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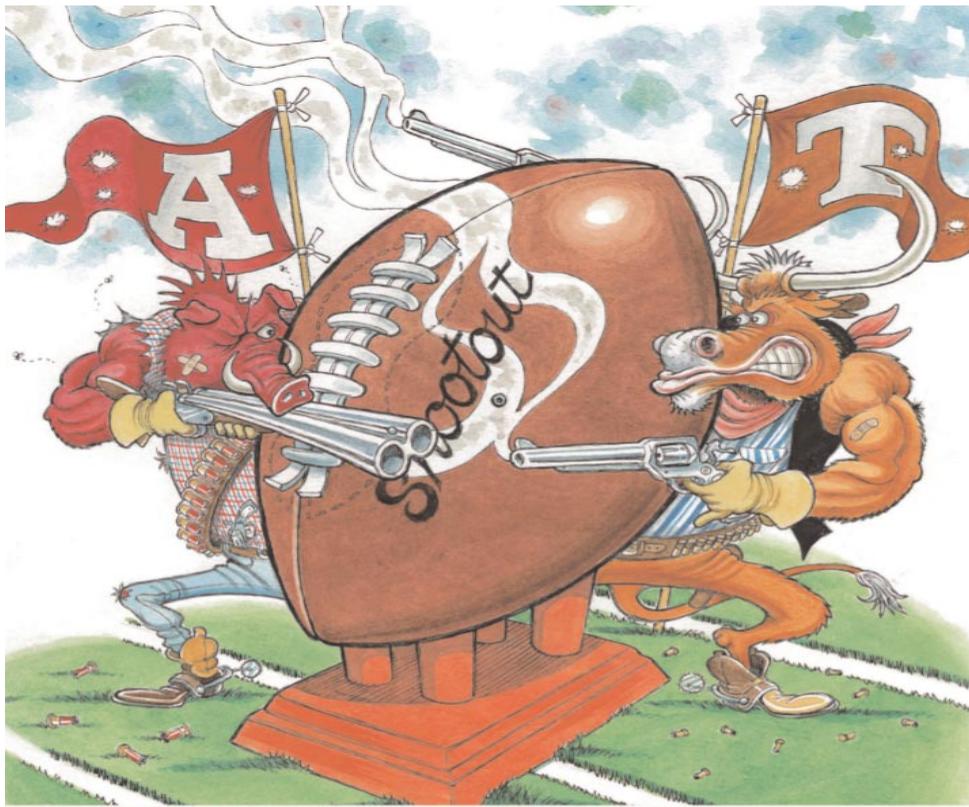
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## AROUND THE AREA

## LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

# Luka Doncic named to All-First Team



**Luka Doncic named to All-NBA First Team**

The NBA announced this week that Mavericks guard Luka Doncic was named to the 2019-20 All-NBA First Team. He becomes the third Maverick to earn All-NBA honors, joining Dirk Nowitzki (12 times) and Steve Nash (twice). He also joins Nowitzki (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009) as the only Mavericks to garner All-NBA First Team accolades.

Doncic (6-7, 230), who was 21 years, 168 days old on the final day of the 2019-20 regular season (Aug. 14), becomes the sixth player to earn All-NBA First Team honors at age 21-or-younger, along with LeBron James (2006), Max Zaslofsky (1947), Kevin Durant (2010), Tim Duncan (1998) and Rick Barry (1966). James (21 years, 110 days) and Zaslofsky (21 years, 114 days) are the only players to achieve the feat at a younger age than Doncic. In fact, if the season would have ended on its originally scheduled date (April 15), Doncic would have been the youngest to ever do it.

The second-year guard becomes the first player named to the All-NBA First Team in either his first or second season since Duncan in 1998-99 (Duncan made the First Team in each of his first eight seasons from 1997-98 to 2004-05).

Doncic averaged 28.7 points, 9.3

rebounds and 8.7 assists in 54 games before to the restart (through March 11). The 2018-19 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year saw his numbers increase in the bubble, as he nearly averaged a 30-point triple-double (30.0 ppg, 10.7 rpg, 9.7 apg) in Orlando en route to being named a unanimous Kia NBA All-Seeding Games First Team selection. Doncic finished the regular season with averages of 28.8 points, 9.4 rebounds and 8.8 assists in 61 games (all starts), becoming just the third player in NBA history to average at least 28-9-8 for a full season (Oscar Robertson, Russell Westbrook).

Doncic ranked sixth in scoring (28.8 ppg), 17th in rebounding (9.4 rpg) and third in assists (8.8 apg). He became the seventh player since the ABA/NBA merger (1976-77) to finish a season ranked in the top-20 among qualifiers in scoring, rebounding and assists (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird, Grant Hill, Kevin Garnett, James, Westbrook).



### World Series To Be Held in Arlington; First Time at One Site Since 1944

*With 13 games left in the season, Texas is nine games out of the Wild Card race*

The World Series will be played entirely at the Texas Rangers' new ballpark in Arlington as part of a bubble agreement between Major League Baseball and the

players' association, the first time the sport's championship will be played entirely at one site since 1944.

As part of an agreement finalized this week, the Division Series, League Championship Series and World Series will be part of a bubble designed to minimize exposure to the coronavirus, which decimated the regular season and limited it to a 60-game schedule for each club. The best-of-three first round of the postseason -- expanded from 10 to 16 teams this year -- will be at the top-seeded teams.

The World Series will be at Globe Life Field in Arlington. The AL Championship Series will be at San Diego's Petco Park, and the National League at Globe Life Field.

The AL Division Series will be at San Diego and Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium, and the NL Division Series at Globe Life and Houston's Minute Maid Park.

Texas is last in the AL West at 17-30 with little chance of advancing to the postseason. They are nine games out of the Wild Card race.

The World Series was last played at one site in 1944 at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis where the Cardinals beat the Browns 4-2. New York's Polo Grounds hosted all the games in 1921 and 1922, the last two seasons it was the home of both the Giants and Yankees. The Giants won both titles.

AL teams in mathematical contention are to start a transition period Sept. 22 and NL teams the following day in which up to 28 active roster players, 12 taxi-squad players and 50 additional personnel ranging from bullpen catchers to front-office staff must remain at the team's transitional hotel or travel with the team on the road.

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Coaches	AP
1. Clemson	1. Clemson
2. Alabama	2. Alabama
3. Oklahoma	3. Oklahoma
4. Georgia	4. Georgia
5. LSU	5. Florida
6. Florida	6. LSU
7. Notre Dame	7. Notre Dame
8. Texas	8. Auburn
9. Auburn	9. Texas
10. Texas A&M	10. Texas A&M
11. North Carolina	11. Oklahoma State
12. Oklahoma State	12. North Carolina
13. UCF	13. Cincinnati
14. Cincinnati	14. UCF
15. Memphis	15. Tennessee
16. Louisville	16. Memphis
17. Tennessee	17. Miami
18. Miami	18. Louisville
19. Virginia Tech	19. Louisiana
20. Kentucky	20. Virginia Tech
21. Louisiana	21. BYU
22. BYU	22. Army
23. Appalachian St	23. Appalachian St
24. Baylor	24. Kentucky
25. Army	25. Pittsburgh

WEEKLY CALENDAR							
	SEPTEMBER 18 FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 19 SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20 SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21 MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 22 TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 23 WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24 THURSDAY
		SMU at North Texas 5:00 / KTCK					
	Rangers at Angels 8:10 / FSSW	Rangers at Angels 8:10 / FSSW	Rangers at Angels 3:10 / FSSW	Rangers at Angels 3:10 / FSSW	Rangers at Diamondbacks 8:10 / FSSW	Rangers at Diamondbacks 5:10 / FSSW	Rangers vs Astros 7:05 / FSSW
	Stars at Golden Knights 7:00 / NBC						
			Cowboys vs Atlanta Noon / FOX				
		FC Dallas vs Sporting KC 2:30				FC Dallas vs Atlanta 6:00	

# Rangers youth movement in full swing



Veterans Elvis Andrus and Rougned Odor are not assured starting jobs next year



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The Texas Rangers are in full rebuild mode. General manager Jon Daniels made this known to the media early this week. He is committed to putting a group of young players together and growing them into a contending team.

Veterans Elvis Andrus and Rougned Odor are not assured starting jobs next year. Andrus has been bothered by back issues that forced him on the Injured List for the second time, and his 2020 season is likely over. If so, Andrus finishes the season with a .194 batting average in 103 official at-bats with three home runs and seven runs driven in. Odor was activated last weekend and is currently hitting .157 in 108 official at-bats with six home runs and 20 RBIs.

Daniels admitted that the team will not be contenders again until at least 2022 and likely even later. He had already indicated that the Rangers' payroll for 2021 will be less than the \$153 million scheduled for a full 2020 season before the Coronavirus shut down baseball and limited the regular season to sixty games. The team does have a significant reduction coming as this is the final year for Prince Fielder's and Shin-Soo Choo's contracts.

The admission is disappointing to

Ranger fans. The 2017 trade deadline Ranger trade of Yu Darvish for prospects signaled a rebuild around a nucleus of Willie Calhoun (obtained in the Darvish trade) Odor, Joey Gallo, Nomar Mazza, Ronald Guzman and Delino DeShields. Three years later, Mazza and Deshields are no longer with the Rangers, Odor, Guzman and Calhoun are struggling, and even Gallo has not put together a complete season. This week's announcement feels like the team is starting all over again.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa and Nick Solak have established themselves as key players in the rebuild. The rest of the young position players the Rangers have trotted out in this lost season in general are Major League ready defensively but need more minor league at bats. Leody Taveras and perhaps Eli White are the most likely position players to be on the 2021 opening day roster. The problem is that none of these have shown the power potential this team badly needs. Texas has been outthomered 65-45 this year.

Meanwhile in Houston this week, the pitiful Ranger offense managed just one run in each of three games with the Astros. Amazingly, Texas was able to win one of those games, but with two wins, the Astros now hold a 4-2 lead for the Silver Boot trophy awarded to the winner of the season series between the two Texas teams.

Houston starter Jose Urquiddy was dominant in the series opening game. He retired the first 13 batters he faced; a streak broken by Nick Solak's one out single in the fifth inning. Solak later scored the Rangers' lone run.

Kyle Cody, John King and Brett Martin held the Astros to just a George

Springer solo home run over the first six innings. Nick Goody took the mound in the seventh and immediately loaded the bases with a lead-off double and two walks. Jonathan Hernandez relieved and ultimately gave up a two run Alex Bregman double that put the Astros in front 3-1. Martin Maldonado hit a home run in the eighth inning to make the final score 4-1. Goody took the loss to go to 0-1 for the season.

Wednesday's game was a throw-back to the 1960's – a plain old pitchers' duel. Kyle Gibson pitched the best game of his career and perhaps the best game any Ranger pitcher has thrown this season. His opposing pitcher, Lance McCullers, Jr. was almost as good. It was a marvelous game to watch.

Both teams were scoreless through eight innings. McCullers had shut down Texas on two hits over the first seven innings, and Josh James allowed a third Ranger hit in the eighth inning. Gibson had whitewashed Houston with three hits over the first eight innings.

Taveras led off the Rangers' ninth with a single. With two outs and Taveras on second, Gallo drove Taveras home with a ground rule double giving the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

Ranger manager Chris Woodward had his closer Rafael Montero warmed up, but surprisingly let Gibson go out to start the ninth inning. Gibson was facing the heart of Houston's batting order, but he quickly struck out Jose Altuve and Michael Brantley before Alex Bregman doubled to put the tying run in scoring position. Woodward still stuck with Gibson and it paid off. Kyle Tucker lined a bullet with a

94.7 MPH exit velocity. Almost instantaneously, the game was over as Tucker's shot was right to first baseman Ronald Guzman for the final out.

