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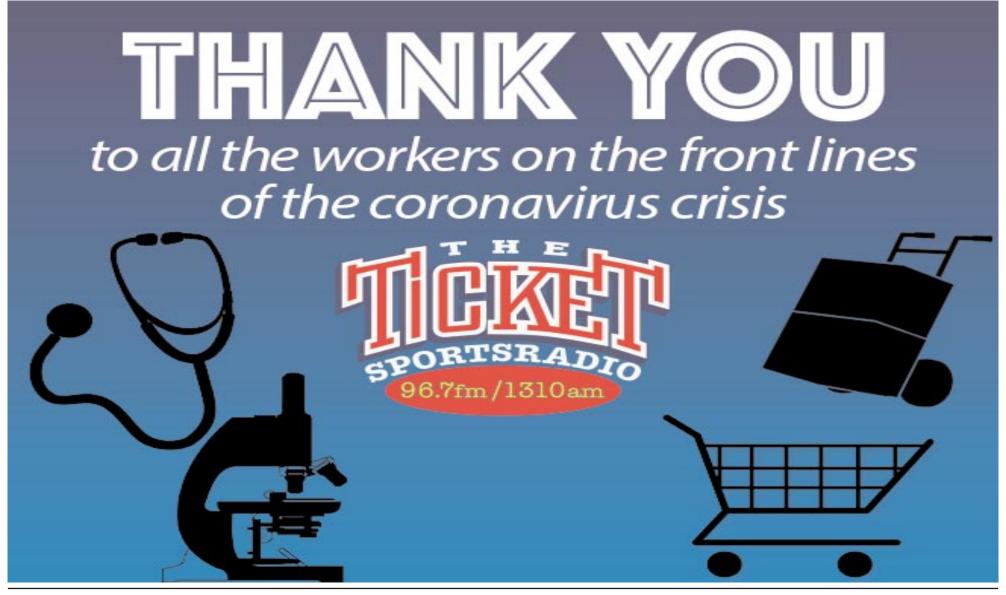


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#### AROUND THE AREA

#### LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

## TX/OU will be played despite no Fair



UIL updates summer workout guidelines to include face mask requirement Most schools are set to resume operations July 13.

The UIL on Wednesday updated its summer workout guidelines for strength and conditioning on its website to include mask wearing for every participant over the age of 10 years old.

The requirement for masks was one of several changes the UIL made for strength and conditioning and skill-specific workouts amid the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Schools must require students, staff and visitors to wear face coverings upon arrival and exit and in practice areas when not actively exercising, the UIL said.

Students may remove their masks when actively exercising if they maintain at least six feet of distance between other students and staff who are not wearing face coverings. Exceptions for wearing a face mask include any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering, while someone is consuming food or drink, and when a group can maintain six feet of distance among members.

The UIL will also allow students access to locker rooms and showers and permission for players to engage in drills that involve offense versus defense, the latter

starting July 13. The guidance "is in effect Bob Burda confirmed the report Tuesday. immediately until the first day of instruction or the start of in-season activities, whichever is earlier," the UIL wrote.

The UIL on July 1 recommended its schools consider closing summer workouts from July 3 through July 12 in response to "the July 4 holiday weekend and the potential for increased social interactions that could spread COVID-19."

A day later, Gov. Greg Abbott on July 2 ordered Texans to wear face masks in public and gave local officials power to restrict outdoor gatherings with more than 10 people. Since UIL summer workouts began June 8, at least 215 schools suspended their operations at one point due to positive COVID-19 tests among participants or because of the rapid spread around the

Most are set to resume workouts July 13 with an eye toward the start of fall practices in early August.



#### BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Big 12 bands, spirit squads will not travel to road conference football games

The recommendation by athletic directors is seen as a cost-saving measure

As a cost-saving measure, Big 12 bands and spirit squads will not travel to road conference football games under a recommendation by athletic directors.

first to report the news. Big 12 spokesman

The recommendations will be reviewed by the Big 12 board of directors later in the month. Burda said.

The conference is still planning to holds it virtual football media days July 20, 21.



Texas - OU game will not be impacted by cancellation of 2020 State Fair

The cancellation comes as coronavirus cases continue to spike across Texas

The annual college football rivalry between Oklahoma and Texas will still be played at the storied Cotton Bowl, despite the State Fair of Texas being canceled for

Barring any changes to the 2020 college football season, which are certainly possible amid COVID-19, the Red River Showdown is still scheduled for Saturday. Oct. 10 in Dallas. But the State Fair of Texas, which has been an iconic backdrop to one of college football's best rivalries, will not be going on as usual.

This will be the first time since World War II that the State Fair of Texas has not opened. The game between Prairie View A&M University and Grambling State University, which is also played at the Cotton Bowl, is still scheduled for Sept. 26. Any changes would be made by those institutions, just as it would be for Texas or Oklahoma.

#### NCAA Men's Basketball Top 25 Coaches FINALAP

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- 2. Gonzaga
- 3. Dayton
- 4. Baylor
- 5. Florida State
- 6. San Diego State
- 7. Kentucky
- 8. Duke
- 9. Creighton

- 10. Villanova
- 11. Maryland
- 12. Michigan State
- 13. Louisville
- 14. Oregon
- 15. Seton Hall
- 16. BYU
- 17. Virginia
- 18. Ohio State
- 19. Wisconsin
- 20. Auburn
- 21. Butler
- 22. Illinois
- 24. West Virginia

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# Six Texas Fisheries named top 100



r Magazine has released its rankings for 100 Best Bass Lakes of the past decade, and Clear Lake, Calif., has been named the No. 1 fishery in the country. Texas's Lake Ray Roberts (above) also made the list and will host the 2021 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic Photo hu B A S S

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Since 2012, Bassmaster Magazine has released annual rankings of the country's best bass fisheries. While tournament data could not be gathered because of the COVID-19 pandemic, crunching numbers gathered over the past eight years revealed a surprising Best Bass Lake of the Decade— California's Clear Lake.

While Toledo Bend at No. 6 was Texas's highest placing lake, overall the state had six fisheries on the Top 100 list — Toledo Bend, Sam Rayburn, Falcon, Fork, Ray Roberts and Caddo — creating a three-way tie for second place with California and

"Typically, creating the rankings takes more than two months as we dig through current tournament data as well as state fishery information on stocking efforts, catch rates and angler access," explained BassmasterMagazine Editor-in-Chief James Hall. "Instead, we used all of this research and rankings from the past eight years to create an incredible - and somewhat surprising — ranking of bucket-list destinations for anglers."

While long-considered a West Coast powerhouse, Clear Lake has never topped the Best Bass Lakes list until this year.

However, in the past decade, California's largest natural lake has also never ranked below 10th in the country and has been the top-ranked Western fishery for the past three years. Anglers can expect to consistently catch big bass in a fishery where an average bass weighs in at over 5 pounds. In fact, a bass over 16 pounds was landed at Clear Lake last year. Combine that production with a pristine setting in California's wine country, and you have the definition of a bucket-list fishing destination.

Alabama's Lake Guntersville, home of the 2020 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk, took the No. 2 spot, matching its 2019 rank. Like Clear Lake, the Big G has never been named the Best Bass Lake in the nation, but it is rarely out of contention. Guntersville is known for its breathtaking scenery and easy access, but big fish swim there as well. Most big-bass prizes are awarded to fish topping the 8-pound mark, with 10-plus-pounders taking center stage

True giants call our third-place fishery, Lake Erie, home. While most of the tournament data comes out of Buffalo, N.Y., anglers can expect smallies in the 6-pound range anywhere along the shoreline, which

includes New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Michigan's Lake St. Clair, where you can catch the smallmouth of a lifetime surrounded by Instagram-worthy scenery, is in the fourth spot.

Rounding out the remainder of the Top 10 lakes are California's Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta at fifth; Toledo Bend, on the Louisiana/Texas border, at sixth; Sam Rayburn Reservoir at seventh; Falcon Lake at eighth; Idaho's Lake Coeur d'Alene at ninth; and Florida's Lake Okeechobee at tenth.

The rankings identify the Top 25 lakes in the nation based on head-to-head comparisons, as well as the top lakes in four geographical regions — Central, Western, Southeastern and Northeastern.

"We divide the nation into four regions and rank the lakes in each region to give anglers perspective on the fisheries they can most likely reach," Hall explained.

As for bragging rights on which state has the most fisheries in the all-decade rankings, that title goes to Michigan with seven lakes.

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B.A.S.S. is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport, providing cutting edge content on

#### Bassmaster Magazine's 100 Best Bass Lakes of the Decade

#### **Top 25**

- Clear Lake, California
- 2 Lake Guntersville, Alabama
- 3 Lake Erie, New York/Ohio/Michigan /Pennsylvania
- 4 Lake St. Clair, Michigan
- 5 Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, California
- 6 Toledo Bend, Louisiana/Texas
- Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Texas
- 8 Falcon Lake, Texas
- 9 Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- 10 Lake Okeechobee, Florida
- 11 Lake Champlain, New York/Vermont
- 12 St. Lawrence River (Thousand Islands),
- 13 Pickwick Lake, Alabama/Mississippi /Tennessee
- 14 Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, Oklahoma
- 15 Chickamauga Lake, Tennessee

#### 16 Lake Fork, Texas

- 17 Lake Havasu, Arizona/California
- 18 Oneida Lake, New York
- 19 Candlewood Lake, Connecticut
- 20 Columbia River, Oregon/Washington
- 21 Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota
- 22 Lake Seminole, Georgia/Florida
- 23 Santee Cooper Lakes
- (Marion/Moultrie), South Carolina
- 24 Lake Charlevoix, Michigan
- 25 Sturgeon Bay (Lake Michigan), Wisconsin

bass fishing whenever, wherever and however bass fishing fans want to use it. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the 515,000-member organization's fully integrated media platforms include the industry's leading magazines (Bassmaster and B.A.S.S. Times), website (Bassmaster.com), television show (The Bassmasters on ESPN2 and The Pursuit Channel), radio show (Bassmaster Radio), social media programs and events. For more than 50 years, B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to access, conservation and youth fishing.

