

A photograph of an NHL hockey game in progress. Several players are on the ice, some in black and yellow jerseys (Pittsburgh Penguins) and others in white and blue jerseys (St. Louis Blues). The action is centered around the puck. The background is a bright, slightly blurred arena.

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AROUND THE AREA

LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Genesys 300 at TMS set for primetime



NTT IndyCar Series Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway set for NBC Network primetime debut

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES will be broadcast in primetime on NBC for the first time when the season-opening Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway is televised starting at 8 p.m., June 6.

The race is moving to NBC from its originally scheduled window on NBCSN. It's the first INDYCAR race on broadcast television in primetime since 2013.

"We're pleased the daring nature and bold skills of INDYCAR's athletes will be displayed to a network primetime audience in just a few weeks' time," Penske Entertainment Corp President & CEO Mark Miles said.

NBC Sports' lead INDYCAR broadcast team of Leigh Diffey (play-by-play), Townsend Bell (analyst) and Paul Tracy (analyst) will call the Genesys 300 on NBC.

Live comprehensive coverage of practice and qualifying June 6 from TMS will stream on NBC Sports Gold's INDYCAR Pass. Race coverage on NBC streams on NBCSports.com and the NBC Sports app.

The Genesys 300 will be the first race of the 2020 NTT INDYCAR SERIES campaign as the series gets #BackOnTrack. This kicks off NBC Sports' second season

as the exclusive home of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, including the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, which will now take place Sunday, Aug. 23 on NBC.

The second race of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, July 4 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, also will be broadcast to a network audience on NBC. A full-season broadcast schedule will be released later.

Mavericks opening practice facility for voluntary player workouts

The Mavs, in compliance with NBA guidance and working closely with team medical professionals, will open their practice facility for voluntary player workouts beginning Thursday, May 28.

The safety of our players, staff and community is the organization's top priority. The Mavericks continue to adhere to public health and NBA guidelines to protect players and staff and to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

All Mavericks facilities remain closed to non-essential staff, media and the public until further notice.



Texas Tech Baseball players named All-American

Texas Tech second baseman Brian

Klein, relief pitcher Micah Dallas and shortstop Cal Conley were named to the all-America teams released Tuesday by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

Klein and Dallas were second-team honorees, Conley a third-team selection.

The Red Raiders went 16-3 and achieved a No. 1 national ranking for the first time since 1997 before the season was shortened in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Most major-college teams played 15 to 19 games.

Klein, a senior from Keller Timber Creek, batted a team-high .391 with one home run and 13 runs batted in. He also led the team with 10 doubles, co-led with 27 hits, was second on the squad with 15 walks and tied for second with 20 runs. Dallas, a sophomore right-hander from Aubrey, went 1-0 with a 0.57 earned-run average and three saves. He allowed seven hits and one walk in 15 2/3 innings while striking out 23.

Conley, a redshirt freshman from Batavia (Ohio) West Clermont, hit .371 with three homers and 24 RBI. He was second on the team in average, RBI and doubles (eight) and third in home runs and hits (26). It was his debut season after he transferred to Tech from Miami.

The Red Raiders' three honorees were the most for a team in the Big 12 and for a team in Texas.

Though he's a senior, Klein has the option of returning to the team next season under the eligibility relief granted by the NCAA to spring-sports athletes whose seasons were cut short.

The Major League Baseball draft is June 10-11, but has been cut to five rounds, an all-time low since the draft began in 1965.

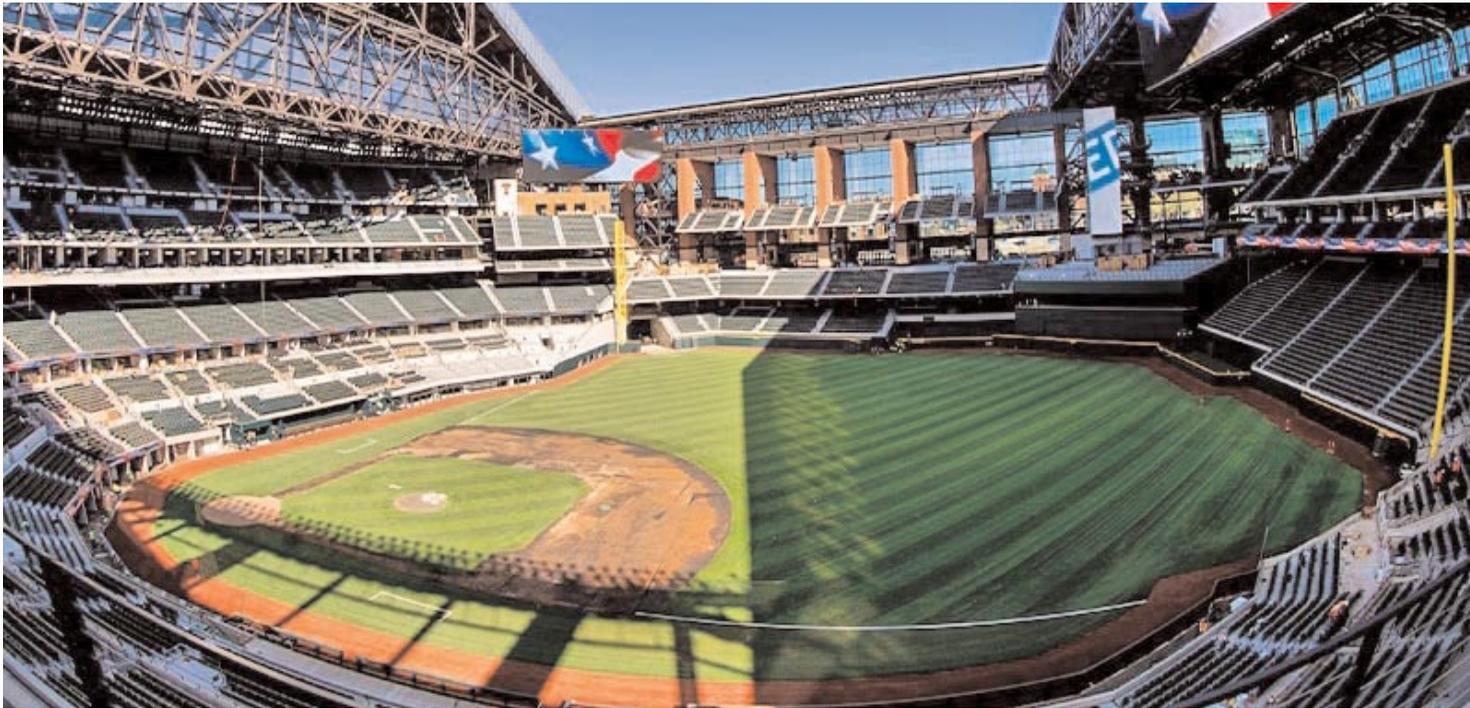
NCAA Men's Basketball Top 25

Coaches	FINAL	AP
1. Kansas	1. Kansas	1. Kansas
2. Gonzaga	2. Gonzaga	2. Gonzaga
3. Dayton	3. Dayton	3. Dayton
4. Baylor	4. Florida State	4. Florida State
5. Florida State	5. Baylor	5. Baylor
6. San Diego State	6. San Diego State	6. San Diego State
7. Kentucky	7. Creighton	7. Creighton
8. Duke	8. Kentucky	8. Kentucky
9. Creighton	9. Michigan State	9. Michigan State
10. Villanova	10. Villanova	10. Villanova
11. Maryland	11. Duke	11. Duke
12. Michigan State	12. Maryland	12. Maryland
13. Louisville	13. Oregon	13. Oregon
14. Oregon	14. Louisville	14. Louisville
15. Seton Hall	15. Seton Hall	15. Seton Hall
16. BYU	16. Virginia	16. Virginia
17. Virginia	17. Wisconsin	17. Wisconsin
18. Ohio State	18. BYU	18. BYU
19. Wisconsin	19. Ohio State	19. Ohio State
20. Auburn	20. Auburn	20. Auburn
21. Butler	21. Illinois	21. Illinois
22. Illinois	22. Houston	22. Houston
23. Houston	23. Butler	23. Butler
24. West Virginia	24. West Virginia	24. West Virginia
25. Iowa	25. Iowa	25. Iowa

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	MAY 29 FRIDAY	MAY 30 SATURDAY	MAY 31 SUNDAY	JUNE 1 MONDAY	JUNE 2 TUESDAY	JUNE 3 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 4 THURSDAY
	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	NO GAMES
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A critical week ahead for MLB



The owners are looking to negotiate a revised deal that accounts for the 20,000 – 40,000 fans that won't be showing up on a nightly basis



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This is a critical week for MLB to get moving toward an opening of the season around the first of July. Teams will need a three to four week spring training to get the players ready, so counting backwards, a deal to re-open baseball needs to be finalized soon. Perhaps even next week! It's thus imperative the owners and players reach agreement on key issues to get started toward the early July opening. From a fans' standpoint, this week has not gone well.

The two keyset issues are money and health. So far, reps of the players' union and owners are working through the health issues. There isn't a resolution yet, but the feeling is the health issues are falling into place.

The money issues are another matter. The initial agreement formulated shortly after spring training shut down had a \$170 million salary administered by the players' union through May 31. If the season never began, the owners would pay no more. When games began, the players would be paid based upon their salary prorated however long the season turned out to be. The deal however left the salary issue open in the event the season opened with games in which fans were not allowed to attend. It's now a given that the season will begin without fans in the stands, and the owners

are looking to negotiate a revised deal that accounts for the 20,000 – 40,000 fans that won't be showing up on a nightly basis to watch games in the park and spend \$50 or more per person on hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, beer, soft drinks, parking and gift shop items like T-shirts and caps.

Players have staunchly resisted the owners' approach to re-do the financial aspects of the deal indicating they have an agreement, and the owners are trying to re-trade it. However, there is clear evidence the original deal was based upon fans being in the stands whenever the games begin, and if fans weren't going to be in the stands, the salary issues would be reopened for further negotiation.

The owners had previously submitted a proposal on the money that centered on a 50%-50% split of revenues. That was flatly rejected. A new owners' proposal came down this week. It included an 82 game season, playoff expansion to 14 teams from 10, and a modified pay scale that had the brunt of salary reductions shouldered by the highest paid players.

Salary figures were quickly leaked to the media, though there were small differences from among the sources. National baseball writer Jeff Passan tweeted the figures that follow. The Major League minimum this season is \$563,500. That figure prorated over an 82 game season is \$285,000. Under the owners' proposal, players making the minimum salary would make \$262,000 over the 82 game season – 92% of the prorated salary. The prorated amount for an 82 game season of a player making \$1,000,000 this season would be \$506,000. The owners' proposal had such players making \$434,000, which is 86% of the prorated amount. It is noteworthy that

around 65% of Major League players make \$1,000,000 or less, so the reductions from the prorated amount was relatively small for a large majority of players.

At the upper end of the pay scale, a player making \$15 million this year would be paid \$4,050,000 which is 53% of their prorated salary.

This proposal drew a loud pushback from the players. There were charges of owners trying to break the union by pitting lower paid players against higher paid players. At this point, the players are supposedly going to come back with a proposal to the owners. It has been suggested that the players' proposal will include a season with more games, with the players receiving their prorated salary over 82 games. One other thought that has been proposed was to maintain the prorated salary per game, but have some of the money deferred to aid the owners' cash flow situation this season.

There is no doubt the players are not happy with the proposals they have received. One unidentified player commented that this week's offer was "barely worth a response" as tweeted by national writer Jon Heyman.

There is also the reality that the current collective bargaining agreement with the players' union expires after the 2020 season. There were already tensions with the players over the offers veteran players have not been getting in free agency. Negotiating modifications for this year caused by the Coronavirus crisis is ramping up players' dissatisfaction.

