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## AROUND THE AREA

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

# Aberg wins second Ben Hogan Award



### Ludvig Aberg wins his second Ben Hogan Award

Ludvig Aberg's last event playing for Texas Tech starts Friday when the Red Raiders tee it up at the NCAA championship tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona.

He's finishing his college career with another prestigious trophy either way.

For the second year in a row, the sensational Swede has won the Ben Hogan Award as the player of the year in college golf. The award was presented in a ceremony Monday night at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth with Aberg calling it "the pinnacle of college golf."

"I'm overwhelmed to have my name even recognized in the same sentence as Mr. Hogan," Aberg said, "because what he embodied with his game of golf and his perseverance and what he did for the sport that we all love is incredible."

"He embodied so many things that I like to embody, and he stands for so many things that I love to stand for. His dedication to his work, to his craft and perseverance to overcome all the odds and the attributes that he has is incredible. And I will continue to strive for honor the way that Mr. Hogan did."

The 23-year-old senior from Eslov, Sweden was a four-time winner this school

year, including the Big 12 tournament and the NCAA Norman Regional. He won the Big 12 title at Prairie Dunes in Hutchinson, Kansas, by eight strokes, his 15-under 265 setting tournament records for lowest score and strokes under par.

He is the latest — and at least as a collegian, most accomplished — in a long line of players from Sweden whom Tech coach Greg Sands has brought to the Rawls Course.

"I want to thank Texas Tech University for bringing me here to Texas and allowing me to be here and to strive in these environments," Aberg said, recognizing his coaches, the program's donors and supporters and his teammates. "I think we have a pretty cool place in Lubbock, and I can't wait to get back, actually."



### SMU PG Zhuric Phelps withdraws from NBA draft, will return for junior season

The SMU men's basketball team announced on Tuesday that point guard Zhuric Phelps, the team's leading scorer last season, will withdraw from the NBA draft and return for his junior year.

Phelps averaged 17.5 points per game while shooting 30.9% from 3-point range last season for an SMU team that went 10-22 in head coach Rob Lanier's first season.

Phelps' future has had some varying possibilities over the last few months. Before

the end of the conference tournament, he announced that he wouldn't enter the transfer portal and he would stay at SMU.

"Leaving would've been the easy thing to do," Phelps said after SMU's season ended with a loss to Central Florida in the opening round of the AAC Tournament. "I want to be here with these guys."

Then he decided in April to enter his name into the NBA Draft process. He left the door open to return to college, however, with the only option being SMU. His father, Cleveland, told *The Dallas Morning News* that Zhuric had been contacted through various channels by other teams about possibly entering the transfer portal near the mid-way point last season.

"The landscape of basketball changed," he said last month. "If a kid like Zhuric was having the season like he was having, and the team had the season it had, it's almost becoming normal for that kid to find a team and try and run toward success. And we think totally different."

Cleveland said Name, Image and Likeness deals were offered to try and lure him into the portal.

"We're not going to chase a NIL bag, as they say," Cleveland said. "Because you're never going to get to the NBA if things don't line up."

Zhuric tested the NBA waters, but wasn't among the 80-plus players invited to the NBA Combine.

His return to SMU is a big addition. The Mustangs have already added five transfers this off-season, including former Tennessee guard BJ Edwards, who was a top-100 prospect in the Class of 2022, according to 247Sports.

### NCAA Baseball Poll - 5/24/23

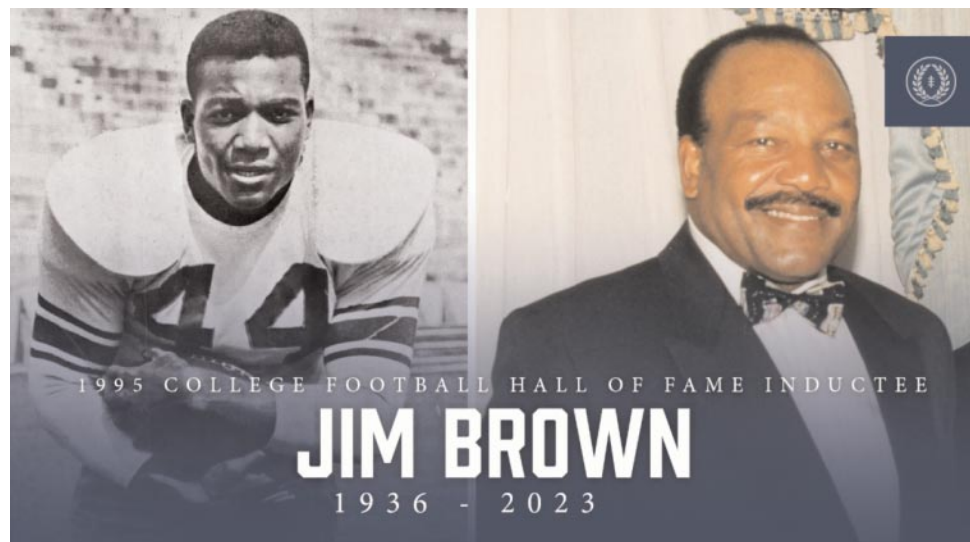
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2. Florida	2. Florida
3. Arkansas	3. LSU
4. Stanford	4. Arkansas
5. LSU	5. Stanford
6. Vanderbilt	6. Vanderbilt
7. Clemson	7. Coastal Carolina
8. Coastal Carolina	8. Clemson
9. Virginia	9. Virginia
10. Miami	10. UConn
11. East Carolina	11. Miami
12. Oklahoma State	12. East Carolina
13. Texas	13. Tennessee
14. West Virginia	14. Oregon State
15. Campbell	15. Campbell
16. Dallas Baptist	16. Dallas Baptist
17. Oregon State	17. West Virginia
18. Tennessee	18. Oklahoma State
19. Duke	19. South Carolina
20. Auburn	20. Boston College
21. Kentucky	21. Kentucky
22. South Carolina	22. Texas
23. UConn	23. Southern Miss
24. Maryland	24. Duke
25. Indiana State	25. Auburn

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	MAY 26 FRIDAY	MAY 27 SATURDAY	MAY 28 SUNDAY	MAY 29 MONDAY	MAY 30 TUESDAY	MAY 31 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1 THURSDAY
	Rangers at Orioles 6:05 / Bally's	Rangers at Orioles 3:05 / Bally's	Rangers at Orioles 12:35 / Bally's	Rangers at Tigers 12:10 / Bally's	Rangers at Tigers 5:40 / Bally's	Rangers at Tigers 12:10 / Bally's	
		Stars at Knights 7:00 / ABC		Stars vs Knights 7:00 / ESPN		Stars at Knights 8:00 / ESPN	
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	Roughriders at Arkansas 7:05	Roughriders at Arkansas 7:05	Roughriders at Arkansas 6:35		Roughriders vs San Antonio 7:05	Roughriders vs San Antonio 7:05	Roughriders vs San Antonio 7:05
		FC Dallas at San Jose 9:30				FC Dallas at Kansas City 7:30	



# Hall of Famer Jim Brown Passes Away



**Syracuse legend was among the greatest to ever play, leading the Orange to the 1957 Cotton Bowl**

*By National Football Foundation*

Jim Brown, the 1995 College Football Hall of Fame inductee who starred for Syracuse at halfback from 1954-1956, passed away May 18. He was 87.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Brown, one the game's true legends," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "Jim Brown was a thrill to watch. He simply set the standard by which all others were measured, and he used his position on the field as a platform to help address civil rights injustices in our country throughout his life. His contributions will not be forgotten, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time of loss."

"We all know that Jim Brown was the greatest running back and the best of all time, but the thing that resonates in my mind is how good of a person he was," said John Wooten, a 2012 College Football Hall of Fame inductee from Colorado who blocked for Brown in the NFL on the offensive line with Cleveland. "He said to me: 'We are not going to be involved in sit-ins and demonstrations or marches. We not going to sit on the sidelines and not participate in this fight for human dignity and civil rights... He said the thing we can do is we can work in our own communities, making things better for young people and people who don't have the monies to do things with.'"

Jim Brown put up some sensational numbers for Syracuse, earning the nickname "First Down Brown" along the way. He scored a then-NCAA record 43 points, including rushing for six touchdowns and 197 yards against Colgate in 1956. He had other games with rushing totals of 162, 155, 154 and 151 yards, and he made runs

of 78, 66, 53, 41 and 37 yards. His season rushing total in 1956 was 986, a Syracuse record which landed him third in the nation, and he averaged 123.3 yards per game that season. During his three seasons with the Orange, he amassed 23 touchdowns and 2,091 yards on the ground, averaging 5.79 yards per carry, in 24 games. He also led the Orange in kickoff returns in 1955 and 1956, amassing 611 return yards during his three seasons. He was also a place kicker, which added to his scoring.

A unanimous First Team All-American in 1956, he finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting, and he concluded his college career in the 1957 Cotton Bowl, rushing for 132 yards and three touchdowns against TCU. In 2005, Syracuse University retired No. 44, which he wore along with fellow College Football Hall of Fame inductees Ernie Davis and Floyd Little and several others. Twelve-foot Bronze statues of the three Hall of Famers create a lasting tribute to their accomplishments on Plaza 44 outside the Orange's current practice facility

Brown's achievements went beyond football at Syracuse, earning 10 letters in four sports. He was on the basketball team two years and averaged 14 points a game in one season. A member of the track team, he placed fifth in the decathlon at the national AAU track meet in 1954. And he was most notably considered the nation's best lacrosse player, an All-America star in the sport and, in 1957, co-winner of the national scoring championship.

He once competed in two sports the same day. On a warm May day in 1957, he wore his track suit, won the high jump and javelin, placed second in the discus, and helped Syracuse beat Colgate in a dual meet. Then he put on his Lacrosse uniform and led the way to an 8-6 win over Army, winding up an undefeated season for the

lacrosse team. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and was named the class marshal, leading the class in a parade to the stage for the commencement program.

The Cleveland Browns drafted him in the first round, sixth overall of the 1957 NFL Draft. He was named the NFL Rookie of the Year in 1957 and the NFL Player of the Year four times. A nine-time All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1971. He is the only person enshrined in the College Football, Pro Football and National Lacrosse halls of fame.

After his NFL career, he became a movie actor and sports broadcaster. He involved himself in charity work and in 1972 organized Food First, a program that sent food to Marshall County, Mississippi, the nation's poorest county.

The NCAA gave Brown one of its Silver Anniversary Awards in 1982. The award is based on an athlete's performance for the 25- year period after graduation. In 1988,

Brown founded the Amer-I-Can Program, which focuses on working with at-risk and high-risk youth in underserved schools and juvenile detention facilities. He said of this work, "This is life. That's tougher than any football game."

An Army ROTC trainee at Syracuse, Brown was commissioned as a second lieutenant following his graduation and continued his military service in the Army Reserves while playing in the NFL. Brown continued to serve for four more years and was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve with the rank of captain.

He was named to Syracuse University's All-Century Football Team, and during the 2020 CFP National Championship Game, he was crowned the No. 1 player of college football's first 150 years by ESPN.

Born Feb. 17, 1936, on St. Simons Island, Georgia, Brown is survived by his wife, Monique, their children, Aris and Morgan, and his daughter, Kim, and his sons, Kevin and James Jr.

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# Showtime at Fields Ranch East PGA Frisco



PGA Frisco's highly anticipated debut has finally arrived



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There is a classic line from the 1950's film 'Sunset Boulevard' where actress Gloria Swanson famously stated, 'I'm ready for my close up Mr. DeMille.' Well, it's lights, camera, action this week as Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco (East Course) is ready for their close up.

