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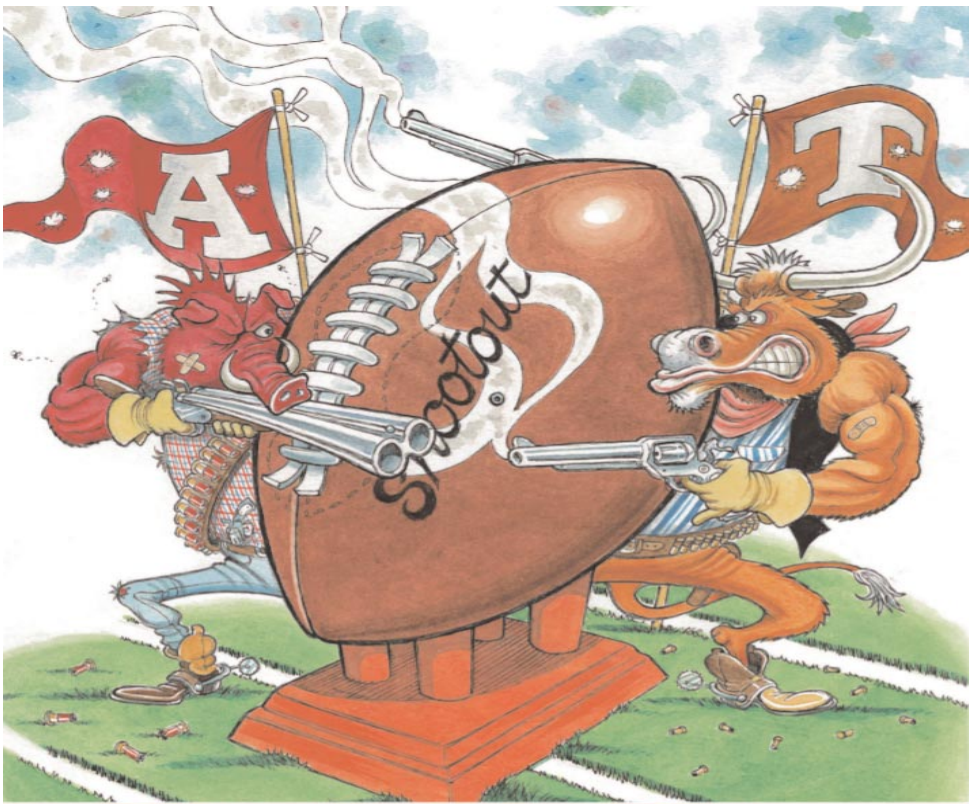
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AUGUST

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AROUND THE AREA

LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Iron Skillet game a no go this year



The Iron Skillet will stay in Dallas another year

SMU will not play TCU and the game is canceled for the 2020 season.

In 2021, the matchup is expected to be played in Ft. Worth, rather than Dallas where the Mustangs were expected to host the Horned Frogs on Sept. 26. SMU won last year's contest, 41-38, at Amon G. Carter Stadium, winning the Battle for the Iron Skillet for the first time since 2011.

Last year, SMU raced out to an 18-7 first quarter lead and a 31-17 halftime lead to win on the road and move to 4-0 on the year. With quarterback Shane Buechele, other key playmakers, and many veterans back for SMU, the team was expected to give TCU another battle once again as Gary Patterson's program tries to rebound from a 5-7 2019 season.

News broke earlier this week that the Big 12 Conference will move to a nine-game conference-only schedule with one home game being a nonconference game. SMU hosting TCU meant the game was naturally canceled in what would've been SMU's fourth game of the season while TCU would have been facing SMU for its first contest of the season.

"I would like to salute the work of our university presidents and chancellors, athletics directors, coaches, medical advisors

and administrators who have worked tirelessly and collaboratively during these extraordinary times," Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said in the release. "We believe this change provides the best opportunity going forward. However, we will undoubtedly need to be flexible as we progress through the season in order to combat the challenges that lie ahead."

SMU has already shifted some of its schedule, moving up its season opener from Sept. 5 to Aug. 29 in San Marcos to face Texas State. That flexibility and now an open date on Sept. 26 gives SMU two dates to secure a new nonconference opponent, if the programs chooses to.

SMU moves up season opener vs. Texas State

Head coach Sonny Dykes said the move to the Aug. 29 season opener, which allowed SMU to begin fall camp on Monday, gives them schedule flexibility and time to work with players. Overall, he felt the program and university has handled the COVID-19 pandemic well.

"We're trying to just be smart about it, be patient, but it's been challenging, but at the same time, I've been really proud of our players and our coaches and really our program just the way we've adapted," Dykes said last week on a virtual Coaches Caravan. "It's just like anything else, we feel like anytime you have some kind of issue or hardship you have to work through, it'll make you better. We think that we'll come out of this on the other side and figure out a way to gain some kind of advantage not only for our football program, but really our entire athletic department."



NASCAR Cup Series/Gander Trucks Doubleheader with fans during Texas 500 Playoff Weekend

- Single-day tickets now on sale for the Oct. 25 doubleheader NASCAR Cup Series Texas 500 (2:30 p.m. NBCSN/PRN) and NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series SpeedyCash.com 400 (11 a.m. CT on FS1/MRN)
- O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series non-spectator race scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24 (3:30 NBCSN/PRN)
- Texas Motor Speedway will continue its enhanced COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols

NASCAR racing in the fall at Texas Motor Speedway has become synonymous with exciting high-stakes playoffs competition, a tradition that increases two-fold October 25 when a single ticket will allow access to both the NASCAR Cup Series Texas 500 and NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series SpeedyCash.com 400

The doubleheader Sunday begins at 11a with the SpeedyCash.com 400, the fifth of seven races in the 2020 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series playoffs. It gives way to the weekend's final event, the Texas 500, which also stands to be the final act in Jimmie Johnson's record-setting career in the No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet in No Limits, Texas. The seven-time Cup Series champion is a seven-time winner at TMS.

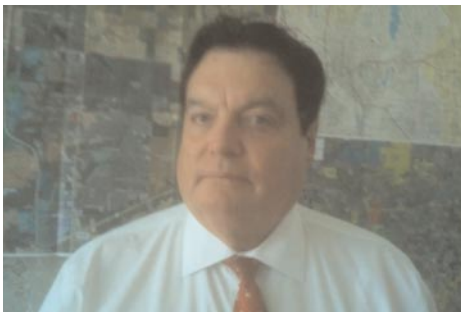
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2. Gonzaga	2. Gonzaga	
3. Dayton	3. Dayton	
4. Baylor	4. Florida State	
5. Florida State	5. Baylor	
6. San Diego State	6. San Diego State	
7. Kentucky	7. Creighton	
8. Duke	8. Kentucky	
9. Creighton	9. Michigan State	
10. Villanova	10. Villanova	
11. Maryland	11. Duke	
12. Michigan State	12. Maryland	
13. Louisville	13. Oregon	
14. Oregon	14. Louisville	
15. Seton Hall	15. Seton Hall	
16. BYU	16. Virginia	
17. Virginia	17. Wisconsin	
18. Ohio State	18. BYU	
19. Wisconsin	19. Ohio State	
20. Auburn	20. Auburn	
21. Butler	21. Illinois	
22. Illinois	22. Houston	
23. Houston	23. Butler	
24. West Virginia	24. West Virginia	
25. Iowa	25. Iowa	

WEEKLY CALENDAR							
	AUGUST 7 FRIDAY	AUGUST 8 SATURDAY	AUGUST 9 SUNDAY	AUGUST 10 MONDAY	AUGUST 11 TUESDAY	AUGUST 12 WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 13 THURSDAY
		Mavs at Bucs 7:30 / FSSW		Mavs at Jazz 2:00 / FSSW	Mavs vs Trailblazers 4:00 / FSSW		Mavs at Suns 5:30 / TNT
	Rangers vs Angels 8:05 / FSSW	Rangers vs Angels 6:05 / FSSW	Rangers vs Angels 1:35 / FSSW	Rangers vs Mariners 8:05 / FSSW	Rangers vs Mariners 8:05 / FSSW	Rangers vs Mariners 8:05 / FSSW	Rangers at Rockies 7:40 / FSSW
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Rangers News and Notes - Week 2



The Rangers lost three in a row in Oakland and limp home in last place to face the Angels this weekend



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The Rangers finished the second week of the season with a 1-5 road trip to northern California. They avoided a sweep in San Francisco with their best offensive game of the year in the series finale last Sunday and then lost three games in Oakland. They return home to start the third week of the season this weekend in Arlington against the Los Angeles Angels.

The trip began with two disappointing losses in the City by the Bay. The Rangers looked flat as they lost 9-2 and 7-3. In the final game of the series last Sunday, Texas broke out the bats to win 9-5, the most runs they have scored in a game this season. Joey Gallo looks like the player he was last year before the All-Star break. He had three hits in the win over the Giants including a home run.

Kolby Allard was Sunday's starting pitcher, his first start of the year after taking Corey Kluber's rotation slot. He pitched well allowing a run on two hits in four innings. He was limited to four innings with a short pitch count as he builds his stamina. Jonathan Hernandez was the winning pitcher throwing two shutout innings, allowing no hits and striking out four. He's been the Rangers' best

bullpen pitcher and has two wins to show for it.

Lance Lynn has been the Rangers' best pitcher this year and perhaps even the best pitcher in baseball. He started Tuesday's series opening game against Oakland and was again magnificent. He threw six shutout innings as he had in his first two starts, but finally gave up a run when Matt Chapman homered leading off the seventh inning. That tied the game, and the bullpen was miserable in the ninth inning as Edinson Volquez and Jesse Chavez managed to retire just one batter before Stephen Piscotty hit a walk-off grand slam home run for a 5-1 Oakland win.

