Brooks Koepka, a two-time PGA Champion, withdrew from last week's AT&T Byron Nelson but is set to compete at Southern Hills. Koepka has never missed the cut at the PGA in nine starts... Rory McIlroy is looking to keep some major momentum going at Southern Hills.

McIlroy shot an 8-under 64 in the final round of the Masters – tied for the lowest final-round score in tournament history... The reigning FedExCup champion, Patrick Cantlay, is looking to win his maiden major championship... Fifteen PGA Champions are teeing it up... Bryson DeChambeau is set to return to action. He missed the cut at the Masters in his last start on TOUR as he recovers from injury...

... Twenty PGA of America club pros earned their way into the event via qualifiers... Talor Gooch, who won his first PGA TOUR title at this season's RSM Classic, is teeing it up in his own backyard. Gooch is from Midwest City, Oklahoma – less than 90 minutes from Tulsa. Other Oklahoma State alums in the field include Viktor Hovland and Rickie Fowler. Abraham Ancer is representing the University of Oklahoma in the field. **FEDEXCUP:** Winner receives 600 FedExCup points.

**COURSE:** Southern Hills Country Club, par 70, 7,556 yards. Southern Hills, an established major championship venue, was not the original host club of the 2022 PGA Championship but was more than ready to welcome some of the world's best when it was called upon. The redesigned Southern Hills hosted last year's Kitchen-Aid Senior PGA Championship (won by

Alex Cejka who finished at 8 under). Originally a Perry Maxwell layout that opened in the late 1930s, the course was re-worked by Gil Hanse and Jim Wagner in 2018 and re-opened in 2019. They removed trees, added bunkers, restored fairway widths, and removed rough near the edges of greens. There will be only two par-5s in use for the PGA Championship, both measuring more than 630 yards. The course is set to play more than 300 yards longer than it did in 2007. All seven of the previous men's major championships hosted at Southern Hills all came in the serious heat of July or August (in 2007 the temperature reached triple digits every day) but that's not set to be a factor this year with the PGA taking place in May.

Tiger Woods and Raymond Floyd have the Southern Hills Country Club course record. Floyd shot 63 at the 1982 PGA, while Woods matched the score in 2007. **STORYLINES:** Phil Mickelson will not defend his title, the PGA of America announced. Mickelson, who has won 45 times on TOUR and has four PGA TOUR Champions victories, has not played competitively since stepping away from the game in late February. He is the third PGA Champion not to defend his title in the last 75 years (Tiger Woods, 2008 and Ben Hogan, 1949)... Will this year's PGA Championship be won by someone looking for their second major title like Scheffler (two top-10s in a row at the PGA), Jon Rahm, or Justin Thomas (on the five-year anniversary of his first major win)? Or will one of the game's top golfers break through for his first like Cantlay, Viktor Hovland, or Xander Schauffele?... RBC Heritage winner Jordan Spieth is again looking to capture the career Grand Slam. He is coming off a runner-up finish at his hometown AT&T Byron Nelson... Collin Morikawa has played only two PGA Championships in his young career, but so far, so good. He won his debut and finished T8 at Kiawah Island... McIlroy is looking to break a major championship drought that spans eight years. He's a two-time winner of the Wanamaker Trophy... Woods, Adam Scott, and Justin Rose are the trio of golfers who finished inside the top 15 at Southern Hills in 2007 who are returning in 2022... Americans have won the last six PGA Championships. **72-HOLE RECORD:** 264, Brooks Koepka (2018 at Bellerive CC) **18-HOLE RECORD:** 63, Bruce Crampton (2nd round, 1975 at Firestone CC), Raymond Floyd (1st round, 1982 at Southern Hills), Gary Player (2nd round, 1984 at Shoal Creek), Michael Bradley (1st round, 1993 at Inverness), Vijay Singh (2nd round, 1993 at Inverness), Brad Faxon (4th

round, 1995 at Riviera CC), José María Olazábal (3rd round, 2000 at Valhalla), Mark O'Meara (2nd round, 2001 at Atlanta AC), Thomas Bjorn (3rd round, 2005 at Baltusrol), Tiger Woods (2nd round, 2007 at Southern Hills), Steve Stricker (1st round, 2011 at Atlanta AC), Jason Dufner (2nd round, 2013 at Oak Hill), Hiroshi Iwata (2nd round, 2015 at Whistling Straits), Robert Streb (2nd round, 2016 at Baltusrol), Brooks Koepka (2nd round, 2018 at Bellerive; 1st round, 2019 at Bethpage Black), Charl Schwartzel (2nd round, 2018 at Bellerive).

**LAST TIME:** Phil Mickelson became the oldest major winner in TOUR history as well as becoming the first major champion after age 50 when he lifted the Wanamaker Trophy at Kiawah Island. His 45th TOUR title moved him to T8 on the all-time TOUR wins list, and he became just the fourth player to win TOUR events in four different decades. Mickelson came into the 2021 PGA Championship having not notched a top-10 result in 16 TOUR starts and not contending in a major in about four years. Mickelson, who was paired with two-time PGA Championship winner Brooks Koepka for the final round, started with a struggle. He three-putted for bogey on the first hole while Koepka birdied, giving Koepka a one-shot lead. But Koepka made double bogey on No.2 and Mickelson birdied – jumping back ahead again. On the long par-3 fifth, Koepka landed safely on the green while Mickelson landed in a waste bunker. But Mickelson's short-game magic returned again – as it so often does – and he pitched in for a birdie. Despite shooting a 1-over 73 in his final round, Mickelson won by two shots and claimed his sixth major title. Koepka and Louis Oosthuizen finished second at 4 under, while Shane Lowry, Harry Higgs, Paul Casey, and 49-year-old Pdraig Harrington finished T4.

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# Nine Things to know: Southern Hills C.C



Club will host the 104th PGA Championship. (Keyur Khamar/PGA TOUR)

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His invincibility was shattered there with a tinge of shock in 2001.

His aura was rekindled there with pulsating precision in 2007.

The man: Tiger Woods. The place: Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Anticipation is ripe for a return to Southern Hills and the 104th PGA Championship. Gil Hanse has restored this Perry Maxwell gem, and now Woods at 46 returns to the site of disappointment (2001 U.S. Open) and triumph ('07 PGA Championship) in the prime of his career.

Here are Nine Things to Know about Southern Hills:

## 1. Woods has looked both mortal and unbeatable

At the 2001 U.S. Open, Woods was 26 and the winner of four consecutive major championships.

That run ended at Southern Hills. He double-bogeyed his ninth and what turned out to be his final hole Thursday, thanks to torrential rain. Although he had not played a PGA TOUR event in an over-par score for 72 holes since July of 1999, he was 3-over for nine holes.

"If he wins this time," one adversary quipped, "he'll be my idol."

It didn't get much better. A whisper of a rally (69-69) left Woods at 3 over and T12. He accepted defeat, seemingly convinced he would do better should he get another chance at Southern Hills.

Six years later, that chance arrived at the 2007 PGA Championship, where Woods opened with a modest 1-over 71. He was now 12 over in nine competitive rounds at Southern Hills, dating back to the 1996 TOUR Championship, but a second-round 63 changed everything. It could have been better, but his 18-foot birdie putt at the last ringed the cup. Woods called the round a "62 1/2."

His two-stroke lead might as well have been a 22-stroke lead. Ernie Els, who had watched his rival bounce back from the '01 U.S. Open by winning six of the next 25 majors, said he would bet his house on another Woods victory at this PGA. Sure enough, Woods shot 69-69 (the same weekend scores he'd shot in '01) for an 8-under 272 to beat Woody Austin by two. Woods had hit 37 of 56 fairways, and 50 greens, and one-putted 25 times.

"It's pretty much what he's been doing since 1997," Trevor Immelman said with a sigh.

Immelman would win the next major, the 2008 Masters, eight months later. Runner-up: Woods.

## 2. Perry Maxwell put his stamp on it

Perry Maxwell started as a bank vice president who decided he could design a golf course on his dairy farm. He became the awe-inspiring, incredibly prolific "Father of Oklahoma Golf."

Maxwell did the bulk of his work in that state – by the time he got to Southern Hills in 1935-36, during the Great Depression, he had already designed more than 40 golf courses – but, oh, how he shared his work

beyond the borders of Oklahoma. Golf writer Mac Bentley once said of Maxwell that "his genius came from recognizing Mother Nature's design."

Others agreed. Dr. Alister MacKenzie partnered with Maxwell to create Crystal Downs in Michigan, Melrose CC in Philadelphia, Oklahoma City Golf & CC, and Augusta National.

Maxwell also helped renovate Pine Valley, Merion and the National Golf Links of America. He joined Marvin Leonard to build Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas; Maxwell and his son, J. Press Maxwell, gave life to Prairie Dunes in Kansas; and premier courses on the campuses of Oklahoma, Ohio State, Michigan, and Iowa State have Maxwell's fingerprints all of them.

Maxwell cited a trip to Scotland after his first wife, Ray, died in 1919 of appendicitis, as having inspired his design philosophies. He used the topography, embracing contours in fairways, undulated greens, and swells around and on the greens, so-called "Maxwell rolls."