The highly anticipated debut has finally arrived. PGA Frisco is prepared to unveil their incredible new golf properties to the world by hosting the prestigious 83rd edition of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship on their Fields Ranch (East course). This is the first major golf championship hosted at PGA Frisco, which is scheduled to host six major championships over the next 12 years - including two PGA Championships. This impressive property is the new home for the PGA of America.

Renowned golf course architect Gil Hanse designed the East Course which will play to a par 72 and a yardage of 7,100. His design layout is going to require premium shot making and a lot of patience by the PGA Tour Champion players as they navigate their way around this very challenging course.

In this inaugural tournament, history and prestige are on the line as the greatest senior players in the world will battle for the

coveted title.

Last year's champion Steven Alker is here to defend his title against the likes of Steve Stricker, David Toms, Ernie Els, Bernhard Langer, Miguel Angel Jimenez and many others.

Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco after this weekend I believe will be on everyone's golfing wish list as a must visit golf destination. Upon arrival at the awe inspiring PGA Frisco Campus you'll discover the world-class Omni PGA Frisco Resort. Plus, there is another terrific 18 hole golf course called Fields Ranch West.

Some of the cool things you'll find on the massive property is the Swing, which is a lighted 10-hole par-3 short course along with biggest putting green (2 acres in length) I've ever see called 'The Dance Floor'.

There are numerous practice areas and other amenities scattered throughout the complex designed to accommodate golfers of all ages and abilities. This place is like Disneyland for golfers.

I was fortunate to attend the groundbreaking event in 2021 and got my first look at some of the holes that were still under construction. Even then I sensed that something special was going on here. It's nice to see everything finally come to fruition.

To learn more about the tournament and how to purchase tickets please visit their website at: [www.srpgachampionship.com](http://www.srpgachampionship.com).

If you're unable to attend you can catch the championship on TV with First Round action, Thursday, May 25: GOLF Channel 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Second Round, Friday, May 26: GOLF Channel 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Third Round, Saturday, May 27: NBC 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fourth Round, Sunday, May 28: GOLF Channel

3:00 p.m.– 4:00 NBC 4:00 p.m. – 6:00  
**Charles Schwab Challenge Offers Golf & More**

While attending this year's 77th edition of the Charles Schwab Challenge, watching the best players in the world compete at venerable Colonial Country Club, fans will have the opportunity to engage in numerous fun activities once on-site.

During your visit checkout the '5 Schwab Performance Center' located across the practice putting green. There you can practice your putting stroke and get a quick lesson from a PGA pro. Inside the 5 there is 'Schwab On Tap' which is a pop up beer tasting experience. You'll be able to sample craft beers inspired by Schwab's Thematic Stock Lists.

This is Schwab's 50th anniversary of its founding, Thursday, will be offering 50% off all food and non-alcoholic drinks at course concessions and food trucks. Make to visit the newly covered hospitality venue called 'Over the Colonial Hedge' on the 10th fairway. It's first come seating over-looking the 10th and 18th green.

D&M Leasing is sponsoring the auto-graph zone for kids located at the putting green by the 10th tee and the driving range.

Cadillac, is the official vehicle of this year's Charles Schwab Challenge.

While walking around the course you'll see five designated areas to checkout out the new 2023 Cadillacs.

On the course action will feature returning champion Sam Burns who is set to defend his title against a stellar field of contenders which include: Texans Scottie Scheffler and Jordan Spieth who rank 2nd and 10th respectively. Some of the other top-ranked players are Max Homa, Tony Finau, Viktor Hovland, Collin Morikawa, Sungjae Im, Tommy Fleetwood, Rickie Fowler, Ryan Palmer of Colleyville and Tom Hoge (TCU Alum). There are 120 players in this elite field vying for the coveted title and a first place check of \$1,566,000.

Also, this year's champion will receive a one-of-a-kind fully customized 1973 Bronco, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Charles Schwab Corporation's founding. While at the tournament you can view the 1973 Bronco up close located off the 10th tee.

This weekend our country celebrates Memorial Day and the one can't miss attraction is the 'Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall'. It's located at the Patriots Outpost on the 10th fairway. On Sunday, between 3:45-4:00 pm - Memorial Day Moment of Silence on course and on-TV with CBS and Huey helicopter low altitude flyover. Everything pauses for 40 seconds

to honor men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives while serving our country. The tournament runs from May 22-28th.

Live TV coverage begins Thursday on the Golf Channel from 3 pm - 6 pm (CDT). Friday from 3-6 pm on the Golf Channel. Saturday 1-4pm(CDT) Golf Channel and 4:30-6pm on CBS(CDT). Final Round on Sunday begins with coverage on the Golf Channel from 12:30-1pm. CBS-TV from 1-5:30pm(CDT). To learn more about the event and how to purchase tickets visit: [charlesschwabchallenge.com](http://charlesschwabchallenge.com).

Happy Memorial Day everyone!  
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# This week: Charles Schwab Challenge



Sam Burns returns to defend his title from last season

## charles SCHWAB CHALLENGE

Charles Schwab Challenge

May 25 - May 28, 2023

Colonial Country Club

Fort Worth, Texas

Purse - \$8,700,000

Winners share: \$1,566,000

Defending Champ - Sam Burns

By Adam Stanley

One of the game's legends is celebrated at the Charles Schwab Challenge, while one of its current stars hopes to continue his success at the historic Colonial Country Club.

The course was coined "Hogan's Alley" after Ben Hogan won four of the first seven editions of this event (and finished no worse than fourth in the other three). Now Spieth is Colonial's most consistent contender.

He won the Charles Schwab Challenge in 2016, has been runner-up three times

and finished outside the top 10 just twice in 10 appearances.

This week will be the 2023 homecoming for Spieth, who was forced to withdraw from the TOUR's other stop in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, the AT&T Byron Nelson, because of a wrist injury. He returned to make the cut in last week's PGA Championship, however, competing with tape on his left wrist and KT tape on his forearm.

Spieth has missed three cuts this season but also has a collection of fine results. Before his missed cut at the Wells Fargo Championship, Spieth had four top-four finishes in a span of five stroke-play events. That includes a playoff loss at the RBC Heritage and fourth-place finish at the Masters.

He's 20th in Strokes Gained: Total for the season, and – wrist injury and all – there may not be a better place for Spieth to find some extra comfort that the Charles Schwab Challenge, even with a few recent near misses.

"I think the results show that I love this place," said Spieth.

**FIELD NOTES:** Sam Burns returns to defend his title from last season. Burns, who missed the cut at the PGA Championship, has four top-10 finishes this

season. That includes a win at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play. The Charles Schwab Challenge, where he beat friend Scottie Scheffler in a playoff, was one of three wins last season for Burns... Scheffler arrives back as world No. 1 after a T2 finish at the PGA Championship, where he held a share of the 36-hole lead. Scheffler has two wins this season, at THE PLAYERS and WM Phoenix Open... Viktor Hovland, who shared the PGA Championship's 36-hole lead with Scheffler and Corey Connors, also is set to play Colonial. Hovland has a pair of top-25s in his two appearances at Colonial. He also has history here as a past winner of the Hogan Award, which is awarded at Colonial to the top player in college and amateur golf. He won the award in 2019... Other Hogan Award winners in the field include Doug Ghim (2018), Maverick McNealy (2017), Patrick Rodgers (2014), Nick Taylor (2010), Rickie Fowler (2008) and Chris Kirk (2007)... Two-time winner this season Max Homa is in action at Colonial for the fifth time. Homa had finished in the top 10 in half his starts before the PGA (7 of 14). He finished T55 at Oak Hill.... Alongside Homa is another two-time winner, Tony Finau. Finau will tee it up at the Charles Schwab Challenge for the eighth time. He's never missed the cut and finished fourth a year ago... Justin Rose returns to Colonial, where he won in 2018. Rose has teed it up at the Charles Schwab Challenge nine times, but last year was the first time he missed the cut. He finished T9 at the PGA... Collin Morikawa will tee it up at the Charles Schwab Challenge for the fourth time. He finished runner-up at Colonial in 2020 and has four top-10s this season... This year's Champions Choice

selections are Pierceson Coody and Cole Hammer. The Texas Longhorn duo helped the school win the 2022 NCAA Championship. It's a long-running tournament tradition for past champions to select two players to join the field who would not have otherwise qualified. Coody earned his second Korn Ferry Tour title this year while Hammer finished fifth earlier this season at The RSM Classic.

**SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS:** After a memorable display at the PGA Championship Michael Block will be in the field at Colonial. The PGA professional finished T15 at Oak Hill and recorded an ace in the final round playing alongside Rory McIlroy. Min Woo Lee is playing after finishing T18 at the PGA Championship earning Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR... Akshay Bhatia will tee it up for the 12th time on TOUR this season. He has two top-5 finishes, including a runner-up at the Puerto Rico Open that earned him Special Temporary Membership... Cameron Champ, a three-time TOUR winner, has two top-10s this season and is back in action ... Erik Compton will tee it up at his second TOUR event of the season after finishing tied for 23rd at the Corales Puntacana Championship... European Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald is in the field... Zac Blair is back in action, looking to improve on his season-best result of a tie for 10th at the Valspar Championship... A pair of Texans round out the sponsor invite list with TOUR winner Cody Gribble and fellow University of Texas Longhorn Kramer Hickok also in the field.

### STORYLINES:

#### 1. TOUGH TO DEFEND

Only one golfer in tournament history

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has defended his title – Ben Hogan. Hogan did it twice, including the opening two years of the tournament. Sam Burns is looking for back-to-back triumphs, something he’s done already once in his career (he took the Valspar Championship in both 2021 and 2022)

2. PEDAL DOWN

Along with valuable FedExCup points and a Royal Tartan Plaid jacket, the winner of the Charles Schwab Challenge will once again receive an exclusive prize – a restored car. This year’s vehicle is a 1973 Ford Bronco. Previous winners got a 1973 Dodge Challenger, a 1946 Power Wagon, and 1979 Pontiac Firebird.

3. TEXAS TIES

Spieth was the last Texan to win at Colonial but there are plenty of golfers with Texas ties who are in action at this year’s Charles Schwab Challenge, led by world No. 2 Scottie Scheffler. There are upwards of a dozen golfers who are connected to the Lone Star State in some capacity.

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

**COURSE:** Colonial Country Club, par 70, 7,209 yards. The PGA TOUR is playing the John Bredemus/Perry Maxwell design for the 78th time, making this the longest-running non-major on TOUR to be contested on the same course. Shot-making and accuracy will be the keys to success once again at Colonial. The club will undergo a \$20 million renovation, led by Gil Hanse, starting at the conclusion of this year’s tournament.

**72-HOLE RECORD:** 259, Zach Johnson (2010).

**18-HOLE RECORD:** 61, Keith Clearwater (2nd round, 1993), Lee Janzen (4th round, 1993), Greg Kraft (3rd round, 1999), Kenny Perry (3rd round, 2003), Justin Leonard (4th round, 2003), Chad Campbell (3rd round, 2004), Kevin Na (4th round, 2018).

**LAST TIME:** Sam Burns topped Scottie Scheffler in a playoff, nailing a 38-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole. Burns’ seven-shot comeback matched Nick Price in 1994 for the biggest final-round charge to win in tournament history. At one point, Scheffler was in a group of five golfers who were tied for the lead at 10 under, but with sustained winds of 20 mph and wind gusts of 30 mph, Mother Nature wreaked havoc on the Sunday scoring. Burns shot a 5-under 65 in the final round and waited about two hours to see where he would end up. It was Burns’ third win of the season.

HOW TO FOLLOW

**Television:** Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. (Golf Channel). Saturday-Sunday, 12 p.m.-2 p.m. (Golf Channel), 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. (CBS).  
**Radio:** Thursday-Friday, 12 p.m.-6 p.m. ET. Saturday-Sunday, 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Numbers that defined Hogan’s greatness



Ben Hogan will always be associated with Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial

By Justin Ray

Colonial Country Club, the Charles Schwab Challenge, and golf in the state of Texas will always be synonymous with 64-time PGA TOUR winner Ben Hogan.