Less prominent in the news is the reshuffling of the minor league baseball deck. The amateur draft in the future will be just 20 rounds and will take place later

in the season, probably August. The short season minor leagues will disappear. Each Major League team will be limited to just four minor league teams. This will eliminate about 40 minor league teams from being affiliated with a Major League team. Most of the eliminated teams will come from the Northwest League, the Pioneer League, the Appalachian League, and the New York – Penn League.

None of the Rangers' top four affiliates are on the contraction list. The Rangers own their affiliates in Myrtle Beach (Low-A) and Down East (High-A). Double-A affiliate Frisco draws well and has a top notch ballpark facility. The relationship between the Rangers and Rough Riders is good, so the Rangers' AA affiliate likely stays. There could be a change at AAA however. Sugarland is one of two real plums in independent leagues that will be placed in affiliated leagues. The obvious fit for Sugarland is to become the Astros' AAA affiliate. If that happens, the Astros' current AAA affiliate – Round Rock – would be seeking a new Major League affiliation. Round Rock is owned by Nolan Ryan interests. Ryan has ended his relationship with the Astros after owner Jim Crane replaced Nolan's son Reid Ryan as President of Baseball operations. Nolan has warmed toward the Rangers in the aftermath even making a surprise appearance at the Rangers' final game at Globe Life Field. The Rangers AAA affiliate now is Nashville, and that has worked well. Nashville has a fine new ball park, and there are lots of flights between Nashville and Dallas. However, Round Rock is even more convenient and certainly worked well when they were affiliated with Texas in the past.

As for getting this season started, there is lots of pressure on both the players and owners to make a deal. With 41 million people out of work because of the Coronavirus, fans don't have much sympathy for players that earn almost \$600,000 annually as a MINIMUM. Fans also don't have sympathy for owners whose teams are valued in the billions. It will be a P. R. disaster for baseball if a deal cannot be reached and the 2020 season gets scrapped.

If there is no baseball season this summer, it will be a bigger black eye for MLB than the disastrous 1994 season when labor issues ended the season August 12, and there were no playoffs or World Series. It took years for MLB to overcome that debacle. It would be even more disastrous to not have baseball this year because owners and players couldn't agree on money issues. To get the season started in early July, there needs to be an agreement by the end of next week. The clock is ticking down fast.

Playing sand shots from a buried lie



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Throughout the 1980's, during the winter months, I lived in beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The first house I lived in was on the on the beach....the Pacific ocean was so close I could toss a stone into it from my yard.

I had my own private sandbox (so to speak) which was a fenced in area of about 150 yards. So every day I would head out to the backyard with a bucket of balls and practice diligently, working on a variety of shots from all types of locations and different scenarios while enjoying the warm tropical breezes and splashing ocean water.

There were quite a few palm trees in the yard that served as targets as well as obstacles to navigate around periodically. The Coconuts that fell from the trees were used as tee markers in many instances. I became very adept at playing all kinds of shots out of the sand.

I was like a lot of golfers that heard the old expression about hitting an inch or two behind the ball when faced with a conventional bunker shot. At the time it seemed like a good idea and I was already a pretty decent player out of the sand.

After endless hours and months of practice I came to the realization that I was better off not focusing an inch or two behind the ball. It's not that this classic tip isn't solid and can help someone, my belief is the more you stare at a particular point behind the ball the more likely your muscles will tighten up. This mental angst is going to create a chain reaction of tension that will shoot up from the hands all the way to your arms, neck and shoulders causing pressure in muscles that shouldn't be that tense prior to making the swing.

What I learned a long time ago on the beach I still use today. In the accompanying photos (from an exhibition I did years ago) I'm demonstrating how to properly extract the ball out of the sand trap from a buried lie.

The photo on the top left is a picture of me setting up to hit a shot with the golf ball almost completely covered with sand. This would be the ultimate worst case scenario when you can barely see the ball. On the takeaway don't try to force the club back either too upright (steep) or too flat (shallow).

The photo in top right is the top of my backswing. I've drawn an arrow down the right leg to showcase the importance of staying flexed throughout the swing. Having your right leg flexed and braced will insure the lower body will work efficiently as you make the downward transition back to the ball. Also, it is crucial that you maintain the correct spine angle in the swing. By remaining bent over from the waist at the top of the backswing allows me to maintain good posture which is a huge asset when it comes to making great shots out of the sand. This type of movement will help keep my head down over the ball while making a complete swing.

The angle of the photographs don't show how much of an open stance I have with the left foot flared outward. The shorter the shot the wider the stance with your left foot (for right handed golfers). For longer bunker shots I would employ a more standard stance depending upon the distance to the hole. I'll discuss that issue at a later date.

Start the downswing by coming into the ball at a shallower angle of attack instead of a steep angle. A lot of people are under the impression that you want to come in steeper to get the ball out especially when the ball is buried. Taking too much sand will more than likely leave the ball in the bunker. Periodically, it can work, but the problem is you will have no control of how far the ball will carry. The key is to stay in the posture that was established on the setup and don't be tentative on the down swing. Go ahead and really swing through the sand.

By keeping my right leg flexed going back, I can start back down to the impact area, my right leg/knee can push off from the sand and this will pull my arms into a great angle of attack. Look at how my right shoulder is working down and under through the ball at the critical moment of impact (bottom left photo.) This action will pull the club into the ideal position at impact allowing me to easily stay down and through the shot.

Notice the line down my shoulders in the bottom left photo. The shoulders are square at impact just like when I initially setup to the shot. This creates a perfect path for the arms to fire through to the buried ball, easily extracting it from the sand.

Finally, the bottom right photo showcases the ball in flight, from a horrible lie, as it heads towards the hole. My right shoulder is working down and under through the sand as opposed to around and across.

With that type of angle you will have a better chance to not only get the ball out of terrible situation, but have some semblance of control which you wouldn't have other-



wise. It's like an uppercut punch....delivering a lot of force into the sand that will create an explosion and allow the clubhead to get to the ball covered by sand.

When practicing you can draw a circle around the ball (even when it's buried) to assist in learning to *swing through the ball*, not worry about *swinging at the ball*. This will free you up mentally as opposed to trying to hit a specific point behind the ball

in the sand.

By putting some time in with this drill you'll spend less time in the bunkers. It is guaranteed to get the golf ball out on your first attempt. The added bonus is that you won't be hearing the four worst words in golf anymore? "It's still your turn!"

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The rivalry that keeps on giving



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Woods and Manning won ‘The Match,’ but charity and starved sports fans won even more.

Phil Mickelson and Tom Brady took on Tiger Woods and Peyton Manning in Capital One’s “The Match: Champions for Charity” at Florida’s Medalist Golf Club on Sunday. Tiger and Phil, together again, only now partnering quarterbacks and playing to raise money in the fight against COVID-19, and with everyone wearing microphones to great effect.

Woods and Manning held on to win 1 up despite a valiant back-nine comeback by Mickelson and Brady, the latter having filled up the hole from both on and off the green. Most importantly, they raised \$20 million, and The Match was pure fun to watch. Mickelson was especially chirpy early, joking that he’d brought out his “Tiger Slayer” Odyssey putter, and, fueled by coffee, was preparing to activate his calves for the long-drive contest on the third hole.

“Yes, ladies and gentlemen,” Woods said, “this is what I have to listen to every time we play.”

Not that he didn’t get some digs in of his own, later stating that he could mark his ball with the gold medal from the U.S. Open.

All told, it was another fascinating installment of Tiger and Phil. After 20-plus years of these guys, the rivalry somehow still has legs. Why is that?

The contrast in styles (righty vs. lefty, strategist vs. seat-of-the-pants, new kid vs. more established pro) has helped; there was never any confusing one for the other.

Rory McIlroy said much the same thing about the overseeded grass after winning THE PLAYERS Championship last year; he could differentiate the fairway from the rough as he stood on the tee. Contrast is everything.

But it must be the right kind of contrast. Without trying to, Tiger and Phil fit the classic rivalry mold perfectly, one side a seemingly immovable pillar of excellence (Woods, who once made 142 straight cuts) and the other a less disciplined genius (Mickelson, who hit a ball through a gap in the pines at the 2010 Masters). They were Borg and McEnroe; the old-school Boston Celtics and the Showtime Los Angeles Lakers; and Boris Spassky and bad boy Bobby Fischer.

Such contrasts allow us to access the full range of emotions, for while one side inspires awe and commands respect (82 PGA TOUR victories, 15 majors, two PLAYERS titles), the other alternately drives us mad (what do you need with two drivers?) and deliriously happy (2004 Masters, 2007 PLAYERS, 2013 Open Championship). And no, you can’t manufacture a rivalry – except in a script, where you totally can. Soviet-built machine Ivan Drago and big-hearted Rocky Balboa in “Rocky IV” come to mind, although I’m not proud of that.

For a rivalry to really work, however, both sides have to occasionally win. Competitive balance is the special sauce, and this is where Tiger and Phil almost didn’t end up clicking.

Way back in 2001 at a Mexican restaurant in Scottsdale, Arizona, Mickelson told me something that at the time seemed debatable. “When I compete with Tiger,” he said as we ate chips and salsa, “I can

see myself – the line of a putt, the shot I want to hit – more clearly.”

I nodded, but Woods seemed to be in a class by himself. He had just set or tied 27 PGA TOUR records as he won nine times in 2000. Still, Mickelson had won the TOUR Championship that year, firing a 66 to overtake Woods (69) and Vijay Singh, so I wrote it in my notebook.

And it turned out he was right.

Studies have shown how sports rivals lift each other up; college and pro teams get quantifiably better in the year after their chief rival wins the championship. Long-distance runners are five seconds per kilometer faster if a top rival is in the race. So it went with Tiger and Phil.

“Although we often see them as enemies,” author Adam Grant wrote in The New York Times last year, “our rivals can be our greatest allies. You can see this in the extreme in sports.”

Tiger and Phil battled at Doral, Bay Hill, Firestone, Augusta National. We suspected that they made each other better, but now we know just how much better. As Justin Ray of The 15th Club wrote for PGATOUR.COM, for the last 15 years Mickelson has gained an average of 1.12 strokes on the field per round, but when playing alongside Woods that number has jumped to 2.00 strokes per round. So, yeah, maybe Phil really did see the shot he wanted to hit more clearly.

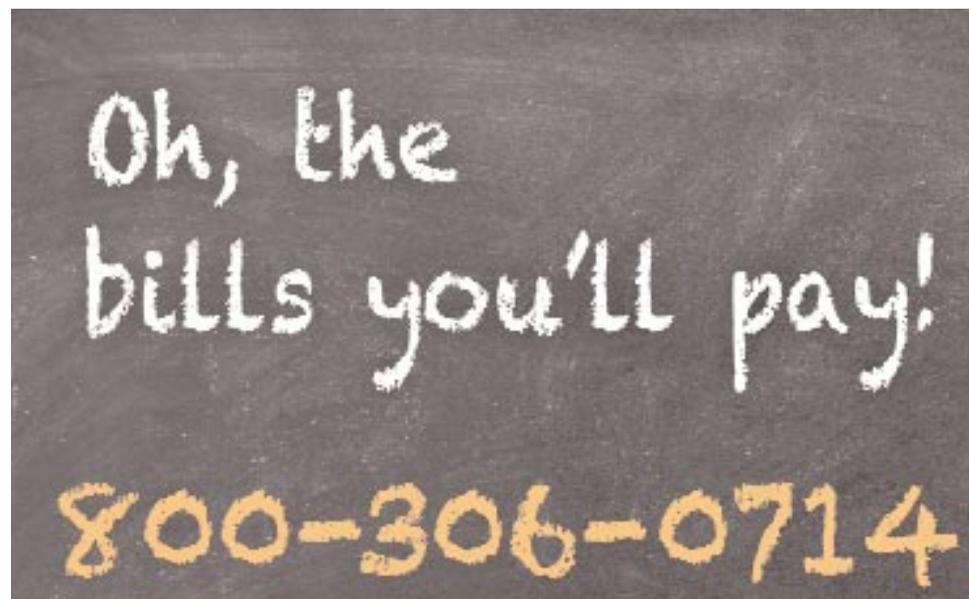
(Playing with Mickelson also helped Woods, although less so.)