The final score was 1-0. Gibson is 2-5 with the complete game win. The game time was 2:36. It was the first complete game shutout in Gibson's career, and just the fifth nine inning complete game shutout pitched in the Major Leagues this season.

Texas got another nice pitching performance from Jordan Lyles in Thursday's finale. Lyles completed seven innings allowing just three hits. Unfortunately, one of those hits was a home run from Tucker with a runner on base. That propelled Houston to a 2-1 win. Lyles is 1-5 with the loss.

Certainly, it's disappointing to lose the series, but the two strong pitching performances from Gibson and Lyles are a good sign for the Rangers' future. There's no question that this pair has been a disappointment this year, but both are signed for next season when hopefully they will pitch like they did in this week's outings.

The Rangers are now off to Anaheim to complete the season series with the Angels. Texas won five of the first six games with Los Angeles, all played in Arlington. Jimmy Herget (0-0, 3.45 ERA) will be Friday night's opener in front of bulk innings pitcher Wes Benjamin. Lance Lynn (6-2, 2.40 ERA) is Saturday's starter. Kyle Cody (0-1, 1.42 ERA) is Sunday afternoon's starter, and Kyle Gibson (2-5, 5.18 ERA) will start Monday afternoon's series finale. Game times (CDT) are 8:10 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 3:10 PM on Sunday and Monday.

#### NOTABLE:

- The official announcement regarding the playoffs came this week as expected. The first round games will be played in the home parks of the top four seeds in each league. The National League Division Series will be played in Houston and Arlington. The NL Championship Series and the World Series will be played in Arlington. The American League Division and Championship Series will be played in Southern California. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred is optimistic that fans will be allowed to attend the playoff games in Houston and Arlington.

- Texas has been held to one run in ten games this season, the most in the American League, but they have not been shutout.

- Right-handed pitcher Demarcus Evans joined the Rangers' active roster this week. He will become the 18th rookie to play for the Rangers this season when he gets into a game.

# Partridge Family Celebrates 50th years



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Last week I spoke with my friend Johnny Ray Miller who told me about his exciting upcoming event on Friday September 25th. It's called The Partridge Family 50th Anniversary Celebration! It's a live program that will be held on Facebook Live at When We're Singin' on September 25, 2020 at 8:30PM EST/5:30PM Pacific. It will also be available on YouTube at <http://youtube.com/telegraphhillrecords/live>.

The Partridge Family ran on ABC-TV from September 25, 1970 till March 23, 1974.

It's going to be quite an affair as original cast members, journalists, photographers and guest stars will gather together in celebration for a trip down memory lane about the TV show that captured America's hearts in 1970 and made David Cassidy an international superstar.

The event will feature cast members Danny Bonaduce (Danny Partridge), Brian Forster (he was the second actor to play the role of Chris Partridge in the television series The Partridge Family) and Rick Segal (appeared in the 4th season cast as series regular Ricky Stevens — a Partridge Family neighbor who would sing a children's song during each episode — at just four-years-old). Frequent Partridge Family guest star Bruce Kimmel, legendary photographer Henry Diltz and former Tiger Beat Magazine editor Ann Moses all engaging together and reminiscing about their time working on this groundbreaking and record-setting television series.

Bruce Kimmel guest-starred on the show 5 times, most memorably as the guy who stole Laurie's diary and threatened to print it in the school paper! Bruce was great friends with David Cassidy through the years and will share some of his memories! Bruce will first be appearing at 7:00PM at The David Cassidy Virtual Fan Club virtual Meet where he will be interacting with members of the club, reminiscing and answering fan questions live with them!

Renowned photographer Henry Diltz will be joining on September 25 at 8:30 p.m. EST/ 5:30 p.m. Pacific time for our Facebook live event at When We're Singin'! A special Henry Diltz anniversary photo of David Cassidy signed by Henry will also

be available. Henry went on the road with David Cassidy for his record-breaking World Tour of 1974 and remained close friends with David, becoming his personal photographer all through the years.

Ann Moses was on the set of the Partridge Family regularly, and the force behind the look and feel of Tiger Beat during the height of The Partridge Family. She is also the author of "Meow! - My Groovy Life with Tiger Beat's Teen Idols." Sadly, three of the key players from the show have passed away in recent years. David Cassidy (played Keith) in 2017. Suzanne Crough (played Tracy) in 2015, and Dave Madden (played manager Reuben Kincaid) in 2014.

Johnny Ray Miller, author of the critically acclaimed "When We're Singin' - The Partridge Family & Their Music" will be hosting this live celebration, and you will also be able to participate and react to the discussion using Facebook Live's interactive feature. The Partridge Family 50th Anniversary Celebration is being directed by 6-time Emmy Winning director/producer Michael Pomarico and co-produced with Johnny Ray Miller.

"We are taking the bus and hopping off in the exact same spot it all began exactly 50 years ago to the very day and minute. The Partridge Family's very first episode aired on Friday, September 25, 1970 at 8:30PM EST. If that isn't cool enough, it turns out that September 25 also falls on Friday this year. Now that's some Partridge Karma!" said Miller.

In addition to the program itself, you can visit The Hollywood Show at their Private Signing store, and purchase signed photos of Danny, Brian and Ricky up through the evening of the event, as a special 50th Anniversary Private Signing

offered exclusively through The Hollywood Show. Johnny Ray Miller added, "Also, Special thanks to owner and operator Dave Elkouby for making this happen as a special, added bonus to the event.

Make sure you visit Facebook, Twitter, [www.whenweresingin.com](http://www.whenweresingin.com) and Kickstarter

for continued updates."

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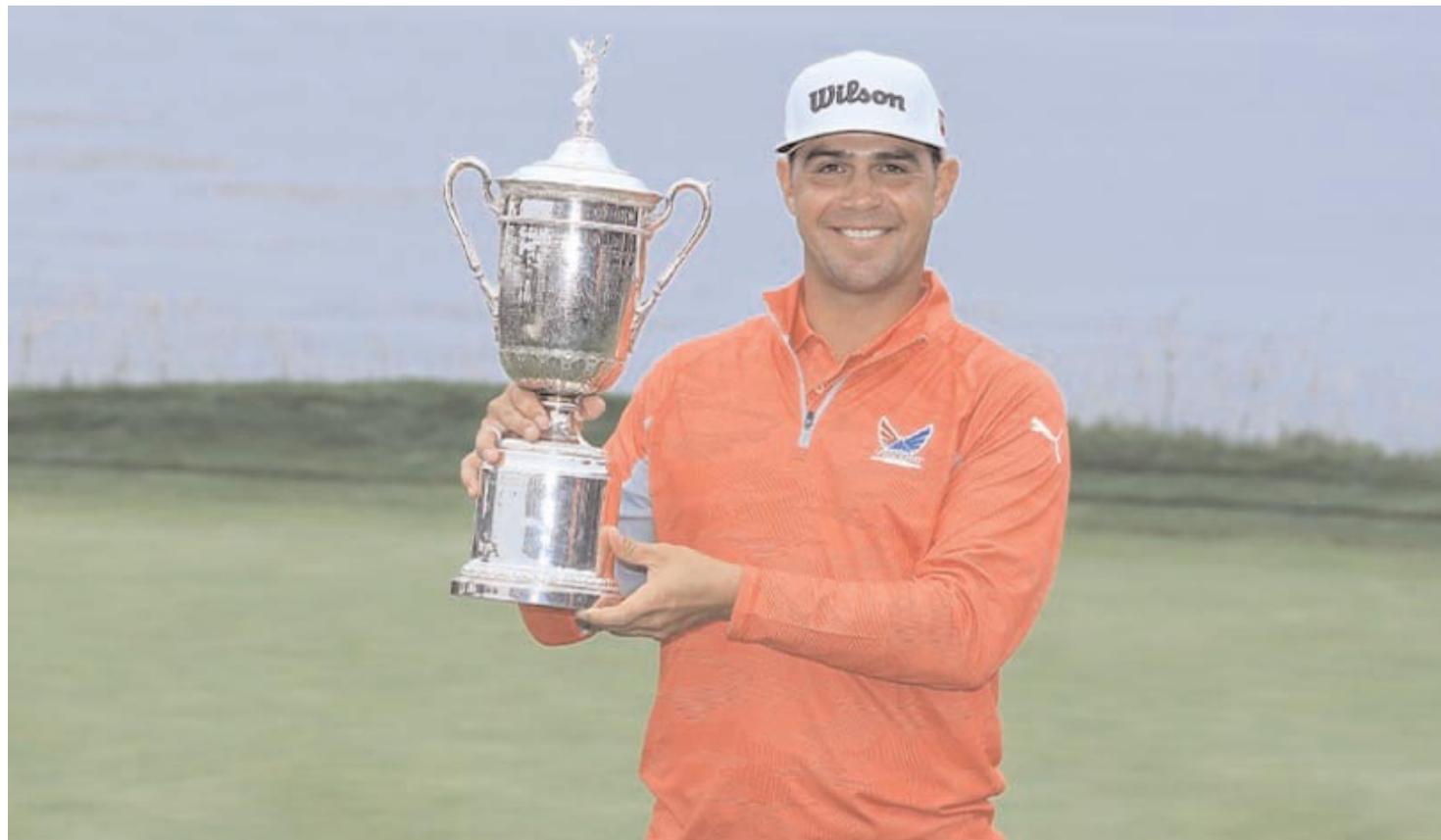
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# This week on the PGA TOUR: U.S. Open



**United States Open**  
**September 17 - September 20, 2020**  
**Winged Foot Golf Club**  
**Mamaroneck, New York**  
**Purse - \$12,500,000**  
**Winners share: 1,800,000**  
**Defending Champ - Gary Woodland**

By Adam Stanley  
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The second event of 2020-21 sees the PGA TOUR head to New York for the first of six major championships of the season. Newly minted FedExCup champion Dustin Johnson will look for his second major title, while five-time TOUR winner Gary Woodland defends from last June at Pebble Beach.

**FIELD NOTES:** With no qualifying events this year due to COVID-19, the U.S. Open field is comprised of golfers from all around the world via various qualifications and exemptions including both professionals and amateurs... Brooks Koepka, who won back-to-back U.S. Open titles in 2017 and 2018 and was runner up in 2019 announced he would not play this year due to injury... Dustin Johnson, the FedExCup

champion, will make his 2020-21 debut... Jon Rahm and Xander Schauffele are amongst the group looking for their first major championship titles... Gary Woodland got to hold onto his U.S. Open trophy from 2019 for three extra months given the COVID-19 schedule bump. He'll defend his major in New York... Tiger Woods will make his season debut, looking for his first U.S. Open title since 2008... Roommates Will Zalatoris and Davis Riley (Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List) will be part of the 10-person contingent from the Korn Ferry Tour who earned spots.

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

**COURSE:** Winged Foot Golf Club (West Course), par 70, 7,477 yards. Designed by famed architect A.W. Tillinghast, the iconic New York club opened in 1923. Gil Hanse renovated the West Course in 2017.

Winged Foot has been a longtime major championship venue, known for its punishing rough and difficult greens. It last hosted the U.S. Open in 2006, where the winning score (Geoff Ogilvy) was 5-over. Winged Foot has hosted four other U.S. Open's in the past along with the 1997 PGA Championship, won by Davis Love III. Multi-time PGA TOUR winner Ryan Moore won the 2004 U.S. Amateur contested at Winged Foot.