Not only does Hogan’s statue greet players and fans by the clubhouse, but he is also the most prolific winner in this tournament’s history, with five victories. Hogan remains the last player to win this tournament in back-to-back years (1952 and 1953), a feat Sam Burns would love to replicate this week.

More than 25 years after his death in 1997, it’s easy to lose sight of just how staggering Hogan’s achievements were. After surviving a near-fatal car accident in 1949, he assembled one of the greatest major championship runs in the history of the sport. Diving deeper into the numbers only further illuminates his greatness.

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOMINANCE

From 1939 through 1956, Hogan never finished worse than 10th at the Masters. That’s 14 consecutive top-10 finishes at Augusta National, with the tournament not being held for three years during that span because of war, and Hogan missing the 1949 major championship season after his car crash.

This streak is overlooked, especially considering only five players besides Hogan have more than 14 top-10 Masters finishes in their entire careers. What’s more, no player has had a run of 10 or more consecutive top-10s at Augusta since Jack Nicklaus from 1970 through 1979.

And Hogan’s 14 straight is twice as long as Tiger Woods’ longest streak of top-10 finishes at the Masters (seven).

During Hogan’s 14-year run at the Masters he was a combined 24 under par. Among players with at least 20 rounds played in that span, that was 36 strokes better than the nearest competitor (Sam Snead, +12). Hogan bettered the field per round by an average of 3.59 strokes, the only player to distance himself from the field by three or more shots. For his career, he averaged 2.52 Strokes Gained: Total per round at the Masters, the best average all-time for any player with 30 or more rounds of competition.

As incredible as his run was at Augusta, Hogan may have been even better at the U.S. Open. He finished sixth or better in 12 consecutive U.S. Open starts from 1940 through 1956. During that time span, his scoring average was a full stroke better per round than any other player with 20 or more competitive U.S. Open rounds. Even more impressive was how thoroughly he was beating the field average – by a whopping 4.94 strokes per round, far-and-away the best of any player during that time.

Looking at the two American stroke play majors together during that time span paints an even more vivid picture of Hogan’s dominance. At the Masters and U.S. Open from 1939 through 1960, Hogan teed it up 34 times, finishing in the top five in 19 of those events. He averaged 3.71 Strokes Gained: Total per round, six-tenths of a stroke more than any other player during that stretch. In nearly 30 per-

cent of his rounds played, he gained at least five full strokes on the field.

Ben Hogan at Masters & U.S Open 1939-1960		
		Rank
Scoring average	71.92	1st
SG: Total per round	3.71	1st
Rounds in the 60s	29	1st
Rounds with 5+ SG: Total 40		1st
Rounds with 7+ SG: Total 19		1st

Hogan played The Open Championship once – at Carnoustie in 1953. He won by four shots. That season, he played three major championships and won them all. From the 1948 PGA through that win at Carnoustie, Hogan won eight majors in just eleven starts – the only man in history to achieve that feat.

BLANKETING THE TOUR RECORD BOOKS

Hogan won 13 times on the PGA TOUR in 1946 and 10 more in 1948, and remains the only player to post double-digit wins more than once. On two occasions he won five or more consecutive TOUR starts, the only player in history to do that more than once aside from Woods (three times). Hogan won 47 times on the PGA TOUR in his 30s, still the most of any player all-time, and led the PGA TOUR’s season-long money list on five occasions – only Nicklaus (eight) and Woods (10) have done it more times.

Most Single Season Wins PGA TOUR History		
Season	Golfer	Wins
1945	Byron Nelson	18
1946	Ben Hogan	13
1950	Sam Snead	11
1948	Ben Hogan	10
2004	Vijay Singh	9
2000	Tiger Woods	9
1933	Paul Runyan	9

Nobody besides Hogan has won more than two PGA TOUR titles at Colonial Country Club. Of all the PGA TOUR events on the 2022-23 schedule, Colonial has the longest active streak without a back-to-back winner (Hogan, 70 years ago). The Wyndham Championship has the second-longest drought without a back-to-back champ – Sam Snead was the last to do it in 1955-56.

Hogan carries an enduring legacy of groundbreaking golf theory, relentless work ethic and arguably the greatest comeback in the history of this sport. His incredible statistics only enhance the Texas legend.

These are numbers that defined Ben Hogan’s greatness.



# Five things about: Colonial Country Club



The Horrible Horseshoe, the nickname for holes 3-5, is one of the toughest stretches on TOUR

By Jeff Eisenband

PGA TOUR tournament venues have come and gone since the Charles Schwab Challenge debuted at Colonial Country Club in 1946, but Colonial remains.

Although this is the last time it will look exactly like this. Gil Hanse will oversee an in-depth restoration after the final putt drops at the 2023 Charles Schwab. He has experience renovating a Perry Maxwell design, as he already did the trick at Southern Hills, host of last year's PGA Championship won by Justin Thomas.

**Here are Five Things to Know about Colonial Country Club.**

## ELDER STATESMAN

Ben Hogan edged Harry Todd at the first Colonial National Invitational in 1946, one of Hogan's 13 PGA TOUR wins that year. He won four of his first seven appearances at what is now known as the Charles Schwab Challenge, and also won in 1959, the last of his 64 TOUR wins.

Still being played at Colonial Country Club, the Schwab and Colonial is the longest-running tournament-venue partnership on TOUR. Flooding in 1949 and hosting THE PLAYERS in 1975 left two years vacant and explains why Colonial is not the longest-running concurrent venue.

That first tournament in 1946 was actually the second PGA TOUR event hosted by Colonial, though. Upon its opening in 1936, founder Marvin Leonard began petitioning the USGA to award a U.S. Open to his new track, the rare layout in the southern half of the United States with bentgrass greens. Colonial guaranteed the USGA \$25,000 and the nation's championship came to Fort Worth in 1941, the first time the U.S. Open ever visited the South.

Craig Wood – who'd lost a playoff in

all four major championships before claiming the 1941 Masters – added a U.S. Open to his resume with a score of 4 over.

Perry Maxwell and John Bredemus are credited with creating Colonial. For many years, it was believed founder Marvin Leonard approved architectural aspects from both men's designs. But Texas golf historian Frances G. Trimble says that while both men submitted routings for the course, Leonard tasked Bredemus with supervising construction of Maxwell's layout. At the very least, Maxwell is given credit for the greens, as he is at Augusta National Golf Club.

Leonard's vision for Colonial seemed borderline impossible. While most Texas golf courses featured bermudagrass greens, Leonard, an avid amateur golfer who relied heavily on his putter, wanted to bring smoother bentgrass greens to Texas. A regular at River Crest Country Club in Fort Worth, Leonard campaigned the club's governing board to convert two or three greens to bentgrass. He even offered to underwrite the cost.

The River Crest president told him, "Marvin, if you're so sold on bentgrass, why don't you go build your own golf course and put them in?" He did.

Shortly after its initial opening in 1936, Maxwell was brought back a second time to prepare the course for the 1941 U.S. Open. He toughened the course by adding 56 bunkers and styling the par-3 fourth hole and par-4 fifth hole into the "Horrible Horseshoe."

"Hogan's Alley" is sometimes used to describe Riviera Country Club, where Ben Hogan won two Genesis Invitational titles (1947, 1948) and a U.S. Open (1948). It can describe the sixth hole at Carnoustie,

where Hogan won his lone Open Championship in 1953.

But it was at Colonial that Hogan was arguably most at home, quite literally. Born in 1912, he moved to Fort Worth with his family in 1921 and would spend most of his life there. At 11, he began working as a caddie at Glen Garden Country Club, then a nine-hole course. One of his co-workers was a kid named Byron Nelson, born six months earlier. Nelson beat Hogan in a caddie tournament when they were teenagers, the beginning of one of golf's greatest rivalries.

Hogan also met Marvin Leonard, a prominent Fort Worth businessman, while caddying at Glen Garden. Leonard picked up the game under doctor's orders and found in Hogan the son he never had, while Leonard became a father figure to Hogan, whose own father had committed suicide. Leonard mentored Hogan and provided financial backing while he was trying to establish himself on TOUR. Leonard also founded Colonial.

At the 1941 U.S. Open at Colonial, a 28-year-old Hogan recorded his best major finish at the time, a T3. He finished five back of Craig Wood. By the time the TOUR returned to Colonial in 1946 for the first Charles Schwab, Hogan had established himself as a star. In the midst of a 13-win year, he won the inaugural Charles Schwab by one. He defended his title in 1947 and would go on to win there three more times after his 1949 car accident (1952, 1953 and 1959).

Hogan continued playing at Colonial until 1970. In 1967, he finished T3 at age 54, three shots behind Dave Stockton. After retiring from professional golf, Hogan could normally be found hanging

around Colonial, his home course, before moving on to another Fort Worth club founded by Leonard, Shady Oaks. Today, Colonial features a statue of Hogan's picturesque swing, plus a special room containing memorabilia from Hogan's historic career.

## THE HORRIBLE HORSESHOE

The Horrible Horseshoe, the nickname for holes 3-5, is one of the toughest stretches on TOUR. In 2019, the Horrible Horseshoe played 284 over par, the most difficult three-hole stretch on the PGA TOUR that season. Dan Jenkins, the legendary sportswriter and Fort Worth native, is credited with giving these three holes their nickname in the 1980s.

The three holes wrap around the club's practice range to form a horseshoe shape. The third hole is a 483-yard, sharp-dogleg-left par-4. A wall of bunkers in the left side of the fairway influences many to lose their tee shots into the right rough, leaving a longer approach shot. Drives pulled to the left, if they avoid the bunkers, may be blocked behind a series of trees.

The fourth hole is a 247-yard par 3, and an elevated green makes this beast of a hole even longer. While the Charles Schwab's history goes all the way back to 1946, the tournament has yet to see a player make an ace at the fourth, and birdies there are exceedingly rare.

The 481-yard, par-4 fifth hole plays as the hardest on the course. Mirroring the third, No. 5 is a dogleg right, but with a river on the right and a ditch on the left demanding precision off the tee. Trees just off the fairway on both sides and two bunkers protecting both sides of the green create a tight approach shot – if players can even get a clean look for their approach.

## UNLUCKY 13

A 170-yard par 3 over water, No. 13 is a great place to watch the action; the hill-sides around the hole are one of the Fort Worth fans' favorite gathering spots. The high Texas winds can cause headaches for the players, however. The green has a unique triangle shape, with its third edge directly in the back of the surface. Two bunkers on the left guard the short route to dry land.

While multiple tee boxes mean the hole can play from a myriad of yardages, the base distance used to be 190 yards. In 2013, players racked up 22 scores of double or worse there, and while shortening the hole has limited some of the crooked numbers, the theatrics remain. Fans pack themselves into the grandstands around the green, creating an electric atmosphere as they react to shots that scare the pin or plop into the water, perhaps making or breaking a player's week.



# Justin Leonard set for Senior PGA



Leonard set for Senior PGA close to old Texas home on new course with bright future



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**Defending Champ - Steven Alker**

**Justin Leonard is seeking his first PGA Tour Champions victory close to his old Texas home in the Senior PGA Championship**

*By Jon Thomas*

Justin Leonard can't think of a better place than near his old Texas home for his first PGA Tour Champions victory.

Ryder Cup veteran Darren Clarke sees plenty of bigger events in the future beyond the debut of the signature course at the new PGA of America headquarters in the Senior PGA Championship starting Thursday.

"It's a big boy golf course," Clarke said. "Looking in the future and for the main PGA and then possibly Ryder Cups and stuff, this is all you want, this golf course.

Just brilliant, absolutely brilliant."