When he took on Southern Hills, workers stood in line to earn 25 cents an hour, and the job was completed for \$100,000. Every hole had twists and bends, bunkers were deep and well placed in prime spots where doglegs began, and a stream snaked through the property. But the most dynamic aspect to Southern Hills were the greens, and Gil Hanse, trusted to the restoration project in 2018, some 66 years after Maxwell's death, said that hasn't changed.

## 3. Gil Hanse restored the luster

When they took on the task of restoring Southern Hills in 2018, Gil Hanse, Jim Wagner and crew had a skeptic eying them from afar: Legendary Oklahoma head pro Jerry Cozby, whose workplace for 41 years had been another Perry Maxwell gem, Hillcrest CC, 45 miles away.

Cozby had his doubts until his oldest son, Cary Cozby, the Director of Golf at Southern Hills, invited him out to see the restoration work being completed. Jerry Cozby loved it.

"This guy (Hanse) gets it," Jerry Cozby said to his son.

Hanse said he didn't really get the whole topography thing that Maxwell had going for him until he opened the place up. Too many trees had thickened, too much grass hid the stream, too many fairways had become narrow. Once Hanse's crew got to trimming back trees and giving more prominence to the stream, they focused on shorter grass and sharper edges along the greens and return the slope and contours to the fairways.

"The classic character of Southern Hills was preserved," Jerry Cozby told reporters.

## 4. Three holes stand above the rest

Give him a chair and time and Gil Hanse knows where he's headed. "No. 10 is a cool hole. It's probably where I'd camp out," he told Andy Johnson on The Fried Egg podcast.

It's 441 yards but will play shorter thanks to a downhill tee shot. A bold tee shot will leave only a short iron into the severely sloped green, but players who get too aggressive off the tee will find the diabolical Southern Hills stream that cuts across the fairway.

Ben Hogan sang the praises of the picturesque par-4 12th, Southern Hills' signature hole. A 456-yard dogleg left, its fairway slopes right-to-left, pushing balls toward the stream that runs all the way to the green, which is also protected by three daunting bunkers.

Give a guy a one-shot lead in a major on Sunday and the choice of which 18th hole he'd play to protect it, chances are no one would pick Southern Hills' par-4 18th.

"Killer finish," said Hanse. "Quintessential finishing hole."

In seven men's majors here, only two winners have managed to par the closing hole – Tommy Bolt at the 1958 U.S. Open and Tiger Woods at the 2007 PGA. The 18th will play up to 491 yards, with the second shot uphill to a green that slopes treacherously from back to front. Put it on the wrong spot on the green and good luck two-putting.

In the fourth round of the 2001 U.S. Open, the top three finishers – Retief Goosen, Mark Brooks, and Stewart Cink – all three-putted 18 with victory in their grasp.





A scenic view of the 18th hole at Southern Hills Country Club. (PGA of America/Getty Images)

#### 5. Hubert Green played under a death threat

Hubert Green was leading the 1977 U.S. Open at Southern Hills by one stroke with four holes remaining when he pulled his tee shot left of the 15th fairway. He tried his best to keep his distance from his caddie, Shayne Grier. The caddie knew why.

Told of a death threat on his life called into the Oklahoma City FBI – an anonymous woman said gunmen would shoot Green at the 15th hole – Green had been given options by USGA President Sandy Tatum and police officers. Green said there was only one option. He'd play on.

In an interview with the Boston Globe in 2007, Grier said Green was keeping his distance so if there was a shooting, the player would be the only target. The gregarious Grier, still a volunteer official with Mass Golf, said he caught up with Green on the 15th and said, "Let's give them two targets to shoot at." The levity might have helped. Green recovered from the left rough and made par at 15, then birdied 16 to increase his lead to two. He negotiated a par at 17 and could afford the safe bogey at 18 to win by one over Lou Graham.

#### 6. Frontrunners have held their position

Of the seven men's majors here – three U.S. Opens, four PGAs – the winner has had at least a share of the lead in each round on five occasions. The exceptions: Dave Stockton at the 1970 PGA opened with 70 and was T-5, two behind Jack Nicklaus and Johnny Miller; and in 2007, Woods had a first-round 71 and was T-23, six behind unheralded Englishman Graeme

Storm.

With rare collapses by Nicklaus (76) and Miller (77), Stockton's second-round 70 got him into a share of first after Round 2, and he led the rest of the way. Woods' second-round "62-and-a-half" (detailed above) put him in the 36-hole lead and he cruised from there.

Beyond Stockton's PGA win in '70 and Woods' PGA triumph in '07, these SHCC major winners found the top spot to be quite comfortable start to finish:

\* Tommy Bolt at the 1958 U.S. Open, the year he birdied the first and reportedly said, "Who's going to finish second?"

\* Green at the 1977 U.S. Open when he was part of a seven-way tie for first after Round 1, then was all alone the rest of the way.

\* Raymond Floyd, owner of arguably the greatest stare in golf history, led by three after opening with 63 and pretty much had it in his pocket all the way at the 1982 PGA.

\* Nick Price was tied with Colin Montgomerie after an opening-round 67, but followed it up with a 65 to seize command and eventually won by six at the 1994 PGA.

\* Retief Goosen opened with 66 for the solo lead, then shared it after the second, third and fourth rounds – he three-putted from 12 feet at the last Sunday but won a playoff.

Of the seven SHCC winners above, only Stockton is not in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

#### 7. The Babe was in all her glory

When golf returned from the World War

II break in 1946, Tulsa fans got a treat as the U.S. Women's Amateur came to Southern Hills. So did "Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias of Denver, Colo., nonpareil of America's women athletes," as the AP called her.

You could quibble with the reporter not using her real name, Mildred, but not with the "nonpareil" description. Then 35, The Babe was still a national hero for those two golds and one silver she won in track and field at the 1932 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

At Southern Hills, her score of 156 in stroke play was four off the medalist's score, but in five matches Didrikson steam-rolled Peggy Kirk (4 and 3), Betty Rucker (4 and 3), Maureen Orcutt (5 and 4), Helen Siegel (3 and 2), and Clara Sherman (11

and 9 in the final) without ever once trailing. It remains the third-largest margin of victory in a U.S. Women's Amateur final.

It was win No. 5 on a 1946-47 stretch that saw The Babe win 17 consecutive tournaments.

#### 8. The Cozby name is big

If there is a little extra heat at Southern Hills next week, it might be Jerry Cozby's smile beaming down. For 41 years he was the head pro at Hillcrest CC in Bartlesville, approximately 45 miles north of Tulsa. Beyond morphing into the dean of Oklahoma club professionals, Cozby – who died in 2020 at 79 – and his wife, Karole, raised three boys who are passionate about golf, played at Oklahoma University, and are fully involved in the game.

Chance, the youngest, is Executive Director of the Thunderbirds, host organization to the WM Phoenix Open on the PGA TOUR. Craig, the middle son, is a sales rep for PING in Missouri. And the oldest, Cary, has been at Southern Hills since 1995, going from head professional to Director of Golf. (Jerry Cozby, in 1985, and Cary, in 2016, are the only father-son winners of the PGA Professional of the Year.) Cary gained some fame a few weeks ago when he caddied for Tiger Woods in the latter's pre-PGA reconnaissance round.

#### 9. Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw built a nine-hole course

Perry Maxwell built the original tournament course that was later renovated by Gil Hanse.

Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw built a nine-hole course there in 1990.

How's that for a world-class lineup?

Land for the nine-hole course had been there since a fire destroyed the club's horse stables in 1976. With the skeet range and polo field not drawing much interest, the club opted to double down on golf. Leaning on Coore and Crenshaw's vision, the club built a nine-hole gem with two par 3s, two par 5s, four par 4s – and a whole lot of membership love for these 3,094 yards (3,301 from the tips) where the rating is 71.8 and the slope 126.

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# Southern Hills Country Club hole by hole



The first hole at Southern Hills is a dogleg left par 4

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## **HOLE #1** **PAR 4, 464 Yards**

An inspiring tee shot starts from an elevated tee to a slight dogleg left with the ideal landing area being in the middle to left side of the fairway, avoiding the two traps that hug the left side and rough. This position will allow an open second shot with a medium to long iron to a green which slopes from front to back and is guarded by three bunkers. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #2** **PAR 4, 486 Yards**



This is perhaps the most demanding driving hole on the golf course with a 225-yard carry over the bunkers and a winding creek that turns and parallels the fairway. A long-iron second shot is required to reach this well-bunkered green. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #3** **PAR 4, 451 Yards**



A sharp dogleg left requires a long tee shot to the right-center of the fairway. Bunkering and pin positions will demand skillful short-iron second shots on this very deceiving hole. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #4** **PAR 4, 372 Yards**



This picturesque short par 4 features a rolling fairway leading to a heavily bunkered, elevated green. The absence of

level lies makes for difficult second shots. The severe back-to-front sloping green will prevent many aggressive putts. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #5** **PAR 5, 655 Yards**



This par 5 doglegs slightly to the left. It is the longest and one of the toughest holes on the course. Due to the fairway bunkers, a narrow landing area on the tee shot will cause problems; the hole does present a birdie opportunity to the straight hitters. There are plenty of trees and heavy rough awaiting the errant shot. Many players will play an iron second shot to avoid trouble both left and right and then a short-iron third to the well-bunkered undulating green. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #6** **PAR 3, 200 Yards**

Although this is a short par 3, shifting winds create uncertainty with club selection. A creek on the left side of the green



will penalize hooked tee shots and out-of-bounds is close behind the green. The fast green is also heavily bunkered in front. The ideal tee shot is short of the pin for an uphill putt. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #7** **PAR 4, 384 Yards**



A blind tee shot to the crest of a hill reveals a narrow, beautifully situated green bunkered front and left. A steep bank and winding creek guard the right, posing a difficult uphill pitch from tough conditions. Most players will drive to the top of the hill in the left center of the fairway and use a mid to long iron second shot to green. Certain pin positions will make this hole very difficult. (Source: Southern Hills C.C.)

