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## AROUND THE AREA

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

# Big 12 to continue with fall sports



### BIG 12 CONFERENCE

IRVING, Texas - The Big 12 Board of Directors agreed to proceed with plans for the fall sports' seasons.

"The Board continues to believe that the health and well-being of our student-athletes must guide all decisions" commented Board of Directors Chairman and TCU Chancellor Victor Boschini.

"To that end the Board has consistently relied on the advice and counsel of top medical experts to determine the viability of available options. Our student-athletes want to compete, and it is the Board's collective opinion that sports can be conducted safely and in concert with the best interests of their well-being. We remain vigilant in monitoring the trends and effects of COVID 19 as we learn more about it. If at any point our scientists and doctors conclude that our institutions cannot provide a safe and appropriate environment for our participants, we will change course."

Big 12 members have committed to enhanced COVID-19 testing that includes three tests per week in "high contact" sports, like Football, Volleyball and Soccer. Additionally, return to play protocols after positive occurrences will include an EKG, troponin blood test, echocardiogram, and cardiac MRI. Non-conference football opponents must also adhere to COVID-19 testing protocols that conform to Big 12 standards during the week leading up to competition.

"The virus continues to evolve and med-

ical professionals are learning more with each passing week," said Commissioner Bob Bowlsby. "Opinions vary regarding the best path forward, as we've seen throughout higher education and our society overall, but we are comfortable in our institutions' ability to provide a structured training environment, rigorous testing and surveillance, hospital quality sanitation and mitigation practices that optimize the health and safety of our student-athletes. We believe all of this combines to create an ideal learning and training situation during this time of COVID-19. Ultimately, our student-athletes have indicated their desire to compete in the sports they love this season and it is up to all of us to deliver a safe, medically sound, and structured academic and athletic environment for accomplishing that outcome."

In moving forward with planning the Conference is also releasing its revised 2020 conference football schedule. The "9+1" scheduling model features a Sept 26 start date for Conference play. Each team will have a minimum of two bye dates and potentially a third bye late in the season. The Dr Pepper Big 12 Championship Game is tentatively scheduled for Dec.12. All non-conference games must be completed before Sept. 26 and the match-ups will be announced by each individual conference member. Stadium capacities will be determined by each member institution in accordance with local and/or state health ordinances, and with government officials.

All Big 12 sports' competitions will commence after September 1. To ensure consistent health and safety protocols, Volleyball and Soccer matches will be limited to conference opponents only.



### TICKETS ON SALE 8.14.20 Metallica's First Show of 2020 at all-New Encore Drive-In Nights Concert August 29 at Texas Motor Speedway

Metallica has confirmed its return to the stage for the first time since the September 2019 S&M2 concerts that opened Chase Center in San Francisco. Metallica will be the first rock band to be featured in the Encore Drive-In Nights series, with a full set showing August 29 at hundreds of drive-in and outdoor theaters across the United States and Canada, including Big Hoss, the world's largest HDTV at Texas Motor Speedway. The show will be shot specially for the Encore Drive-In Nights Series and will be edited and mixed by Metallica's award winning production team to the highest standards possible. The concert, the band's first show in nearly a year, will feature material from throughout their near four-decade career and provide fans with an intimate, unique and truly memorable concert experience.

Unlike traditional concert tickets that are bought for one fan's individual admission, each purchase will admit one carload of fans. That means up to six people can enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime show for one price. Additional information about Encore Drive-In Nights can be found at [www.ticketmaster.com/encoredriveinnights](http://www.ticketmaster.com/encoredriveinnights).

### NCAA Football - Preseason Top 25

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| 2. Ohio State      | 2. Ohio State      |
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| 9. Oregon          | 9. Penn State      |
| 10. Notre Dame     | 10. Notre Dame     |
| 11. Auburn         | 11. Wisconsin      |
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| 13. Texas A&M      | 13. Michigan       |
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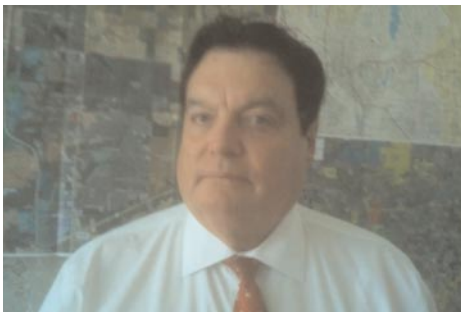
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# Rangers finish week three on a good note



Rougned Odor went 0-4 in Tuesday's game to bring his batting average down to .116



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ARLINGTON, Texas – The Texas Rangers finished their second home stand and third week of the season on a good note. They won two games in their three-game series with the Seattle Mariners to finish with a 5-1 home stand.

Monday night, the series didn't start well. Ranger starter Kyle Gibson didn't last five innings and was hit hard. He gave up four runs on nine hits. The Mariners continued their onslaught scoring at least one run on each of the first three relievers in the game. The final carnage was 10 runs on 15 hits for Seattle. Willie Calhoun drove in a run in the first inning with a triple, and another run in the third inning on a sacrifice fly. That was all the scoring in the game for Texas....the final was 10-2.

Mike Minor struggled in his first three starts. He came into Tuesday's start with an 0-3 record and a 6.89 ERA. His velocity has been noticeably down from last season. The Rangers debated skipping his turn in the rotation, but finally decided to start him Tuesday, but limit his pitch count to around 75.

Tuesday's results were much better. He threw four scoreless innings on 76 pitches giving up just one hit. He did walk three

batters but struck out four. Minor had to plead his case to stay in the game after three innings, and he unsuccessfully pleaded again for the fifth inning. Minor was not pleased to come out of the game, he wanted to continue his success on the mound, not to mention qualify for the win.

"I felt better," he said after the game. "I wasn't happy with Woody (Ranger manager Chris Woodward) not letting me go out there for the fifth. I felt like I made some better pitches. We stuck with the fast ball more so than usual. (It) was something to build off of."

The Rangers supported Minor with two first inning runs and two more in the third inning. Nick Solak singled with the bases loaded to plate the first two runs, and Solak singled home another run in the third. Willie Calhoun followed Solak's hit with another run scoring single.

Nick Goody followed Minor to the mound in the fifth inning and was immediately in trouble. A walk and two singles put the Mariners on the scoreboard. A fielding error later in the inning allowed a second run to score, which was unearned.

Edinson Volquez came on to snuff out the Mariners' fifth inning rally. He was credited with the win. Joely Rodriguez, Jonathan Hernandez and Rafael Montero shut out the M's over the final four innings to secure the 4-2 win. Montero earned his third save in as many tries. (Per the scoring rules, the pitcher following Minor to the mound would qualify for the win. However, official scorers are given some latitude in deciding the winning pitcher when the pitcher that is otherwise the pitcher of record makes a "short, ineffective appearance" as Goody did Tuesday.

The OS awarded the win to Volquez. Volquez was placed on the 45-day Injured List on Thursday with a "right oblique strain." It's very possible that Tuesday's appearance will be Volquez's final one in the Major Leagues.)

The Rangers signed Derek Dietrich, a veteran infielder that has played for four teams before signing with Texas. He started at second base in Wednesday's series finale and made quite an impression. Dietrich reached base all four times at bat by getting hit by a pitch and stroking three hits. The third hit sparked an eighth inning, five run rally that overcame a 4-2 Mariners' lead.

Jordan Lyles was the Ranger starting pitcher, giving up all four Mariners runs in the second inning. He completed five innings, allowing six hits, walking four, and striking out four.

Jonathan Hernandez pitched the scoreless eighth inning to qualify for the win. He's 3-0.

Rafael Montero was again rock solid in the closer's role. He put the Mariners down in order in the ninth inning to record his fourth save, all on this home stand. The final score was 7-4.

The move to insert Dietrich into the lineup at second base is indicative of the Rangers' growing impatience with Rougned Odor. He went 0-4 in Tuesday's game to bring his batting average down to .116. There were six base runners on base over those four at-bats. Woodward has backed Odor as the questions about his status has grown and contends that Odor is putting in the effort to turn around his offensive season. However, has indicated that at some point, there must be positive results.

Clearly, Odor has gotten more chances than he probably deserved largely because of the six-year, \$49.5 million contract he signed after the 2016 season. The Rangers

look to be getting near the point of writing off the investment and going a different direction this season since they have a reasonable chance to make the playoffs. Odor is owed about \$27.6 million after this year.

The season looked to be on the brink of disaster last Friday when the Rangers returned from a 1-5 road trip to San Francisco and Oakland. This 5-1 home stand has pushed the Rangers solidly back into playoff contention.

One positive is that the A. L. West is not very good this year. The Athletics put together a nine-game winning streak and goes into the weekend having won 10 of their last 12 games. They are the clear leader of the pack, the only team in the West above .500. Houston and Los Angeles have significant pitching problems. The young Mariners have some talent, but really won't be a playoff contender. It's basically the Rangers, Angels and Astros fighting over second place and a playoff berth in the division.

The Rangers travel to Denver this weekend for three games against the Rockies. Lance Lynn (2-0), Kyle Gibson (0-2), and Kolby Allard (0-0) will be the starting pitchers for Texas.

## RANGER NOTES:

- The start time of several Ranger home games against West Coast teams has been changed from 8:05 PM to the usual 7:05 PM (Both times CDT). The dates are August 24-26 against Oakland, August 28 verses L. A. Dodgers, September 8 & 9 against the Los Angeles Angels, and September 11 verses Oakland.

- Nick Solak appears to be the regular centerfielder with Danny Santana on the injured list. He has started in center field for the last seven games, and his average is up to .281. Santana is close to returning from the Injured List, but he likely won't be back in center field until his throwing arm is back to full strength.

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# Billy Bob's Texas set to re-open



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Located in the historic Fort Worth Stockyard district the iconic Billy Bob's Texas for nearly the past 40 years has hosted the biggest stars in country music and classic rock from entertainers like Garth Brooks, George Strait, Alabama to ZZ Top, Styx and the Beach Boys. The legendary venue has been named "Country Music Club of the Year" 12 times by the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association.

Billy Bob's Texas opened April 1, 1981 gaining national attention by featuring a massive 100,000 square foot entertainment center, more than 30 bar stations, country music's biggest stars, real Pro Bull Riding, and a Texas size dance floor. It became known as "The World's Largest Honky Tonk", where more than 6,000 fun loving folks of all ages could enjoy entertainment every day and night.

Billy Bob's Texas re-opened for day time admission this past Thursday, August 13. Billy Bob's Texas has taken a voluntary commitment to re-open Fort Worth responsibly by following best practices in preventing the spread of COVID-19. The commitment created by Visit Fort Worth in partnership with the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fort Worth encourages restaurants, hotels, cultural institutions and businesses of any kind to take preventive steps to help stop the spread of the disease to the best of their ability. These steps reflect guidelines set forth by Governor Greg Abbott and the City of Fort Worth Committee on Re-Opening.