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## John Niland reflects on his career



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After receiving All-American honors at the University of Iowa, John Niland was selected in the first round (fifth overall) of the 1966 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys. He was the first offensive lineman in franchise history to be drafted in the first round.

Niland became an intimidating force at left guard and played an integral role with the Cowboys during his playing days from 1966 to 1974. In his rookie season, he started in the 1966 NFL Championship Game at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and the following season started in the 1967 NFL Championship Game at Lambeau Field against Green Bay, famously known as the "Ice Bowl"

A few years later the Cowboys won the NFC Championship Game during the 1970-71 NFL playoffs, but lost on a last second field goal in Super Bowl V to the Baltimore Colts. However, in the following year, they again won the NFC Championship Game of the 1971-72 NFL playoffs and went on to beat the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl VI winning their first Lombardi trophy.

He was voted to six consecutive Pro Bowls from 1968-73 and was a three-time All-Pro selection. In his nine seasons, the Cowboys went to the playoffs eight times and won seven NFC East titles.

So how does a player who had such a stellar career not end up in the Hall of Fame? For a player of his magnitude who had the credentials and better statistics than many of his fellow competitors who are in the hall of fame I found to be quite perplexing. So talking with John I was curious to get his thoughts about the subject. Recently, there has been a real ground swell of enthusiasm and support from fans on social media sites like Facebook who want to see Niland one day get a bust in Canton, Ohio.

Speaking with Niland I learned that the Cowboys, under coach Tom Landry, had to be more than just physically tough, but mentally prepared to play each week. Niland recalled,

"We had some pretty smart guys up front on the offensive line. Every week we were given a test on the offensive game plan for that week for whoever we were playing. Our playbook looked like a phone book. If you didn't pass the test which was an aptitude test you didn't start that week. You had to know what every player did on the team and not just your position. We were a multiple offensive team lead by some great quarterbacks like Roger Staubach and Don Meredith before him." **TW:** What is the criteria for a player to get into the Hall of Fame(HOF)?

JN: I'm not going to boast about my career but, I would say that I had very good statistics. There are some group of sportswriters on a committee and coaches and what not. They nominate you and then it becomes a voting situation. The fans from what I understand can vote for the players which is what I would like people to do on my behalf

**TW:** So how can fans help your cause to get into the HOF?

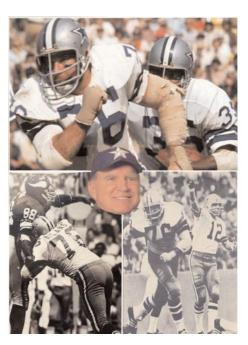
JN: Writing to the Hall of Fame is a good thing to keep the flow of mail going in throughout the year. The address is: Professional Football Hall of Fame c/o Senior committee Attn: Joe Horrigan. 2121 George Halas Drive NW. Canon, Ohio 44708

**TW:** What would it mean to you to be selected to the HOF?

JN: There is only one reason I would want it. That would be to glorify the lord Jesus Christ. My opinion is that God has protected me and given me great experiences in my life. He gave me a great career in the NFL. I really worked at it and I was very grateful and humbled.

TW: Speaking of HOF players tell me about going against your teammate Bob Lilly in practice every day?

**JN:** You always have a great game plan until you get smacked in the face and Bob would do that to you. I told him if you keep doing that I'm going to be smacking you in the face too. It was kind of an understanding that I knew he had to practice his best moves. By him practicing his best moves against me it made me better and hopefully I can help you be challenged to help develop your style. He was very fast and moved laterally just as well as he did horizontally. He was a defensive tackle that probably changed the game at that point. He was a smart player who understood the game. Every day in practice we would go what we called 'full potatoes'. That meant we were going full force. Bob was very grateful that at least he was willing to try to help me develop as he was a few years older than me. Bob made me look really good at times and sometimes made me look really stupid too. I was thankful to have Duane Thomas running



behind me and Bob Lilly in front of me. This was a challenge of a lifetime.

**TW:** *Injuries are always part of the game. Tell me how they affected you?* 

JN: After my time with the Cowboys I played one year with the Eagles in 1975. I busted up my back and leg so I decided I better retire. I can walk and talk, but I can't run across the room. I have no stability in my legs anymore. You give up your body to play and people who say they are normal after playing in the NFL for 10 to 12 years are lying. In the offensive line you get hit every time the ball is snapped.

TW: I know your faith is important to you. Tell me how you became a Christian? JN: I became a Christian during my football career. It was towards the end of my career in Dallas and I finally realized it wasn't just me as the lord was giving me the talent and ability. I got saved one night when I happened to get in trouble with the police. I was in a fight with them and there were a lot of fisticuffs going on. Finally they knocked me out and took me to the hospital and later on let me go. The next day when I went to practice coach Landry pulled me over and said he heard what happened last night. He wanted me to tell him about the incident. I told him about it and he said," son, that story has been told before. That's like Paul the apostle riding through Damascus and the lord knocked him off his horse. He got him off his high horse and got his attention. That's what the lord did to you John. Now you've got to pay attention. Oh, by the way your late for practice so I'm gonna fine you now so go get changed for practice." If coach Landry had not done that and excepted the fact that he understood what I went through in salvation that I had experienced the night before I probably wouldn't be talking to you now. He had a tremendous impact

upon my life. I was the only football player who invited him over to my house for dinner. He and his wife came over and we had a long conversation and I told him I would like to start a bible study on the Cowboys and would you support me on that? He said," absolutely". That's how bible study started on the Dallas Cowboys. Coach Landry came to the very first meeting we had to kind of give it an approval. We had a great relationship after that. It wasn't so much player and coach as it was a spiritual fellowship.

John told me these days he is still working at age 76 for a concrete company called Nelson Brothers. They have five locations in north Dallas. His phone number is 214-641-8700 if you need to speak to him directly. Niland said, "The owner of the company Randy Owens has been terrific to me for the past 5 years since I found out I have cancer. He has been a God send to me."

**TW:** *Tell me about the type of cancer you have?* 

JN: It's called Salivary Cancer. It affects my salivary glands. I wake up every morning with nothing in my mouth except a shingle of dryness. I take pills for it and I went through radiation for it. That radiation beat the poop out of me. It affects the way you eat too. I've lost 50 lbs. I'll be doing a pet scan in a week to see if I'm still clean or not. Whatever happens is okay as the lord has a plan for me. I'm working out and exercising and doing the things that my doctor told me to do. My wife Shaughn has been terrific taking care of me. She gives me therapy and we work out together and that's a very good thing. I am blessed to have a wife that loves me and taken on responsibility to help me get well. It is a maturing challenge to your faith. You mature when you deal with the trials and tribulations of life.

After researching career statistics of some of the HOF players from his era, Niland's stats are more impressive than many of the guys. What he did on the field speaks for itself. Off the field for the past few decades the NFL couldn't ask for a better man to represent and promote the game than Niland. If a players character means anything at all then he is already a Hall of Famer. As a former player that helped the Cowboys win their first Super bowl it's been frustrating for him to watch his old team not play in the big game since 1996. It's been the longest drought in the team's history.

Before ending my call with John he asked me what do you call a Dallas Cowboy with a super bowl ring? "Old!" *Tom Ward can be contacted at www.tee-timewithtom.com* 

## No spectators at next weeks Memorial



The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide is being held July 14-19. (Streeter Lecka/Getty Images)

## PGA TOUR, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide announced event to be held without spectators

With support of Nationwide and local government, officials cancel plans to be among first professional sports leagues with fan attendance; decision made out of an abundance of caution, as focus heightens on player experience and television presentation

#### By PGATOUR.COM

The PGA TOUR and the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide announced this week that despite a robust health and safety plan and State of Ohio approval for limited patron attendance, the world-renowned event founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus will instead be held without fans on site and with no pro-am, due to the rapidly changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The news comes as many of the world's best players arrive at Muirfield Village Golf Club for an unprecedented two-week swing at the "Course that Jack Built" — the Workday Charity Open this week, followed by the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, with the 45th edition of the Tournament being staged July 14-19.

"We applaud the leadership, diligence and partnership it took from Jack Nicklaus, Dan Sullivan, the entire Memorial Tournament staff and State, County and City leadership to build a solid plan that would allow for limited fan attendance at next week's event," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. "But given

the broader challenges communities are facing due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we need to stay focused on the No. 1 priority for our Return to Golf the health and safety of all involved. While this was a difficult decision, it was one made collectively, and we are appreciative of the process undertaken to this point that will allow us to welcome on-site fans when the time is right. In the meantime, we have no doubt that the Memorial Tournament will once again be an incredible championship and deliver the best competitive environment for our players and utmost entertainment to our fans around the world."

After Ohio Governor Mike DeWine approved in mid-June a phased approach to allowing on-site fans and guests, Memorial Tournament officials announced several elements of their COVID-19 activation protocols designed to allow for a 20 percent maximum capacity on property, encompassing patrons and private venues, as well as essential staff needed to operate the Tournament.