## **HOLE #8** **PAR 3, 245 Yards**



This is a very demanding par 3 with some tough pin placements. Long irons or possibly a fairway wood will be used here, but it is better to be short than over the embankment at the back and into the creek. Very few birdies and many bogeys will be made on this hole. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

## **HOLE #9** **PAR 4, 374 Yards**

A dogleg right with two fairway bunkers guarding the corner requires a well-positioned tee shot. The prevailing wind and an elevated green make this hole play longer than its yardage. A severe slope from the back to the front of the green makes this one of the most difficult greens on which to putt. (Source: Southern Hills C.C.)





Hole #9 is a 457 Yard par 4. The big decision you have to make is with your layup

**HOLE #10**  
**PAR 4, 366 Yards**



This hole normally plays downwind. Trouble on the right of this dogleg right will require a tee shot to the left side of the fairway. Most players will use a 3-wood or long-iron from the tee. The short approach shot to the elevated two-level green must be kept below the hole to have a reasonable birdie chance on one of the trickier greens on the course. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

**HOLE #11**  
**PAR 3, 173 Yards**



The shortest hole on the course requires a pin-point accuracy because the small green is surrounded by four bunkers. The combination of an elevated tee and the prevailing right-to-left wind will test players' skills. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

**HOLE #12**  
**PAR 4, 458 Yards**

Singled out by Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer as one of America's greatest par 4 holes, this slight dogleg left calls for a pre-



cise long drive to a blind landing area to take full advantage of the right-to-left slope of the fairway. The second shot, a long- to middle-iron, must be equally adroit to carry water and bunkers to the well-bunkered green. Bogeys and worse will abound on this hole. (Source: Southern Hills C.C)

**HOLE #13**  
**PAR 5, 537 Yards**



The last good birdie opportunity on the course will provide plenty of excitement. A big drive on the slight dogleg left hole will leave an opportunity to reach the green in two, but not without risk. To reach the green in two the player faces a blind shot to a small green well protected by sand and water. With a tough finish ahead, the opportunity to make eagle or birdie might be well worth the risk, although laying up in front of the two ponds will still provide a good chance for a birdie. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

**HOLE #14**  
**PAR 3, 223 Yards**



A picturesque par 3 that has length, six bunkers and out-of-bounds on the left. It will require a fairway wood or long iron that is firmly struck to negate the prevailing right-to-left wind. A three here will be well earned. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

**HOLE #15**  
**PAR 4, 413 Yards**



A dogleg left with a bunker guarding the corner requires a well-positioned drive to a very narrow landing area. The second shot, a medium- to short-iron, must avoid bunkers surrounding the green. The undulating surface of the putting green may result in some three putts. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

**HOLE #16**  
**PAR 4, 560 Yards**

The final par 5 on the course requires both length and accuracy off the tee. The



drive must carry a gentle slope 245 yards off the tee to provide a good view of the green. A long- to middle-iron will be necessary to reach the small, well-bunkered green. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)

**HOLE #17**  
**PAR 4, 358 Yards**



The course's shortest par 4, this dogleg right is a real teaser. A pushed tee shot into the trees (or the creek) will mean real trouble. Most players will endeavor to place the tee shot on the left side of the fairway with a wood or long-iron. An accurate short-iron second shot is needed to reach the shallow, two-level, elevated green with some mean pin positions. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)



**HOLE #18**  
**PAR 4, 465 Yards**

A truly great finishing hole, this dogleg right requires a drive to a plateau on the left side of the fairway 200 yards from the elevated green. A long-iron or fairway-wood second shot must carry to the green. The green severely slopes from back to front and may result in some three putts with the masses looking on. It is the most difficult par to card on the golf course. (Source: Southern Hills Country Club)





# Big weekend at Texas Motor Speedway



The NASCAR All-Star Race returns to Texas Motor Speedway this weekend for the second consecutive year



## 'Fast five' storylines to follow at the 2022 NASCAR All-Star Race

*Hendrick Motorsports chasing its third win in a row, Ross Chastain pacing the first-time all stars and William Byron-Joey Logano spat among the storylines heading into Sunday's NASCAR All-Star Race.*

**WHAT:** 38th annual NASCAR All-Star Race.

**WHERE:** Texas Motor Speedway, a 1.5-mile oval located in Fort Worth, Texas.

**WHEN:** Sunday, 7 p.m. CT.

**TV AND RADIO:** TV: FS1 | Radio: MRN, SiriusXM.

**RACE LENGTH:** 125 laps | 187.5 miles.

The 38th edition of the NASCAR All-Star Race returns to Texas Motor Speedway for the second consecutive year Sunday evening and storylines abound on who could have the edge to snatch the \$1 million winner-take-all payday.

Can Hendrick Motorsports win a third consecutive NASCAR All-Star Race? Will Trackhouse Racing's Ross Chastain continue to impress in his breakout season? Does William Byron offer a million reasons for a

payback to Joey Logano in the all-star format? Those questions and more will be answered when the NASCAR All-Star Race begins at 7 p.m. CT (TV: FS1, Radio: PRN, SiriusXM Radio).

The NASCAR All-Star Race action begins Saturday with two practices followed by a pair of qualifying sessions. The Cup Series drivers who have not qualified for the NASCAR All-Star Race will run in The Open practice from 6-6:15 p.m. and then take part in single-lap qualifying beginning at 6:40 p.m. The all-star drivers will practice from 6:20-6:35 p.m. and then qualify beginning at 7:20 p.m. That enhanced format will be three-lap qualifying with a mandatory pit stop.

The Open will precede the NASCAR All-Star Race on Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. with the three stage winners earning berths in the all-star field. A fourth driver will be added to the field via fan vote.

Sunday's NASCAR All-Star Race has attracted fans from 45 states as well as Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand.

### Let's take a look at the "Fast Five" NASCAR All-Star Race storylines:

**1.** There are two new faces, including a rookie, in the NASCAR All-Star Race field as a result of winning their first career Cup races earlier the season.

Those wins, which came along with an automatic berth in the all-star event, occurred in the first four races of the NASCAR Cup Series season and each was significant in nature.

Team Penske rookie Austin Cindric won the season-opening Daytona 500 to gain his

inaugural berth in the all-star race. Stewart-Haas Racing driver Chase Briscoe became the 200th different driver to win a Cup race when he was victorious at Phoenix to secure his spot in the all-star field.

**2.** Hendrick Motorsports owns a record 10 NASCAR All-Star Race victories, including the last two, and arrives at Texas Motor Speedway with some early-season momentum.

The Chevy-powered organization has won five of the first 12 races and all four drivers – Kyle Larson, Chase Elliott (right), William Byron and Alex Bowman – have at least one win. Byron leads the way with a pair.

Hendrick Motorsports also swept Texas Motor Speedway last year with Larson not only winning the NASCAR All-Star Race but also the AutoTrader EchoPark Automotive 500 NASCAR Playoff race in the fall. New car, same results?

**3.** Should Hendrick Motorsports win another NASCAR All-Star title, the historical odds are long that it will come from Larson, the defending all-star winner and reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion.

In the 37-year-history of the event, only two drivers have won the all-star race in consecutive years and none after 2013. Davey Allison was the first to accomplish the feat in 1991 and '92 and Jimmie Johnson matched it in 2012 and '13.

Should Larson (left) become the third driver to repeat, he would tie Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon for second on the all-time list with three victories. His other all-star win came in 2019 with Chip Ganassi Racing. Johnson holds the all-star record with four wins.

**4.** Three drivers, including a rookie, will be making their NASCAR All-Star Race debuts as a result of winning their first career Cup races earlier the season.

Those wins, which came along with an automatic berth in the all-star event, occurred in the first six races of the NASCAR Cup Series season and each was significant in nature.

Team Penske rookie Austin Cindric (right) won the season-opening Daytona 500 to gain his berth in the all-star race. Stewart-Haas Racing driver Chase Briscoe became the 200th different driver to win a Cup race when he was victorious at Phoenix. Chastain got the first of his two wins at Circuit of The Americas, which was the inaugural Cup victory for the Trackhouse Racing organization.

**5.** Will the war of words possibly escalate between Byron and Team Penske's Joey Logano (left) with no points on the line and a chance at a \$1 million payday?

Byron took offense to how Logano forcibly moved him out of the way when leading on the white-flag lap at Darlington. Logano's bump-and-run gave him the victory and the contact sent Byron spiraling to a 13th-place finish.

"He's just an idiot," Byron said in the post-race interview. "He does this stuff all the time."

Logano, who broke a 40-race winless drought, made it clear that it was retribution for an earlier move that Byron put on him.