I reached out to my old friend Marty Travis after hearing the news about Billy Bob's re-opening. Travis has had a long association with the club starting back in 1995. He has played an integral role at Billy Bob's where he began his career there as a manager and now is the general manager who goes by the moniker 'Ambassador of Fun.'

Marty was gracious enough to fill me in on the details as the club moves forward dealing with the pandemic is a responsible

way to ensure safety to both his employees and guests.

**TW:** *With bars closed down because of the covid-19 virus I understand Billy Bob's has received designation as a restaurant now. Tell me how that happened?*

**MT:** At this time bars cannot open. We just changed our permit with the TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission). They offered us a different kind of permit that allowed us to open up as a restaurant. We have a restaurant and a full kitchen staff and structure. The difference with us is our restaurant has a dance floor and a retail store, pool tables and a concert hall. We are just happy to be open again and our partners at TABC have worked with us to help us get to this point. The TABC needed the tax revenue and we all need people working.

**TW:** *Billy Bob's has been known for decades as "The World's largest Honky Tonk". Does that designation change now?*

**MT:** We are now the "World's largest Honky Tonk Themed Restaurant".

**TW:** *What are the hours of operation now?*

**MT:** We are daytime only, except for Fridays and Saturdays. Friday and Saturday we will have concerts starting at 10:00 pm. There is no bull riding now. It will be a couple more weeks before we do bull riding again. No valet either at this time.

**TW:** *What are some of the safety protocols you will be implementing at the club?*

**MT:** As long as we can provide a safe atmosphere where we have protocols on top of protocols in place to keep the covid-19 virus out of the building. The virus is not in our building because we have been closed for 6 months. Our job now is to keep the virus out. So we have hand sanitizers on every table, hand sanitizer when you walk in the door. We temperature check everyone that comes through the door. Every staff member, guest and artists has their temperature checked. We have a new thermal camera that is awesome. If people have high readings we give them their money back and ask them to come back another day. There has been so much negative press about people doing it the wrong way so we are trying to be the beacon of light of doing it the right way. If we don't do it right they are going to shut us back down again.

**TW:** *Tell me about your menu and the types of food you'll be serving?*

**MT:** I have to have my restaurant open as long as I'm serving alcohol. I can't close my restaurant at 6 pm and keep serving booze all night. So our restaurant will be open all night. When the Bellamy brothers perform this weekend the restaurant will be



open. We have waitresses who can take orders from people or guests can take the food themselves to their tables for the show and we've got really good food. We have some great barbeque and bar fare from hamburgers and hot dogs, nachos, chicken fried steak and chili. We just won an award for our chili. It's a full restaurant menu.

**TW:** *You've always had a large staff. How many people are you bringing back now?*

**MT:** However many bartenders, waitresses and security we need. I initially furloughed it down to 10 people at one point. Now we are slowly building our staff back to handle operations. After week one we will kind of retool things to see if we can handle 1,200 people or even more. Legally, I can do 3,000 people, but that would be foolish for us to do as we aren't even thinking about that. I think at 1,200 people we can control ourselves. Our Saturday show this weekend featuring Flatland Calvary is already sold out. Performing Friday night is the Bellamy brothers and we will end up doing 600 to 700 people on that show.

**TW:** *So what would you like to tell people about why they should come out to Billy Bob's Texas?*

**MT:** Just come out and drink some beer. You can come into our restaurant and not

eat food. You can come into our place and look at our great memorabilia or watch our concerts. We have a limited dance floor. We will have 30 people at a time on the dance floor. There will be a line for social distancing of course. We will have a dance cop so every time a couple leaves the floor he will click them off and click two more on. We've pulled all the pool balls and pool sticks off the table. If you want to play pool you have to go to the store and give them your driver's license and they will give you balls and sticks. We are only charging \$5 an hour to play. When you finish you bring the balls and sticks back and we will clean every ball and stick as well as the table. It's only every other table as well. We have a dedicated clean team that will be cleaning all the time to let the guest know we are dedicated to sanitation. We are trying to get back open to help people get back to work, get the entertainers working and my staff working and give people something fun to do. People need music and we are the vehicle to produce it. To learn more about Billy Bob's go to their extensive website at [www.billybobstexas.com](http://www.billybobstexas.com)

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# 2024 Presidents Cup returns to Canada



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PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan has announced that the Presidents Cup will return to The Royal Montreal Golf Club in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, when the Presidents Cup shifts internationally in 2024. As host of the 2007 Presidents Cup, The Royal Montreal Golf Club will become the second international venue to host the Presidents Cup more than once, joining The Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia.

The 2007 Presidents Cup at The Royal Montreal Golf Club saw two legendary captains lead their respective teams for the final time, with four-time captain Jack Nicklaus guiding the U.S. Team to victory over three-time captain Gary Player and the International Team by a score of 19 1/2 - 14 1/2. Despite falling short, the highlight for the week for International Team fans was a Sunday Singles victory by Mike Weir over World No. 1 Tiger Woods, with the Canadian being supported by a massive and supercharged gallery of spectators.

"The people of Canada are some of the most loyal and passionate sports fans in the world, and given the overwhelming success of the Presidents Cup in 2007, it was a natural next step for the event to return to The Royal Montreal in 2024," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. "Our thanks go out to our global partners, Citi and Rolex, for making the Presidents Cup possible and to the leadership and membership of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, a venue that has already shown it can challenge and highlight the best players in the world. The Presidents Cup continues to grow and expand along with the global growth of our sport while leaving an indelible legacy of giving back throughout the world. I have no doubt that with the support of our fans, the corporate community and governments

of Quebec and Canada and the City of Montreal, the Presidents Cup 2024 will continue to the positive trajectory of this event."

As part of the news, Monahan announced a partnership between First Tee, Golf Canada and Golf Canada Foundation to launch First Tee - Canada. With plans to expand across the nation, the partnership will add First Tee's youth development program to Golf Canada's already impressive platform that reaches kids in schools and at golf facilities, helping to empower kids through a lifetime of new challenges and personal growth.

Founded in 1873, The Royal Montreal Golf Club is the oldest golf club in North America. Its Blue Course was designed by Dick Wilson and updated by Rees Jones in 2004 and 2005. In addition to hosting the Presidents Cup, The Royal Montreal has also held the RBC Canadian Open on 10 occasions, most recently in 2014.

"We are excited and more than pleased that we have been selected to host the Presidents Cup again, and we are thrilled that we will be welcoming the world's best golfers to our club in 2024," said Michael Richards, Chair of The Royal Montreal Golf Club's bid committee. "Our club has experienced leadership and great members, and our goal is to make the 2024 Presidents Cup the best ever. With widespread support from leaders of the golf and business communities and from various levels of government and with the help of Tourisme Montreal, we're confident we will succeed."

Graham DeLaet, Adam Hadwin and Mike Weir are the three Canadians who have competed in the Presidents Cup. Weir, a five-time Presidents Cup participant, amassed a 13-9-2 record before spending the 2017 and 2019 Presidents Cup serving in the role of a captain's assistant. Weir was famously drawn against

Woods in his Sunday Singles match in 2007, which concluded with Weir winning the final two holes capture the match, 1-up.

"I was very proud to be part of the Presidents Cup as a player in 2007, and to see it come back after being so well-supported the first time just speaks to how passionate we are in Canada about golf," Weir said. "The fan turnout was tremendous, and as a Canadian I am very proud to have the Presidents Cup come back."

Weir, the first Canadian to compete in the Presidents Cup, was later followed by DeLaet, who made his debut for Captain Nick Price in 2013. DeLaet, 31 years old at the time, delivered an inspiring 3-1-1 performance at Muirfield Village Golf Club, which included a Singles match victory over Jordan Spieth.

Hadwin became the third Canadian to participate in the Presidents Cup after qualifying for the 2017 International Team at Liberty National Golf Club. He then returned for the 2019 team thanks to one of four captain's picks from Ernie Els, which he converted into a 1-1-1 record at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

"This is huge for Canadian golf,"

Hadwin said. "The state of Canadian golf could not be better and I think it is such an appropriate time to bring it back into Canada. There's a good chance that a few of us could end up representing the International Team there at Royal Montreal so that adds to the excitement as well."

"I feel like we have some of the best golf fans in the world in Canada, and to bring a world-class event up to Canada is big for them and I know they'll be excited to have it back."

Tournament dates for the 2024 Presidents Cup will be announced at later date.

## About the Presidents Cup

The Presidents Cup is a unique golf event in that there is no purse or prize money. Players are not paid for their participation, but each competitor allocates an equal portion of the funds generated to charities of his choice. Since the event's inception, more than \$49.1 million has been raised for charity from event proceeds, as well as contributions made on behalf of the Presidents Cup, including a record charitable donation of \$10.7 million from the 2017 event alone.

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Former FedExCup champions Justin Rose and Jordan Spieth, as well as Brooks Koepka, winner of the inaugural Wyndham Rewards Top 10, highlight the field at the Wyndham Championship. J.T. Poston will be there to defend his title in the final event before the FedExCup Playoffs.

**FIELD NOTES:** Koepka, who held the top spot in the FedExCup entering last year's Playoffs, will look to build on the progress he showed at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational and PGA Championship. He was outside the top 125 in the standings before his runner-up in Memphis... Spieth and Patrick Reed, who had a thrilling play-off duel in 2013, are both back in the

field... Former FedExCup champ Brandt Snedeker returns to a tournament he has won twice, including his first TOUR win and a victory two years ago that included a first-round 59... Four golfers in the top-10 of the FedExCup standings will tee it up at Sedgefield CC, including reigning Rookie of the Year Sungjae Im, past Wyndham winner Webb Simpson and his former junior-golf rival from nearby Raleigh, Brendon Todd... Teen-aged pro Akshay Bhatia and past Wyndham champion Arjun Atwal are among the sponsor exemptions... World No. 13 Tommy Fleetwood will make his fourth straight start in the Return to Golf.

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

**COURSE:** Sedgefield Country Club (Ross), 7,127 yards, par 70. Opened in 1926, Sedgefield is the only Donald Ross original that serves as a regular PGA TOUR venue. The course features Ross' signature small and undulating greens.

**STORYLINES:** The Wyndham Championship marks the final week of the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 competition. No. 1 on the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 is Justin Thomas, who is not in the field in North Carolina, but entered the PGA Championship with a commanding 713-

point lead in the standings. Webb Simpson sits at No. 2 as of the PGA Championship and will be playing... Im, Reed, and Todd are the other three inside the top-10 of the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 competition that are playing Sedgefield... As of the PGA Championship, Chase Seiffert sits at No. 125 in the FedExCup standings and holds the final spot in the FedExCup Playoffs... Nick Watney is just one FedExCup point back and sits at 126th while Bronson Burgoon is just one FedExCup point ahead at 124th... Two golfers jumped inside the top 125 at the 2019 Wyndham Championship (Andrew Landry and Patton Kizzire)... The last four winners of the Wyndham Championship have all shot 20-under or better.