**STORYLINES:** Phil Mickelson returns to the site of some major heartbreak after a double bogey on the 72nd hole at Winged Foot in 2006 saw him fall out of the lead and end up a shot back of Ogilvy's win-

ning total. Fourteen years on, Mickelson has six runner ups but is still looking for his first U.S. Open title... Tiger Woods failed to advance to the TOUR Championship for the second season in a row, but is back in action at Winged Foot to start his 2020-21 campaign. Woods is looking for his 16th major title and record 83rd PGA TOUR win... There will be no fans on-site at Winged Foot as the world still navigates the COVID-19 pandemic... This is the sixth U.S. Open Winged Foot has hosted, and only once in the past has the winning score been under par... Collin Morikawa looks to win his second major in a row, although his PGA Championship victory came during the last

PGA TOUR season.

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

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

**LAST TIME:** Last year at Pebble Beach Gary Woodland won his first major championship and in the process ended Brooks Koepka's historic U.S. Open run. Woodland, who had won three times on the PGA TOUR prior to his major triumph, shot 13-under over four days in California to defeat Koepka, the runner-up, by three shots. Koepka was attempting to become the first golfer to win three U.S. Open titles in a row since 1905. Woodland, meanwhile, had never finished inside the top-20 at a U.S. Open. Jon Rahm, Chez Reavie, Xander Schauffele, and past FedExCup champion Justin Rose finished T3, six shots back.

## HOW TO FOLLOW

**Television:** Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (Golf Channel); 2 p.m.-5 p.m. (NBC); 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (Peacock).

**Friday,** 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (Peacock); 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Golf Channel); 4 p.m.-7 p.m. (NBC).

**Saturday,** 9 a.m.-11 a.m. (Peacock); 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. (NBC).

**Sunday,** 8 a.m.-10 a.m. (Peacock), 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (Golf Channel), 12 p.m.-6 p.m. (NBC).

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# Nine things about Winged Foot Golf Club



A view of the 18th green during the 2006 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. (Richard Heathcote/Getty Images)

## A closer look at the site of this week's U.S. Open

By Sean Martin  
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Better late than never. That definitely applies to this year's U.S. Open. Winged Foot Golf Club is a classic U.S. Open test, traditionally producing an over-par winning score. We'll have to wait and see how the three-month delay impacts the championship, but one thing is certain. After a thrilling finish to the FedExCup and with the Masters a couple months away, we're in the midst of a thrilling stretch for golf fans.

To get you ready for the year's second major, here are Nine Things to Know about Winged Foot.

### 1. BETTER BY THE HALF-DOZEN

This will be the sixth U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Only Oakmont Country Club and Baltusrol have hosted more. Oakmont hosted its ninth U.S. Open in 2016, while Baltusrol, another A.W. Tillinghast design, has been the site of seven U.S. Opens.

Winged Foot joins Oakland Hills and Pebble Beach as courses that have hosted a half-dozen U.S. Opens.

Winged Foot hosted its first U.S. Open in 1929, just six years after it opened. This will be its first U.S. Open there since 2006, when Geoff Ogilvy won after Phil Mickelson famously double-bogeyed the 72nd hole. Ogilvy is the only winner of a U.S. Open at Winged Foot who didn't win multiple majors in his career.

Bobby Jones, Billy Casper, Hale Irwin and Fuzzy Zoeller also won U.S. Opens at Winged Foot.

The club also hosted the 1997 PGA Championship. Davis Love III won, which means four of the six men's majors at Winged Foot have been won by members of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

### 2. THOROUGH EXAMINATION:

Mike Davis, the USGA's chief executive, calls Winged Foot the "quintessential U.S. Open golf course."

"With its wonderfully challenging green complexes and dogleg holes that emphasize proper placement off the tee, Winged Foot offers the best players in the world a spectacular test of golf," he says.

That may be an understatement. The winning score was over par in all but one of the U.S. Opens at Winged Foot. That was in 1984, when Zoeller and Greg Norman tied at 4 under par. Norman shot 75 in the playoff, which means just one player has finished under par in the six U.S. Opens at Winged Foot.

U.S. OPENS AT WINGED FOOT			
Year	Winner	Score	Margin
1929	Bobby Jones	294 (+6)*	Playoff
1959	Billy Casper	282 (+2)	1
1974	Hale Irwin	287 (+7)	2
1984	Fuzzy Zoeller	276 (-4)	Playoff
2006	Geoff Ogilvy	285 (+5)	1

\* - played as par-72  
In 2006, Winged Foot played to a 74.99 scoring average. Only one hole, the par-5 fifth hole, played under par for the week. There were just 12 under-par rounds

in 2006, and none lower than 2-under 68.

Winged Foot's difficulty doesn't come from intimidating water hazards or stunning landforms. It was built on a fairly flat site, but Tillinghast produced 18 difficult holes.

"The golf course gets tough on the first tee and never gets any easier," Jack Nicklaus once said. "That's why it's a great golf course. You can't make a mistake and get away with it here."

Tillinghast's courses put an emphasis on approach shots, and Winged Foot is no exception. The greens complexes make getting up-and-down a difficult task.

"A controlled shot to a closely-guarded green is the surest test of any man's golf," Tillinghast once said.

Ogilvy won without breaking par in any round. Jones' final-round 79 in 1929 is the highest final round by a U.S. Open winner since World War I. No one broke par in the final round of the 1959 U.S. Open at Winged Foot, and no one was under par in the first round of the 1974 U.S. Open.

### 3. 'WE'RE NOT TRYING TO HUMILIATE THEM'

The most famous of Winged Foot's U.S. Opens was in 1974, when Hale Irwin won with a winning score of 7 over par. No major has had a higher winning score in relation to par since.

The 1974 U.S. Open was dubbed the "Massacre at Winged Foot" and produced one of the most famous quotes in golf history. "We're not trying to humiliate the best players in the world. We're simply trying to

identify them," said USGA president Sandy Tatum.

Many believe the 1974 U.S. Open was the USGA's response to the previous year's championship, when Johnny Miller shot 63 to win at Oakmont. How thick was the rough at Winged Foot? "They had trouble finding their ankles, much less the golf ball," said one player. Players lost balls in the rough and putted balls off the greens.

"It was easily the most difficult golf course I have ever seen," Irwin said.

The A.W. Tillinghast design has stood the test of time. There are no lakes or large water hazards. Just a couple creeks. There are no dramatic landforms. It just consists of 18 difficult holes.

"The question of the week was why," famed golf writer Dan Jenkins wrote in *Sports Illustrated*. "Where did it say in all of that lore of the game that Winged Foot was a killer? The answer was in the subtle design of the course. No water to speak of, and even the trees do not often come into play, but, ah, the tumbles and turns of those old-fashioned, elevated greens and, ah, the bunkers."

### 4. TILLIE THE TERROR

His nickname was Tillie the Terror. Tillinghast is one of six golf course architects to be elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame, after Donald Ross, Robert Trent Jones, Alister Mackenzie, C.B. MacDonald and Pete Dye.

Tillinghast had his hands on more than 250 golf courses, most of them in the Northeast. His most famous designs include Winged Foot, Bethpage Black, Baltusrol, Quaker Ridge, Sleepy Hollow and Somerset Hills. He was born in North Philadelphia in 1875, the privileged only child of a rubber baron.

He made his first pilgrimage to St. Andrews in 1896, where he studied under Old Tom Morris.

"I got to know the old man very well indeed in succeeding years, and I spent many happy hours with him in his little sitting room over his shop," Tillinghast wrote. "It was there that I handled the champion's belt won by his son, as Old Tom got it out reverently and his eyes filled with tears as he told me many things about his boy."

Tillinghast returned to St. Andrews several times. He became skilled enough to finish 25th in the 1910 U.S. Open at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

His architecture career started when a family friend asked him to build a course in Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pennsylvania. His services quickly became in high demand after that course opened.

It was the architect's job, he wrote, to "produce something which will provide a true test of the game and then consider every conceivable way to make the course



Davis Love III celebrates winning the 1997 PGA Championship at the Winged Foot. (Jamie Squire/Allsport)

as beautiful as possible," Tillinghast wrote.

He didn't like overly long courses, hating layouts that emphasized "brawn over finesse." He liked small, tightly-bunkered greens that put an emphasis on approach play.

After falling on hard times during the Great Depression, Tillinghast died in 1942 at the age of 67.

"He was an unusual man, to say the least," Tatum once said, "but he was a certifiable genius. You always know when you're on a Tillinghast course without being told."

### 5. HUMPS AND BUMPS

Nicklaus once called Winged Foot's putting surfaces "the most difficult set of greens I've ever seen."

Colin Montgomerie, runner-up in the 2006 U.S. Open, said they may even be more difficult than the game's most famous putting surfaces.

"These greens are as quick downhill as Augusta and with possibly more slopes on them than Augusta," he said. "I think everybody will three-putt out here."

Winged Foot's greens were rebuilt by famed architect Gil Hanse a few years ago. Many of the greens were expanded to their original size. Making the greens 15-25% larger has allowed some of the original hole locations to be used.

"What makes Winged Foot special is the greens," course historian Neil Regan says.

How sloped are Winged Foot's greens? "You can see the bottom of the cups from the fairways," because of the amount of back-to-front slope, joked one PGA TOUR putting instructor.

Jack Nicklaus ran his first putt of the 1974 U.S. Open 30 feet past the hole.

"Putting uphill here, you can take a run at it," one observer noted. "Downhill, you just touch it and hope that maybe the hole will get in the way. Somebody with a jerky stroke will not stand up at Winged Foot."

### 6. CLASSIC FINISH

Tillinghast and the clubhouse's architect, Clifford Wendehack, used to say that the multi-tiered 18th green was like a set of steps leading from the course to the clubhouse.

Fourteen years ago, several players dejectedly made that trek. There are others who have been exuberant as they ascended the 18th green and walked to the clubhouse.

Winged Foot's final hole has been the site of some of golf's most memorable moments, both good and bad.

We all know what transpired on that hole in the last U.S. Open at the storied club (and if you don't, you'll soon be apprised). It was one of the wildest finishes in golf history. Mickelson's double-bogey alone is worthy of a documentary. But it overshadows the other collapses that occurred on the closing hole. Colin Montgomerie flared a 7-iron right and made his own double-bogey. Jim Furyk missed a 5-footer for par. They all tied for second, a stroke behind Ogilvy. Padraig Harrington also bogeyed 18, his third bogey in a row, to finish two back.

It seems that each major held at Winged Foot has been capped by a trademark moment.

It started with the first U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Bobby Jones holed a downhill, sidehill 12-foot par putt to force a 36-hole playoff with Al Espinosa. Jones won the playoff by a remarkable 23 strokes. That par putt may have changed the course of golf history.

Jones once led by as many as seven, but he triple-bogeyed the 15th hole. He needed a par on the final hole just to get in a playoff, but missed the green with his approach shot. His touchy chip shot stopped 12 feet short. The shaft of his famed Calamity Jane putter had been cracked and was held together with cords but he used the damaged implement to sink the putt.

O.B. Keeler, the Atlanta Journal's golf writer and Jones' biographer, believes Jones would have retired if he had missed that putt on the 72nd hole and blown such a large lead.

"I knew in a sort of bewildering flash that if that putt stayed out, it would remain a spreading and fatal blot, never to be wiped from his record," Keeler wrote. "I will always believe that the remainder of Bobby's career hung on that putt and that from this stemmed the Grand Slam of 1930."

In 1974, Irwin lashed a 2-iron to 20 feet and two-putted for victory. It was the first of his three U.S. Open titles. Ten years later, Greg Norman holed a 40-footer for par on the 18th hole. Zoeller, standing in the fairway, waved a white towel in surrender, thinking that the long putt was for birdie. Zoeller went on to win the next day's playoff.

When Winged Foot hosted the PGA in 1997, Love capped his five-shot win with a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole. A rainbow appeared behind the green, which many felt was Love's late father, Davis Love Jr., a PGA professional, smiling down upon his son.

### 7. THE "OTHER" COURSE

Winged Foot is considered the finest 36-hole club in the country, and possibly the world. And for good reason.