"You're not going to put me in the wall and not get anything back," Logano said. "That's how that works."

Stay tuned. Fans may not have to wait until postrace to see fireworks.

Texas Motor Speedway will once again play host to the \$1 million-to-win NASCAR All-Star Race, the marquee event of a race weekend (May 20-22) featuring all three of NASCAR's premier series. The SpeedyCash.com 220 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race will be held Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch) and the SRS Distribution 250 Xfinity Series race on Saturday, May 21, at 12:30 p.m. (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, PRN, and 95.9 The Ranch). Both will be televised live on FS1 and aired locally on 95.9 The Ranch. The NASCAR Open will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22 (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch) and the NASCAR All-Star Race at 7 p.m. (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch).

Country music superstar Blake Shelton will perform a live concert Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. as part of the NASCAR All-Star pre-race festivities.

### TICKETS:

Tickets for this weekend's NASCAR All-Star Race Weekend are on sale now at <https://www.texasmotorspeedway.com/events/season-tickets/>.





Sixteen drivers will be competing in The Open for three berths in the NASCAR All-Star Race

#### ALL-STAR ELIGIBILITY:

- Cup Series drivers who have earned a points-paying race victory in either 2021 or 2022.
- Previous NASCAR All-Star Race winners who are competing full-time this season.
- Previous NASCAR Cup Series champions who are competing full-time this season.

#### ENTRY LIST

- NASCAR All-Star qualifiers (20): AJ Allmendinger, Aric Almirola, Christopher Bell, Ryan Blaney, Alex Bowman, Chase Briscoe, Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, William Byron, Ross Chastain, Austin Cindric, Chase Elliott, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Michael McDowell, Martin Truex Jr., and Bubba Wallace.

- Three stage winners from The Open and a fourth driver determined by fan vote will earn starting berths for the NASCAR All-Star Race.

#### ALL-STAR QUALIFYING FORMAT:

- Opening round is the traditional single-car, one-lap format in reverse order of the current 2022 owner points.
- Fastest eight qualifiers transfer to a three-round, head-to-head elimination bracket.
- Elimination bracket will feature two cars staged in pit stalls on pit road.
- Each pit crew will perform a four-tire stop and, at the drop of the jack, drivers will exit their pit stalls (with no speed limit) onto the track.

- First car back to the start/finish line advances to the next round.
- Final pairing competes for the pole.

#### RACE FORMATS:

##### THE OPEN

- Stage 1 (20 laps): Stage 1 winner earns a berth in the NASCAR All-Star Race.
- Stage 2 (20 laps): Stage 2 winner earns a berth in the NASCAR All-Star Race.
- Stage 3 (10 laps): Stage 3 winner is The Open winner and earns a berth in the NASCAR All-Star Race.

#### ALL-STAR RACE

- Stage 1 (25 laps): Stage 1 winner will

start on the pole in the final stage as long as the driver finishes 15th or better in Stages 2 and 3.

- Stage 2 (25 laps): Stage 2 winner starts second in final stage as long as the driver finishes 15th or better in Stage 3.
- Special Stage Break (Pit Stop Competition): Each driver must pit and the pit crew perform a four-tire stop. The team with the shortest time on pit road (pit in/pit out) wins the pit crew award and the driver will start fourth in the final stage as long as he finishes 15th or better in Stage 3.

- Stage 3 (25 laps): Stage 3 winner starts third in final stage.
- Stage 4 (50 laps): Stage 1 winner starts first, Stage 2 winner second, Stage 3 winner third and pit stop competition winner fourth. If a “natural” caution occurs between laps 15-25 of the final stage, standard race procedures will be in effect. If no “natural” caution occurs during that time, NASCAR will call an “All Star” competition caution. Winner of Stage 4 earns \$1 million.

#### ADDITIONAL NASCAR NATIONAL SERIES RACES:

- Camping World Truck Series SpeedyCash.com 220, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- Xfinity Series SRS Distribution 250, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

*Note-The NCWTS and NXS events are points-paying races.*

#### WEEKEND SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE (all times Central/local):

##### Friday, May 20

- 10:00 a.m.
- Camping World Truck Series garage open 12:00 p.m.
- Xfinity Series garage open 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- Camping World Truck Series practice 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Camping World Truck Series qualifying 5:00-5:30 p.m.
- Xfinity Series practice 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Xfinity Series qualifying 7:30 p.m.

SpeedyCash.com 220 NCWTS race (Stages 35 | 70 | 147 laps = 220.5 miles)

##### Saturday, May 21

- 9:30 a.m.
- Xfinity Series garage open 12:30 p.m.
- SRS Distribution 250 NXS race (Stages 40 | 80 | 167 laps = 250.5 total miles) 12:30 p.m.
- Cup Series garage open 6:00-6:15 p.m.
- Cup Series Open practice 6:20-6:35 p.m.
- Cup Series All-Star practice 6:40-7:10 p.m.
- Cup Series Open qualifying 7:20-8:00 p.m.
- Cup Series All-Star qualifying

##### Sunday, May 22

- 2:00 p.m.
- Cup Series garage open 4:30 p.m.
- Cup Series Open race (Stages 20|20|10 lap segments - 50 laps total = 75 miles) 5:30 p.m.
- Live concert by Blake Shelton 7:00 p.m.

All-Star Race (Stages 25 |25 |25 |50 lap segments – 125 laps total = 187.5 miles)

#### MOST NASCAR ALL-STAR WINS:

· Jimmie Johnson	4
· Dale Earnhardt	3
· Jeff Gordon	3
· Davey Allison	2
· Mark Martin	2
· Terry Labonte	2
· Kevin Harvick	2
· Kyle Larson	2

#### MOST NASCAR ALL-STAR POLES:

· Bill Elliott	4
· Kyle Busch	3
· Matt Kenseth	3
· Rusty Wallace	3
· Bobby Labonte	2
· Carl Edwards	2
· Darrell Waltrip	2
· Davey Allison	2
· Terry Labonte	2

*Bold indicates 2022 All-Star participant.*

#### NOTEWORTHY:

- This will be the second consecutive NASCAR All-Star Race at Texas Motor Speedway and marks just the fourth time the event is being held outside of Charlotte Motor Speedway in its 38-year history. The other Speedway Motorsports venues that hosted were Atlanta Motor Speedway in 1986 and Bristol Motor Speedway in 2020.
- Hendrick Motorsports has won a record 10 NASCAR All-Star Races, including the last two in a row with Chase Elliott and Kyle Larson. The next closest is RFK Racing and Richard Childress Racing with four each.

- Hendrick Motorsports and Chip Ganassi Racing have produced the most Open winners with five each. Larson won The Open in 2019 for Chip Ganassi Racing and went on to win his first NASCAR All-Star Race.

- Sixteen drivers will be competing in The Open for three berths in the NASCAR All-Star Race. Richard Childress Racing (Austin Dillon, Tyler Reddick), Petty GMS Motorsports (Erik Jones, Ty Dillon), Rick Ware Racing (Cody Ware, Garrett Smithley)

and Spire Motorsports (Landon Cassill, Corey LaJoie) have two entries each. Each of the three stage winners will qualify for the NASCAR All-Star Race.

- Only two drivers – Davey Allison and Jimmie Johnson – have won back-to-back NASCAR All-Star Races in its history. Allison won consecutive all-star races in 1991 and '92, and Johnson in '12 and '13.

- Larson dominated Texas Motor Speedway last season, winning the pole and race in both the NASCAR All-Star Race and the Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 NASCAR Playoff race in the fall.

- Two father-son combinations and a pair of brother duos have won the NASCAR All-Star Race. The father-son combos are three-time winner Dale Earnhardt (1987, '90, '93) and his son, Dale Jr. (2000), and Bill Elliott (1986) and his son, Chase (2020). Brothers Kyle (2017) and Kurt Busch (2010) joined Darrell (1985) and Michael Waltrip (1996) as NASCAR All-Star Race winners.

- Kevin Harvick will be making his 22nd NASCAR All-Star Race start, which will tie him with Jeff Gordon for second all-time in starts. Mark Martin holds the record with 24.

- Kurt Busch will be making his 21st NASCAR All-Star Race start to move past Terry Labonte and Ryan Newman, and into sole possession of third all-time on the list.

- Kevin Harvick needs one more top-10 finish to tie Dale Earnhardt for the NASCAR All-Star Race record for top-10 finishes (14).

- Kurt Busch needs one more top-five finish to tie Dale Earnhardt and Jimmie Johnson for the NASCAR All-Star Race record for top-five finishes (9).

- Kyle Busch is the NASCAR All-Star Race recordholder in laps led with 277. Harvick is the only other active driver among the top five with 163, two shy of Gordon in fourth.

The SpeedyCash.com 220 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race will be held Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch) and the SRS Distribution 250 Xfinity Series race on Saturday, May 21, at 12:30 p.m. (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, PRN, and 95.9 The Ranch). Both will be televised live on FS1 and aired locally on 95.9 The Ranch. The NASCAR Open will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22 (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch) and the NASCAR All-Star Race at 7 p.m. (FS1, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio Ch. 90, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch).

Country music superstar Blake Shelton will perform a live concert Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. as part of the NASCAR All-Star pre-race festivities.

