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SAT 10.1 | 8:30 PM



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SUN 10.2 | 8:30 PM



**CHRIS PEREZ BAND**  
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**JAMESTOWN REVIVAL**  
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SUN 10.9 | 8:30 PM



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WED 10.10 | 10:00 & 12:00 PM



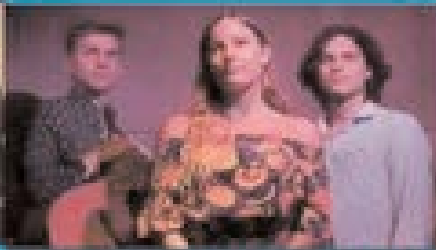
**JASON DOLAN AND THE STRAGGLERS**  
FRI 10.14 | 8:30 PM



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SAT 10.15 | 8:30 PM



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SUN 10.16 | 8:30 PM



**GIRL NAMED TOM**  
FRI 10.21 | 8:30 PM



**DISORIENTATION**  
SAT 10.22 | 5:30 & 8:30 PM



**THE STRAGGLERS**  
10 PM





# 2022 TEXAS RANGERS SCHEDULE

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					TOR 6:07	TOR 2:07
3 TOR 12:37	4 COL 3:35	5 COL 7:35	6	7 LAA 7:35	8 LAA 7:35	9 LAA 6:05
10 LAA 1:35	11	12 SEA 8:40	13 SEA 8:40	14 SEA 8:40	15 OAK 8:40	16 OAK 9:07
17 OAK 8:07	18 HOU 7:35	19 HOU 7:35	20 HOU 7:35	21 HOU 1:35	22 ATL 7:35	23 ATL 6:05

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 NYM 6:10	2 NYM 2:10
3 NYM 12:40	4 BAL 12:05	5 BAL 8:05	6 BAL 8:05	7	8 MIN 7:05	9 MIN 3:05
10 MIN 1:05	11 OAK 7:35	12 OAK 7:35	13 OAK 7:35	14 SEA 7:35	15 SEA 7:35	16 SEA 8:35
17 SEA 1:35	18	19 ALL-STAR GAME	20	21 MIA 12:10	22 OAK 8:40	23 OAK 8:07
24 OAK 8:07	25 SEA 9:10	26 SEA 9:10	27 SEA 2:40	28 LAA 8:38	29 LAA 8:38	30 LAA 8:07
31 LAA 8:07						

## MAY

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

## AUGUST

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

## JUNE

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

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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

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## AROUND THE AREA

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

# SEC/Big 12 Challenge matchups announced



Matchups have been determined for the 2023 SEC/Big 12 Men's Basketball Challenge to be played on January 28

The 10th annual event will consist of 10 games as every Big 12 member faces 10 Southeastern Conference teams. This will mark the eighth consecutive year for all games to be played in one day. ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU will combine to televise the contests. Each conference has five home games and five on the road.

Big 12 teams are 48-41 (.539) in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge. The Big 12 has a yearly Challenge record of 4-3-2 with wins in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2019. One game was canceled in 2021 due to COVID. Ties occurred in 2017 and 2020.

Television designations and game times will be announced when available.

### SEC/Big 12 Challenge Matchups

Arkansas at Baylor  
Iowa State at Missouri  
Kansas at Kentucky  
Florida at Kansas State  
Alabama at Oklahoma  
Ole Miss at Oklahoma State  
TCU at Mississippi State  
Texas at Tennessee  
Texas Tech at LSU  
Auburn at West Virginia

### NCAA BASEBALL

#### D1 Baseball

1. Tennessee
2. Virginia Tech
3. Stanford
4. Oregon State
5. Texas A&M
6. Miami
7. Louisville
8. Texas Tech
9. Oklahoma State
10. Maryland
11. Texas State
12. Gonzaga
13. Arkansas
14. Southern Miss
15. Virginia
16. Notre Dame
17. UCSanta Barbara
18. TCU
19. Texas
20. UCLA
21. LSU
22. Oklahoma
23. East Carolina
24. Auburn
25. Grand Canyon

#### Baseball America

1. Tennessee
2. Stanford
3. Virginia Tech
4. Texas A&M
5. Oregon State
6. Miami
7. Louisville
8. Oklahoma
9. Maryland
10. Gonzaga
11. Oklahoma State
12. North Carolina
13. Texas
14. Notre Dame
15. TCU
16. Texas State
17. Southenn Miss
18. Florida
19. UCLA
20. East Carolina
21. Arkansas
22. Texas Tech
23. UCSanta Barbara
24. Auburn
25. Virginia

### Baylor Welcomes Mitch Thompson as Head Baseball Coach

Mitch Thompson, one of the most highly-respected coaches and recruiters in college baseball, has been selected as Baylor University's 20th head baseball coach, as announced Wednesday by Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Mack Rhoades. Thompson will be formally introduced at a press conference next week, with details to be announced.

A former Baylor assistant for nearly two decades, Thompson helped lead the Bears to three Big 12 Conference titles, 12 NCAA Regional appearances, three Super Regional appearances and the 2005 College World Series. Since the 2014 season, Thompson has built Waco's own McLennan Community College into one of the nation's premier junior college programs, coming off back-to-back JUCO World Series appearances including the 2021 national title.

In nine seasons at MCC, Thompson compiled a 372-138-1 (.728) record with postseason appearances each year. Since Thompson took the reins of the program, the Highlanders claimed four NJCAA Region 5 and Southwestern District Championships, four NTJACAC Championships, a second-place finish at the 2015 JUCO World Series, and the 2021 NJCAA Division I Baseball National Championship. Additionally, the Highlanders produced 16 MLB Draft picks, including the top NJCAA selection in three of the last four years. Under Thompson's tutelage, 108 players have gone on to play at four-year universities, including 87 at the Division I level.

Before being named McLennan's head

coach, Thompson spent one season as the South Texas area scouting supervisor for the Kansas City Royals organization. During that year, Thompson drafted the 1st-, 3rd-, 9th-, 13th- and 20th-round picks for Kansas City, two of which have advanced to play in the Big Leagues.

In his prior 18 years at Baylor, Thompson helped coached 10 teams to 40-win seasons and set team records in virtually every offensive category, including batting average, hits, runs, doubles, home runs, RBIs, total bases, stolen bases and slugging percentage. During his tenure, Thompson guided 97 all-conference honorees, 16 All-Americans and 13 freshman All-Americans. Additionally, Baylor's top-five winningest seasons came during Thompson's tenure.

From '95 to '12, Thompson recruited 72 Baylor players who were drafted or signed with Major League organizations. The list includes several high-round draft picks, most notably first-rounders Kip Wells (White Sox, 1998), Jason Jennings (Rockies, 1999), Chad Hawkins (Rangers, 2000), David Murphy (Red Sox, 2003), Mark McCormick (Cardinals, 2005) and Aaron Miller (Dodgers, 2009), as well as 2001 Johnny Bench Award winner and Red Sox second-round pick Kelly Shoppach.

Twelve players who Thompson recruited to BU eventually reached the Major Leagues. His recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top-25 six times, including a No. 1 ranking in 2005 that led to Thompson being named Baseball America's American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) National Assistant Coach of the Year.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	JUNE 17 FRIDAY	JUNE 18 SATURDAY	JUNE 19 SUNDAY	JUNE 20 MONDAY	JUNE 21 TUESDAY	JUNE 22 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 23 THURSDAY
	Rangers at Tigers 6:10 / BSSW	Rangers at Tigers 3:10 / BSSW	Rangers at Tigers 12:40 / BSSW		Rangers vs Phillies 7:05 / BSSW	Rangers vs Phillies 3:05 / BSSW	
	Roughriders vs Midland 7:05	Roughriders vs Midland 7:05	Roughriders vs Midland 6:05		Roughriders at Arkansas 6:35	Roughriders at Arkansas 6:35	Roughriders at Arkansas 6:35
		Dallas vs. Vancouver 8:00 / TXA21					
	Thoroughbred Racing Post time: 6:35	Thoroughbred Racing Post time: 1:35	Thoroughbred Racing Post time: 1:35	Thoroughbred Racing Post time: 1:35			Thoroughbred Racing Post time: 6:35



# Texas Rangers News and Notes



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Week 10 started in Chicago, ended in Detroit and in between, the Houston Astros came to Arlington for three games. Texas finished 4-3 for the week clinging to second place in the division. They trail Houston by nine games and are one game ahead of the Angels (two in the loss column) and two games ahead of Seattle (three in the loss column).

The Rangers finished week 10 by starting a four game series in Detroit. Both starting pitchers were excellent going seven innings with only one run allowed between them – that by Martin Perez. Texas needed a good start to rest their bullpen, which was used heavily in Chicago and against Houston. Perez had struggled in his previous two starts, but Thursday's strong outing brought his ERA down to 2.10.

The score was still 1-0 with two outs in the ninth inning when Ezequiel Duran came to bat. The bases were loaded on two walks and a hit batsman. Duran wasted little time changing the complexion of the game. On the second pitch, he tripled all three runners home for a 3-1 lead. Joe Barlow retired three of the four batters he faced in the ninth inning to secure the win and earn his 12th save.

The Rangers arrived in Chicago to begin week 10 last Friday. It did not begin well as Friday's starting pitcher, Glenn Otto, was placed on the COVID19 Injured List forcing a bullpen game.

Texas went through six pitchers putting pressure on the bullpen for the rest of the series and into the series against Houston that followed. The Rangers also didn't play a good defensive game and didn't have much going offensively. They scored three on solo home runs by Nathaniel Lowe, Adolis Garcia and Corey Seager.

Faulty defense for the Rangers opened the door for a five run eighth inning for the White Sox that broke a 3-3 tie. The Rangers went quietly in the ninth making 8-3 the final score.

Saturday's game didn't start any better. Perez started and was not sharp. He struggled to finish five innings giving up seven

runs on 12 hits.

After getting down 5-0 in the first four innings. The Rangers tallied four runs in the fifth to make it a game again. Texas then scratched out another run in the sixth inning and two more in the seventh to tie the game at seven.

The game went into extra innings as Lowe led off the Ranger tenth with a double that scored the ghost runner, and he later scored on a passed ball to put Texas in front 9-7. Later in the inning, Marcus Semien singled home two more runs.

Joe Barlow struggled in the bottom of the tenth giving up a pair of runs before retiring the Sox making the final score 11-9.

Ranger starter Jon Gray was very good on Sunday, keeping the bullpen off the field for six innings while allowing a run on three hits. The teams scrapped to a 3-3 tie after nine innings. What happened next was three of the most entertaining innings of the season.

Neither team scored in the tenth, and Duran hit a clutch three run home run in the 11th inning to put the Rangers ahead. With a 6-3 lead and Barlow warmed up, the win looked all but done.

Barlow ended up with a hard luck blown save. The key play was a catchable fly ball into left center field. Instead of an easy out, Eli White and Charlie Culberson collided turning the catchable fly ball into a triple that scored two runs. A bloop single with the infield drawn in scored the runner from third to send the game to the 12th inning.

Adolis Garcia singled leading off the 12th inning, sending ghost runner Corey Seager to third base. Garcia then stole second and both runners scored on Jonah Heim's single making the score 8-6.

The Rangers still needed three outs for the win. The bullpen cupboard was almost bare. Kolby Allard was the only rested option. He has been on the Arlington-Round Rock shuttle for more than a month and had not pitched in a Ranger game since May 11.

Allard quickly dispensed Jose Abreu, getting a called third strike. The next batter ended the game on one of the strangest plays in Ranger history. Jake Burger hit a fly ball to deep left field for the second out. Ghost runner Luis Robert tagged and ran for third base. Culberson's throw was late, but Duran maintained the tag as the momentum of Robert's slide popped him off the base. That was the game ending out. A video review of the play confirmed.

Barlow (2-1) got the win, and Allard got the save with his unlikely two up, three down inning. His first career save.

The series win was the Rangers' first over the White Sox in Chicago since 2014. Sunday's win also capped the road trip with a 3-3 record.

The Astros and Rangers played their third series of the season this week completing 11 of the 19 scheduled games. Taylor Hearn was Monday's starting pitcher, and there was pressure to eat some innings with the pitching staff making 18 appearances in Chicago.

Hearn got off to a shaky start with command problems. Houston scored two runs in the first inning and another in the second. From there though, Hearn settled in and pitched into the sixth inning with no more scoreboard damage.

Ranger batters pecked away with single runs in the third and seventh innings bringing them up to bat in the eighth trailing 3-2. Heim led off the with a single and was replaced by Culberson pinch running. He promptly stole second base. Nathaniel Lowe grounded out to first base moving Culberson to third base. Duran always seems to be in the middle of Ranger rallies, and he was again Monday, singling Culberson home to tie the game. Duran then stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Brad Miller singled Duran home to put the Rangers in ahead, and Texas added another run to lead 5-3.

It was an old fashioned baseball rally. No home runs. Two stolen bases. It added up to a Ranger win when Matt Moore came out of the bullpen to shut down the Astros in the ninth inning on seven pitchers for the save, the first of his Major League career.

The Rangers lost Tuesday night, perhaps the most disappointing loss of the season. Texas played a beautiful game taking a 3-0 lead into the eighth inning. Starter Dane Dunning had perhaps his best start of the season blanking the hard hitting Astros for six innings.

Houston opened the innings with a pair of singles that put runners at first and third base. The key play of the game then happened. Alex Bregman grounded to short-stop Corey Seager. The prudent play was to throw to second base to start a double play. With the 3-0 lead, the Rangers were more than happy to trade a run for two outs. Seager instead threw home. Jose Altuve, the runner coming from third stopped to force a rundown which the Rangers muffed. The end result was Altuve scored, the Rangers did not record an out, and Houston had runners on second and third base with no outs.

The momentum had totally swung to Houston. A groundout scored a second run, and Kyle Tucker finished off the

Rangers with a two run home run for the 4-3 win.

Wednesday's afternoon game closed out the series. It was again Glenn Otto's turn to start, but Otto is still on the COVID19 Injured List, so the Rangers again had a bullpen game started by Tyson Miller. This game was all Houston from the get go. The final score was 9-2 with infielder Charlie Culberson pitching a three up three down ninth inning.