Who won the rivalry? Woods will end his career with far more victories, but as Ray points out, on 31 occasions when both were within five of the lead going into the final round, Woods won 10 times, Mickelson nine, while Woods shot a cumulative 51 under par, Mickelson 52 under.

That they’ve grown into the rivalry perhaps shouldn’t surprise us. For as Grant, an organizational psychologist at Wharton, also wrote in The Times, “If you build a supportive relationship with that rival, it can elevate your performance even further.”

Tiger and Phil took it to another level when they committed to the Ryder Cup Task Force after the U.S. Team’s lopsided defeat at Gleneagles in 2014, and are now closer than ever. Mickelson is even planning to move to South Florida; you can just imagine Phil knocking on Tiger’s door to ask if he can come out and hit some bombs, and Tiger rolling his eyes and agreeing.

So, yes, they’ve made each other better on the course, but also off it. They’ve made Brady and Manning better, and at the Medalist on Sunday, all four of them did their part to make even the ongoing pandemic better. Even as we anticipate the twilight of their competitive careers, the rivalry between Tiger and Phil continues to elevate us all.



Jordan Spieth's 2010 PGA TOUR debut



Jordan Spieth debuts in the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson

By Mike McAllister

This week is the 10th anniversary of Jordan Spieth's first start on the PGA TOUR, the AT&T Byron Nelson in his hometown of Dallas. Here's a look back at PGATOUR.COM's coverage of that week in 2010 at TPC Four Seasons Resort as Spieth entered Sunday in contention as a 16-year-old amateur

HE'S JUST 16, BUT SPIETH IS THINKING BIG THIS WEEK

Jordan Spieth knows the odds are against him winning this week's Byron Nelson Championship. After all, he's an amateur playing in his first PGA TOUR event on a sponsor's exemption. Oh, and he's also just 16 years old.

But while the rest of us expect this week's champion to be someone, er, older, the reigning U.S. Junior Amateur Champion is not about to dismiss the notion completely.

"Nobody that's here enters a tournament if they don't think they can win -- at least in their own minds think they can win," Spieth said Tuesday from the TPC Four Seasons at Las Colinas. "Obviously I know the percentage chances of me winning an event like this right now.

"But anything can happen."

The reality, of course, is that Spieth will be quite happy if he can simply make the cut and play on the weekend. Another Dallas product, Justin Leonard, did it as an amateur playing on a sponsor's exemption in 1993 when he finished tied for 56th.

Leonard, though, was a college player

at Texas and about to turn 21. Spieth doesn't turn 17 for two more months and is still a junior in high school at Dallas' Jesuit College Preparatory School. He's slated to graduate next year.

"Making the cut would be something special in itself," said Spieth, the youngest amateur given a sponsor's exemption at the HP Byron Nelson and the first in 15 years. "But obviously you try and get it going and see where that takes you. It's all about momentum out here. See where it goes."

Certainly, golf fans will be interested to see where Spieth's career goes. He's currently No. 1 in the American Junior Golf Association's Polo Rankings and claimed the U.S. Junior Amateur title last year after reaching the semifinals as a 15-year-old in 2008.

If you're looking for the next big thing in golf, maybe Spieth is the kid you should watch. Just ask the locals who know all about him -- Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, who's ranked No. 1 in Golf Digest's top athlete golfers, stays in contact with Spieth and recently played a few holes with him in South Carolina.

But even with expectations rising with every swing, Spieth appears to be well-grounded, his demeanor calm. That's the approach he plans to take this week on a course he's played many times and a tournament he's attended as a fan since he was 5 years old.

"You've got to think of it as another tournament," he said. "Obviously with what we're doing here and all the interviews and

cameras and the big guys out there, all the manufacturers, it's quite a bit different than anything I've ever seen before.

"But once you get on the course, if you're just thinking you've got a 7-iron in your hand, you've got to think of it as something you're hitting on a driving range, a shot that you've hit thousands of times and not make it bigger than it needs to be."

Make no mistake, though -- this is big. It may not exactly be a coming-out party, but you can consider it an introduction.

But before Spieth tees off Thursday afternoon with playing partners Blake Adams and David Lutterus, he has high school classes to attend on Wednesday morning in English, Spanish and Physics. If there's any homework, he may not get to it until this weekend.

Unless he makes the cut. Then it may take him a while longer.

A VERY SURREAL – AND HISTORIC – DAY

So you're 16 years, 9 months and 24 days old. Hundreds of your classmates have ditched high school to watch you achieve the improbable. Word spreads through the course and now others want to join the fun. You just might do this thing. You just might make the cut.

You reach the final few holes and the decibel level rises. The gallery chants your name. One of your playing partners, one of the great untold stories of this tournament, is shooting lights-out and will eventually claim a share of the clubhouse lead. But this moment is for you. You're the rock

star. You're the flavor of the day.

And when it's over, when you had made par at 18 (although you really should've rolled in the 9-footer for birdie) and you had sealed your spot for the weekend -- the sixth youngest player to ever make the cut at a PGA TOUR event -- things should have slowed down. Sorry, think again.

There were autographs to sign. Everybody wanted to talk with you. Radio stations. Television stations. You climbed into the booth where Nick Faldo and Kelly Tilghman were waiting. That was pretty cool. After all, you watch Golf Channel all the time. "Sir Nick" -- you call him by his knighted name; how cute -- has a few majors in his pocket. Kinda nice to rub those elbows.

You tape an interview with ESPN that will air on SportsCenter. Then time to entertain the golf media in the press room. They hang on your every word. You even crack a joke or two. They laugh. It's all pretty amazing (especially the jaded reporters laughing part).

"Almost surreal," you say.

Wrong. It is surreal.

A day like this doesn't come around often, when a 16-year-old turns a PGA TOUR event on its ear. No one expects Jordan Spieth to win this week's Byron Nelson Championship -- although Spieth himself isn't ruling out the possibility -- but no one will forget the buzz he produced on Friday when his 1-under 69 left him at 3 under for the tournament, safely inside the cutline. There were other players Friday who produced more fireworks. Cameron Beckman went out and tied the course record at TPC Four Seasons Resort, shooting 61 to grab a share of the second-round lead at 10 under. One of Spieth's playing partners, Blake Adams, is also at 10 under after his impressive 64.

Adams is the hardest-luck story you've ever heard, a former Nationwide Tour player whose battle against an inhumane succession of injuries -- torn rotator cuffs, bulging disk, arthritis, broken ankle, broken fingers, bad hip, etc. -- is a study in resiliency.

Perhaps any other day, the spotlight would belong to him. Perhaps any other day, the loudest cheers would be in his name.

"I kinda almost felt bad for Blake because everybody was screaming my name out there and he was tied for the lead," Spieth said. "But you know, that's him. He doesn't mind, I'm sure."

Adams doesn't mind because he knows the crowds -- including hundreds of students at Jesuit College Preparatory School -- came out to watch the Dallas teen. At 7:15 a.m. local time Friday, when Adams, Spieth and the third member of their group,



Jordan Spieth bested Corey Pavin by one shot at the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson. (Darren Carroll/Getty Images)

Adams doesn't mind because he knows the crowds -- including hundreds of students at Jesuit College Preparatory School -- came out to watch the Dallas teen. At 7:15 a.m. local time Friday, when Adams, Spieth and the third member of their group, David Lutterus, resumed their first round, roughly 200 people were in attendance.

"I don't think too many people would want to come out here to see me play at 7:15 in the morning," Adams said, "but there was a lot of folks out there to watch him.

"It was a great atmosphere."

Once the group finished their first round, Spieth shooting 2-under 68 with two birdies on his last three holes, they took a quick 30-minute break before starting their second round.

One hole into the round, Spieth mistakenly played out of turn, having forgotten that this was a new round and not just the continuation of the previous round. When his caddie informed him of the faux pas, Spieth quickly apologized to Lutterus.

No harm done. It helped to have a couple of laid-back players -- Adams lives in southern Georgia and Lutterus is an Australian currently living in Fort Worth -- accompanying the high school junior on this two-day emotional journey. Spieth said he learned a lesson by watching the calm demeanor that Adams displayed while moving up the leaderboard.

"The guys that I was playing with were great," Spieth said. "Awesome guys."

Meanwhile, Spieth just kept firing at pins. He played with his usual aggressiveness and he didn't seem unnerved at all on a course he's played plenty of times. He got to 4 under at one point. Playing well, feeling the moment -- it seemed like the most natural thing in the world to him.

So what if the rest of the guys in the field are fighting for the cash, fighting for the livelihoods. They don't have to take final exams in a couple of weeks.

Besides, as you've said all week, any-

thing can happen.

"I don't want to think of myself as the amateur out here," Spieth said. "I want to think of myself as a contender."

Will reality set in at some point? Perhaps so. Perhaps Spieth will get a firsthand look at what Moving Day means on the PGA TOUR each Saturday. Perhaps he'll make the mistake of reflecting on what has happened in the past two days and struggle with the enormity of the stir he's created.

If nothing else, though, he knows the last two days have been fun. And if he continues to handle the situation with the kind of steadfastness and maturity he's displayed this week, it will continue to be fun.

And as for the gallery members who cheered his every move, called out his name, turned TPC Four Seasons Resort into Friday Afternoon Lights?

Spieth said it best -- "really cool."

"It's a new experience for me," he added. "I could get used to it."

So could the rest of us.

THRILLS FOR US, VALUABLE LESSONS FOR SPIETH

The word "surreal" has not been a regular part of the Spieth family vocabulary. But this week, that's the most appropriate way to describe the thrill ride that 16-year-old Jordan Spieth gave the Byron Nelson Championship.

"We've used the word 'surreal' about three times as much as we had cumulatively up until now," said Spieth's dad Shawn as he waited for his son to get out of the scorer's trailer following his 2-over 72 that left him in a tie for 16th.

Certainly the amount of attention that Jordan Spieth brought to this week's event at the TPC Four Seasons Resort course went beyond the wildest expectations of anyone associated with the event.

By becoming the sixth-youngest player to make the cut at a PGA TOUR event, Spieth became the story of the week, and golf fans in the area took notice. Spieth and

playing partner Corey Pavin, the U.S. Ryder Cup captain, had the largest gallery of the day.

The size of the crowd was, dare we say, Tigeresque.

"I was walking to the fourth hole and it looked like there was a thousand people following him," said eventual champion Jason Day, who was playing alongside Blake Adams. "I turned to Blake and said, 'There are more people following that young amateur than us.'"

Day, in fact, was glad to fly under the radar while the spotlight shined on the high school junior from Dallas.

As for Spieth, it was a week unlike any other. The key will be to learn from all the pros he played with and benefit from the experience.

"I definitely loved being able to learn from the guys I was playing with, and just on and off the course, seeing how they were approaching their pre-round routine and stuff," Spieth said. "That was pretty neat to get that kind of experience."

Shawn Spieth knows once all the dust settles, once Jordan and the family get to reflect on what happens, that the reigning U.S. Junior Amateur gained some valuable lessons playing with Blake Adams, David Lutterus, Tom Pernice Jr. and Pavin this week.

"He'll look back and learn from playing

with the guys he played with this week," Shawn said. "Everybody he played with played at a slower pace, real calm -- he knows he has to channel his energy that way to continue to get better and better."

In fact, Jordan said that was one of the issues in Sunday's round. After shooting three rounds in the 60s, he struggled out of the gate Sunday, failing to get the quick start he needed to get the crowd revved up.

With bogeys at the second and third holes, Spieth dropped to 4 under and eliminated any outside chance he had to contend. He bounced back with birdies later in the front nine but rode a rollercoaster on the back side with two birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey.

"It's all business out there," Jordan said. "They (TOUR pros) remain neutral. They know that they can't get too excited or too down on themselves. I did today. I got way too down on myself early, and then I got way too excited at some point in the round, too. It messed me up a little bit."