"The Memorial Tournament team, led by Dan Sullivan, worked exhaustively on a plan that the Governor of Ohio, Mike DeWine, as well as other local, county and state leaders were comfortable with, confident in, and applauded," Nicklaus said. "We had a good plan in place, and I could not be more proud of everyone who contributed to it. In the end, we have the responsibility to recognize the health and safety of the players and all who attend the Memorial Tournament. We, in partnership with Nationwide and the PGA TOUR, will now focus on presenting the best-possible Memorial Tournament we can for the players and for the many fans watching at home and around the world on Golf Channel and CBS."

Nationwide, which has been the Tournament sponsor for 10 years, has been both supportive and instrumental throughout the planning process, since the Memorial date change in March in conjunction with the PGA TOUR's adjusted tournament schedule.

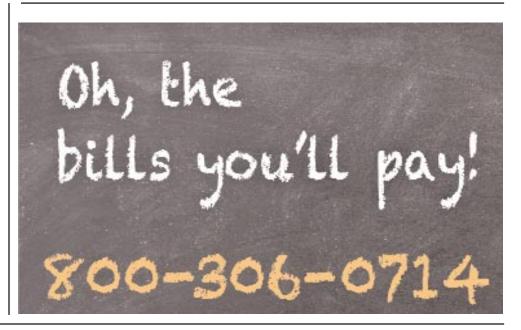
"We understand and support the decision to have this year's Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide without spectators," said Nationwide Chief Executive Officer Kirt Walker. "Although we can't be there in person, we wish the players a great two weeks at Muirfield Village Golf Club and we look forward to supporting them on course, with fans, in the future."

Executive Director Dan Sullivan had emphasized for weeks the need for all involved to remain flexible and understanding, as the coronavirus pandemic continued to evolve nationwide and in the State of Ohio.

"While we embraced the opportunity to be the first PGA TOUR event to welcome the return of on-site fans — and be a part of our nation's collective reemergence from the COVID-19 crisis — we recognize the current increase in positive COVID-19 cases across the country and our ultimate responsibility," said Sullivan. "We will host the 45th Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide without patrons onsite and encourage all fans of the Memorial and the PGA TOUR to follow the competition through our collective social media channels and our broadcast partners. It's disappointing to the many who have tirelessly worked to create a plan for on-site patrons, but I'm confident the learnings from these efforts will contribute to golf's continued success, and we're excited to showcase Muirfield Village Golf Club and ultimately, the Memorial Tournament — to our fans over the next two weeks."

"The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and the PGA TOUR have made the right decision in not allowing spectators to attend this year," said Governor Mike DeWine.?? "I know it was a difficult decision to make, but the organizers of the Memorial Tournament have put the health and safety of players and fans first."

For more information please visit thememorialtournament.com. For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter and Instagram at @MemorialGolf and on Facebook at Facebook.com/theMemorialTournament.



# This week: Workday Charity Open



Cantlay and Spieth, the Workday will feature nine of the top 10 from last year's Memorial, including 2014 Memorial winner Hideki Matsuyama... The Workday is a one-off event.

72-HOLE RECORD (Memorial): 268, Tom Lehman (1994)

18-HOLE RECORD (Memorial): 61, John Huston (2nd round, 1996) LAST TIME: Debut event.

#### **HOW TO FOLLOW**

**Television:** Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. ET (Golf Channel). Saturday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3 p.m.-6 p.m. (CBS).

**PGA TOUR LIVE:** Thursday-Friday 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. (featured groups), Saturday-Sunday 7:00 a.m.-3 p.m. (featured groups). Saturday-Sunday 3 p.m.-6 p.m. (featured holes).

Radio: Thursday-Friday, 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 1 p.m.-6 p.m. (PGA TOUR Radio on SiriusXM and PGA-TOUR.com/liveaudio).



Workday Charity Open July 9 - July 12, 2020 Muirfield Village Golf Club Dublin, Ohio Purse - \$6,200,000 Winners share: 1,110,000

By Adam Stanley pgatour.com

The PGA TOUR and John Deere announced in May that this year's John Deere Classic would be replaced by a new event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enter the Workday Charity Open.

The Workday Charity Open will be the first of back-to-back events at Muirfield Village and will feature seven of the top 15 players in the world. The John Deere Classic is set to return to the TOUR schedule in 2021 for its 50th playing.

FIELD NOTES: Patrick Cantlay, who won last year's Memorial Tournament, looks to continue the good vibes on Jack Nicklaus' signature layout... Three of the top five in the world will tee it up at the Workday, including No. 2 Jon Rahm, No. 4 Justin Thomas, and No. 5 Brooks Koepka... Koepka returns after withdrawing from the Travelers Championship as a

precautionary measure after his caddie Ricky Elliott tested positive for COVID-19... Koepka's brother Chase – who Monday-qualified for the Travelers Championship but also withdrew as a precaution – received a sponsor exemption into the Workday... Denny McCarthy, Nick Watney, and Dylan Frittelli, who tested positive for COVID-19, will return to action... Other notables include Justin Rose, Phil Mickelson, Xander Schauffele, Jordan Spieth, Patrick Reed, and Rickie Fowler.

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

**COURSE:** Muirfield Village Golf Club, 7,392 yards, par 72. Jack Nicklaus' hometown club opened in 1974. The longtime TOUR venue has also been the home of the 1987 Ryder Cup, 1998 Solheim Cup, and 2013 Presidents Cup. The TOUR will host back-to-back events at the course, located in Dublin, Ohio.

be allowed in a limited capacity at next week's Memorial, they will not be allowed at the Workday. ... Bryson DeChambeau, who won the Memorial in 2018, will take his first week off since the TOUR's Return to Golf. DeChambeau notched results of T3-T8-T6 in the first three events of the revised TOUR schedule... Nick Taylor, who won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in February, will play in his first event since the TOUR's Return to Golf. He has remained in Canada with his wife and young son for the last month... Including

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## TOUR Preview: Workday Charity Open



Justin Thomas could make a run this week at Muirfield Village

By Cameron Morfit pgatour.com

Here comes the Dublin double. In a oneyear cameo, the Workday Charity Open at Muirfield Village Golf Club will take over for the John Deere Classic, which will return in 2021. Chalk it up to the pandemic, and yep, the Workday will be at the very same Muirfield Village that will host next week's Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide. But don't be fooled: The Workday is no warm-up act, with five of the top 10 in the world, including Jon Rahm, Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka, Patrick Reed and Patrick Cantlay, who won the Memorial last year. Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth and Jason Day will also tee it up this week on a Muirfield Village course that will have somewhat slower greens and shorter rough.

#### THREE PLAYERS TO PONDER



1. Justin Rose
Nine top-25 finishes in 13
career starts at Muirfield
Village, including a victory
in 2010. Was T3, T14 and
MC in first three starts in
Return to Golf.

2. Brooks Koepka
Returns to action for first
time since Travelers
Championship WD as a precautionary measure after his
caddie tested positive for
COVID-19.



**3. Viktor Hovland**Might be building up to something after finishing in the top 25 at each of the four tournaments since the PGA TOUR season resumed.

#### THE FLYOVER

The ideal tee shot at the 529-yard, arrow-straight par-5 15th hole is straight and long enough to crest the hill. A creek

146 birdies and six eagles there at the Memorial last year.

#### LANDING ZONE

The par-4, 483-yard 18th hole, to which 40 yards were added in 2013, is no pushover. The sharp dogleg right ranked as the toughest hole (4.276) at the Memorial last year, and while it may play differently for the Workday, it's still a bear. Three right bunkers lurk at the corner of the dog-



runs the length of the hole on the left, and sweeps around to bisect the hole in front of the green. Long hitters who go for the green in two will also be thwarted by the steep hill in front of the putting surface, making it difficult to chase the ball onto the elevated green. Be that as it may, the hole presents one of the best birdie chances in the closing stretch – players racked up

leg. Left of the fairway a creek threads through the tree line. Players who go too far through the fairway could be blocked out by a cluster of black walnut trees in front of the huge, heavily contoured, two-tiered green surrounded by bunkers. The hole yielded only 47 birdies compared to 87 bogeys, 27 double-bogeys, and four "others" at the Memorial last year.

#### WEATHER CHECK

From meteorologist Wade Stettner: "Hot and humid conditions are expected on Thursday with just a slight chance for an afternoon shower or thunderstorm. Thursday will be the hottest day of the week with heat indices near 100 degrees. Thunderstorm chances increase for Friday as a low pressure system approaches Ohio. Thunderstorms will remain possible through the weekend with slightly cooler temperatures expected."

#### SOUND CHECK

It seems to be a top-10 or a missed cut.
- FedExCup No. 2 Justin Thomas on his feast-or-famine record at Muirfield Village

It is great to actually stay in the same place for two weeks and play a tournament.

- Matthew Fitzpatrick, whose caddie for both weeks will be Jim (Bones) Mackay

My grandpa basically put my hands on the club.

- Bo Hoag, who grew up in Columbus and learned to play at Muirfield Village

#### BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 Players in their 40s to win this season: Tiger Woods at the ZOZO CHAMPI-ONSHIP. Meanwhile 11 players in their 20s have won 12 tournaments this season, and 11 players in their 30s have won 13 times this season.
- 23 Number of weeks in the FedExCup top 10 by Sebastián Muñoz, most on TOUR. He fell out of the top 10 for the first time this season after missing the cut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic.
- -19 Patrick Cantlay's winning score at the Memorial last year. The course is expected to play easier for the Workday.

#### **SCATTERSHOTS**

Wolff ready to bounce back: Matthew Wolff is back at it after a runner-up finish at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, where he was the 54-hole leader but lost to Bryson DeChambeau.