First things first: the second consecutive major for the 50-and-over crowd, with a field that includes back-to-back Regions Tradition winner Steve Stricker and defending Senior PGA champion Steven Alker.

The 50-year-old Leonard is making his 13th Champions start not far from his boyhood home in Dallas, where he lived well into his pro career before moves to Colorado and Florida.

A 12-time PGA Tour winner, including the 1997 British Open, Leonard still has family in Dallas, and his wife and some of his kids are planning to watch him in the first Dallas-area major on any tour since the 1991 U.S. Women's Open at Colonial in Fort Worth.

Leonard was a regular at the Byron Nelson and Colonial during his PGA Tour career, but never won.

He said he couldn't have envisioned the next chance for a hometown victory coming about 30 miles north of Dallas in Frisco, where the PGA of America moved its headquarters and built an expansive campus that includes two 18-hole courses, a 2-acre putting green, a lighted par-3 course, massive driving range, shops and restaurants.

"It would be a lot of fun to do it close to home," Leonard said. "I'm looking forward to my first win, wherever it is. But if I could pick one, it would probably be here, and that's the last time I'm going to think

about winning for the rest of the week."

PGA Frisco's Fields Ranch East course is a par 72 that will play about 7,100 yards for the seniors. While there aren't any water hazards to go with some deep bunkers, Panther Creek winds through the course.

Architect Gil Hanse said some elevation had to be built in to try to keep flash floods from damaging the course. He said eight holes essentially built themselves as part of the natural landscape, and the other 10 had to be created as part of a rolling layout with large native areas and some trees.

"It's a tough walk," David Toms said.

"It's just a big property for us. It's a long

way to get to the driving range, the putting green, the first tee, the 10th tee. For a bunch of old guys, you can walk yourself to death. It'll be an endurance test I think if it stays warm like this."

The forecast is for temperatures in the high 80s. While humidity will be a factor, it will be better than 60 years earlier, the last time a men's major was held in Dallas. Jack Nicklaus won the 1963 PGA Championship at Dallas Athletic Club, with those July temperatures in the 100s. With the PGA Championship now played in the spring, it is scheduled for Fields Ranch East in 2027 and 2034. There has been talk of a Ryder Cup, and first impressions haven't changed that.

Clarke said the Ryder Cup appeal comes in the high risk/reward of second shots. Players this week are likely to be more conservative in a stroke play event. They would be more aggressive in match play.

"There's risk-reward out there. There's drama out there," fellow Irishman Padraig Harrington said. "In stroke play, you have to manage that and figure out when is the right time to take a chance."

Several players said the new venue appeared to require plenty of patience, which most of them said wasn't their strength. Wind has always played a big role in scoring in the Dallas area, and should do so again.

"It presents a lot of challenges just because conditions like wind that could throw everything off," said Stricker, who is seeking his third win of the season in a field that is set to include Stewart Cink in his Champions Tour debut four days after turning 50.

"You feel like your homework is never done," Stricker said. "Everybody is in the same boat for the most part, so it's just a lot of work in these three days leading up to the tournament."

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# Player list at Senior PGA Championship

## Steven Alker Leads 156-Player Field at 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

By Staff

Defending Champion Steve Alker of New Zealand will lead a field of 156 players for the 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

The 83rd edition of the Championship, the first Major Championship contested at Fields Ranch East at PGA Frisco, will be home to an unprecedented run of 26 championships over an 11-year span.

35 PGA Club Professionals, who comprise the Corebridge Financial PGA Team, are among those who will be competing at PGA Frisco.

Below is the full field list for the 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

### Field List

Alker, Steven - NEW ZEALAND  
Allen, Michael - Paradise Valley, AZ  
Ames, Stephen - CANADA  
Andrade, Billy - Atlanta, GA  
Appleby, Stuart - AUSTRALIA  
Arbuckle, David (cp) - Colorado Springs, CO  
Archer, Phillip - ENGLAND  
Atwal, Arjun - INDIA  
Austin, Woody - Derby, KS  
Bailey, Todd (cp) - Daphne, AL  
Baker, Peter - ENGLAND  
Beckman, Cameron - San Antonio, TX  
Bertsch, Shane - Parker, CO  
Biancalana, Roy (cp) - St. Charles, IL  
Bjorn, Thomas - DENMARK  
Blanks, Kris - Jupiter, FL  
Bogar, Eric (cp) - Houston, TX  
Bohn, Jason - Kennesaw, GA  
Bowden, Craig (cp) - Bloomington, IN  
Branshaw, David - Tampa, FL  
Brehaut, Jeff (cp) - Park City, UT  
Brier, Markus - AUSTRIA  
Broadhurst, Paul - ENGLAND  
Brown, Mark (cp) - Hobe Sound, FL  
Brown, Simon - ENGLAND  
Browne, Olin - Tequesta, FL  
Campbell, Michael - NEW ZEALAND  
Canonica, Emanuele - ITALY  
Cejka, Alex - GERMANY  
Cevaer, Christian - FRANCE  
Chapman, Roger - ENGLAND  
Choi, KJ - REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
Cink, Stewart - Atlanta, GA  
Clarke, Darren - NORTHERN IRELAND  
Claxton, Paul (cp) - Claxton, GA  
Cooper, Brian - Pittsburgh, PA  
Da Silva, Adilson - BRAZIL  
Daly, John - Dardanelle, AR  
Dawson, Marco - Melbourne, FL  
Day, Glen - Little Rock, AR  
Dennis, Clark - Fort Worth, TX  
DiMarco, Chris - St. Augustine, FL  
Doan, Cameron (cp) - Dallas, TX  
Dodd, Stephen - WALES  
Duke, Ken - Stuart, FL

Dunlap, Scott - Sarasota, FL  
Durant, Joe - Pensacola Beach, FL  
Eales, Paul - ENGLAND  
Els, Ernie - SOUTH AFRICA  
Estes, Bob - Austin, TX  
Fleming, Tim (cp) - Oklahoma City, OK  
Flesch, Steve - Union, KY  
Frazar, Harrison - Dallas, TX  
Frost, David - SOUTH AFRICA  
Fujita, Hiroyuki - JAPAN  
Fukabori, Keiichiro - JAPAN  
Furyk, Jim - Jacksonville, FL  
Gaffney, Brian (cp) - Essex Fells, NJ  
Gay, Brian - Windermere, FL  
Gillis, Tom - Lake Orion, MI  
Gonzalez, Ricardo - ARGENTINA  
Goosen, Retief - SOUTH AFRICA  
Gove, Jeff (cp) - Sandpoint, ID  
Goydos, Paul - Coto de Caza, CA  
Green, Ken - West Palm Beach, FL  
Green, Richard - AUSTRALIA  
Haeggman, Joakim - SWEDEN  
Hamilton, Todd - Westlake, TX  
Harrington, Pádraig - IRELAND  
Hensby, Mark - AUSTRALIA  
Herron, Tim - Minneapolis, MN  
Hronek, David (cp) - Port Charlotte, FL  
Huston, John - Cashiers, NC  
Jaidee, Thongchai - THAILAND  
Janzen, Lee - Orlando, FL  
Jimenez, Miguel Angel - SPAIN  
Jones, Steve - Tempe, AZ  
Jonzon, Michael - SWEDEN  
Kanemoto, Takashi - JAPAN  
Karlsson, Robert - SWEDEN  
Kelly, Jerry - Madison, WI  
Khan, Simon - ENGLAND  
Kingston, James - SOUTH AFRICA  
Labritz, Rob - Pound Ridge, NY  
Langer, Bernhard - GERMANY  
Lardon, Brad (cp) - Santa Fe, NM  
Lehman, Tom - Scottsdale, AZ  
Leonard, Justin - Tequesta, FL  
Long, Michael - NEW ZEALAND  
Love III, Davis - Sea Island, GA  
Maggert, Jeff - The Woodlands, TX  
Marksaeng, Prayad - THAILAND  
Mayfair, Billy - Edmond, OK  
McCarron, Scott - Mooresville, NC  
McGinley, Paul - IRELAND  
McIntosh, Euan - SCOTLAND  
McKenzie, David - AUSTRALIA  
McNabb, Dave (cp) - Malvern, PA  
Mediate, Rocco - Jacksonville, FL  
Micheel, Shaun - Collierville, TN  
Mielke, Mark (cp) - Atlantis, FL  
Mitchum, Kelly (cp) - Southern Pines, NC  
Miyamoto, Katsumasa - JAPAN  
Molina, Mauricio - ARGENTINA  
Montgomerie, Colin - SCOTLAND  
Morin, Alan (cp) - Royal Palm Beach, FL  
O'Neal, Tim - Savannah, GA  
Pamplung, Rod - AUSTRALIA  
Parel, Scott - Augusta, GA  
Pate, Steve - Delray Beach, FL  
Pavin, Corey - Dallas, TX  
Pernice, Tom - Spring, TX

Perry, Kenny - Franklin, KY  
Petrovic, Tim - Austin, TX  
Phillips, Tracy (cp) - Tulsa, OK  
Price, Phillip - WALES  
Pride, Dicky - Orlando, FL  
Proehl, Chad (cp) - Urbandale, IA  
Quigley, Brett - Barrington, RI  
Raitt, Andrew - ENGLAND  
Rohrbaugh, Doug (cp) - Carbondale, CO  
Roth, Jeff (cp) - Farmington, NM  
Rudosky, Micah (cp) - Cortez, CO  
Sapere, Todd (cp) - Cobbtown, GA  
Schalk, Matt (cp) - Erie, CO  
Schmid, Jeffrey (cp) - Iowa City, IA  
Schmuhl, Jason (cp) - Windsor, CA  
Schneiter, Steve (cp) - Sandy, UT  
Shields, Kevin (cp) - Pittsburgh, PA  
Short Jr., Wes - Austin, TX  
Singh, Jeev Milkha - INDIA  
Singh, Vijay - FIJI  
Sluman, Jeff - Jupiter, FL  
Smock, Brian - Coronado, CA  
Sorensen, Alan (cp) - Bakersfield, CA  
Sowards, Bob (cp) - Dublin, OH  
Stankowski, Paul - Flower Mound, TX  
Steinmetz, Rich (cp) - Gilbertsville, PA  
Stendahl, Derek (cp) - Maple Grove, MN  
Stolz, Andre - AUSTRALIA  
Stricker, Steve - Madison, WI

Sutherland, Kevin - Sacramento, CA  
Tanigawa, Ken - Scottsdale, AZ  
Thomas, Craig (cp) - Rye Brook, NY  
Thompson, Neil (cp) - Hoover, AL  
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Tiziani, Mario - Shorewood, MN  
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Toms, David - Shreveport, LA  
Triplett, Kirk - Paradise Valley, AZ  
Verplank, Scott - Edmond, OK  
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# OSU, UT and WVU share Big 12 title



This year's Big 12 Championship should be more competitive than previous years as seven squads have a top-50 RPI

By Stacy Urban

For the first time in Conference history, three teams shared the Big 12 baseball regular season title as Oklahoma State, Texas and West Virginia finished the year knotted at 15-9.

Texas rallied in its final series against West Virginia, sweeping the three-game set to notch its 10th Big 12 title and third since 2018. The Longhorns won seven of their last nine Big 12 games, including each of the last five to earn the No. 1 seed in Arlington. UT was 4-2 against the other tied teams to earn the tiebreaker and faces No. 8 seed Kansas (8-16) at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Oklahoma State won its second Big 12 regular season championship, hoisting the trophy for the first time since 2014. The Cowboys were bolstered by a pair of sweeps in Big 12 play, and take home the No. 2 seed due to a 3-3 record against the tied teams. OSU begins its run at Globe Life Field in a Bedlam matchup against No. 7 Oklahoma (11-13).