#### TICKETS:

Tickets for this weekend's NASCAR All-Star Race Weekend are on sale now at <https://www.texasmotorspeedway.com/events/season-tickets/>.

#### MORE INFO:

Keep track of all of Texas Motor Speedway's busy schedule by following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Keep up with all the latest news and information on the speedway website and TMS mobile app.



# Tennessee back at No. 1 in poll



State (32-17), Oklahoma (31-18), Old Dominion (34-15), Ole Miss (31-19), Oregon (31-21), Penn (31-13), San Diego (31-16), Southern Illinois (38-13), Wake Forest (35-16-1), Wofford (37-14-1).  
Dropped Out:  
Oregon (29).  
By conference  
SEC 7, ACC 6, Big 12 4, Pac-12 4, Big Ten 2, American Athletic 1, Big East 1, Big West 1, Conference USA 1, Missouri Valley 1.

Big 12 STANDINGS		
TEAM	Conf.	Overall
Texas Tech	14-7	35-16
TCU	16-8	32-18
Oklahoma St	13-8	34-17
Oklahoma	13-8	31-19
Texas	11-10	36-17
WestVirginia	11-10	30-20
Kansas State	8-13	27-24
Baylor	6-15	25-24
Kansas	4-17	20-32

## TENNESSEE BACK AT NO. 1 IN 2022 NCBWA DI POLL

DALLAS – The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continues its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 25th year with its 2022 weekly surveys.

Tennessee returned to No. 1 for the sixth time in seven weeks to replace last week’s No. 1 Oregon State. The Volunteers, of coach Tony Vitello, continue to lead all DI teams with 45 victories and have clinched the No. 1 seed in the Southeastern Conference tournament, held in Hoover, Alabama, on May 24-29. Oregon State, the Volunteers, Texas and Vanderbilt have held the No. 1 position in 14 NCBWA surveys to date.

Some of the big poll movers from weeks 13 to 14 are Texas A&M from No. 16 to 4 after sweeping defending NCAA Champ Mississippi State last week, Texas State from No. 17 to 11, Vanderbilt from No. 24 to 16 and Auburn from No. 22 to 19, among others.

There have been 18 conferences (with 10 this week) represented in the first 14 standings of 2022, and there also were 14 different conferences in all the 2021 NCBWA polls.

The 2022 poll voters come from among 33 college baseball writers and related media members from throughout the nation. The ’22 season features 301 NCAA Division I baseball-playing schools.

For more information or to join the NCBWA, please go to [www.ncbwa.com](http://www.ncbwa.com).

## NCBWA Division 1 Poll Week of May 16

1. Tennessee
2. Oregon State
3. Virginia Tech
4. **Texas A&M**
5. Miami
6. **Texas Tech**
7. Louisville
8. Stanford
9. Arkansas
10. **Oklahoma State**
11. **Texas State**
12. UConn
13. Gonzaga
14. Notre Dame
15. Virginia
16. Vanderbilt
17. **Texas**
18. Southern Miss
19. Auburn
20. Maryland
21. LSU
22. UC Santa Barbara
23. Florida State
24. **TCU**
25. UCLA
26. Grand Canyon
27. Arizona
28. Georgia
29. Rutgers
30. **Dallas Baptist**

Also Receiving Votes (Alphabetically):  
Coastal Carolina (33-16-1), Davidson (40-9), Florida (32-19), Eastern Kentucky (32-17), Georgia Southern (34-17), Georgia Tech (28-21), Liberty (31-18), Maine (25-17), McNeese (30-21), Mercer (38-13), NC

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# College Football News and Notes



The inaugural NIL Summit will be held in Atlanta



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The ballot for the 2023 NFF College Hall of Fame will be placed online June 6.

The inaugural NIL Summit at the NFF College Hall of Fame in June at Atlanta has denoted the finalists for its NIL Awards – principally the Female and Male Athletes of the Year, Innovator of the Year and several other key kudos. Former Florida QB and NFF William V. Campbell Trophy® recipient Tim Tebow will be a featured speaker on topics such as cryptocurrency, NFTs and Blockchain. Under Armour will be the official human performance partner of the NIL Summit.

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame also will be returning to Las Vegas for the 64th Awards Dinner on Dec. 6 at the Bellagio Resort and Casino. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the marketing arm for the Las Vegas destination, will again serve as the presenting sponsor of the event.

The NFF also is celebrating its 75th anniversary in '22 with the NFF 75: A Legacy of Looking Forward Campaign. As part of the announcement, the NFF also

unveiled its 75th commemorative logo. The campaign will reinforce the collective efforts of so many who have been involved with the NFF through the years and their commitment to keeping the game strong. In celebration of the 75th Anniversary milestone, the NFF aims to broaden its reach among new audiences and re-energize the existing base of fans who hold the game near and dear to their hearts. The campaign elements will feature NFF achievements and unique highlights from the past 75 years, while focusing on the future and the role the organization will continue to play as the protector and voice of the game at all levels for the next 75 years. During the 2022 football season, the NFF will highlight the key moments of the past 75 years that underscore the contributions of the game in strengthening our country and the life skills it builds in those who play it by creating original content and incorporating unique, celebratory elements into the NFF Annual Awards Dinner and other events throughout the year.

Enjoy 2022 football activities and news prior to the season by becoming an NFF national member. This is a powerful way for football enthusiasts to give back to the game while also getting some great branded NFF items, including T-shirts, travel mugs, and the weekly NFF newsletter. All NFF members also get a ballot to vote in College Football Hall of Fame elections. Click here to check out the NFF membership levels, including a junior level for the game's newest supporters.

Some of the top small college baseball and football programs nationally competed in the inaugural Tyson Foods Black College Baseball World Series last

Wednesday-Saturday at Montgomery (Ala.) Riverwalk Stadium – home of the Class AA Southern League Montgomery Biscuits – with leading HBCU teams from NCAA Division II and the NAIA ranks competing. Edward Waters (NAIA) and Kentucky State (NCAA DII) played for the title and were joined in the field by Florida Memorial, Talladega College, Rust College, defending champion Bluefield State, Miles College, and Albany State. Edward Waters pulled off the upset over its DII opponent in a 302 pitchers' duel.

Incidentally, Miles head baseball coach Ty Roberts also serves as director of athletics at MC and is a former high school and college football and baseball student-athlete.

Key area sponsors besides the generous Tyson group were the Law Firm of the late Fob James, former governor of Alabama and Auburn All-America RB, Truist Bank, Yellowood Products, Beasley Allen Law Firm, Tuskegee Federal Credit Union, the host Biscuits, and several Central and South Alabama sports committees, including the Camellia Bowl committee.

The distinguished guest speaker at the event's pre-tourney banquet was ABCA, Southwestern Athletic Conference and Louisiana Sports Halls of Fame member and legendary Southern U. head baseball coach Roger Cador. He spoke about the demands of being a college student-athlete and how to have fun meeting these expectations.

Tyson Foods president/CEO John Tyson presented the title trophy last Saturday and was accompanied on the trip to Montgomery by popular Arkansas men's basketball head coach Eric Musselman.

The Tyson Foods Black College Baseball World Series official review website and social media locales are [mybcsn.net/tyson-foods-black-college-world-series](http://mybcsn.net/tyson-foods-black-college-world-series).

## NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

### Some notable birthdates in NFF

College Hall of Fame annals in the May 17-23 time period are May 17 (1912) Ace Parker, Portsmouth, Va.; May 18 (1916) Paul Hoernemann, Lima, Ohio; (1924) Charlie "Choo" Justice, Asheville, N.C.; (1983) Vince Young, Houston, Texas; May 19 (1893) Tuss McLaughry, Chicago, Ill.; (1949) Archie Manning, Cleveland, Miss.; (1967) John Friesz, Missoula, Mont.; (1975) London Fletcher, Cleveland, Ohio; May 20 (1867) Andy Wyant, Chicago, Ill.; (1920) Al Sparlis, Los Angeles, Calif.; (1924) Herman Wedemeyer, Honolulu, Hawai'i; (1960) Tim Krumrie, Menomonie, Wis.; May 21 (1923) Ara Parseghian, Akron, Ohio; (1935) John Majors, Lynchburg, Tenn.; (1940) James Saxton,

College Station, Texas; (1943) Johnny Roland, Corpus Christi, Texas; (1943) Glenn Ressler, Dornsife, Pa.; (1958) Jim Ritcher, Berea, Ohio; (1977) Ricky Williams, San Diego, Calif.; May 22 (1907) Paul Schwegler, Raymond, Wash.; (1960) Dave Rimington, Omaha, Neb.; (1977) Dre Bly, Chesapeake, Va.; May 23 (1888) Ted Coy, Andover, Mass.

**Notable anniversary death dates** for Hall of Famers are May 17 (1962) Harold "Brick" Muller, Berkeley, Calif.; (1993) Bill Wallace, Houston, Texas; May 18 (1963) Ernie Davis, Cleveland, Ohio; (1977) Dr. Nathan Dougherty, Knoxville, Tenn.; (2018) Dr. Billy Cannon, St. Francisville, La.; May 22 (2002) Paul Giel, Minneapolis, Minn.; May 23 (1938) George Sanford, New York, N.Y.