Week 11 starts with the continuation of the four game series in Detroit. The announced starting pitchers for Texas are Jon Gray (1-3), Taylor Hearn (4-4) and Dane Dunning (1-4). Game times (CDT) are 6:10 PM on Friday, 3:10 PM on Saturday, and 12:40 PM on Sunday.

## ROSTER DECISIONS:

Eli White suffered a hairline fracture in his wrist from the Sunday outfield collision in Chicago. He underwent surgery last Tuesday and will not be able to do any baseball activities for six weeks. The likelihood is that he will not be back on the active roster until August at the earliest. Jose Leclerc and Brett Martin were activated prior to Friday's game in Detroit. Jonathan Hernandez's rehabbing is going well such that he is expected back soon. After this weekend, the roster limit on pitchers gets reduced from 13. The Rangers are carrying 14 pitchers, so one will have to go, but manager Chris Woodward will then have an extra position player on his bench.

## NOTABLE:

\* **THE SILVER BOOT:** The race for the Silver Boot Trophy now stands at eight wins for Houston and three wins for Texas. It takes 10 wins to claim the trophy, as the teams meet 19 times during the season. The Astros have won the boot in each of the last five years, and only once was it a close race. In the COVID19 shortened 2020 season when the Rangers and Astros played each other just 10 times, the teams split with five wins each, and the Astros won on a tie breaker. Houston and Texas do not meet again until August.

\* The rare "immaculate" inning happened twice in the Houston series. An immaculate inning is a three up three down inning with three strikeouts on nine pitches. In Wednesday's game, Luis Garcia and Phil Maton both did it with Garcia's coming in the second inning and Maton's coming in the seventh. This was the first game with two immaculate innings since pitch data was first tracked in 1988.

\* Per Jamey Newberg, the Rangers play just six games against teams currently having winning records in their next 45 games.



# Dallas a host city for FIFA World Cup



## Dallas Named A Host City For FIFA World Cup 2026

The City of Dallas was named one of 16 host cities for FIFA World Cup 2026™, announced Thursday by FIFA on a live broadcast from New York City. It is a significant milestone on the road to FIFA World Cup 2026™ as the 16 host cities in three countries are due to stage matches between 48 teams.

A crowd of enthusiastic fans gathered at the AT&T Discovery District in downtown Dallas to watch the live announcement, celebrating the historic announcement as Dallas was named one of the host cities for the first time since 1994.

“This is a big day for the city of Dallas. Being named as a host city for FIFA World Cup 2026™ provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a legacy for North Texas through the most popular sport in the world,” said Dallas Sports Commission Executive Director Monica Paul. “From infrastructure and arts to top-level training facilities and a world-class venue in AT&T Stadium, Dallas offers everything that the committee could have wanted in a host city. It’s incredibly gratifying to be chosen, and we can’t wait to begin preparing for FIFA World Cup 2026™.”

Cities also named as FIFA World Cup 2026 host cities include Atlanta, Boston, Guadalajara, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Monterrey, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver.

“There is no greater sporting event in the world than the FIFA World Cup,” said Dan Hunt, Dallas 2026 Host City Bid Chairman and President, FC Dallas. “We are thrilled that FIFA has selected Dallas as a host city for the North American bid and FC Dallas is proud to play an important part in this process.

“The legacy of the 1994 World Cup is a big reason why we’re here today. On the back of that World Cup, Major League Soccer was born. As the league has grown, the appetite for elite-level soccer continues to flourish. There has never been a better moment in time to be involved in the beautiful game than right now.”

AT&T Stadium in Arlington will be one of the primary venues in FIFA World Cup 2026™.

“Our region is known for delivering a world-class sports experience, and FIFA World Cup 2026™ will fit perfectly within that framework,” said Dallas Cowboys Owner, President and General Manager Jerry Jones. “We’re thrilled that the com-

mittee has selected Dallas as a host city and can’t wait to once again showcase our region on a global stage. AT&T Stadium is one of the world’s premier sports venues, an elite facility worthy of hosting FIFA World Cup 2026™. I couldn’t be prouder to welcome one of the world’s most popular sport inside the home of the Dallas Cowboys, and I am confident our fan base will respond with an energy befitting ‘The Beautiful Game.’”

Today’s announcement follows the most transparent and comprehensive bidding process in football history, with FIFA’s decision having been made in the best interests of the game, taking into consideration the needs of all stakeholders involved in the FIFA World Cup 2026.

“We congratulate the 16 FIFA World Cup Host Cities on their outstanding commitment and passion,” said FIFA President Gianni Infantino. “Today is a historic day – for everyone in those cities and states, for FIFA, for Canada, the USA and Mexico who will put on the greatest show on Earth.

We look forward to working together with them to deliver what will be an unprecedented FIFA World Cup and a game-changer as we strive to make football truly global.”

“We were delighted by the unparalleled competitiveness of this selection process,” added FIFA Vice President and Concacaf President Victor Montagliani. “We are extremely grateful not only to the 16 cities that have been selected, but also to the other six – with whom we look forward to continuing to engage and explore additional opportunities to welcome fans and participating teams. This has always been a FIFA World Cup of three countries, and that undoubtedly will have a tremendous impact on the whole region and the wider football community.”

The highly anticipated announcement was made on a TV show produced in cooperation with FOX and Telemundo from New York and broadcast live to host countries Canada, Mexico and the USA, as well as the whole world via FIFA+.



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# Liv Golf: Hot Topic at U.S. Open



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The buzz around the golf world has been about a new tour called LIV Golf, which had their inaugural event last week outside of London. Charles Schwartzel won the individual tournament and in the process pocketed \$4 million dollars, plus another \$750,000 for his share of being part of a 4 man-team event.

This week the attention will be on the playing of the U.S. Open. Fourteen players who jumped ship from the PGA Tour to the LIV tour will tee it up this week at the U.S. Open in Brookline, Mass. That group includes three former U.S. Open champions: Dustin Johnson, Graeme McDowell and Martin Kaymer.

Six time U.S. Open runner-up Phil Mickelson will make his first major debut of the year. Mickelson's game isn't in top shape, but can you imagine if he's in the hunt come Sunday.

Bryson DeChambeau is another past U.S. Open champion that has recently signed on with LIV Golf.

LIV Golf translates into the number 54 in Roman numerals. Those are the number of holes that players compete on this new tour. The tournament last week was played over three days instead of the typical four. They had a shotgun start with all of the 48 players teeing off at the same time. They have already pledged \$250 million in prize money with each event having a \$25 million total prize package. Individual players compete for \$20 million and the remaining \$5 million is dispersed between the top three teams each week. There are seven more tournaments scheduled this year.

The LIV Golf tour is financially backed by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund which is a sovereign wealth fund chaired by Mohammed bin Salman, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia and the man who US intelligence reports named as responsible for approving the 2018 murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Where a lot of the heat is coming from is how players are choosing to look the other way in order to play for big money considering it's coming from a country with a horrific human rights record. The atrocities by the Saudi's are hard to overlook and unforgivable. I

watched an interesting piece on TV featuring a renowned Middle East correspondent who has covered the Saudi Prince over the years. He explained the reason why they are backing this new golf venture. He said,

"Saudi Arabia's backing of the new series is the latest example of the way oil-rich gulf monarchies use their vast wealth to invest in sports and cultural institutions in hopes of raising their countries' international profiles and shifting how they are viewed by people in Western countries. This has become known as 'sports washing'. Saudi Arabia's investments in international sports and culture have accelerated rapidly since 2015, when Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman began his ascent to become the kingdom's de facto ruler and spearheaded a massive overhaul aimed at opening up its economy and culture. It turns out they (Saudi's) are looking for an older, more professional market to attempt to make inroads to a wealthier demographic."

It's all about the money for these players who signed on the dotted line with LIV Golf. The LIV Tour has a huge advantage from a financial standpoint as the PGA Tour is a non-profit company. We've heard astronomical figures being paid for players like Mickelson and Dustin Johnson in the \$200 million range. Without knowing exactly what's in the contracts for the all the players who committed to play we can only guess what kind of guarantees they have. These golfers are independent contractors and should be able to go play wherever they choose. Players like Mickelson and Lee Westwood and Ian Poulter are on the back 9 of their careers.

I'm curious about the young up and coming players who haven't been out on the PGA Tour very long. What kind of gamble will they be taking early on in their career? Will they be lured by the big money payouts, thus ruining their chances to compete in the future on the PGA Tour?

I think many of the PGA Tour players are taking a wait and see attitude to see how this plays out. Who and where you are in your career will probably have a lot to do with the decision making process.

Playing fewer tournaments as you get older is a good thing because of the wear and tear it takes on the body. Less travel is always a good thing too. Also, playing only 54 holes instead of 72 (like they do on the PGA Tour Champions) seems to have worked out ok.

Regardless of how you play that week, knowing you're going to make money because there is no cut, helps to lessen the load.

Last week, three other players besides



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Schwartzel made over a million dollars. Andy Ogletree who finished last in the first event pocketed \$120,000 while in the process of shooting 23 over par.

Athletes in other professional sports still get paid even if they are sidelined with a hang nail. Golfers don't get paid if they are hurt and have to incur their own expenses especially starting out by getting sponsors. I can see both sides, but the optics and the way this thing has played out so far doesn't look good. Everybody has a price and let's admit, this isn't about growing the game.

For some of the players that have multimillions of dollars, what is enough? PGA Commissioner Jay Moynihan said, "we play for competition and meaning". Those

are great qualities, but when you go up against money that is a powerful force and a serious competitor.

Make no mistake this new tour is a viable threat to the PGA Tour whose had a monopoly on the game for decades. It's too early to tell what the ramifications of all this will be. People have asked me what would I do if presented with the opportunity to cash big paychecks? I wouldn't rush into a decision, but I would do my due diligence. I think this will all end up being litigated in the courts. Meanwhile, for those players who left the PGA Tour for LIV Golf...just make sure the check clears.

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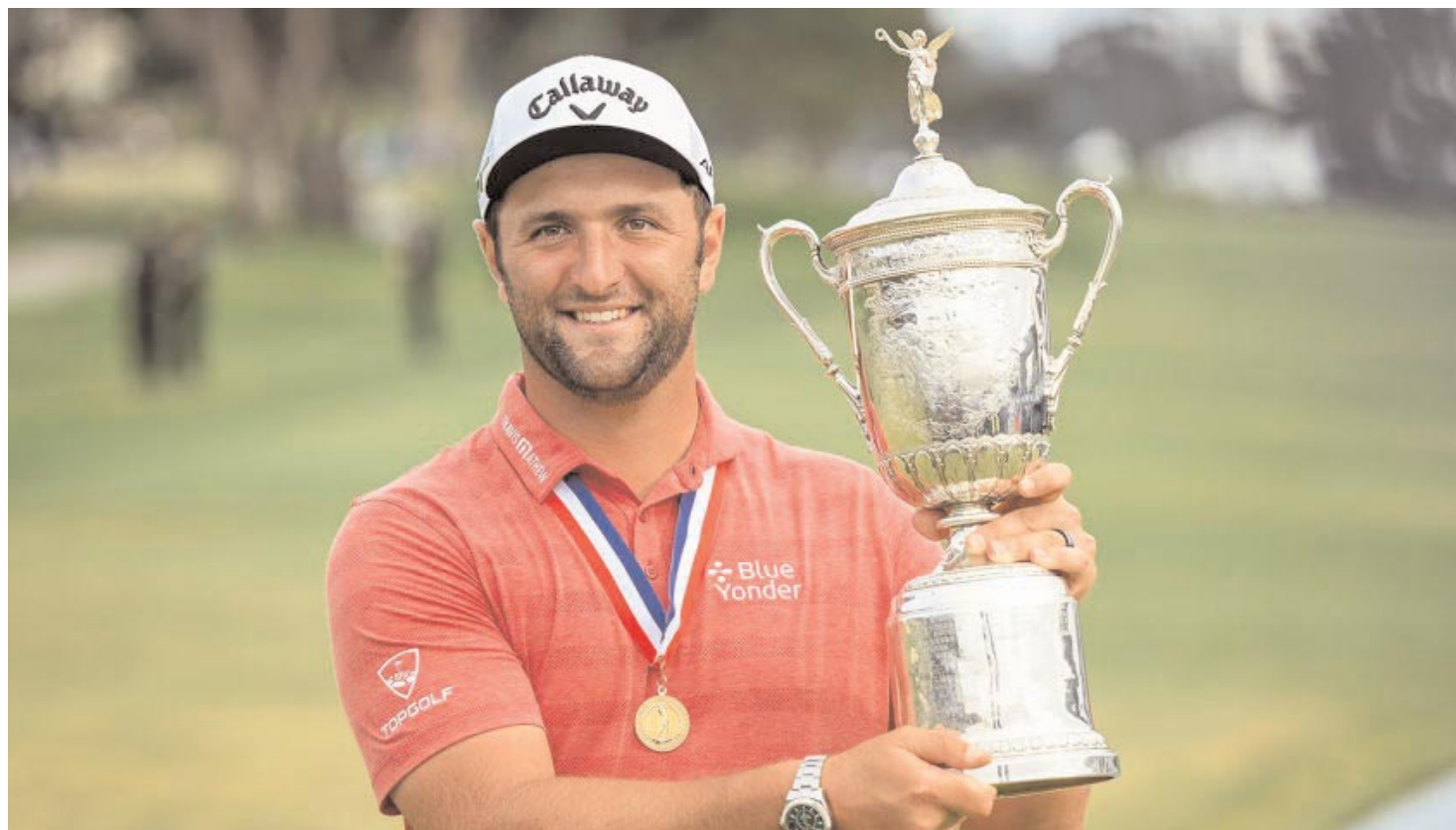
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# This week on TOUR: United States open



Jon Rahm returns to defend his first U.S. Open title



**U.S. Open**  
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**The Country Club**  
**Brookline, Massachusetts**  
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**Defending Champ - Jon Rahm**

By Adam Stanley  
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Jon Rahm looks to defend his maiden major championship title as the U.S. Open heads from the West Coast to the East Coast for 2022.

This year's U.S. Open will be contested at The Country Club at Brookline, a return to the Boston-area course for the U.S. Open for the first time since 1988.

**FIELD NOTES:** FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler looks to become just the sixth golfer in history to win both the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same season. The world No.1 has won four times already this season including the Green Jacket... Justin Thomas looks to win back-to-back majors after capturing the Wanamaker Trophy in May. Thomas is looking to join five other golfers as winners of the PGA Championship and U.S. Open in the same season...