**72-HOLE RECORD:** 258, Henrik Stenson (2017), JT Poston (2019)

**18-HOLE RECORD:** 59, Brandt Snedeker (1st round, 2018).

**LAST TIME:** J.T. Poston, who grew up just 90 minutes from Greensboro, North Carolina, fired a sizzling 8-under-par 62 on Sunday at the Wyndham Championship a year ago to win his first PGA TOUR title. In the process, Poston became the first golfer on TOUR since Lee Trevino in 1974 to capture a 72-hole tournament without making any bogeys or worse. Poston also

matched Henrik Stenson's tournament record 22-under 258. Poston nipped fellow North Carolinian Webb Simpson by one shot. Simpson finished runner-up while Byeong Hun An (who matched Poston's 8-under 62 as the round of the week in the first round), Viktor Hovland, and Si Woo Kim rounded out the top five.

## HOW TO FOLLOW

**Television:** Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. ET (Golf Channel). Saturday, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3 p.m.-6 p.m. (CBS). Sunday, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Golf Channel), 2:30 p.m.-6 p.m. (CBS).

**PGA TOUR LIVE:** Thursday-Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (Featured Groups). Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (Featured Groups), 3 p.m.-6 p.m. (Featured Holes). Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Featured Groups), 2:30 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).



# Wyndham Championship Preview



By Mike McAllister

The Regular Season has been nothing short of "regular" but it will conclude this week with FedExCup Playoff spots up for grabs at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, NC. The end of the line is a familiar one as Sedgefield has hosted the final Regular Season event annually since 2008. Eligibility for the 2020-2021 season is not on the line, but only the top 125 players will advance to THE NORTHERN TRUST next week.

## THREE PLAYERS TO PONDER

### 1. Paul Casey

At No. 8 in the FedExCup standings, he's the highest-ranked player in the field. It's an opportunity to make a big move in the final week of the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 race.

### 2. Brandt Snedeker

Defending champ. Opened with a 59 last season. Good vibes at Sedgefield. "Big smile on my face when I pulled up today," he said upon arrival this week.

### 3. Webb Simpson

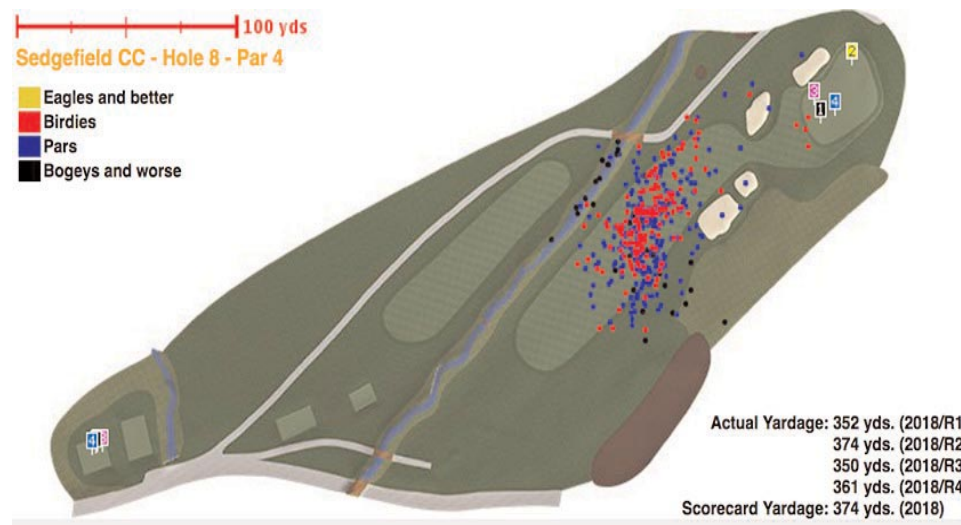
Six top 10s in 10 starts at Sedgefield, including a win in 2011, a T3 in 2017 and a T2 last season. How much does he love this tournament? "Named our third child after the Wyndham," he said.

## THE FLYOVER

Entering this week, there have been 477 par-4 holes played on the PGA TOUR this season – and just 22 have been 500 yards or longer. You can add two more this week, with the 501-yard 14th and the 507-yard 18th at Sedgefield. The closing hole is the most difficult on the course, playing to a stroke average of 4.248 last season. Just 50 birdies were made against 108 bogeys and 26 others.

100 yds  
Sedgefield CC - Hole 8 - Par 4

Eagles and better  
Birdies  
Pars  
Bogeys and worse



## LANDING ZONE

The 374-yard eighth is the shortest par 4 at Sedgefield, which helps explain why it's also the easiest par 4 on the course. It played to a stroke average of 3.756 last season, with 150 birdies against just 33 bogeys/others.

In the third round last year, the hole played at 350 yards, with Keith Mitchell successfully driving the green. Here's a look at all tee shots last season.

## WEATHER CHECK

Forecast by TOUR meteorologist Stewart Williams: "Muggy and unstable conditions can be expected Thursday into the weekend as the cold front stalls across NW North Carolina/Southern Virginia. This front will be the focus for showers and thunderstorms each day, especially during the afternoon and evening hours. Heavy rainfall will be likely with these storms as they will be slow moving. Thunderstorm chances may

decrease on Sunday as the frontal boundary begins to dissipate and moves to the north."

## SOUND CHECK

*I do not, but if I had to take a wild guess, Sam Snead. He won so many times.*

- Brandt Snedeker, when asked who the last champion was to successfully defend in Greensboro

## BY THE NUMBERS

**32** – Players who have entered the Wyndham Championship outside the top

125 and played their way into the FedEx Cup Playoffs in the first 12 years of the competition. Last year, two players did it -- Nick Taylor and Harris English.

**1** – Player who has moved inside the top 125 at Wyndham on multiple occasions. That would be J.J. Henry, who did it in 2008 and 2017. Henry, at 206th in the current FedExCup standings, once again needs a big finish to bust the bubble for a third time.

**77** – Eagles made at Sedgefield last season. That was the second-highest total on any course on TOUR, just one behind Glen Abbey's 78.

**90.27** – Percentage of players who successfully hit the greens at Sedgefield from inside 125 yards last season. That was the highest percentage of any course on the PGA TOUR.

## SCATTERSHOTS

**SPIETH'S BACK:** Jordan Spieth's only pro start at Sedgefield prior to this week came in his rookie season of 2013 when he lost in a playoff to Patrick Reed on the second hole. But he also played Sedgefield as a junior, finishing fourth and sixth in a couple of AJGA events. At 67th in the FedEx Cup standings, Spieth added Wyndham to his schedule at the last minute in hopes of strengthening his position, even though it creates the possibility of six consecutive starts if he makes it to The TOUR Championship. "I thought this would be a good one to add and kind of come and maybe create a little momentum into the Playoffs and also build on what happened six years ago," Spieth said.

**CASEY LETTING LOOSE:** In a three-stretch between 2011-13, Paul Casey arrived at Wyndham outside the top 125 in FedExCup points and was not able to play his way in. In 2014, he was barely inside (at 118th) and moved up 29 spots after a T-8. Now he enters this week with significantly less FedExCup pressure, as he's eighth in points and essentially has a spot secured all the way through to East Lake. No wonder he has a different – and more relaxed – mindset. "I'm totally freewheeling it," he said. "Yeah, like this week for me is like claw another few points closer to Brooks (Koepka, No. 1 in points) and Rory (McIlroy, No. 2) and those guys. They're so far ahead. Yeah, there's no pressure on me, I can freewheel it."

**SUB-260:** In the previous three seasons, there have been six winning scores of 259 or better on the PGA TOUR ... and three of those were shot at Sedgefield (258-Henrik Stenson/2017, 259-Si Woo Kim/2016, 259-Brandt Snedeker/2018). So far this season, two winners have shot below 260 – Matt Kuchar's 258 at the Sony Open in Hawaii and Rory McIlroy's 258 at the RBC Canadian Open.



# NBA Playoffs 2020: Clippers vs. Mavs



Now we get to see what Doncic is capable of in the playoffs

By Scott Rafferty

Led by Kawhi Leonard, the Clippers swept the Mavericks in the regular season. Will LA's success against Dallas carry over into the playoffs or will Luka Doncic and Kristaps Porzingis make magic happen in their postseason debuts?

The LA Clippers begin their title pursuit with a first-round matchup with the Dallas Mavericks.

## Series Schedule

The 2020 NBA Playoffs will begin on Aug. 17, but the full schedule has not yet been released.  
Game 1 - TBD Game 2 - TBD Game 3 - TBD Game 4 - TBD Game 5 (if necessary) - TBD Game 6 (if necessary) - TBD Game 7 (if necessary) - TBD

## Season Series

**Result:** Clippers won 3-0

**Best game:** Jan. 21, 2020

Clippers 110, Mavericks 107

**Best performance:** Kawhi Leonard (Jan. 21, 2020) - 36 points (12-29 FG, 1-9 3PT, 11-12 FT), 11 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks, 2 assists

The regular season series was a clean sweep for the Clippers.

The Clippers dominated the first matchup, with Leonard and Paul George proving to be too much for the Mavericks to handle. The duo combined for 54 points while Luka Doncic and Kristaps Porzingis

struggled, leading to a 114-99 victory for the Clippers.

The Clippers were without George in the second meeting, and the Mavericks were able to make things interesting. Down double digits at halftime, Luka Doncic sparked a second-half comeback with 24 points, five assists and three rebounds in the final two quarters alone. The game came down to the wire, with Tim Hardaway Jr. missing the game-tying 3-point with 16.0 seconds remaining in regulation.

Leonard was the star of the show for the Clippers, finishing with 36 points and 11 rebounds. It marked his sixth straight 30-point game, which tied a career-high at the time.

The last time the Clippers and Mavs faced each other was in the bubble. Leonard (29 points) and George (24 points) once again led the way, but the Clippers received a big boost from Ivica Zubac. The big man recorded a 21-point, 15-rebound double-double and shot a perfect 10-for-10 from the field, making for a record-setting performance.

In three games, Leonard averaged 31.0 points, 8.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists on 45.2 percent shooting from the field against the Mavericks in the regular season. Doncic averaged 29.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists but shot only 42.6 percent from the field.

**Key Storyline:** What does Luka Doncic have in store in his first postseason?

What a season it's been for Doncic. Doncic isn't a finalist for MVP, but he proved to be a legitimate MVP candidate in only his second season in leading the Mavericks to the No. 7 seed in the Western Conference. His averages of 29.0 points, 9.5 rebounds and 9.0 assists per game? Only two players have ever posted them before: Russell Westbrook when he won MVP in 2016-17 and Oscar Robertson, who did it three times in the early 1960s.

While he's only 21, Doncic seems to do something historic every time he takes the court. He's leading the league with 17 triple-doubles this season and isn't far removed from becoming the youngest player in NBA history to record a 30-20-10 game.

Doncic is the youngest player in NBA history to have a 30 PTS, 20 REB, 10 AST game.

Now we get to see what Doncic is capable of in the playoffs.