Wednesday night, the Rangers again scored first when Shin-Soo Choo led off the game with a home run. The A's tagged Kyle Gibson for two runs in the bottom of the first to take the lead, but the Rangers took back the lead in the fourth inning. The first four batters of the inning reached base on three hits and a walk. Three of them scored to put the Rangers ahead 4-2.

Gibson gave up a home run in the fifth inning to Ramon Laureano but finished the night with the three runs allowed on four hits and two walks. He struck out nine. It was the kind of start the Rangers were hoping to get from Gibson – a solid six innings that gave the Rangers a chance to win.

The Rangers' bullpen again let the team down. Ian Gibaut and Luke Farrell each pitched an inning, with Gibaut giving up two runs and Farrell one. The Rangers never scored again to lose 6-4.

Mike Minor was the starting pitcher Thursday in the afternoon getaway game against Oakland. He was knocked around for five runs in five innings raising his

ERA to 6.89. He was the losing pitcher in all three of his starts. The radar gun indicates Minor's velocity is down, and Minor admits he doesn't feel right on the mound.

Anderson Tejeda made a notable Major League debut in Thursday's game. The middle infielder was added to the roster with Rougned Odor injured. He became the second rookie to break into the Majors with Texas this season.

Tejeda is 22 years old but has not played in either AA or AAA. The lack of experience was no problem Thursday. He singled and stole second base in his second trip to the plate, with the base hit driving in a run. Two innings later, Tejeda hit his first Major League home run with a runner aboard that pulled the Rangers close at 5-4.

That was as close as the Rangers could get. They had scoring chances but went 2-13 with runners in scoring position. Joely Rodriguez made his first appearance of the year in relief and gave up a run. Yusmeiro Petit and Liam Hendricks held the Rangers scoreless in the eighth and ninth innings to secure the 6-4 win.

Unquestionably, the first two weeks have been disappointing. The offense has been a problem and has really had just two good games out of the 11 they have played. The Rangers go into the weekend averaging 3.3 runs per game, about a run per game under the league average. The team batting average is .208. Elvis Andrus, Willie Calhoun and Robinson Chirinos were expected to be major contributors to the offense, but all three are hitting under .200. Danny Santana and Rougned Odor were also expected to be top of the order hitters, but both have been slowed by injuries. Joey Gallo and Todd Frazier are

the only players living up to offensive expectations.

The active rosters were scheduled to start at 30 this season because of the shortened spring training leading up to the late July season start. It would then drop to 28 after two weeks and down to 26 after four weeks. However, with the outbreak of COVID-19 among two National League teams causing more than 30 games to be postponed, the players and management renegotiated the roster size. It still dropped to 28 this week but will stay at 28 for the rest of the season. The taxi squad will also be increased from three to five players.

The Rangers optioned relief pitcher Luke Farrell and catcher Jose Trevino to the alternate training site to cut their active roster down to 28.

The Rangers limp home in last place. They now trail first place Oakland by five games. This was the Rangers' first series against an American League West opponent, and it is the only trip the Rangers will make to Oakland. The other seven games with the A's are scheduled to be played in Arlington.

The strength of this team was supposed to be the starting pitching. With Minor struggling and Corey Kluber on the Injured List, the starting rotation looks far less formidable than it did before the season began. The bullpen is a mess. Jonathan Hernandez is the only reliable reliever. Rafael Montero is expected to join the active roster this weekend, and he will hopefully give the pen a boost. The offense isn't clicking. This team often looks uninspired on the field. The short season of 60 games may turn out to be a long season after what Ranger fans have seen on the field over the first two weeks.

RANGER NOTES:

- Lance Lynn's streak of pitching 18 scoreless innings to start the season ranks him second in Ranger history. Jon Matlack holds the team record with 19 scoreless innings to start the 1980 season.
- Elvis Andrus recorded his 300th career double in the Oakland series becoming just the fifth player in Ranger history to reach 300. The other four are Michael Young, Ivan Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez.
- Shin-Soo Choo hit a home run leading off the game twice on the trip, both on the first pitch of the game. That brings his career total to 36 lead-off home runs. His Ranger total is 25 leadoff home runs which is second in franchise history to Ian Kinsler's 29.
- Anderson Tejeda was the ninth player in franchise history to hit a home run in his first game. The last to do it was Nomar Mazara in 2016.

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TPC Harding Park has deep roots with San Francisco City Championship

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By Sean Martin
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The locals may object to those who say TPC Harding Park is hosting its first major this week.

San Francisco's municipal gem is home to an important championship on an annual basis, and while the San Francisco City Championship isn't considered one of golf's Grand Slam events, it is one of the game's most unique.

The tournament affectionally referred to by locals as simply "The City" has been held every year since 1916. Its endurance through the World Wars allows it to claim the title of golf's oldest consecutively-played championship. Its former competitors range from World Golf Hall of Famers to taxi drivers, NFL quarterbacks to airport baggage handlers. The doctors and lawyers who are members at the Bay Area's prestigious clubs play alongside bartenders. It's not unusual to see a player turn to alcohol to steady his nerves or to witness a former U.S. Golf Association president carry his own clubs through a downpour.

San Francisco is a city that prides itself on its diversity. Its amateur golf championship is no different.

The tournament, conducted on San Francisco's public tracks in the wet and cold of Northern California's winter, attracts only the most passionate participants.

"In a lot of ways, it's golf in its purest form," said Bo Links, a San Francisco golf historian. "(The City) determines who has heart and grit and determination."

San Francisco's golf heritage is underappreciated, often overshadowed by its neighbors to the south, who are the beneficiaries of interminable sunshine. But the City by the Bay can boast of major champions and

world-famous courses, as well.

Harding Park, Olympic Club and San Francisco Golf Club are all within five miles of each other. Olympic has hosted five U.S. Opens. SFGC is an A.W. Tillinghast design that annually ranks among the world's best courses. And Harding Park was one of the country's first great municipal layouts.

Major champions Johnny Miller, Ken Venturi, George Archer and Bob Rosburg got their start by the Bay.

The City has been dominated in recent years not by the working-class folk heroes of the past, but high school and college students. TPC Harding Park's renovation in 2002 once again made it a TOUR-caliber course after years of neglect. Those two factors have reduced some of The City's scruffy charm, but it still stays true to its colorful past.

The San Francisco City Championship's greatest moment came in 1956, when the world's top two amateurs met in the final. Harvie Ward was the reigning U.S. Amateur champion. Less than a month later, Ken Venturi would finish runner-up at the Masters. A final-round 80 left him a shot behind Jack Burke Jr.

Newspaper articles estimated that more than 10,000 were in attendance to witness Venturi win, 5 and 4. Venturi's victory was heralded in bold type atop the San Francisco Chronicle's front page. Ward would go on to defend his title at that year's U.S. Amateur, but he wasn't the champion of San Francisco.

Archer, the 1969 Masters champion, also is a past City champion. Miller and Tom Watson, a Stanford alum, competed in the tournament, but never won it. Juli Inkster, a seven-time LPGA major champion, won the women's division twice.

The City's charm is not in the Hall of Famers who once competed, but the wide swath of the population who play alongside them.

Frank Mazion, a 6-foot-3 baggage handler at San Francisco International Airport embodied the blue-collar contingent that makes up a large part of The City. He won the City in 1979 and 1983. In addition to scratch flights for men, women and seniors, there are multiple net flights for higher-handicap players. Hundreds participate each year.

Mazion befriended John Brodie, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback who later played PGA TOUR Champions, after beating him in The City in 1974.

"Mazion looks like he could have run interference for Brodie, or better yet, caught a lot of passes during a long National Football League career," the Milwaukee Journal wrote in 1977, when Mazion was playing the U.S. Amateur Public Links there. "His golf clubs look like toys in his hands."

The friendship between Mazion and Brodie, forged at The City, is testament to the tournament's diversity. Riveters, roofers and cops are among the tournament's past champions. Stephen Molinelli's opponent in the 1993 semifinals was a man nicknamed "Scarecrow."

"He played in overalls, a flannel long-sleeve shirt and a straw hat. And he beat me," said Molinelli, a former Olympic Club champion. "That's the greatness of The City Championship."

Nick Ushijima, the 2000 champion, was driving to the tournament when he saw a man riding a Harley-Davidson, his golf clubs strapped to his back, headed in the same direction, presumably en route to the same destination. Ushijima also recalls seeing Sandy Tatum, the former USGA president who spearheaded Harding Park's revitalization, carrying his bag through the rain. Jim Williams, a former member of the USGA Executive Committee, won the senior title in 2012 and 2014.

"Sandy Tatum is a member at Cypress Point, a Rhodes Scholar, a lawyer, a partner at one of the top firms in San Francisco. It's raining cats and dogs and he's qualifying for the championship flight. That's how much the tournament means to people," Links said.

Players used to sign up at the Roos Atkins on Market Street when the department store was the tournament's sponsor. John Abendroth, who competed in a handful of PGA TOUR events in the 1970s, remembers sleeping overnight outside the store to ensure his spot in the field.

Two rounds of stroke play winnow the championship flight to 64 players who compete in match play. Play is only conducted on Saturday and Sunday, so the tournament takes place over four weekends. Players must keep their game in shape for a month, with a five-day hiatus between matches. The semifinals and finals, which are both played on the final weekend, used to be 36-holes

apiece.

There isn't time for weather delays because of the large field and firm schedule. Northern California's storms rarely carry lightning, so players trek through even the heaviest rain to complete rounds.

The pre-renovation Harding Park often couldn't handle the precipitation so finding relief from casual water wasn't always an option. Chipping over puddles on the putting surface wasn't out of the ordinary.

"You're not playing in those conditions in a PGA TOUR or USGA event," said Randy Haag, the 1999 champion. "Forget about an umbrella. It's not going to do any good."