Jon Rahm returns to defend his U.S. Open title from a year ago. Only two golfers in the last 50 years have gone back-to-back at the U.S. Open... Rory McIlroy hopes to capture his first major championship since 2014. In that timeframe he's had 15 top-10 finishes in majors... There was plenty of intrigue, drama, and suspense on the "Longest Day in Golf" last Monday, with qualifiers happening across North America. Here's a deeper look at who got through... Tiger Woods will not tee it up as he continues to rehab his body. He returned to action after a 14-month recovery to make the cut in the Masters. He found the weekend at the PGA Championship but ultimately withdrew after the third round... Eighty-nine golfers were exempt into the U.S. Open and 66 made it in via qualifying... There is still one spot left to be filled. If the winner of the RBC Canadian Open has won a PGA TOUR event in the last 12 months but isn't otherwise qualified, they get in. Otherwise, it will go to the first player on the alternate list.

**FEDEXCUP:** Winner receives 600 FedExCup points.

**COURSE:** The Country Club at Brookline, par 70, 7,264 yards. One of the five charter clubs founding the United States Golf Association, 2022 marks the fourth U.S. Open hosted by the storied Massachusetts venue (the first being the 1913 edition, won in miraculous fashion by Francis Ouimet). The last time a USGA championship was played at The Country Club, Matt Fitzpatrick won the 2013 U.S.

Amateur. Golfers who played the Ryder Cup in 1999 at The Country Club or even Fitzpatrick and other 2013 U.S. Amateur participants will see a very different Brookline. There's a new sequencing of holes vs. the previous championships and the par-3 11th that hasn't been used in a major since 1913. Gil Hanse came in 2020 to put together a restoration effort at The Country Club, which was last beefed up to prepare for the 1988 U.S. Open. Hanse's work returns The Country Club to the look and feel of the course Ouimet won on. Curtis Strange won the last U.S. Open contested at The Country Club (1988). He won in a playoff over Nick Faldo.

**STORYLINES:** Matt Fitzpatrick is looking for his first major championship title – and first win in North America – as he returns to the site of his biggest amateur triumph nine years ago... Xander Schauffele also competed in the 2013 U.S. Amateur... Brooks Koepka is looking to join Tiger Woods and Hale Irwin as three-time winners of the U.S. Open... The U.S. Open has not needed a playoff to determine a winner since 2008, the longest such stretch of the majors. But each of the last three U.S. Open championships played at The Country Club have needed extra holes... Players in their 20s have won five of the last six majors... Will this be the week of a major breakthrough for Sam Burns, Cameron Smith, or Patrick Cantlay? All ranked inside the top five of the FedExCup standings, each member of the trio is looking for his first major championship...

Golfers to win a major in three straight years include Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, and Tom Watson. Collin Morikawa hopes to join that heady company with a win at The Country Club.

**72-HOLE RECORD:** 268, Rory McIlroy (2011 at Congressional CC).

**18-HOLE RECORD:** 63, Johnny Miller (4th round, 1973 at Oakmont), Tom Weiskopf (1st round, 1980 at Baltusrol), Jack Nicklaus (1st round, 1980 at Baltusrol), Vijay Singh (2nd round, 2003 at Olympia Fields), Justin Thomas (3rd round, 2017 at Erin Hills), Tommy Fleetwood (4th round, 2018 at Shinnecock Hills).

**LAST TIME:** To win a major things just have to go your way – and they certainly did last season at the U.S. Open for Jon Rahm. That's not to take anything away from Rahm – who birdied his final two holes Sunday to become the first person since Tom Watson in 1982 to win the U.S. Open with birdies on their final two holes – but he had a little help along the way as past winners and other major champions fell victim to Torrey Pines' tough back nine. Rahm stayed steady, however, and topped Louis Oosthuizen by one shot after the South African bogeyed the 71st hole. This was Rahm's first major championship and it came just two weeks after he had to withdraw with a six-shot lead at the Memorial. Rahm's 4-under 67 on Sunday was tied for the low round of the day. Harris English finished third while Guido Migliozzi, Brooks Koepka, and Collin Morikawa finished tied for fourth.

## HOW TO FOLLOW

**Television:** Thursday, 6:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. ET (Peacock), 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (USA), 2 p.m.-5 p.m. (NBC), 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (USA), 7 p.m.-8 p.m. (Peacock). Friday, 6:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (Peacock), 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (USA), 4 p.m.-7 p.m. (NBC), 7 p.m.-8 p.m. (Peacock). Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (Peacock), 12 p.m.-8 p.m. (NBC). Sunday, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (Peacock), 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (USA), 12 p.m.-7 p.m. (NBC).

**Radio:** Thursday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. ET. Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (SiriusXM 92/U.S. Open radio)

**Digital Bonus:** Thursday-Friday, 7:25 a.m.-7 p.m. (Featured Groups), 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (Featured Holes – 11, 12, 13). Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Featured Holes), 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Featured Groups). Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Featured Holes), 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Featured Groups).

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# Nine Things about The Country Club



The Country Club will host the 122nd U.S. Open. (Courtesy of John Mummert/USGA)

By Jim McCabe  
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The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, has been the scene of some of the game's most historic moments, so it's fitting that it will offer an old-school test for this week's U.S. Open.

You like tight fairways, thick rough, greens that are smaller than small, and big, bodacious rock outcroppings? Then The Country Club should satisfy you.

Said Gil Hanse, who has been consulting with TCC officials for more than 10 years to update this brilliant course: "It's going to be an interesting mental test."

In other words, the U.S. Open the way it used to be.

To prep you for the 122nd U.S. Open and just the fourth at The Country Club, here are Nine Things to Know about this historic course.

## 1. BUILDING AN ICON

If ever a property in the golf world has evolved, it is The Country Club. From that day in 1892 when a group of gentlemen discussed the need for a club where outdoor activities were central, this stately property in Brookline – a mere 6.5 miles from Beacon Hill in the heart of downtown Boston – the emphasis has been on getting it right.

Members built the first three holes in 1893, then brought in Scotsman Willie Campbell as head professional. Campbell designed six more holes and by 1899 he had created an 18-hole course. In the meantime, club officials at The Country Club had joined with peers at Newport Country Club, Shinnecock Golf Club, Chicago Golf Club, and St. Andrew's Golf Links outside of New York City to form the United States Golf Association, which began running national championships.

It wasn't until 1902 that The Country Club hosted its first national championship, the U.S. Women's Amateur.

But should you forget that the original intent was to create a club with a variety of activities, rest assured that TCC is faithful to that intent. Golfers share this vaunted club with those who enjoy skeet-shooting, skating, hockey, swimming tennis, paddle and squash, and should you mention the words "Canadian Club," be warned that in these parts, that is not a whisky; it is the beloved group of curlers who use TCC as their home port.

## 2. PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF 1913

Seeing as how a movie, several books, decades of endless newspaper and magazine articles, and a heralded scholarship have been created around the hero of

arguably golf's greatest story, we'll assume you know of Francis Ouimet.

**To recap:** The 20-year-old former caddie at TCC walked across the street from his home at 246 Clyde Street to play in the 1913 U.S. Open as an amateur. Ouimet opened with 77 and trailed by six. After shooting a second-round 74, he was four off the lead. Another 74 in the third round tied him for lead. All three 54-hole leaders -- Ouimet, Harry Vardon, and Ted Ray -- closed with 79 to force an 18-hole playoff. Ouimet, of course, won the Saturday playoff with a 72. Vardon shot 77, Ray 78. It remains an overlooked nugget to this story, but for a good part of 1913, the U.S. Open was destined to go to the National Golf Links of America out on Long Island. Accommodating the schedules of Vardon and Ray, two of the biggest stars of the day, was an issue. TCC passed on an August date. When the English golfers said September was fine, TCC jumped back in and got its first U.S. Open.

Now we're not saying Francis Ouimet couldn't have won at NGLA, but he certainly wouldn't have walked across the street, now would he? And isn't that the most charming flavor to the story?

**The aftermath:** A common man, Ouimet showed that the game was for the masses and the number of golf courses in the U.S.

doubled over the next generation. Ouimet enjoyed a lifetime as an amateur icon on par with Bobby Jones and his friendship with his 10-year-old caddie, Eddie Lowery, lasted until his death in 1967. Lowery was a pallbearer for his great friend.

## 3. YEAH, BUT WHO WON WHEN IT MATTERED?

"Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, those two wonder-workers of the links, demonstrated yesterday at The Country Club, Brookline, that they are the superiors of Francis Ouimet . . ."

Ouch. All these years later, it still hurts to reach such words, but here's the good news: They were written about a tournament played in 1920, seven years after the golf match that really counted. Oh, and this 4-and-3 triumph was a 36-hole contest that involved the 1913 lads – Ouimet, Vardon, and Ray – but it was a team match. Vardon and Ray combined to spank Ouimet and Jesse Guilford before 3,000 TCC members and their guests.

Bottom line, it was never going to be easy for Francis Ouimet to follow-up his 1913 drama in any subsequent trip to TCC and for the most part his competitions there paled in comparison.

He did play well in the 1915 State Open, but at 308 he was tied for fourth, 10 behind the winner, Walter Hagen.





The Country Club is the only club to host a Walker Cup and a Ryder Cup (the memorable '99 affair)

## 6. CALL HIM MAJOR HANSE

For the second time in a month, a major championship will be held at a course restored by Gil Hanse and his righthand man, Jim Wagner.

"It's a completely different landscape than any place I've been," said Hanse, who started consulting with TCC officials in 2009. "You can't talk about The Country Club without mentioning the landforms, the ledges, and the puddingstone rock." The rock outcroppings harken back to a day when architects didn't have heavy machinery at their disposal, so they instead challenged golfers to play around or over the landforms.

Renowned for its small greens and thick, lush rough, The Country Club puts a premium on hitting fairways and greens. In other words, it's a quintessential U.S. Open stage. What Hanse was commissioned to do was find a few new tees, extend The Country Club another 200 yards (though at 7,264 it's still relatively short), and oversee a tree-clearing project that required great care. It was needed for agronomic and aesthetic purposes, but Hanse was careful not to take away the blind shots that are a part of TCC's character.

There's been a lot of talk about the 131-yard, par-3 11th hole that was in play when Ouimet won in 1913 but wasn't when the U.S. Open was here in 1963 and '88. Even with a wedge, players will be tested to find the small green, which has plenty of tilt. But it's the beefy holes that will likely play a key role in this year's trip to The Country Club.

The par-4 third hole is 499 yards and bends left to right, only you never truly see the fairway. When you do stand over your approach to the green, you look at a pond in the back that is famous for being where 1956 Olympic gold medalist Tenley Albright honed her skating skills.

Another 499-yard brute, the par-4 10th,

is called "Himalayas." The tee shot must carry an outcropping of rock down the right. Once you clear that, you must deal with another outcropping down the left. It played as a par-5 in the 1999 Ryder Cup. Rarely do you hear that par-5s are "brutes" for these PGA TOUR lads who are accustomed to hitting driver, 6-iron into 550-yard holes. But the 619-yard, par-5 14th at The Country Club likely won't yield many eagles and, in fact, you might see a good many players miss the green with their third shot.

## 7. BEFORE OUIMET, THERE WAS HECKER

The Country Club's first national championship was the 1902 U.S. Women's Amateur. It was fitting for a club that was described at the start of the 20th century as "very active with regard to women's events." The writer of those words was Ruth Underhill, winner of the 1899 U.S. Women's Amateur.

The 1902 Women's Amateur ended in a successful defense for national champion Genevieve Hecker of West Orange, N.J. While the Curtis sisters – Margaret and Hariot – of Manchester, 30 miles north of Boston, drew the biggest crowds, it was Hecker who owned their hearts at the end. She defeated Louisa A. Wells of TCC, 4 and 3.

Margaret Curtis was the medalist, however, for a second consecutive year after reaching the championship match in 1900. After losing again in the final in 1905, Margaret won the title in 1907, '11 and '12.

## 8. OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

You've probably heard a lot about this week's U.S. Open. We know you've heard loads and loads about the 1913 U.S. Open. But here's the thing: When this year's championship is in the books, it will mean that as many U.S. Opens have been played at The Country Club as at the Myopia Hunt Club in bucolic South Hamilton, 35 miles

north of Brookline.

Myopia used to be "in the rota," hosting the U.S. Open in 1898, 1901, 1905, 1908. The Country Club, on the other hand, debuted as a U.S. Open course in 1913 then waited 50 years for the next, 25 for the third, and 34 for this one.

Just don't think that The Country Club membership has shut the gates to competition, because it hasn't. This will be the 17th USGA competition held at TCC and only Merion (18) has held more.

At The Country Club, there have been six U.S. Amateurs (most recently in 2013 when Matt Fitzpatrick won), three U.S. Women's Amateurs, a U.S. Girls' Junior, and a U.S. Junior Amateur and two Walker Cups.

TCC is the only club to host a Walker Cup and a Ryder Cup (the memorable '99 affair).

## 9. STRANGE STORIES

Allan Strange told his uncle, Jordan Ball, that it was a great idea, but he couldn't go. "Every time I go, he doesn't play well," said Allan. But Uncle Jordan was determined, Allan relented, and so the two of them, plus two other friends, headed to Boston first thing Monday morning on June 20, 1988.

They were going to be there for Curtis Strange's U.S. Open playoff against Nick Faldo.

Curtis' identical twin, Allan had given

the PGA TOUR a whirl after he got out of East Tennessee State, the same year his brother graduated from Wake Forest. Curtis' career took off, Allan moved on and got into financial services, but those contrasting paths couldn't change their spitting image.

Which was a good thing because Jordan's plan to attend the playoff was missing a key ingredient. "They didn't have tickets," laughed Curtis.

But this was 1988, remember. Security was a lot looser and so Ball told Allan to get behind the wheel of their rental. When they got to the guardhouse leading into TCC, the security officer thinks it's Curtis Strange and waves him, adding, "Have a great day, Curtis; beat his ass."

If the story ended there, it would have been brilliant fun. But Curtis gets twice the charge out of the story when he found out later that Allan enjoyed a few cold lagers as he stood around the putting green. Fans started to take note.

"Imagine, they had to be saying to themselves, 'Look at Curtis, he's preparing like I do. He's drinking a beer.'"