Doncic will have his hands full against a Clippers team that has two of the best perimeter defenders in the league in Leonard and George, plus Patrick Beverley, who is one of the peskiest defenders at the point guard position. Doncic was still able to put up big numbers against the Clippers in the regular season, but the three of them helped LA make life difficult for him,

holding him to 42.6 percent shooting from the field and 27.3 percent from 3-point range.

While the Mavericks aren't a one-man team - Porzingis is back to looking like the All-Star he was in New York - it all begins with Doncic. (He's creating 52.2 points per game with his scoring and assists this season, making him responsible for close to half of the Mavericks' scoring). When he's at his best, Dallas has proven it can beat anyone.

## Three Players to Watch

### Kristaps Porzingis

Like Doncic, this will be Porzingis' playoff debut.

There isn't quite as much pressure on Porzingis as there is on Doncic, but the Mavericks will need him to play well to have any chance against the Clippers. A good sign for the Mavericks: Porzingis has been one of the breakout stars of the bubble. He's scored 30 or more points in three of Dallas' games, including a 36-point showing against the Portland Trail Blazers in which he went 7-for-9 from 3-point range.

The Mavericks can only hope there's more of that to come.

### Kawhi Leonard

We all saw what Leonard did in the playoffs last season, leading the Toronto Raptors to their first championship in franchise history.

Is this the start of another historic run?

While he isn't a finalist for MVP either, Leonard was fantastic in the regular season, averaging career highs of 27.1 points and 4.9 assists to go along with 7.1 rebounds per game. The Mavericks didn't have much of an answer for him in their head-to-head matchups, with Dorian Finney-Smith drawing the tough task of trying to slow him down.

Should Leonard lead the Clippers to a championship and win Finals MVP this season, he'll become the first player in NBA history to win the award on three teams. He'll have to get through four different teams to get there, starting with the Mavericks.

### Luka Doncic

Hopefully the reasons why are clear. There simply aren't many more players who are more exciting to watch in the league right now. Fingers crossed we get more between the legs assists.

**Honourable mention:** Paul George. The Clippers will need him to be the Robin to Leonard's Batman to win it all this season. This just might not be the series they need him to be at his very best to advance.

### Picks and Predictions

Clippers in six





Memphis, Portland, Phoenix, and San Antonio are all still alive in the Western Conference playoff race

By Ricky O'Donnell

NBA playoff picture: Play-in series scenarios for the No. 8 seed in the West Here's every scenario for how the NBA's new play-in series can unfold as four teams fight for two spots in the West.

The Grizzlies won, which means they're guaranteed to reach the play-in series. Memphis will be the No. 9 seed if the Blazers beat the Nets on Thursday night. If the Blazers lose, Memphis will be the No. 8 seed.

The Suns also beat the Dallas Mavericks, which means Phoenix needs the Blazers to lose to Brooklyn to reach the play-in series. The Spurs have been officially eliminated.

The NBA announced a new change to its playoff format in the run-up to its season restart at the Disney bubble: the No. 8 seed in each conference would be determined by a play-in series, as long as the ninth team in the playoff picture was within four games of the team in front of them.

This won't be an issue in the Eastern Conference, where the Orlando Magic are clear ahead of the Washington Wizards for the No. 8 seed. It is happening in the Western Conference, and as the seeding games reach their final day, four teams still have a chance to ultimately face the Lakers in the playoffs as the eighth and final seed in the West.

The Memphis Grizzlies, Portland Trail Blazers, Phoenix Suns, and San Antonio Spurs are all still alive in the Western Conference playoff race. The play-in series between the No. 8 and No. 9 seed will be set after each team plays their final seeding game on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Here is everything you need to know about the play-in series and the teams that

could be in it.

How will the play-in series work?

The play-in series is limited to only two teams: the No. 8 and No. 9 seed in each conference's playoff picture, provided those teams are separated by four or fewer games in the standings.

If the team that enters the play-in series as the No. 8 seed wins the first game of the play-in series, they are officially in the playoffs. If the No. 9 seed wins the first game of the play-in series, there's a winner-take-all second game.

Essentially: the play-in series has two games maximum. The No. 8 seed has to win one game to lock down the final play-off spot. The No. 9 seed would have to beat them in two straight games to make the playoffs.

Here's how the Western Conference play-in picture looks entering the final day of seeding games

- No. 8 Portland Trail Blazers 34-39
- No. 9 Memphis Grizzlies 33-39
- No. 10 Phoenix Suns 33-39
- No. 11 San Antonio Spurs 32-38

Here's how each team can make the play-in series

This was the scenario for the four teams at the start of the day.

#### Portland Trail Blazers

The Blazers are in as the No. 8 seed if they beat the Nets on Thursday. They also get the No. 8 seed if the Grizzlies, Suns, and Spurs all lose. The Blazers can still get the No. 9 seed if lose to Brooklyn so long as two of the aforementioned teams also lose on Thursday.

#### Memphis Grizzlies

To get the No. 8 seed, Memphis needs to beat Bucks and have the Blazers lose to the Nets. The Grizzlies can still make the play-in series as the No. 9 seed if they lose

to Milwaukee as long as the Suns and Spurs both lose as well

#### Phoenix Suns

The Suns have been the best story in the bubble at 7-0 so far. They can still get the No. 8 seed if they beat the Mavericks on

Thursday combined with a Blazers and Grizzlies loss. Phoenix can get the No. 9 seed if they win and either the Blazers or Grizzlies lose.

#### San Antonio Spurs

The Spurs only have a 22-year playoff streak on the line, no biggie. To get the No. 8 seed, the Spurs have to beat the Jazz on Thursday and see all three of the other teams lose. To get the No. 9 seed, the Spurs have to win and need two of the three teams in front of them to lose.

The rest of the NBA playoff picture is locked in.

The No. 8 seed in the West is the only thing yet to be determined in the NBA's playoff picture. The East is already totally set, and seeds No. 1 through No. 7 are set in the West.

#### Eastern Conference playoff picture

- (1) Milwaukee Bucks vs. (8) Orlando Magic
- (2) Toronto Raptors vs. (7) Brooklyn Nets
- (3) Boston Celtics vs. (6) Philadelphia 76ers
- (4) Miami Heat vs. (5) Indiana Pacers

#### Western Conference playoff picture

- (1) Los Angeles Lakers vs. (8) Play-in series winner
- (2) Los Angeles Clippers vs. (7) Dallas Mavericks
- (3) Denver Nuggets vs. (6) Utah Jazz
- (4) Houston Rockets vs. (5) Oklahoma City Thunder

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# College Football News and Notes



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A quick glance at the 1918 college football season in the middle of the Spanish Flu pandemic reveals several quick and pertinent facts as colleges make 2020 plans around the COVID-19 pandemic:

As was the case for that time, the Rose Bowl was the only postseason contest and fittingly pitted Great Lakes Navy (Chicago - featuring future NFL legend George Halas who intercepted a pass and returned it 77 yards for a touchdown in the victory) (6-0-2) in a 25-6 victory over previously undefeated Mare Island Marines (Calif.) (10-1 overall).

Most colleges played abbreviated schedules with some examples of final records - Texas A&M (6-1 while allowing 19 total points), Mississippi State (3-2), California (6-2), Michigan (5-0 and only undefeated record among 72 "major colleges"), Nebraska (2-3-1 with a 20-7 loss to Washington-Sr. Louis and 0-0 tie with Notre Dame), and Harvard (2-1 with a 14-7 win over crosstown rival Boston College). Winners of the existing (future) power conferences (NCAA Division I began in 1982) were Southwest (Oklahoma), Missouri

Valley (Washington-St. Louis), Western-Big Ten (Illinois, Michigan and Purdue), Pacific Coast (California), Rocky Mountain (Colorado Mines), and Southern Intercollegiate (Georgia Tech).

Georgia Tech football archives show several games depicted where everyone in the crowd is wearing a facemask, and the Yellow Jackets (6-1 overall) rewarded these brave souls with three wins with 100-plus points.

The Spanish Flu pandemic also was heightened after the World War I Armistice Nov. 11, 1918, as millions attended victory parades throughout the United States for returning service personnel. An estimated 675,000 citizens of the U.S. perished from the Spanish Flu, and 50 million people worldwide passed away from this outbreak. An estimated 500 million-plus people of the 1917-19 world population of approximately 1.5 billion actually caught the Spanish Flu.

In related world event football scheduling history, amazingly 76 schools competed in major college football with three postseason bowl games during the deepest throes of World War II in autumn 1943. There were 30-plus "majors" who played informal schedules or cancelled football due to travel restrictions, shortages of players and food and gas rationing.

The NCAA Board of Governors has cancelled all Division II and Division III fall championships and, like Vanderbilt in 2019 NCAA Division I baseball, DII national champion West Florida and DIII gridiron winner North Central (Ill.) will defend their 2019 crowns without playing a contest. The NCAA FCS also will move its playoffs to spring 2021. Dates for the 2020 FCS postseason are to be determined, but the FCS Championship will be played at

Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas, for the 11th consecutive season. The Big Sky Conference postponed its football campaign until the spring to bring a total of 70 of the 127 NCAA FBS schools not competing in fall gridiron activity.

Former NFF Board member and Rutgers AD Bob Mulcahy will be inducted into New Jersey Hall of Fame in a virtual ceremony Oct. 18. He was inducted into the 2017 Rutgers Athletics Hall of Fame inductee after helping lead a resurgence in RU athletics from 1998-2008 and was on the NFF Board of Directors from 1990 into the second decade of the 21st Century.

## NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

Some notable birthdates in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the Aug. 9-15 time period are Aug. 9 (1941) Dick Sheridan, Augusta, Ga.; (1955) Doug Williams, Zachary, La.; (1967) Deion Sanders, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Aug. 10 (1961) Billy Ray Smith, Fayetteville, Ark.; (1970) Gino Torretta, Pinole, Calif.; (1915) Alex Wojciechowicz, South River, N.J.; Aug. 12 (1930) Jack Scarbath, Baltimore, Md.; Aug. 14 (1935) John Brodie, Menlo Park, Calif.; Aug. 15 (1929) Doug Porter, Memphis, Tenn.; (1950) Sam Cunningham, Santa Barbara, Calif.

**Note:** No NFF College Hall of Fame members either were born or passed away on the dates of Aug. 11 and 13.

**Notable anniversary death dates** for Hall of Famers are Aug. 9 (1970) John McEwan, New York, N.Y.; (1999) Riley Smith, Mobile, Ala.; (2015) Frank Gifford, Riverside, Conn.; Aug. 14 (1958) Henry "Red" Sanders, Los Angeles, Calif.; (1966) Duke Slater, Chicago, Ill.; (2002) Kyle Rote, Baltimore, Md.; (2017) Frank Broyles, Fayetteville, Ark.; Aug. 15 (1981) Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf, Berkeley, Calif.