**Happy birthdays** to Hall of Famers on May 18 Vince Young, May 19 NFF Chairman Archie Manning, John Friesz, London Fletcher, May 20 Tim Krumrie, May 21 Glenn Ressler (a spry 79), Jim Ritcher, Ricky Williams, May 22 Dave Rimington, Dre Bly...

BYU and Hawai'i are working on new opponents for their former 2024 and '25 series...Duquesne has added Thomas More to complete its 2022 schedule. Last year the Dukes faced Big 12 Conference contender TCU in Fort Worth, Texas...Army West Point and Coastal Carolina will meet for the first time during the 2023 football campaign....It will be "guaranteed Gamecocks victory day" when South Carolina hosts fellow nicknamed Jacksonville State for the first time in 2023...Missouri State and Murray State are set for a three-game series from 2025-27...Duquesne will host St. Thomas More for the first time in '22...Georgia Southern and Nevada are set for a 2024 tussle in Reno, Nev., with a previous Nevada-BYU '24 clash cancelled because the Cougars are starting their football association with the Big 12 Conference in August 2023...Maryland and Virginia Tech have firmed up a four-year scheduling agreement from 2026-29...Princeton will host VMI in 2024.

Historian Mike Burrows discovered a 1975 NFL Tennis Challenge tourney in Kissimmee, Fla., with NFF College Hall of Fame RB Franco Harris of Penn State and Fran Tarkenton of Georgia teaming in doubles against the likes of NFF College Hall of Fame QB Jim Plunkett of California and others in a points-scored all-doubles meet...Historian and football poll maven Cody Kellner opined about how the face of the Southeastern Conference changed in January 1990 with the hiring of commissioner Roy Kramer, then director of athletics at Vanderbilt. Mr. Kramer will turn 93

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in October... Voting is underway through May 18 to share input on the Top 100 Commodores of the Dudley Field/Vanderbilt Stadium era (1922-2022, 100-year anniversary this season). More than 200 players are available to receive votes, and the all-time team (100 student-athletes) will be denoted in the fall from fan voting... Vanderbilt joined several other members of the American Association of Colleges and Universities in holding an international virtual meeting with Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy Monday morning. President Zelenskyy is a graduate of Kyiv National Economic University, an actor and comedian for several years, and the 44-year-old head of Ukraine is a soccer (European football) enthusiast.

UCF head coach Gus Malzahn joined Nick Saban of Alabama and Kirby Smart of Georgia and premier guests last week on Paul Finebaum's national ESPN talk show... Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin and Jacksonville State's new football chief Rich Rodriguez played in a charity pro-am meet prior to a PGA event in Alabama last week. They were joined by NFF College Hall of Fame RB Bo Jackson of Auburn for the fundraiser... Former SMU and Arkansas head coach Chad Morris resigned last week as head at Texas high school powerhouse Allen HS... Former Coastal Carolina head coach (2012-18) and TD Ameritrade CEO Joe Moglia had several suggestions for regulating college football and NIL endorsements. He also has pledged \$15 million to CCU for an indoor practice facilities and improvements in stadium end zone areas.

**Hometowns** of more 2022 college head coaches – Cal Lutheran: Anthony Lugo, Los Angeles, Calif.; UC Davis Dan Hawkins, Fall River Mills., Calif.; Cal Poly: Beau Baldwin, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Carnegie Mellon: Ryan Larsen, Chicago, Ill.; Claremont-Mudd-Scripps: Kyle Sweeney, Los Angeles, California.

Morgan State named Dena Freeman-Patton as vice president and director of athletics... North Carolina director of athletics Bubba Cunningham weighed the positives against the negatives of the NCAA transfer portal... Southern California AD Mike Bohn reflected on his first full year as AD and his 2022 NACDA AD of the Year honor... Ohio State AD and 2007 NFF John V. Toner Award recipient Gene Smith foresees a possible governance agreement between NCAA FBS and the College Football Playoff... Kansas City AD Dr. Brandon Martin gave his thoughts about bringing back UMKC's track and field programs... Duquesne AD Dave Harper denoted the addition of women's sports triathlon, golf and acrobatics and tumbling to the varsity roster... Oklahoma AD and NFF board member Joe Castiglione spoke of the maximum number of softball broadcast opportunities with OU's new multimedia agreement with ESPN+... Texas AD Chris Del Conte made some comparisons with the Longhorn Network and the History Channel as national resources for athletics

and historic education... UCLA AD Martin Jarmond opined how there were many gray areas in NIL legislation that must be rectified before possible federal legislation or enhanced NCAA enforcement... Colorado AD Rick George said he was speaking on behalf of hundreds of administrators when expressing continued concerns over where the NIL is headed and how it has affected football and college athletics nationally...

...Kansas State AD Gene Taylor penned an email to K-State and alumni and friends and allowed that Wildcats' enthusiasts need to keep up with national NIL trends but to respond with proper guidelines in light of recent NCAA compliance updates... Miami (Fla.) AD Dan Radakovich and Notre Dame AD Jack Swarbrick agree that Power Five conferences and probably other FBS teams may break from the NCAA, but opinions differ on timelines and procedures... Louisville has employed Collegiate Sports Associates in its national search for a director of athletics... Michigan State tabbed Adam Nightingale as men's ice hockey head coach... Former St. Joseph's (Pa.) president Dr. Mark Reed is moving to Loyola Chicago in the same post, and provost Dr. Cheryl McConnell will serve as St. Joe's interim president... New Arkansas State AD Jeff Purinton had his five-year contract and compensation packages ratified by state boards... Iowa AD Gary Barta is leading a movement to lessen the effects of the NCAA transfer portal through new legislation and helping to bring a bit of common sense to the process... Drexel presented a contract extension through June 30, 2028, for president Dr. John Fry... Tulane chose Scott Mitchell as senior associate AD and chief financial officer... Boston College is expected to name former Eagles standout and assistant coach Greg Brown as men's hockey head coach... South Dakota State chose Ericka Schneider as women's golf head coach... UIC tabbed Ashley Dell as men's and women's swimming and diving head coach... Creighton softball head coach Brent Vigness is concluding his CU career after 29 seasons... James Madison cross-country head coach Dave Rinker will retire after 23 years... Mississippi Valley State named Kimberly Anderson women's basketball head coach... Dartmouth hired JP Daigneault as men's alpine skiing head coach... California associate AD for communications Herb Benenson has joined longtime USC publicist Tim Tessalone (retired after 39 years at SC in 2021) in the West Coast retirement group. Benenson served in Berkeley for 32 years... Former Rutgers football stalwart Shawn Tucker has been interviewed for a position as a chief fundraiser in RU athletics... Colorado men's basketball head coach Tad Boyle has been named head coach for the USA Basketball Men's Under-18 National Team with six other college head coaches working as camp or on-floor assistants... Iowa State senior associate AD for external relations Frank Nogel is retiring after more than 20

years at ISU and 40-plus total years in athletics... Southern California chose Danielle Duran as associate AD for membership services... Utah added Jonas Persson as men's and women's swimming and diving head coach... New Northwestern president Dr. Rebecca Blank wishes she had a crystal ball for the future of athletics but pointed to Wisconsin's 91 percent student-athletes' graduation rate when she was chancellor at UWM as a good starting point... Arkansas State System president Dr. Charles Welch led the search committee that brought new AD Jeff Purinton to ASU... Notre Dame men's basketball head coach Mike Brey decried numerous complaints about various topics from coaches in major sports throughout college athletics when they are being compensated well for their services... Boise State women's volleyball head coach Shawn Garus received a two-year extension through Feb. 29, 2024... Former Ohio State senior associate AD Jocelyn Gates has moved into an executive position with the TurnkeyZRG search firm... UNLV selected Patrick Sojka as senior associate AD for development... Yale athletics' Scott Lukas has been hired by the MLB Milwaukee Brewers as director of corporate partnerships... San Jose State added Megan MacLeod as associate AD for marketing, digital media and licensing... Elon added Dr. Jason Chandler as senior associate AD for external operations... Utah State selected Bobby Nash as associate AD for marketing in a recent restructuring measure... Wichita State has tabbed its six-person AD search committee with on-campus members. WSU also will employ a search firm to help narrow down the process, and the hire could be made as soon as mid-June... Seattle U. and Eastern Illinois are in the market for new men's and women's swimming and diving head coaches after recent personnel changes while Texas Tech softball has made a coaching change for the '23 season... Wake Forest will be featuring a new women's basketball head coach next season... Texas Southern professor of sports management and national authority on HBCU athletics Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil is appearing on the Inside the HBCU Sports Lab daily radio program. He also serves as a prominent member of the Tyson Foods Black College Baseball World Series board of directors along with NFF correspondent Bo Carter... Texas softball head coach Mike White apologized for an ejection during the Big 12 Softball Championship after he made a gesture toward game umpires after an ejection... Michigan men's hockey head coach Mel Pearson officially still is head coach of the Wolverines although his contract has expired and is in negotiations... D1jobs.com has new postings for positions in athletics at Appalachian State, UT Arlington, East Carolina, Suffolk, Chattanooga, Western Washington, Western Carolina, Saint Mary's (Calif.), Oregon, Arizona, Baylor, Tennessee, Baylor, Auburn, UC Irvine, Texas Tech, and USF.