West Virginia secured the first Big 12 baseball regular season title in program history. It was the second consecutive year that the Mountaineers have set a school record for wins in a Big 12 season. WVU

is the No. 3 seed due to a 2-4 record against the other co-champions and faces No. 6 seed Texas Tech (12-12).

TCU and Kansas State tied at 13-11 for fourth, with TCU taking the No. 4 seed due to a series victory over the No. 5 seed Wildcats. The two squads will faced off at 9 a.m. Wednesday to open the Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship. TCU run ruled the Wildcatss, winning 16-23.

The Championship features seven squads with a top-50 RPI, and all nine Big 12 members have a strength of schedule in the top-75. Four of the eight participants in Arlington are ranked by at least one major poll.

Here's the full seeding:

1. Texas Longhorns
2. Oklahoma State Cowboys
3. West Virginia Mountaineers
4. TCU Horned Frogs
5. Kansas State Wildcats
6. Texas Tech Red Raiders
7. Oklahoma Sooners
8. Kansas Jayhawks

*Note: Baylor came in last and did not make the field.*

The tournament is a double-elimination, meaning a team has to lose twice to be fully out of the running.

**How To Watch The Big 12 Championship**

All first pitch times below are listed in central time.

^Game broadcast on ESPNU. All others are on ESPN+

**2023 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship Schedule**

**Wednesday, May 24**

Game 1 – No. 4 TCU vs. No. 5 Kansas State – 9 a.m. – ESPNU

Game 2 – No. 1 Texas vs. No. 8 Kansas – 12:30 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 3 – No. 2 Oklahoma State vs. No. 7 Oklahoma – 4 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 4 – No. 3 West Virginia vs. No. 6 Texas Tech – 7:30 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

**Thursday, May 25**

Game 5 – Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser – 9 a.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 6 – Game 3 Loser vs. Game 4 Loser – 12:30 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 7 – Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner – 4 p.m. – ESPNU

Game 8 – Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner – 7:30 p.m. – ESPNU

**Friday, May 26**

Game 9 – Game 7 Loser vs. Game 5

Winner – 3 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 10 – Game 8 Loser vs. Game 6 Winner – 6:30 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

**Saturday, May 27**

Game 11 – Game 9 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner – 9 a.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 12 – Game 8 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner – 12:30 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 13 – Game 11 Loser vs. Game 11 Winner (if necessary) – 4 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

Game 14 – Game 12 Loser vs. Game 12 Winner (if necessary) – 4 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. – Big 12 Now on ESPN+

**Sunday, May 28**

Game 15 – Championship Game – 5 p.m. – ESPNU

Big 12 STANDINGS		
TEAM	Conf.	Overall
WestVirginia	15-9	38-18
Oklahoma St	15-9	37-16
Texas	15-9	39-16
TCU	13-11	33-22
Kansas State	13-11	33-22
Texas Tech	12-12	37-19
Oklahoma	11-13	30-24
Kansas	8-16	24-30
Baylor	6-18	20-35
*Iowa State	0-0	0-0

NCAA D1Baseball Top 25		
5/22/23		
1.	Wake Forest	45-9
2.	Florida	42-13
3.	Stanford	37-14
4.	Arkansas	39-15
5.	LSU	42-13
6.	Clemson	39-17
7.	Coastal Carolina	37-17
8.	Vanderbilt	37-17
9.	UConn	40-13
10.	Oregon State	39-16
11.	Miami	37-18
12.	Virginia	44-11
13.	Tennessee	38-18
14.	Campbell	41-13
15.	East Carolina	41-15
16.	Southern Miss	37-16
17.	Dallas Baptist	42-13
18.	Oklahoma State	37-16
19.	Auburn	33-19-1
20.	Texas	38-18
21.	West Virginia	39-16
22.	Boston College	34-17
23.	Maryland	37-19
24.	Alabama	38-17
25.	Kentucky	36-17



# Postseason Resumes



Texas Tech is the dark horse in this year's tournament

## Predicting The Big 12 Championship College Baseball Tournament

All Seven Big 12 baseball teams above .500 have a strong case for an at-large bid to the NCAA Championship, due to the strength of the league:

- 78% of the league ranks No. 53-or-better in the RPI
- Three teams in the top-25 and four in the top-40
- All nine teams have a strength of schedule in the top 75
- Every team in the league has multiple top-25 RPI wins
- All nine teams have at least five RPI top 50 wins
- Six teams are .500-or-better against top-100 RPI teams
- Two of the three teams nationally with 300+ walks, 100+ steals and 75+ home runs (Kansas State and West Virginia)

### Kansas State (RPI 53, SOS 48)

- Has 11 top-50 RPI wins, including four in true road games, including a key non-conference series win at No. 43 UC Irvine
- Won a school-record 14 games on the road, the second-most by a Big 12 this season
- Has a 30-15 record against teams ranked 26+ in the RPI

### Oklahoma (RPI 36, SOS 13)

- Ranks sixth nationally, and lead the Big 12, with 8 Top 25 RPI wins
- Has played only 23 of 54 games with every position player available, and is 14-9 in those 23 games
- Split a series with RPI No. 11 Stanford, took a midweek at No. 17 Dallas Baptist and a road series win at No. 24 Texas

### Oklahoma State (RPI 20, SOS 29)

- Earned a share of the Big 12 regular season championship
- Has key non-conference wins over RPI No. 17 Dallas Baptist, No. 36 Oklahoma (in a midweek), No. 41 Missouri and No. 50 Arizona State

- Has won 14 of its last 17 games to close the regular year
- Of the team's 16 losses, 11 came at the hands of a top-50 RPI team

### TCU (RPI 38, SOS 26)

- Has a 6-1 record against RPI Top 20 Teams, including key non-conference wins over RPI No. 3 Arkansas, No. 8 Vanderbilt and No. 17 Dallas Baptist (twice)
- Closed the regular season by winning eight of its last nine games
- Has taken care of business with a 17-3 record against teams RPI 101+

### Texas (RPI 23, SOS 19)

- Earned a share of the Big 12 regular season championship
- Won five consecutive games and 11 of 14 to close the regular season
- Had a 16-game winning streak in March, the second-longest in Division I this season

- Picked up a non-conference series win over RPI No. 27 Indiana and a midweek win over No. 34 Texas A&M

### Texas Tech (RPI 44, SOS 52)

- Improved its RPI from No. 66 on April 27 to No. 44 on May 23
- Split a midweek series at RPI No. 11 Stanford, along with a series win against RPI No. 32 Iowa
- Has a 22-5 record against RPI 101+ combined with a 15-14 mark against the RPI Top 100

### West Virginia (RPI 21, SOS 74)

- Earned a share of the Big 12 regular season championship
- Won six of its final eight regular season series
- Posted a 22-11 record against RPI Top 100 teams, including a 10-6 mark against the Top 50
- Had a key non-conference midweek win over RPI No. 45 Maryland, added series wins over No. 55 Arizona and No. 57 Xavier and took all three midweek games against No. 75 Pitt

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# 2023 All Big 12 Baseball Awards



Texas lefthander Lucas Gordon was named Pitcher of the Year



West Virginia second baseman JJ Wetherholt was named Big 12 Player of the Year

By *big12sports.com*

## WVU's Wetherholt, UT's Gordon Highlight Big 12 Baseball Awards

West Virginia second baseman JJ Wetherholt was named Big 12 Player of the Year and Texas lefthander Lucas Gordon was named Pitcher of the Year as the Conference unveiled its 2023 All-Big 12 Baseball Awards. The honorees were selected in a vote of the league's head coaches, who could not vote for their own players.

WVU's Randy Mazey was picked as Coach of the Year after leading the Mountaineers to a share of the Big 12 regular season title. Oklahoma State's Nolan Schubart and Kansas' Kodey Shojinaga were named Co-Freshmen of the Year and OSU's Tyler Wulfert was picked as Newcomer of the Year.

Texas Tech's Gavin Kash and Texas' Porter Brown joined Wetherholt and Gordon as unanimous selections to the All-Big 12 First Team. Texas led all schools with five first-team honorees.

Wetherholt ranks second in Division I with a .447 batting average and is on track to have the highest batting average for a Big 12 hitter since 1999. More than just a singles hitter, the sophomore from Mars, Pennsylvania has added 15 home runs, 21 doubles and has driven in 56 runs on the campaign. He is the first West Virginia player to win the award.

Gordon leads Big 12 starting pitchers with a 2.48 earned run average while posting a 6-1 record on the season. The Los Angeles native has struck out 85 batters and held his opponents to a .210 batting average. He is the eighth Longhorn hurler to win the award, and the second in the past three seasons.

Schubart hit .348 to rank second among all players in the Big 12 with 20 doubles, 15 home runs and 66 RBIs. He also ranks among the Big 12's leaders in RBIs (second), doubles (third), home runs (fifth) and slugging percentage (.695, fourth). The outfielder from Durand, Michigan is the first Oklahoma State hitter to be honored as the league's top freshman since Corey Brown was named Freshman Player of the Year in 2005.

Shojinaga is the first Kansas player to win Freshman of the Year, earning his nod due to a .380 batting average with 17 extra-base hits and 40 runs scored. He was the Big 12's leading hitter in Conference games, hitting .418 and scoring 20 runs in 24 Big 12 games.

Wulfert leads the Cowboys with a .355 batting average and ranks fourth in the Big 12 with a .695 slugging percentage. The third baseman, who transferred from Midland Junior College, has added nine home runs, 15 doubles and three triples. He is the fifth OSU player to be voted as Newcomer of the Year and the first since Christian Encarnacion-Strand in 2021.

Mazey was named Coach of the Year for the second time in four complete seasons, having captured the award in 2019. Mazey led the No. 21 Mountaineers to a share of the Big 12 regular season title with a 15-9 record.

TCU led all schools with four selections to the All-Freshman team, including unanimous selections Karson Bowen and Anthony Silva. Baylor's Kolby Branch, Kansas' Shojinaga, Oklahoma State's Carson Bengé and Schubart, Texas' Jared Thomas and Texas Tech's Kevin Bazzell were also unanimous selections.

## 2023 Big 12 Baseball Awards

**Player of the Year:** JJ Wetherholt, West Virginia

**Pitcher of the Year:** Lucas Gordon, Texas

**Co-Freshmen of the Year:** Nolan Schubart, Oklahoma State & Kodey Shojinaga, Kansas

**Newcomer of the Year:** Tyler Wulfert, Oklahoma State

**Coach of the Year:** Randy Mazey, West Virginia

### All-Big 12 First Team

C: Garret Guillemette, Texas  
 IF: Roc Riggio, Oklahoma State  
 IF: Brayden Taylor, TCU  
 IF: Gavin Kash, Texas Tech\*  
 IF: Kevin Bazzell, Texas Tech  
 IF: JJ Wetherholt, West Virginia\*  
 OF: Nolan Schubart, Oklahoma State  
 OF: Porter Brown, Texas\*  
 OF: Dylan Campbell, Texas  
 DH: Janson Reeder, Kansas  
 UT: Carson Bengé, Oklahoma State  
 SP: Braden Carmichael, Oklahoma  
 SP: Lucas Gordon, Texas\*  
 SP: Lebaron Johnson Jr., Texas  
 SP: Ben Hampton, West Virginia  
 RP: Tyson Neighbors, Kansas State  
 RP: Carlson Reed, West Virginia  
 \*- unanimous selection

### All-Big 12 Second Team

C: Chase Adkison, Oklahoma State  
 IF: Cole Elvis, Kansas  
 IF: Kodey Shojinaga, Kansas  
 IF: Tyler Wulfert, Oklahoma State  
 IF: Anthony Silva, TCU  
 IF: Peyton Powell, Texas  
 OF: Chase Jans, Kansas  
 OF: Carson Bengé, Oklahoma State  
 OF: Nolen Hester, Texas Tech  
 OF: Landon Wallace, West Virginia  
 OF: Braden Barry, West Virginia  
 DH: Colin Bruegemann, Oklahoma State

UT: Nolan McLean, Oklahoma State

SP: Collin Baumgartner, Kansas

SP: Owen Boerema, Kansas State

SP: Mason Molina, Texas Tech

SP: Blaine Traxel, West Virginia

RP: Isaac Stebens, Oklahoma State

RP: Garrett Wright, TCU

A tie resulted in five outfielders on the second team.