**Happy birthdays** to NFF College Hall of Fame members Aug. 9 Dick Sheridan (a spry 79), Doug Williams, Deion Sanders, Aug. 10 Billy Ray Smith, Gino Torretta, Aug. 12 Jack Scarbath (a spry 90), Aug. 14 John Brodie (a spry 85), Aug. 15 Doug Porter (a spry 91), Sam Cunningham...

Clemson is the No. 1 preseason team in the USA Today Top 25 coaches poll. This is the 70-year anniversary of the survey, which began in 1950 as the United Press International coaches survey...Because of the abbreviated Atlantic Coast Conference schedule with Notre Dame as a 2020 member, the Fighting Irish and Navy will not play for the first time since 1926...BYU and Navy have certified a nationally televised contest on Labor Day evening Sept. 5 in Annapolis, Md....Iowa State and Missouri have spoken about renewing their longtime series, which ended temporarily in 2011 after 104 meetings...Kansas and Southern Illinois will open their seasons

Aug. 29 in Lawrence, Kan., after the NCAA Board of Governors gave formal permission for Week Zero contests....Four of the added conferences games denoted by the Southeastern Conference to bring team schedules up to 10 games are Mississippi State-Vanderbilt, Mississippi State-Georgia, Florida-Texas A&M, and Tennessee-Texas A&M...Oklahoma and Missouri State certified their Aug. 29 season lidlifter in Norman, Okla....UC Davis at Nevada and the FCS Kickoff Contest at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Ala., with Austin Peay vs. Central Arkansas still are scheduled for Aug. 29...North Texas began practice for its 108th season of college football last Friday...Northwestern football returned to the practice fields for the first time since a recent quarantine and 37 players being sequestered due to possible COVID-19 exposure.

Seattle U. athletics has launched a student-athlete-led Voting Matters Initiative to encourage voter registration and participation in 2020 local and national elections in November...Vanderbilt Medical Center and the department of neuroscience have been credited with some additional breakthroughs in COVID-19 serum research as student-athletes, coaches and fans prepare for the 2020 autumn seasons.

Penn State head coach James Franklin and several former Nittany Lions are participating in the Movement for the Moment campaign...Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney told media he favors a planned sharing of NCAA names, images and likenesses revenue with a slight caveat...Texas Tech head coach Matt Wells feels his staff and team have utilized Zoom calls and other virtual meetings to their advantage and that players will return in game shape for upcoming fall workouts...UCLA head coach Chip Kelly has recovered from a mild case last March of COVID-19 and is expected to be at full strength for August practices. The Bruins also have eight players return to activity after positive tests for the virus...Georgia tight ends coach Todd Hartley and run-game coordinator/RB coach Dell McGee have received salary increases for the 2020-21 academic year...Northern Arizona added former XFL and Sacramento State head coach Sammy Lawanson to its 2020 staff...Former Washington State LB Peyton Pelluer is a new volunteer assistant coach at Mississippi State...Louisiana athletics has dedicated a video and its 2020 season to late assistant coach DJ Looney who passed away earlier this month...Former Texas Tech strength and conditioning coach Ralph Petrella is seeking another position at a comparable university.



**Hometowns** of more 2020 college head coaches – Indiana State: Curt Mallory, Bloomington, Ind.; Iowa: Kirk Ferentz, Royal Oak, Mich.; Iowa State: Matt Campbell, Massillon, Ohio; Iowa Wesleyan: MD Daniels, Lake Jackson, Texas; Jackson State: John Hendrick, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Auburn director of athletics Allen Greene addressed the financial and safety challenges prior to the opening of the Tigers fall sports seasons...Clemson AD Dan Radakovich told the Tigers Board of Trustees that there were no active positive COVID-19 cases among student-athletes or staff last week...Marshall AD Mike Hamrick saluted the NCAA for taking all precautions and delaying some decisions on Division I fall championships...Kansas AD Jeff Long penned a public update letter on his department's finances and numerous well-being and safety plans for 2020 football season...Alabama AD Greg Byrne has remained in steady contact with student-athletes, alumni and fans about the course of '20 college football and upcoming financial challenges...Warner U. (Fla.) named Chrissy Moskovits interim AD...Jermaine Rolle has been tabbed as deputy AD at UW Green Bay...Life U. (Ga.) named Alaina Smith Walker director of academic support & student-athlete development, and Jesse Roberts is the assistant AD for compliance and business operations...Baylor's men's tennis head coach Brian Boland will not return for the 2020-21 season...Colorado Colorado Springs executive AD Nathan Gibson has been appointed to NCAA Division II Championships Committee...Hailey Martin is the new assistant AD for diversity, inclusion and community engagement at Limestone...Jayson Ameer Rasheed has been named assistant AD for communications & marketing at Lincoln (Pa.)...North Carolina head men's basketball coach Roy and wife Wanda Williams donated \$600,000 to fund scholarships for spring sport athletes returning for their senior seasons in 2021...Simon Fraser (Canada) faculty representative for athletics Dr. Peter Ruben has received the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee 2019-20 Faculty Mentor Award...Vanderbilt Dean of Arts and Science Dr. John Geer congratulated and thanks several former VU student-athletes and their families for making critical contributions to VU...Texas Tech is seeking a new women's head basketball coach after the departure of Marlene Stollings.

The Conference USA Board of Directors approved a timeline and scheduling format for football competition for the 2020 season with eight C-USA contests and up to four non-conference clashes at the discretion of the schools. The first intra-league games are set for Sept. 12, and the C-USA football championship remains on Dec. 5 with flexibility for change...The Mid-American Conference became the first NCAA FBS circuit to cancel all fall sports

for 2020...The American Athletic Conference Board of Directors reported the conference's plan and timeline for the start of athletics competition for the fall seasons. Unanimous approval was given for football, men's soccer, women's soccer, and women's volleyball, men's and women's cross country, and conference championship events in each sport on dates to be determined...The Big 12 Conference will play a nine-game intra-conference schedule this season with one non-conference tussle in 2020...The Atlantic Coast, Big Ten and Pac-12 Conference all revealed their 2020 intra-circuit schedules, and the ACC is allowing its teams to play an additional game along with the 10 league tilts...The Pac-12 Conference has inked a unique agreement to fund additional news coverage from the Los Angeles Times newspaper as well as the Players' Tribune...The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference has unveiled new branding, primary and secondary logos for the 2020-21 academic year...The North Atlantic Conference has admitted three institutions as members of the conference to bring total full membership to 12 public and private schools in Maine, Vermont, and New York. Cazenovia College, The State University of New York at Cobleskill, and SUNY Polytechnic Institute are new western half members...Several other conference changes and independent status for NCAA FCS teams in '20 are Dixie State (from the Division II Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference to FCS independent), North Dakota (from independent to the Missouri Valley Football Conference), Tarleton State (from Division II Lone Star Conference to FCS independent), Presbyterian (from the FCS Big South Conference to FCS independent), Jacksonville U. (from the Pioneer Football League to disbanding the program), Robert Morris (from the FCS Northeast Conference to FCS independent)...HomeTown Ticketing is now the official ticketing partner of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference...The Great Midwest Athletic Conference will add Ashland (Ohio) as an associate member for wrestling in 2020-21, then as a full member in 2021-22 and will keep Alderson Broaddus (W. Va.) as an associate member in men's lacrosse in 2020-21...The California Collegiate Athletic Association has announced formed a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Each of the conference's 12 member institutions has one voting representative on the committee...The CAA has started a conference-wide platform known as CAA Family – United For Change – in a plan hatched by the CAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to promote meaningful discussion about pressing current issues on each campus...Pac-12 commissioner Larry Scott met via a social media conference setup with 12 football student-athletes from the Pac-12's #WeAreUnited group...The Lone Star Conference postponed all fall competition in football, soccer, volleyball, men's

basketball, and women's basketball until spring 2021 due to health concerns. Golf and tennis squads will be allowed to compete in non-championship events in autumn 2020...The Big Ten Conference Council of Presidents and Chancellors cautioned that while it is hopeful for a September start in all fall sports, issuing schedules does not guarantee that competition will occur depending on regional and national health concerns...The Northern Collegiate Hockey Association will postpone will be switching conference play to the 2021 calendar year on dates to be determined...The Southern Conference Council of Presidents and Directors of Athletics are continuing their ongoing and comprehensive review of the COVID-19 environment and plans for fall sports and hope to make final decisions in coming days...The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference will postpone all fall sports except men's and women's cross country and men's and women's golf until 2021...The Pioneer Football League officially cancelled all 2020 fall sports slates...The SEC also denoted its initial COVID-19 management requirements for the fall seasons as recommended by the SEC's Return to Activity and Medical Guidance Task Force...The Atlantic Sun Conference named Jerome Rodgers deputy commissioner and Patrick McCoy associate commissioner of strategic communications. Longtime ASUN director of business operations Pat Bush will retire in December...The Big 12 Conference will partner with Auburn's Rachel Baribeau and her I'm Changing the Narrative movement to help study and bring to the public possible mental and emotional health issues.

The College Football Playoff committee has determined its strength of schedule and other factors in conference-only schedules when the group starts looking at semifinal selections...The Allstate Sugar Bowl is working with the CFP to follow the Sunday, Dec. 20, semifinalists' selection with the two games leading up to the CFP title Jan. 11 still set for Friday, Jan. 1...The Rose Bowl Stadium and the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation will open a non-profit think tank, the Rose Bowl Institute, to champion sportsmanship and leverage the power of sports to unite people worldwide...The Goodyear Cotton Bowl continues its seat upgrades' programs for previous ticket holders... Maryland QB Taulia Tagovailoa has received immediate eligibility from the NCAA to participate in the 2020 season after transferring from Alabama... Mississippi State RB Kylin Hill was highlighted for his running and essential pass catching ability in new head coach Mike Leach's Air Raid Offense...Among the 51 members of the pre-2020 Dick Butkus Award watch list are Blaze Alldredge, Rice; Troy Andersen, Montana State; Rayshard Ashby, Virginia Tech; Derrick Barnes, Purdue; Terrel Bernard, Baylor; Nick Bolton, Missouri; Tuf Borland, Ohio State; K.J. Britt, Auburn; and Damone Clark, LSU...From the '20

preseason watch list for the Doak Walker Award several stars include Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota; Keaontay Ingram, Texas; Deon Jackson, Duke; Jermar Jefferson, Oregon State; Josh Johnson, ULM; Amare Jones, Tulane; Lopini Katoa, BYU; Wesley Kennedy III, Georgia Southern; and Brenden Knox, Marshall...The 90 watch list members for the 84th annual Maxwell Award for college player of the year include some of the following stalwarts: QB Jamie Newman, Georgia; QB Bo Nix, Auburn; LB Micah Parsons, Penn State; RB Jaret Patterson, Buffalo; QB Michael Penix, Indiana; QB Brandon Peters, Illinois; WR Whop Philyor, Indiana; QB Kenny Pickett, Pittsburgh; WR Kalil Pimpleton, Central Michigan; QB Brock Purdy, Iowa State; QB Chris Reynolds, Charlotte; RB Ronnie Rivers, Fresno State; WR Reggie Roberson, SMU; and QB Chris Robison, Florida Atlantic...Rayshad and Rahsaan Lewis, sons of retired Pro Football Hall of Fame LB Ray Lewis of Miami (Fla.), have transferred to Kentucky for the 2020 season...Michigan State OT Jordan Reid is planning on sitting out the 2020 season but hopes to return in '21 as a senior in eligibility...Texas Tech TE Simon Gonzalez and WR Caden Leggett have been reinstated for 2020 football practices...Clemson DE Xavier Howard is out indefinitely with multiple injuries and illnesses...Purdue All-America WR-KR Rondale Moore will not play this season to prepare for the 2021 NFL Draft...Penn State LB Micah Parson has opted out of the 2020 season because of personal health concerns...Ole Miss defensive end Sam Williams is hoping to regain eligibility after a recent suspension...Duke long snapper Ben Wyatt and OT Jacob Rimmer have opted out for the coming season with COVID-19 concerns...Former Texas Tech student-athletes Myller Royals, Hakeem White and John Scott all are seeking new collegiate avenues for their skills after leaving the Red Raiders program.