The punchline to the story is more poignant. The brothers never did meet each other afterward. Too crowded, too frenzied. "But that night at the hotel, the phone rang around 1:30," said Curtis. "It was Allan and we talked for an hour. It was nice."

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# His legacy lives on at The Country Club



Payne Stewart in action during the 33rd Ryder Cup match played at the Brookline CC. (David Cannon/Allsport)

*The 1999 Ryder Cup concluded with his act of sportsmanship*

By Kevin Robbins  
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As they arrive for the 122nd U.S. Open, players entering the august locker room at The Country Club will pass a shirt framed in wood, hanging on a paneled wall, folded as neatly as origami. Many contestants — maybe all 156 — will recognize the familiar pattern on the crimson garment. It might be the most famous collage in the history of golf.

The shirt belonged to Payne Stewart. He wore it on Singles Sunday at the 1999 Ryder Cup. He took the last shot on that sunny afternoon of Sept. 26 in Brookline, Massachusetts, right outside Boston: a splash from a greenside bunker on the 18th hole. Moments later, Stewart conceded his match to Colin Montgomerie of Scotland, a gesture of selflessness and sportsmanship often forgotten, given the circumstances. A month later, he was dead.

Stewart and five others perished the morning of Oct. 25 aboard a Learjet on its way from Orlando to Dallas. He was 42 years old. He was the reigning U.S. Open champion, the holder of 10 other titles on the PGA TOUR and seven others in Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe. He was, in many ways, a changed man. A resplendent

1999 season reflected a personal evolution that touched many, players and fans alike. The striking figure in plus-fours and a flat cap — brash and cocksure in his younger days — had emerged from a years-long slump as a more measured and mature individual. Remember the tender way he held Phil Mickelson's face in his hands after he beat him in the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst? That was the Payne Stewart we lost. That was the man who gave Montgomerie a Ryder Cup match in the shirt the players will see when the national championship returns to The Country Club, one of the six founding clubs of the USGA.

Fred Waterman, the historian of the club, procured the shirt from Tracey Stewart, Payne's wife. She agreed to loan it to the club through June. "The U.S. Open is coming to the Country Club because of our history," Waterman said. "Stewart was very much a part of that history. Having his shirt there would be meaningful to the players who knew him — and those who wished that they had."

Stewart was one of 12 players on that Ryder Cup team captained by Ben Crenshaw. The U.S. was down 10-6 after the first two days of matches. Stewart hadn't played all that well in Foursomes and Four-balls. But he was a leader on the team, one of the elders on a squad that included a young Tiger Woods, David

Duval, Mickelson and Justin Leonard, whose long and unlikely putt all but completed a comeback for all of time.

The United States was trailing, 10-6, at the start of the day. No team had ever comeback from such a large deficit entering the final day. Which is exactly why Crenshaw put Stewart in the 10th singles match.

The captain knew he could count on a veteran of five Ryder Cup teams if it came down to the end.

From the beginning of the contentious match between the reigning U.S. Open champ and Europe's top player, abuse rained from the rowdy spectators at The Country Club. "Shank it, you fat pig!" someone yelled as Montgomerie settled over a shot early in the round. More taunts and insults followed from the partisan crowd. Montgomerie ignored the petty name-calling and settled into a deliberate pace, rankling the impatient hecklers. Stewart hit a lovely approach at the third, earning a concession. Montgomerie buried a long putt to halve the hole. The satisfaction that registered on the Scotsman's face widened the target on his broad back. He slowed his pace more.

"Get on with it!" someone shouted during his pre-shot routine at No. 6. "I've got tickets to the Patriots tonight!"

Montgomerie got on with it. He went 3

up through seven. Stewart took the eighth and ninth. Between the ninth green and the 10th tee, someone threw a beer, spraying Montgomerie's wife with foam. Stewart had seen and heard enough.

"I'm sorry," he told Montgomerie, and then pointed out the offender. Security ejected the culprit.

The defense of Montgomerie struck some as odd, especially in the heat of a Ryder Cup comeback. A younger, brasher Stewart might not have objected to the verbal assault. He might've seen humor in it, even encouraged it, and certainly would've considered it a competitive edge. But the Stewart in the last match at the '99 Ryder Cup was the man who leaned in and told Montgomerie over the din: "Look, if there are any more problems, let me know. I'll let the referees know. We'll deal with it." This was the Stewart who found himself in the left rough of the 17th hole, a short-iron shot from the hole, with Montgomerie in the fairway, the two of them tangled in a tied match with the Ryder Cup still in the balance, when Justin Leonard locked into his stance over a long putt on the green ahead and took one last look at his line. Stewart and Montgomerie squinted to watch.

They didn't see Leonard's putt fall. But they heard it. The property shook in an explosion of sound and color and the entire range of human emotion. The ensuing mayhem on the 17th green rattled Olazábal to the extent that he effectively had no chance to hole his own putt to halve the hole. The U.S. team clinched the Cup before Stewart and Montgomerie could do anything about it.

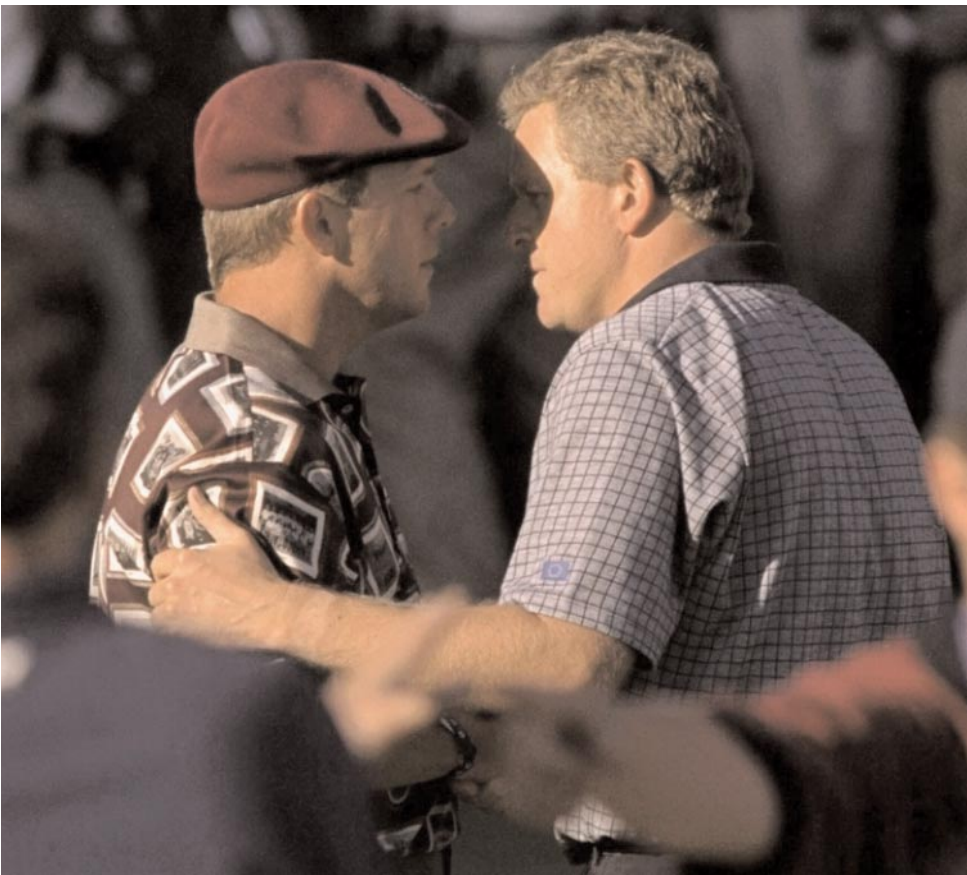
The 11th and 12th matches behind them also had been settled. They were now the last match on the course.

They halved the 17th. Few noticed. Montgomerie slumped and marched ahead with no evident conviction, a player with no purpose, a shell of a man with a driver in his hand. They made their way through the claustrophobic mass of humanity and teed their balls at the 18th as the last match on the course in a competition that had already been decided.

Both drove well. Stewart's approach missed the green and finished in a bunker. On a personal level, he wanted the point as surely as Montgomerie did. Stewart's career Ryder Cup record mattered to his prospects as a future captain, as it did to his pride. But he also began to reflect on the appeal of a concession, of giving Montgomerie his putt, of the grace he wanted to show his fellow-competitor. A tie would save Montgomerie from even more belligerence abuse, Stewart thought.

Montgomerie had been through a lot, after all. Stewart looked up for a moment





Payne Stewart and Colin Montgomerie talk after their Sunday match at the 33rd Ryder Cup. (Craig Jones/Allsport)

and scanned his surroundings: the prim-rose-yellow clapboard clubhouse, the old elms, the frothy gallery waiting to explode. So many American flags. So many fists in the air. He saw Mickelson with his arm around his wife, Amy. He sighted Tom Lehman, Mark O'Meara, and Hal Sutton huddled with his teammates. He pictured Paul Azinger, his best friend on the TOUR, and imagined the smile on his face, wherever he was watching. What a moment, Stewart thought. What a year. What a year it will be next season, and the season after that.

And then he made his choice. Montgomerie had marked his ball on the green. He could see the crowd swelling, but not his sullen teammates. He could hear the slapping of backs, the chanting of drunkards, the whoops, and the howls. He leaned on his putter and waited for Stewart's splash from the bunker. Montgomerie gave a quick, half-hearted look at the line on his medium-length birdie putt that might mean a point or a halve to a losing cause. He tried to summon enough pride of his own to make it matter.

Then he saw Stewart walk over and pick up his coin. It was over. Stewart accepted the loss; he even embraced it. Montgomerie bowed his head, rose, and applauded his opponent. They shook hands.

"That's enough for today, don't you think?" Stewart said. "I'd have to agree," Montgomerie replied. A few steps away, Bill Rogers, the U.S. vice-captain, sat in his cart and absorbed the celebration. He considered the unexpected beauty of the gesture he had just

seen. "Stewart," Rogers thought. "The man for the moment." The man for the moment made one more start on the TOUR. He missed the cut at Walt Disney World. Then he boarded a Learjet at Orlando International Airport. He was due to arrive in Dallas for lunch, then proceed to Houston, where he was in the field for the TOUR Championship. Then, moments into the ascent, something went wrong.

The cabin depressurized, starving those aboard of oxygen. The four passengers and two pilots died long before the Learjet, flying on autopilot, ran out of fuel four hours later and plummeted into a South Dakota prairie. By that night, Stewart's parking space at Champions Golf Club had become a memorial ground, full of flowers and notes and poems written by hand.

The TOUR created the Payne Stewart Award presented by Southern Company a year after his death. The award recognizes charity, character and sportsmanship. Arnold Palmer was its first recipient. Justin Rose won it in 2021.

Rose will be in the field for the 122nd U.S. Open at The Country Club. He wasn't on that 1999 Ryder Cup team, but he'll surely recognize the Stewart shirt when he sees it. He likely knows the story of why it's there on the wall. And if he wants to see the last shot of those historic matches at Brookline, he need only to look around. There, in the bar inside the men's locker room, a framed color photograph hangs on a wall. It's of Stewart, in full follow-through, hands high, his feet buried in the bunker at the 18th green. It was a shot that seemed not to matter at the time.

But it does now. It always will.

U.S Open Host Locations by State

Course/State/Region	No.	Years hosted	Geog. sort
Myopia Hunt Club	4	1900, 1905, 1901, 1898	MA
The Country Club	3	1900, 1983, 1913	MA
Worcester Country Club	1	1925	MA
Brae Burn Country Club	1	1919	MA
Total Massachusetts	9		NewEng
Newport Country Club	1	1895	RI
Total Rhode Island	1		NewEng
Total New England	10		NEast
Winged Foot Golf Club	6	2020, 2006, 1984, 1974, 1959, 1929	NY
Shinnecock Hills Golf Club	5	2018, 2004, 1995, 1986, 1896	NY
Oak Hill Country Club	3	1989, 1968, 1956	NY
Bellpage Black Course	2	2009, 2002	NY
Fresh Meadow Country Club	1	1932	NY
Inwood Country Club	1	1923	NY
Country Club of Buffalo	1	1912	NY
Garden City Golf Club	1	1902	NY
Total New York	20		MidAtl
Oakmont Country Club	9	2016, 2007, 1991, 1983, 1973, 1962, 1953, 1935, 1927	PA
Merion Golf Club	5	2013, 1981, 1971, 1950, 1934	PA
Philadelphia Cricket Club	2	1910, 1907	PA
Philadelphia Country Club	1	1939	PA
Total Pennsylvania	17		MidAtl
Ballusrol Golf Club	7	1983, 1980, 1967, 1954, 1936, 1915, 1903	NJ
Englewood Golf Club	1	1909	NJ
Total New Jersey	8		MidAtl
Congressional Country Club	3	2011, 1997, 1964	MD
Baltimore Country Club	1	1899	MD
Columbia Country Club	1	1921	MD
Total Maryland	5		MidAtl
Total Mid-Atlantic	49		NEast
Total Northeast	59		USA
Pinchurst Resort	3	2014, 2005, 1999	NC
Total North Carolina	3		SthAtl
Atlanta Athletic Club	1	1976	GA
Total Georgia	1		SthAtl
Total South Atlantic	4		South
Total East South Central	0		South
Southern Hills Country Club	3	2001, 1977, 1958	OK
Total Oklahoma	3		WSC
Champions Golf Club	1	1989	TX
Colonial Country Club	1	1941	TX
Northwood Club	1	1952	TX
Total Texas	3		WSC
Total West South Central	6		South
Total South	10		USA
Medinah Country Club	3	1990, 1975, 1919	IL
Chicago Golf Club	3	1911, 1900, 1897	IL
Olympia Fields Country Club	2	2003, 1928	IL
North Shore Country Club	1	1933	IL
Skokie Country Club	1	1922	IL
Midlothian Country Club	1	1914	IL
Onwentsia Club	1	1906	IL
Glen View Club	1	1904	IL
Total Illinois	13		ENC
Inverness Club	4	1979, 1957, 1931, 1920	OH
Canterbury Golf Club	2	1946, 1940	OH
Scioto Country Club	1	1926	OH
Total Ohio	7		ENC
Oakland Hills Country Club	6	1986, 1985, 1961, 1951, 1937, 1924	MI
Total Michigan	6		ENC
Total East North Central	26		Midwest
Hazeltine National Golf Club	2	1991, 1970	MN
Inverlachen Country Club	1	1930	MN
The Minikahda Club	1	1916	MN
Total Minnesota	4		WNC
Bellerive Country Club	1	1985	MO
St. Louis Country Club	1	1917	MO
Total Missouri	2		WNC
Erin Hills	1	2017	WI
Total Wisconsin	1		WNC
Total West North Central	7		Midwest
Total Midwest	33		USA
Cherry Hills Country Club	3	1978, 1980, 1938	CO
Total Colorado	3		Mtn
Total Mountain	3		West
Pebble Beach Golf Links	6	2019, 2010, 2000, 1982, 1982, 1972	CA
Olympic Club	5	2012, 1998, 1987, 1966, 1955	CA
Torrey Pines Golf Course	2	2021, 2008	CA
Riviera Country Club	1	1948	CA
Total California	14		Pac
Chambers Bay	1	2015	WA
Total Washington	1		Pac
Total Pacific	15		West
Total West	18		USA
Total U.S. Opens			121



# How the 8 teams advanced to Omaha



## College World Series

Friday, June 17-June 27

Finals: June 25-27

Location: Charles Schwab Field  
Omaha, Nebraska

The 2022 College World Series gets underway on Friday, June 17.