"I just didn't get off to the best start," Wolff said from Muirfield Village on Wednesday. "My mental game probably wasn't as strong as I thought it was at the beginning of the week." Be that as it may he birdied four of the last seven holes at the Rocket Mortgage, so he's coming in hot. He stalled after his breakthrough at the 3M Open last year, trying to fix what wasn't broken; his solo second at Detroit Golf Club was his first top-10 finish since the 3M. The keys to his comeback, he said, have been to stick to his strengths, tune out the noise, and not care as much. "It's not that I actually don't," he said. "It's just getting myself in the right frame of mind to not put that extra pressure on myself. ... I know that I haven't been the most consistent player out here, but I'm looking to change that and I feel like I'm working on the right things mentally and physically."

# Baseball is almost here, finally





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ARLINGTON, Texas - Summer Camp is now about a third complete for the Texas Rangers. The workouts are looking good. The pitchers look sharp. Cory Kluber has made two simulated game starts and has struck out 17 batters. The starting five is already stretched out to throw 75 pitches or more. Most of the relief candidates are throwing well too.

The most contested position battle revolves around first base, largely because there are so many options. Ronald Guzman and Greg Bird are the leading candidates and both are left-handed hitters. Guzman is an outstanding defensive first baseman and Bird is above average. However, neither has shown much at the plate so far. Guzman was 7-33 (.212) and Bird was 3-29 (.103) in Cactus League play this spring before training camps were shut down, and neither has shown much offensively at Summer Camp.

Nick Solak hit .293 in 116 at-bats last season after being acquired from the Tampa Bay Rays. Texas is looking for a place for him to play and has been getting work this week at the position.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa hit .378 in March before the shutdown. He was 6-11 to start Summer Camp this month.

The addition of Todd Frazier as a free agent provides flexibility for Ranger manager Chris Woodward. Frazier was signed to play third base but can play first base. Kiner-Falefa has a strong arm and looks good defensively at third. Solak is also getting reps at third base. One of them could take over third with Frazier moving to first. In effect then, Guzman and Bird are battling it out with Solak and Kiner-

Solak's natural position is second base where Rougned Odor is the incumbent. Odor is a notorious slow starter at the plate, and Woodward has made it clear that Odor will not have a long leash to work out his problems with the season shortened to sixty games. Odor however is serving notice that he plans to keep the position. He hit .355 in 12 Cactus League games before spring training shut down, and he is 6-12 so far in Summer Camp. Included among his 17 hits are four home runs.

The catching situation is up in the air too. Robinson Chirinos is back after playing for the Astros last year and will be the starter. From there, the backup catcher is up for grabs. Jeff Mathis and Jose Trevino are back. Mathis was signed to a two-year deal before last season. The Rangers were looking for an experienced veteran to handle the pitching staff, as they knew several young pitchers would be joining the team over the course of 2019. Mathis was magnificent working with the young pitchers but hit a woeful .154.

Trevino was thought to be the catcher of the future and part of the Mathis signing was for him to work with Trevino. However, injuries limited Trevino to just 40 games last year. Veteran Tim Federowicz took up some of the slack, and he's back as part of the 60-man pool of players.

Number two minor league prospect Sam Huff is also in the 60-man pool, but he's there mainly to soak up the Major League experience.

The wild card could be veteran Blake

Swihart, a five-year veteran, whose highquality play early in his career has been curtailed by injury. He is in camp after signing a minor league contract. Swihart is a switch hitter though, and has played in the outfield and first base. He could ultimately be a valuable player for the Rangers if he gets back to the form he showed when he broke into the Majors with Boston in

With active rosters expanded to 30 when the season begins and to 28 two weeks thereafter, the Rangers could put three catchers on the roster over the first four weeks of the season.

This week, Yohander Mendez was activated from the suspended list bringing the

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Rangers pool of players to 58 and has a real shot at getting an opening day roster spot. He's left-handed, and the Rangers are short of lefties in the bullpen.

Brett Martin has the Coronavirus, though he is recovering well. Joely Rodriguez has a strained lat. Taylor Hearn is another left-handed reliever that has a good shot at making the opening day roster.

Jonathan Hernandez is looking especially sharp so far. He's a right-hander and was groomed in the minors as a starter. Hernandez appeared in nine games last season, starting two. With the starting rotation basically set, he is being looked at as a reliever although theoretically could be utilized as a multi-inning reliever with his background as a starting pitcher.

Players can opt out from playing this season because of the coronavirus. Those that are considered high risk, such as having an underlying health issue, can still get paid and receive service time if they choose to opt out of their contracts. None of the Ranger players are expected to take this option. At this point, the players that have opted out are: Mike Leake RHP Arizona; Ryan Zimmerman 1B, Joe Ross 1B and Wellington Castillo C Washington; Ian Desmond OF Colorado; David Price LHP Los Angeles Dodgers; Tyson Ross RHP San Francisco; Felix Hernandez RHP and Nick Markakis OF Atlanta; and Hector Noesi RHP Pittsburgh.

**THE BALLPARK:** The Ranger players so far are raving about the new ballpark.... enjoying Summer Camp in July in air-conditioned comfort. The hitters are reporting that the park is playing big. The indications are that it will not be the home run haven that Globe Life Ballpark was.

No surprise there. The dimensions are similar to the Rangers' former home, but the playing field at Globe Life Field is 70 feet below ground level. That fact coupled with the likelihood that the roof will be closed for 60%-70% of the Rangers' games will eliminate the friendly southerly wind that created the jet stream to right center field at Globe Life Ballpark. Perhaps, this will improve the Rangers' pitching.

The players however are raving about

the synthetic surface. It will play fast challenging outfielders to keep singles from turning into doubles and triples and will put a premium on speedy outfielders.

The Rangers plan to work out in the early evening next week as they want to acclimate the players to the lighting at Globe Life Field.

**COVID-19:** Joey Gallo and Brett Martin are the only players with the virus. Gallo is asymptomatic, while Martin is progressing nicely in his recovery.

**2021 SCHEDULE:** 2021 will be the Rangers' 50th season in Arlington, and MLB released the next year's schedule this week. The season will start on April 1 (no fooling) and will end on Oct. 3. It will be the first time since 1968 that every Major League team will start on the same day.

The Rangers open the season in Kansas City for that first weekend, which is Easter weekend. They then return to Arlington for the home opener against Toronto on Monday, April 5, which could be the grand opening of Globe Life Field if fans are not allowed to attend games this year. Texas will also be out of town for both Fourth of July and Labor Day. The season concludes with a six-game home stand against the Los Angeles Angels and Cleveland Indians.

The two series that are usually the most attractive opponents for fans are against the Red Sox and Yankees. Boston will be in town the weekend of April 29-May 2, while New York will face the Rangers in Arlington May 17-20. Both are four-game series.

Interleague play will be against the National League West for the second consecutive year. Home interleague games will be three game series against the Padres and Rockies and two game series against the Giants and Diamondbacks. Road interleague games will be three game series against the Dodgers and Rockies and two game series against the Giants and Diamondbacks.

#### **NOTABLE:**

• Robinson Chirinos plans to wear a surgical mask in games this season. Catchers will have proximity to hitters and umpires, so he plans to catch with a surgical mask in addition to the regular catchers' mask.



## College Football News and Notes



TCU's Gary Patterson enters 2020 as the second longest current tenured mentor at any NCAA FBS school with 20 years at



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#### **NFF College Hall of Fame Facts**

Some notable birthdates in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the July 5-11 time period are July 5 (1923) John McKay, Everettsville, W.Va.; (1951) Johnny Rodgers, Omaha, Neb.; July 6 (1924) Darrell Royal, Hollis, Okla.; (1946) Fred Dryer, Hawthorne, Calif.; July 7 (1918) Bob Blackman, DeSoto, Iowa; (1972) Michael Westbrook, Detroit, Mich.; July 8 (1890) Pete Mauthe, Turkey City, Pa.; (1935) John David Crow, Marion, La.; July 9 (1870) Ed Hall, Granville, Ill.; (1874) George Brooke, Brookville, Md.; (1892) Elmer Oliphant, Bloomfield, Ind.; (1912) Abe Mickal, Talia, Lebanon; (1918) Nile Kinnick, Adel, Iowa; (1947) O.J. Simpson, San Francisco, Calif.; July 10 (1960) Darryl Talley, Cleveland, Ohio; July 11 (1876) Percy Haughton, Staten Island, N.Y.; (1915) Cecil Isbell, Houston, Texas. Notable anniversary death dates for Hall of Famers are July 5 (1998) Sid Luckman, No. Miami Beach, Fla.; July 7 (1976) Bill Swiacki, Sturbridge, Mass.; (1992) Clint

Frank, Evanston, Ill.; July 9 (1995) Reds Bagnell, Philadelphia, Pa.; (2005) Al Sparlis, Porterville, Calif.; July 10 (2010) Milt Morin, Northampton, Mass. Happy birthdays to NFF College Hall of Fame members July 5 Johnny Rodgers, July 6 Fred Dryer (a spry 74), July 7 Michael Westbrook, July 9 O.J. Simpson (a spry 73), July 10 Darryl Talley...