Longtime late SMU and NFL Dallas Cowboys medical director Dr. Pepe Zamarano was recalled in a recent story from the Dallas Times-Herald newspaper archives...Tim Warnock has been named president of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association for 2020-21...The much-anticipated, Aug. 13 Field of Dreams Major League Baseball contest between the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs has been postponed indefinitely at Dyersville, Iowa, due to MLB health and COVID-19 concerns...The 2020 College Baseball Hall of Fame includes 12 all-time standouts. They are Doug Ault of Texas Tech, Pete Barnes of Southern University (Baton Rouge), Everett "Eppy" Barnes of Colgate, Rick Cerone of Seton Hall, John Deutsch of Montclair State, Gary Gentry of Arizona State, Jim Gideon of Texas, Roy Lee Jackson of Tuskegee, Paul Molitor of Minnesota, coach Jim Morris of DeKalb (Ga.) College, Georgia Tech and Miami

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(Fla.), coach John Scolinos of Pepperdine and Cal Poly Pomona, and Jason Varitek of Georgia Tech...As of Aug. 9 there have been 66 NFL roster players who decided not to compete in 2020 due to COVID-19 conditions.

East Carolina announced that Grady-White Boats Co. has committed to the largest anonymous donation in ECU athletics and Pirate Club history. The ECU Athletics Complex will be named the Grady-White Boats Athletic Campus in the company's honor...West Virginia football has distributed Twitter feeds about student-athletes and fans staying hydrated and wearing masks for their own safety and the health of others in coming days prior to the campaign...Arizona State will redshirt its complete men's and women's swimming and diving teams will redshirt during the 2020-21 competitive year...Atlanta attorney D.A. Wilson is pleased has opened the new Magnate Sports Management, a full-service business management company that works with future, current and former college and professional student-athletes in a wide variety of sports...Bennett James of the Washington Policy Exchange Group has emailed updates to college administrators and departments of athletics about COVID-19 statistics nationally and regionally...Rutgers athletics has gone into a voluntary quarantine after recent positive COVID-19 tests...Tennessee football is working game cancellations into its 2020 and future game contracts...TCU has painted a large End Racism sign on the sidewalk adjacent to Amon Carter Stadium...Colleges and universities in the Metro Boston area may utilize area hotels to quarantine students, faculty and staff with COVID-19 cases or to help with overflow student residence hall usage in case of COVID breakouts in crowded halls or athletics residences...Eastern New Mexico athletics recently refurbished Greyhound Arena for the upcoming year...South Dakota Mines athletics has a new brand for 2020 along with an updated nickname, logos, brand essence, positioning statement, tagline, university colors, and brand guidelines...Indiana athletics will utilize Opendorse Ready to prepare student-athletes for the NCAA Name, Image, and Likeness Readiness program with NIL operations beginning Jan. 1, 2023...Learfield IMG College has initiated a nationwide With U campaign for marketing and strengthening the connection between college sports fans and college sports sponsors...Nebraska fans have an Aug. 14 deadline to decide if they want to hold their 2020 season tickets or opt to use the same ducats for 2021...The University of North Texas notified students, faculty, staff, and alumni of a possible data breach from last month but reported no credit card or major private personal information was obtained by hackers...Austin (Texas) Mayor Steve Adler has asked for major precautionary and safety measures if Texas plays '20 home football encounters...Northwestern

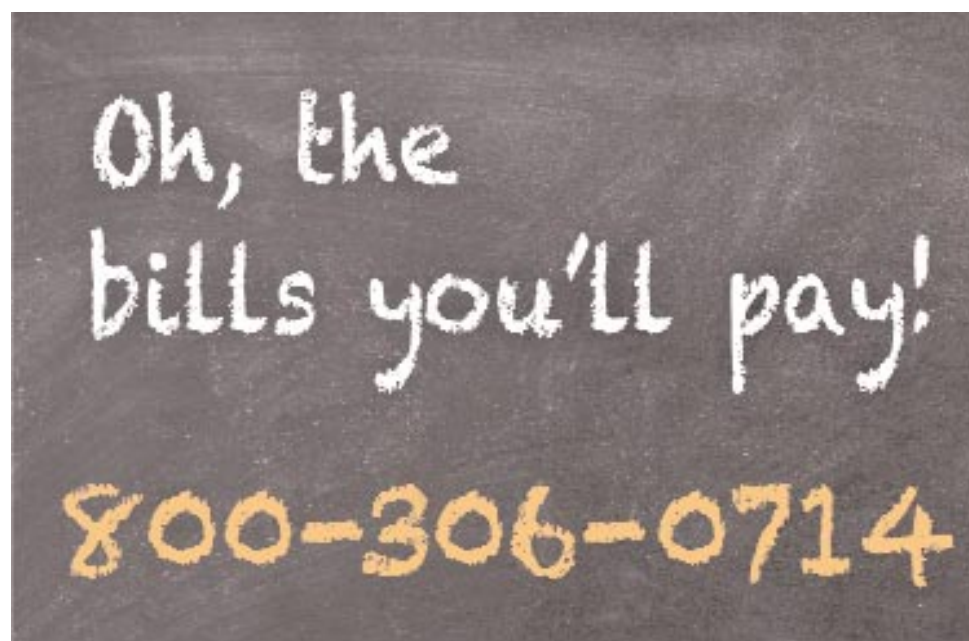
State at Turpin Stadium in Natchitoches, La., will limit seating capacity to 50 percent this fall with six-foot social distancing in the stands and required face masks...OregonLive.com opined about the effects of COVID-19 budget cutbacks on track and field and other Olympic sports...Arizona football's medical staff is making some protocol adjustments to its COVID-19 testing...Colorado State football is taking a brief respite after reporting some COVID-19 positive tests...Iowa football conducted a news conference to clarify any challenges or updates in team diversity and inclusion during past and present seasons...West Virginia football is completing installation of its new stadium video boards...Bleacher.com's new CrowdVIEW LIVE platform is helping college athletics engage and monetize remote fans during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future...North Carolina Central athletics has launched the #NCCUStrongerTogether giving campaign with the goal of raising \$1 million to help offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic...UMass Dartmouth athletics and SIDEARM Sports have partnered for website and internet development...Evangel U. (Mo.) athletics is reorganizing its internal operations and the oversight of its 18 varsity sports...Bethany (Kan.) athletics announced it is opening a new varsity esports program beginning in fall of 2021 with 16 gaming stations with i9 processors and new below table lighting...Vanderbilt athletics has started a Black and Gold Club - an alumni network comprising former student-athletes, student managers and student trainers - to compliment the National Commodore Club booster group...Ferrum (Va.) athletics has a new marketing and licensing partnership with Nexus Licensing Group.

The Atlanta, Ga., Journal-Constitution and Des Moines, Iowa, Register newspapers wrote about various scenarios and the "not any possibilities of one-size-fits-all" plans for college football and fall sports...Inside Higher Education edited a large research story about late 2010s admissions irregularities, the role of some athletics personnel and resulting jurisprudence...The New York Daily News newspaper spoke of coming to a quick solution for the COVID-19 pandemic and postponing all fall sports...The Knoxville, Tenn., News-Sentinel newspaper purported that Vanderbilt should be replaced as a member of the SEC and suggested several possibilities...Iowa-based Lee Enterprises publishing group has instituted layoffs at some of its Virginia newspaper due to COVID-19 revenue losses...AL.com again breached the subject of the possibility of playing college football in "bubble" cities if COVID-19 continues to be rampant in later August and September...Columnist Berry Tramel of the Oklahoma City Oklahoman newspaper gave his thoughts about the possible perils facing college football and society if additional health complications develop

during the season.

The FWAA continues to apprise its membership about developing football stories and the probable start of the '20 college outing...Retired CoSIDA Hall of Fame member Eric McDowell, Zach Dirlam of Florida, Chris Cook of Longwood, Jimmy Robertson of Virginia Tech, Danny Ryan of Bethune-Cookman, and Dale Long of Georgia Gwinnett were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter...Popular Missouri football media relations director Chad Moller has been furloughed in athletics' cost-cutting measures...Arizona, Arizona State, Kansas, Louisville, Michigan, Michigan State, Ole Miss, Oregon State, and UCLA are working with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and reports at their respective schools...The NACDA Division I Board of Directors has reviewed name, image and likeness concepts sent to the division's members for feedback and provided insight as the governing body that oversees the strategic direction of Division I. The group also requested a review of the future of fall sports and championships in light of the COVID-19 pandemic...The NCAA has enacted several safety measures for preseason workouts and 2020 fall sports. These measures include social distancing, face masks, hand sanitization stations, concession stands' regulations, and other key recommendations to avoid upper respiratory diseases...NCAA President Dr. Mark Emmert expressed his policies on COVID-19 liability waivers being utilized for student-athletes at some colleges. Dr. Emmert also again hinted that a delayed start to 2020 fall sports might make sense, and more will be ascertained when the NCAA Board of Governors meets again on Friday, Aug. 21...The August edition of the USBWA's Basketball Times now is available online to NCBWA members...The Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Council of Excellence has begun operations with 13 current collegiate members and has invited

all NCAA Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designation groups to join DIECE...Under Armour is compiling a series of daily stories about college athletics for the NACDA online newsletter in the UA Featured Article of the Day...Nominations process for the ninth annual NCAA/MOAA Award for Diversity will be accepted until Friday, Sept. 25. The award recognizes a partnership formed by the NCAA and the Minority Opportunities Athletics Association to recognize and celebrate the initiatives, policies and practices of schools and offices that embrace diversity and inclusion across the intercollegiate athletics community. Please contact NCAA.com for additional information and nomination forms...The National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals released its 2020 Wilma Rudolph Award Winners in May and will be highlighting outstanding student-athletes in a series of five videos in coming weeks. The most recent video recognized Michigan women's volleyball student-athlete Sydney Wetterstrom...NACDA & Affiliates now has produced over 140 hours of virtual programming to date. Please access the NACDA website for key athletics' features and updates...The National Association for Athletics Compliance is seeking volunteers to serve on its committees for the 2020-21 membership year via the NAAC website...The NCAA Division III Presidents Council will sponsor two legislative concepts on student-athletes' use of their names, images and likenesses beginning in 2023...NACDA has produced guidelines for nationwide college athletics' on diversity and inclusion within their offices...The CoSIDA Executive Board of Directors has approved the membership dues structure and pricing for 2020-21 with membership pricing the same or, in some cases, less expensive than 2019-20. Members will have access to the dues portal beginning August 19 at CoSIDA.com.College Football News and Notes - July 10





# Lincoln Navigator Expert Review



By Matt Degen

The Lincoln Navigator is the flagship SUV of Ford's luxury brand. Reborn last year, the Navigator went from being a commendable full-size premium sport-utility vehicle to one of the finest available. With an extravagant exterior and dazzling interior, the Navigator 3-row SUV now matches the grandeur of rivals like the Mercedes-Benz GLS, new BMW X7 and Cadillac Escalade. The Navigator also boasts more interior room, and if you need additional space, more can be had in a longer version called the Navigator L. All models are available with 7- or 8-passenger seating, and 4-wheel drive (4/4) is optional over the standard rear-wheel drive (4/2). The Navigator boasts a twin-turbo V6 that, despite having two fewer cylinders than some rivals is stronger with 450 horsepower.