### All-Big 12 Honorable Mention

Baylor: Cortlan Castle  
 Kansas State: Kaelen Culpepper, Brady Day, Nick Goodwin, Brendan Jones, Raphael Pelletier  
 Oklahoma: Dakota Harris, James Hitt, Anthony Mackenzie, Bryce Madron, Kendall Pettis, John Spikerman  
 Oklahoma State: Ben Abram, Nolan McLean (RP), Juaron Watts-Brown  
 TCU: Karson Bowen, Kole Klecker, Cole Fontenelle, Louis Rodriguez  
 Texas: Eric Kennedy, Jared Thomas  
 Texas Tech: Brandon Beckel, Gage Harrelson, Hudson White  
 West Virginia: David Hagaman, Grant Hussey, Dayne Leonard, Aidan Major, Caleb McNeely, Logan Sauve, Tevin Tucker

### All-Freshman Team

Kolby Branch, Baylor\*  
 Kodey Shojinaga, Kansas\*  
 Easton Carmichael, Oklahoma  
 Carson Bengé, Oklahoma State\*  
 Nolan Schubart, Oklahoma State\*  
 Ben Abeldt, TCU  
 Karson Bowen, TCU\*  
 Kole Klecker, TCU  
 Anthony Silva, TCU\*  
 Jared Thomas, Texas\*  
 Kevin Bazzell, Texas Tech\*  
 Gage Harrelson, Texas Tech  
 \*-unanimous selection



# College Football News and Notes



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NFF College Hall of Fame RB Jim Brown of Syracuse passed away May 18 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 87. He put up some sensational numbers for Syracuse, earning the nickname "First Down Brown" along the way. He made runs of 78, 66, 53, 41 and 37 yards. Against Colgate in 1956, he rushed for 197 yards. He had other games with rushing totals of 162, 155, 154 and 151 yards. His season rushing total in 1956 was 986, third in the nation, and he was unanimous for All-America halfback. He was a place kicker, and this added to his scoring. Against Colgate in 1956 he scored six touchdowns and seven extra points for 43 markers in a 61-7 victory. That same season he scored 21 points against Boston University and 21 against TCU in the Cotton Bowl. Brown's achievements went beyond football. At Syracuse he won 10 letters in four sports. He was on the basketball team for two years and averaged 14 points a game in one season. He worked on occasion with the track team. In 1954 he placed fifth in the decathlon at the national AAU track meet. And he was considered the nation's best lacrosse player, an All-America star in the sport and, in 1957, co-winner of the national scoring championship. He once compet-

ed in two sports the same day. On a warm May day in 1957 he wore his track suit, won the high jump and javelin, placed second in the discus, and helped Syracuse beat Colgate in a dual meet. Then he put on his lacrosse uniform and led the way to an 8-6 win over Army West Point, winding up an undefeated season for the SU lacrosse team. He also starred in baseball at Manhasset (N.Y.) HS where he pitched two no-hitters. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1957 and was named the class marshal. This meant he led the class in a parade to the stage for the commencement program.

The NFF inducted the 2022 College Football Hall of Fame Class in December and announced the 2023 Class in January. Next month the organization begins the process of deciding who will claim college football's ultimate honor in 2024. The process begins with the release of the 2024 ballot, which will be distributed June 5 to the 12,000-plus members of the National Football Foundation. They will be voting and sharing their insights into the game's greatest legends with the NFF Honors Court who will make the final selection of the inductees. Voting will take place during the month of June.

NFF Membership is open to all who love the game and want to protect it for future generations. Please access FootballFoundation.org and click on the membership link to join the group and receive a June ballot for the 2024 College Football Hall of Fame Class.

The National Football Foundation's Future For Football campaign with support by the College Football Playoff and NFL has received a Webby Award nomination for its original series Today's Technology, Tomorrow's Players.

The 2023 NFF Awards Dinner will be hosted by the ARIA Resort and Casino and

City of Las Vegas on Tuesday, Dec. 5. For ticketing and additional information, please access FootballFoundation.com.

The INFLCR NIL Summit sponsored by TurboTax with 350-plus attendees in its 2023 gathering at the Chick-Fil-A NFF College Hall of Fame in Atlanta, is scheduled again for June 3-5. Additional information and registration are available via their website.

Student-Athlete NIL also has denoted nominations for the Second Annual NIL Awards to recognize 2022-23 scholastic year achievements by student-athletes, brands and institutions in name, image and likeness. The NIL Awards will happen on Saturday, June 3, at the College Football Hall of Fame. Top student-athletes, alongside other celebrities, influencers and pro-athletes will gather to recognize nominees and honor winners in such categories as Female and Male Athlete of The Year, Innovator of The Year, Breakthrough Student-Athlete, Brand of The Year, and Best Institutional NIL Program. The deadline for nominating student-athletes for the various awards was Friday, May 12.

#### NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

**Some notable birthdates** in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the May 22-28 time period are May 22 (1907) Paul Schwegler, Raymond, Wash.; (1960) Dave Rimington, Omaha, Neb.; (1977) Dre Bly, Chesapeake, Va.; May 23 (1888) Ted Coy, Andover, Mass.; May 24 (1894) Harry Baujan, Beardstown, Ill.; (1945) Clinton Jones, Cleveland, Ohio; (1946) Mel Tjeerdsma, Springfield, S.D.; (1947) Mike Reid, Altoona, Pa.; May 25 (1911) Joe Skladany, Larksville, Pa.; (1927) Calvin Roberts, Hector, Minn.; (1978) Brian Urlacher, Pasco, Wash.; May 26 (1887) Ed Hart, Exeter, N.H.; (1895) Ira Rodgers, Bethany, W.Va.; (1902) Bernie Shively, Oliver, Ill.; (1939) Herb Deromedi, Royal Oak, Mich.; May 27 (1889) George Little, Washington, D.C.; (1904) Les Lautenschlaeger, New Orleans, La.; (1960) Randy Trautman, Caldwell, Idaho; (1974) Danny Wuerffel, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; May 28 (1888) Jim Thorpe, Prague, Okla.; (1948) Bruce Taylor, Perth Amboy, N.J.; (1957) Kirk Gibson, Pontiac, Michigan.

**Some notable anniversaries** of passings of NFF College Hall of Fame members are May 22 (2002) Paul Giel, Minneapolis, Minn.; May 24 (2002) Creighton Miller, Shaker Heights, Ohio; May 25 (2021) J.D. Roberts, Oklahoma City, Okla.; May 26 (1956) Earl Abell, Pardeeville, Wis.; (1965) Homer Norton, College Station, Texas; (1994) Pug Lund, Minneapolis, Minn.; May 28 (1931) Knowlton Ames, Chicago, Ill.; (1964) Barton "Botchey" Koch, Temple, Texas;

(1979) Lou Little, Delray Beach, Fla.; (2014) James Saxton, Austin, Texas.

**Happy birthdays** to NFF Hall of Fame members May 22 Dave Rimington, Dre Bly, May 24 Clinton Jones, Mike Reid, May 25 Brian Urlacher, May 26 Herb Deromedi (a spry 84), May 27 Randy Trautman, Danny Wuerffel, May 28 Bruce Taylor, Kirk Gibson...

ABC and ESPN have designated several 2023 national telecasts of key games such as Sunday, Sept. 3 - LSU-Florida State, 7:30 p.m. (EDT), ABC, Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla.; Saturday, Sept. 9 - Texas at Alabama - 7 p.m. (CDT), ESPN; Saturday, Oct. 7 - Oklahoma-Texas, ABC, Time TBD, Cotton Bowl Stadium, Dallas, Texas; Saturday, Nov. 4 - Notre Dame at Clemson, ABC, Time TBD...FOX Sports demoted two key rivalry games for 2023 national telecasts - Colorado at TCU on Sept. 2 at 11 a.m. (CDT) and Ohio State at Michigan at noon (EST) on Saturday, Nov. 25...Baylor and North Texas will tangle in 2028 and '29...The Big Ten Conference's first intra-conference contest on CBS-TV will be the Sept. 23 Iowa at Penn State with PSU's annual White Out Game at 8 p.m. (EDT)...Louisiana Tech and Southern Miss will renew their longtime rivalry with 2025 and '26 encounters...Houston Christian has confirmed several new '24 season matchups against SMU, Tarleton State, Louisiana Christian, UTSA, and Indiana State...Colorado State and Texas Tech are slated to play one another in 2025 and '26...Western Michigan will travel to Michigan for 2026 and '29 tussles.

A gathering of 18 former UCLA quarterbacks called an Evening With the Quarterback Club helped raise \$250,000 for the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital in Los Angeles on April 15 at ULCA's Luskin Center. Some of the dignitaries included NFF College Hall of Fame members Troy Aikman and Gary Beban as well as NFF College Hall of Fame coach Terry Donahue's widow Andrea Donahue and NFF National Scholar-Athlete and renowned actor Mark Harmon (son of Hall of Famer and Heisman Trophy winner Tom Harmon of Michigan)...TCU is the only school nationally with two of its athletics communications student interns serving as presidents of their sororities - Delta Gamma president and Horned Frogs equestrian contact Caroline Durham is working with Phi Mu sorority leader and beach volleyball contact Sara Littlejohn...The C.O.O.L. Clinic (Coaches of Offensive Line in the NFL) presented by Bob Wylie wished mothers nationally a Happy Football Mom Day on Mother's Day May 14 ...Dr. Opal Lee, the grandmother of the

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national Juneteenth holiday from Fort Worth, Texas, has been awarded an honorary doctorate from the U. of North Texas .... Oklahoma softball will seek to tie the NCAA consecutive victories' record of 47 by Arizona in 1997 when the Sooners host the NCAA Norman Super Regional this weekend.

NFF College Hall of Fame player at Florida State and current Colorado head Coach Prime Deion Sanders just purchased a Ford 150 lifted pickup with high thresholds. "You gotta jump like Ja Morant to get in my car," Sanders said... Arkansas head coach Sam Pittman addressed a sellout crowd in Little Rock, Arkansas during last week's statewide tour and football update speeches... TCU's 2022 consensus National Coach of the Year Sonny Dykes and Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher traded some jabs about the level of competition in the Southeastern and Big 12 Conferences during recent speaking engagements... Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz remembers the days when the Big Ten, Southeastern Conference and many other circuits in the 1980s brought FBI agents to campus to emphasize the dangers of wagering on the student-athletes' own teams or in other sports... Former Duke head coach David Cutcliffe gained his final total compensation of \$3 million-plus in the weeks after he left the Blue Devils program in November 2021... Former Michigan football assistant director of recruiting and son of NFF College Hall of Fame coach Bob Schembechler – Glenn "Shemmy" Schembechler – is seeking a new position in the college football world.

**Hometowns** of more 2023 college head coaches – Clemson: Dabo Swinney, Birmingham, Ala.; Coastal Carolina: Tim Beck, Youngstown, Ohio; Coast Guard Academy: C.C. Grant, Cortland, N.Y.; Coe: Tyler Staker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Colby: Jack Cosgrove, Sharon, Mass.