Cincinnati, UCF and Houston are getting closer to working out details for exit fees from the American Athletic Conference in the \$17-20 million range to join the Big 12 Conference. Meanwhile, six Conference USA schools - Charlotte, FAU, North Texas, Rice, UAB, and UTSA –are hoping to join the American July 1, 2023. The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel has learned that the \$17-20 million estimates may be a little on the lower side of expected exit fees from the AAC... Pac-12 Conference presidents and chancellors were complimentary about the national turnaround of the conference's national reputation, corporate sponsorships and NCAA leadership by commissioner George Kliavkoff exceeding expectations... The Big Ten Conference may be working with as many as three media rights' groups for its new multimedia agreements starting in 2023-24. Estimates that bids may reach the \$1 billion mark annually, and at least seven national entities have been identified as possible bidders... The Big 12 Conference had 12 conference alumni on WNBA opening day rosters with Baylor alumna Brittney Griner hoping for a release from custody in Russia soon. WNBA teams had BG logos posted on all courts for early-season matchups... The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference is one of a rare group of mid-major conferences never to have accepted a fulltime member moving from NCAA Division II to D1. Le Moyne, which once was Division I in baseball, may be looking at a move up for all sports to the MAAC, America East or Northeast Conferences... Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference officials have denied again this month that Howard may be leaving the league to join the Colonial Athletic Association... The Queens (N.C.) Board of Trustees approved a move of Queens athletics to the Atlantic Sun Conference with a four-year transition period beginning July 1 from NCAA Division II to DI status... The National Collegiate Hockey Conference named former St. Cloud State AD Heather Weems as its new commissioner with duties starting July 6.

Bowlseason.com had 400-plus participants in its spring convention in Orlando and issued an optimistic annual report on the state of 42-44 proposed bowl matchups for post-2022. The NCAA Postseason Committee is evaluating certification for current and new bowl bouts.

NFF College Hall of Fame coach Barry Alvarez (now special assistant to the Big Ten commissioner for football operations) related his talks with Big Ten football coaches at spring meetings and their major concerns about the NIL and NCAA transfer portal... NFF College Hall of Fame DL Chad Hennings of Air Force continues to help raise funds for underserved families and children hoping to make economic moves upward in the North Texas area... Former Texas and NFL standouts DL Tony Brackens and QB Colt McCoy (still active in NFL) were inducted into the Texas High School Sports Hall of Fame in



Waco, Texas, last week...Former Baylor baseball star Reid Brees has inaugurated the Reid Brees Endowed Fund for BU baseball. Brees is the younger brother of famed QB Drew Brees of Purdue and the NFL...Former Mississippi State pitching ace from the 1960s Frank Montgomery and later star RHP Pete Young will be inducted into the school's 2022 Ron Polk Ring of Honor at Polk-Dement Stadium...Six-decade college publicist at Georgetown (D.C.), the Texas Collegiate League (president), MLB, and minor leagues John Blake has joined MLB all-star Ian Kinsler of Missouri and Arizona State as newcomers to the MLB Texas Rangers Hall of Fame...Former UCLA men's basketball standout and jurisprudence figure Ed O'Bannon spoke about his expectations for a replacement for retiring NCAA president Dr. Mark Emmert...

Boston College sterling wideout Zay Flowers explained his decision to remain with the Eagles before the May 1 NCAA football transfer portal deadline despite several potential NIL proposals and the chance to play with Top 10 ranked schools in '22...Some of the surprises and key returnees for the '22 outing via spring workout performances are Treyveon Henderson of Ohio State, Bijan Robinson of Texas, Ulysses Bentley IV of Ole Miss, Kendall Milton of Georgia, and Devon Achane of Texas, to name a few...Several preseason publications indicate that top defenders OLB Will Anderson of Alabama, DL Nolan Smith of Georgia, OLB Nick Herbig of Wisconsin, DE Andre Carter of Army West Point, and OLB Zion Tupuola-Fetui of Washington are among the prime candidates for postseason All-America laurels.

Texas A&M alumnus Adam Sinn (Class of 2000) has committed the top amount of \$15 million for an A&M academic and wellness center for the Aggies Centennial Campaign...Conway (S.C.) Medical Center has donated \$10 million to Coastal Carolina athletics for the largest gift ever granted to CCU...William & Mary athletics has launched a \$67 million capital campaign to fund facilities and athletics' scholarships...Georgetown (D.C.) athletics gained a \$3.5 million donation from alumnus Joseph Amato and his family for the Amato Family Head of Athletics Counseling post...Holy Cross is in the process of making \$3.1 million in updates for the Hart Turf Field and Track, resurfacing areas, adding a modern irrigation system, resurfacing some facilities with Rekortan Advance Polymer surfaces, and adding an AstroTurf12 system...Nebraska's NIL Athletic Branding and Marketing collective has distributed \$850,000-plus to Huskers student-athletes and delivered another \$3.5 million for various NIL functions. The Huskers also have installed new artificial FieldTurf with a sterling drone-level photo on the NU athletics website...Stony Brook athletics has inaugurated the John Ramsey Leadership Society in

honor of \$300,000-plus in scholarship donations by the Ramsey family...Florida State is making progress with its updated football locker room and several other amenities in football-related areas while posting online video clips...SMU athletics now is accepting season ticket deposits for 2022-23 men's and women's basketball contests...The state of California has placed legal wagering on college sports and other events on the fall ballot after receiving 1,600,000-plus names on a referendum petition...Fresno State is eighth in the Mountain West Conference in expenses and 12th in total revenue and was granted a \$3 million university loan to help offset expenses in fiscal year 2021...Club America soccer and Guadalajara will play a El Super Clasico challenge match at Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta on Sept. 25...Marquette athletics is employing RealResponse for student-athlete evaluations and survey potentiality...South Dakota State athletics is adding the Midco Club with First Bank and Trust Arena as the two corporate sponsors for the \$50 million multipurpose arena...Grambling athletics is undergoing an independent review of events and personnel challenges related to its women's volleyball program...St. Joseph's (Pa.) is finalizing its merger with Philadelphia's University of Sciences...Presbyterian athletics and the administration took student body and fraternity disciplinary actions after a challenge during a Presby-Howard U. women's lacrosse match in 2022...Delaware State athletics has asked for clarification of an extensive security search by area authorities of the bus for its women's lacrosse team during a road trip last week...The gross income of adidas had a gross profit margin of two less percentage points from the first fiscal quarter of 2021 to the first quarter of 2022...FanWord and FanWord Boost were highlighted for their roles in enhancing NIL business agreements and compensation...Hook Sports Marketing inaugurated the 4819 Membership Club for assisting with NIL programs for Virginia Cavaliers student-athletes...UC Riverside officials reflected on a solid competitive year in 2021-22 athletics with improved records in 11 of the 17 programs from 2020-21 and severe COVID-19 conditions. The university had debated about dropping intercollegiate athletics due to financial considerations and COVID-19 attendance and budget repercussions...Penn State athletics is in the process of adding a plan to provide a graduation and academic incentive program beginning in fall 2022 for the school's student-athletes per in part to the Alston Case...MSP Recovery founder, CEO and Miami (Fla.) supporter John Ruiz mentioned to CBS Sports that new guidelines for NIL arrangements do not concern him because NILs are formal business deals...Ole Miss athletics' officials spoke of career trajectory and how networking such as becoming college cheerleaders, internships and other methods can lead to future

fulltime positions in athletics...

ESPN noted multiple news reports from the Atlantic Coast Conference spring meetings, including a probable end to divisions in all ACC sports in coming months (probably after the 2022 season for football) and the granting of ACC multimedia rights possibly as far out as 2036...CBS Sports columnist Dennis Dodd purported discussion on how the Big 12 Conference may align divisions in 2023-24 for football and all sports if its four new members are competing along with departing members (SEC) Oklahoma and Texas...Former Michigan star and six-time NFL Super Bowl winner Tom Brady has been signed as an analyst for Fox Sports when his pro playing career ends...CBS Sports columnist Dennis Dodd chatted with West Virginia AD and NCAA committee leader Shane Lyons about how boosters have gotten heavily involved in recruiting student-athletes through new NIL procedures...Sports Illustrated's Ross Dellenger explained that several university administrators have formed a task force to study NIL benefits and to offer more guidance on boosters' and enthusiasts' spending for NIL usage...The New York Times' final purchase price for The Athletic was \$550 million...Fanatics Collectives outlined the future of trading cards and how NIL endorsements might affect collectability of college student-athlete trading cards...ExtraPoints.com investigated possible conference realignments and some schools remaining in their present circuits. Specifically, there seems to be a good chance that Incarnate Word will stay with the Southland Conference rather than joining the Mid-American Conference. Chicago State also has expressed an interest in joining the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference but is awaiting approval by the MEAC board of directors...The Athletic wrote an in-depth piece with Mountain West Conference commissioner Craig Thompson and Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner Jim Phillips about the change in leadership in the NCAA office, business models and educational solutions for the future. The ACC's Phillips also is looking for legitimate and working alternative models for football governance, the ++future of the College Football Playoff, a nationwide study to project gridiron issues impending over the next 5-10 year, and new sites outside Greensboro, N.C., for the ACC office...The News and Brews Sports Biz podcast featured Ashley Leko, the senior associate AD and chief financial officer at USF, and she addressed the college business managers' Mentor Me national education program...The Athletic did a re-examination of the progress of the NCAA Transformation Committee, possible raising of Division I scholarship limits in various sports and possible DI conference participation in the top numbers for football scholarships...Sports Business Journal also took "the temperature" of current NIL agreements and spoke with experts who

think it may take 3-4 years and definite federal legislation to bring regularity to the programs...