He remembers especially severe weather while competing in a playoff for medalist honors. Harding Park's first hole is approximately 360 yards, but with a 30-mph wind blowing rain sideways into his face, he hit driver and 3-wood short of the green, then got up-and-down for par and the win.

Temporary greens were often used when greens were flooded. The temporary surfaces were simply holes cut into the fairway, though. There were no guarantees on those makeshift surfaces.

"Every putt was an adventure," Links said. One past participant remembers eight temporary greens being used in one round.

Lincoln Park, the other course used for the tournament's stroke-play portion, is a quirky layout that adds character to the tournament. It also offers one of the best panoramas in golf.

Whereas Harding Park is slated to host a major, Lincoln Park is a short layout known for its sharp doglegs and small greens. For all its modesty, it also has one of the best views in golf. The 17th tee overlooks the Golden Gate Bridge. Lincoln Park is just 5,146 yards and plays to a par of 68, but it isn't uncommon to see players shoot a higher score there than at Harding Park. The tight fairways, tough lies, long par-3s and the course's condition all make it more difficult than the scorecard would imply.

"You have to waltz around Lincoln," Haag said. "You can't get too freaked out when you do bogey one of those easy holes, because it's definitely going to happen."

Players had to overcome similar conditions before the renovation that turned TPC Harding Park into a major championship venue. The course was used as a parking lot for the 1998 U.S. Open.

Dandelions and weeds overran parts of the fairways. Ushijima once accidentally kicked his ball while searching for it in the fairway because his ball was camouflaged by the small, white flowers.

Overcoming these myriad challenges was a source of pride for The City's players, though.

"If you won The City, you earned it," said six-time champion Gary Vanier. And added your to a winner's list that included everyone from baggage handlers to

This week on TOUR: PGA Championship



Brooks Koepka looks to be the first golfer to win the PGA Championship three years in a row since Walter Hagen



PGA Championship
August 6 - August 9, 2020
Harding Park
San Francisco, California
Purse - \$1,100,000
Winners share: 1,900,000

By Adam Stanley
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After the PGA Championship moved to May last year, it returns to August because of the schedule shuffling caused by the coronavirus. For the first time since 1971, the PGA will be the first major championship of the season.

Brooks Koepka looks for a PGA Championship three-peat at TPC Harding Park but will do so in front of no spectators **FIELD NOTES:** Tiger Woods will make his return to action after finishing T40 at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide. That is his lone start since February... Woods and Rory McIlroy have both won World Golf Championships at TPC Harding Park in the last 15 years (Woods in 2005 and McIlroy in 2015)... Ninety-five of the top 100 in the world are expected to tee it up at TPC Harding Park... Justin Thomas returns to the PGA Championship (a title he won in 2017)

after not playing last year due to a wrist injury... Twenty PGA of America professionals will be in the field (from the 2019 PGA Professional Player of the Year standings)... Jim Furyk, Adam Scott, and Zach Johnson are the only golfers in the field who played both the 2009 Presidents Cup and both World Golf Championship events (2005, 2015) contested at TPC Harding Park. **FEDEXCUP:** Winner 600 FedExCup pts. **COURSE:** TPC Harding Park, 7,234 yards, par 70. The first course on the west coast to host the PGA Championship since Sahalee in 1998, TPC Harding Park has a lengthy history with the PGA TOUR. Set against Lake Merced, the course was substantially renovated in the early 2000s, including adding 400 yards to make it a championship-ready golf facility. The course opened 95 years ago and was designed by Sam Whiting and Willie Watson and named after President Warren G. Harding. The course has hosted two World Golf Championships and the PGA TOUR Champions season finale – the Charles Schwab Cup Championship – in 2010, 2011, and 2013. TPC Harding Park was the also the home of the 2009 Presidents Cup and will once again play host in 2026.

STORYLINES: The PGA is the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's regular season. After Harding Park, only the Wyndham Championship remains for players to jockey for position entering the FedExCup Playoffs and the conclusion of the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 race...

Brooks Koepka looks to be the first golfer to win the PGA Championship three years in a row since Walter Hagen (who won four in a row from 1924-1927 during the match-play era of the championship)... Jordan Spieth will once again try for the career grand slam. This is his fourth crack at it... Golfers ranked No. 1 in the world at the time (Woods and McIlroy) won both of the PGA TOUR events held at TPC Harding Park... There hasn't been a non-American winner of the PGA Championship since Jason Day in 2015... Tiger Woods looks to win his fifth PGA Championship title, which would tie him for the most all time with Walter Hagen and Jack Nicklaus.

72-HOLE RECORD: 264, Brooks Koepka (2018 at Bellerive CC)

18-HOLE RECORD: 63, Bruce Crampton (2nd round, 1975 at Firestone CC), Raymond Floyd (1st round, 1982 at Southern Hills), Gary Player (2nd round, 1984 at Shoal Creek), Michael Bradley (1st round, 1993 at Inverness), Vijay Singh (2nd round, 1993 at Inverness), Brad Faxon (4th round, 1995 at Riviera CC), José María Olazábal (3rd round, 2000 at Valhalla), Mark O'Meara (2nd round, 2001 at Atlanta AC), Thomas Bjorn (3rd round, 2005 at Baltusrol), Tiger Woods (2nd round, 2007 at Southern Hills), Steve Stricker (1st round, 2011 at Atlanta AC), Jason Dufner (2nd round, 2013 at Oak Hill), Hiroshi Iwata (2nd round, 2015 at Whistling Straits), Robert Streb (2nd round, 2016 at Baltusrol), Brooks Koepka (2nd round,

2018 at Bellerive; 1st round, 2019 at Bethpage Black), Charl Schwartzel (2nd round, 2018 at Bellerive).

LAST TIME: Brooks Koepka finished at 8 under and joined Tiger Woods as the only back-to-back PGA Championship winners since the major went to stroke play in 1958. Koepka led wire-to-wire but stumbled home in the final round with a 4-over-par 74 at Bethpage Black. He had a record seven-shot lead heading into Sunday but lost most of it over a difficult and windy day in New York. It was Koepka's fourth title in his last eight major championship appearances. Dustin Johnson had the full support of the crowd (at one point after Koepka made four-straight bogeys on the back nine they were chanting, 'DJ, DJ, DJ') but ended up two shots back at 6-under for the week. Jordan Spieth, Patrick Cantlay, and Matt Wallace finished T3. Luke List (-1) finished sixth alone, and was the only other golfer to be under par for the week.

HOW TO FOLLOW

(All times ET)

Television: Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (ESPN+), 4 p.m.-10 p.m. (ESPN). Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (ESPN+), 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (ESPN), 4 p.m.-10 p.m. (CBS). Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (ESPN+), 12 p.m.-3 p.m. (ESPN), 3 p.m.-9 p.m. (CBS)

Radio: Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Sunday 3 p.m.-9 p.m. (PGA TOUR Radio on SiriusXM and PGATOUR.com/liveaudio).

PGA Championship at Harding Park



No municipal golf course in America has hosted more influential tournaments than TPC Harding Park

By Mike McAllister
pgatour.com

It's the first major in more than a year ... and the first of seven majors in the next 12 months. It's also the first major -- in well, ever? -- without fans. So yeah, there's a bit of a different feel entering this week's PGA Championship. No wonder CBS' Jim Nantz says, "We are about to enter, starting Thursday, the greatest stretch of golf in the history of the game."

Oh, and Brooks Koepka is going for his third consecutive PGA title ... in case you hadn't heard.

THREE PLAYERS TO PONDER

1. Brooks Koepka



Finished second in his three-peat bid at last year's U.S. Open and thinks that experience will help him. "Feel like I know how to handle it," he says.

2. Tiger Woods



Good vibes in Nor Cal (check out this story) and likes TPC Harding Park but comes in as a bit of a mystery after just one start since the season resumed.

3. Bryson DeChambeau



Has dominated the water-cooler talk as much as he's dominated par 5s with his added muscle. Now let's see if it translated to his first major win.

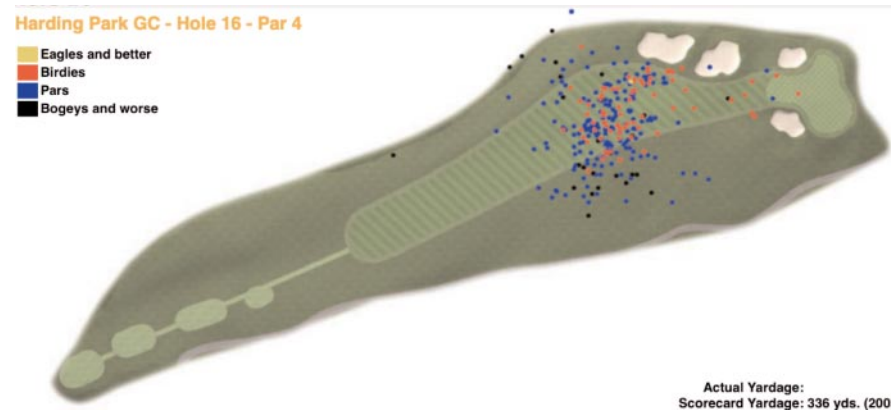
THE FLYOVER

This scenic finishing hole wraps around Lake Merced. Players must carry the lake with their tee shot and decide how much of

the dogleg-left they want to cut off and whether they want to lay up short of the fairway bunkers on the right or carry them. The back of the green is on a narrow shelf.

LANDING ZONE

The 16th hole offers a drivable par-4 late in the round. The hole plays 336 yards but it is guarded on the right by a thick strand of cypress trees and Lake Merced on



the left. The PGA of America has said the tees will be moved at least one day to give players a good crack at the green. It's a great opportunity to make a move late in the round.

WEATHER CHECK

From PGA TOUR meteorologist Stewart Williams: "The coastal trough, responsible for the cloudy and cool conditions, is expected to lift to the northeast on Thursday. After some morning cloudiness, partly sunny skies should return during the afternoon, allowing, temperatures to warm into the low- to mid-60s. Low clouds and patchy fog will be possible each morning Friday through weekend. Partly cloudy

skies is expected each afternoon with highs in the mid 60s."