Still, the Spieth family will never forget the outpouring of support for Jordan, with people following his every move. They even broke out in a chant late in Jordan's round.

"It's been great for our family," said mother Chris Spieth. "Just a great experience."



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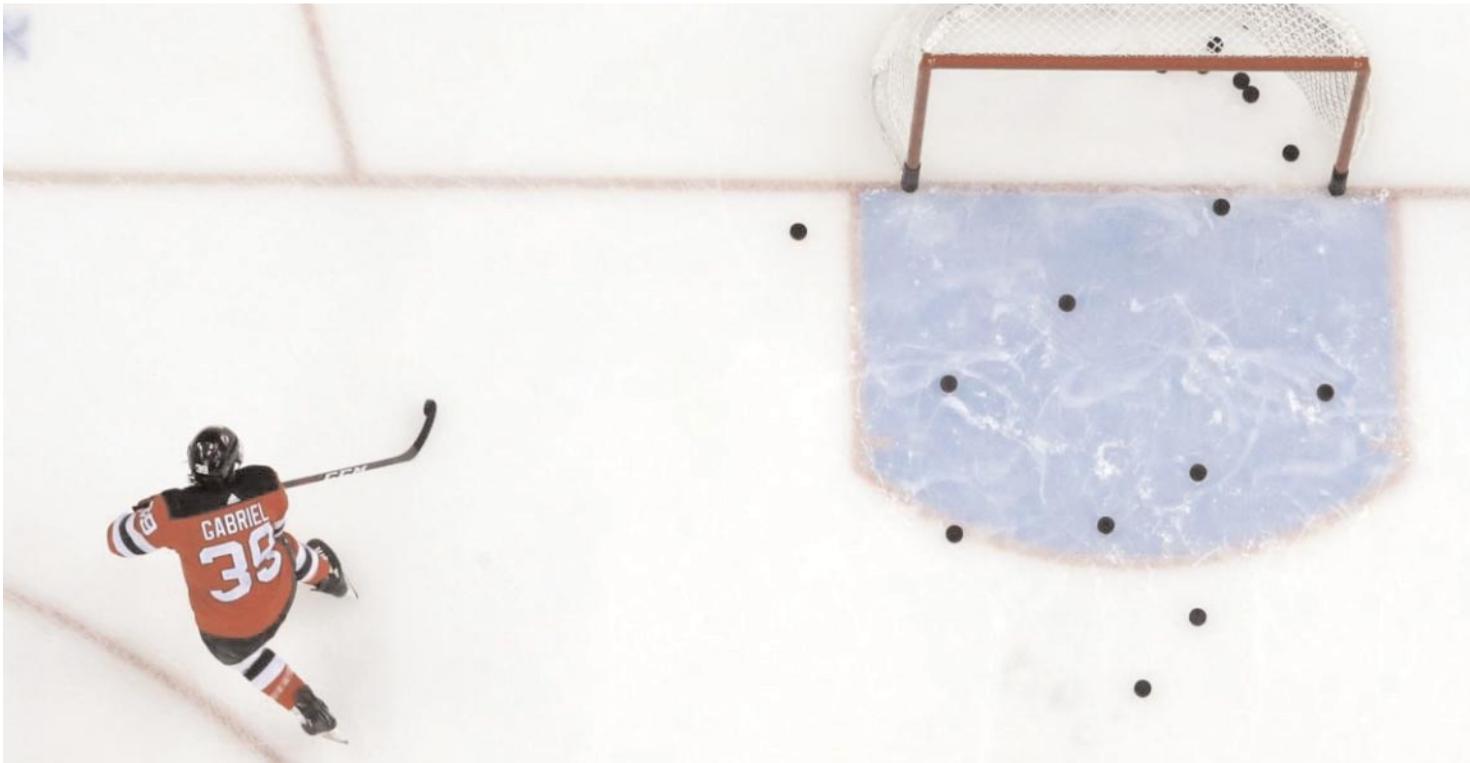
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NHL plans to return with 24 teams



NHL plans to return with 24 teams competing for Stanley Cup

Will begin with *Qualifying Round*, round-robin games in two hub cities; date not determined

By Tom Gulitti
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The NHL announced its Return to Play Plan on Tuesday with 24 teams in competition for the Stanley Cup.

The tournament will begin with a 16-team, eight-series Qualifying Round and a Seeding Round Robin among the top four teams in each conference to determine seeds for the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The NHL paused the regular season March 12 due to concerns surrounding the coronavirus and its remaining 189 games will not be completed. The 12 qualifying teams from the Eastern and Western conferences were determined by points percentage as of that date. Seven teams did not qualify.

"I want to make clear that the health and safety of our players, coaches, essential support staff and our communities are paramount," Commissioner Gary Bettman said in announcing the Return to Play Plan. "While nothing is without risk, ensuring health and safety has been central to all of our planning so far and will remain so.

"Let me assure you that the reason we are doing this is because our fans have told us in overwhelming numbers that they want to complete the season if at all possible. And our players and our teams are clear that they want to play and bring the season to its rightful conclusion."

The format was determined in meetings of the Return to Play Committee, which included executives from the NHL and NHL Players' Association, and five players:

Ottawa Senators defenseman Ron Hainsey, Edmonton Oilers center Connor McDavid, Winnipeg Jets center Mark Scheifele, Toronto Maple Leafs center John Tavares and Philadelphia Flyers forward James van Riemsdyk.

The objective was to find a way to award the Stanley Cup this season.

"I certainly hope that we can. I certainly hope that is the case," NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr told NBCSN. "I certainly hope that all the necessary agreements, health and safety, and economic, and the rest can be finalized, so that they can take place. But I hope it is for another reason, because if we can, that would suggest that the world is beginning to return a little bit towards normal, and that's something that everybody wants and is in everybody's interest, and we can't forget that."

The Qualifying Round and Seeding Round Robin will be held at two hub cities to be identified -- one for the 12 participating Eastern Conference teams and one for the 12 Western Conference teams - and begin at a date to be determined. Candidates for the hub cities include Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Edmonton, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Pittsburgh, Toronto and Vancouver.

The Commissioner said the decision on the hub cities and when play will begin will depend on COVID-19 conditions, testing ability and government regulations. A comprehensive system for testing will be in place in each hub city, and each team will be permitted to travel a maximum of 50 personnel, including players, coaches and staff.

"Obviously, we anticipate playing over the summer and into the early fall," Commissioner Bettman said. "At this time, we are not fixing dates because the sched-

ule of our return to play will be determined both by developing circumstances and the needs of the players."

In the Eastern Conference, the Boston Bruins (44-14-12, 100 points), Tampa Bay Lightning (43-21-6, 92 points), Washington Capitals (41-20-8, 90 points) and Philadelphia Flyers (41-21-7, 89 points) will each have a bye and play each other once to determine the order of the top four seeds for the first round of the playoffs.

The Eastern Conference Qualifying Round will have four best-of-5 series: the Pittsburgh Penguins (40-23-6, 86 points) vs. the Montreal Canadiens (31-31-9, 71 points); the Carolina Hurricanes (38-25-5, 81 points) vs. the New York Rangers (37-28-5, 79 points); the New York Islanders (35-23-10, 80 points) vs. the Florida Panthers (35-26-8, 78 points); and the Toronto Maple Leafs (36-25-9, 81 points) vs. the Columbus Blue Jackets (33-22-15, 81 points).

In the Western Conference, the St. Louis Blues (42-19-10, 94 points), Colorado Avalanche (42-20-8, 92 points), Vegas Golden Knights (39-24-8, 86 points) and Dallas Stars (37-24-8, 82 points) will each have a bye and play round-robin to determine their seeding order.

The Western Conference best-of-5 qualifying round series are: the Edmonton Oilers (37-25-9, 83 points) vs. the Chicago Blackhawks (32-30-8, 72 points); the Nashville Predators (35-26-8, 78 points) vs. the Arizona Coyotes (33-29-8, 74 points); the Vancouver Canucks (36-27-6, 78 points) vs. the Minnesota Wild (35-27-7, 77 points); and the Calgary Flames (36-27-7, 79 points) vs. the Winnipeg Jets (37-28-6, 80 points).

"It's great that we can play some meaningful games against the top teams in the

West for seeding," Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon told TSN. "... I think that's a pretty good format, how they're doing it. You know, there's no perfect way, everybody had to get creative and it seems like a good place to start."

Seven teams did not qualify for the post-season and their season is over: the Buffalo Sabres, New Jersey Devils, Anaheim Ducks, Los Angeles Kings, San Jose Sharks, Ottawa Senators and Detroit Red Wings. Each of them will participate in the NHL Draft Lottery, which will hold its first phase June 26.

Games in the qualifying round will be played with playoff overtime rules. The round-robin games will be played with regular-season overtime and shootout rules with ties in the standings broken by regular-season points percentage.

After the round-robins and the qualifying round, the conference-based playoffs will be continue in the two hub cities. Each of the winners of the qualifying round will advance to face one of the round-robin teams in the first round. The Return to Play Committee is discussing whether those first-round series will be set through seeding or by bracket.

The Return to Play Committee also has yet to decide the length of the first-round and second-round series, and whether the second-round series will be determined through seeding or by bracket.

The conference finals and Stanley Cup Final will each be a best-of-7 series. Commissioner Bettman told NBCSN there is a slim possibility the final three series can be played in the home arenas of the teams that reach those rounds, but that would require a substantial change in the outlook of the pandemic. It's most likely all games will be played in the hub cities without fans in attendance.

"It depends on what the world looks like," the Commissioner said. "If you made me guess today, I think we'll be in one of the two hub cities or conceivably a third city. But if things change dramatically and we have the ability to go back to the home markets, (the League will). We anticipate playing this without fans, but if at some point things change, then obviously we'd reevaluate."

The Commissioner told NBCSN that it's not required that the Eastern Conference teams have to play in an Eastern hub city and the Western Conference teams have to play in a Western hub city.

The two hub cities that are selected will depend on the circumstances in that city. For example, though Edmonton, Toronto and Vancouver are among the cities being considered, the current edict in Canada requiring those who enter the country to be quarantined for 14 days would probably



preclude one of those cities from being selected.

"We are talking to the Canadian government about it, but if we get done with training camp and we want to go to a Canadian city and to do that we have to quarantine for another 14 days, that isn't going to work," Bettman said.

Training camps could open in mid-July as part of Phase 3 of the Return to Play Plan, and Commissioner Bettman said the NHL believes the qualifying and first two rounds of the playoffs can be completed in a little more than a month.

"Obviously, these are extraordinary and unprecedented times," he said. "Any plan for the resumption of play, by definition, cannot be perfect. And I am certain that, depending on which team you root for or which team you cover, you can find some element of this package that you might prefer to be done differently.

"But we believe we have constructed an overall plan that includes all teams that, as a practical matter, might have had a chance of qualifying for the playoffs when the season was paused. And this plan will produce a worthy Stanley Cup champion who will have run the postseason gauntlet that is unique to the NHL."

Ranking the Eight Qualifying Round Matchups for Stanley Cup Playoffs

With a fair amount of chaos and eventual griping about the format baked in, here's how we see each series from most to least entertaining:

1) Carolina (6) vs. N.Y. Rangers (11)

There were two teams that voted against the playoff format: the Lightning (citing potential unpreparedness, ring a bell?) and the Hurricanes. Carolina appealed to tradition and the league's 16-team, best-of-seven format but instead received a play-in series against the Rangers, who are custom-built for chaos.

No one scored more points at even-strength than Artemi Panarin. Skating next to Mika Zibanejad, Panarin gave the Rangers a duo they had long been searching for. New York's defense isn't built to thwart anyone but Henrik Lundqvist is

capable of stonewalling everyone, as he did in two 40-plus save victories against the Hurricanes in November. The Hurricanes have a top line to match in Teuvo Teravainen, Sebastian Aho and Andrei Svechnikov. Each team benefits from the long rest and returns injured difference-makers, including defenseman Dougie Hamilton (Carolina) and Chris Kreider (New York). And then there's Brady Skjei, who the Rangers traded to the Hurricanes at the deadline. With no preseason exhibitions and at least four months between games, there's every reason to expect mayhem.