The West Course, which is hosting this week's U.S. Open was 11th in Golf Digest's list of the United States' top 100 courses in 2019.

Winged Foot's East Course, which was also designed by Tillinghast, came in at No. 52 on the same list. The East Course is shorter, but it's no pushover for players who may be seeking a reprieve from its difficult sibling.

The East Course hosted U.S. Women's Opens in 1957 and 1972. Betsy Rawls shot 7 over par and won after Jackie Pung was

disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard. Susie Maxwell Berning shot 11 over par but it was enough to win by one.

Rawls (4) and Berning (3) combined to win seven U.S. Women's Opens. They are both in the World Golf Hall of Fame, with Berning being elected this year.

The East Course also hosted the inaugural U.S. Senior Open in 1980. Roberto De Vicenzo won by four shots with a 1-over 285 total.

### 8. CLUB PROS

Jenkins called Winged Foot the Yankee Stadium of golf because of its history.

"Its monuments are not in centerfield. They're in the bar," Jenkins wrote in 1974.

World Golf Hall of Famer Tommy Armour was a member, as was Fred Corcoran, who was instrumental in the creation of the professional tour. Babe Ruth was a regular. There is a photo of Bobby Jones teeing off on 18 in 1929, and Ruth is just a few paces behind him.

"It has often been said that the quickest way to get over-golfed is to spend an afternoon on Winged Foot's terrace," Jenkins added. "Armour used to sit there telling tales for hours. (Claude) Harmon and Corcoran still do. Because of the character of the membership, Winged Foot, more than any other club in the metropolitan area of New York, has been looked upon as the Yankee Stadium of golf."

The club also has a long lineage of accomplished club pros.

The club's first head pro was Mike Brady, who was runner-up in the 1911 and 1919 U.S. Opens. Winged Foot's next two head pros won majors during their tenures. Craig Wood, who succeeded Brady in 1939 won the Masters and U.S. Open in 1941.

Claude Harmon, who was the club's head professional from 1945 to 1978, is the last club pro to win a major (1948 Masters). He is the patriarch of the first family of golf instruction, as several of his sons also went on to become noted teachers.

Major champions Dave Marr and Jack Burke Jr. spent time as Harmon's assistant professionals.

Harmon was succeeded by another TOUR winner, Tom Nieporte, a former NCAA champion at Ohio State and three-time PGA TOUR winner. He served as the club's head professional until 2006.

### 9. ATHLETE'S FOOT

So, why Winged Foot?

It comes from the logo of the New York Athletic Club. Though the two organizations have never been affiliated, the group that founded Winged Foot included several NYAC members. The group was led by Charles "Nibs" Nobles. They tabbed Tillinghast with simple instructions.

"Give us a man-sized course," they told him, according to legend. He listened. Clifford Wendehack, one of the foremost residential architects of his era, designed the clubhouse. The cornerstone was laid by the membership on April 14, 1923. Players teed off on Tillinghast's masterpiece two months later.

# NFL Picks and Predictions: Week 2



**Cowboys, 49ers get on board with wins; Vikings edge Colts**

By Mike McFee

NFL picks and predictions for Week 2 of the season are much less of a crapshoot than they were for opening weekend given the newfound knowledge we have about all 32 teams, but we're not about to suggest that there are any sure bets.

If anything, teams like the Colts and Eagles last week reinforced the fact that even some of the biggest favorites based on the odds can lose. Now some contenders are flirting with a damning 0-2 hole to start the 2020 NFL season.

Based on the odds, Week 2 is expected to be a big one for the home teams, as the road team is favored in just five of the 16 games on the schedule. And of the games that feature home favorites, several of them have been set with point spreads that suggest the game is all but a toss-up.

With that as the background, below are our picks and predictions for Week 2 of the NFL season. As always, our point spreads are courtesy of Sports Insider.

**Cincinnati (0-1) at Cleveland (0-1)**  
**Thursday, 7:20 p.m., NBC**  
**Line: Browns -5.5 / 44**

At the risk of overreacting to a solid debut for Joe Burrow, we can't help but trust him more than Baker Mayfield in this game given what the latter showed us last week to start his third NFL season. The Browns suddenly

are in the rare "must-win" spot in Week 2; if they lose to the Bengals, their season could quickly fall into the tank. The good news for Cleveland is that Mayfield is just one many players and coaches who are feeling the same pressure. They have no choice but to respond.

**Pick: Browns 21, Bengals 17**

**N.Y. Giants (0-1) at Chicago (1-0)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., CBS**  
**Line: Bears -5.5 / 43**

We doubt lightning will strike twice, so if the Bears fall behind in this game, don't expect Mitchell Trubisky to get his team back into contention by making big throw after big throw. This will be more about coach Matt Nagy's offense running on schedule against a defense it can manage.

**Pick: Bears 26, Giants 20**

**Atlanta (0-1) at Dallas (0-1)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., FOX**  
**Line: Cowboys -5 / 52.5**

This is another matchup of teams trying to avoid the dreaded 0-2 hole. The Cowboys, though, have many more positives to take away from their Week 1 loss than the Falcons do. Matt Ryan should be able to exploit some favorable matchups again, but Dak Prescott and the Cowboys' offense this week don't have to deal with the game-wrecker that is Aaron Donald.

**Pick: Cowboys 34, Falcons 27**

**Detroit (0-1) at Green Bay (1-0)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., Fox**

**Line: Packers -6 / 47.5**

As tempting as it might be, and even though everybody else is doing it, the Packers can't look at the Lions as the "same old Lions" after Detroit gifted Chicago a win last week. This is still a tricky division game against a team that had reasonable expectations for 2020 but was embarrassed in Week 1. The better team should still win even if the game is closer than expected.

**Pick: Packers 26, Lions 23**

**Jacksonville (1-0) at Tennessee (1-0)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., CBS**  
**Line: Titans -10 / 43**

The Gardner Minshew magic was impressive in Week 1 as the Jags upset the Colts, but Indianapolis didn't exactly help itself with a pair of costly turnovers. The Titans are less likely to throw the game away and more likely to give Minshew trouble in the passing game.

**Pick: Titans 24, Jaguars 17**

**Minnesota (0-1) at Indianapolis (0-1)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., FOX**  
**Line: Colts -3 / 48.5**

The Colts getting a field goal at home makes this a toss-up game in the eyes of oddsmakers, which seems reasonable for a contest featuring a pair of contenders who suffered disappointing results in Week 1. The Vikings, though, lost to a much better team than the Colts did. They also have more stability at quarterback and better health in the running game.

**Pick: Vikings 30, Colts 24**

**Buffalo (1-0) at Miami (0-1)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., CBS**  
**Line: Bills -5.5 / 41.5**

Many subscribe to the theory that legitimate contenders need to win all of the games they're supposed to win. So here's the second consecutive chance for the Bills to prove their legitimacy in 2020 to that crowd. Chances are they won't have a problem doing to the Dolphins almost exactly what the Patriots did in Week 1.

**Pick: Bills 21, Dolphins 10**

**San Francisco (0-1) at N.Y. Jets (0-1)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., FOX**  
**Line: 49ers -7 / 42.5**

Overreactions to Week 1 results are common, and suggesting the defending NFC champions are in trouble because they lost their season opener to a division rival is certainly an overreaction. Suggesting the Jets are still bad does not feel like an overreaction. Adam Gase's team needs to flip that perception quickly before things get nasty in New York, but that's unlikely to happen in Week 2.

**Pick: 49ers 31, Jets 20**

**L.A. Rams (1-0) at Philadelphia (0-1)**  
**Sunday, 1 p.m., FOX**  
**Line: Eagles -3 / 46**

This matchup makes the Eagles' Week 1 clunker against Washington much worse, because the level of difficulty rises significantly against the Rams. If Washington was able to sack Carson Wentz eight times, what are we supposed to expect Aaron Donald and Co. to do? If the Eagles' defense can get the Rams' offense off schedule, Philly will have a good chance to win. If not, it's an 0-2 start for the defending NFC East champs.

**Pick: Rams 27, Eagles 21**

**Denver (0-1) at Pittsburgh (1-0)**  
**Sunday, 12 p.m., CBS**  
**Line: Steelers -6.5 / 43**

Both of these teams are playing on short weeks, which in theory works in favor of the team that doesn't have to deal with travel. The Steelers have realistic title aspirations in 2020 with Ben Roethlisberger back in the lineup to support a dominant defense. The Broncos are not yet on that level, especially without their best player, Von Miller.

**Pick: Steelers 28, Broncos 17**

**Carolina (0-1) at Tampa Bay (0-1)**  
**Sunday, 12:00 p.m., FOX**  
**Line: Bucs -8.5 / 49**

Carolina's offense looked good in the first game of the Matt Rhule/Joe Brady era, but there's a significant difficulty increase from Las Vegas' defense to that of Tampa Bay. And that young Panthers defense that couldn't keep a Derek Carr-led offense out of the end zone enough? Meet Tom Brady.

**Pick: Buccaneers 35, Panthers 24**

Washington (1-0) at Arizona (1-0)  
Sunday, 3:05 p.m., FOX  
Line: Cardinals -6.5 / 46.5

Who had these two teams being undefeated in Week 2? Both are riding the highs of their respective Week 1 upsets, but Washington feels like its playing with house money more so than Arizona. The Cardinals suddenly have legitimate hopes of contending in the NFC West after knocking off the defending champs. This game should only reinforce that optimism.  
**Pick: Cardinals 30, Washington 20**

Kansas City (1-0) at L.A Chargers (1-0)  
Sunday, 3:25 p.m., CBS  
Line: Chiefs -8.5 / 48

It's the Chargers' turn for their home opener at the brand-new SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, but it might not go as well as it did for the Rams against the Cowboys in Week 1. The Chargers got away with an average offensive performance in their escape against the Bengals. They won't get away with it against Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs.  
**Pick: Chiefs 34, Chargers 21**

Baltimore (1-0) at Houston (0-1)  
Sunday, 3:25 p.m., CBS  
Line: Ravens -6.5 / 52.5

It's hard to think of a more brutal way to start the season than a schedule that features games against the Chiefs and the Ravens in the first couple of weeks. Houston had some moments in its loss to Kansas City to start the year, but not enough for us to think it can upset Baltimore and avoid the dreaded 0-2 hole.  
**Pick: Ravens 33, Texans 26**

New England (0-1) at Seattle (1-0)  
Sunday, 7:20 p.m., NBC  
Line: Seahawks -4 / 45

This is the first real test for the Patriots' new offense with Cam Newton, and the NFL scheduling gods give it to us in a primetime spot on national TV. The Seahawks will present the Patriots new challenges on that side of the ball, but we all know Bill Belichick's bunch will do the same to Russell Wilson. Seattle is fortunate that its quarterback is known for adjusting on the fly and leveraging his many talents to squeak out wins.  
**Pick: Seahawks 28, Patriots 24**

New Orleans (1-0) at Las Vegas (1-0)  
Monday, 7:20 p.m., ESPN  
Line:

This is not the party the opening of the brand-new Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas was supposed to be, but at least the Raiders are riding the high of a Week 1 victory. The lack of fans in the stadium should be the least of the home team's concerns against the Saints, who, based on their Week 1 win over the Bucs, are primed for another run at a Super Bowl. Too much Alvin Kamara and Michael Thomas in this one.  
**Pick: Saints 34, Raiders 24**

# Cowboys: 4 bold predictions for Week 2



By Jake Nichols

The Dallas Cowboys began their 2020 NFL season with a rough loss on the road against the Los Angeles Rams. It was certainly not how the team wanted to begin things, but they have a chance to right the ship in Week 2 with a matchup against the Atlanta Falcons.