This year marks the 75th overall College World Series and the 72nd time the event will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

All games will be played at Charles Schwab Field.

By Evan Marinofsky  
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Here is the path each of the Omaha 8 took to reach the 2022 Men's College World Series.

### Arkansas (43-19)

**How the season went:** Arkansas, after failing to make the MCWS in 2021, set the tone for its quest to Omaha in 2022 by winning 12 straight games in March and going 18-12 in SEC play throughout the season. Important SEC series wins included then-No. 19 Auburn, Ole Miss and then-No. 15 LSU.

The Razorbacks lost two games in the SEC tournament but then won three of four to come out of the Stillwater Regional. They followed that up with a sweep of then-No. 11 North Carolina to arrive in Omaha.

**Who stood out:** Arkansas boasts a terrific bullpen, which helped get the Razorbacks a top-20 ERA in the country. That's in large part due to arms like Zack Morris, Gabriel Starks, Zebulon Vermillion and Evan Taylor. All four are vital to getting Arkansas to this point. So too is starter Connor Noland who carries a 7-5 record with a 3.86 ERA. He was outstanding in Game 1 against North Carolina — 6.2 innings, six hits, six strikeouts, no runs. Hard to lose with that on the bump.

Arkansas' 100 round-trippers rank it 17th in the country. That has a lot to do with Cayden Wallace, Braydon Webb and Brady Slavens — all three have 15 home runs each. Wallace and Slavens both have over 50 RBI each, too.

Slavens has been on a tear of late. The senior has eight RBI in his last five games and is 8-for-24 in that span.

### Auburn (42-20)

**How the season went:** Auburn was picked to finish seventh in its conference by other SEC coaches after going 25-27 last season. Given that they're in Omaha, it's safe to say they proved those coaches wrong.

Auburn opened the year taking two of three at the State Farm College Baseball Showdown. The Tigers followed that up by winning 11 of 14 and then going 16-13 in SEC play. Despite losing early in the SEC tournament, Auburn brought its best in

regionals, winning all three of its games against Southeastern Louisiana, Florida State and UCLA. Then they took two of three from Oregon State.

**Who stood out:** Sonny DiChiara gets on base. His on-base percentage of .560 — yes, .560 — is No. 1 in the country. He gets walked the most and he's a terrific hitter, boasting a .392 batting average, which is good for best on the squad. His 22 home runs and 59 RBI are far and away the best on his team as well.

Auburn has a solid array of talent on the mound. Joseph Gonzalez and Mason Barnett have been reliable starters. John Armstrong, Chase Allsup and Blake Burkhalter have been terrific out of the bullpen, helping the staff ERA sit at 4.42.

### Notre Dame (40-15)

**How the season went:** Last year, the Fighting Irish lost to Mississippi State (the eventual national champion) in a super regional. This year, Notre Dame scored a date with No. 1 Tennessee in its super regional and took down the Volunteers, stunning them in Games 1 and 3 to advance to Omaha.

They lost in the semifinals of the ACC championship to North Carolina, but rebounded in the Statesboro Regional by beating then-No. 24 Texas Tech twice and then-No. 21 Georgia Southern. Those wins set the stage for the series win over

Tennessee.

**Who stood out:** Notre Dame boasts the 12th best earned run average in the country at 3.97. John Michael Bertrand leads starters with a 2.69 ERA. Austin Temple has also been terrific as a starter — over 14 starts, the graduate student carries a 3.57 ERA. Whether starting a game or coming in to protect a lead, the versatile Jack Findlay has a 1.99 ERA in 45.1 innings of work.

Outfielder Jack Zyska leads the team in dingers with 13. Infielder Jack Brannigan is right behind him with 12 and a team-leading 46 RBI. Outfielder Brooks Coetzee also put up quality power numbers this season with 11 home runs / 42 RBI. Catcher David LaManna leads the squad in batting average at .348 and hit a massive round-tripper in the clinching win over the Vols. **Oklahoma (42-22)**

**How the season went:** The Sooners got off to a great start this season, taking two of three over Auburn and Michigan in the 2022 State Farm College Baseball Showdown. But, they struggled a couple of weeks later when they lost to LSU, UCLA and Tennessee in the 2022 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic. Oklahoma followed that up by winning nine of its next 11 games.

In total, the Sooners won six of eight of their Big 12 series throughout the season. That success translated to a Big 12 postseason championship, as the Sooners took down West Virginia, Texas Tech, Kansas State and then Texas to win a title.

Oklahoma won the Gainesville Regional with a win over Liberty and then advanced to the Blacksburg Super Regional after taking two of three from Florida. In Blacksburg, the Sooners edged out Virginia Tech, taking two of three from the Hokies.

**Who stood out:** It's hard to talk about Oklahoma without mentioning redshirt sophomore Peyton Graham. He leads the team in home runs (20), RBI (70), OPS (1.076) and stolen bases (32-of-34). He's a big reason why Oklahoma is a top-20 team in the nation in runs at 491.

Another is Tanner Tredaway, who leads the team in batting average (.373) and ranks second in RBI (61). The Sooners also have a great supporting cast led by Blake Robertson and Jimmy Crooks — both are batting north of .300 and have over 45 RBI apiece.

Jake Bennett put together a solid 2022. In 17 starts, the redshirt sophomore posted a 9-3 record and an ERA of 3.53. His last start, which came against Virginia Tech, was terrific, as the lefty went seven innings and only allowed one earned run.

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Notre Dame shocked No. 1 Tennessee in its super regional to advance

Ole Miss (37-22)

**How the season went:** Ole Miss opened 2022 on a nine-game win streak. Despite a rough time through the gauntlet of SEC play (the Rebels went 14-16 and lost in the SEC tournament opener to Vanderbilt), Ole Miss did enough to land a spot in baseball's big dance and have been on a tear ever since.

In the Coral Gables Super Regional, the Rebels took down Arizona, then-No. 6 Miami and Arizona again. That second win over Arizona was 22-6, a sign of things to come offensively. In the Hattiesburg Super Regionals, the Rebels took care of business against Southern Miss, taking them down 10-0 and 5-0.

**Who stood out:** Tim Elko leads the team in home runs (22), RBI (71) and OPS (1.068). Surrounding Elko in the lineup are a bunch of other quality bats such as Justin Bench (team-leading .311 batting average), Jacob Gonzalez (17 home runs), Peyton Chatagnier and Kemp Alderman.

Ole Miss has a staff ERA of 4.44. Freshman hurler Hunter Elliot's been terrific, especially of late. His last start saw him go 7.1 innings, giving up no runs on three hits against Southern Miss. His ERA on the season sits at 2.82. Keep an eye on Josh Mallitz and Mason Nichols coming out of the bullpen.

Stanford (47-16)

**How the season went:** Coming off a 2021 campaign that saw the Cardinal make it to Omaha, Stanford opened 2022 with three big wins at the Karbach Round Rock Classic, one of which came against then-No. 2 Arkansas. The Cardinal then lost seven of their next 10, which turned out to be their biggest lull of the season.

But, Stanford came back hard. It won 10 of their next 12 including a sweep of Pac-12 rivals Washington State and Arizona State. After dropping two of three against Washington April 29-May 1, the Cardinal didn't lose again in the regular season, as they won 12 straight games.

Stanford extended that win streak to 16 games after rolling through the Pac-12 tournament and taking down then-No. 4 Oregon State to win the postseason title. The momentum continued into regionals

and then into super regionals, as Stanford cruised through both. Even after losing a 13-12 heartbreaker in Game 1 of super regionals against UConn, Stanford went onto win the series and advance to Omaha. Who stood out: The Cardinal sport a top-20 team ERA in all of DI college baseball (4.00). That's in large part due to Alex Williams, Quinn Mathews and Ryan Bruno. Williams' 2.88 ERA puts him top-30 in the nation. While his last start was rough (that pesky Game 1 against UConn), his 8-3 record over 17 starts tells a different story.

Stanford's best all-around bat is Carter Graham who is tied for ninth in the nation in RBI with 78. He also leads his team in home runs with 22. His .333 batting average isn't too bad either. Batting right ahead of Graham in the lineup is outfielder Brock Jones who has 20 home runs, 56 RBI and a team-high .455 on base percentage.

Texas (47-20)

**How the season went:** The Longhorns also came out of the gate hot, firing off 11 straight wins with two coming over ranked opponents (then-No. 17 Tennessee and then-No. 7 LSU) in the Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic. Texas suffered its worst stretch of the season April 29-May 1 when it was swept at home by then-No.8 Oklahoma State. The silver lining of that sweep is what came after.

The Longhorns won eight of their next nine games to end the regular season. They got all the way to the Big 12 championship game, but lost to Oklahoma, 8-1. That must've provided quite the dose of motivation, as Texas won all three of its games in the Austin Regional and then edged out East Carolina in the super regionals. Even when the Pirates had the Longhorns on the ropes with a 7-2 lead in the seventh inning and a 1-0 series lead, Texas battled back to win, 9-8, in one of the games of the tournament and proceeded to crush East Carolina, 11-1, in the win-or-go-home Game 3.

**Who stood out:** Even if you barely followed the 2022 college baseball season, you likely know who Ivan Melendez is. He hit 32 home runs and knocked in 94 RBI this season — both first in the nation. His .396 batting average ranks him top 20.

Still, he wasn't the only potent bat in the Texas lineup. Murphy Stehly has 19 home runs, 61 RBI and a .375 batting average. Trey Faltine hit 15 round-trippers, Douglas Hodo is batting .319 and Skyler Messenger batted in 59 runs of his own — three of those tied East Carolina in that wild comeback in Game 2. As a team, the Longhorns ranks fifth in the nation in batting average (.319) and have the fourth-most home runs (125).

There's not too much stress on the pitchers given the amount of runs this group puts up, but that didn't prevent Lucas Gordon and Pete Hansen, the team's most consistent starters, from having great seasons. In 15 starts, Gordon went 7-1 with a 2.68 ERA. Hansen posted a record of 11-2 with a 3.40 ERA. Tristan Stevens, who has the third-most starts on the team, was masterful in the all-important Game 3 against East Carolina, going six innings and only allowing one earned run on five hits.

Notable names coming out of the bullpen include Marcus Olivarez with his stunning 0.72 ERA, Jared Southard, Lebaron Johnson and Luke Harrison.

Texas A&M (42-18)

**How the season went:** After a 2021 sea-

son that saw Texas A&M go 29-27 and not make the tournament, the Aggies were a whole new team in 2022, going 42-18 and maintaining consistency in the extremely difficult SEC. They won all seven of their final three-game series against SEC opponents before a loss to Florida in the conference tournament.

Texas A&M has been red hot since then. The Aggies put up 32 runs in three games at the College Station Regional to take down Oral Roberts, Louisiana and then-No. 23 TCU to advance to the super regional. There, the Aggies disposed of then-No. 9 Louisville in two games, edging them out in one-run ballgames both days.

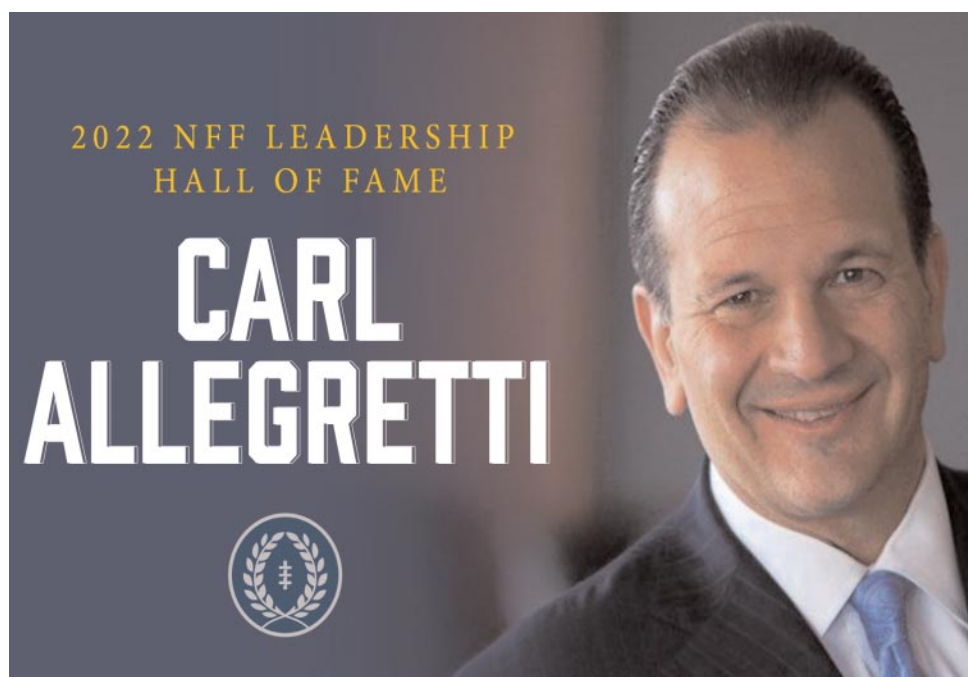
**Who stood out:** Dylan Rock and Ryan Targac stood out the most this season. Rock has a team-high 18 home runs and Targac 15. Jack Moss leads the team in batting average at .391 and he's also been a massive run producer, totaling 47 RBI.