USC director of athletics Mike Bohn resigned from his post last Friday... The Hawai'i Board of Regents officially confirmed Craig Angelos as Rainbow Warriors AD... Mississippi State director of athletics Zac Selmon found himself in the middle of some intense debate about future SEC football scheduling in his first SEC spring meeting last week... Florida State AD Michael Alford is keeping his campaign going about performance-based splits in Atlantic Coast Conference revenue. He also referred to the large gain in conference distribution that UCF will inherit from 2023-24 Big 12 Conference coffers and large media rights' guarantees... Oregon AD Rob Mullens remains strongly in support of the Pac-12 Conference and the Ducks longtime membership... Eastern Washington AD Lynn Hickey recalled her days as women's basketball head coach at Texas A&M and then moving into administration as AD at UTSA... Auburn AD John Cohen is looking at possible renovations at Jordan Hare Stadium, particularly the north end zone with research ongoing for design

and costs... Wake Forest AD John Currie and Virginia AD Boo Corrigan engaged in some pre-ACC meetings' discussions about conference revenue sharing methods.... Clemson AD Graham Neff also related that the daily changing economic landscape in college athletics has necessitated cogent discussions about revenue distribution in the ACC and all major conferences... Notre Dame AD Jack Swarbrick details that the perception of college athletics keeps changing as some conferences seek megacircuit status... West Virginia AD Wren Baker addressed the daily challenges of running a department with 200-plus employees and how sometimes disciplinary measures must be put into effect to find resolutions to ongoing challenges about public remarks made by staff members. Baker also addressed how other Power Five conferences such as the Big 12 might be able to close the revenue gap for the Big Ten and SEC compared to the other three Power Five groups... Notre Dame AD Jack Swarbrick appears to be the highest-compensated AD nationally just ahead of Texas AD Chris Del Conte... Memphis AD Laird Veatch is working to increase donor response to the Tigers football and men's and women's basketball initiatives... New Mexico AD Eddie Nunez reiterated the sound partnership of UNM with the Mountain West Conference amidst conference realignment updates... Arizona State AD Ray Anderson continued to mention SMU and San Diego State as possibilities if the Pac-12 decides to add members in coming months. Anderson also said a \$40 million goal for 2022-23 Pac-12 media rights' revenue might have been a little above the actual distribution, which was listed as \$37 million per member last week... FIU director of athletics Scott Carr glanced back at his first 18 months in the position and how the 275,000-plus living can make a financial difference in future years if athletics can reach key individuals and companies... Nicholls AD Jonathan Terrell explained the new fundraising and success mindsets for the Colonels.... Clemson AD Graham Neff gave his thoughts about the growing financial gap for the SEC and Big Ten Conference as opposed to the other five major loops.... Eastern Washington's fulltime AD search is moving toward an appointment with three finalists designated... Joel Worthington is the new assistant AD at Lane (Tenn.) and will continue his role as softball head coach after earning 2023 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year laurels.... Florida executive associate AD for external affairs and former Auburn AD and football student-athletes Jay Jacobs is retiring from college athletics and will move to the Lake Martin area near Auburn, Alabama.... Stonehill chose Kaitlyn O'Malley as deputy AD... William & Mary named Jasmine Perkins assistant AD for student-athlete development... Alcorn State selected Demetrius Howse as associate AD for

strategic communications... East Tennessee State named Dr. Bruce Atkinson women's volleyball head coach... Ole Miss added Molly Rouse as women's soccer head coach... Seton Hall added Mike McBride as deputy AD for revenue generation, NIL and strategic initiatives... Southern Miss baseball head coach Scott Berry is retiring after 14 years as the Golden Eagles head coach and 23 seasons with USM baseball overall... Queens Charlotte men's basketball head coach Grant Leonard has a new, four-year extension through 2026-27.... Colorado State women's basketball head coach Ryun Williams had his contract lengthened through the 2026-27 season.... Army West Point executive associate AD and senior women administrator Tricia Brandenburg now is serving on the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships Committee, and Black Knights senior associate AD Abigail Howard has been selected to serve on the NCAA DI Swimming and Diving Rules Committee... Former Florida Atlantic president Dr. Frank Brogan extolled the job that former FAU AD Craig Angelos performed with the Owls from 2003-12 during a critical time of repositioning... Sports Illustrated's Ross Dellenger noted that Houston has offered men's basketball head coach Kelvin Sampson an extended contract and that the NBA Milwaukee Bucks have expressed an interest in his coaching services... Iowa State wrestling head coach Kevin Dresser believes that in many cases student-athletes are held to higher conduct standards than other members of college student bodies.... Tennessee softball head coach Karen Weekly has a personal extension through June 2028... West Virginia alumni have expressed support for men's basketball head coach and his sensitivity training willingness after recent comments... Saint Joseph's (softball head coach) and George Mason (joint men's and women's swimming and Diving head coach) are seeking replacements for 2023-24... Kansas added contract year for softball head coach Jennifer McFalls... Bryant is seeking a new softball head coach for 2024... Former North Dakota senior associate AD Kara Helmig has taken over as director of Title IX and Clery Act compliance at Minnesota State Community and Technical College.... Nebraska president Ted Carter briefed media about the role of Nebraska athletics in the Big Ten and Power Five conferences... LSU president William F. Tate IV observed the difficulty of higher-round draft choices who starred in college in making various professional sports teams against rugged individual competition for roster spots... Louisville baseball head coach Dan McDonnell has expressed his concerns about diamond facilities and recruiting opportunities as he continues his Cardinals tenure... Wisconsin is pursuing a new women's rowing head coach for 2024... D1Ticker.com has new listings for position in athletics at Midwestern State, Mississippi State, USC Upstate, California

Baptist, Colgate, Eastern Washington, Elon, Hawai'i, IUPUI, La Salle, Long Beach State, Morehead State, Mount St. Mary's, Prairie View A&M, and South Carolina State.

The 2023 Conference USA Football Kickoff Media Day is set for July 25 at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.... There is a base \$17 million exit fee if any team leaves the Mountain West Conference in 2023, and it will be multiplied after July 1... Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner Jim Phillips and Tulane AD Troy Dannen had some advice for student-athletes wishing to place any wagers on football or other collegiate events: don't change NCAA rules to facilitate legal wagering and stay away from the temptation. Jim Phillips also has called for agent registration and other safeguards for possible federal NIL legislation... Did you know that Tennessee and Alabama finished second and third in the Big 12 Conference women's rowing championships in Austin, Texas, last week? It's not a type: UT and Bama compete as affiliate members of the Big 12 in this sport since the Southeastern Conference does not offer women's rowing. Of note, Vanderbilt of the SEC is an affiliate member of the Southland Conference in bowling... Media reports have Big Ten and Big 12 Conferences eyeballing the "Splendid (or Magnificent, depending on the media agency) Seven" of the Atlantic Coast Conference in case membership movements arise. The schools are Florida State, Clemson, Miami (Fla.), Virginia, NC State, Virginia Tech, and North Carolina... There are 11 Conference USA baseball performers on the C-USA Spring Sports All-Academic Team... 2022-23 conference television revenue for the Power Five circuits ended as Big Ten with \$58.8 million per member, SEC with \$49.9 million, Big 12 with \$42-\$44.9 million, ACC with \$37.9-\$41.3, and Pac-12 with \$37 million per member... Texas and Texas A&M warmed up for their impending SEC joint membership last Sunday as the Longhorns edged the Aggies 11-5 to win the NCAA Austin Softball Regional.

The Radianc Technologies Independence Bowl will carry over its previous agreement with BYU as an independent and propel the Big 12 Conference to seven contracted bowls as the Cougars become members of that circuit in 2023... The previous Lending Tree Bowl in Mobile, Alabama has a new title sponsor and will be called the 68 Ventures Bowl in December... Goodyear Cotton Bowl beneficiaries of 2023 community grants are the Grant Halliburton Foundation, the Onesight Essilor Foundation, the Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation, Mentors Care, the Behind Every Door Foundation, and the Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute.... Goodyear Cotton Bowl home AT&T Stadium is holding a priority presale for tickets to the World Soccer Champions Tour match between Spanish powerhouses

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FC Barcelona and Real Madrid on July 29 ....Riders Association will bring its national championships in 2024 to bowl- and NFL-famed AT&T Stadium. ...The Professional Bull 247 Sports listed the Top 10 available football transfer portal stand-outs who have not identified their 2023 destinations as CB Kameron Pedescleaux of Louisiana, OLB Alvin Williams of Colorado, OL Amari Ward of Jackson State, OL Jason Garcia of Utah, IT Anthony Red of Stanford, WR Jermaine Johnson of Massachusetts, CB Jerrod Gentry of Tennessee, RB Aaron Dumas of Washington, and DL Siosai Finau of Washington...OT Lyndell Hudson has moved from FIU to Florida for '23 ...Tulane safety Andre Sam is transferring to Miami (Fla.)...Penn State RB Keyvone Lee has joined the Mississippi State running back corps...Myciah Pittman of Florida State has transferred to Utah.... ...Florida State accepted Michigan State WR Keon Coleman as a '23 transfer... ...2023 Nebraska invited walkon utility football student-athlete Columbus (Neb.) Lakeview HS multi-sport star Landon Ternus has excelled in outdoor track and field sprints and field events with record-setting marks prior to the state championships...Former TCU wideout Jordan Hudson is transferring across the Metroplex to SMU...DT Tyas Martin is transferring from Colorado to Jackson State (reversing the trend of former JSU head coach heading north to CU)...Former Virginia Tech RB Kenji Christian has headed for North Carolina A&T...Tyrin Lawrence has withdrawn from the 2023 transfer portal and is returning to Vanderbilt, and the same is true for Mississippi State's Tolu Smith...Tyrese Hunter is returning to Texas for the 2023-24 academic year...Niya Morant, sister of former Murray State and NBA Memphis Grizzlies standout Ja Morant, has signed with Mississippi Valley State as a freshman for 2023-24.

Kumar Rocker, All-America pitcher at Vanderbilt and son of NFF College Hall of Fame member Tracy Rocker (now a line coach for the NFL Philadelphia Eagles) of Auburn, is undergoing Tommy John surgery on his right arm and will miss the rest of the '23 minor league season...Highly-touted college football official Chris Snead is getting offseason assignments as a referee in the U.S. Football League...The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2023 includes (with induction on Aug. 30 in Chicago) Johnny Dawkins of Duke, Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina, longtime Jefferson coach Herb Magee, late talent scout Tom Konchalski, and former Duke and Army West Point head coach Mike Krzyzewski.. ...Krzyzewski also appears to have received all his active coaching deferred payments after retirement...Recent Alabama Sports Hall of Fame inductee and longtime college head coach and AD Jackie Sherrill was featured on the

Sidelines Show with host Rob Browne... ...Former Harford (Md.) AD and baseball coach as well as St. Joseph's (Pa.) pitching coach and publicist Ken Krsolovic has become one of the top college baseball umpires in the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