Mike McCarthy and company did not look on the same page at all in Week 1. There were many missed plays and the Cowboys took two major hits with key injuries to linebacker Leighton Vander Esch and tight end Blake Jarwin.

Despite the loss to the Rams and the two injuries, there is no reason to panic in Dallas. The Cowboys still have a lethal offense and a defense with quite a bit of talent. However, they need to figure things out from a chemistry perspective as soon as possible.

Going up against the Falcons is a favorable matchup for the Cowboys' offense. Atlanta doesn't have a great defense by any stretch. But, the Falcons do have an offense capable of putting up numbers and their defense will need to step up.

All of that being said, let's take a look at four bold predictions for the Dallas Cowboys in Week 2 against the Falcons.

If the Cowboys want to win the NFC East and compete for a Super Bowl this season, the offense needs to get on the same page. The play-calling was questionable in Week 1, which was the complaint against Mike McCarthy during his final weeks as head coach of the Green Bay Packers.

However, the Cowboys still have a three-headed monster at wide receiver in Amari Cooper, Michael Gallup, and CeeDee Lamb. Dak Prescott has the potential to be an MVP candidate. Ezekiel Elliott is one of the top running backs in the NFL.

Without further delay, here are three bold predictions for the Cowboys this week as they take on the Falcons.

**4. The Defense Holds Todd Gurley In Check**

The Falcons had to like what they saw from Gurley last week against the Seattle Seahawks. He carried the football 14 times for 56 yards and a touchdown. Gurley wasn't the superstar that he once was, but he showed potential, but the Cowboys will shut him down and allow just 40 rushing yards this week.

**3. CeeDee Lamb Has His Breakout Performance**

After falling to the Cowboys in the

2020 NFL Draft, Lamb put together a decent NFL debut with five receptions for 59 yards. Those numbers aren't bad, but the rookie is more than capable of producing much bigger numbers. With the Falcons focusing on Cooper, Lamb will rack up eight receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown.

**2. Dak Prescott Puts Together A Monster Game**

McCarthy and Kellen Moore need to figure out how to get Prescott going this week. Thankfully, the Falcons have a poor defense and that bodes well for the star quarterback. Prescott will take full advantage of the matchup with a 325-yard and four touchdown performance.

**1. Dallas Takes This Win In Blowout Fashion**

Finally, the most important prediction is the final score. The Cowboys are going to get their season back on track with a blowout win over the Falcons. Everyone will get to calm down and the Cowboys will once again be talked about as a contender in the NFC.

We are predicting that the final score of this game will end up being 38-24 in favor of the Cowboys.

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# Can the Stars win with a goal deficit?



The Dallas Stars celebrate win over Las Vegas Knights and going to the Stanley Cup finals after a 20 year absence

## Teams Don't Win The Stanley Cup With A Goal Deficit. Can The Dallas Stars Change That?

By Terrence Doyle

When the NHL playoffs began, the bookmakers didn't give the Dallas Stars much of a chance to win the Stanley Cup. The Stars had a decent regular season, buttressed by their excellent goaltending tandem of Ben Bishop and Anton Khudobin, who each ranked among the league's top 10 in terms of save percentage and quality start percentage. But Dallas was still far from a great team. Its power play was middling, its penalty kill was below average and it scored fewer goals per game than all but five other teams. And in terms of HockeyReference.com's Simple Rating System (SRS), which estimates the strength of every team in the NHL, Dallas ranked in the middle of the pack. The bookmakers didn't give Dallas much of a chance to win the Stanley Cup because Dallas hardly proved it was good enough to qualify for the playoffs, let alone win once it got there.

Its overall regular-season mediocrity aside, Dallas's goaltending was something to behold in 2019-20. Thanks to Bishop and Khudobin, the Stars gave up the second-fewest goals per game: just 2.52, bettered only by the Boston Bruins. But that number has been much worse during the playoffs. Dallas is suddenly leaking goals, giving up 3.05 per game, the worst mark among teams that have played at least 10 playoff games this season.

Some of that can be blamed on an

injury to Bishop, which has limited Dallas's No. 1 netminder to just three starts of the Stars' 21 playoff games. But Khudobin was even better than Bishop during the regular season — albeit in fewer starts — posting the league's best save percentage and second-best quality start percentage among goalies who made at least 26 starts. Tides have shifted for the Russian netminder during the playoffs, however. Khudobin has posted a quality start just 47 percent of the time, far lower than his 2019-20 regular-season mark of 73 percent and his career mark of 59 percent.

We have written time and time again about the role good goaltending plays in a successful Stanley Cup run. It's not easy — though not impossible — to win the Stanley Cup without good goaltending, and that good goaltending is usually more a function of good goaltender play carrying over from the regular season, not the sudden and miraculous discovery of good form in the midst of the playoffs. Bishop's injury was unfortunate, but Dallas had a backup in place who was equally as good, if not better, to take over in case of emergency. Khudobin's regular-season form suggested the Stars would be in good shape for a deep playoff run, the loss of their No. 1 choice notwithstanding. Instead, Khudobin has been off the mark so far in the bubble, playing some of the worst hockey of his career.

The Stars qualified for the playoffs on the back of league-best goalie play and in spite of overall mediocrity. A precipitous dip in goaltending form for an otherwise average hockey team wouldn't appear to be

the formula for a deep playoff run, and yet it hasn't mattered to this point: The Stars are, somehow, just four wins away from hoisting the Stanley Cup for the second time in franchise history.

So, what's been the source of the Stars' success, if not their formerly great goaltending? For starters, they've made vast improvements in their special teams play while in the bubble. During the regular season, Dallas converted just 21.1 percent of its power play opportunities (13th in the league) and had a penalty kill percentage of 79.7 (17th in the league). Those numbers have jumped quite a bit during the

playoffs: The Stars have converted 27.3 percent of their power play opportunities (fifth in the league) and have a penalty kill percentage of 83.3 (ninth in the league) in the bubble.

The exceptional offensive play of second-year defenseman Miro Heiskanen hasn't hurt, either. The young Finn has scored five goals from the blueline and has assisted on 17 more. If the Stars do end up winning this thing, Heiskanen is a good bet for the Conn Smythe Trophy, awarded to the playoff MVP.

But will better-than-average special teams play and the emergence of a great young defenseman be enough against a team like the Tampa Bay Lightning, which score and defend at elite rates? To be sure, Dallas is getting enough offense to win the Stanley Cup, averaging 2.95 goals per game. Since the lockout of 2004-05, five cup winners have averaged fewer goals per game. But no team since the lockout has lifted the cup after scoring fewer goals than it conceded.

The logic behind that fact may seem fundamental — it's hard to win hockey games without scoring more frequently than the opposition, after all — but the Stars just advanced to the Stanley Cup Final having scored fewer goals during the first three rounds of the playoffs than they have allowed. It's possible that Dallas could get blown out in three games during the finals, win the other four by tight margins and become the first team since at least the lockout to lift the Stanley Cup after conceding more goals than it scored. More likely, the Stars will get punished by a team like Tampa Bay if they continue to concede at their current rate.

### Dallas is on the wrong side of the goals ledger

Goals per playoff game scored for and against the eventual Stanley Cup winner since the 2004-05 lockout, plus the 2019-20 Dallas Stars\*

SEASON	TEAM	GOALS PER PLAYOFF GAME		
		FOR	AGAINST	DIFF.
2019-20	Dallas Stars	2.95	3.05	-0.15
2018-19	St. Louis Blue	2.88	2.69	+0.19
2017-18	Washington Capitals	3.58	2.54	+1.04
2016-17	Pittsburgh Penguins	3.08	2.28	+0.80
2015-16	Pittsburgh Penguins	3.04	2.29	+0.75
2014-15	Chicago Blackhawks	3.00	2.61	+0.39
2013-14	Los Angeles Kings	3.38	2.69	+0.42
2012-13	Chicago Blackhawks	2.78	2.09	+0.69
2011-12	Los Angeles Kings	2.85	1.50	+1.35
2010-11	Boston Bruins	3.24	2.12	+1.12
2009-10	Chicago Blackhawks	3.55	2.82	+0.73
2008-09	Pittsburgh Penguins	3.29	2.67	+0.62
2007-08	Detroit Red Wings	3.27	1.86	+1.41
2006-07	Anaheim Ducks	2.76	2.14	+0.62
2005-06	Carolina Hurricanes	2.92	2.40	+0.52

\*Dallas stats are through the first three rounds of the playoffs.

SOURCE: NHL

# Mustangs travel to Denton this week



SMU and North Texas will meet for the 40th time this Saturday

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The SMU Mustangs' football team is back in action this week after having last Saturday's game with TCU postponed (cancelled?) because of the Coronavirus. The Mustangs face the University of North Texas Mean Green in Denton at Apogee Stadium at 5:00 PM (CDT) Saturday, and the game will be televised on the CBS Sports Network. Both teams come into the game with a 1-0 record as North Texas beat Houston Baptist on September 5, 57-31.

Last season, the Mustangs beat the Mean Green 49-27 in Ford Stadium. This will be the 40th meeting between these two Metroplex rivals, and SMU holds a 32-6-1 edge in the series.

Seth Littrell is UNT's Head Coach. Littrell is in his fifth season, and the Mean Green are 28-25 since he arrived. Under his leadership, North Texas has won one conference championship and been invited to three bowl games.

SMU Head Football Coach said earlier this week that North Texas has "an explosive football team with a lot of weapons." He mentioned specifically, "They have a very mobile quarterback and speed and size at wide receiver."

SMU is a 14 favorite on the betting line. The oddsmakers are looking for a high scoring game as the over/under number is 69.

Dykes was pleased to get the win in

SMU's first game against Texas State. He admitted there was some sloppy play though saying, "Obviously there's a lot we need to clean up."

He was especially pleased with his special teams play. "I thought our special teams are much improved. That goes back to depth." He alluded to more depth on the roster in several areas.

"We've got to improve our run defense." He noted that Texas State ran the ball well early in the game, but that the coaches made adjustments during the course of the game that slowed Texas State's running backs.

He talked about SMU quarterback Shane Buechele saying, "I thought he played pretty well. We had a pretty conservative game plan. For the first game, he was not as steady as he usually is, but that was to be expected. I think he's in a really good spot. I expect him to continue to improve."

One interesting aspect on the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on college football is that this year doesn't count as a year of eligibility for players. Dykes expects several seniors to be back next year, which could include another season of Buechele at quarterback. For sure though, the additional eligibility for current players presents scholarship management problems going forward.

Dykes still rues that the TCU game scheduled for last Saturday was not played

but admitted that the week off gave him and his coaches more time to clean up the sloppiness in the Texas State game. As for this week, he predicted, "I think our conditioning will get better. I think our execution will get better."

**BASKETBALL:** This week, the NCAA Division I Council announced the start date for Men's and Women's basketball will be November 25, which is the day before Thanksgiving. The date was chosen because so many schools will have either completed their fall semester or have shifted to on-line classes only for the balance of the semester by Thanksgiving; hence less-

ening possible negative impact from the Coronavirus.

The Council also dropped the maximum number of games to 24 or 25 plus one multi-team event. Effectively, this reduces the regular season schedule from 31 to 27 games. The NCAA also announced a minimum of 13 games would need to be played for a school to be considered for the NCAA Tournament, which is scheduled to be played in March and April with 68 teams.

**NOTEABLE:**

- SMU kicker Chris Naggar was named the American Athletic Conference "Special Teams Player of the Week, the league announced last Monday. Naggar was 4-4 on points after touchdowns and hit a 32-yard field goal in the Texas State game. Five of his six kickoffs went for touchbacks.

- Shane Buechele was named to the American Athletic Conference Weekly Honor Roll for his performance against Texas State. Buechele threw for 367 yards and one touchdown. It was his eighth career 300 yard passing performance and his sixth as a Mustang.