2) Calgary (8) vs. Winnipeg (9)

The Battle of Alberta could have received primetime billing if the NHL had barreled into the postseason with the same playoff structure. The league didn't, but this is the next best thing. The Jets' ramshackled blue line helped surrender the most expected goals and high danger attempts in the NHL, bailed out only by Connor Hellebuyck's Vezina campaign. The Flames spent most of the season trying to replicate last year's offensive buzzsaw, and they finally came on late and scored the fourth-most goals of any team since early January.

With Johnny Gaudreau and Patrik Laine in the spotlight, this series pits two teams with proclivities for offense and shirking defense. That equates to disordered, fast-paced hockey out of the gate.

3) Edmonton (5) vs. Blackhawks (12)

Need star power? Two dynamic duos—Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl vs. Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane—take centerstage, albeit approaching different ends of their respective careers. This is the second postseason appearance for McDavid and Draisaitl, the latter of whom ended the year as the league's point leader (110) and front-runner for the Hart Trophy. Toews and Kane have been there, winning three shared Stanley Cups, two individual Conn Smythe's and one Hart.

If you believe in Chicago's aging core, infused with younger talent, and forget that they're a bottom-tier defensive team that

also traded Robin Lehner, then maybe this series is more than it appears on paper. Even if you don't, it's going to be a treat to watch McDavid skate past April (and the Blackhawks blue line).

4) Toronto (8) vs. Blue Jackets (9)

The Leafs' biggest roadblock in escaping the play-in round is themselves. Toronto's maligned defense won't receive any makeovers but it will be healthy. Frederik Andersen has enough rest to stave off workload concerns. The remaining portion falls on the Leafs' star-studded offense, which ranged from disjointed to dynamic during the regular season. Auston Matthews, John Tavares, Mitch Marner & Co. is as good a group as any entering unknown territory.

Columbus knocked off the Lightning last year, but that was with Panarin, Matt Duchene and Sergei Bobrovsky. How good are the Blue Jackets at full health now? No one really knows. Coach John Tortorella piloted an injury-ravaged Columbus team (the Blue Jackets ranked first in man-games lost) through an 11-1-1 stretch from early January to Feb. 7. The Blue Jackets teetered off after, losing nine of their next 15, and might've ran into luck before when they benefited from goaltender Elvis Merzlikins's ascendance. Toronto facing a team that isn't the Bruins in the first round is a welcomed change.

5) Vancouver Canucks (7) vs. Minnesota Wild (10)

The new playoff format ensures two teams, who fell within a hair's breadth of the West's final wild-card spot, will receive a postseason proving ground. Buoyed by a strong first half and Quinn Hughes's Calder campaign, the Canucks waned late but entertained early as a fun, offensive team firmly removed from the Sedin era. The Wild earned dark horse status down the stretch, compiling a 15-7-1 record since mid-January as winger Kevin Fiala turned into a gamebreaker.

The Canucks and Wild, evenly matched, make for a competitive series with all factors being equal. The play-in round removes that equality, but watching two

franchises who might've missed the playoffs in a normal season get a second wind should be fun regardless.

6) Pittsburgh (5) vs. Montreal (12)

A 22-year-old Carey Price bested freshly minted Stanley Cup champions Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin in seven during the 2010 Eastern Conference semis but, fast forward a decade, and this is a much different matchup. Pittsburgh could return premier goal scorer Jake Guentzel, bolstering a team that was an exemplar of depth after losing its stars for significant chunks of the season. Price holds his reputation as an all-world goaltender, but Montreal thrived on its young forward crop scoring enough to outpace what it surrendered on the other end. Without a true star on offense, the Canadiens need to coalesce its firepower from the sum of its parts to blast past the Penguins.

Could that happen? Maybe. The Canadiens threw more 5-on-5 shot attempts on net per game than any other team in the league and Matt Murray isn't an indomitable steel fortress. Either way, Montreal benefits from some luck: The Canadiens reached the 2020 postseason with the fewest points one year after missing the playoffs with the most points of any non-postseason team.

7) Nashville (6) vs. Arizona (11)

This series should be good, just as the Predators and Coyotes should have been better than they were in the regular season. Nashville, despite entering each season as one of the West's top teams on paper, hasn't reached its potential since its 2017 Stanley Cup appearance. Last season the Predators were plagued by an abysmal power play; this year they suffered on the defensive end as goaltender Pekka Rinne's declining play gave rise to Juuse Saros's takeover.

As much can be said about Arizona. Without Darcy Kuemper for a two-month stretch in the middle of the season, the Coyotes unwound their early success. Taylor Hall, Phil Kessel and Clayton Keller failed to provide the requisite offensive punch. The blue line hadn't been as stingy in protecting its own zone, ranking 28th in shot attempts allowed over the team's last 25 games. At its best, the series could be a defensive showcase and a goaltending duel that features two non-traditional NHL markets. Otherwise, Arizona and Nashville might still be trying to figure themselves out in a hasty best-of-five contest.

8) N.Y. Islanders (7) vs. Florida (10)

The Panthers, who scored the fifth-most even-strength goals per game, are at their best when they're unleashing an offensive downpour on their opponents. The Islanders are at their best when they stop that from happening. It's a clash of styles but not one that amounts to thrilling hockey if one or both teams are thriving on their strengths. However, there's enough creativity between players like Mat Barzal and Aleksander Barkov to provide some flair and fun.

College Football News and Notes



The Match raised \$20 million for Covid-19 relief



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Donations continue for first responders, healthcare workers, the underserved, and others continue to come from numerous football- and sports-related venues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Among those assisting with the latest efforts are former Kentucky standout Kory Brown with food fundraising and delivery for the unemployed and NFL Detroit Lions quarterback and Missouri alumnus Chase Daniel who has utilized his weekly media program and blogs to assist research and funding efforts. Dozens of other college and pro football teams and individuals are doing their part to assist those in need and much-needed research for prevention of the worldwide pandemic. NFL standouts such as QB Russell Wilson (made a donation of 300,000 meals last week) of NC State and Wisconsin and JJ Watt of Wisconsin have joined dozens of others in honoring such first responders and frontline workers as the 1,000-plus physicians, nurses, and healthcare workers worldwide, 70-plus grocery store employees and more than 25

meat and food processing plant workers in the United States who have passed away during the pandemic. Wilson made a There have been 98,000-plus passings in the United States – most of any world nation – through Sunday, May 25. By contrast and in times of lesser planning and precautions in 1918 and '19, there were an estimated 675,000-plus passings in the United States from the H1N1 Spanish Flu virus pandemic and more than 50 million fatalities worldwide.

Standout PGA member Brooks Koepka of Florida State added \$100,000 to the donations after wagering that Brady could not make a par on the first nine holes of the Challenge. Brady made a birdie, and Koepka made his contribution to the fund.

NFF College Hall of Fame Facts

Some notable birthdates in NFF College Hall of Fame annals in the May 24-30 are May 24 (1894) Harry Baujan, Beardstown, Ill.; (1945) Clinton Jones, Cleveland, Ohio; (1946) Mel Tjeerdsma, Springfield, S.D.; May 25 (1911) Joe Skladany, Larksville, Pa.; (1927) Calvin Roberts, Hector, Minn.; (1978) Brian Urlacher, Pasco, Wash.; May 26 (1887) Ed Hart, Exeter, N.H.; (1895) Ira Rodgers, Bethany, W.Va.; May 26 (1902) Bernie Shively, Oliver, Ill.; (1939) Herb Deromedi, Royal Oak, Mich.; May 27 (1889) George Little, Washington, D.C.; (1904) Les Lautenschlaeger, New Orleans, La.; (1960) Randy Trautman, Caldwell, Idaho; (1974) Danny Wuerffel, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; May 28 (1888) Jim Thorpe, Prague, Okla.; (1948) Bruce Taylor, Perth Amboy, N.J.; (1957) Kirk Gibson, Pontiac, Mich.; May 29 (1903) Bob Hope, NFF

Gold Medal recipient, London, England; (1892) Earl Abell, Portage, Wis.; (1949) Rex Kern, Lancaster, Ohio; May 30 (1891) Bob Peck, Lock Haven, Pa.; (1915) Larry Kelly, Conneaut, Ohio; (1941) Charlie Richard, Grain Valley, Mo.; (1943) Gale Sayers, Wichita, Kan.; (1946) Dick Farley, Danvers, Mass.; (1949) Lydell Mitchell, Salem, N.J.

Notable anniversary death dates for Hall of Famers are May 24 (2002) Four Horseman Creighton Miller, Shaker Heights, Ohio; May 26 (1965) Homer Norton, College Station, Texas; (1994) Pug Lund, Minneapolis, Minn.; May 28 (964) Barton "Botchey" Koch, Temple, Texas; (1979) Lou Little, Delray Beach, Fla.; (2014) James Saxton, Austin, Texas.

Happy birthdays to NFF College Hall of Fame members May 24 Clinton Jones, May 25 Mel Tjeerdsma, Brian Urlacher, May 26 Herb Deromedi (a spry 81), May 27 Randy Trautman, Danny Wuerffel, May 28 Bruce Taylor, Kirk Gibson, May 29 Rex Kern, May 30 Gale Sayers, Dick Farley, Lydell Mitchell...

Alabama and Arizona will play during the 2022 and '23 seasons...Connecticut and Wyoming have set a 2021 contest...Arkansas State and Memphis have extended their current series for four years through 2025...Ohio State and Oregon have had discussions about moving the site for their '20 contest...UNLV will host Arizona State at Las Vegas' new Allegiant Stadium along with its other home contests possibly at Sam Boyd Stadium this fall if Allegiant Stadium is not completed on time...Kansas and Missouri have set the actual playing dates for their 2025-26 Border Showdown series renewal...The Arkansas-Oklahoma series, which consists of 14 all-time games and three bowl meetings, probably will not be renewed for some seasons under the current athletics' administrators who are seeking other opponents and venues...San Diego State and Toledo are discussing alternate plans in case they are unable to play this fall. Fresno State and San Jose State also join SDSU in not allowing students on campus and holding all online classes for the fall semester...Colorado State may be seeking an additional game or two in the California State universities and Pac-12 Conference alter their schedules...The NCAA FBS independents are making plans for substitute games or non-FBS opponents in case of delays or game cancellations this fall...Memphis and Tennessee have no immediate plans to renew their series, which began in 1968 and was last contested in 2010...Lamar and Tarleton State has scheduled a two-game set in 2021 and '22...Georgia and Georgia Tech have contracted to play annually through 2037...Loyola

Marymount and Wyoming have joined in future scheduling for some sports...Florida, Oklahoma, Arizona State, and SMU have added men's basketball dates and may be interested in future football slating...Some media, fans and administrators have suggested that Colorado and Colorado State should consider playing twice to help CSU complete its 2020 schedule...Arkansas, Cincinnati and Kansas State are playing in men's basketball with the door left open for future football and other sports' competition among that trio...Illinois is taking a long look at distance of road games as it seeks possible adjustments to future schedules...Connecticut and Louisville also are competing in various sports during the 2020-21 academic year.