Charlotte and Ole Miss will meet in a two-game series in 2026 and '27...The Sept. 12 contest between Lafayette and Navy in Annapolis, Md., has been cancelled due to medical guidelines along with the Sept. 5 Southern U.-Tennessee State contest at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich....The 2020 Dayton-Southeast Missouri State season lidlifter also has been called off because of health and travel conditions. SEMO is seeking an immediate preplacement on the 2020 schedule for the Flyers ...Western Michigan and Colgate cancelled their 2020 season opener after the Patriot League disallowed all flights to opposing destinations. WMU now will host Stony Brook to start the campaign...Clemson and Georgia each will receive a \$4 million guarantee for their 2021 contest at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C..... Columbia and Georgetown (D.C.) starts a two-game series Sept. 26 with the back end of the agreement scheduled for Sept. 25, 2021...Holy Cross and Yale will play a nine-game series beginning Sept. 19 and running through the 2028 season...East Carolina and Old Dominion will face off four times over a five-year period from 2027-31...Arkansas State and Memphis will meet annually from 2026-29.. Colorado will host TCU in 2022 and then meet the

Horned Frogs at Fort Worth, Texas, in 2023 ing Aug. 1... ...Oklahoma State and Oregon are slated to play in 2025 and '26...Gonzaga, Northern Arizona, Southern California, and North Carolina Central are completing recent scheduling agreements for 2020-21...Green Bay and Syracuse have agreed to future meetings in various sports.. Houston, Texas, Louisiana Tech, Texas A&M, and Boise State have some upcoming rivalry contests in men's basketball and other varsity sports ...Louisville, Gonzaga, Providence, and another college team will meet in a men's basketball classic this year in New York

Vanderbilt University and the VU Medical Center offered a special virtual conference on internet security in the COVID-19 era for universities, departments of athletics, corporations, alumni, students, and friends last week with moderater Dr. Philippe Fauchet, Bruce and Bridgitt Evans Dean of Engineering; Chris Slobogin, Milton R. Underwood Professor in Law; R. Lawrence Van Horn, associate professor of health economics; Jules White, associate professor of computer science; and Masood Sidiqyar, VU information technology director of security operations.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz enters 2020 as the longest current tenured mentor at any NCAA FBS school with 22 seasons. TCU's Gary Patterson is next with 20 years at the Frogs helm, Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy and Utah's Kyle Whittingham are fourth on the active list with 15 seasons (and one of the nation's top bowl marks as a head coach by Whittingham at 11-3) with the Utes....Syracuse head coach Dino Babers received multiple, deferred performance bonuses after a 10-win season in 2018...Mark Hudspeth is stepping down after one season as head coach at Austin Peay... Oklahoma State head coach Mike Gundy has accepted a reduction in pay and length of his current contract as he starts his 16th season in that position and 35th year overall as a player or coach at O-State ...\$1 million pay cut, other contract adjustments Utah defensive coordinator and former coach-in-waiting to head coach Kyle Whittingham had his contract altered and received salary and length of service reductions...Cincinnati's former strength and conditioning director Mike Rehfeldt has accepted the same position with Connecticut athletics...Former FWAA Eddie Robinson Award recipient, 22-year college head coach and current special assistant to TCU head coach Gary Patterson, Jerry Kill has recovered from COVID-19 after suffering through other health issues in recent years...Michigan AD Warde Manuel and head coaches Jim Harbaugh and Juwan Howard will accept 10 percent compensation reductions start-

Hometowns of more 2020 college head coaches - Fordham: Joe Conlin, Greensburg, Pa.; Franklin & Marshall: John Troxell, Phillipsburg, Pa.; Fresno State: Kalen DeBoer, Milbank, S.D.; Furman: Clay Hendrix, Commerce, Ga.; Georgetown (D.C.): Rob Sgarlata, Washington, D.C.

North Texas director of athletics Wren

Baker emailed a solid, state of the Mean Green newsletter to the public and urged

support during challenging economic times for UNT athletics...Louisiana gave AD Dr. Bryan Maggard a new, five-year contract, and he recently posted a caution to Ragin' Cajun fans while wearing a UL face covering – say "neaux" to Covid-19...New Tennessee State AD Mikki Allen already has plans for campus stadium improvements, updating fundraising efforts and many more amenities for the Tigers..Miami (Fla.) AD Blake James has urged studentathlete endorsement and compensation laws for names, images and likenesses to be extended nationally via Congress and other means...Nebraska AD Bill Moos complimented Huskers fans for remaining solid in their pledges and donations to athletics during trying times. Moos also spoke of increasing the Huskers 2020 victory total to six and a bowl bid in spite of rugged Big Ten Conference opposition ...New Mexico AD Eddie Nuñez and New Mexico State AD Mario Moccia have combined to support and encourage the Twitter site #FaceMasks4FallSports...UNLV AD Desiree Reed-Francois has pledged proactive trending for all fall sports...Michigan athletics life counselor and motivational speaker Greg Harden recently celebrated his 34-year anniversary as a key part of the Wolverines program...Illinois athletics has added Ashton Washington as director of high school relations...Former Syracuse associate head women's lacrosse coach Regy Thorpe is Pittsburgh's new assistant women's lacrosse coach...Boise State added former Oregon assistant coach Nia Jackson as women's basketball assistant coach while Navy named Tim Taylor as its new women's basketball head coach ...Former Alaska-Anchorage head women's gymnastics head coach Tanya Ho is pursuing new career options...New Vanderbilt chancellor Dr. Daniel Diermeyer took over the VU reins officially July 1 and stressed inclusion and diversity in his first message to students, faculty, alumni, and Vandy staff members...College of DuPage (Ill.) physics department adjunct faculty member and football enthusiast Jennifer Gimmell was featured for her national success as a women's powerlifting competitor...Former Samford head coach Scott Padgett is headed to New Mexico as assis

tant men's basketball coach...Kentucky head women's basketball coach Matthew Mitchell is recovering after recent brain surgery...Arizona State named Michelle Estill women's golf associate head coach ...Former UCLA gymnast Felicia Hano is the new volunteer assistant coach for Arkansas women's gymnastics...Rice men's basketball tabbed Derek Glasser as assistant coach, Ryan Kapustka as director of basketball operations and Greg Howell as video coordinator...Arkansas added David Patrick named as associate head coach for men's basketball. Patrick was head coach UC Riverside until late June ...Mike Pagpayo is now the acting head men's basketball coach at UC Riverside.. ...Arizona State tabbed Jimmy Kolaitis named as assistant women's softball coach.

The Power Five conferences each are considering moving their football championship games back to Dec. 11-12...The Greensboro, N.C., News and Record wrote about the legacy of retiring Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford and his ACC collection at his Greensboro home...The Durham, N.C., Herald-Sun had an exclusive interview with commissioner Swofford about his upcoming retirement as well...Southeastern Conference commissioner Greg Sankey joined outgoing Ohio State president emeritus Dr. Michael Drake and Ole Miss AD Keith Carter on a special panel testifying before a U.S. Senate committee looking at national proposals for the NCAA's names, images and likenesses compensation agreements starting in 2023 ...UCF has received its \$7.4 million payout from the American Athletic Conference for 2019-20....The AAC also officially announced its move this month to new offices at The Summit in the Las Colinas area of Irving, Texas, near the Big 12 Conference, Conference USA, the NFF, and the College Football Playoff offices ... The Big West Conference added Cal State Bakersfield and UC San Diego officially July 1 for the 2020-21 academic year...Connecticut became part of the Big East Conference for all sports except football (NCAA FBS independent status) July 1....The Missouri Valley Football Conference is working with its members in an attempt to start the '20 season on sched-

The Goodyear Cotton Bowl has named 36-year vice president for communications Charlie Fiss as the bowl's first fulltime historian. The 2017 FWAA Bert McGrane Award recipient and CoSIDA Hall of Fame member, will be inducted into the Springdale (Ark.) Sports Hall of Fame later this year. Longtime NCAA conference publicist Scottie Rodgers has replaced Fiss as VP for communications with the GBC.

Some preseason All-America and all-conference selections in numerous national publications are QB Chris Robison of Florida Atlantic, WR Austin Watkins Jr. of UAB, OL Arvin Fletcher of Southern Miss, DL DeAngelo Malone of WKU, LB Blaze Alldredge of Rice, return specialist Talik

Keaton of Marshall, QB Hank Bachmeier of Boise State, WR Tre Walker of San Jose State, OL Ilm Manning of Hawai'i, DL Cameron Thomas of San Diego State, LB Demonte Meeks, of Air Force, and LB Justin Rice of Fresno State, among others ...Freshman Isaac Athans is the latest recruit to join the University of Calgary (defending Canadian collegiate champion) football squad under head coach Wayne Harris Jr. (the son of NFF and Canadian Football Halls of Fame player and coach the late Wayne Harris Sr.)...Some additional key transfers for 2020-21 at various NCAA FBS schools in a report from College Football News online are OT Scott Lashley, Alabama to Mississippi State; WR Velus Jones, Southern California to Tennessee; OG Ryan Johnson, Tennessee to Georgia Tech; QB Nick Starkel, Arkansas to San Jose State; RB Brittain Brown, Duke to UCLA; QB Lucas Johnson, Georgia Tech to San Diego State; kicker Jose Borregales, FIU to Miami (Fla.); OG Terrance Davis, Maryland to Wake Forest; DE Xavier Kelly, Clemson to Arkansas; and QB Chase Brice, Clemson to Duke...The NCAA is weighing an immediate eligibility transfer for Ole Miss' Blake Hinson to Iowa State.....DIBaseball .com tabulated that there have been a probable-record 980 NCAA baseball studentathletes entering the NCAA Transfer Portal since June 9...Vanderbilt student-athlete Kendall Derry was featured on the weekly podcast I Am More Than a Student-Athlete about community service and competing in college athletics...Five-star prospect WR Chris Hilton Jr. verbally committed to sign with LSU in 2021 last week...Texas received an oral commitment from standout DB Jamier Johnson for 2021...Penn State cornerback Marquis Wilson is seeking to regain playing status prior to later summer preseason workouts...Texas Tech's Caden Trey Leggett hopes to be reinstated before the Red Raiders start the campaign.