- T. J. McDaniel's 130 yards on 27 carries in the Texas State game makes him the leading rusher in the American Athletic Conference, and he ranks 12th in the nation.

- Former SMU and present New Orleans Saints kicker Thomas Morstead was named the NFL's Special Team Player of the Week for the first weekend of NFL play.

- Xavier Jones, a senior running back on last year's SMU football team, was not selected in the 2020 NFL draft. However, he made the Los Angeles Rams active roster for their first game of the season last Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

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# College Football News and Notes



Baylor and Houston will meet Saturday in Waco, their first meeting since 1995



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The NCAA and National Center for Education Statistics noted that 2020 is the 152nd season of intercollegiate football with a 79 percent graduation success rate of NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision Student-Athletes as compared to a 66 percent graduation rate of general student bodies at FBS schools. There are also 81,000-plus college football players competing at all levels either in games or off-season workouts.

## NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

**Some notable birthdates** in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the Sept. 15-21 time period are Sept. 15 (1887) John McGovern, Arlington, Minn.; (1894) Charles "Chic" Harley, Chicago, Ill.; (1908) Gene McEver, Birmingham, Ala.; (1924) Jack Green, Kent, Ind.; (1928) Reds Bagnell, Philadelphia, Pa.; (1929) Jerry Groom, Des Moines, Iowa; (1940) Merlin Olsen, Logan Utah; (1961) Dan Marino, Pittsburgh, Pa.; (1971) Will Shields, Ft. Riley, Kan.; Sept. 16 (1927) Bob Ward, Elizabeth, N.J.; (1954) Wilbert Montgomery, Greenville,

Miss.; Sept. 17 (1897) Ed Travis, Tarkio, Mo.; (1909) Bill Morton, New Rochelle, N.Y.; (1910) Cliff Montgomery, Pittsburgh, Pa.; (1913) James Moscrip, Adena, Ohio; (1960) Anthony Carter, Riviera Beach, Fla.; Sept. 18 (1910) Ernie Rentner, Joliet, Ill.; (1926) Skip Minisi, Newark, N.J.; (1955) Billy Sims, St. Louis, Mo.; Sept. 19 (1873) Sam Thorne, New York, N.Y.; (1919) Mike Holovak, Lansford, Pa.; (1921) Charlie Conerly, Clarksdale, Miss.; (1930) Don Heinrich, Bremerton, Wash.; (1954) Reggie Williams, Flint, Mich.; Sept. 20 (1943) Tommy Nobis, San Antonio, Texas; (1972) Ronald McKinnon, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; Sept. 21 (1934) Brock Strom, Munising, Mich.; (1940) Sandy Stephens, Uniontown, Pa.

**Notable anniversary death** dates for Hall of Famers are Sept. 15 (1978) Larry Bettencourt, New Orleans, La.; (2001) Tank Younger, Inglewood, Calif.; Sept. 16 (1966) Jim Holder, In Combat in Vietnam; (2007) Buster Ramsey, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Sept. 19 (1944) Francis Schmidt, Seattle, Wash.; (1952) Hugo Bezdek, Atlantic City, N.J.; Sept. 20 (2001) Abe Mickal, New Orleans, La.; (2006) Frank "Muddy" Waters, Saginaw, Mich.; Sept. 21 (2019) E.J. Holub, Big Spring, Texas.

**Happy birthdays** to NFF College Hall of Fame members Sept. 15 Dan Marino, Will Shields, Sept. 16 Wilbert Montgomery Sept. 17 Anthony Carter, Sept. 18 Billy Sims, Sept. 19 Reggie Williams, Sept. 20 Ronald McKinnon, Sept. 21 Brock Strom (a spry 86)...

Saturday's Virginia-Virginia Tech game has been postponed indefinitely because of COVID-19 issues on the Tech campus. The Hokies suspended practice for four days to

try and alleviate the spread...After two recent game cancellations by their opponents, Baylor and Houston rapidly put together an 11 a.m. (CDT) telecast Saturday in Waco, Texas, in their first meeting since 1995. The teams will meet in future seasons as well. The process was assisted by the fact that current Baylor director of athletics Mack Rhoades was AD at Houston from 2009-15...Temple will be one of the final NCAA FBS members to start its season after the Owls requested that their American Athletic Conference clash at Navy be moved from Sept. 26 to Oct. 10...No makeup dates have been set for the postponed Baylor-Louisiana Tech and SMU-TCU contests...Last week's Marshall at East Carolina fracas also was postponed until a possible latter point in the season...South Alabama was the FWAAs Reveal Suits National Team of the Week after upending Southern Miss in the Jaguars season lidlifter...Some of the key games involving NCAA FBS vs. NCAA FCS teams this week are Thursday's Campbell at Coastal Carolina game and Saturday's Austin Peay at Cincinnati, Stephen F. Austin at UTSA and The Citadel at Clemson, among others...Louisiana had one punt return and one kickoff return for touchdowns as the Ragin' Cajuns defeated their first Top 25 nationally opponent - Iowa State - on the road in school history. The Cajuns knocked off then-No. 24 Texas A&M in Lafayette, La., in 1996...Pittsburgh scored on its first six possessions in a win over Austin Peay...2-0 Army continued to grind out rushing offense in large loads in a 37-7 win over Louisiana-Monroe last week...Arkansas State utilized three touchdown receptions by Jonathan Adams Jr. in a 35-31 upset of Kansas State of the Big 12 Conference in Manhattan, Kansas.

Thermo Fisher Co. has donated \$15 million in diagnostic instruments, test kits and related supplies to give access to free COVID-19 tests for students at historically Black colleges and universities. Howard, Morehouse School of Medicine Atlanta, Meharry Medical in Nashville, Xavier (La) and Hampton are the first HBCUs to receive the grants...Though the highlight of the postponed State Fair of Texas will be the annual AT&T Red River Rivalry at Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas Oct. 10, the State Fair has found several methods to carry on its traditions. There will be drive-through food events with traditional booths open for fair patrons in September and October, the annual livestock competition will be held in virtual format, and numerous food vendors have online order sites where they will email ingredients and cooking directions for State Fair favorite eats...Oklahoma football has reeled in some of its public transparency of report-

ing COVID-19 positive cases as the season has begun and for HIPA privacy reasons...North Texas athletics reports that 23 members of the department have recovered from COVID-19 while the school has utilized 2,000-plus tests since June.

Southern Miss named Scotty Walden interim head coach after five-year head coach Jay Hopson resigned on Sept. 7...TCU head coach Gary Patterson called close friend and former TCU assistant coach Sonny Dykes to apologize for the postponement of the Sept. 12 SMU-TCU contest because of COVID-19 resurgence on the Horned Frogs campus. The Mustangs had agreed earlier to play the game in Fort Worth, Texas, for a second year in succession because of Big 12 Conference mandates that the league's non-conference clashes be played on Big 12 campus sites. This is scheduled to be the historic, 100th meeting of the Battle For the Iron Skillet trophy...Ohio State head coach Ryan Day issued a statement of disappointment for the Big Ten Conference's cancellation of the 2020 football season while nearby universities Cincinnati, Notre Dame, Louisville, and Syracuse, among others, are faring forward with their slates...Longtime Oklahoma assistant coach and football operations director Merv Johnson has retired from the university after 41 years. He also served as analyst on OU radio football broadcasts for 21 seasons...Oklahoma State athletics has instituted furloughs, salary reductions and layoffs that will affect approximately 232 of the department's 241 employees. Director of football relations Johnny Barr and director of football recruiting Mike Groce appear to be part of the layoffs. Barr indicated to the media that he will seek another position outside college football...North Texas assistant coach Tate Wallis has resigned to pursue other ventures.

**Hometowns** of more 2020 college head coaches - Massachusetts: Walt Bell, Dickson, Tenn.; McNeese State: Frank Wilson, New Orleans, La.; Memphis: Ryan Silverfield, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mercer: Drew Cronic, Athens, Ga.; Miami (Fla.): Manny Diaz, Miami, Fla.

North Carolina director of athletics Bubba Cunningham acknowledged his openness to change and medical advice about upcoming football games if situations warrant. Cunningham also is working to help alleviate a \$25-30 million UNC athletics budget deficit...Notre Dame AD Jack Swarbrick wrote a guest editorial in the Wall Street Journal to explain primary reasons for moving ahead with fall college sports...Georgia AD Greg McGarity is hoping that UGA athletics will not have to deplete a large part of the department's \$95 million reserve fund

...Southern Miss AD Jeremy McClain is seeking candidates from within the staff and nationally to replace former head football coach Jay Hopson...Iowa State AD Jamie Pollard explained how several solutions went into the start of football season against Louisiana last weekend...Rutgers president Dr. Jonathan Holloway has reiterated his support for the cancellation of Big Ten Conference football after several discussions with medical authorities about the dangers of COVID-19.

Tre Stallings, a former football student-athlete at Ole Miss and NCAA administrator, has been named associate commissioner for Conference USA...The Big Ten Conference Medical Subcommittee was scheduled to present rapid response antigen tests for COVID-19 to allow the circuit to conduct daily tests on student-athletes, coaches and support staff. Several Big Ten presidents and chancellors have noted their desire to err on the cause of safety in making decisions on 2020 autumn competition. One published report stated that one of the options on the table is the Big Ten competing in football without all 14 members, but the report also stated that possibility appears very remote...The Big 12 Conference established game-week protocols for competition with at least 53 student-athletes available for activity, seven offensive and seven defensive linemen, and one healthy quarterback. The Big 12 also is allowing individual member schools to make their decisions about playing recorded versions of the national anthem (no bands will be allowed at '20 contests) and at what point in the pregame programs it will be played...The Big 12 will partner with Virtual Care for Families on antigen testing for quicker and more accurate COVID-19 testing results...Several more regional and national groups have appealed to the Big Ten Conference about restarting football in November or December. The Big Ten Council of Presidents and Chancellors spent most of last Friday meeting with the Big Ten Medical Advisory Committee about '20 possibilities...The Pac-12 Conference continues to look at 2020 restart options after getting rapid COVID-19 testing results from Quidel Co....The Atlantic Coast Conference has requested that all 346 men's basketball team in NCAA Division I be admitted to the 2021 NCAA Championship...Andrew Bern of Midwestern State athletics has captured the 2020 Lone Star Conference Jake Trusell Award as league Broadcaster of the Year while Cory Hogue of Dave Campbell's Texas Football nabbed the 2020 LSC Kirk Hill Sports Writer of the Year Award.

The AutoZone Liberty Bowl added NFF College Hall of Fame QB Peyton Manning to its Distinguished Citizen Award honors' list last summer. He joined his father and NFF Board chair/College Hall of Fame member Archie Manning (2016 AZLBD-CA winner) as the first father-son combination to take this distinguished honor...The 247Sports.com website has projected post-

2020 various bowl matchups, among others, with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl – Kansas State vs. Mississippi State; Chick-Fil-A Peach – LSU vs. North Carolina; Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual – Alabama vs. Oklahoma; Allstate Sugar – Clemson vs. Florida; Capital One Orange – Georgia vs. Notre Dame.