Even the standard Navigator is huge, so by nature it's a lot to manage in parking lots and even tighter city roads. That just comes with the territory of a full-size SUV, and even among full-size SUVs, the Navigator stands out. The Navigator L is larger still. Once on the open road, however, the new Navigator comes into its own. This big Lincoln SUV's standard 3.5-liter twin-turbo V6 engine puts out 450 horsepower and prodigious torque — 510 lb-ft. That's plenty to move this big SUV, and the 10-speed automatic transmission shifts smoothly and quickly; we suggest leaving it in Drive and skipping the paddles. The suspension offers active shocks for a smooth ride, and in our testing the large Lincoln had little issue with the kinds of beat-up roads in the Los Angeles region. Inside it's quiet, with very little wind noise despite the blocky shape, an exception

being the constant growl of the exhaust.

While the Lincoln Navigator continues to share mechanical bits with the Ford Expedition on which it's based (and is built at the same plant in Kentucky), the Navigator has style all its own. From its massive and opulent grille with illuminated Lincoln logo to one of the plushiest interiors in the industry, the Navigator is distinctive.

This ultra-high-end audio system by Harman is a treat for ears. The system, available in Navigator Reserve and Black Label models, builds upon the standard Revel with 20 speakers. For traditionalists who still enjoy compact discs, a CD player is also part of the system.

Far and away the most distinctive part of the Navigator, the large cabin of this full-size luxury SUV looks and feels even more high-end than the Lincoln's price demands. The dash is dominated by a 10-inch touch screen with enormous, easy-to-see-and-use icons, especially when using Apple Car Play or Android Auto. The dash itself is classy and elegant, and we like the center console "island" that doesn't quite reach the dash. The interior is functional, too. All Navigators have three rows of seats, with seating for seven passengers when equipped with 2nd-row bucket seats, or eight passengers if you opt for the no-cost 2nd-row bench. Standard Navigator models have decent room behind the last row — 19.3 cubic feet — but if you regularly plan to use all three rows and transport gear, you're a prime candidate for the long-wheelbase Navigator L, which has the same passenger dimensions but more cargo space — over 34 cubic feet behind the third row.

Lincoln's new Navigator makes a big

impression beginning at the front: The grille is enormous and inescapable. If you don't like it, then this luxury SUV isn't for you. Get past that and there are cool touches, like the aforementioned optional LED-lit Lincoln badge in the middle of the grille, or the cool way the dual LED accents under the headlights scroll on and off. In back, there's Lincoln's signature LED taillights spanning the hatch, and "LINCOLN" spelled out in giant letters. The silhouette may be the same as a Ford Expedition, but the Navigator has enough detail work to make it distinctive.

The Navigator is offered in four trims: Standard, Select, Reserve and Black Label. Even in base form, the Navigator brings plenty of premium amenities. Highlights include leather upholstery for the first two rows, power-folding 2nd- and 3rd-row seats, tri-zone climate control, hands-free power tailgate, universal garage remote and power-adjustable steering wheel and pedals. The robust infotainment system bundles a 10-inch screen with navigation, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, and a 16-speaker Revel high-end audio system. The Navigator's safety features include parking sensors and blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert. Be aware that automatic emergency braking, which is becoming standard on even mainstream vehicles like Toyotas, costs extra here. You'll have to step up to at least a Navigator Select, then pay extra for the Technology Package.

If you're going to spend as much as it takes to buy a Navigator, we'd suggest stepping up to at least the Select trim, which adds adaptive suspension, 360-degree camera, power-deployable running boards, heated steering wheel and wireless

phone charger. Adding the recommendable Technology Package also brings the important automatic emergency braking feature along with other active safety and driving features like lane-keeping assist, adaptive cruise control, and parallel-parking aid. Reserve models include the Tech Package, plus standard 4-wheel drive, the illuminated Lincoln logo in the grille, and 24-way front seats. Black Label Navigator models boast the Revel Ultima audio system, head-up display, 30-way front seats, and the option for your Navigator to have a theme, such as "Yacht Club."

The Navigator has only one engine available, but it's a good one: a 450-horsepower version of Ford's excellent 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged EcoBoost V6. It's a lot of muscle, significantly more than is found in the Expedition, and the Lincoln puts it to good use through a 10-speed automatic transmission. While not exactly sports-car quick, the powerful V6 makes short work of acceleration from a dead stop, or hustling around slower traffic on the freeway. It can even tow up to 8,700 pounds when properly equipped. Unlike a lot of high-end engines, this one doesn't require premium unleaded fuel. For a full-size SUV, fuel economy is pretty solid, ranging from 21-23 mpg on the highway, depending on model.

3.5-liter twin-turbocharged V6  
450 horsepower @ 5,500 rpm  
510 lb-ft of torque @ 3,000 rpm  
EPA city/highway fuel economy: 16/23 mpg (Navigator 4?2); 16/22 mpg (Navigator L 4?2); 16/21 mpg (Navigator & Navigator L 4?4)

The Navigator has a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) starting at \$73,205 for a base model, plus a \$1,295 destination charge. That figure only increases as you climb trims and add features. The more recommendable Select model begins at \$77,555, while the Reserve starts over \$85,000, but does come with 4-wheel drive, which costs \$2,655 extra on the two lower trims. At the top, a Lincoln Navigator Black Label starts over \$96,000. If you want the larger Navigator L, you'll have to opt for at least a Select trim, then spend an extra \$3,200. All-in, a loaded Navigator can hover around the \$100,000 mark. At its base price, this flagship Lincoln SUV starts just below the Cadillac Escalade, is nearly in line with the BMW X7, and above smaller luxury haulers like the Mercedes-Benz GLS, Range Rover Sport and Infiniti QX80. The super-rugged Lexus LX 570 starts at nearly \$86,000. And in case you're wondering, the Navigator's mainstream cousin, the Ford Expedition, starts around \$52,000.



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<b>Cleveland Browns (All times ET)</b> Sept. 13: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 17: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 8:20 p. NFLN Sept. 27: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m. Fox Oct. 4: at Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 11: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 4:25 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 25: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m. CBS Nov. 1: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 15: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 22: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 14: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 8:15 p. ESPN Dec. 20: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 26 or 27: at New York Jets, TBD Jan. 3: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
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<b>Dallas Cowboys (all times ET)</b> Sept. 13: at Los Angeles Rams, 8:30 p. NBC Sept. 20: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 27: at Seattle Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox Oct. 4: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 11: vs. New York Giants, 4:25 p.m., CBS Oct. 19: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 8:15 p ESPN Oct. 25: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 1: at Philadelphia Eagles, 8:20 p.m., NBC Nov. 8: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 4:25 p.m., CBS Nov. 22: at Minnesota Vikings, 4:25 p.m., Fox Nov. 26: vs. Washington Redskins, 4:30 p. Fox Dec. 3: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon Dec. 13: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 20: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p. NBC Dec. 27: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p. Fox Jan. 3: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox
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<b>Denver Broncos (all times ET)</b> Sept. 14: vs. Tennessee Titans, 9:10 p.m. ESPN Sept. 20: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 27: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, 4:25 p.m., Fox Oct. 1: at New York Jets, 8:20 p.m. NFLN Oct. 11: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: vs. Miami Dolphins, 4:04 p.m., CBS Oct. 25: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p.m. CBS Nov. 8: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 15: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., CBS Nov. 22: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 CBS Nov. 29: vs. New Orleans Saints, 4:05 p.m Fox Dec. 6: at Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m., NBC Dec. 13: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Buffalo Bills, TBD Dec. 26 or 27: at Los Angeles Chargers, TBD Jan. 3: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 4:25 p.m., CBS
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<b>Detroit Lions (all times ET)</b> Sept. 13: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 20: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 27: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:25 p.m., Fox Oct. 4: vs. New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 18: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 25: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 1: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 8: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 15: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 22: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 26: vs. Houston Texans, 12:30 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 13: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 19 or 20: at Tennessee Titans, TBD Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, TBD Jan. 3: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
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<b>Green Bay Packers (all times ET)</b> Sept. 13: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 20: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 27: at New Orleans Saints, 8:20 p. NBC Oct. 5: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 8:15 p.m., ESPN Oct. 18: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, Fox Oct. 25: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 1: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 5: at San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p.m., Fox Nov. 15: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 22: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: vs. Chicago Bears, 8:20 p.m., NBC Dec. 6: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p.m., CBS Dec. 13: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Carolina Panthers, TBD Dec. 27: vs. Tennessee Titans, 8:20 p.m., NBC Jan. 3: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
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<b>Houston Texans (all times ET)</b> Sept. 10: at Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m, NBC Sept. 20: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 4:25 p.m., CBS Sept. 27: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m, CBS Oct. 4: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox Oct. 11: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 25: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 8: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 15: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 22: vs. New England Patriots, 1 p.m, CBS Nov. 26: at Detroit Lions, 12:30 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 13: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 19 or 20: at Indianapolis Colts, TBD Dec. 27: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS Jan. 3: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
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<b>Indianapolis Colts (all times ET)</b> Sept. 13: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m, CBS Sept. 20: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox Sept. 27: vs. New York Jets, 4:05 p.m., CBS Oct. 4: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 11: at Cleveland Browns, 4:25 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 1: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 8: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 12: at Tennessee Titans, 8:20 p.m,NFLN Nov. 22: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 29: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 13: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., CBS Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Houston Texans, TBD Dec. 27: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS Jan. 3: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS
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<b>Jacksonville Jaguars (all times ET)</b> Sept.13: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 20: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Sept. 24: vs. Miami Dolphins, 8:20 p.m.NFLN Oct. 4: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 11: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 18: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 1: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 p., CBS Nov. 8: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 15: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 22: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 29: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 6: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 13: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 20: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 27: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox Jan. 3: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS
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<b>Kansas City Chiefs (all times ET)</b> Sept. 10: vs. Houston Texans, 8:20 p.m., NBC Sept. 20: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:25, CBS Sept. 28: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:15 p.m, ESPN Oct. 4: vs. New England Patriots, 4:25 p., CBS Oct. 11: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS Oct. 15: at Buffalo Bills, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN Oct. 25: at Denver Broncos, 4:25 p.m., CBS Nov. 1: vs. New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS Nov. 8: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox Nov. 22: at Las Vegas Raiders, 8:20 p.m., NBC Nov. 29, at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, CBS Dec. 6: vs. Denver Broncos, 8:20 p.m., NBC Dec. 13: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS Dec. 20: at New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p., CBS Dec. 27: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox Jan. 3: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 1 p.m., CBS
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**Las Vegas Raiders (all times ET)**  
Sept. 13: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS  
Sept. 21: vs. New Orleans Saints, 8:15 p, ESPN  
Sept. 27: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 4: vs. Buffalo Bills, 4:25 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 11: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 25: vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 8:20, NBC  
Nov. 1: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 8: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 p.m, Fox  
Nov. 15: vs. Denver Broncos, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 22: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p., NBC  
Nov. 29: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 6: at New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 13: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 17: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 8:20 p.m., Fox, NFL Network, Amazon  
Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Miami Dolphins, TBD  
Jan. 3: at Denver Broncos, 4:25 p.m., CBS