Former Auburn standout and 2010 Heisman Trophy recipient Cam Newton signed a free agent contract with the NFL New England Patriots after playing for the Carolina Panthers from 2011-19...DE LaDarius Hamilton and OL Elex Woodworth of North Texas have inked NFL free agent pacts with the NFL Dallas Cowboys and Houston Texas, respectively, for the 2020 season...The NFL Washington Redskins are exploring a move to change the team nickname after a request from team stadium sponsor FedEx...The NBA and WNBA will paint Black Lives Matter on courts when play resumes and will have messages of racial equity on the back of players' jerseys...The Professional Golf Association in recent weeks has saluted medical professionals and first responders with their last names on the back of caddies' pullovers...Texas' first Black football scholarship student-athlete Julius Whitter who passed away in 2018 was remembered in a Dallas Morning News newspaper colUAB has posted several time-lapse videos and photos for Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala., near the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and Southeastern Conference office in downtown Birmingham ... North Dakota State athletics received approval from the North Dakota Legislature for a \$5 million outdoor track and other facilities' renovations ...North Texas student-athletes established a school record with a composite 3.46 grade point average (4.0 scale) for the spring semester...AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, is warming up for its annual campaigns with the NFL Dallas Cowboys, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl, selected state high school playoff games, and the state finals in all divisions in December with a series of 30-plus outdoor movies projected on a large screen. For additional information, please access TribecaFilms.com...GlassDoor.com compiled a series of reviews about working or teaching at Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth, Texas, and Wesleyan athletics...Frequent college athletics sponsor Toyota will complete its five-year commitment of \$13 billion to North American operations one year in advance of its previous, five-year (2016-21) published goal...The Raiders Marketing Group is helping small businesses and some college athletics departments to attract larger customer and fans' bases...The patriotic artwork of Laura Roosevelt, great-granddaughter of U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is on display at Dallas (Texas) Jesuit HS Art Museum and has been viewed by dozens of student-athletes and their families.... .....Oklahoma athletics slashed \$13.7 million from its operating budget last week and seeks a break-even point for fiscal year 2020 after making \$5 million above expenses in fiscal year 2019...Cincinnati has seen a steady purchase of football season tickets in recent weeks...Colorado and Maryland marching bands were subjects of 2020 season preparations in a Tampa Bay, Fla., Times feature...Memphis athletics and Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium detailed COVID-19 policies for upcoming events and football season...Veteran writer Pete Thamel documented some possible solutions for mid-level schools coping with pandemic issues and football...South Alabama football announced its intention to play the '20 season as scheduled... ....Eastern Washington athletics is working to reduce probable budget deficits for 2020-21...Georgia athletics has agreed to participate in any state-mandated personnel furloughs...Michigan athletics is revisiting budget proposals after a possible \$26 million deficit in the 2020-21 academic year ...Tennessee athletics has projected a \$10 million decrease in athletics revenue in coming months...Boise State athletics now is sharing numbers of positive tests' results for COVID-19...Clemson football remains at 23 positive tests (some possibly asymp-

colleges continue to report positive COVID-19 tests, studies and scenarios are being proposed in case another surge occurs during the regular football season ... Navy athletics has agreed to prepare and conform with guidelines for both the American Athletic (football) and Patriot League (other autumn sports) guidelines for possible midseason changes and flexibility in scheduling...Missouri established a definite protocol for COVID-19 in fall athletics...Louisville athletics has agreed to continue training and studies in diversity, equality and leadership for Black coaches and administrators...Kansas State athletics has shown support for student-athletes working to heal diversity challenges.. Under Armour officially requested that its current marketing and apparel agreements with UCLA athletics be concluded...Princeton University has renamed its former Woodrow Wilson School of Business and Wilson College. Currently, there are no plans to rename historic Wilson Dam and Wilson Lake in Muscle Shoals and Florence, Ala. - part of the Tennessee Valley Authority systems...South Carolina AD Ray Tanner said he is close to identifying a timeline for the upcoming college gridiron season...New Mexico State's athletics budget received a six percent cut in state appropriations last week...Oregon State AD Scott Barnes says the Ducks are facing a daily fluid situation with respect to the '20 football season and budgeting ... The Citadel temporarily stopped voluntary preseason drills after some football student-athletes tested positively for COVID-19 ...Minnesota AD Mark Coyle said the Golden Gophers are ready and eager to return to fall semester athletics...Oklahoma's COVID-19 medical advisers emphasized they are doing everything allowable within their power to bring order to pre-2020 football practices .....Chicago-area student-athletes spoke to reporters about legal and ethical questions facing 2020 autumn teams and pledges not to take legal action if COVID-19 cases appear on their respective teams...Toledo athletics is making revisions to some of its COVID-19 testing procedures and has not made public the numbers of student-athletes, coaches or staff who have registered positive testing results...Arizona AD Dave Heeke was saluted for paving the way for famed student-athlete Ernie McCray into the UA Athletics Ring of Honor...Penn State and Pennsylvania football studentathletes were greeted with glee by coaches and administrators at their respective campus after the months of pandemic and civil uncertainty in those communitiesMinnesota athletics is working to bring more diversity in key leadership and coaching positions ...Ole Miss student-athletes reacted to recent protests in the Oxford, Miss., area and the changing of the state flag of Mississippi...South Carolina athletics does not expect any changes in its current marketing and apparel contract with Under

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reported for summer workouts...While

Armour...Oregon's new \$200 million Hayward Field complex is awaiting its first events in coming weeks...Iowa, UNI and Iowa State administrators acknowledged challenges for 2020 radio broadcasting and advertising in the football realm..Michigan athletics made public tests results for 322 football student-athletes, coaches and support staff and counted two positive COVID-19 tests...Arizona football has taken a brief hiatus from workouts after more COVID-19 cases were reported.. ...Baylor athletics added five positive COVID-19 tests last week to bring the preseason total to 13 among all sports, coaches and administrators...Iowa's COVID-19 positive tests' total is now 17 since May 29 examinations began...Oklahoma State football initially had 14 positive tests for COVID-19 for the program...Based on advice from medical professionals, SMU football is delaying Phase II of its return to football workouts for an indefinite period ...Baylor athletics is working to put in the past any possible racial inequities or exclusions...Denver athletics added women's triathlon as the university's 18th varsity sport...Navy and Under Armour are working different fiscal issues in their current apparel deal...Illinois athletics received an in-kind donation of 300 acres, including the Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana, Ill., from a generous set of donors last week ...Virginia men's and women's golf programs are set to begin practicing and hosting meets at the Birdwood Golf Course near Charlottesville.

Legendary Dallas and Memphis area sportscaster Chris Arnold has been named to the Texas Radio Hall of Fame after an illustrious, 40-plus-year career...The Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger newspaper speculated on the key role college sports and coaches and administrators from Mississippi colleges played in the revision of the state flag officially last week...The Fairmont, W. Va., Times West Virginian newspaper recommended West Virginia AD Shane Lyons as a possible successor for retiring ACC commissioner John Swofford ... Tyler Palmateer of the Norman, Okla., Transcript sports department spoke of the great memories of covering Oklahoma and area athletics last week on his final day with the publication...OregonLive.com detailed several of the current Pac-12 Conference members' apparel and marketing contracts, their associates and length of these pacts...Publicist and University of Oklahoma communications office employee Franco Sui Yuan celebrated his first Fourth of July as a U.S. citizen last Saturday after pursuing the dream for 15plus years.

The FWAA reminded members last week about discounts available for Phil Steele's College Football magazine...Brian Henry of West Florida, Zachary Shore of Madonna (Mich.), Ricky Hazel of Stetson, Jon Holtz of Slippery Rock, Kevin Maloney of Northwest Mississippi College, Andrew Song of South Dakota State, Josh

Neuhart of Grace (Ind.), Barry Beal of the College of New Jersey, Kyle Piercy of Centre, Derek Koetter of Tampa, and Gene Cassell of Washburn were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter...Alabama, Arizona, Arizona State, Kansas, Louisville, Michigan, Michigan State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, and Vanderbilt are working with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and reports at their respective schools...The NCAA has been working with government officials and medical authorities on student-athletes' safety in the six-week run-up to the season...The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools has laid out a possible plan for fall and spring sports to switch seasons in 2020-21 and will work with the Texas University Interscholastic League (public schools) on possible site and scheduling adjustments...California high school interscholastic organizations also are considering switching spring sports to fall schedules and moving sports such as football and volleyball back to winter and spring dates to be determined in 2021.

Dr. Chris Howard graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991 with a 3.78 GPA as a three-year football letterman and starting running back on the Falcons squad that upset Ohio State in the 1991 Liberty Bowl. He won the initial NFF William V. Campbell Trophy (the Academic Heisman) in 1990, and he joins the NFF in celebrating its 30-year anniversary in 2020. He received a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, earning his doctorate in politics. He served as a helicopter pilot early in his military career and an intelligence officer in Afghanistan, claiming a Bronze Star for his service in a combat zone. He also received his MBA from Harvard University. From 2009-16, Howard led Hampden-Sydney College (Va.) as its president before taking on his current role as president at Robert Morris University in February 2016. Howard's passion for football and his bluechip reputation also resulted in him serving as a member of the prestigious College Football Playoff Selection Committee. The NFF office recently did a brief interview /update with this noted scholar and college president:

What does it mean to be a Campbell Trophy winner during this period? Is it relevant?