Kansas State athletics will utilize Rally House stores as KSU's official merchandise retailer for in-venue and online stores starting July 1...James Madison athletics is at 8,100-plus football season tickets and counting with a school record coming before the May 15 priority purchasing deadline...East Carolina athletics saluted increased attendance at baseball, women's basketball and women's soccer matches in 2022-23 as well as a school-high 760,000-plus Facebook views since last August... ...Austin Peay athletics will continue to use Collegiate Sports Connect for the well-being of student-athletes and the Total Gov Concept...Providence athletics netted \$250,000-plus during smokers in the Greater New York and Connecticut areas last week...Northern Illinois athletics gained \$196,370 from the Victor E. Bash fundraiser...Women Leaders in College Sports will accept applications for the Pioli Family Endowed HBCU Scholarships – offering 13 for women in 2023 after funding six grants in 2022...The Rainbow Collective has become Hawai'i's NIL collective with assistance from the SANI Group...Collegiate Consulting provided a 55-page outline for Western Illinois' switch to membership in the Ohio Valley Conference ...The 1957 Club will offer assistance to Stony Brook student-athletes in NIL pursuits...Saint Joseph's (Pa.) alumni started the Hawk Hill Alliance NIL collective last week...The Huron Sports Consulting Group and Penn State athletics were part of a sitdown discussion about schools prioritizing investments while pursuing diversity, equity, inclusion, and Title IX challenges...Wichita State athletics is renovating historic Cessna Stadium with \$12 million in upgrades. There is no current plan to bring back varsity football for the Shockers, though, after the program was dropped in 1986...Vanderbilt has placed 2023-24 basketball season tickets on sale, and the Commodores recently had eight senior baseball student-athletes receive their diplomas at commencement.. ...Billionaire St. John's (N.Y.) athletics advocate Mike Repole has returned to the Red Storm's supporting fold after recent NIL and SJU personnel updates...Kansas athletics has created the Jayhawk Welcome Center to assist recruiting and fan experiences. It has been a collaboration of the KU Alumni Association, University Leadership, KU athletics, and Helix Architecture...INFLCR and The Brandr Group will join together with INFLCR becoming Brandr's chief technology partner ...UIC has a 10-year corporate sponsorship and media rights pact with the Van Wagner Group...Notre Dame athletics and Under Armour just came to and end of a 10-year, \$90 million marketing and apparel

agreement, and UA, Nike and adidas are among the possibilities for future UND rights...RealResponse and U.S. Integrity have inaugurated the Athlete Alert powered by RealResponse to help regulate any wagering challenges, physical threats or harm and emotional abuse from those legally wagering on college athletics toward student-athletes...Illinois State officials estimate that it may take up to six months to make a decision on the school's next AD...Almost amazingly, there were five schools in the 352-member NCAA Division I basketball group that did not have a transfer portal entry in the recent window. They are Drexel, Duke, Florida Atlantic, Jackson State, and Northern Iowa ...Cal State Fullerton athletics' illustrated elephant mascot Tuffy is being redesigned.. ...Ball State athletics is placing special emphasis on its championship experiences and brand elevation for an upcoming position addition...Northwestern athletics will unify its student-athlete development program within the office of diversity, equity and inclusion in NU athletics...The Friends of the University of Notre Dame NIL collective now will merge with Notre Dame NIL Global Partnerships...The Toyota Racing Development Division and Original Grain watchmakers are collaborating to unveil the Solar Octane Watch Collection, which will appeal to college football fans...New York legislators have offered a bill amending the state's previous NIL legislation with language similar to a 2023 Oklahoma NIL passage...Northeastern athletics will continue its relationship with the Aspire Group...Towson athletics and the Brandr Group signed a multi-year contract for group licensing...Florida A&M athletics just had a website redesign by SIDEARM Sports...Auburn athletics has retained Altius Sports Partners with a multiyear pact extension...The WMT Group will continue to evaluate data strategy and provide tools to help with data-researched decisions for multiple collegiate athletics clients...Georgia athletics expressed satisfaction with the Catapult Group's wearable technology – especially for basketball teams ...FIU athletics has a revamped its Relentless Pursuit strategic plan for 2023-28 with key points such as integrity, thinking big, accountability, teamwork, and inclusion...Minnesota legislators told the media that sports wagering is not likely to be brought up as a bill during the state's current business sessions...Oklahoma State athletics was complimented for its softball program's fulltime strength and conditioning coach and other dedicated individuals... ...Texas A&M will add higher ticket pricing for the 2023-24 men's basketball season ...Air Force athletics has been pleased with the results in human resources and acquisition of talented administrators through Collegiate Sports Connect.

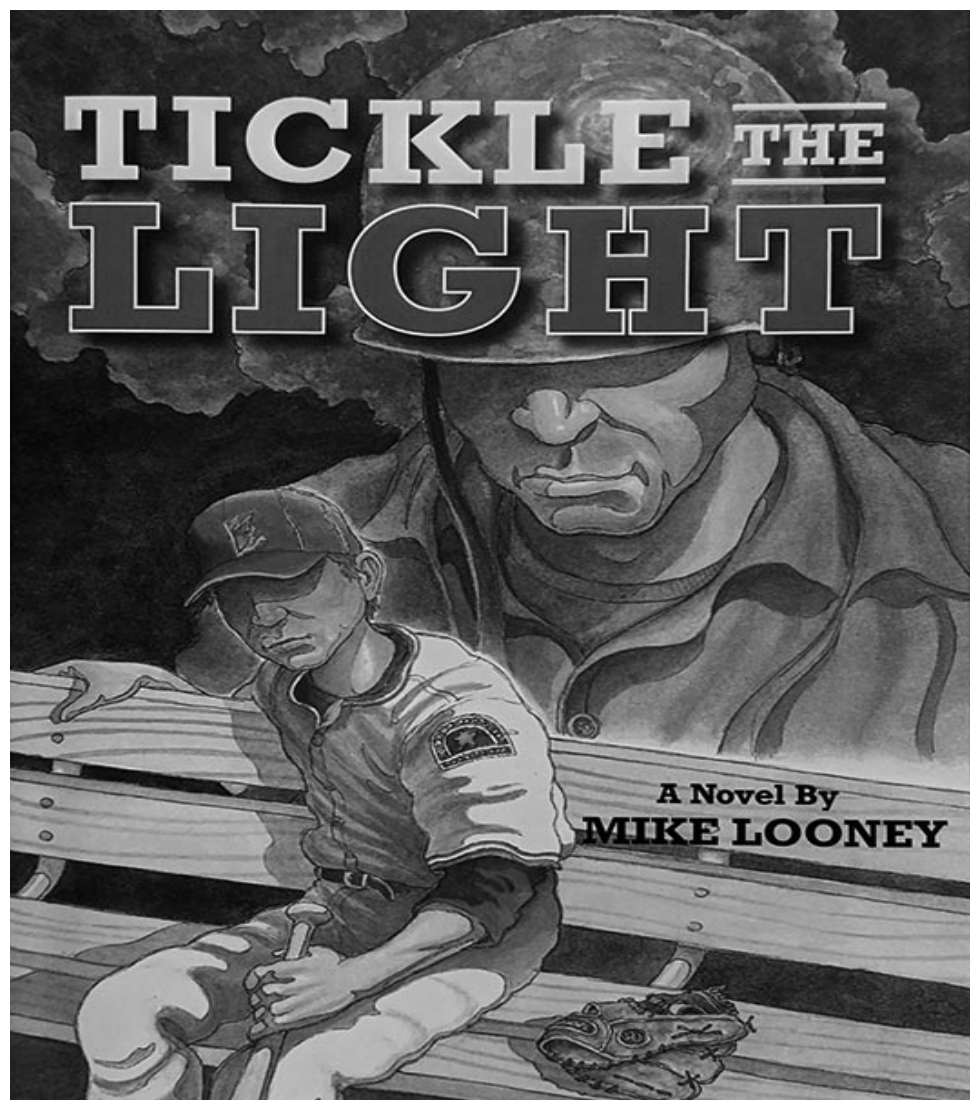
ExtraPoints.com editor Matt Brown detailed possibilities for Notre Dame and apparel agreements for NIL and related that Boston College athletics officially

signed an apparel and marketing pact with New Balance. EP also mentioned how Connecticut has several options in football if it decides to join a conference...Sports Illustrated detailed the "new era" of college conference commissioners with pressure to deliver larger financial rewards to their clientele and with a major desire to pursue massive multimedia rights' agreements. The magazine also mentioned how COVID-19 financial losses had increased the quick monetary turnarounds since mid-2021...Sports Illustrated's Ross Dellenger examined ways that the Big 12, Pac-12 and ACC can continue to compete nationally with much-funded SEC and Big Ten Conference schools...Extra Points also wrote a personality profile of new John Carroll (Ohio) AD Brian Polian...D1.ticker.com now is providing the Coaches. wire.com site for all college coaching moves on a timely basis...Meta's sports partnerships division spoke with NCAA correspondent Andy Katz about how social media posts by college athletics can lead to lucrative NIL deals and national followings – especially for college football and women's basketball student-athletes with their national popularity...The New York Times newspaper reported the Ohio Casino Control Commission and fines that might be levied for suspicious activity or other wagering challenges concerning college athletics...Fanatics will annex PointsBet's U.S. operations for \$150 million...The Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier newspaper comically suggested a possible waterfall as part of the Clemson Memorial Stadium renovations in The Hill and Howard's Rock area...Sports Illustrated surmises that the Pac-12 Conference may look at a short-term media rights' agreement to avoid the internal conflicts caused by such contracts as the ACC media agreements through 2026...NBC's Peacock Network will air one NFL playoff game exclusively via streaming via a Wall Street Journal report...AL.com's award-winning writer John Talty is leaving the group after nine years but is completing a book about college football...Pat McAfee confirmed that he will join ESPN fulltime and that his talk show will be shown on several ESPN venues...On3.com's Ivan Maisel commented on the NCAA's efforts to lobby Congress for a federal NIL standard...The new EA Sports video game will play royalties to any current college football student-athletes as part of NIL agreements... ...LEARFIELD is working with at least six clients to renegotiate of its current or expiring multimedia rights' contracts...The Athletic reported that Connecticut's membership in the Big East Conference for all sports except football (FBS independent) could be a bit of a stumbling block for immediate entry into the Big 12 or American Athletic Conferences...Crakes Media pointed out that any direct-to-consumer ESPN service without bundling will continue to increase in costs...The Los Angeles Times newspaper's Bill Plaschke



explored some of the circumstances concerning the resignation of USC director of athletics Mike Bohn...The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News newspaper's Jon Wilner reflected on the 13-year appointments of former Pac-12 Conference commissioner Larry Scott. The FWAA continues to accept nominations at FWAA.com for the prestigious Volney Meece Scholarship for children of FWAA members, collegiate FWAA members or children of College Sports Communicators. The fund has generated \$100,000-plus in college scholarships since it started in 1997...College Sports Communications members featured in the news and on social media posts in recent days are Thomas Corhern of Tennessee Tech, Alfred Kojima (retired) of Montevallo, Alex Boggis of UT Martin, Jen Dobias of Bucknell, and Lauren Templin of Colgate...Arizona, Arizona State, Georgia, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisville, LSU, Michigan, Michigan State, Tennessee, Texas State, UCLA, and USC have been conferring with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and probes at their respective schools...U.S. Sen. and veteran college football head coach Tommy Tuberville (Rep-Ala.) approves the educational aspect of football but is concerned about the NCAA's lack of control in FBS matters...The NCAA Division I Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City has defending champ Oklahoma as the No.

1 seed ahead of UCLA, Florida State, Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma State, Washington, Duke, Stanford, LSU, Arkansas, Northwestern, Texas, Georgia, Utah and Clemson...Stanford's women's water polo squad edged USC 11-9 for the school's ninth NCAA crown in that sport and the Cardinal's NCAA-record 133rd overall team championship...The LEAD1 Group CEO and former Maryland/NBA standout Tom McMillen gave his thoughts on possible federal NIL legislation with a possible compromise bill upcoming between U.S. House and Senate solons...There are 12 Big 12 Conference alumnae on 2023 WNBA opening-contest rosters...The NCAA has initiated a national survey to try and ascertain percentages of male and female young adults between the ages of 18-22 who are making wagers on college sporting events...NBA superstar LeBron James commented on the influence and legacy of late NFF College Hall of Fame RB Jim Brown of Syracuse had on James' youth and career in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Former U.S. President Barack Obama also acknowledged Brown's influence on both athletics and society...North Carolina nabbed its first NCAA Division I women's tennis championship for the 49th all-time NCAA team title for UNC -36 by women's teams...The National Labor Relations Board continues to file cases of possible interpretation of student-athlete employment by universities against the NCAA, Pac-12 Conference and USC.



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