SOUND CHECK

This is a big-boy golf course. Got to hit it straight and put it in the fairway. It's going to be quite long. I think it kind of plays into my hands.

- Brooks Koepka

BY THE NUMBERS

13 – Number of rounds Brooks Koepka has held at least a share of the lead in majors since 2017, the most of any player.

36 – Number of rounds Justin Thomas has held at least a share of the lead on the PGA TOUR in the last four seasons, the most of any player (Dustin Johnson is next on the list at 28).

62 – Number of rounds Dustin Johnson has been inside the top 10 of the leaderboard in majors since 2009, most of any player in that timeframe.

46 – Cumulative under-par total for Tiger Woods at the PGA Championship, the most under par of any player in this event in the last 23 years.

192 – Cumulative under-par total for Rory McIlroy on par 5s in major competition the last 13 years, the best performance in that category by any player.

1,206 – Number of birdies in major competition by Phil Mickelson in the last 25 years, most of any player in that span.

SCATTERSHOTS

NO-FANS MAJOR: While PGA TOUR pros have become accustomed to the no-fans environments since the resumption of the season, this will be the first major played without fans. "I don't know if anyone in our generation has ever played without fans in a major championship," Tiger Woods said. "It's going to be very different. But it's still a major championship. It's still the best players in the world. We all understand that going into it, so there's going to be plenty of energy from the competitive side." Added Jon Rahm: "You don't need anything special or spectators to make us aware or make it known that it's a major championship. It just feels like it. You're aware of it. It's as simple as that."

CAREER SLAM CHASE: For the fourth time since winning the Open Championship in 2017, Jordan Spieth will seek to complete the career Grand Slam at the PGA Championship. He's finished T28, T12 and T3 in his first three attempts. "It's something that I really want," Spieth said. "It's probably the No. 1 goal in the game of golf for me right now is to try and capture that. I'd love to be able to hold all four trophies, and this is the one that comes in the way right now. Between this event, THE PLAYERS, those are kind of the two events that I haven't won that are the two that I really would like to."

Last Twenty Years PGA Championship Winners

2019	Brooks Koepka
2018	Brooks Koepka
2017	Justin Thomas
2016	Jimmy Walker
2015	Jason Day
2014	Rory McIlroy
2013	Jason Dufner
2012	Rory McIlroy
2011	Keegan Bradley
2010	Martin Kaymer
2009	Y.E Yang
2008	Padraig Harrington
2007	Tiger Woods
2006	Tiger Woods
2005	Phil Mickelson
2004	Vijay Singh
2003	Shaun Micheel
2002	Rich Beem
2001	David Toms
2000	Tiger Woods
1999	Tiger Woods

Big 12 Football 2020 Predictions



Oklahoma is favored to win the Big 12 for the sixth straight year

By Steven Lassan

Oklahoma has claimed the last five Big 12 titles, so it's no surprise coach Lincoln Riley's team begins the 2020 season as the heavy favorite to claim another conference title. The Sooners have finished 12-2 and also booked a trip to the CFB Playoff in each of Riley's three seasons at the helm. New quarterback Spencer Rattler is primed for a breakout year in Riley's high-powered offense, while the development on defense will decide how far the Sooners can go should they return to the playoff.

While Oklahoma is the clear favorite, there's plenty of uncertainty about which team is its biggest challenger.

Oklahoma State returns 19 starters – including a Heisman contender in running back Chuba Hubbard – and hosts both

Texas and Iowa State in key swing contests. The Longhorns are looking to rebound after a disappointing 8-5 campaign last fall. Coach Tom Herman hit the reset button on his staff, but the roster is talented and quarterback Sam Ehlinger is one of the best in the nation.

The Cyclones were better than their 7-6 record last fall would suggest, and coach Matt Campbell's squad returns standout quarterback Brock Purdy and one of the league's top defenses.

The next tier features a team that nearly won the Big 12 title (Baylor) last season and fellow in-state rival TCU. The Bears are under the direction of a new coach

(Dave Aranda) and must rebuild one of the league's top defenses with just two returning starters.

The Horned Frogs should once again rank near the top of the Big 12 on defense, and return a rising star at quarterback in Max Duggan.

Kansas State won't be an easy out under coach Chris Klieman, especially with QB Skylar Thompson back under center.

West Virginia is trending up under coach Neal Brown, but the Mountaineers enter 2020 still needing to find answers on offense.

Getting quarterback Alan Bowman back from injury is huge for Texas Tech.

However, the Red Raiders have to get better on defense to get to a bowl in coach Matt Wells' second season.

Kansas won't lack for intrigue under coach Les Miles. However, the Jayhawks are headed for another rebuilding year in 2020.



1. Oklahoma Sooners*

For the third year in a row, Oklahoma is breaking in a new starting quarterback. And for the third season in a row, there's very little concern in

Norman. New quarterback Spencer Rattler is primed for a breakout year under coach Lincoln Riley, and he has one of the top offensive lines at his disposal. The receiving corps needs to be restocked due to a couple of offseason injuries and the depart-

ure of CeeDee Lamb, but there's plenty of talent waiting to emerge. Oklahoma's defense showed improvement under first-year coordinator Alex Grinch last fall. After giving up 6.1 yards a snap in 2018, Grinch helped this group lower that total to 5.6. Every level of the defense has concerns going into 2020, but another step forward should be a reasonable expectation. However, has the defense progressed enough to win a playoff game? Road trips to Iowa State and TCU won't be easy, but Oklahoma should find its way back to the Big 12 title game for the sixth year in a row.



2. Oklahoma State Cowboys*

It's a close call between Oklahoma State, Texas and Iowa State for second place in the Big 12. The

Cowboys get a small edge here, as coach Mike Gundy's team hosts both Texas and Iowa State in Stillwater and return 19 starters off a squad that won eight games last season. Of those 19, eight come from an offense that's poised to break out in 2020. Quarterback Spencer Sanders had a promising debut last year, and the receiving corps is among the best in college football thanks to the return of No. 1 target Tylan Wallace after his 2019 season ended early due to a knee injury. Running back Chuba Hubbard (2,094 yards) is among the nation's top skill players, and a solid offen-

sive line was bolstered with the arrival of West Virginia transfer Josh Sills. Oklahoma State's defense is a work in progress, but this group showed some improvement last fall by limiting teams to 26.8 points a game – down from 32.5 the previous year. With 11 starters back, more improvement is expected for 2020.



3. Texas Longhorns*

It's no secret the 2020 season is an important one for coach Tom Herman.

After posting 10 victories and playing in the Big 12 title game in 2018, the Longhorns regressed to 8-5 last fall. Last year's disappointment forced Herman to revamp his staff, which included two new coordinators in Chris Ash (defense) and Mike Yurcich (offense). The lack of spring practice is a concern, but Yurcich should have a relatively seamless transition into the play-caller role. Quarterback Sam Ehlinger is one of the best in college football, and big-play threat Brennan Eagles is poised to become the No. 1 receiver with Devin Duvernay off to the NFL. Some question marks remain up front, but the ground game should be more productive in 2020 with the arrival of five-star freshman Bijan Robinson to add to a deep backfield that features Keaontay Ingram and Roschon Johnson. The Longhorns regressed on defense last season, but improvement is likely with Ash calling the plays, along with better luck in the injury department. Linebacker Joseph Ossai and safety Caden Sterns should be two of the league's top defenders. The road trip to Oklahoma State on Nov. 27 could determine second place in the Big 12.

4. Iowa State Cyclones*

The Cyclones have posted a winning Big 12 record in three consecutive years for the first time in program history.

A trip to the Big 12



Championship Game should be within reach in 2020, especially as coach Matt Campbell's team returns one of the league's top quarterbacks (Brock Purdy) and a defense that has ranked near the top of the Big 12 in each of the last three seasons. Purdy has plenty of weapons to utilize, as tight end Charlie Kolar is poised to challenge for All-America honors, running back Breece Hall is a rising star, and receiver Tarique Milton averaged 20.6 yards per catch last season.

The offensive line is Campbell's biggest concern and will likely determine whether or not Iowa State gets to the Big 12 title game. The Cyclones host Oklahoma but play Oklahoma State, TCU and Texas away from Ames.



Texas Tech quarterback Alan Bowman returns to lead the Red Raiders

5. Texas Tech Red Raiders*

Matt Wells' debut in Lubbock was hindered by season-ending injuries to standout offensive lineman Jack Anderson and quarterback Alan Bowman. Despite those losses, the Red Raiders were competitive in the Big 12, losing five games by 10 points or less. If Bowman can stay healthy, Wells' team should push for a bowl in 2020. As usual in Lubbock, Texas Tech isn't hurting for skill players, as running back SaRodrick Thompson and receivers T.J. Vasher and Erik Ezukanma are poised to challenge for All-Big 12 honors. Improving the defense remains a priority. The Red Raiders finished ninth in the Big 12 in scoring defense and allowed 6.6 yards a snap last year. Texas Tech has finished seventh or worst in the Big 12 in scoring every season since 2010.



6. Baylor Bears*

Dave Aranda was a strong hire to replace Matt Rhule, and the former LSU defensive coordinator inherits one of the league's top quarterbacks in Charlie Brewer. The Bears still need improvement up front after allowing 38 sacks last fall, and go-to receiver Denzel Mims must be replaced. The bigger concerns for this team reside on defense. Baylor led the Big 12 in scoring defense (19.8 ppg), but this group brings back just two starters - a rebuilding effort made tougher by the cancellation of spring practice. The Bears could be in for some regression after five games by one score and recording a plus-11 turnover margin last fall.



