



NO. 7 OREGON DUCKS (7-1)

- Aug. 31:** No. 16. Auburn 27
No. 11 Oregon 21,
- Sept. 7:** No. 16 Oregon 77,
Nevada 6
- Sept. 14:** No. 15 Oregon 35,
Montana 3
- Sept. 21:** No. 16 Oregon 21,
Stanford 6
- Oct. 5:** No. 13 Oregon 17,
California 7
- Oct. 11:** No. 13 Oregon 45
Colorado 3
- Oct. 19:** No. 12 Oregon 35,
No. 25 Washington 31
- Oct. 26:** No. 11 Oregon 37,
Washington State 35
- Saturday at**
Southern Cal, 5 p.m. (FOX)
- Nov. 16** vs. Arizona, TBA
- Nov. 23** at
Arizona State, TBA
- Nov. 30** vs. Oregon State,
TBA



OREGON STATE BEAVERS (3-4)

- Aug. 30:** Oklahoma State 52,
Oregon State 36
- Sept. 7:** Hawaii 31,
Oregon State 28
- Sept. 14:** Oregon State 45,
Cal Poly 7
- Sept. 28:** Stanford 31,
Oregon State 28
- Oct. 5:** Oregon State 48,
UCLA 31
- Oct. 12:** No. 15 Utah 57,
Oregon State 7
- Oct. 19:** Oregon State 21,
California 17
- Saturday at Arizona,**
1:30 p.m. (PAC12)
- Nov. 8** vs. No. 25
Washington, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)
- Nov. 16** vs.
No. 24 Arizona State, TBA
- Nov. 23** at Washington
State, TBA
- Nov. 30** at No.7 Oregon,
TBA

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY**
- No. 12** Baylor 17,
West Virginia 14
Georgia Southern 24,
No. 20 Appalachian State 21
- SATURDAY**
- No. 4** Clemson vs.
Wofford, 1 p.m.
 - No. 6** Florida vs.
No. 8 Georgia
at Jacksonville, Fla., 12:30 p.m.
 - No. 7** Oregon at
Southern Cal, 5 p.m.
 - No. 9** Utah at
Washington, 1 p.m.
 - No. 11** Auburn vs.
Mississippi, 4 p.m.
 - No. 14** Michigan at
Maryland, Noon
 - No. 15** SMU at No. 24
Memphis, 4:30 p.m.
 - No. 16** Notre Dame vs.
Virginia Tech, 11:30 a.m.
 - No. 17** Cincinnati at
East Carolina, 4 p.m.
 - No. 21** Boise State at
San Jose State, 7:30 p.m.
 - No. 22** Kansas State at
Kansas, 12:30 p.m.
 - No. 23** Wake Forest vs.
N.C. State, Noon

FAR WEST SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY**
- Southern Utah (2-7) at
Montana State (5-3), 11 a.m.
 - Army (3-5) at Air Force (6-2),
12:30 p.m.
 - UNLV (2-6) at Colorado State (3-5),
12:30 p.m.
 - Utah (7-1) at Washington (5-3), 1 p.m.
 - Northern Arizona (4-4) at
Eastern Washington (3-5), 1:05 p.m.
 - Northern Colorado (1-7)
at Idaho State (3-5), 1:30 p.m.
 - Cal Poly (2-6) at Idaho (3-5), 2 p.m.
 - Drake (4-2) at San Diego (5-2), 2 p.m.
 - Montana (6-2) at
Portland State (5-4), 2:05 p.m.
 - Weber State (6-2) at Sacramento
State (6-2), 6 p.m.
 - Colorado State (3-5)
at UCLA (3-5), 6 p.m.
 - BYU (3-4) at
Utah State (4-3), 7 p.m.
 - New Mexico (2-6) at
Nevada (4-4), 7:30 p.m.
 - Boise State (6-1) at
San Jose State (4-4), 7:30 p.m.
 - Fresno State (3-4) at
Hawaii (5-3), 8:59 p.m.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Seattle Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner runs after recovering a fumble by Atlanta Falcons running back Devonta Freeman (24) at the Seahawks 1-yard line during the fourth quarter Oct. 27 in Atlanta.

Seahawks face last 'easy' challenge hosting Bucs

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — With what lies ahead, the Seattle Seahawks better enjoy what appears to be the final “easy” week on the schedule.

The Seahawks have started 6-2, are in the middle of the NFC playoff race and will host struggling Tampa Bay on Sunday. Seattle’s first half of the season has put it in the playoff conversation and could have the Seahawks in contention for a division title, eventually.