Houston Baptist QB Baily Zappe had a NCAA-high 567 passing yards in a loss at Texas Tech. He found the Sterns brothers, Jerreth (12 catches, 130 yards) and Josh (209 reception yards and two TDs) for 339 of those aerial yards. Texas Tech QB Alan Bowman was equally impressive with 38-of-52 passing for 430 yards and two touchdowns as the two teams combined for 1,224 yards and 7.3 yards per scrimmage play...South Alabama QB Chance Lovertich was 65-0 as a starter over the last six seasons, including 2020, at Jackson (Miss.) Prep, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and USA before the Tulane-USA encounter last Saturday. He is the grandson of all-time Mississippi State basketball, baseball and track great Doug Hutton – a member of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Fellow South Alabama QB Desmond Trotter is the grandson of NFF College Hall of Fame tight end Ozzie Newsome of Alabama and the Pro Football Hall of Fame...Preseason All-America QB Trevor Lawrence of Clemson passed for 351 yards on 22-of-28 aerial artistry, threw for one touchdown and rushed for two others as the Tigers won at Wake Forest to begin ACC activity for both teams...Texas QB Sam Ehlinger opened the season with a 78-yard TD pass to WR Joshua Brown on the game's first play from scrimmage against UTEP and ended with 25-of-33 passing attempts for 426 yards and five TDs. The Longhorns rolled to 246 net yards of total offense in the first quarter alone...Oklahoma freshman QB Spencer Rattler uncoiled for four TD passes and shook off numerous sack attempts with a slithering style in the Sooners win over Missouri State. Rattler is following two Heisman Trophy recipients and last year's Heisman runnerup Jalen Hurts....UCLA graduate transfer OT Jake Burton has established himself as the starting right tackle this season at Baylor...Conference USA teams are now 2-1 in their last three meetings against Miami (Fla.) since 2019 after UAB fell at UM last Thursday night. UAB edge rusher Jordan Smith has received numerous preseason laurels and played up to these expectations in the Blazers first two outings...Oklahoma State's receiving corps of James Washington, Jalen McClesky, Chris Lacy, Tylan Wallace, and Dillon Stoner has been rated among the Top Five (and No. 1 in two different publications) among wideout positions...Charlotte QB Chris Reynolds and WR Victor Tucker are putting in extra practice time in the passing game to help the 49ers in their quest for back-to-back bowl appearances...Among the 2020 watch list entries for the prestigious Paul

Hornung Award for most versatile player in NCAA FBS are Darryton Evans, Appalachian State; Maurice French, Pittsburgh; KJ Hamler, Penn State; Travell Harris, Washington State; Connor Heyward Michigan State; Darnay Holmes, UCLA; Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma State; Jason Huntley, New Mexico State; Noah Igbinioghe, Auburn; and Wesley Kennedy III, Georgia Southern...Oklahoma State DB Kolby Harvell-Peel, WR Tylan Wallace, WR Tay Martin, and QB Spencer Sanders were highlighted in a recent story about the Cowboys and a possible 9-1 regular-season mark...Former Penn State WR Justin Shorter has been granted immediate eligibility for '20 as a transfer to Florida.....Krishon Merriweather who lead the NJCAA with 153 total tackles in 11 games at Garden City (Kan.) CC last autumn, is being counted upon as a leader in Texas Tech's 2020 defensive unit at the middle linebacker post. He is flanked by graduate transfers Brandon Bouyer-Randle of Michigan State and Colin Schooler of Arizona...Texas graduate transfer Tarik Black from Michigan already is being rated as one of the top newcomer receivers in the Big 12...Running backs Leddie Brown and Alec Sinkfield each rushed for 123 yards as West Virginia gained 624 yards of total offense in a 56-10 triumph over Eastern Kentucky. It was the first time two running backs rushed for 100 yards in the same contest for WVU since 2017. Mountaineers starting guard James Gmitter predicted a much stronger infantry charge in a preseason story...Oklahoma center Creed Humphrey, DL Ronnie Perkins, WR Charleston Rambo, and RB T.J. Pledger were mentioned as leading postseason all-star candidates in a recent summary before the season...Dallas (Texas) Highland Park HS star Jack Leyrer verbally committed to Stanford for the 2021 campaign last week...Baylor guard Jared Butler has been appointed to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee....Oklahoma WR Obi Obialo was highlighted for playing at Oklahoma State and Marshall before arriving at OU...North Texas DE Joe Ozougwu has entered the NCAA transfer portal...Marshall QB Grant Wells, North Texas LB KD Davis and UAB kicker Matt Quinn were recognized for the opening game exploits.NFF College Hall of Fame coach Mack Brown helped North Carolina down Syracuse in the season and ACC opener for both schools last weekend and now leads all active NCAA FBS mentors with a 252-128-1 head coaching record over 32 seasons with four schools since 1983. He now is 26-6 all-time in season starters and 14-8 in 22 all-time bowl treks...NFF College Hall of Fame member Troy Aikman of UCLA and Oklahoma began his 20th season as a television analyst for Fox Sports NFL coverage last weekend...Nebraska fans recalled the debut of future NFF College Hall of Fame utility back Johnny Rodgers against Wake Forest on Sept. 12, 1970 – the same day that fel-

low NFF College Hall of Fame RB Sam "Bam" Cunningham helped Southern California down Alabama in Birmingham, Ala., and also helped foster additional integration in SEC football...The final game as head coach for NFF College Hall of Fame coach Bob Devaney of Nebraska – a 40-6 Orange Bowl win over Notre Dame Jan. 1, 1973 – was recalled in a recent group post with historic photos for Nebraska news media...Former Mississippi State QB standout Dak Prescott of the NFL Dallas Cowboys reported having to fight and overcome thoughts of depression during the early stages of the COVID-19 outbreak...Former California (Pa.) CB standout C.J. Goodwin signed with the NFL Dallas Cowboys...Former Oklahoma RB and 2004 Heisman Trophy runnerup Adrian Peterson inked a free agent contract with the NFL Detroit Lions...Former Arizona RB J.J. Taylor has been promoted to the active roster of the NFL New England Patriots...Tim Brando, Nick Saban, Phil Robertson, Kent Lowe, Joan Cronan, and Charles Tillman are among the outstanding selections for the 2020 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame...The historic Duke at Notre Dame ACC contest last Saturday might have been entitled the Rick Chryst Bowl in honor of the former Mid-American Conference commissioner who played baseball at Notre Dame and earned his law degree from Duke. Chryst is the brother of Wisconsin head coach Paul Chryst and a former assistant commissioner at both the Southwest and Atlantic Coast Conferences...Former Prince George (Va.) student-athlete and MLB Boston Red Sox star Jackie Bradley spoke of his family's and his mother's experience as a law enforcement officer in the Richmond, Va., area...The NFL Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys opened \$5 billion SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif., last Sunday night. Florida State football Seminole Scholars student-athletes are wearing patches on their jerseys to recognize their accomplishments...Minnesota athletics will eliminate four sports after the 2020-21 competitive year to assist financial challenges...Colorado athletics and PointsBet, based in Denver, have signed a five-year financial and marketing agreement...Texas student-athletes and administrators have discussed the singing of the "Eyes of Texas" song before and after Longhorns football tussles...Parents have sued Northeastern U. for lost tuition for their son who was suspended from school for lack of social distancing practices during COVID-19... Kansas students marched to request less live classes after 550-plus students tested positively for COVID-19 last week...Kaufman (Texas) High School asked for a cancellation of a non-district contest at Henderson (Texas) HS because of a high count of positive COVID-19 cases in Henderson...Washington State athletics has eliminated 10 full-time positions and will require all non-contracted staff to take four

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furlough weeks. Key upper-level administrators in WSU athletics also will take voluntary 15 percent salary reductions...South Carolina athletics is slicing \$10 million from its 2020-21 budget through furloughs and early retirements, among other means...Notre Dame outfitted Notre Dame Stadium with numerous ACC logos in the Fighting Irish's first conference game in 134 varsity seasons...Boston College's general student body has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases, and football team members, coaches and athletics administrators have been isolating and taking all safety precautions to continue the '20 season...Georgia Southern edged Campbell 27-26 despite having 33 regulars unable to participate because of COVID-19 testing.... Memphis athletics reported 40-plus active cases or asymptomatic results of COVID-19 and had to postpone an American Athletic Conference meeting with Houston indefinitely...Oregon State athletics noted that the remodeling of the west side of Reser Stadium may be closer to \$140 million rather than the initial \$175 million estimate...Oregon athletics is working with some student-athletes who have opted out of 2020-21 activity while on scholarship. Iowa State, Louisiana Tech and Florida Atlantic do not have opt-out forms available. At Sacramento State, University of Albany and UNLV student-athletes do not receive additional free COVID-19 testing from the department if they opt out for the competitive year...Louisville athletics and IMG College Licensing have come to agreements on long-term flexibility for financing and marketing...The University of Nebraska Medical Center's in partnership with Vivature and Quidel is a plan to conduct 1,200 rapid-response, point-of-care antigen test kits for COVID-19 testing. These kits could handle two complete football teams, coaches and staff in the same day...If fans cannot attend East Carolina football games this fall, the department has projected a \$900,000 deficit, possible furloughs and voluntary salary cuts...SMU athletics communications is working with coaches and media to assist in virtual postgame news conferences...Iowa athletics expects to request early retirements or layoffs for up to 40 employees as a cost-saving measure due to COVID-19 effects...USF athletics has added a special recognition day for social justice initiatives on national election day Nov. 3...Missouri athletics will not allow tailgating at home football games in '20...Texas athletics required only the students with The Big Ticket football season ticket packages to take COVID-19 tests and have negative results before they can attend 2020 home encounters...Nebraska football hopes to unveil its new Adidas shoes as soon as possible...Popular college apparel distributor Slinger Bag has a new distribution agreement with of New Zealand's Sporting Goods Specialists Limited...Northeastern U., Boston College, Harvard and MIT are among schools cracking down on students

not taking precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

Southern Miss Big Gold Nation editor Heath Hinton was overwhelmed by community support and GoFundMe efforts to pay his medical expenses after he lost both his legs to disease earlier this year. He took his first steps on new prosthetic legs to the delight of hundreds of friends and followers last week...PennLive.com columnist Dave Jones recounted a report that Penn State was close to joining the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1990 when several conference realignments were occurring nationwide...NBC sideline reporter Michelle Tafoya worked her 290th NFL prime time game as a sideline reporter last week when Kansas City hosted Houston and was restricted to the first row of the stands due to COVID-19 regulations. Chiefs fans also had regulated number of people at traditional tailgate feasts, and vehicles in the Arrowhead Stadium parking lot were separated by one parking space...The Athletic online publication has reached one million-plus subscribers...CBS Sports' Dennis Dodd reported that the Minnesota Board of Regents voted 9-3 against a resolution to proceed with Big Ten fall sports...CBS Sports also aired a national recollection/documentary recently on the integration of SEC football by Nate Northington of Kentucky in 1967 and the tragic passing of fellow UK Black lineman Greg Page just prior to the opening of the '67 campaign...Yahoo Sports' Pete Thamel wrote about the major issues facing the Big Ten Board of Presidents and Chancellors - testing, contact tracing and myocarditis...The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch newspaper spoke about dual search firms - Ventura and Turnkey) - involved in the search for the new Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner...Historian Mike Burrows recaptured the former Iowa State Gymnasium and hundreds of rows of infected ISU students during the 1918-19 Spanish Flu pandemic...Fabian Ardaya of The Athletic wrote about television and radio networks' willingness to gain more diversity in ethnic and women sports broadcasters and previous obstacle...Missouri State, Oklahoma and Fox Sports made final financial arrangements for pay-per-view telecast revenue last week prior to the MSU-OU opener at Norman, Okla...D1 Sports database posted a list of updated sport sponsorships and conference competition in NCAA DI, DII, DIII & NAIA since mid-March...SendtoNews is the new primary online video platform provider of the Las Vegas (Nev.) Review-Journal newspaper.