**Los Angeles Chargers (all times ET)**  
Sept. 13: at Cincinnati Bengals, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Sept. 20: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p, CBS  
Sept. 27: vs. Carolina Panthers, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 4: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 12: at New Orleans Saints, 8:15 p, ESPN  
Oct. 18: vs. New York Jets, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 25: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 1: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 4:05 p, CBS  
Nov. 8: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 22: at Denver Broncos, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 29: at Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 6: vs. New England Patriots, 4:25 p., CBS  
Dec. 13: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 17: at Las Vegas Raiders, 8:20 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Denver Broncos, TBD  
Jan.3: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., CBS

**Los Angeles Rams (all times ET)**  
Sept. 13: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Sept. 20: at Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sept. 27: at Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 4: vs. New York Giants, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 11: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 18: at San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p, NBC  
Oct. 26: vs. Chicago Bears, 8:15 p.m., ESPN  
Nov. 1: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 15: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 23: at Tampa Bay Bucs, 8:15, ESPN  
Nov. 29: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 4:05 p, Fox  
Dec. 6: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 10: vs. New England Patriots, 8:20 p, Fox  
Dec. 19 or 20: vs. New York Jets, TBD  
Dec. 27: at Seattle Seahawks, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Jan. 3: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 4:25 p.m., Fox

**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., Fox, NFL Network, Amazon  
Jan. 3: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox

**New England Patriots (all times ET)**  
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)**  
Sept. 13: at Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS  
Sept. 20: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sept. 27: at Indianapolis Colts, 4 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 1: at Denver Broncos, 8:20 p.m., NFLN  
Oct. 11: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 18: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 25: vs. Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 1: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 9: vs. New England Patriots, 8:15, ESPN  
Nov. 15: at Miami Dolphins, 4 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 29: vs. Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 6: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 13: at Seattle Seahawks, 4 p.m., CBS  
Dec 19 or 20: at Los Angeles Rams, TBD  
Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Cleveland Browns, TBD  
Jan. 3: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS

**Philadelphia Eagles (all times ET)**  
Sept. 13: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sept. 20: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sept. 27: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 4: at San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Oct. 11: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 18: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 22: vs. New York Giants, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon  
Nov. 1: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Nov. 15: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 22: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 30: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 8:15 p, ESPN  
Dec. 6: at Green Bay Packers, 4:25 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 13: vs. New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p, Fox  
Dec. 20: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 27: at Dallas Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Jan. 3: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox

**Pittsburgh Steelers (all times ET)**  
Sept. 14: at New York Giants, 7:15 p.m., ESPN  
Sept. 20: vs. Denver Broncos, 1 p.m., CBS  
Sept. 27: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 4: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 11: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 18: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 25: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 8: at Dallas Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 15: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 22: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 26: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 8:20 p., NBC  
Dec. 6: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 13: at Buffalo Bills, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Dec. 21: at Cincinnati Bengals, 8:15 p., ESPN  
Dec. 27: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS  
Jan. 3: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS

**San Francisco 49ers (all times ET)**  
Sept. 13: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Sept. 20: at New York Jets, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sept. 27: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 4: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 8:20 p.m, NBC  
Oct. 11: vs. Miami Dolphins, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 18: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 8:20 p.m, NBC  
Oct. 25: at New England Patriots, 4:25 p, CBS  
Nov. 1: at Seattle Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 5: vs. Green Bay Packers, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon  
Nov. 15: at New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p, Fox  
Nov. 29: at Los Angeles Rams, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 7: vs. Buffalo Bills, 8:15 p.m., ESPN  
Dec. 13: vs. Washington Redskins, 4:25 p, Fox  
Dec. 20: at Dallas Cowboys, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Dec. 26 or 27: at Arizona Cardinals, TBD  
Jan. 3: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox

**Seattle Seahawks (all times ET)**  
Sep. 13: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sep. 20: vs. New England Patriots, 8:20, NBC  
Sep. 27: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 4: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 11: Minnesota Vikings, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Oct. 25: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 1: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 4:25 p, Fox  
Nov. 8: at Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 15: at Los Angeles Rams, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 19: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon  
Nov. 30: at Philadelphia Eagles, 8:15p, ESPN  
Dec. 6: vs. New York Giants, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 13: vs. New York Jets, 4:05 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 20: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 27: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 4:05 p.m, CBS  
Jan. 3: at San Francisco 49ers, 4:25 p.m., Fox

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers (all times ET)**  
Sep. 13: at New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Sep. 20: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sep. 27: at Denver Broncos, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 4: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 8: at Chicago Bears, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon  
Oct. 18: vs. Green Bay Packers, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 25: at Las Vegas Raiders, 8:20 p.m., NBC  
Nov. 2: at New York Giants, 8:15 p.m., ESPN  
Nov. 8: vs. New Orleans Saints, 8:20 p, NBC  
Nov. 15: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 23: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 8:15 p, ESPN  
Nov. 29: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p, CBS  
Dec. 13: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 20: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 26 or 27: at Detroit Lions, TBD  
Jan. 3: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox

**Tennessee Titans (all times ET)**  
Sep. 14: at Denver Broncos, 10:10 p.m., ESPN  
Sep. 20: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS  
Sep. 27: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 4: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 11: vs. Buffalo Bills, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 18: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 1: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 8: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 12: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon  
Nov. 22: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 29: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 6: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 13: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS  
Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Detroit Lions, TBD  
Dec. 27: at Green Bay Packers, 8:20 p., NBC  
Jan. 3: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS

**Washington Redskins (all times ET)**  
Sep. 13: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox  
Sep. 20: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m., Fox  
Sep. 27: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 4: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS  
Oct. 11: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 18: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox  
Oct. 25: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 8: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 15: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox  
Nov. 22: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS  
Nov. 26: at Dallas Cowboys, 4:30 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 6: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 13: at San Francisco 49ers, 4:25 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 20: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1 p.m., Fox  
Dec. 27: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS  
Jan. 3: at Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox





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I have traveled a long and winding road as a foodie writing over 335 Restaurant Reviews so its only appropriate that I return to Nick & Sams where it all began and most fitting to end!

Executive Chef and partner Samir Dhurandhar has been the most gracious culinary man in my food writing career. I can remember like it was only yesterday when my wife Marsha and I dined there for the very first time as a restaurant reviewer. Chef Dhurandhar rolled out the red carpet, making sure we had the opportunity to try everything on the menu. That evening we tried five appetizers, seven entrees, five side dishes and four desserts. Needless to say we were full, satisfied and impresssed. My first review was Nick & Sams as will be my last.he lively steakhouse offers



Complimentary caviar

Nick & Sam's offers complimentary caviar as an appetizer to all guests, making it the perfect place to visit if you have never tried the fishy delicacy and are looking to ease into the caviar experience. They also offer the dish in a couple of different ways such as deviled eggs and Sushi rolls.



Amuse Bose: Lamb Ribs

This is how I prefer start the most spec-

tacular meal in my writing history. The Amuse Bose is a sampling, a tasting, a wetting of your taste buds. How great is it that the Lambs Ribs are so different than Pork or Beef. Prime cuts of Lamb cooked to perfection.



Lobster Mac and Cheese

The Lobster Mac and Cheese is as good as it sounds. Perfectly prepared at the table which is genius as every table around followed suit by ordering the deliciousness. Well prepared with generous chunks of lobster and flacorful chesse. There is nothiung like it in the city.



Lightly fried Blue Lobster

Blue Lobster half lightly fried, half 20% boiled with sweet, succulent meat. Only one out of two million caught are Blue Lobster. Caught in the Atlantic coast to France. By far, the most incredible morsel of food that I have ever put into my mouth.



Prime steaks

Like a kid in a candy store, when they

bring out the huge tray of beef selections, your head starts to spin and your tummy yelps! If you can't find a particular cuton or off the regular menuyou are too hard to please. It's difficult not to say one of each please!



The Grand Tomahawk Steak

The dry aged, long bone cowboy steak, also known as the grand tomahawk steak, served with black truffle butter is out of this world. One of the best steaks you will ever eat anywhere.



Kobe beef

The authentic Kobe beef from Japan is fantastic. Nick & Sam's is one of the few restaurants in DFW that serves real Kobe, complete with the seriel numbers stamped on each cut. Actually, there are only a handful of restaurants throughout the U.S who are qualified to serve authentic Kobe beef and Nick & Sam's is one of those. It's worth trying, just be prepared to pay for it.

Samir Dhurandhar is the founding chef at Nick & Sam's and also a Partner in the



Executive Chef and Partner Samir Dhurandhar

restaurant. Samir has been very gracious to me throughout my food writing career. I was a rookie reaching about 100,000 readers a month writing in a local Sports magazine and later founded the Press Club of North Texas. Samir was always available upon request...something I have always appreciated.



Four pound imperial stuffed Lobster at Fourways Inn

I have eaten all over the U.S, from coast to coast and in the middle of both the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans. From Chef Mavro's exquisite 18 course dining experience in Hawaii to a four pound imperial stuffed Lobster at the Fairways Inn in Bermuda with their Governor. My new life with Mysthenia Gravis, an auto immune disease similar to Dallas Cowboys Travis Fredericks only in a 66 year old body, has put me on the permanet IR. While I still take every meal as if its my last. It has a been a great lifestyle, an honor and I graciously say ALOHA!







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