7. TCU Horned Frogs*

TCU missed on a bowl game last fall for just the third time since Gary Patterson's first full season (2001). With just seven returning starters, Patterson has plenty of holes to fill on both sides of the ball, but there's some optimism for improvement in

2020. For starters, quarterback Max Duggan impressed as a freshman and should be even better in 2020. The rising star quarterback is also helped by the arrival of former Minnesota head coach Jerry Kill in an off-field role and return of Doug Meacham to help play-caller Sonny Cumbie after the offense averaged 30.3 points a game (seventh in the Big 12) in 2019. The arrival of five-star prospect Zachary Evans is a boost to an inexperienced backfield, and transfer T.J. Stormont adds an experienced option to a line that returns only one starter. Duggan needs to find a new go-to target after Jalen Reagor departed to the NFL. As usual, TCU should be near the top of the Big 12 on defense. The Horned Frogs have finished first or second in the Big 12 in fewest yards per play allowed for six consecutive years. Patterson's group returns only four starters, but this group figures to find the right answers. TCU lost six of its seven games by one score last fall. With improvement on offense, the Horned Frogs could easily jump into the top half of the conference.



8. Kansas State Wildcats*

Chris Klieman delivered one of the best debuts by a new coach last fall, guiding K-State to an 8-5 finish and a winning record (5-4) in Big 12 games. Klieman will have his work cut out this offseason, as the Wildcats return just nine starters and face five Big 12 contests - including swing games against West Virginia, TCU and Baylor - on the road. Finishing in the top half of the Big 12 requires a rebuild in the trenches. All five starters along the offensive line are gone, and the defense only brings back one (Wyatt Hubert) off a group that ranked eighth in the conference versus the run. Quarterback Skylar Thompson is primed for a big senior year, and Klieman's defense can build around a solid group of linebackers and secondary this fall.



9. West Virginia Mountaineers

The Mountaineers finished 2019 on a high note by winning two out of their final three games to get to 5-7 in coach Neal Brown's first season in Morgantown. Another step forward to reach a bowl in 2020 isn't going to be easy. The schedule features a non-conference game versus Florida State, along with road trips to Texas Tech, Texas, Oklahoma State and Iowa State. Quarterback Jarret Doege gave the team a spark in the last three games of last season and should be able to build on that. However, the offense struggled to get the ground game going (2.6 yards per carry in Big 12 games), and the line remains a major concern. Led by standout lineman Darius Stills, defense is once again the strength of this team. Both starting cornerbacks from 2019 must be replaced, but a solid front and safeties Tykee Smith and Sean Mahone provide a good foundation to lean on in 2020.



10. Kansas Jayhawks

Turning Kansas into a consistent bowl team in the Big 12 wasn't an overnight operation for coach Les Miles. The Jayhawks finished 3-9 in Miles' debut last fall and could struggle to hit that three-win mark in 2020. The offense returns one of the Big 12's top skill talents in running back Pooka Williams Jr. and two standout receivers in Andrew Parchment and Stephon Robinson. However, the quarterback position is a question mark, and there's plenty of uncertainty up front. Defensively, Kansas is in a similar position. The Jayhawks surrendered 36.1 points a game and ranked last in the Big 12 versus the run. With only three returning starters, Miles and coordinator D.J. Eliot are breaking in a lot of new faces this fall.

* Indicates team projected to reach bowl eligibility in 2020

2020 Big 12 Football Projected Finish

1. Oklahoma Sooners
2. Oklahoma State Cowboys
3. Texas Longhorns
4. Iowa State Cyclones
5. Texas Tech Red Raiders
6. Baylor Bears
7. TCU Horned Frogs
8. Kansas state Wildcats
9. West Virginia Mountaineers
10. Kansas Jayhawks

Big 12 Championship
Oklahoma over Oklahoma State

BIG 12 2020 Superlatives and season Predictions

Offensive POY

Sam Ehlinger, QB, Texas

Defensive POY

Joseph Ossai, LB, Texas

Coach of the Year

Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State

Coach on the Hot Seat

Tom Herman, Texas

Top Freshman

Spencer Rattler, QB, Oklahoma

Top Newcomer

Josh Sills, OL, Oklahoma State

Sleeper Team

Texas Tech

Key Position to Watch

Iowa State OL

Best Coordinator Hire

Larry Fedora, OC, Baylor

Hardest Team to Evaluate

Texas

Coach on the Rise

Neal Brown, HC, West Virginia

Must-See Game

Oklahoma vs. Texas (Dallas)

Breakout Player

SaRodrick Thompson, RB, Texas Tech

Comeback Player

Alan Bowman, QB, Texas Tech



Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger is pre-season player of the year

College Football News and Notes



Former Mississippi State head coach Sylvester Croom has been inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame



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Rice architecture students have won first place for pandemic-proof residence hall design from the American Institute of Architects Houston Gulf Coast Green Student Competition. Rice students Carrie Li and Mai Okimoto won top prize the competition for designing a dormitory that could house people during prolonged periods of quarantine and social distancing. The competition was to design a housing facility that the University of Houston-Downtown could use under traditional circumstances as well as the COVID-19 pandemic with requirements from the Centers for Disease Control's with social distancing guidelines. Residence halls such as these also could assist college athletics in helping quarantine student-athletes for extended periods of time if needed.

NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

Some notable birthdates in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the Aug. 2-8 time period are Aug. 2 (1901) Charley Caldwell, Bristol, Va.; (1905) Billy Nicks, Griffin, Ga.; (1933) Matt Hazeltine, Ross, Calif.; (1937) Dr. Billy Cannon, Philadelphia, Miss.; Aug. 3 (1898) Gordon Locke, Denison, Iowa; (1932) Jackie Parker, Knoxville Tenn.; (1934) Don Holleder, Rochester, N.Y.; (1938) Maxie Baughan, Forkland, Ala.; (1980) E.J.

Henderson, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; Aug. 4 (1908) Frank Carideo, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Aug. 5 (1940) Roman Gabriel, Wilmington, N.C.; (1946) Gary Beban, San Francisco, Calif.; (1952) Freddie Scott, Grady, Ark.; Aug. 6 (1902) Harry Wilson, Mingo Junction, Ohio; (1906) Ken Strong, West Haven, Conn.; (1907) Jerry Dalrymple, Arkadelphia, Ark.; (1920) Steve Lach, Altoona, Pa.; Aug. 7 (1928) Ron Schipper, Zeeland, Mich.; (1945) Alan Page, Canton, Ohio; Aug. 8 (1970) Trev Alberts, Cedar Falls, Iowa;

Notable anniversary death dates for Hall of Famers are Aug. 2 (1992) Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma City, Okla.; (2017) Ara Parseghian, Granger, Ind.; Aug. 3 (2011) Bubba Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Aug. 4 (1981) Jack Green, Nashville, Tenn.; Aug. 5 (1986) Les Lautenschlaeger, New Orleans, La.; Aug. 7 (1962) Vince Stevenson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Aug. 8 (1988) Alan Ameche, Houston, Texas; (2017) Dick MacPherson, Syracuse, N.Y.; (2019) Dave Parks, Austin, Texas.

Happy birthdays to NFF College Hall of Fame members Aug. 3 E.J. Henderson, Aug. 5 Roman Gabriel (a spry 80), Gary Beban, Freddie Scott, Aug. 7 Alan Page (a spry 75), Aug. 8 Trev Alberts...

Army West Point and Rice have slated four games from 2024-27...New Mexico State and Northwestern will meet for the first time in 2023 at Evanston, Ill....Iowa State and Ball State will play on Sept. 12 in Ames, Iowa, as a replacement game for Iowa-Iowa State on that date...All three Chick-Fil-A Kickoff Classic games in Atlanta in 2020 have been cancelled by COVID-19 conditions...Colorado and Texas A&M are holding discussions about moving their 2021 non-conference clash from Boulder to Denver...Old Dominion will travel to South Carolina in 2024...The Sept. 2 Ball State-Maine encounter has been cancelled...FBSchedules.com, one of

the prominent websites for future football schedules and 2020's multiple changes, published a "wish list" of college matchups if the Southeastern, Conference USA, Mountain West, American Athletic, and Big 12 Conferences, among others, play 12-game worksheets. The dream matchups (published before the SEC went to all conference games July 30) are Alabama vs. Oklahoma State, TCU vs. BYU, Iowa State at Virginia Tech, Houston vs. Syracuse, Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M, Air Force at West Virginia, Cincinnati vs. Miami (Fla.), BYU at Boston College, and BYU vs. Notre Dame late in the season...The cancellation of all SEC non-conference clashes means that there are now 32 more games involving SEC teams off the 2020 scheduling board...New Mexico State and South Dakota are scheduled to meet in multiple sports beginning with men's basketball in December...UCF is working with North Carolina and Georgia Tech football about game guarantees' compensation after their 2020 matchups with the Knights were canceled.

Tulane graduate and football fan Col. Doug Hurley (USMC) and Col. Bob Behnken (USAF), fan of Washington (St. Louis) gridiron teams, became the first two NASA/SpaceX astronauts to splash down in the Gulf of Mexico from a space mission since 1975. Col. Hurley expressed excitement about Tulane winning the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl over rival Southern Miss 30-13 on Jan. 4 because of the appreciation for the U.S. Armed Forces around this bowl and the Green Wave's fourth bowl victory in its last five trips since 1998. Several former student-athletes who are U.S. military or SpaceX employees from West Florida, Florida State and Florida. Among others, assisted in the vital return to earth for the astronauts...Atrium Health based in (Charlotte, N.C.) sports specialists Dr. Dermot Phelan, Dr. Kevin Burroughs, and Dr. Jeffery Bodle have been addressing collegiate teams and the public on safety precautions that are critical for student-athletes returning to campus amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and case studies about those who have recovered from the virus...Colleges and public schools in Mississippi are taking extra precautions after a predicted COVID-19 upsurge by the Harvard Medical School for that state.