"It legitimizes you because it speaks to excellence in many different areas, but even though it was a long time ago, people will see the Campbell [as part of my bio] and ask me about it, which creates an easy point of conversation and information. I will tell you whether it's COVID-19 or just my daily operations as president or as a leader in the community or society, the Campbell Trophy is one of the greatest door openers you'll ever have in your life. What are the challenges of being a university president during the COVID-19

#### pandemic?

"We are institutions that operate on consensus and over extended periods. It takes a long time and a great deal of deliberation for universities to move from point A to point B. Until now that has been a strength, but we don't have that kind of time now. We have had to react very quickly, while creating a plan for contingencies on the fly in a way that we have never really done before. We have no choice. We have to get it done to keep our staff, our faculty, our students, and our community safe. We have to make sure that we are achieving our mission, which is ensuring that our students have a great educational experience. There is a lot of uncomfortableness because operating at a high ops tempo, as we would say in the military, is not something that university leadership and its members are accustomed to doing. How have you led during this period? How has football guided you during this period?

"It's not about the leader. It's about empowering the team, which is one of the great lessons from football. It does not matter how good of a running back you are, if the guard can't get off the ball on time, or is offsides, or holds every other play, the whole team is going to suffer. My mindset is: 'we are about us' and we are trying to create a collective vision of excellence and performance. Those are lessons

that I learned on the gridiron and in the military. I typically start with: 'How are we going to do this?' as opposed to telling people what to do. One cannot effectively and purposely lead an organization without having the servant-leader model without thinking about the other before yourself or about empathy."

#### Where are we today?

"Right now, our focus is getting our students back on campus because the best thing for the student-athletes is to come up with a system and a plan, even in a modified fashion, to bring students back to campus. If you get that wrong, you are probably not going to get the sports part right. So, we think the best balance is centered around our student body at large because our student-athletes are students first. Whether they're playing football or soccer, we want to make sure they're getting a good education period. In terms of playing going forward, it gets pretty technical, pretty quickly. If you read what the NCAA is saying, the National Athletics Trainers Association and other sports medicine organizations are saying, it's like reading the check-list manifesto for heart surgery or going on the Space Shuttle. Our athletics director Chris King has done a really fine job being on top of it all. He's a very experienced AD, and I trust him and the coaches with all the details."



## Mercedes-Benz GLE Coupe Review



By Matt Degen

If you're all about presentation and performance, the Mercedes-AMG GLE Coupe is all the SUV you'll need. Based on the GLE SUV, the Coupe offers fastback styling that, while slick, also reduces the utility of the rear cargo area. Standard allwheel drive and a choice of two potent turbocharged engines sweeten the deal, as does the bold and brawny AMG styling treatment. Built to take on other high-performance crossover SUVs like the BMW X6 M and Porsche Cayenne Turbo, the GLE Coupe delivers thrilling performance but also an elevated sense of luxury unique to the Mercedes brand. Pricing for the AMG GLE 43 starts just over \$72,000, while the V8-powered AMG GLE 63 S Coupe pushes the price of entry to nearly

In Comfort mode, the Mercedes-AMG GLE Coupe for isn't as sedate as less-performance-tuned Mercedes SUVs, but it's compliant and luxurious. You can feel the road rolling under the GLE's huge wheels and tires, but the serenity of the GLE's interior is more than satisfactory for any luxury SUV buyer. Dial the AMG Dynamic Select system to Sport or Sport+ and head to the hills, and the GLE Coupe's personality changes dramatically. It's now a snarling high-performance machine with a stiff ride. Toss the GLE Coupe into some corners and there's plenty of grip from the SUV's big tires; however, this is a heavy truck weighing over 5,000 pounds and its mass can be felt, especially over rougher roads. Power is never an issue. The AMG GLE 43 offers very good acceleration, and

the 9-speed automatic transmission clicks off shifts without a thought. It also responds quickly when you use the GLE's paddle shifters.

Both the AMG GLE 43 and GLE 63 S feature Dynamic Select as part of their standard-equipment roster. The system allows the driver to vary the vehicle's suspension, acceleration and even the engine note, with settings for Comfort, Sport, Sport+, Slippery and Individual.

The one thing every generation shares in common is the dread associated with having to parallel-park their own car. With the optional Parking Pilot, the AMG GLE Coupe does all the work for you, prompting you to work the gear selector while it works the steering and brakes.

Sharing most of its interior bits and pieces with the larger GLE SUV, the view from the driver seat is comfortably familiar. Look in the rearview mirror, however, and the feeling is much different. The sweeping rear roof creates a cocoon-like environment, with limited space above the cargo bay as well as a reduction in rearseat headroom. Cargo volume behind the rear seat is set at 23 cubic feet, which seems reasonable until you consider the 38 cubic feet offered by the standard GLE. In true AMG style, the AMG GLE Coupe includes a flat-bottom steering wheel, faux carbon-fiber gauge faces, aluminum pedals and upgraded seats that, while supportive, are also extremely firm. Storage space is plentiful throughout the cabin and fit and finish are above reproach.

There are four passenger doors on the AMG GLE Coupe, so it is not, strictly speaking, a "coupe." But its coupe-like

roofline is a sharp contrast to the upright GLE SUV, so we'll give it a pass here. Still, the unique look of the Mercedes-AMG GLE Coupe is a study in love-it-or-leave-it. Some think the rear end can look bulbous from some angles, while others find the GLE's carlike body style, massive wheels and tires and high-riding suspension to be the ultimate expression of muscularity. Few would call it beautiful, but it is a head-turner, it's imposing, and it has presence.

Beyond the "AMG enhanced" everything — ranging from the transmission to the steering to the suspension and all-wheel drive — the base AMG GLE 43 Coupe offers heated and power-operated front seats covered in MB-Tex faux leather, a power liftgate, power-adjustable steering wheel, navigation, rearview camera, dualzone climate control and 21-inch wheels. The standard audio system includes Bluetooth streaming, USB/SD inputs and HD Radio, all operated through a Mercedes' COMAND touch-pad control system and 8-inch display. Opt for the more powerful AMG GLE 63 S and you get Nappa leather seating, active parking assist, blind-spot monitoring, and a Harman Kardon premium audio system, along with the powerful twin-turbo V8.

There's the larger, more powerful engine, of course, in the new GLE 63 S Coupe, along with the aforementioned upgraded features. As for stand-alone options, there's a cornucopia ranging from soft-close doors and heated/cooled cup holders, to massaging seats. Optional safety and driving aids include active lane-keeping assist, dynamic cruise control and

automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection. Mercedes-Benz also offers Parking Pilot, which can practically parallel-park the SUV for you and a Surround View that helps you see all around the vehicle. In addition to the standard Harman Kardon premium audio system, there's an ultra-premium Bang & Olufsen system available.

In the AMG GLE 43, power is sourced from an AMG-built 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged V6. Output is pegged at 385 horsepower and 384 lb-ft of torque, all of which is routed through a 9-speed automatic transmission and sent to all four wheels featuring a 40:60 rear-drive bias split. Step up to the AMG GLE 63 S Coupe, and you'll get another twin-turbocharged system, only this time bolted to a 5.5-liter V8. With 577 horsepower on tap, the GLE 63 S can dash to 60 mph in 4.1 seconds vs 5.6 for the V6 version. A 7-speed automatic is tasked with handling the V8's power, but the same all-wheel-drive setup remains in place. The GLE Coupe touts a maximum tow rating of 7,200 pounds with a Class III hitch, which is quite good for this class. 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged V6 (AMG GLE

385 horsepower @ 6,100 rpm 384 lb-ft of torque @ 1,800-4,000 rpm EPA city/highway fuel economy: 17/22 mpg

5.5-liter twin-turbocharged V8 (AMG GLE 63 S)

577 horsepower @ 5,250-5,750 rpm 561 lb-ft of torque @ 1,750-5,250 rpm EPA city/highway fuel economy: 14/18 mpg

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the Mercedes-AMG GLE 43 Coupe starts at about the \$72,350 mark, when you include the \$995 destination fee. That's about \$15,000 beyond the standard GLE SUV and it's about \$5,000 more than an AMG GLE 43, which uses the same engine and suspension as the GLE 43 Coupe but offers more cargo space. Step up from there to the GLE 63 S Coupe and you're looking at a starting price just shy of \$114,000. Add packages and options and \$120,000 and beyond is possible on the GLE 63 S without even trying. Note that these prices actually put the AMG GLE Coupe higher than its main rival, the BMW X6 and the high-performance BMW X6 M. It also costs more than the AMG GLE 63 S. Before buying, be sure to check the KBB.com Fair Purchase Price to see what others in your area are paying for their new Mercedes SUV. Resale values remain high for the GLE Coupe, on par with the AMG GLE SUV and higher than the BMW X6 M and Audi SQ5.