\*The 28th annual FWAA Writing Contest has awarded key kudos to category winners Ivan Maisel of ESPN.com, Christopher Walsh of BamaCentral.com, David Hale of ESPN.com, and Ross Dellenger of Sports Illustrated...The FWAA inaugural Bronko Nagurski Award Defensive Player of the Week is Brigham Young LB Isaiah Kaufusi after a stellar win

at Navy...Derek Neal of Illinois, Ryan Bomberger of Liberty, Ben Kessler of Maryland, Todd Miles of Oregon, and Mike May of San Diego State were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter...Suzanne Johnson of Grace Financial Coaching will discuss balancing finances in tough times during a Thursday Zoom webinar for CoSIDA members...CoSIDA also is hosting the Virtual Coffee Shop for members to hold discussions and get advice on activities and working with various publics during the COVID-19 pandemic...Arizona, Arizona State, Kansas, Louisville, Michigan State, NC State, and UCLA are working with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and reports at their respective schools...The NCAA also has granted an extra year of eligibility to all fall sports' student-athletes in 2020 similar to the agreements for 2020 spring sports' competitors...The NCAA on its Social Series updates addressed some of the reasons why cardiology issues may not affect college student-athletes if they contract COVID-19...USA Today reported that the NCAA asked a federal judge last week to dismiss a lawsuit that seeks to bar association-wide rules to restrict names, images and likenesses compensation for student-athletes (scheduled to begin in 2023)...The NCAA

Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees will propose Nov. 21 as the start date for college basketball as the NCAA DI Council meets on Wednesday and looks at a large agenda of action items...Highmark Interactive now is working with the NCAA on several brain assessment programs...The American Football Coaches Association has partnered with the College Football Playoff Foundation to recognize teachers on The Big Day - a national day of supporting and celebrating teachers on Monday as part of Extra Yard for Teachers Week. The AFCA is recognizing teachers who are leading the way and working hard to keep children learning during the COVID-19 pandemic...The NBA Boston Celtics will conduct a 10-year plan with \$25 million in resources to fight racial injustice...Minor League Baseball president Pat O'Conner has announced his retirement...Defending Alabama Class 1A state runnerup (to Lanett) Florence Mars Hill HS outscored Sheffield (Ala.) HS 71-38 in one of the highest-scoring contests in both schools' history. It is believed to be the most points allowed by the traditionally-solid Sheffield defensive units in 103 seasons of football at the school.

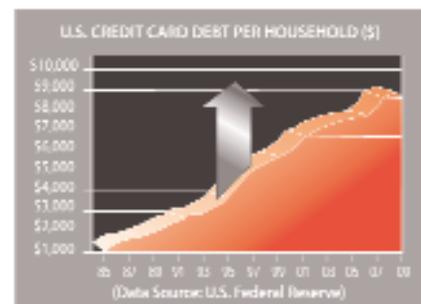


# Credit Card Debt?

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Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card debt. It's no wonder, since every major credit card company has nearly doubled the minimum monthly payment on consumers' bills. Federal Regulators forced the change because of their concern about the growing mountain of consumer debt, which stands at \$2.17 trillion. Many consumers can only pay the minimum payment, which can take up to 30 years to pay off. Now, relief is in sight for millions of Americans.



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# Expedition remains strong and reliable



By Matt Degen

While the full-size Chevy Tahoe and its Suburban sibling remain the segment's undisputed sales leaders, the Ford Expedition is every bit their equal, and in some ways, better. All-new last year, the Expedition represents state-of-the-art technology and design, with extensive use of aluminum throughout, a sophisticated independent rear suspension and a potent turbocharged V6 engine that puts most V8s to shame. Compared to the Tahoe, the Expedition has a higher tow rating, superior ride and handling, a level cargo floor and, for a full-size SUV, returns pretty decent fuel economy. Available in standard and long-wheelbase "Max" versions, the Expedition is looking to unseat GM's twins from their perch, and we think it just might succeed.

A few moments behind the wheel of the Ford Expedition instantly brought back memories of our first time behind the wheel of the aluminum-bodied F-150. They're all good feelings, mind you, with the lighter construction making the Expedition feel less ponderous than its size might suggest. The 3.5-liter EcoBoost twin-turbocharged V6 and 10-speed automatic work in harmony, leaving any doubts about the need for V8 power in the dustbin. The Expedition feels almost sprightly as it leaves a stoplight or moves to merge on the highway, with responsive steering and firm brakes. Body roll is present, of course, but not to the extent you feel in a similarly sized Toyota Sequoia or Chevy Tahoe.

Thank the Expedition's independent rear suspension and adjustable shocks. As for blind spots, the Expedition has its share, which is why we highly recommend opting for the 360-degree around-view camera and as many driver assists as your

checkbook can manage.

One thing that didn't get changed in the Expedition's big makeover is its independent rear suspension. Unlike the solid axle on the Tahoe, Sequoia and Suburban, the Expedition's rear axles move independently, improving ride and handling as well as creating a level space for the flush-folding 3rd-row seats.

The high-end audio brand by Harman is usually associated with such high-end names as Audi and Aston Martin. You can now add Ford to the list and add a brilliant 12-speaker B&O audio system to your Expedition.

The Expedition's control layout is instantly familiar to anyone who's driven a Ford lately, but with a twist. For example, the volume-control, drive-mode selector and temperature-control knobs all feature a knurled surface that looks and feels premium. The gear selector for the 10-speed automatic is a similarly knurled knob that's easy to use, with manual-control buttons below. There's no shortage of features, especially in the high-end Platinum model.

Second-row passengers get an equally delightful experience, with comfortable seats that adjust fully; 3rd-row passengers get plenty of room, especially in long-wheelbase Max versions. There's good cargo room, and if you need more, power-folding 3rd-row seatbacks are available, albeit with a slightly confusing interface.

Sensibly, the Ford Expedition hews more closely to the company's lineup of crossover SUVs than the F-150 pickup truck upon which it's based. The headlights, taillights, general profile, and trim all look like larger versions of what you'd find on a Ford Explorer or Flex. Yet that's no bad thing, as the Expedition is a good-looking SUV, the design blending boldness and sophistication. Platinum models ladle

on the chrome a bit too heavily for some tastes, we're sure, but there's enough sheer acreage of sheetmetal that it's mostly lost. Expedition Max models boast even more, with a longer wheelbase and additional cargo space.

The base-model Ford Expedition XLT comes standard with a 3.5-liter EcoBoost V6 engine with start/stop connected to a 10-speed automatic transmission. Three-zone air conditioning with rear controls, an audio system with AM/FM, MP3, CD, SiriusXM and nine speakers, plus audio, Bluetooth and USB inputs. That's all pretty expected, but we were surprised to see power-folding 3rd-row seatbacks, push-button start and keyless entry on the standard-features list as well. On the safety front, the Expedition comes with a rearview camera with backup grid lines and a washer, multiple airbags, a post-crash alert system for emergency help, and trailer-sway control.

Many options are added as you go up the model ladder, with leather seating, multi-zone automatic climate control, dual-headrest rear-seat entertainment, heated and ventilated seats, 10-way-power driver's seat with memory and more available on the options menu, or higher trims. Limited models get Ford's Sync 3 system which includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, as well as a Bang & Olufsen audio system. Additional safety systems such as adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go, automatic high beams, lane-keeping assist and alert, and collision warning and mitigation are also available. Platinum models load up the luxury, with even nicer leather, an available panoramic sunroof, retractable running boards, and active noise cancellation.

The only engine available to buyers of the Ford Expedition is a 3.5-liter EcoBoost twin-turbo V6 engine that we've come to

love in other Ford vehicles. Here it's producing 375 horsepower and 470 lb-ft of torque, or in Platinum models, 400 horsepower and 480 lb-ft of torque. That's a lot of grunt, even for a full-size SUV, and thanks to the 10-speed automatic the Expedition makes good use of it all. Of course 4-wheel drive (4x4) is available in addition to 2-wheel drive (4x2), with a terrain-select system to maximize traction on different surfaces. Fuel economy is pretty good, considering the size of the vehicle, averaging up to 24 mpg on the highway.

3.5-liter twin-turbocharged V6 375 horsepower @ 5,000 rpm (400 horsepower Platinum) 470 lb-ft of torque @ 3,500 rpm (480 lb-ft Platinum)

EPA city/highway fuel economy: 17/24 mpg (4x2), 17/22 mpg (4x4), 17/23 mpg (4x2 Max), 16/21 mpg (4x4 Max)

The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for a Ford Expedition XLT rear 2-wheel drive starts at a little under the \$50,000 mark, or about \$53,500 for the Expedition Max. That price actually gets you a pretty decently equipped full-size SUV, but if you want more, you'll likely move up to the Limited or Platinum trims. The standard-length Limited starts at about \$64,300, while the Max is about \$67,000.

If you want all the trimmings, the Expedition Platinum starts at about \$74,700, or \$77,350 for the Max. Four-wheel drive will add about \$3,000 to the total. Obvious competitors are the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, and the Expedition Platinum exceeds those prices, but it is in line with the other competitor, the GMC Yukon Denali. Before buying, be sure to check the KBB.com Fair Purchase Price to see what others in your area paid. Resale values for the Expedition have traditionally trailed its GM competitors.



# TICKET WINDOW



# New discoveries worth writing about



By Richard Pollak  
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There are more Restaurants per capita in Dallas than in New York City. We don't have a pudding, peanut butter or cereal only store but we have exceptional new discoveries to share! The Dallas dining scene expands the globe and yet makes good for the local yokels like me!



Sumo Shack made the American Hot Dog a Japanese import

Sumo Shack has made the American Hot Dog a Japanese import. It's really fun to dress a dog with Japanese tastes and traditions. There is no Ketchup or Yellow Mustard and they use a different roll, made from Potatoes, then sprinkle it with all things you don't want to ask about only enjoy. The off campus SMU hangout has an exceptional Bar atmosphere as well.



Sumo Shack also offers bao Sandwiches

The second half of the Sumo Shack menu is bao sandwiches. Bao is a white, warm soft bun....also known as steamed buns...and can be packed away with just about anything. Sumo Shack offers nine different options such as Philly Cheese Steak, Fried Chicken, Pork Belly, Shitake Mushroom, Fish or Soft Shell Crab. There is even a Tofu option.

You have to be skeptical that the freshest New England seafood can land in Addison Texas but it has at Hudson House!



Hudson House brings East Coast seafood to the neighborhood

The menu is extensive from breakfast specialties such as Pancakes, Bagels and Lox, Avacado Toast and Eggs Benedict to lunch and dinner. Seafood, Salads to grilled Entrees. The weekly Happy Hour is fantastic and offers half price Oysters and the Worlds Coldest Martinis. The 'Big



Lobster Roll at Hudson House

Brother' Lobster Roll at Hudson House is a quarter pound of fresh Atlantic lobster served New England style and a must try.



The Ribeye at Nelson's

Nelson's is a full service casual dining restaurant specializing in grilled seafood and steaks. But it doesn't stop there, they also offer fantastic fried seafood baskets such as Fried Catfish and Fried Shrimp.

The Ribeye at Nelsons adds an upscale experience to the menu, along with grilled Redfish and Salmon. Sandwiches and Salads are available as well. A unique feature to the Appetizer menu that you rarely



Meat Point is a gourmet kosher steakhouse



Oven roasted, slow-cooked Brisket Tacos at Mesero

find is Deviled Eggs topped with Bacon, Relish or Plain.

Meat Point is a gourmet kosher steakhouse created by an Israeli chef featuring Israeli-American fusion of flavors. The menu is extensive featuring dishes such as lamb chops, rib eye steaks, grilled chicken and wonderful Angus rib eye burgers. A wide variety that includes wings, grilled bone marrow pasta and salads as well.

Mesero continental Mexico City cuisine

an array of Mexican dishes such as Redfish En La Media Concha, Pollo La Brasa, Carne Asada and familiar Mexican favorites such as Enchiladas, Tacos, combination plates, Caldos, Ensaladas and Nachos. If not in the mood for Mexican food, Masero also serves a double Cheese Cheeseburger, quarter pound Wagu Beef Hot Dog and oven roasted Chicken.

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