The Aggies have 450 runs on the year and while they don't have a slugger like Melendez, they generate offense from everywhere. Austin Bost enters Omaha with a .359 batting average, nine dingers and 43 RBI. Brett Minnich is batting .306 with 50 RBI.

College Baseball National Champions 1947-2021			
2021	Vanderbilt over Mississippi State	1983	*Texas (66-14) over Alabama
2020	Cancelled	1982	*Miami (Fla.) over Wichita St
2019	Vanderbilt (59-12) over Michigan	1981	Arizona State (55-13) over Ok.State
2018	Oregon St (55-12-1) over Arkansas	1980	Arizona (45-21-1) over Hawaii
2017	Florida (52-19) over LSU	1979	Cal St. Fullerton over Arkansas
2016	Coastal Carolina over Arizona	1978	*USC (54-9) over Arizona State
2015	Virginia (44-24) over Vanderbilt	1977	Arizona St (57-12) over S. Carolina
2014	Vanderbilt (51-21) over Virginia	1976	Arizona (56-17) over E. Michigan
2013	*UCLA (49-17) over Mississippi St	1975	Texas (59-6) over South Carolina
2012	*Arizona (48-17) over S. Carolina	1974	USC (50-20) over Miami (Fla.)
2011	*South Carolina (55-14) over Florida	1973	*USC (51-11) over Arizona State
2010	South Carolina (54-16) over UCLA	1972	USC (47-13-1) Arizona State
2009	LSU (56-17) over Texas	1971	USC (46-11) over Southern Illinois
2008	Fresno State (47-31) over Georgia	1970	USC (45-13) over Florida State
2007	*Oregon St. (49-18) over N.Carolina	1969	Arizona State (56-11) over Tulsa
2006	Oregon St. (50-16) over N Carolina	1968	*USC (43-12-1) over S. Illinois
2005	*Texas (56-16) over Florida	1967	Arizona State (53-12) over Houston
2004	Cal St. Fullerton (47-22) over Texas	1966	Ohio State (27-6-1) over Ok. State
2003	Rice (58-12) over Stanford	1965	Arizona State (54-8) over Ohio St.
2002	*Texas (57-15) over South Carolina	1964	Minnesota (31-12) over Missouri
2001	*Miami (Fla.) (53-12) over Stanford	1963	USC (35-10) over Arizona
2000	*LSU (52-17) over Stanford	1962	Michigan (34-15) over Santa Clara
1999	*Miami (Fla.) (50-13) over FloridaSt	1961	*USC (36-7) over Oklahoma State
1998	USC (49-17) over Arizona State	1960	Minnesota (34-7-1) over USC
1997	*LSU (57-13) over Alabama	1959	Oklahoma State (27-5) over Arizona
1996	*LSU (52-15) over Miami (Fla.)	1958	USC (29-3) over Missouri
1995	*Cal St. Fullerton (57-9) over USC	1957	*California (35-10) over Penn State
1994	*Oklahoma (50-17) over Georgia Tech	1956	Minnesota (37-9) over Arizona
1993	LSU (53-17-1) over Wichita State	1955	Wake Forest (29-7) over W. Michigan
1992	*Pepperdine over C.S Fullerton	1954	Missouri (22-4) over Rollins
1991	*LSU (55-18) over Withita State	1953	Michigan (21-9) over Texas
1990	Georgia (52-19) over Oklahoma St	1952	Holy Cross (21-3) over Missouri
1989	Wichita State (68-16) over Texas	1951	*Oklahoma (19-9) over Tennessee
1988	Stanford (46-23) over Arizona State	1950	Texas (27-6) over Washington State
1987	Stanford (53-17) over Oklahoma St	1949	*Texas (23-7) over Wake Forest
1986	Arizona (49-19) over Florida State	1948	USC (26-4) over Yale
1985	Miami (Fla.) (64-16) over Texas	1947	* California (31-10) over Yale
1984	Cal St. Fullerton (66-20) over Texas		



# College Football News and Notes



The NFF is inducting Carl Allegretti into the NFF Leadership Hall of Fame



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The ballot for the 2023 NFF College Hall of Fame is online for 12,000-plus members, and it includes 80 players and nine coaches from the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and 96 players and 33 coaches from the divisional ranks.

The announcement of the 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class will be made in early 2023, with specific details to be announced in the future.

The 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class will be officially inducted during the 65th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 5, 2023, and permanently immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. They will also be honored at their respective schools with an NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salute, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the 2023 season.

Of the 5.54 million individuals who have played college football since Princeton first battled Rutgers on Nov. 6, 1869, only 1,056 players have earned induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, or less than .02 percent of those who have played the game during the past 152

years. From the coaching ranks, 226 individuals have achieved Hall of Fame distinction.

The 2023 voting deadline is June 30. Football enthusiasts wanting to become members and receive this year's ballot should contact NFF Director of Membership Ron Dilatush at [rdilatush@footballfoundation.com](mailto:rdilatush@footballfoundation.com) to join and for additional information.

The NFF is inducting Carl Allegretti, the president of Arbor Investments, into the NFF Leadership Hall of Fame June 27 in Chicago as he becomes the 13th advocate of the NFF, its mission and community service to earn the honor.

Rising from humble roots in Gary, Ind., Allegretti got his start as a student-athlete on the football field at Butler U. in Indianapolis. He eventually rose to become a leader of Deloitte as chair and CEO of Deloitte Tax, managing partner of Deloitte's Chicago office, head of the firm's Global Private Practice and vice chair of the Deloitte U.S. Board of Directors. He currently serves as president of Arbor Investments, a \$3.2 billion private equity firm in the food & beverage industry.

Having achieved the pinnacle of success, Allegretti and his wife Tammy have supported numerous charities over the years, including Lurie's Children's Hospital of Chicago, which helped his son Joe beat leukemia; the University of Illinois where his son Nick starred before playing for the NFL Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs; and the Chicago Public High School Athletic Association, while providing opportunities to underserved youth in Chicago. His service also includes the boards of World Business Chicago, Civic

Committee of the Commercial Club, Imerman Angels and the NFF. He also started a youth football league in 2004, which has provided more than 10,000 youngsters between kindergarten and eighth grade an opportunity to play the popular American sport.

Allegretti will become the 13th inductee into the NFF Leadership Hall of Fame, which was launched in 2013 as a powerful vehicle for recognizing the country's most influential individuals who have ascended to the highest levels of success; exhibited the critical leadership qualities that transcend ordinary enterprises; touched the lives of their fellow workers and countrymen; and established the high standards for the young people of our nation to emulate.

The inaugural NIL Summit June Monday -Thursday, 13-15, at the Chick-fil-A NFF College Hall of Fame in Atlanta has denoted the finalists for its NIL Awards – principally the Female and Male Athletes of the Year, Innovator of the Year and several other key kudos. Former Florida QB and NFF William V. Campbell Trophy® recipient Tim Tebow will be a featured speaker on topics such as cryptocurrency, NFTs and Blockchain. Under Armour will be the official human performance partner of the NIL Summit. Famed WWE competitor Triple H (aka Paul Michael Levesque, who was a high school student-athlete in baseball and basketball in New Hampshire) also will serve as a keynote speaker about imaginary ways to gain NIL sponsorships outside the ring.

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame also will be returning to Las Vegas for the 64th Awards Dinner on Dec. 6 at the Bellagio Resort and Casino. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the marketing arm for the Las Vegas destination, will again serve as the presenting sponsor of the event. Ticketing and additional information can be found on the event's website link at [footballfoundation.org/feature/NFF2022](http://footballfoundation.org/feature/NFF2022).

The NFF also is celebrating its 75th anniversary in '22 with the NFF 75: A Legacy of Looking Forward Campaign. As part of the announcement, the NFF also unveiled its 75th commemorative logo. The campaign will reinforce the collective efforts of so many who have been involved with the NFF through the years and their commitment to keeping the game strong. In celebration of the 75th Anniversary milestone, the NFF aims to broaden its reach among new audiences and re-energize the existing base of fans who hold the game near and dear to their hearts. The campaign elements will feature NFF achievements and unique highlights from the past 75 years, while focusing on the future and the

role the organization will continue to play as the protector and voice of the game at all levels for the next 75 years. During the 2022 football season, the NFF will highlight the key moments of the past 75 years that underscore the contributions of the game in strengthening our country and the life skills it builds in those who play it by creating original content and incorporating unique, celebratory elements into the NFF Annual Awards Dinner and other events throughout the year.

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

There almost was an All-Manning Family NCAA Baseball World Series in Omaha, Neb., this week before Tennessee (alma mater of NFF College Hall of Fame QB Peyton Manning) was upended by Notre Dame in the NCAA Knoxville Super Regional. At the NCAA Hattiesburg Super Regional streaking Ole Miss (alma mater of NFF National Scholar-Athlete Eli Manning) edged host Southern Miss in the "guaranteed" Magnolia State team making it to the CWS. NFF chair Archie Manning starred at shortstop for the 1969 Ole Miss NCAA World Series squad in between sterling duties for the Rebels football squads of 1968-70 (see additional note below).

## NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

**Some notable birthdates** in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the June 13-19 time period are June 13 (1903) Red Grange, Forksville, Pa.; (1909) Jack Riley, Chicago, Ill.; June 14 (1898) Bill Ingram, Jeffersonville, Ind.; (1918) John Kimbrough, Haskell, Texas; (1924) Leo Nomellini, Lucca, Italy; June 15 (1889) John Kilpatrick, New York City, N.Y.; (1892) Sean Pennock, Syracuse, N.Y.; (1892) Wallace Wade, Trenton, Tenn.; (1923) George Brown, San Diego, Calif.; June 16 (1894) Eddie Casey, Natick, Mass.; June 17 (1886) Walter Eckersall, Chicago, Ill.; (1891) Harvey Ketcham, Englewood, N.J.; (1923) Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, Wausau, Wis.; (1940) Bobby Bell, Shelby, N.C.; (1970) Jason Hanson, Spokane, Wash.; June 18 (1893) John McEwan, Alexandria, Minn.; (1912) Harrison Stafford, Wharton, Texas; (1921) Angelo Bertelli, West Springfield, Mass.; (1937) Bob Reifsnyder, Brooklyn, N.Y.;

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(1963) Bruce Smith (Va. Tech), Norfolk, Va.; June 19 (1906) Merle Gulick, Jackson, Mich.; (1919) Bob Westfall, Detroit, Mich.; (1946) Rudy Hubbard, Hubbard, Ohio; (1982) David Pollack, New Brunswick, N.J.

**Notable anniversary death dates** for Hall of Famers are June 13 (1958) Charley Brewer, Waltham, Mass.; (1992) Edwin “Babe” Horrell, Beverly Hills, Calif.; (2012) Jerry Tubbs, Dallas, Texas; June 14 (2007) Robin Olds, Steamboat Springs, Colo.; (2012) Bob Chappuis, Ann Arbor, Mich.; June 17 (1961) Josh Cody, Mt. Laurel, N.J.; (2015) John David Crow, College Station, Texas; June 19 (1957) Tad Jones, Hamden, Conn.; (2010) Jack Cloud, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Happy birthdays** to Hall of Famers on June 17 Bobby Bell (a spry 82), Jason Hanson, June 18 Bob Reifsnyder (a spry 85), Bruce Smith (Va. Tech), June 19 (1946) Rudy Hubbard, David Pollack...

Georgia Southern will travel to Kansas State in 2027 for a singlet series...Bryant’s completed ’22 slate includes a Sept. 17 skirmish at Ivy League competitor Brown...Duquesne and Youngstown State have put together a 2024 and ’26 series...Rice and Houston are hoping to extend their Bayou Bucket Series past the 2023 season as UH prepares to join the Big 12 Conference in 2023...Austin Peay and Stephen F. Austin will play during the 2024 and ’25 seasons...Harvard has moved two scheduled Saturday grid tests to Friday for ESPN telecasts to Friday nights. They are rescheduled with Harvard at Cornell on Friday, Oct. 7, and Princeton at Harvard on Oct. 21 with live telecasts on one of the ESPN family of networks...Washburn football has set its Family Days Sept. 16-18 around its Sept. 17 clash with Nebraska-Kearney and Homecoming Weekend Oct. 19-22 for its Oct. 22 contest with Central Oklahoma.

Air Force baseball brought its full senior class of diamond members who are being commissioned as regular Air Force active duty second lieutenants this month after the finals of the NCAA Austin (Texas) Regionals...The Doug Williams Foundation is continuing its Huddle Chat podcast about developments in HBCU football and athletics with dynamic feature stories...The “old guy/old bulls” quarterbacks Tom Brady of Michigan and Aaron Rodgers of California sank a 16-foot birdie putt (Rodgers) on the final hole to edge the “young pups” QBs Patrick Mahomes of Texas Tech and Josh Allen of Wyoming 1-up in the TBS NFL Quarterback Charity Golf Challenge. The event raised several million dollars for the players’ favorite charities.

Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh delegated his \$1.5 million post-2021 season bonus among 210 employees in Wolverines athletics. He noted he was inspired when Michigan RB Blake Corum utilized his NIL allotments to purchase turkeys and other foodstuffs for underserved families at

Thanksgiving in the Detroit-Ann Arbor areas...Some new head coaches and their 2022 assignments are Rich Rodriguez at Jacksonville State, Lincoln Riley at Southern California, Brian Kelly at LSU, Mario Cristobal at Miami (Fla.), Marcus Freeman at Notre Dame, and Jerry Kill at New Mexico State, among others...Former Michigan defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald left Wolverine head coach Jim Harbaugh to join his brother head coach John Harbaugh as defensive coordinator of the NFL Baltimore Ravens...Michigan State assistant coach Mike Garland is retiring...Famed defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson, who guided college defenses to No. 1, continues to thrive in retirement in Grapevine, Texas, after just having turned a spry 94. Some of his coordinating assignments have included Houston, Mississippi State, Texas A&M, and several prominent Texas high schools...Stephen Jackson Jr. has been named head coach at suburban Dallas Seagoville (Texas) HS...