The Capital One COVID Challenge with NFF College Hall of Fame member and 1997 NFF William V. Campbell Award® recipient Peyton Manning of Tennessee and playing partner Tiger Woods of Stanford competed against six-time NFL Super Bowl champion Tom Brady of Michigan and Phil Mickelson of Arizona State netted almost \$20 million in challenges and matching funds for COVID-19 relief last Sunday in a national telecast on TNT. Inspiring cancer survivor, television sports commentator and community servant Ernie Johnson gave a motivational address for safety and charitable donations prior to the Challenge...NFL Super Bowl LIII Most Valuable Player Patrick Mahomes addressed members of the Texas Tech Class of 2020 at virtual commencement ceremonies last Saturday. Mahomes was a two-sport standout in football and baseball for the Red Raiders, and his father Pat Mahomes pitched in the Major Leagues from 1992-2003...The Vanderbilt Alumni Association is sponsoring Commodore Coffee for regional alumni groups on Tuesday, June 2, at 7:30 a.m. (CDT) to discuss the return to classes, athletics and assistance for underserved scholarship recipients at VU...Vanderbilt athletics also issued a motivational and encouraging video online entitled I Am a Tennessean to inspire and encourage members of the Volunteer State.

Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh's proposal about changing NFL draft regulations might affect the 66-year-old National Letter-of-Intent signing program for NCAA schools – it was proposed and nacted by Texas Tech faculty athletics representative Dr. William Davis in 1964....Midwestern State's record-setting head coach Bill Maskill was feted for UConn head coach Randy Edsall noted that the new CBS Sports television contract and FBS independent schedule will be a boon to Huskies recruiting...Oklahoma head coach Lincoln Riley said he will exercise

extra caution in bringing players back to campus in light of the COVID-19 pandemic...Wake Forest learned that previous assistant coaching hire Randolph Childress plans to remain at WKU as an assistant coach...Pac-12 Conference head coaches Nick Rolovich of Washington State, Brian Shaw of Stanford and Clay Helton of Southern California expressed optimism about the 2020 season start and have been focused on offseason conditioning and player/fans safety at games.

Hometowns of more 2020 college head coaches – Charlotte: Will Healy, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Cincinnati: Luke Fickell, Columbus, Ohio; The Citadel: Brent Thompson, Northfield, Vt.; Clemson: Dabo Swinney, Birmingham, Ala.; Coast Guard: C.C. Grant, Cortland, N.Y.

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Michigan director of athletics Warde Manuel has pledged full support for spring sports' seniors who wish to utilize the additional year of eligibility approved for 2021 by the NCAA Executive Council last week...Dr. Candice Lee has named fulltime vice chancellor and AD at Vanderbilt after serving as associate vice chancellor and interim AD...Former Boston College AD Martin Jarmond is leaving to accept the same position at UCLA. BC also tabbed JM Caparro as interim AD...Ohio State and NFF John W. Toner Award® recipient AD Gene Smith has certified plans to bring back OSU football student-athletes to campus by June 8...Nebraska AD Bill Moos spoke of improvements and alterations for crowd control and sanitation at Memorial Stadium /Dr. Tom Osborne Field before the Huskers take the field in 2020...Retired LSU director of athletics and College Baseball /ABCA Hall of Fame coach Skip Bertman celebrated his 82nd birthday last Saturday...Pennsylvania AD L. Grace Calhoun was featured for juggling her day-to-day AD duties with those of chairing the NCAA Davison I Council...Tennessee AD and NFF College Hall of Fame coach Phillip Fulmer was featured for his fundraising efforts to keep UT athletics' budget "head" above water...Kansas State AD Gene Taylor has a seven-point plan for the comeback of Wildcats football...Pittsburgh football coaches and AD Heather Lyke have made several observations about COVID-19 and returning to normalcy via Facebook posts...West Virginia AD Shane Lyons is hopeful for a consensus solution for bringing back college football and other autumn sports...Arkansas senior associate AD Kevin Trainor reminisced in a special blog about bus travel to numerous athletics events and bonding of players, coaches and publicists on these trips...Oklahoma president Joseph Harroz Jr. is officially the 12th president of the university. Oklahoma AD

and NFF Board member Joe Castiglione applauded the timing of the OU Board of Regents' action...Arizona AD Dave Heeke continues to exercise calm as debate about athletics and return to competition in 2020...Arkansas State AD Terry Mohajir is continuing the task of keeping ASU competitive in the Sun Belt Conference with a school-record nine consecutive bowl trips...UCLA associate AD Josh Rebolz was not among the finalists for the vacant AD position...Texas A&M's 26-year veteran head women's tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke is retiring after 42 seasons as a college and high school mentor...Virginia president Dr. Jim Ryan sees a new normal for 2020 football season...Former Texas head men's basketball coach and administrator Leon Black was complimented in the Austin, Texas, American-Statesman for his positive outlook on sports and life over six decades at UT...Grand Canyon added women's basketball assistant coaches Emily Ragsdale and Buck Scheel while Notre Dame associate head women's basketball coach Beth Morgan Cunningham has stepped down from her post...Charleston Southern named Marc McMillian head baseball coach...Chicago State tabbed Tiffany Sardin as head women's basketball coach...Longtime Fresno State head baseball coach Bob Bennett has been hospitalized in serious condition...BYU selected Dave Porter as director of tennis and head men's tennis coach...Texas women's softball assistant coach Chelsea Spencer was named head softball coach at California.

The Big Sky Conference is allowing its member schools freedom to make the ultimate decisions on starting practice and 2020 seasons and has changed some regular-season and postseason tourney formats. The Big Sky also is dropping some intra-conference contests on the 2020-21 basketball schedule to save needed funds...The Big South Conference has delayed its move of the 2021 men's and women's basketball championships to Charlotte, N.C., as it rethinks upcoming postseason play...Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference commissioner Richard Ensor was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame...Virtually all the Big Ten Conference schools have set their dates for the return of in-person classes...The Big 12 Conference established the earliest return date for 2020 voluntary workouts on campus as June 15...One of the scenarios for Pac-12 Conference play will be composed of conference games only as the process depends on the re-opening of universities and Pac-12 states...The Mountain West Conference is considering options for its three California State University System schools and fall closed campuses. MWC commissioner Craig Thompson has suggested regionalizing schedules for all sports except football and basketball in coming months to help with decreased travel budgets...Pac-12 commissioner Larry Scott has made a plea for conference unity in planning the 2020 season...The

Mid-American Conference is working with Miami (Ohio) AD Mark Saylor on several possible strength of schedule adjustments...The Sun Belt Conference has updated its logos and official color schemes. Sun Belt assistant commissioner Scottie Rodgers will receive the CoSIDA 25-Year Award during the virtual national workshop June 9-12...The Southeastern Conference has established its athletics' return to campus as June 8 at the earliest...The California Collegiate Athletic Association also has been formulating plans for the return of intercollegiate athletics on the community college level.

In its annual report issued this month, the Goodyear Cotton Bowl revealed the solid, popular success of the team pep rallies and special festivities at the nearby Six Flags over Texas amusement park. GCB executive director Rick Baker mentioned in a Dallas Morning News column that bowl officials will look at game operations at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, for games such as Alabama-Southern California and the Dr Pepper Big 12 Football Championship for possible crowd distancing and other game-day directives.

Clemson wideout Justyn Ross is scheduled to undergo shoulder surgery and is out for an indefinite period...Campbell received some top NCAA FBS transfers last week, and they included WR Mason Donaldson of Connecticut, OL Mike Edwards of Wake Forest, DB C.J. Smith of Minnesota, and LB Jack Smith of Purdue...Blaise Newberry and Dylan Sohrsdaahl are the latest signees for the University of Calgary Dinos (Canada) 2020 football squad...Texas Tech's Andrei Savrasov is transferring to Georgia Southern...Florida State OL Jauan Williams has applied for the 2020 NCAA transfer portal...Liberty's Antonio Gandy-Golden had COVID-19 in March and April but has finished a full recovery and has a clean bill of health. He was drafted by the NFL Washington Redskins for the upcoming outing...LSU linebacker Donte Starks is seeking a new location to ply his 2020 football talents...Auburn freshman DB Jashawn Sheffield is hoping to return to the team in time for the upcoming season.

NFF College Hall of Fame coach Dick Farley of Williams was remembered for guiding the school to the longest football winning streak in NCAA Division III history until 2005 with 23 consecutive victories. He has been a head or assistant football and track and field coach at Williams for 49 years...NFF College Hall of Fame /Pro Football Hall of Fame player and former NFL head coach Mike Singletary is stepping down as head coach at Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, Texas. He is devoting more time to motivational speaking and similar activities...Former Oregon State, NFL and CFL standout Chad Johnson left a \$1,000 tip for his server at a restaurant in Cooper City, Fla., to help make up for loss of business and to assist recently unemployed service workers...

...Former Missouri standout DE Aldon Smith of the NFL Dallas Cowboys has been reinstated for 2020...AT&T Stadium and Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, and Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, have hosted 50-plus high school and college commencement ceremonies over the past two weeks...Colorado football historian Mike Burrows located a newspaper account that mentioned the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers and some colleges playing night games as far back as 1933. Burrows also shared a recent photo of the Oklahoma State assistant coaching staff, which included future NFL legendary coach Bum Phillips, future Kansas City Chiefs head coach Frank Gansz, future Nebraska defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt, and longtime college and NFL assistant coach Harold Richardson, under Cowboys head coach Jim Stanley...The NFL is considering plastic helmet safe guards similar to ones worn in past NFL seasons and used in surgical situations...Award-winning NBC and NFL Network sportscaster Cris Collinsworth was remembered for running a 9.5-second 100-yard dash in college at Florida and as UF's 1980-81 nominee for SEC Athlete of the Year for his football prowess in '80...Former Green Bay Packers general manager and SMU standout before a 10-year NFL career Ted Thompson continues to receive treatment for an autonomic disorder, which caused his retirement from daily operations with the Packers in 2019...Some projected starting quarterbacks and their college alma maters for the 2020 NFL season are Mitchell Trubisky (Chicago Bears) of North Carolina, Joe Burrows (Cincinnati Bengals) of LSU, Drew Lock (Denver Broncos) of Missouri, and Matthew Stafford (Detroit Lions) of Georgia, among others.

Temple athletics extended its media contracts with The Fanatic and WPHT radio stations to carry Owls football and men's basketball contests...Syracuse has increased its 2020-21 tuition and will bolster financial aid with a total expenditure of approximately \$76,000-plus for all aspects, including housing and meals...Notre Dame students, faculty and staff will return to open campus for the fall semester beginning Aug. 10...Colleges and universities in the St. Petersburg-Tampa area have met to discuss re-opening campuses and the 2020 football season...Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer projects that teams will not be filling stadiums to capacity in '20 to avoid a recurrence of COVID-19...LSU's football staff and support personnel have returned to their campus offices, and football student-athletes are meeting and getting conditioning drills online through social media...Boston College will begin in-person classes on schedule and hopes to keep the '20 football slate intact...Texas (Austin) will begin fall classes Aug. 26 and will recess for Thanksgiving holidays before taking online final exams via social