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Nov. 8: vs. Miami Dolphins, 4:25 p.m., CBS Nov. 15: vs. Buffalo Bills, 4:05 p.m., CBS

Nov. 19: at Seattle Seahawks, 8:20 p.m.,

Fox/NFL Network/Amazon

Nov. 29: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m.Fox. Dec. 6: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 4:05 p.m., Fox Dec. 13: at New York Giants 1 p.m., Fox

Dec. 20: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:05 p. Fox Dec. 26 or 27: vs. San Francisco 49ers, TBD

Jan. 3: at Los Angeles Rams, 4:25 p.m., Fox

#### **Atlanta Falcons (all times ET)**

Sep. 13: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1 p.m., Fox Sep. 20: at Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox Sep. 27: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 5: at Green Bay Packers, 8:15 p.m. ESPN Oct. 11: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 18: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 25: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 29: at Carolina Panthers, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN/Amazon

Nov. 8: vs. Denver Broncos, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 22: at New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: vs. New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox

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#### **Baltimore Ravens (all times ET)**

Sept. 13: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 20: at Houston Texans, 4:25 p.m., CBS Sept. 28: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 8:15 p.ESPN Oct. 4: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 11: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: at Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 25: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 8: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 15: at New England Patriots, 8:20 NBC Nov. 22: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 26: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:20 p.m.NBC Dec. 3: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 8:20 p.m.,

Fox/NFL Network/Amazon Dec. 14: at Cleveland Browns, 8:15 p. ESPN Dec. 20: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 27: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox Jan. 3: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS

#### **Buffalo Bills (all times ET)**

Sept. 13: vs. New York Jets 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 20: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 27: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 4: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:25 p.m., CBS Oct. 11: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 15: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon Oct. 25: at New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 1: vs. New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 8: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 15: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m. CBS Nov. 29: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 1 p.m.CBS Dec. 7: at San Francisco 49ers, 8:15 p. ESPN Dec. 13: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:20 p.m NBC Dec. 19 or 20: at Denver Broncos, TBD Dec. 28: at New England Patriots, 8:15 ESPN Jan. 3: vs. Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS

#### Carolina Panthers (all times ET)

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Dec. 19 or 20: at Green Bay Packers, TBD Dec. 27: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., CBS

Jan. 3: vs. New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox

#### Chicago Bears (all times ET)

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Nov. 1: vs. New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p.m., Fox Nov. 8: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., Fox

Nov. 16: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 8:15 p ESPN Nov. 29: at Green Bay Packers, 8:20 p.m. NBC

Dec. 6: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 13: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 20: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox

Dec. 27: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox Jan. 3: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox

#### Cincinnati Bengals (all times ET)

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#### **Denver Broncos (all times ET)**

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#### **Detroit Lions (all times ET)**

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#### Green Bay Packers (all times ET)

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#### **Houston Texans (all times ET)**

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#### **Indianapolis Colts (all times ET)**

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#### Jacksonville Jaguars (all times ET)

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#### Kansas City Chiefs (all times ET)

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#### Las Vegas Raiders (all times ET)

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#### Los Angeles Rams (all times ET)

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#### Miami Dolphins (all times ET)

Sept. 13: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 20: vs. Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 24: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 8:20 p, NFLN Oct. 4: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 11: at San Francisco 49ers, 4:05 p.m., Fox Oct. 18: at Denver Broncos, 4:05 p.m., CBS Oct. 25: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 1: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 8: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:25 p.m., CBS Nov. 15: vs. New York Jets, 4:05 p.m., CBS Nov. 29: at New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 13: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 20: vs. New England Patriots, 1 p.m, CBS Dec. 26 or 27: at Las Vegas Raiders, TBD Jan. 3: at Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS

#### Minnesota Vikings (all times ET)

Sept 13: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 20: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 27: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 4: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 11: at Seattle Seahawks, 8:20 p.m., NBC Oct. 18: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 1: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 8: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 16: at Chicago Bears, 8:15 p.m., ESPN Nov. 22: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 6: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 13: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 20: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 25: at New Orleans Saints, 4:30 p.m.,

#### **New England Patriots (all times ET)**

Jan.3: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., CBS

Sept. 13: vs. Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 20: at Seattle Seahawks, 8:20 p.m., NBC Sept. 27: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 4: at Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p.m., CBS Oct. 11: vs. Denver Broncos, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 25: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 4:25 p, CBS Nov. 1: at Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 9: at New York Jets, 8:15 p.m., ESPN Nov. 15: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 8:20 p.m., NBC Nov. 22: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 29: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 6: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:25 p, CBS Dec. 10: at Los Angeles Rams, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon Dec. 20: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 28: vs. Buffalo Bills, 8:15 p.m., ESPN Jan. 3: vs. New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS

#### **New Orleans Saints (all times ET)**

Sept. 13: vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, Fox Sept. 20: at Oakland Raiders, 8:15 p.m., ESPN Sept. 27: vs. Green Bay Packers, 8:20 p, NBC Oct. 4: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 12: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 8:15, ESPN Oct. 25: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m. Fox Nov. 1: at Chicago Bears, 4:25 p.m., Fox Nov. 8: at Tampa Bay Bucs, 8:20 p, NBC Nov. 15: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 4:25 p, Fox Nov. 22: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: at Denver Broncos, 4:05 p.m., Fox Dec. 6: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 13: at Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p.m., Fox Dec. 20: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p, CBS Dec. 25: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 4:30 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon Jan. 3: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox

#### New York Giants (all times ET)

Sept. 14: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:15 p, ESPN Sept. 20: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 27: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 1 p.m. Fox Oct. 4: at Los Angeles Rams, 4:05 p.m., Fox Oct. 11: at Dallas Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 22: at Philadelphia Eagles, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon Nov. 2: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, 8:15, ESPN Nov. 8: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 15: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 6: at Seattle Seahawks, 4:05 p.m., Fox Dec. 13: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 20: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 27: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., Fox Jan. 3: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox

#### New York Jets (all times ET)

Fox, NFL Network, Amazon

Jan. 3: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox

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#### Philadelphia Eagles (all times ET)

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#### San Francisco 49ers (all times ET)

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#### **Tennessee Titans (all times ET)**

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## Sushi Marquee scores big at The Star



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The Sleek, sexy, sensational Sushi Marquee scores big in Cowboys country with exceptional cuisine. Neighboring the new Dallas Cowboys training facility at the Frisco Star, Sushi Marquee tempts you to "explore our food." The massive Asian hangout is the number one happy hour destination at The Star gazing upon their new practice facility inside The Ford Center.

We began the start Asian adventure at Sushi Marquee with a Pan Pacific interpre-



Philly style Wagyu Beef Egg Rolls with Phily Cream Cheese, onions and peppers

tation of my own hometown favorite Philly Cheesesteak in a lightly deep fried Wonton Egg Roll nuzzled with Philly brand Cream Cheese.

The unique starters from Dynamite Rock Shrimp to Tataki are overshadowed by the photogenic bombastic Tuna Tower and Avocado Bomb.

My mouth was flooding when I gazed



Rack of three Asian Lamb Chops exceed expectations

at a rack of Asian Lamb Lollipops in a Cilantro Lime sauce. The trio is a dinner size entree portion destined to share as a first course. Calamari Steak, Pork Gyoza and Yellow Tail Heaven all find themselves



Chicken Fried Bice is a mea

in the appetizer section of the menu usually found in main courses.

Sushi Marquee's Fried Rice is a meal in itself. It comes with choice of Chicken, Beef, Shrimp and plenty of Zucchini, red



Japanese Sea Scallops in a Blood Orange Ginger Sauce

bell Peppers, Onions and Carrots crowned with fried Egg.

As we slowly moved over to the Entrees, we were already full of sensational starters. With Features such as Short Ribs, a 12 oz Ribeye and the traditional Teriyaki with a choice of Chicken, Shrimp, Salmon



The raw Wagyu Steak presentation for self preperation

NY Strip or Tofu our palates were mesmerized.

The meat from Wagyu cattle is known worldwide for its marbling characteristics and naturally enhanced, flavor, tenderness, and juiciness. At Sushi Marquee all it takes is one raw WAGYU platter with its sizzling 500 degree stone and the entire restaurant is ordering it. As a master Teriyaki Turkey Chef, I gracefully let the butter sizzle golden brown before placing the slender slices of raw Beef on the sizzle. The silky smooth taste was unlike anything I have ever expe-



Wagyu Sirloin on a 500 degree ston

rienced

With seating for 162 eagerly anticipating great Sushi inside the 2nd story and room for another 162 in their exclusive outside patio. We only filled a small portion of the



The Virgin Luchee Marquee Martini

dining area with the scent of grilled Beef. The Grilled Lobster, Lamb T-Bone and a Pork Tomahawk are all massive Entrees at Sushi Marquee.

One of the marquee cocktails created by my good friend Noah Partridge (who is running the liquid libations) is the Virgin Lychee Marquee Martini. After working at our amazing little "Cheers spot", Pane Vino Restaurante, he has landed in a hot spot commendable to his sommelier expertise. Creating a magnificent Lychee "Marquee" Martini normally with Aylesbury Duck Vodka, Lychee syrup, Pineapple syrup, Egg white and Sesame Oil.

The Booze Bar boasts exciting concoctions. Former local Childhood actor Brad Hawkins left Hollywood to return to his native far north Dallas home to be a restaurateur.

The Rockin Sockin Sushi Bar is crowded with two mega LCD video walls blastering today's vibes with the post "Keep calm and Sake bomb". What more fitting a creed



A grand Sushi tribute to The Star Iis its namesake Sushi Star

than to hang loose downing Sake Shots and mellowing to music with sensational Sushi. I quickly recognized the Sushi crew as many had been pressing Rice and slicing raw fish at the Uchi in Uptown.

As far as desserts go, I could have gone with the traditional Cheesecake with assorted sauces or a unique Nutella Banana Spring Roll (which I have lavished on in the past) or the fried Oreos. However, I was presented with this magnificent ball of



The Mochi Ball is a must try

dessert called the The Mochi Ball Sundae...not your typical Banana Split. It was stabbed with deep Fried battered Bananas and covered with standard sundae topping. This is a Japanese crazy dessert and indescribable.

With the kitchen serving until 1:30 am. The Rockin Sockin Sushi Bar is crowded with two MEGA LCD VIDEO WALLS blastering today's vibes with the POST: KEEP CALM AND SAKE BOMB. What more fitting a creed than to hang loose downing Sake Shots and mellowing to music with sensational Sushi.

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