Oklahoma head coach Lincoln Riley received two-year contract extension through the 2025 season, and the OU Board of Regents reviewed and approved compensation for the Sooners assistant coaching staff...Navy head coach Ken Niumatalolo and his staff are considering options as the team transitions from virtual sessions and Zoom conferences to live, on-

field workouts...Montana head coach Bobby Hauck has received his 2019 incentive bonuses...Connecticut head coach Randy Edsall has encouraged his charges to engage in community service, Black Lives Matter and issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic...Arkansas athletics' final contract with head coach Sam Pittman includes a Southeastern Conference non-compete clause for head coaching positions...Veteran assistant football coach Jeff Hanson is joining the Richmond Spiders assistant coaching staff and will receive his '20 assignment in coming days...Pittsburgh head football athletics trainer Rob Blanc is retiring after 32 years with the Panthers...New Mexico athletics named Nick Michael strength and conditioning coach.

Hometowns of more 2020 college head coaches – Idaho State: Rob Phenicie, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Illinois: Lovie Smith, Gladewater, Texas; Illinois State: Brock Spack, Rockford, Ill.; Illinois Wesleyan: Norm Eash, Chenoa, Ill.; Indiana: Tom Allen, New Castle, Ind.

Florida State director of athletics David Coburn was featured in a recent newspaper account about scheduling, FSU financial challenges and using fans' contributions to bridge budget shortfalls...University of New Orleans AD Tim Duncan and Vanderbilt AD Dr. Candice Story Lee have been named to 15-person executive committee of new Black AD Alliance...Washington State AD Pat Chun expressed optimism that coaches and student-athletes will gear up safely for multiple fall sports...Jacksonville State AD and famed NCAA FCS and Division I baseball championships' guru Greg Seitz was featured on the nationally syndicated radio and webcast program College Sports Weekly with host Bill Hazen...Colorado AD Rick George is working with a group of regional ADs on climate change in the Rockies...Alabama AD Greg Byrne penned a letter to Crimson Tide alumni and supporters emphasizing health and safety first at 2020 football contests...Venerable Georgia AD Greg McGarity was hoping for a quick resolution for the conducting of SEC football and got a partial answer in a vote by SEC presidents and chancellors last Thursday. The SEC office will determine the two additional conference contests...Oklahoma named Marcus Bowman senior associate director of athletics and chief financial officer...Robert Morris head men's basketball coach Andy Toole had his contract extended through the 2025-26 season...Duke named Beth Morgan Cunningham, Winston Gandy and Tia Jackson assistant women's basketball coaches on new head coach Kara Lawson's staff. Cunningham was a former Notre

ball coach with the Fighting Irish...USF's Ken Erickson is returning to the Bulls' softball coaching staff...Colorado's legendary ski coach Richard Rokos will retire after the 2020-21 season after 31 seasons as head coach and 35 years overall on the CU ski staff... Evansville head basketball coach Todd Lickliter added former Butler assistants Brandon Crone and Thomas Jackson to his staff...Missouri sports psychologist Gregory Holliday retires after following in the footsteps of former NCAA treasurer and Big 12 Conference assistant commissioner the late Dr. Prentice Gautt who started that position at MU in the 1960s...Notre Dame head men's basketball coach Mike Brey related how the COVID-19 pandemic gave him a much-needed physical and psychological break from the rigors of college coaching...Texas A&M athletics has added Sydney Carter as a video coordinator...Several former Oregon State former student-athletes are working to help restore the reputation of head women's volleyball coach Mark Barnard...The Citadel added former Appalachian State assistant wrestling coach Ryan LeBlanc as its head wrestling coach...Oregon State's 2019 interim head baseball coach Pat Bailey will not return for the 2021 season. Ryan Gibson has been tabbed as his replacement.

The Atlantic Coast Conference will play a 10-game intra-league schedule this season with one non-conference game against preferably a NCAA FBS opponent from within each school's same state...The ACC's financials for 2019-20 also were explored and how the net distribution to members has climbed on an annual basis. ACC associate member for all sports except football – Notre Dame – will play in the 10-game plus one paradigm, for the circuit this autumn...The Southeastern Conference has decided to play a 10-game, conference-only schedule beginning Saturday, Sept. 26. The teams will play their usual eight-game divisional schedules (seven teams in each division - not there will four non-division SEC contests) with the two additional games to be determined at a later date. The SEC championship game also will be moved back to Saturday, Dec. 19, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta...The Pac-12 Conference has completed its intra-conference 10-game schedule and released it publicly last Friday. The Pac-12 also outlined a possible football timeline if health conditions persist, options for October competition, the Pac-12 football championship contest (to be held Dec. 18 or 19 in a campus location and moved to Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas in December 2021), and academic plans since most teams from the conference will teach totally online in the fall...The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference has cancelled all fall sports competition due to health threats from COVID-19 on the eve of the MAAC's 40-year anniversary celebration as a college circuit from 1980-2020...The FCS Northeast Conference has

cancelled all its fall sports schedules...The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has postponed most of its fall sports until spring 2021 because of national health issues...Big 12 Conference commissioner Bob Bowlsby indicated the circuit is "biding time" until more results can be ascertained from the COVID-19 pandemic spread and on-campus classes for its members during the fall semester. As of July 31 the Big 12 still is planning on a 12-game, regular-season slate, but the loop had to cancel Big 12 Virtual Football Media Days Monday because of some uncertainties about the upcoming campaign...The ACC has narrowed down its search to seven finalists to replace retiring ACC commissioner John Swofford...St. Thomas (Minn.) will join the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in 2021-22 as part of its move from NCAA Division III to DI...The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic and New Jersey Athletic Conferences are among the latest leagues to postpone fall sports competition...The Augusta (Ga.) Sports Council has sent out a questionnaire for potential volunteers for several community projects it assists and for aid with the Ray Guy Punter of the Year Award, which the sports council sponsors...Dr. Mark Emmert, NCAA president, and Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer, spoke with Conference USA administrators via virtual means earlier this summer about the return of fall sports activities, health protocols and the resocialization of collegiate sports...The NAIA Sooner Athletic Conference will play a three-game schedule and a six-game slate in spring, though SAC members Langston (Okla.), Lyon (Ark.) and Texas College have opted out of fall competition in all sports. The six games on dates to be determined in the spring will determine the SAC football title winner...The Missouri Valley Conference has established an earliest starting date of Sept. 18 for all fall competition...The Summit League officially delayed its fall sports seasons until Sept. 23...The Big 12 Conference presidents and chancellors are scheduled to meet Monday to decide on the format for 2020 Big 12 football. Three reported scenarios are nine conference games plus one non-Big 12 game, nine Big 12 games and two non-league contests and the regular 12-game schedule with substitute non-circuit games for previously cancelled tussles.

The 2020 Redbox Bowl in Santa Clara, Calif., has been cancelled to leave the post-2020 FBS postseason slate with 41 bowls. That ties post-2020 with the 2015 and '16 postseasons featuring 41 bowls apiece...Total bowl attendance for the last 10 seasons (2019-19) has exceeded 17,300,000 for the most in bowl annals over a decade with a record 1,822,387 attending 35 bowl encounters in post-2010...The Goodyear Cotton Bowl is offering stadium seat upgrades for some of its longtime, loyal ticketholders and issued emails to that effect last week...The six-year-old FBC

Mortgage Cure Bowl will return to Exploria Stadium for the 2020 contest in Orlando. It previously was held at Camping World Stadium from 2015-18 and has featured matchups such as Georgia State-San Jose State, Arkansas State-UCF and Georgia Southern-Liberty.

The pre-2020 Manning Award (quarterback of the year) watch list features, among others, Jack Abraham of Southern Miss, Trey Lance of North Dakota State, Chris Reynolds of Charlotte, Brock Purdy of Iowa State, Shane Buechele of SMU, and Kellen Mond of Texas A&M...Several standouts on the 2020 Lou Groza National Place Kicker Award watch list include 2019 finalists Iowa's Keith Duncan and Washington State's Blake Mazza, Syracuse's 2018 Groza winner Andre Szmyt, Kent State's Matthew Trickett, Wake Forest's Nick Sciba, East Carolina's Jake Verity, Memphis' Riley Patterson, Tennessee's Brent Cimaglia, Arizona State's Cristian Zendejas, San Diego State's Matt Araiza, NC State's Christopher Dunn, Nevada's Brandon Talton, Oklahoma's Gabe Brkic, and Penn State's Jake Pinegar...Five of Colorado's top high school prospects have made oral commitments to FBS powerhouses for 2021. They include TE Terrance Ferguson of Littleton Heritage HS to Oregon, OT Trey Zuhn of Ft. Collins Fossil Ridge to Texas A&M, QB Jake Rubley of Highlands Ranch to Kansas State, TE Sam Hart of Aurora Cherokee Trail to Ohio State, and TE Gunnar Helm of Greenwood Village Cherry Creek to Texas...Arizona offensive lineman Edgar Burrola is hoping for reinstatement to the program later this month.

Former Mississippi State head coach Sylvester Croom, the first Black football head coach in Southeastern Conference history from 2004-08, has been inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. He starred as an All-America center and a defensive lineman at Alabama from 1971-74 under NFF College Hall of Fame coach Paul "Bear" Bryant for the Crimson Tide...Five NFL New England Patriots veteran starters have opted out of the 2020 season due to national health conditions.