But the visit from the Buccaneers is a scary matchup and the last appetizer on Seattle’s schedule that becomes incredibly difficult over the final seven games.

“It isn’t just getting to the halfway point, it’s what you’re going to do about it,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. “That’s all gone and done with. Now this is when the run to the finish is under way.”

Seattle has feasted on the lower tier of the league in getting to six wins. It owns only one win over a team with a winning record. Five of its six wins are by one score, with a 17-point win at Arizona its only comfortable victory. Between the easy schedule and the margins of victory, Seattle hasn’t proven much in its six wins.

But it’ll have plenty of opportunity over the final two months.

After facing the Bucs, six of Seattle’s final seven games come against teams currently with .500 or better records. That includes two games against San Francisco and road trips to Philadelphia, the Rams and Carolina.

“I like the spot that we’re at,” Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said. “There’s been situations or games where we’ve been 4-4, or a lot worse records. So sitting at 6-2 with a chance to improve and really take off defensively, I like our chances.”

The cross-country trip is the end of a long stretch away from home for the Bucs. Tampa Bay (2-5) has lost three straight and hasn’t played a game in its own stadium since Week 3. Turnovers continue to be a nagging problem in Bruce Arians’ first year in charge.

LINE CHANGE

Seattle will experience a massive change on its offensive line with veteran center Justin Britt out for

the season with a torn ACL in his knee. Joey Hunt will make his third career start at center and his task will be significant trying to make protection calls while handling the defensive line duo of Ndamukong Suh and Vita Vea. Suh and Vea are big reasons why Tampa Bay has the best run defense in the league giving up just 68.6 yards per game.

“It wouldn’t matter who is playing center with Vita Vea over there on the other side. He’s a remarkable player,” Carroll said.

MY HOUSE

Arians has a 4-1 record as a head coach at CenturyLink Field from his time as the head man for the Arizona Cardinals. The 67-year-old enjoys the raucous atmosphere of one of the league’s toughest venues for road teams and has been known to refer to the Seahawks’ stadium as “my house” because of the success his teams have experienced in Seattle.

Seattle is just 2-2 at home this season.

“It’s kind of odd because when we played them every year, they’d beat us at home and we’d beat them up there,” Arians said. “A lot of those games were really close games that we won at the end. If you can hang in there with the crowd and the environment and everything that’s so unique about the place, and don’t get overwhelmed, you’ll have a chance to win the game.”

NEW MEMORY

Russell Wilson has been great for most of the season, but the one hiccup in his otherwise stellar first half came in his previous home game against Baltimore. Wilson threw his only interception so far this season in the 30-16 loss to the Ravens, which was returned for a touchdown by Marcus Peters. Wilson was just 20 of 41 for 201 yards in that game and it’s his only game this season with a passer rating under 102 and a completion rate below 64%.

BIG PLAY POTENTIAL

Whether Seattle can contain Tampa Bay wide receivers Chris Godwin and Mike Evans will be a big key. The Seahawks allowed 460 yards passing to Atlanta’s Matt Schaub last week. Jameis Winston is more than capable of just as big a day through the air with Evans and Godwin. The pair has combined for 85 receptions and 12 touchdowns in just seven games.

No. 7 Oregon puts 7-game streak on line

Line: Oregon by 4 1/2.
Series record: USC leads 39-20-2.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Oregon has played its way into College Football Playoff contention with a seven-game winning streak, but the Ducks won’t stay there unless they can get past their fellow Pac-12 division leaders at the Coliseum, where USC is 23-3 under embattled coach Clay Helton. The game looms large in recruiting, with Mario Cristobal’s staff hitting talent-rich Los Angeles hard and taking advantage of the struggles and instability at USC and UCLA to persuade players to join them in the rain up north.

KEY MATCHUP

USC’s star receivers vs Oregon’s secondary. This is strength on strength, with the Trojans’ trio of Michael Pittman Jr., Amon-Ra St. Brown and Tyler Vaughns providing an enormous challenge to the Oregon defense that leads the nation with 14 interceptions, including veteran cornerbacks Thomas Graham Jr. and Deemodore Lenoir and safety Nick Pickett — all Los Angeles-area natives, of course.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Oregon: QB Justin Herbert. The Ducks’ Heisman Trophy candidate has passed for 2,104 yards in eight games with 21 TDs and one interception, and he has thrown 131 straight passes without a pick. USC defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast has had success against star players before, but the



Washington State's Willie Taylor III sacks Oregon's Justin Herbert Oct. 26 in Eugene.

Trojans’ injury-riddled defense could struggle against an elite QB.