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media...Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban called for possible NCAA Division I basketball schools secessions from the NCAA if disputes with the G League cannot be settled...UNLV has eliminated 15 percent from its current athletics' operating budget...East Carolina's Board of Trustees discussed recommendations and revenue projections from its Athletics Fiscal Sustainability Working Group last week...South Carolina fans will see a number of changes in seating arrangements, social distancing, parking, and tailgates for the '20 campaign...Oklahoma will utilize digital ticketing rather than hard tickets for all home events in 2020-21 as a public safety measure...Orlando, Fla., is being looked upon as a probable area location for the return of NBA and MLS, among other sports, to complete the 2019-20 competitive seasons. Transportation and multiple regional facilities such as Disney's Wide World of Sports (where several high school contests are played annually) appear to be ideal sites for this resumption...Citadel athletics has implemented a 10 budget cut to deal due to COVID-19 challenges...East Carolina interim chancellor Dr. Ron Mitchelson spoke of updates on the status of fall sports competition at ECU..Virginia athletics is developing plans for the return of autumn athletics...Western Michigan athletics is slicing its 2020-21 budget by \$6 million-plus...West Virginia, Minnesota and Wisconsin have made additional budget changes and hope that COVID-19 has reached its peak in their geographic areas...Iowa State football brings \$63 million annually to the Ames, Iowa, area, according to ISU and tourism estimates...Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has acknowledged that the state will not allow Oregon or Oregon State to have a competitive disadvantage in the Pac-12 Conference due to later returns to campus or athletics' funding...Alaska president Dr. Jim Johnsen spoke of some the measures UA administration and athletics must take to offset the COVID-19 financial challenge...Cincinnati president Dr. Neville Pinto has been authorized to implement an employees' furlough plan...Tulsa athletics is remaining positive about the return of college football and not worrying about a uniform approach to the season by the American Athletic Conference or NCAA...Georgia athletics is holding off on bids for NCAA Championships until 2023 because of COVID-19...The Arizona State Global Sports Institute related that finances and a public anxious for sports were main forces pushing for the return of college athletics in August and September...Central Michigan AD Michael Alford and several CMU head coaches are accepting compensation reductions. The Chippewas also have eliminated track and field programs to save budget dollars in 2020-21...UNI AD David Harris, head coaches and selected staff are taking salary cuts this spring and summer...The Allegiant Air Las Vegas Stadium is

adding personnel to make up for some lost construction time, and UNLV's historic Sam Boyd Stadium is the backup for the Rebels and NFL Las Vegas Raiders...The NFL Los Angeles Chargers have made multiple uniform changes and updates for the 2020 season...Alabama's renovations of Bryant-Denny continue to take shape on schedule...New Mexico athletics began its baseball park construction and some other facilities' upgrades...Air Force athletics faces the added challenge of fitting in summer basic training maneuvers for football and other sports' student-athletes...Arizona football declared full intention to compete in '20...Fresno State has assured student-athletes that the school is taking a safety-first approach to returning to football...Montana State is studying logistical possibilities in the return of intercollegiate athletics...Notre Dame has notified students that several COVID-19 precautions have been taken before the student body and student-athletes return in late July and August. The football schedule is still set, including the Aug. 29 Notre Dame-Navy international tussle in Dublin, Ireland...Ohio State's football facility has been opened for limited and social distancing use and training...The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools has set June 1 as the opening date for outdoor workouts and activities. Aug. 3 is the earliest date for TAPPS football workouts to begin....Arkansas football will utilize masks and paperless tickets as possible changes at Reynolds Razorback Stadium in '20....Miami (Fla.) area colleges and high schools may be playing before empty houses early in the upcoming campaign...Idaho Gov. Brad Little assured Boise State fans the school should play its 2020 schedule with no major problems...California Chancellor Janet Napolitano said the University of California system campuses will be open classes in the fall...The Center for Disease Control has sent updated sanitation and preventative measures for crowds and gatherings to colleges and universities nationwide...Numerous Minnesota and Ohio State football and fall sports student-athletes expressed glee about being allowed to start voluntary workouts in June...Marshall student-athletes, coaches and athletics' administrators are set for the June 1 return to voluntary workouts...Georgia Tech and state schools in Georgia have the option to begin voluntary workouts June 1...San Diego State appears to be setting its return date for voluntary workouts on campus for July 7...Colorado, Michigan, Michigan State and Minnesota are working on some additional items before setting a hard starting day for their student-athletes to return to the respective campuses.

USA Today and other major outlets did a recent period piece on favorite alternate football uniforms of the last five years, and some of the chief examples were Hawaii's Rainbow Retro togs, Iowa's individual block-I uniforms, Navy's gray battleship

helmets, Florida's white helmet throwbacks, LSU's Gridiron Gold uniforms, Maryland's state flag uniforms, and Pittsburgh's alternate football suits from the 1970s and 1980s, and Miami (Fla.) Nights all-black uniforms framed in school colors green and gold, Missouri's Liberty Bowl uniforms with the old Tigers logo helmet emblazoned on helmets or jerseys, UAB's Children's Harbor tribute to the local children's hospital, and Arkansas in its campy anthracite uniforms rather than the traditional cardinal and red colors...SportsMoney.com compared mid-major college athletics' budgets at Ohio and Miami (Ohio) and how these schools might be the key to the start and conduct of the 2020 football campaign...The Vanderbilt Hustler student newspaper reported on interest in resuming businesses, schools and athletics in the Nashville/Davidson County (Tenn.) Metro area...The Boston Globe spoke of possibilities of the rebound of COVID-19 with large gatherings of students at college activities and fans at activities such as football games if social distancing and facemasks are not utilized en masse...Award-winning columnist Scott Rabalais of the Baton Rouge, La., Morning Advocate wrote about college football and other sports' activities he once took for granted...The Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette has been emphasizing great Illinois

games of the past in its spring editions...ESPN will air a nine-part series on Super Bowl-winning QB Tom Brady of Michigan at dates to be determined in 2021

The NCAA has lifted regulations and is opening campuses for student-athletes for fall and winter competition in dates ranging from early June to late July. The earliest beginning date is June 1, and several conferences have recommended the multiple dates' comebacks to campus...The NCAA also is expected to push the one-time transfer waiver legislation back to the 2021-22 in light of 2020-21 health and return to campus challenges...Joe Browning of UNC Wilmington, Eric Rhew of UNCW, Erin Wagner of Northwestern, David Rasmussen of San Jose State, Mary Ann Mitchell of UMSL, Roy Pickerill (retired) of Kentucky Wesleyan, Rob Cunningham of Thomas Jefferson (Pa.), and Ed Cassiere of Xavier (La.) were featured subjects and opinion makers in the CoSIDA Open Forum online newsletter...Arizona, Baylor, Duke, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisville, Michigan, Michigan State, NC State, Ohio State, and Stephen F. Austin are working with NCAA enforcement and compliance officials concerning possible issues and reports at their respective schools...The NFL is considering extra assistant replay officials for 2020 contests.

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Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Regular Cab



by Matt Degen

The Chevrolet Silverado is one of the best-selling trucks in America, thanks to its well-rounded portfolio of strong performance, reliability and quiet, comfortable interiors. Known as a traditional, middle-of-the-road full-size pickup truck, the all-new Silverado uses technology and modern engineering to keep the Chevy capable and tough while making it lighter, more fuel efficient and roomier inside. The truck segment is particularly competitive this year, as the Ram 1500 and GMC Sierra are also all-new, and the top-selling Ford F-150 continues to evolve and improve, further cementing its place as the half-ton-truck benchmark. The Silverado is still recognizable as a Chevrolet truck, but its new design advances this pickup's styling far beyond what it once was.

We drove the Silverados equipped with the 5.3-liter and 6.2-liter V8s. The 5.3-liter has plenty of power, and as the lighter truck with the same power it had last year makes the Silverado plenty spry. Adding to the power delivery is a transmission that now has much quicker response, a notable upgrade from a previous transmission that would suffer from the occasional slow, clunky shift. Another plus: We couldn't tell when the fuel-management system was working. The 6.2-liter engine has a rumbling exhaust note and is more powerful than the 5.3-liter, but it's not as dramatic a difference as you would think. It's a nice option, but unless you need to tow more than the 11,600 pounds you can pull with the 5.3-liter V8, save your money and stick with the 5.3. The truck feels taut and more accurate, with little body roll. Everything from steering to braking feels natural and linear. And the Chevrolet Silverado drives smaller than it is, with excellent ride quality. The Silverado had already earned a reputation for its quiet

cabins.

There's a handy checklist for connecting a trailer, and you can store five trailer profiles. You can monitor the trailer tires' pressures, and can test the trailer lights by yourself (usually a 2-person job), all through a cool smartphone app. An available rear camera shows you what's behind your trailer. In addition, an alarm sounds if the trailer is disconnected while your truck is locked.

While you don't need to spend the extra money on the 6.2-liter V8, with that investment you get this gem of a transmission. Its quick, smooth shifts make driving the 6.2-equipped Chevrolet Silverado especially satisfying. Hopefully, Chev will expand the 10-speed's availability in the future.

While the Silverado's interior is tasteful and attractive, it's still conservative and not a big evolution from last year's interior. However, the truck's longer wheelbase translates into a spacious interior, with a flat floor in the crew-cab's second row. Silverado interiors were already quiet; this one is even quieter. There are clever storage spaces inside, including nooks in the front of the rear seatbacks and spots under the rear seats. But there's no power tilt/telescoping steering wheel in any trim level, and the largest touch screen you can get is an 8-inch screen. The Chevrolet Silverado doesn't come with adaptive cruise control and, while there are a lot of new advanced safety systems, the blind-spot monitor doesn't account for a vehicle in your trailer's blind spot.

Chevy's Silverado is available in eight trim levels, and the front end of each of them has two body-color tabs that meet a center bar in the grille. Some trim levels use copious amounts of chrome, others focus more on keeping things body-color, and some use black accents, so buyers can choose less or more chrome for their truck. The value trims have "Chevrolet" stamped

in the center bar, with a small bow tie below, on the lower right. Higher up the line, the bar has the Chevrolet logo in the center. Opt for the Trail Boss, and the truck sits taller thanks to the lifted suspension, and the blacked-out wheels and door handles give the Silverado attitude.

The Work Truck, the Chevrolet Silverado's base model, uses a 4.3-liter V6 engine with Adaptive Fuel Management (GM's previous-generation fuel-management system), a 6-speed automatic transmission, 4-wheel disc brakes, and 17-inch painted steel wheels. Buyers can get a vinyl or cloth 40/20/40-split-bench seat. The Teen Driver safety suite comes on every Silverado. Chevrolet's Infotainment 3 system is standard, operated through a 7-inch touch screen. Bluetooth is standard, as is Apple CarPlay/Android Auto connectivity, and you get one USB port and one 12-volt outlet. Audio is channeled through a 6-speaker system. Silverados get 12 cargo tie-downs in the bed, plus CornerSteps in the rear bumper. Remote keyless entry, rear-window defogger, cruise control and power mirrors are optional.

You can get the 6.2-liter V8 with a 10-speed automatic transmission, and a max trailering package and Z71 off-road package are offered. Wheels sizes go up to 22 inches. Trailer tech, including the auxiliary trailer camera, is available, as is a power up/down tailgate. Auto stop/start is available with LT and above models. An 8-inch screen and a 7-speaker Bose audio system are offered, as are two 120-volt power outlets, a surround-vision camera setup, rear camera mirror, 15-inch head-up display, heated power side mirrors, front and rear heated leather seats, heated steering wheel, a sunroof, and wireless smartphone charging. The Trail Boss includes a 2-inch suspension lift, locking rear differential, skid-plates, off-road tires and Rancho shocks.

Chevrolet Silverados will be available in

2-wheel drive (2WD) and 4-wheel drive (4WD) forms and with a choice of six engine/transmission combinations, including two different versions of GM's 5.3-liter V8. There are two types of cylinder-management systems to improve fuel economy. Active Fuel Economy is the better-known cylinder shut-off system that has helped boost GM truck mpg. New is Dynamic Fuel Management, designed to fine-tune the balance between efficiency and power demand. It lets the engine operate anywhere between two and eight cylinders, within 17 different patterns. The new Silverado is initially available with both 5.3-liter V8s, as well as the 6.2-liter, in many of the available trim levels.