Linebacker Dont'a Hightower of Alabama and a resident of Lewisburg, Tenn. – home of famed Tennessee circuit judge and former state Health Commissioner J.W. Luna, safety Patrick Chung of Oregon, tackle Marcus Cannon (who survived a bout with cancer in 2011 as a college senior) of TCU, RB Brandon Bolden of Ole Miss, and FB Dan Vitale of Northwestern all have decided to skip the campaign...Patrick Mahomes, MVP of Super Bowl LIII and a standout football-baseball student-athlete at Texas Tech before matriculating to the NFL Kansas City Chiefs, has purchased a share of the MLB Kansas City Royals. Mahomes' father, Pat Mahomes, pitched in the Major Leagues or Japan League for 12 seasons. The younger Mahomes got to practice with occasionally and received sage advice about being in the national limelight from his dad's New York Yankees rivals Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez...Former NFF Board of Director's member and longtime Tennessee head coach Bill Battle is battling COVID-19 after a recent diagnosis in Birmingham, Ala.

A survey last week indicated that many BYU fans would attend football games at LaVell Edwards Stadium if the 2020 opportunity presents itself...Colleges dropping Olympic sports could jeopardize qualification and American competitiveness in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, according to one report...Oregon State athletics has partnered with the Jeremy Darlow Group, one of the nation's top consultants with collegiate and other levels of athletics with branding and marketing...Michigan athletics had five new COVID-19 cases last week to bring the preseason tally to 13 positive tests. One UM staff member is among the positive tests...Iowa has halted voluntary preseason men's basketball drills as a precaution after positive COVID-19 tests by two student-athletes...Michigan State football and men's basketball remain in a 14-day quarantine after positive COVID-19 cases...Connecticut athletics has experienced some record-breaking

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fundraising from alumni and supporters hoping to keep the Huskies on budget and competitive nationally...Purdue released financial details about its new five-year athletics marketing and apparel agreement with Nike...Penn State athletics will institute pay cuts for existing staff to avoid possible furloughs...Baylor athletics is down to just one active case of COVID-19 out of 42 positive tests since June 1...Michigan State updated 20 additional cases of COVID-19 from testing in the last seven days...Wyoming athletics said it would be okay with weekly COVID-19 testing of student-athletes, coaches and staff

...Colleges and college athletics departments are taking ample preparations to avoid large-scale COVID-19 outbreaks such as the one felt by the MLB Florida Marlins...North Carolina athletics has decided not to offer season tickets for '20 football due to expected attendance reductions...New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy has expressed strong opinions about his doubts that Rutgers and other statewide college and high school teams will compete in fall sports...Penn State athletics reported eight positive COVID-19 tests in its latest update last week...Syracuse athletics revealed details of its specific COVID-19 testing procedures during its July and August workout sessions...College football advocate Dr. Mark Heim indicated that a nationwide delayed start to fall sports "might make sense"...Ohio State will limit 2020 football attendance to 20 percent of stadium capacity...Texas athletics hopes to allow 50 percent of its seating capacity at home games if state regulations and regional health officials approve the move...Ohio State's new athletics' facilities' construction has been slowed this summer by the COVID-19 pandemic...Colorado and Colorado State are moving forward with plans for 2020 football as CSU awaits later word from the Mountain West Conference on its official slate, which still lists an Aug. 29 starting date...Student governing groups at Virginia and other universities are being called upon to assist departments of athletics with educational campaigns and testing procedures for the '20 football season

...New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham revealed the contents of a letter she sent to NCAA president Dr. Mark Emmert earlier this year about the 2020-21 athletics seasons...Duke athletics has had 25 student-athletes in all sports with positive for COVID-19 tests...Indiana football denoted 33 student-athletes, coaches and support staff with positive COVID-19 cases...George Washington U. is expected to discontinue seven sports after the 2020-21 competitive year...New Mexico athletics and Affinity Licensing have signed a new, five-year contract...West Virginia athletics has joined a pilot program to explore NCAA names, images and likenesses data services...Ohio State's football game day sidelines and procedures for the opening coin toss will change with 2020 NCAA COVID-19 recommendations...The

University of Texas now leads all colleges nationally in incidence of positive COVID-19 cases.

The Associated Press featured NFF College Hall of Fame player Jim Thorpe in a story about the 108-year anniversary of his six gold medals in the 1912 Stockholm (Sweden) Summer Olympics. There also is a worldwide petition to the International Olympic Committee to restore sole possession of the decathlon and pentathlon gold medals (currently he is listed as co-champion) to Thorpe via the website BrightPath Strong.com. The petition had almost 25,000 signatures entering this week

...Inside Higher Education wrote about a request for a review by the U.S. Supreme Court about updates on Title IX...The AL.com website wondered if college football student-athletes deserve immediate NCAA financial compensation for the 2020 outing under present national health conditions...Nebraska football and sports legends John Bacus and Tom Kropp will be weekly guests on the Husker Legends Radio Program every Saturday morning starting Aug. 1 and throughout the football season on Radio 590 AM in Omaha, Neb., with Jerry Murtaugh as the show's host

...AL.com also discussed the outside possibility that college football could be played in a "bubble" location similar to the NBA, WNBA and NHL...The Orlando, Fla., Sentinel published an up-to-date 2020 college football schedule through changes of Aug. 2 in its Sunday editions...The former football programs at Boston U. and Northeastern were recalled in a Boston, Mass., Herald newspaper story...The Athletic national publication spoke of the financial consequences to college towns such as Lincoln, Neb., Boulder, Colo., Tuscaloosa, Ala., Auburn, Ala., and Starkville, Miss., among others, if football season is disrupted or unable to be completed... The San Antonio, Texas, Express-News, newspaper wrote about corporations involved with college athletics, their branding and recent associations with the Black Lives Matter movement.

The FWAA and its members have published recent stories about the effects of shortened or cancelled high school or college seasons on NCAA FBS recruiting in 2021...Ryan Long of Maine, Aaron Morse of Bates, Scott Eddy of Sr. Bonaventure, Rick Bender of Dartmouth, Sarah Kirkpatrick of American International, and Ethan Hulsey of Millersville, Ira Thor of New Jersey City University, Rob Knox of Towson, Adam Zundell of the Mountain East Conference, and Ashley Robbins of UMass Lowell were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter...Arizona, Arizona State, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisville, Michigan, Michigan State, Ole Miss, Oregon State, Rutgers, South Carolina, UCLA, and Washington State are working with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and reports at their respective

schools...The major college governing body NCAA Board of Governors meets virtually Monday, Aug. 4, to make some key decisions on fall sports and 2020-21 NCAA championships after postponing earlier championships' discussions in July

...The NCAA-approved preseason football walkthrough schedule may be conflicted with Oregon Health Authority guidelines for athletics and gatherings...The NCAA Board of Governors did approve the earliest start for 2020 college football in all divisions as Saturday, Aug. 29, and noted it would stay abreast of possible changes and shutdowns in evaluating dates for fall sports' championship dates and sites

...NCAA Division I men's basketball guru Dan Gavitt said his division still plans for the start of the 2020-21 season on Nov. 10

...CoSIDA executive director Doug Vance sent a recent update on the organization's interior functions: "The CoSIDA Executive Board of Directors has approved the merging of two committees to form the Professional Development and Education Committee and has added the Membership Recognition Committee as a new standing committee to the organization's active leadership groups. The new Professional Development and Education Committee is comprised of members from two former committees - the Convention Programming Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. The two committees merged to coordinate, enhance and streamline the

year-round professional development and leadership strategies, activities, training, resources and content creation for the organization's members, with a focus to educate the membership about the current challenges faced by the profession..."

...The NCAA office also has proposed extensive legislation and extensive possibility scenarios for compensation for student-athletes in the NCAA's names, images and likenesses upcoming 2023 enactment.

2020-21 College Football Playoff Bowl Schedule with New Year's Six Games (All Games Televised by ESPN, EST) CFP

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 (CFP Semifinals)
Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., 5 p
Allstate Sugar Bowl, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, New Orleans, La., 8:45 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 11 - CFP Championship, Hard Rock Stadium, Miami, Fla., 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30-Jan. 2 (Other New Year's Six Bowls)
Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Goodyear Cotton Bowl - AT&T Stadium, Arlington, TBD
Friday, Jan. 1 - Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, TBD
Saturday, Jan. 2 - PlayStation Fiesta Bowl, State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz., TBD

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The VW Atlas midsize-crossover SUV



By Matt Degen

The Volkswagen Atlas is a midsize-crossover SUV with three rows of seating. Designed and developed especially for North America, and built in Volkswagen's factory in Chattanooga, Tennessee, it's an American-style vehicle from a German company. And it really is Volkswagen's first rodeo in the 7-seater crossover-SUV arena. But it's staying in the saddle thanks to competitive pricing, tempting technology, a dash of Euro flair in both the design and the driving experience, plus some good old-fashioned hospitality in the form of an accommodating and well-thought-out cabin. This is only the second model year for the Atlas and it has to compete with better-established rivals like the Toyota Highlander, Honda Pilot and Ford Explorer, but it's a credible and arguably attractive alternative.

This is where some European edge sneaks in. Although the Atlas has a sumptuous ride quality approaching that of a luxury vehicle, there's still control and composure when it's steered around corners. The basic 4-cylinder engine (paired only with front-wheel drive/FWD) is adequate for suburban duties, but anyone planning longer drives might want to consider

the V6. Then again, the Atlas is not light (around 4,500 pounds) and it's the largest vehicle VW sells in the United States, so even this option is hardly a speed demon. But it can come with all-wheel drive (AWD), a system that includes Snow and Off-road modes. Eight inches of ground clearance means the Atlas can cope with a rural trail, but not the really rough stuff.

Yes, it's so good, it's worth a special mention. The way the second row slides forward to make the seats behind so easily accessible is just one aspect. Passengers will also find plenty of headroom and decent legroom, with space under the second row to place their feet.

Even if the Atlas doesn't accelerate in a breathtaking manner, there's still some VW spirit to be found. Clicking the driving modes over to Sport sharpens up the steering and throttle responses, and raises the transmission shift points. It even works with the adaptive cruise control engaged.