One national publication listed its best NCAA FBS team in every state for the upcoming season, and some of the highlighted states and schools were Nebraska – Nebraska; New Mexico – New Mexico State; Texas – Baylor; Arizona – Arizona; California – Southern California; Washington – Washington State; Oregon – Oregon; Alabama – Alabama; Mississippi – Mississippi State; Florida – UCF; Pennsylvania – Pittsburgh; Ohio – Ohio State...Sports Illustrated questioned if the NCAA might enforce retroactive compliance measures relating to NIL activities and if the enforcement process might be hastened with additional NIL or federal governance on the NIL...Forbes magazine published its list of most universities with living billionaire alumni, and they are Harvard: 29, Pennsylvania 28, Stanford: 28, Yale 21, Mumbai (India) 20, Cornell 18, Southern California 15, and MIT 14. Several of these financiers played in college athletics...CBS Sports noted that 22 of the 32 NCAA Division I conferences are amenable to playing interconference clashes within two weeks of NCAA Selection Sunday for additional Ratings Percentage Index boosts...On3.com college writer Eric Prisbell is returning to Sports Business Journal as NBA correspondent...Sports Business Journal indicated that new NCAA mores will allow NCAA approved bowl games to utilize sponsorships for numerous different areas, including wagering groups, beer, similar harder alcoholic groups, and adult-themed businesses...ESPN's entire advertising inventory for the 2022 Women's College World Series has been sold, and the '22 NCAA College Baseball World Series is almost at that point...The Light-Shed Group denoted that primary ticket prices for college football and other sports has been higher in 2022 but that secondary ticket markets have seen even larger percentage increases this year...On3.com surveyed Power Five conference football assistant coaches to inquire if NIL arrangements appeared to be more important than old-fashioned recruiting incentives and school on-field success...Disney executives reported combined earnings for ABC and ESPN as \$2.8 billion in the first quarter of 2022. The worldwide corporation and its entities are hoping to recoup some losses due to COVID-19 and economic conditions since March 2020 via digital and other imaginative means...ESPN reported that NCAA Power Five conferences seem to be wielding more authority in college football even than in previous seasons after multiple spring meetings in Arizona...ExtraPoints.com interviewed Knight Commission CEO and former Kansas senior women administrator Amy Privette Perko about a commission proposal to create an all-new entity outside the NCAA to run and govern current NCAA FBS

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members...Sports Illustrated's Pat Forde related the that the NCAA compliance office may be following up on several NIL collectives and current individual NIL agreements...The Athletic published accounts that former Bowling Green, Utah, Florida, and Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer may be returning as a FOX Sports commentator...Sportico took several reporting angles on last week's NCAA enforcement rulings about NIL protocols – especially ones relating to NIL balance – and what actions might be taken with regard to compliance issues, NIL agreements and potential litigation

Nominations are being accepted for the 2022 Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America. Coordinated by the staff at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA was created in June 2012 to honor an individual and/or a group with a military background and/or involvement that have an impact within the realm of college football. The 2022 recipient being announced Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, and nominations for the 2022 Armed Forces Merit Award will be accepted through Oct. 1 when a selection committee of seven FWAA members and two representatives from the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl will review the list of candidates for the 11th annual presentation ...AFCA executive director Todd Berry and hundreds of head coaches are calling for two possible NCAA transfer portal dates - from the final Sunday in November until the early signing date in December and the other from April 15-May 1... ..Herman Hudson of SMU, Thomas Stepp and Kevin Rodriguez of Texas, Kenny Klein of Louisville, and retired John Cade of Mississippi State were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter, social media and magazine...Air Force, Arizona State, Grambling, Kansas, Louisville, LSU, Memphis, Michigan State, Oregon, Southern California, Tennessee, Texas A&M, and UCLA have been conferring with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and probes at their respective schools...Several NCAA FCS schools have reported possible open "recruiting" of its top football student-athletes by NCAA FBS members – especially for skill positions such as tight end and defensive back...The NCAA women's basketball rules committee will allow teams to employ live video for replays and other purposes during the conference portions of their

2022-23 seasons. This is a major change from NCAA regulations in the middle 1960s, which prohibited the use of monitors to watch instant replays and inside game accounts of live, onsite telecasts...The NCAA men's basketball rules committee, chaired by legendary Tennessee head coach Rick Barnes, is working on a proposal to penalize players for intentional flopping starting with the 2022-23 campaign and another game changer to have five media timeouts in each half...NCAA correspondent Andy Katz spoke with several administrators and student-athletes about the NIL and student-athletes' experience without regard to actual compensation. He also polled the interviewees about how NIL arrangements could affect general contributions to athletics if NIL endorsements become larger and larger and how a stronger NCAA NIL task force might be beneficial.

#### 2022-23 College Football Playoff Bowl Schedule with six games on New Year's Day

##### 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, Ga., 3:30 or 7:30 p.m.  
Playstation Fiesta Bowl, No. 1 vs. No. 4 or No. 2 vs. No. 3 seed, State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz., 3:30 or 7:30 p

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

Championship, Semifinal winners  
SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles, California 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.

##### Jan. 2

Goodyear Cotton Bowl  
AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas  
early game TBD

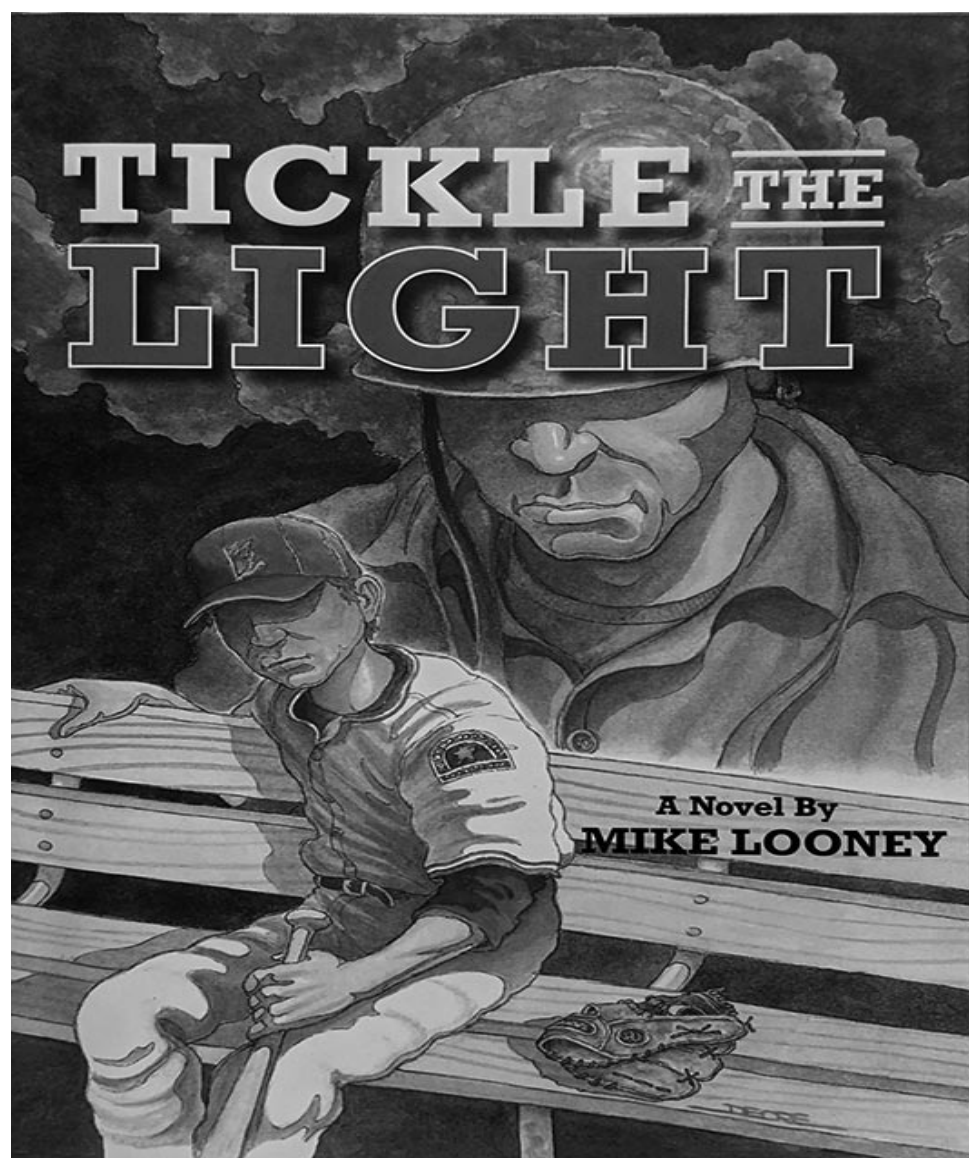
##### Jan. 2

Rose Bowl presented by Capital One  
Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, California mid-afternoon

##### Jan. 2

Allstate Sugar Bowl  
Caesars Superdome, New Orleans, 8 p.m

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