- 4.3-liter V6 (6-speed automatic) 285 horsepower @ 5,300 rpm; 305 lb-ft of torque @ 3,900 rpm; EPA city/highway fuel economy: 16/21 mpg (2WD), 15/20 mpg (4WD), 14/18 (4WD Trail Boss)
- 2.7-liter turbocharged inline-4 (8-speed automatic); 310 horsepower @ 5,600 rpm 348 lb-ft of torque @ 1,500-4,000 rpm EPA city/highway fuel economy: 20/23 mpg (2WD), 19/22 mpg (4WD)
- 5.3-liter V8 (w/Active Fuel Management and 6-speed automatic: WT, Custom, Custom Trail Boss); 355 horsepower @ 5,600 rpm; 383 lb-ft of torque @ 4,100 rpm EPA city/highway fuel economy: 15/22 mpg (2WD), 15/21 mpg (4WD)
- 5.3-liter V8 (w/Dynamic Fuel Mgmt and 8-speed automatic: LT, RST, LT Trail Boss, LTZ, High Country) 355 horsepower @ 5,600 rpm; 383 lb-ft of torque @ 4,100 rpm; EPA city/highway fuel economy: 17/23 mpg (2WD), 16/22 mpg (4WD), 15/20 mpg (Trail Boss)
- 6.2-liter V8(w/Dynamic Fuel Management w/10-speed automatic: optional on LTZ, High Country); 420 horsepower @ 5,600 rpm; 460 lb-ft of torque @ 4,100 rpm EPA city/highway fuel economy: 16/20 mpg(4WD)

The starting MSRP for the Chevrolet Silverado is \$29,795 (including destination), which is comparable to other full-size pickups. If you want to go all-out, the crew-cab-only High Country starts at \$54,495, but fully loaded the price nears \$70,000. That also isn't unusual for full-size trucks. If you want many of the same features as the High Country but aren't as interested in that truck's model-specific interior, you can get an LTZ, which starts at \$46,895 for the crew cab. The Work Truck is the only model offered as a regular cab; the rest, except the High Country, are available as double cabs or crew cabs. The model line includes the Work Truck, Custom (\$36,095), Custom Trail Boss (\$40,995), LT (\$38,395), LT Trail Boss (\$47,395), RST (\$40,295), LTZ (\$44,495), and High Country.

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

Atlanta Falcons (all times ET)
 Sept. 13: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 20: at Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 27: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 5: at Green Bay Packers, 8:15 p.m. ESPN
 Oct. 11: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 18: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 25: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 29: at Carolina Panthers, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN/Amazon
 Nov. 8: vs. Denver Broncos, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 22: at New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 29: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS
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 Dec. 20: vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m Fox
 Dec. 27: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., Fox
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Baltimore Ravens (all times ET)
 Sept. 13: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 20: at Houston Texans, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 28: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 8:15 p.ESPN
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 Oct. 25: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 8: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS
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 Nov. 22: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 26: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:20 p.m.NBC
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 Dec. 14: at Cleveland Browns, 8:15 p. ESPN
 Dec. 20: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 27: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox
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 Nov. 29: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 6: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 13: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 21: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:15 p. ESPN
 Dec. 27: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Jan. 3: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS

Cleveland Browns (All times ET)
 Sept. 13: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 17: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 8:20 p. NFLN
 Sept. 27: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m. Fox
 Oct. 4: at Dallas Cowboys, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 11: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 18: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 25: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m. CBS
 Nov. 1: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 15: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 29: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 6: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 14: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 8:15 p. ESPN
 Dec. 20: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 26 or 27: at New York Jets, TBD
 Jan. 3: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS

Dallas Cowboys (all times ET)
 Sept. 13: at Los Angeles Rams, 8:30 p. NBC
 Sept. 20: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 27: at Seattle Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 4: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 11: vs. New York Giants, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 19: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 8:15 p ESPN
 Oct. 25: at Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 1: at Philadelphia Eagles, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Nov. 8: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 22: at Minnesota Vikings, 4:25 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 26: vs. Washington Redskins, 4:30 p. Fox
 Dec. 3: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFL Network/Amazon
 Dec. 13: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 20: vs. San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p. NBC
 Dec. 27: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p. Fox
 Jan. 3: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox

Denver Broncos (all times ET)
 Sept. 14: vs. Tennessee Titans, 9:10 p.m. ESPN
 Sept. 20: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 27: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, 4:25 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 1: at New York Jets, 8:20 p.m. NFLN
 Oct. 11: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 18: vs. Miami Dolphins, 4:04 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 25: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p.m. CBS
 Nov. 8: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 15: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 22: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 CBS
 Nov. 29: vs. New Orleans Saints, 4:05 p.m Fox
 Dec. 6: at Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Dec. 13: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Buffalo Bills, TBD
 Dec. 26 or 27: at Los Angeles Chargers, TBD
 Jan. 3: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 4:25 p.m., CBS

Detroit Lions (all times ET)
 Sept. 13: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 20: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 27: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:25 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 4: vs. New Orleans Saints, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 18: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 25: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 1: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 8: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 15: vs. Washington Redskins, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 26: vs. Houston Texans, 12:30 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 6: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 13: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 19 or 20: at Tennessee Titans, TBD
 Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, TBD
 Jan. 3: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox

Green Bay Packers (all times ET)
 Sept. 13: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 20: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 27: at New Orleans Saints, 8:20 p. NBC
 Oct. 5: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 8:15 p.m., ESPN
 Oct. 18: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, Fox
 Oct. 25: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 1: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 5: at San Francisco 49ers, 8:20 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 15: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 29: vs. Chicago Bears, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Dec. 6: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 13: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Carolina Panthers, TBD
 Dec. 27: vs. Tennessee Titans, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Jan. 3: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox

Houston Texans (all times ET)
 Sept. 10: at Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p.m, NBC
 Sept. 20: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 27: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m, CBS
 Oct. 4: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 11: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 18: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 25: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 8: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 15: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: vs. New England Patriots, 1 p.m, CBS
 Nov. 26: at Detroit Lions, 12:30 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 6: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 13: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 19 or 20: at Indianapolis Colts, TBD
 Dec. 27: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS
 Jan. 3: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS

Indianapolis Colts (all times ET)
 Sept. 13: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m, CBS
 Sept. 20: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
 Sept. 27: vs. New York Jets, 4:05 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 4: at Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 11: at Cleveland Browns, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 18: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 1: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 8: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 12: at Tennessee Titans, 8:20 p.m,NFLN
 Nov. 22: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 29: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 6: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 13: at Las Vegas Raiders, 4:05 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 19 or 20: vs. Houston Texans, TBD
 Dec. 27: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
 Jan. 3: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS

Jacksonville Jaguars (all times ET)
 Sept.13: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 20: at Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Sept. 24: vs. Miami Dolphins, 8:20 p.m.NFLN
 Oct. 4: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 11: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 18: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 1: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 p., CBS
 Nov. 8: vs. Houston Texans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 15: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 29: vs. Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 6: at Minnesota Vikings, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 13: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 20: at Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 27: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
 Jan. 3: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., CBS

Kansas City Chiefs (all times ET)
 Sept. 10: vs. Houston Texans, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Sept. 20: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:25, CBS
 Sept. 28: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:15 p.m, ESPN
 Oct. 4: vs. New England Patriots, 4:25 p., CBS
 Oct. 11: vs. Las Vegas Raiders, 1 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 15: at Buffalo Bills, 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN
 Oct. 25: at Denver Broncos, 4:25 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 1: vs. New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS
 Nov. 8: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: at Las Vegas Raiders, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Nov. 29, at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 4:25, CBS
 Dec. 6: vs. Denver Broncos, 8:20 p.m., NBC
 Dec. 13: at Miami Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 20: at New Orleans Saints, 4:25 p., CBS
 Dec. 27: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox
 Jan. 3: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 1 p.m., CBS

Las Vegas Raiders (all times ET)
Sept. 13: at Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., CBS
Sept. 21: vs. New Orleans Saints, 8:15 p, ESPN
Sept. 27: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS
Oct. 4: vs. Buffalo Bills, 4:25 p.m., CBS
Oct. 11: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1 p.m., CBS
Oct. 25: vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 8:20, NBC
Nov. 1: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox
Nov. 8: at Los Angeles Chargers, 4:05 p.m, Fox
Nov. 15: vs. Denver Broncos, 4:05 p.m., CBS
Nov. 22: vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 8:20 p., NBC
Nov. 29: at Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., CBS
Dec. 6: at New York Jets, 1 p.m., CBS
Dec. 13: vs. Indianapolis Colts, 4:05 p.m., CBS
Dec. 17: vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 8:20 p.m., Fox, NFL Network, Amazon
Dec. 26 or 27: vs. Miami Dolphins, TBD
Jan. 3: at Denver Broncos, 4:25 p.m., CBS

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

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

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

Minnesota Vikings (all times ET)
Sept 13: vs. Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
Sept. 20: at Indianapolis Colts, 1 p.m., Fox
Sept. 27: vs. Tennessee Titans, 1 p.m., CBS
Oct. 4: at Houston Texans, 1 p.m., Fox
Oct. 11: at Seattle Seahawks, 8:20 p.m., NBC
Oct. 18: vs. Atlanta Falcons, 1 p.m., Fox
Nov. 1: at Green Bay Packers, 1 p.m., Fox
Nov. 8: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., CBS
Nov. 16: at Chicago Bears, 8:15 p.m., ESPN
Nov. 22: vs. Dallas Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., Fox
Nov. 29: vs. Carolina Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox
Dec. 6: vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m., CBS
Dec. 13: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1 p.m., Fox
Dec. 20: vs. Chicago Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
Dec. 25: at New Orleans Saints, 4:30 p.m., Fox, NFL Network, Amazon
Jan. 3: at Detroit Lions, 1 p.m., Fox

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

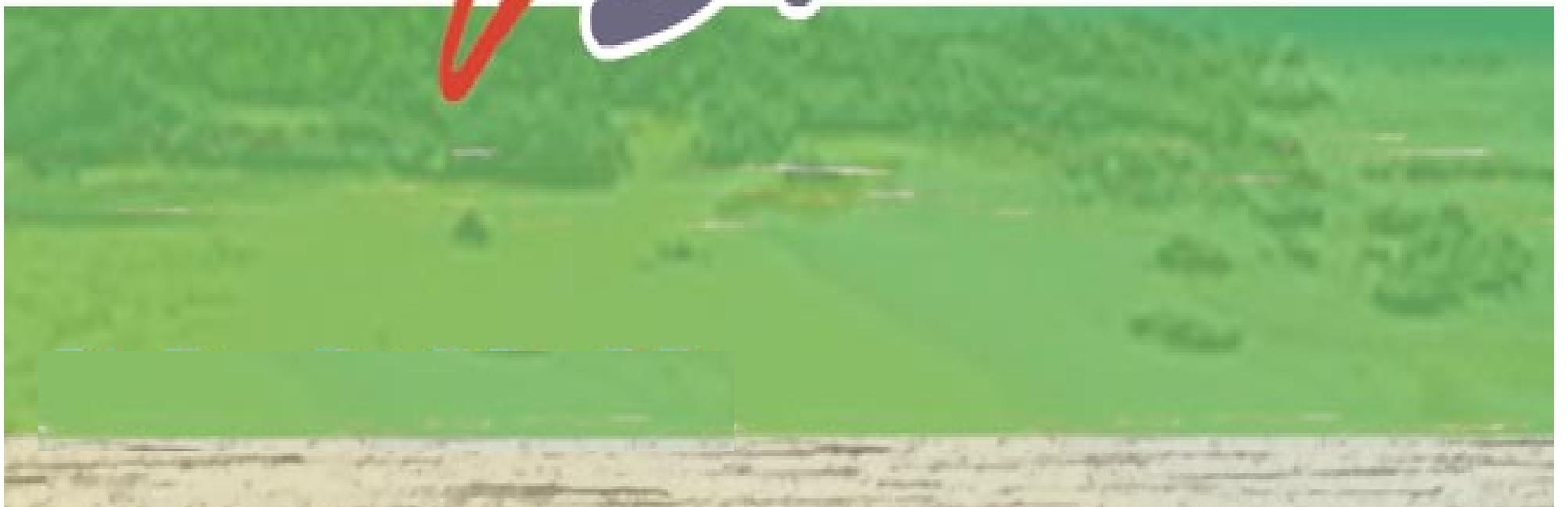
Washington Redskins (all times ET)
Sep. 13: vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox
Sep. 20: at Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m., Fox
Sep. 27: at Cleveland Browns, 1 p.m., Fox
Oct. 4: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS
Oct. 11: vs. Los Angeles Rams, 1 p.m., Fox
Oct. 18: at New York Giants, 1 p.m., Fox
Oct. 25: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



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New discoveries worth writing about



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The Traveling Gourmet
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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.

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