USC: RB Kenan Christon. The California 100-meter star sprint champion has produced two strong games after being forced into action by injuries to the Trojans’ top three running backs. He’s likely to get most of the carries again, and his open-field speed can wreck any defense.

FACTS AND FIGURES

The schools haven’t met since 2016. ... The Ducks have won four of last six against Trojans, but Hel-

ton and Sam Darnold beat Oregon at the Coliseum in last meeting. ... USC is playing its fifth ranked team already this season. ... Oregon RB C.J. Verdell leads Pac-12 with 753 yards rushing. ... USC freshman QB Kedon Slovis is completing 72% of his throws. ... The Ducks have 48 native Big Ten players on their roster. USC has four players from Oregon. ... Two sets of brothers on opposing teams: USC’s Pittman and Oregon WR Mycah Pittman, and USC LB Eli’jah Winston and Oregon LB La’Mar Winston.

— *Associated Press*



SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (6-2)

- Sept. 8:** Seattle 21,
Cincinnati 20
- Sept. 15:** Seattle 28,
Pittsburgh 26
- Sept. 22:** New Orleans 33,
Seattle 27
- Sept. 29:** Seattle 27,
Arizona 10
- Oct. 3:** Seattle 30,
LA Rams 29
- Oct. 13:** Seattle 32,
Cleveland 28
- Oct. 20:** Baltimore 30,
Seattle 16
- Oct. 27:** Seattle 27,
Atlanta 20
- Nov. 3** vs. Tampa Bay,
1:05 p.m. (FOX)
- Nov. 11** at San Francisco,
5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
- Nov. 17** BYE
- Nov. 24** at Philadelphia,
5:20 p.m. (NBC)
- Dec. 2** vs. Minnesota,
5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
- Dec. 8** at Los Angeles Rams,
5:20 p.m. (NBC)
- Dec. 15** at Carolina,
10 a.m. (FOX)
- Dec. 22** vs. Arizona,
1:25 p.m. (FOX)
- Dec. 29** vs. San Francisco,
1:25 p.m. (FOX)

BUCCANNERS SEAHAWKS-CAPSULE

- OPENING LINE** — Seahawks by 6.
- RECORD VS. SPREAD** — Buccaneers 2-5, Seahawks 3-5.
- SERIES RECORD** — Seahawks lead 8-5.
- LAST MEETING** — Buccaneers beat Seahawks 14-5, Nov. 27, 2016.
- LAST WEEK** — Bucs lost to Titans 27-23; Seahawks beat Falcons 27-20.
- AP PRO32 RANKING** — Buccaneers No. 26, Seahawks No. 7.
- BUCCANNERS OFFENSE** — OVERALL (15), RUSH (19), PASS (9).
- BUCCANNERS DEFENSE** — OVERALL (18), RUSH (1), PASS (31).
- SEAHAWKS OFFENSE** — OVERALL (9), RUSH (9), PASS (13).
- SEAHAWKS DEFENSE** — OVERALL (23), RUSH (16), PASS (27).
- STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES** — Buccaneers have won four of past five meetings between clubs that began play as expansion franchises in 1976. ... Bucs concluding six-week stretch in which they have not played a game in their home stadium. Has included four road games sandwiched around “home” game against Carolina in London and team’s bye. ... Seahawks looking to start 7-2 or better for fifth time in franchise history. Only better start 8-1 in 2013. ... QB Russell Wilson will tie G Chris Gray for franchise record for consecutive starts at 121 on Sunday.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	0	0	1.000	250	61
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	134	122
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	78	185
Miami	0	7	0	.000	77	238
SOUTH						
Indianapolis	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	5	3	0	.625	212	188
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	173	163
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	148	135
NORTH						
Baltimore	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	4	0	.429	150	145
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	133	210
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	124	181
WEST						
Kansas City	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	151	192
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	157	157
Denver	2	6	0	.250	125	151
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	190	124
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	199
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	158	218
Washington	1	7	0	.125	99	195
SOUTH						
New Orleans	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	4	3	0	.571	179	184
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	196	212
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	165	250
NORTH						
Green Bay	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	211	132
Detroit	3	3	1	.500	180	186
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	128	122
WEST						
San Francisco	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	208	196
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	214	174
Arizona	3	5	1	.389	195	251

NFL SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY**
San Francisco 28, Arizona 25
- SUNDAY**
Houston vs Jacksonville at London, UK, 6:30 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 10 a.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Tennessee at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.
Green Bay at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 5:20 p.m.
Open: L.A. Rams, New Orleans, Atlanta, Cincinnati
- MONDAY**
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 5:15 p.m.