An almost-Audi-like elegant simplicity to the cabin gives the VW Atlas an upscale atmosphere. Because this is aimed at American buyers, there are 17 cup holders. The second row can fold and slide forward even when child seats are fitted, enabling accommodation for seven occupants, or six if the optional 2nd-row captain's chairs are

selected. In the basic Atlas, the two rearward rows of seats will fold to create a flat load-space floor. Behind the third row is a still-generous 20.6 cubic feet of cargo area, which expands to an impressive maximum of 96.8 cubic feet.

Clever packaging means the Atlas is big on the inside yet capable of fitting in a regular garage. The rear-passenger doors are generously sized and open wide for easy entries and exits. And we like the large cargo-area aperture, especially when it's accessed by the hands-free power tailgate. The standard wheel is an 18-inch alloy, going up to 20 inches on the higher trims. We might be wrongly accusing VW of second-guessing its market, but the Atlas kind of looks like what a European designer thinks would work for American buyers. Even so, it blends "rugged" and "classy" in a deceptively easy manner.

The basic setup is the turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive. The VW Atlas now has forward-collision mitigation with pedestrian detection, blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert, rain-sensing wipers, automatic LED headlights, and heated side mirrors as standard. These are joined by cloth upholstery, roof rails, dual-zone automatic climate control, 6.5-inch infotainment touch

screen, USB port, Bluetooth, rearview camera, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto smartphone integration, and a 6-speaker audio system. Safety equipment includes six airbags, automatic post-collision braking, and VW's Intelligent Crash Response System, which cuts the fuel supply, unlocks the doors and turns on the hazard lights in the event of a crash.

Acquiring more equipment entails going up the trim ladder. The lower two trims aren't eligible for many extras, while some items become standard at the higher levels. The hands-free power tailgate, for example, comes in the SEL model; real leather upholstery and heated rear seats are found in the SEL Premium. Those looking to spend more can always order the panoramic sunroof, 20-inch or 21-inch alloy wheels, and 2nd-row captain's chairs. The V6 with all-wheel drive is available in the S. The rest of the trims have the V6 as standard, offering the option of all-wheel drive. Except for the top-line SEL Premium, which has it as standard. Extra safety includes lane-keeping and parking assistance, plus an overhead-view camera.

The VW Atlas range starts with a turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine making 235 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque. This drives the front wheels only. VW also offers a 3.6-liter V6 generating 276 horsepower and 266 lb-ft of torque. This isn't a particularly remarkable bump in output and nor is the V6 that thrifty with gasoline. Both engines are connected to an 8-speed automatic transmission. The all-wheel-drive system (known as 4Motion) has modes for various conditions, while the Atlas also has on-road driving modes of Eco, Normal and Sport.

2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4
235 horsepower @ 4,500 rpm
258 lb-ft of torque @ 1,600 rpm
EPA city/highway fuel economy: 22/26 mpg
3.6-liter V6
276 horsepower @ 6,200 rpm
266 lb-ft of torque @ 2,750 rpm
EPA city/highway fuel economy: 17/24 mpg (FWD), 17/23 mpg (AWD)

The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) plus a destination charge of \$995 puts the basic Volkswagen Atlas S at \$31,890. Adding the V6 and all-wheel drive makes that \$35,090. A good balance of price and equipment would be the SE w/Technology for \$38,290 (front-wheel drive). If anyone wants to go big before they go home in their new Atlas, the range-topping SEL Premium starts at \$49,390. Every Atlas has a transferrable 6-year/72,000-mile bumper-to-bumper warranty. These figures are similar to the competition, like the Ford Explorer, Honda Pilot and Toyota Highlander.

<p>Arizona Cardinals (All times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: at San Francisco 49ers, 4:25 p. Fox</p> <p>Sept. 20: vs. Washington Redskins, 4:05 Fox</p> <p>Sept. 27: vs. Detroit Lions, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 4: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 11: at New York Jets, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 19: at Dallas Cowboys, 8:15 p.m., ESPN</p> <p>Oct. 25: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1:05 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 8: vs. Miami Dolphins, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 15: vs. Buffalo Bills, 4:05 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 19: at Seattle Seahawks, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon</p> <p>Nov. 29: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m.Fox.</p> <p>Dec. 6: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 4:05 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 13: at New York Giants 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 20: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:05 p. Fox</p> <p>Dec. 26 or 27: vs. San Francisco 49ers, TBD</p> <p>Jan. 3: at Los Angeles Rams, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p>

<p>Atlanta Falcons (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 20: at Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 27: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 5: at Green Bay Packers, 8:15 p.m. ESPN</p> <p>Oct. 11: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 25: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 29: at Carolina Panthers, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN/Amazon</p> <p>Nov. 8: vs. Denver Broncos, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 22: at New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 29: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: vs. New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:25 p Fox</p> <p>Dec. 20: vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m Fox</p> <p>Dec. 27: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Jan. 3: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m., Fox</p>

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<p>Chicago Bears (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 20: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Sept. 27: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 4: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 8: vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 26: at Los Angeles Rams, 8:15 p.m. ESPN</p> <p>Nov. 1: vs. New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 8: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 16: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 8:15 p ESPN</p> <p>Nov. 29: at Green Bay Packers, 8:20 p.m. NBC</p> <p>Dec. 6: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 13: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 20: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 27: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox</p>
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<p>Cincinnati Bengals (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05p CBS</p> <p>Sept. 17: at Cleveland Browns, 8:20 p. NFLN</p> <p>Sept. 27: at Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 4: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 11: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 25: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 1: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 15: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 29: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 6: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 13: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 21: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:15 p. ESPN</p> <p>Dec. 27: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS</p>

<p>Cleveland Browns (All times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Sept. 17: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 8:20 p. NFLN</p> <p>Sept. 27: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m. Fox</p> <p>Oct. 4: at Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 11: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 25: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m. CBS</p> <p>Nov. 1: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 15: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 29: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 14: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 8:15 p. ESPN</p> <p>Dec. 20: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 26 or 27: at New York Jets, TBD</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS</p>
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<p>Dallas Cowboys (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: at Los Angeles Rams, 8:30 p. NBC</p> <p>Sept. 20: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 27: at Seattle Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 4: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 11: vs. New York Giants, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 19: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 8:15 p ESPN</p> <p>Oct. 25: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 1: at Philadelphia Eagles, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Nov. 8: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 22: at Minnesota Vikings, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 26: vs. Washington Redskins, 4:30 p. Fox</p> <p>Dec. 3: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 20: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p. NBC</p> <p>Dec. 27: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p. Fox</p> <p>Jan. 3: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox</p>

<p>Denver Broncos (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 14: vs. Tennessee Titans, 9:10 p.m. ESPN</p> <p>Sept. 20: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Sept. 27: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 1: at New York Jets, 8:20 p.m. NFLN</p> <p>Oct. 11: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 18: vs. Miami Dolphins, 4:04 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 25: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p.m. CBS</p> <p>Nov. 8: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 15: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 22: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 CBS</p> <p>Nov. 29: vs. New Orleans Saints, 4:05 p.m Fox</p> <p>Dec. 6: at Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Buffalo Bills, TBD</p> <p>Dec. 26 or 27: at Los Angeles Chargers, TBD</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p>
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<p>Detroit Lions (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 20: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 27: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:25 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 4: vs. New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 25: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 1: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 8: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 15: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 26: vs. Houston Texans, 12:30 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 13: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 19 or 20: at Tennessee Titans, TBD</p> <p>Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, TBD</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p>

<p>Green Bay Packers (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 20: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 27: at New Orleans Saints, 8:20 p. NBC</p> <p>Oct. 5: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 8:15 p.m., ESPN</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, Fox</p> <p>Oct. 25: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 1: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 5: at San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 15: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 29: vs. Chicago Bears, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Dec. 6: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Carolina Panthers, TBD</p> <p>Dec. 27: vs. Tennessee Titans, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Jan. 3: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox</p>
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<p>Houston Texans (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 10: at Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m, NBC</p> <p>Sept. 20: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Sept. 27: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m, CBS</p> <p>Oct. 4: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Oct. 11: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 18: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 25: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 8: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 15: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: vs. New England Patriots, 1 p.m, CBS</p> <p>Nov. 26: at Detroit Lions, 12:30 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 19 or 20: at Indianapolis Colts, TBD</p> <p>Dec. 27: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p>
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<p>Indianapolis Colts (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 13: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m, CBS</p> <p>Sept. 20: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Sept. 27: vs. New York Jets, 4:05 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 4: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 11: at Cleveland Browns, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 18: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 1: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 8: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 12: at Tennessee Titans, 8:20 p.m,NFLN</p> <p>Nov. 22: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 29: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Houston Texans, TBD</p> <p>Dec. 27: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS</p>
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<p>Jacksonville Jaguars (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept.13: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Sept. 20: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Sept. 24: vs. Miami Dolphins, 8:20 p.m.NFLN</p> <p>Oct. 4: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 11: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 18: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 1: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 p., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 8: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 15: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 29: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 13: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 20: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 27: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Jan. 3: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS</p>
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<p>Kansas City Chiefs (all times ET)</p> <p>Sept. 10: vs. Houston Texans, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Sept. 20: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:25, CBS</p> <p>Sept. 28: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:15 p.m, ESPN</p> <p>Oct. 4: vs. New England Patriots, 4:25 p., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 11: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Oct. 15: at Buffalo Bills, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN</p> <p>Oct. 25: at Denver Broncos, 4:25 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 1: vs. New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Nov. 8: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Nov. 22: at Las Vegas Raiders, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Nov. 29, at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, CBS</p> <p>Dec. 6: vs. Denver Broncos, 8:20 p.m., NBC</p> <p>Dec. 13: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 20: at New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p., CBS</p> <p>Dec. 27: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox</p> <p>Jan. 3: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 1 p.m., CBS</p>
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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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Nick & Sam's where it started and ended



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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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