**Hometowns** of more 2022 college head coaches – Dartmouth: Buddy Teevens, Pembroke, Mass.; Davidson: Scott Abell, Longwood, Va.; Dayton: Rick Chamberlin, Dayton, Ohio; Dickinson: Brad Fordyce, Springfield, Mass.; Drake: Todd Stepsis, Shelby, Ohio.

Mississippi Valley State selected Hakim McClellan director of athletics. Lindenwood named Scott Coomer as director of athletics...Dartmouth named Mike Harrity as its AD effective July 18...Murray State AD Kevin Saal gained a contract addendum through 2026...Miami (Fla.) AD Dan Radakovich called for a summit meeting of the Power Five conferences and a look at options for major competitors in NCAA FBS...Michigan State AD Alan Haller stressed that with additional state funding, contributions from MSU friends, more extensive malt beverage sales, and larger end-of-year monetary supplements from the Big Ten Conference, the Spartans should be in contention for virtually all league team titles in 2022-23...Duke AD Nina King explained the duties of the Bule Devils new men’s basketball general manager post, responsibilities and expectations...San José State AD Jeff Konya gained a personal pact extension through December 2027...South Carolina AD Ray Tanner expects additional updates for Williams-Brice Stadium but did not give a timetable or financing details...Cal State Northridge AD Mike Izzi is finishing his four-year tenure in Northridge Friday...San Francisco AD Joan McDermott has stepped down to spend more time with her family...Parker Executive Search is in the process of continuing to look for a fulltime AD at Southern Illinois as current interim AD Matt Kupec (former star QB at North Carolina) may remain in office through September. Kupec has laid out plans for a \$7.5 million budget increase and a \$4 million capital funds’ goal for 2022...West Virginia AD Shane Lyons remarked about broad-based national media and legal atten-

tion and how NIL agreements have created governance challenges for multiple conferences and schools due to this coverage...Oklahoma State AD Chad Weiberg was saluted for guiding Cowboys athletics through NIL developments, the movement of arch-rival Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC, NCAA enforcement challenges, and having to take a bit of a defensive posture on several matters but excelling...Mississippi State athletics chose Connor Whelan as associate AD for fan experience and sales...Syracuse’s latest appointment has been deputy AD and senior woman administrator Kirsten Elleby...Local media applauded Louisville’s choice of former interim AD Josh Heird as permanent AD...Nevada appears to have narrowed down its list of finalists for the AD’s opening to 10 semifinalists...UTRGV added Moore as the men’s golf head coach...Trisha Ford has been named softball head coach at Texas A&M...Cal State Northridge tabbed John Price as director of women’s volleyball...Florida State softball head coach Lonnie Alameda received a long-term contract extension...Creighton chose Krista Wood as softball head coach...Bradley selected Sarah Willis as softball head coach...Tarleton named Chase Rathke cross country head coach and track and field assistant coach...Appalachian State named Alan Cress men’s golf head coach...Arizona men’s basketball head coach Tommy Lloyd received a solid update in his annual compensation package...Washington baseball head coach Lindsay Meggs has retired after winning 932 college games over 29 seasons...High Point chose Todd Eckstein as men’s golf head coach...Bryant men’s lacrosse head coach Mike Pressler is retiring after 16 seasons with BU...Rice president Dr. David Leebron reflected on his 19 years at the helm of the university as he approaches impending retirement...Harvard president Dr. Sheldon Bacow will retire in June 2023...Colorado State president Joyce McConnell will complete her tenure there June 30...Washington State president Dr. Kirk Schulz is gaining an upgrade in base pay with an additional retention incentive bonus...Oregon State named Dr. Jayathi Murthy as its president effective Sept. 9...James Madison athletics is looking for a new assistant director of athletic communications as the Dukes move into NCAA FBS this autumn...Florida State selected Stephen Ponder as president of the Seminoles Booster Club...UTRGV chose Marques Dantzler as senior associate AD for compliance and administration...Charlotte tabbed Clare Short as women’s lacrosse head coach...New Mexico hired Nicole Dickson as softball head coach...Trinity (Conn.) added Andrew Munoz as men’s assistant soccer coach...Texas Woman’s U. selected Gay McNutt as its new softball coach...Southern California joins Clemson and Florida State in seeking new baseball head coaches...Duke added NBA executive Rachel Baker as a specialist for Blue Devils student-athletes and

their NIL possibilities...North Carolina baseball head coach Scott Forbes served a two-game suspension last week in the NCAA Super Regionals against Arkansas after an ejection during the NCAA Chapel Hill Regional...D1.jobs.com has posted new openings in athletics at Ball State, Buffalo, Hanover, Memphis, Middle Tennessee, Purdue, TCU, USF, Wichita State, Yale, North Texas, UC San Diego, Cal State Bakersfield, Florida A&M, Nevada, Abilene Christian, Akron, California, DePaul, Fairfield, Kansas, Knox College, Minnesota, New Orleans, Northern Iowa, Rice, Towson, Connecticut, and USF. The American Athletic Conference officially added six teams - North Texas, UAB, UTSA, Rice, Charlotte, and Florida Atlantic, all from Conference USA - to bring its membership back to 14 teams by July 2023. The AAC also has updated its multimedia rights’ agreements with ESPN to reflect the expanded football configuration for the 2023-24 academic year...Cincinnati, Houston and UCF officially will enter the Big 12 Conference July 1, 2023, after agreements by their outgoing American Athletic Conference and incoming Big 12 administrators. This will give the Big 12 14 football—playing squads in ’23...The American also finished one of its first in-person full meetings since March 2020 last week and was appraised of top ratings for men’s and women’s basketball games and other sports on ESPN+ as part of its multimedia rights’ contract with ESPN...The American is expected to keep its 12-year agreement with ESPN networks for \$1 billion with new members incoming in July 2023. AAC outgoing members Cincinnati, Houston and UCF also are paying \$18 million in exit fees...The Big Ten Conference is working with Amazon, CBS, ESPN, NBC, Warner Brothers Discovery, and Apple for discussion on future multimedia rights for the circuit...The Big 12 Conference denoted the 27th annual Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships last week to in memory of Dr. Prentice Gautt, a former Big 12 Conference assistant commissioner and student services’ pioneer. The list of all-time recipients now numbers 481 since the conference’s first academic year in 1996-97. Since that time Big 12 has provided \$3.7-plus million for postgraduate education. The individual awards have been \$10,000 since 2013-14. Criteria include a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.200 on a 4.0 scale and participation in at least two years of intercollegiate athletics at the nominee’s respective institution. Among the 20 recipients for 2022 are football student-athletes Logan Long of Kansas State and Patrick Curley of Texas Tech...SEC commissioner Greg Sankey posed the thought that conferences may start determining NIL oversight if national Congressional legislation or NCAA external rulings are not put into effect...The Mountain West Conference has made a renewed commitment for overall safety and



well-being, mental health, academic success, life skills, professional development, and career mentoring for student-athletes...The Ohio Valley Conference agreed at its spring meetings to allow transitioning members to become eligible for automatic NCAA qualification via OVC championships in 2022-23 and to increase funding for more ESPN+ streaming opportunities for all OVC sports in coming months...The Big East Conference selected Creighton president Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson as chair of the Big East Board of Directors...The Mid-American Conference added Cooper Snyder as overall director of communications, Normandie Berl as director of social and digital communications and Jonathan Lakra as director of championships and operations...New Southern Conference senior associate commissioner Terri Brne related about how her extensive experience in UNC Asheville athletics will assist her efforts at the SoCon...The Western Athletic Conference will allow all NCAA FCS transitioning members to participate in 2022-23 conference championships and has petitioned for new members Tarleton State and Utah Tech to be eligible for NCAA automatic qualification bids beginning this fall...The Atlantic 10 Conference is allowing NCAA Alston Case benefits at the discretion of schools and added \$1.8 million in unrestricted supplemental distributions for its members in 2022-23...The MAAC named Jordan Confessore senior associate commissioner for basketball...Big South Conference leaders approved \$2 million in distributions for men's and women's basketball programs over the next three years.

TaxAct has renewed its long-term corporate sponsorship with the TaxACT Texas Bowl in Houston...Some of the popular post-2022 bowls certified in the Dec. 27-30 timeline are Dec. 27 (all EST airtimes on ESPN unless noted) - Camellia, Montgomery, Ala., noon; SERVPRO First Responder, Dallas, Texas, 3:15 or 6:45 p.m.; TicketSmarter Birmingham, 3:15 or 6:45 p.m.; Guaranteed Rate, Phoenix, Ariz., 10:15 p.m.; Dec. 28 - Military presented by Peraton, Annapolis, Md., 2 p.m.; AutoZone Liberty, Memphis, Tenn., 5:30 p.m.; TaxAct Texas, Houston, Texas, 9 p.m.; Dec. 29 - Pinstripe, Bronx, N.Y., 2 p.m.; CHEEZ-IT, Orlando, Fla., 5:30 p.m.; Valero Alamo, San Antonio, Texas, 9 p.m.; Dec. 30 - Duke's Mayo, Charlotte, N.C., noon; Tony The Tiger Sun, El Paso, Texas, 2 p.m., CBS...The Goodyear Cotton Bowl now numbers 18,200-plus subscribers to its daily social media feeds. The GCB also denoted the appointment of the second annual Fred McClure Intern for 2022-23 in Kennedy Gardner of North Texas.

Zac Henderson, 2023 NFF College Hall of Fame first-time ballot member, was recalled for his stellar playing days at Burkburnett (Texas) HS and All-America career as a defensive back at Oklahoma. Henderson, who passed away in 2020, was a teammate at BHS with Southwest

Conference collection chief archivist Dr. Tai Kreidler of Texas Tech...NFF College Hall of Fame RB Eric Dickerson of SMU still holds three of the longest-standing career rushing marks for the Mustangs with 4,450 yards on 790 yards and 47 touchdowns (shared with Zach Line from 2009-12) from 1979-82...College Baseball Hall of Fame 3B Robin Ventura of Oklahoma State received his undergraduate degree from OSU last week. He is a volunteer assistant for the Cowboys along with Matt Holliday, an All-State QB at Stillwater (Okla.) HS and Major League Baseball All-Star as well as brother to OSU head baseball coach Josh Holliday...Several University of Calgary (Canada) standouts have made preseason Canadian Football League rosters, and among the notables are twin brothers Tyson and Jalen Philpot, OL Logan Bandy, OT Tyler Packer, and DL J-Min Pelly...The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame is adding several standouts for its Class of 2022 ranks with Lindsey Vonn, Billie Jean King, Mia Hamm, Michael Phelps, Roger Kingdom, Natalie Coughlin, and the 1976 USA Summer Olympics 4x100-meter relay women's team, which captured a gold medal, among the honorees...The Mississippi State M-Club Hall of Fame has named its Class of 2022, and the group will be honored on Oct. 1 when MSU hosts Texas A&M on the gridiron. The inductees are baseball All-America 1B Bruce Castoria, softball standout Michelle Gates-Fitzgerald, defensive back and NFL standout Kirby Jackson, track All-America decathlete Lee Palles, and 47-year football administrator (1970-2017) and coach the late Wesley Reed...Former Duke and Army men's basketball head coach and Naismith Hall of Fame member Mike Krzyzewski added his thoughts on seeking ways to end fatal gun violence in the U.S....Former Virginia Tech and NFL QB Michael Vick is working with the Levels Sports Group for student-athletes' NIL arrangements...National Radio Sportscaster Hall of Fame and Nebraska Radio Hall of Fame broadcaster Lyell Bremser was remembered for his 46-season career as lead broadcaster for 10 different head coaches on the NU football radio network.

One national publication listed these seven 2022 standouts as its top candidates for the Heisman Trophy: QB Caleb Williams, Southern California; QB Quinn Ewers, Texas; QB Cade Klubnik, Clemson; OLB Will Anderson Jr., Alabama; QB Tyler Van Dyke, Miami (Fla.); QB Spencer Rattler, South Carolina; and QB Sam Hartman, Wake Forest...Michigan safety Jordan Morant is transferring to Mississippi State along with Landon Gartman, Nate Dohm and Colton Ledbetter (from Samford)...Isaiah Mosley is transferring from Missouri State to Missouri...Air Force All-America underclassman Paul Skenes has entered the NCAA transfer portal...Ohio State QB C.J. Stroud is the proud driver of a Mercedes G sport utility

vehicle as part of his NIL endorsement with an area auto dealer...Cedric Henderson has transferred from Campbell to Arizona...Washington athletics has gained transfers Franck Kepnang of Oregon, Noah Williams of Washington State and Keion Brooks from Kentucky for fall semester 2022...Mississippi State DB Emmanuel Forbes leads all returning defensive backs with three interception returns for TDs since 2020 and eight total pilfers in two seasons with the Bulldogs...Tennessee baseball star catcher Evan Russell is back at 100 percent after missing parts of two games with an illness not COVID-19 related...Florida State landed an oral commitment for 2023 from Baba Miller...DB Dylan Smith appears to be following his brother CamSmith to Oklahoma State as an oral commitment for the 2023 Cowboys.

Florida's new \$85 million football and training complex is set to open in August...Virginia has exceeded the \$80 million goal for its Football Operations Center after a recent anonymous pledge of \$5 million...The Louisville Athletic Association Board passed the school's largest-ever athletics budget of \$114.8 million - an increase of \$7.1 million over fiscal year 2022 - for the 2023 athletics' fiscal year...Kent State athletics has received a \$1 million gift from the Jenkins family for the Gina and George Jenkins Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund...Clemson is putting in a large Daktronics video board at Memorial Stadium as part of its \$68.7 million improvements' plan for the facility...Rice exceeded its goal of \$500,000 for the 2021-22 EmpowHer Owls fundraising effort campaign for infrastructure, scholarships and facilities' development for Owls athletics...St. Cloud State athletics has a new donation of \$1.3 million from a private entity and a \$500,000 grant from Foundation 94 for upgrades at the campus Herb Brooks National Hockey Center...Construction updates at Oregon State's Reser Stadium are on schedule with full completion dates set for August 2023...Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Stadium has a new AstroTurf artificial surface with unique black endzones for better television contrasts...Iowa athletics enjoyed \$3.2 million in total beer and alcohol sales in 2021-22 with \$2.54 million generated in the first season of enhanced football beverage sales...Tennessee is making multi-million improvements in the 2022 offseason to Lindsey Nelson Stadium, named in memory of the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame Nelson who also served as publicist and lead broadcaster for UT in the 1949-51 era. The revamped structure is expected to seat 6,500-8,000 fans with an additional 500-1,000-plus in standing-room-only sections...North Florida athletics has a new, seven-year, \$2.1 million contract CSI Companies, Bank of England sponsored hospitality suites and a new UNF Arena hardwood floor, which will be known as the CSI Companies Court...The Atkins

Group, which donated 300-plus acres to Illinois athletics in 2020, will be honored with the Illinois Atkins Golf Club with several recent amenities and some of the top facilities for college golf nationally....Bradley enthusiasts started the Home of the Brave collective, which appears to be the first NIL grouping by a Missouri Valley Conference member...Illinois has completed its new artificial playing surface's installation at Memorial Stadium...LSU and Playfly Sports are teaming for new LSU GOLD on-demand streaming services....North Carolina athletics continues to give kudos to the 2022 Tar Heels women's lacrosse squad, which finished the season unbeaten and won the NCAA championship...Cedar Rapids (Iowa) St. Xavier HS has installed new state-of-the-art LED Videoboards from Watchfire Signs...Slinger Sports Group has initiated a successful test for its new ball launcher for pickleball, which is gaining popularity with football tailgate crowds along with the traditional cornhole toss and other games...Barstool Sports will host the Barstool Classic in November or December at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pa....Florida and Wisconsin will attempt to break the all-time, regular-season volleyball attendance record 14,022 when they meet in September at the 17,000-seat Kohl Center in September...Ohio State opened new volleyball locker rooms and related facilities last week...Several college football and baseball programs are celebrating historic milestones in 2022. Among the football seasons with historical significance are Boise State (55th season), Texas (130th season), Auburn (130th season), West Virginia (130th season), Georgia Tech (130th season), Arizona State (110th season), Cincinnati (135th season), Maryland (130th season), Massachusetts (140th season), Northwestern (135th season), Purdue (135th season), San Jose State (105th season), Utah State (125th season), UTEP (105th season), and Rutgers (NCAA-record 153rd season)...Some DI college baseball programs with '22 milestones are Fordham (NCAA-most 162 seasons), Texas (125th season), Florida State (75th season), South Carolina (130th season), San Diego State (90th season), Central Michigan (115th season), Elon (120th season), Stetson (105th season), Tulane (120th season), Penn State (135th season), Maine (140th season), Purdue (135th season), Louisiana Tech (110th season), Villanova (150th season), Maryland (130th season), Old Dominion (90th season), and Georgetown, D.C. (145th season)...New Balance Footwear is interested in continuing marketing and apparel agreements with colleges and universities in athletics but related inflation and other challenges, which may affect the fruition of new agreements...Atlantic Records and the INFLCR Global Exchange are seeking to utilize the group's 64,000-plus student-athlete clients to use social media posts

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for new Atlantic record and CD releases...  
..The new Richmond (Va.) Flying Squirrels minor league stadium shared with VCU baseball is looking for a 10-20-year naming rights' agreement for a proposed \$500,000 annually... St. Thomas (Minn.) is making moves for a master plan for facilities to be completed in September ...LEARN FIELD Amplify, the New York Racing Association and the Belmont Stakes are working to upgrade seating areas and overall fan experience at the event. The NYRA is affiliated with the national Thoroughbred Racing Association, longtime sponsor of the Vanderbilt Fred Russell-Grantland Rice sports communications' scholarships and summer internships...Idaho high school boys and girls basketball will utilize a shot clock for the first time in 2022-23.... Collegiate Sports Connect president Todd Turner gave an explanation of how Connect can assist both with NIL ventures and postgraduate job selection for student-athletes...Game Plan and the Interactive Brokers Group are posting an investor education curriculum for student-athletes with free accounts for any collegiate departments of athletics wishing to participate... Auburn football has established the Plans NIL Club to enhance the program's opportunities for the 2022-23 school term and beyond...Abilene Christian athletics is adding women's golf and taking steps to be competitive in Western Athletic Conference football races with new financial resources ...Tickets for last week's Ole Miss-Southern Miss NCAA Baseball Regional in Hattiesburg, Miss., were going for four times the face value on StubHub. NFF College Hall of Fame chair Archie Manning starred at shortstop for the Rebels when they won the 1969 NCAA District III title over North Carolina and advanced to the NCAA World Series at Omaha, Neb., for the second time in UM history.... Wisconsin will have a slight increase in men's and women's ice hockey season ticket prices in 2022-23...Auburn athletics is seeking new horizons in its creative and digital strategy areas, measurements for social media success and informing alumni on a regular basis...Drake athletics is working on some new ticketing procedures, sales' initiatives and metrics to increase football and additional sales...Oregon athletics has requested that the NCAA and Pac-12 Conference increase strength and conditioning certifications for staff members and to provide clearer guidelines for these areas in both physical and mental health...Ticketmaster representatives told interviewers about innovations for live events, mobile ticketing, making available paper tickets for those not utilizing smartphones, and capitalizing on live sporting and music events...James Madison athletics also is making a concerted effort as it adds the pressures of NCAA FBS competition for student-athlete health and wellness after encountering some mental health challenges in 2021-22 on JMU varsity

squads...Clemson athletics continues to emphasize the Hear Her Roar fundraising for Tigers women's athletics and has received a solid early response from area enthusiast...Michigan State is just finishing the appointments of four head coaches in primary sports over the past nine months...  
Sports Business Journal did an extensive personality piece on MSP Recovery founder and major Miami (Fla.) NIL contributor John Ruiz...INFLCR related that NIL arrangements are laboring to create commercial activity reports and paperwork on transactions to make keeping track of actual dollars a difficult task. The group also expects individual student-athletes and their NIL entities to buy media advertising for such events as March Madness® and bowl games and the system becomes more sophisticated...Cumulus Media and Westwood One are providing multimedia coverage for the NCAA World Series this week with 2021 NFF Wilbur Snapp Contribution to College Baseball Award recipient Kevin Kugler anchoring the activities...The Athletic explored James Madison's preparations to enter NCAA FBS as a new member of the Sun Belt Conference...Sports Illustrated had a commemorative issue about the 50-year anniversary of the passing of national Title IX legislation with emphasis on women's roles in football operations and on-field competition...Sports Business Journal gave updates on the negotiating timeline for the Big Ten Conference's multimedia rights...  
...Sports Illustrated's Pat Forde took a glance at the role former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer plays as a media consultant for the College Football Playoff...On3.com took a closer look at Ohio State football's claims that it might take \$13 million-plus in NIL endorsements to retain the current roster...The Washington Post examined recent national success of football and track and field teams at North Carolina A&T and Norfolk State among prominent HBCU universities ...ESPN reported solid national Nielsen Ratings for the NCAA Women's College Softball World Series that ended with an Oklahoma 10-5 win over Texas last Thursday after record Day One ratings' numbers for the event. Overall television viewership for all 14 games in the WCSW was down slightly by 12 percent on average...There was a single-day attendance record at the WCWS on June 4 with 12,533 on hand...A preseason magazine voiced an opinion that the Nebraska offense will have to be more potent and maintain ball control to help an improving Huskers defense continue to keep Big Ten opponents from racking up points....  
...D1Softball.com praised the financial commitment that Oklahoma athletics has made to the school's softball program and how numerous donors have assisted the program for several years...iHeartMedia has opened West Palm Beach (Fla.) Sports Radio 1230-AM...The Athletic added to

the body of knowledge over feel-good stories of instant success for some, complications and interesting NIL agreements for student-athletes entering the NCAA transfer portal in football and men's and women's basketball...Sports Business Journal noted that LEARNFIELD is working with athletics' representatives at schools such as Ohio State, Oklahoma and UAB for NIL opportunities with additional LEARNFIELD employees working this from a campus angle on-site for each client....  
...The Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal newspaper outlined Louisville athletics' focus on the days leading up to the '22 football season with the start of a payout of \$20 million loaned from a local bank, choices of where major donors may send their pledges (NIL or general fund) and funding for academic facilities...The Athletic explored how the moves of Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC, presumably for the 2025-26 academic years when current Big 12 media contracts have expired, will affect football, softball and other nationally competitive sports at those two institutions...The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News newspaper speculated about the possible value and major players in the final bidding for the Pac-12 Conference future multimedia rights...Sports historian Mike Burrows allowed that three Oklahoma colleges won the four NCAA Division I-III or NAIA softball crowns this year – Oklahoma in DI, Rogers State in DII and Oklahoma City U. in NAIA.  
The updated FWAA website now is encouraging members to update their professional information at FWAA.com and also is allowing new online memberships...The FWAA has extended deadline for entries for its 30th annual FWAA Writing Contest for FWAA members at FWAA.com and following links....  
...Nominations also continue to be accepted for the 2022 Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America. Coordinated by the staff at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA was created in June 2012 to honor an individual and/or a group with a military background and/or involvement that have an impact within the realm of college football. The 2022 recipient being announced Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, and deadline for nominations for the award is Oct. 1 via <https://www.armedforcesbowl.com/meritaward>. A selection committee of seven FWAA members and two representatives from the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl will review the list of candidates for the 11th annual presentation...The NCBWA denoted its five finalists for the Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear on Friday at Omaha, Ala., and its 22nd round of NCAA Division I District Players of the Year...R.J. Segich of Pittsburgh, Kris Peterson of Penn State, Katie Ryan of USC, Brian Tom of Washington, and Scott Strasemeier of

Navy were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter, social media and magazine...  
...Arizona State, California, Kansas, Louisville, LSU, Memphis, Michigan State, Sam Diego State, U. of San Francisco, and Tennessee have been conferring with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and probes at their respective schools... Lifelong Oklahoma football fan and country music artist Trace Adkins will perform live during the first USFL weekend playoff doubleheader June 25 in Canton, Ohio....  
...The Canadian Football League is holding summer mentorship programs with CFL teams such as the Calgary Stampeders for University of Calgary QB Matteo Spoletini and others...ESPN and the CFL released the league's 81-game regular-season schedule, which will be aired live via cable and webstreaming in summer and fall 2022...The XFL has not named its teams but has denoted that former college and NFL head coach Ron Zook will join former Hawai'i and SMU head coach June Jones as coordinators for fellow coaching legend Jim Haslett and Randy Mueller (director of player personnel) for a franchise in Seattle, Washington.

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

**Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022 (CFP Semifinals)**  
Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, No. 1 vs. No. 4 or No. 2 vs. No. 3 see, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga., 3:30 or 7:30 p.m.  
Playstation Fiesta Bowl, No. 1 vs. No. 4 or No. 2 vs. No. 3 seed, State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz., 3:30 or 7:30 p

**Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 - CFP**  
Championship, Semifinal winners  
SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles, California  
8 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 20, 2022-Jan. 2, 2023  
(Other New Year's Six Bowls)

**Friday, Dec. 30**  
**Capital One Orange Bowl**  
Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Lakes, Florida, 8 p.m.

**Jan. 2**  
Goodyear Cotton Bowl  
AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas  
early game TBD

**Jan. 2**  
Rose Bowl presented by Capital One  
Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, California  
mid-afternoon

**Jan. 2**  
Allstate Sugar Bowl  
Caesars Superdome, New Orleans, 8 p.m



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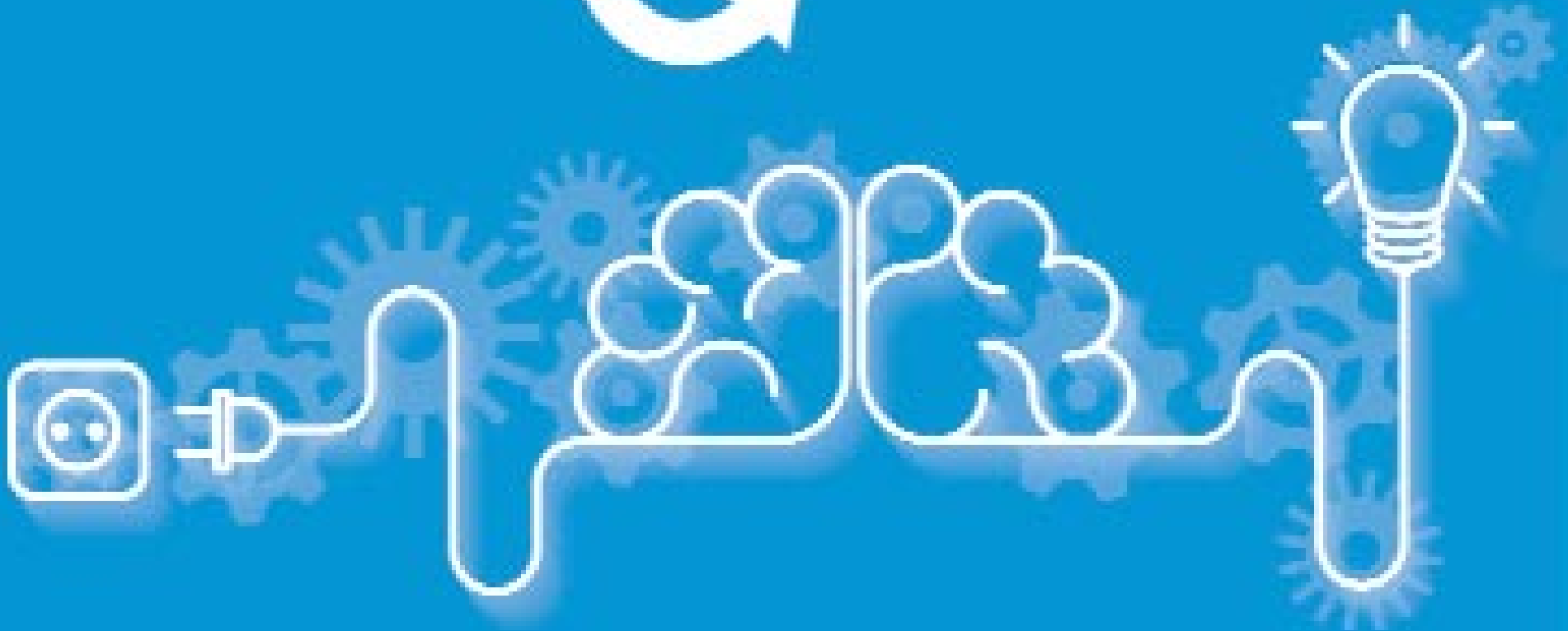


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