Pac-12 could have a couple morning kickoffs this season

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LOS ANGELES — The Pac-12 has heard plenty of criticism from fans and coaches about a third of games being played at night

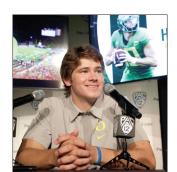
That has led Commissioner Larry Scott to possibly try a new scheduling approach this season.

Instead of "Pac-12 After Dark," welcome to "Breakfast with the Pac-12.

Scott said Fox and conference athletic directors are in preliminary talks about morning kickoffs for some games, which would put them in the network's key noon Eastern time slot. Any morning kickoffs, which would be at 9 a.m. Pacific and 10 a.m. Mountain, would be voluntary and not dictated by Fox.

"That would be new and somewhat out of the box, but I've tried to put everything on the table," Scott said. "I think there are some schools and markets that might respond positively."

Coaches are split about the possibility of a morning kickoff. Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said the sooner they



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert answers questions during the Pac-12 Conference NCAA college football Media Day on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

can start, the better.

"We'd adjust. We've played those games before. It's been few and far between, but we've had those 10 a.m. kickoffs in the past. We'd jump at the chance for that," he said.

Stanford's David Shaw said he would be somewhat resistant.

"All the studies we've all read and conducted ourselves on our campus, our sleep studies, it is better for young people to perform athletically if they get a full night's sleep," Shaw said. "And I don't know

that you can find any group of 18- to 22-year-old young people that are going to go to bed at 10 o'clock at night to get up at 6 o'clock in the morning to make sure they can perform athletically."

Something to prove

Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert remembers watching as a boy as Jeremiah Masoli, Darron Thomas and Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota led the Ducks to conference titles.

After deciding to return to school instead of declaring for the NFL draft, Herbert hopes to join that fraternity of quarterbacks as a senior.

Herbert threw for 3,151 yards and 29 touchdowns as a junior last season but Oregon still finished fourth in the Pac-12 North.

"We've been through the highest of highs and lowest of lows and we've seen all the success that's been at Oregon so we're capable of looking at it and realizing this isn't where we wanted to be," Herbert said. "There's a direction that we're heading and I think we need to keep going that way."

Camp: Bucks open season on Sept. 6

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Camp was a varsity receiver. "We've got some young guys that will have to step up," Sweek said. "I have high expectations. That's why we attended (the EOU camp). It's an early start, rather than starting at our first practice. It makes things a little easier."

At 6 feet, 5 inches and 190 pounds, Sweek still isn't done tuning up. This weekend, he'll attend the National Football Academy in Victoria, British Columbia. The three-day camp runs Friday through Sunday. Sweek, along with other high school athletes, will receive coaching from college instructors and players.

Sweek was invited to join the camp after his weekend at EOU came to a close.

"It's a long ways up there," Sweek said, "but it's a huge opportunity."

Over the course of the weekend, players will spend time in the classroom analyzing tape before hitting the field to work on their funda-



Photo contributed by Tim Sweek

Walker Camp (left) and Tanner Sweek (right) are pictured at Eastern Oregon University's football camp.

mentals and technique.

"Last year was the end of my growth spurt," Sweek said. "I'm working on putting my mind and body together. I've feel like I've improved

quite a bit."

The Bucks will play in a jamboree on Aug. 30 in Redmond. They begin the regular season on Sept. 6 with a nonleague game at La Grande.

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Detroit (Norris 2-8) at Seattle (TBD), 7:10 p.m. Friday's Games

9-5), 7:07 p.m.

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CYCLING

Friday's Games

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS Wednesday

17th Stage At Gap, France A 124.3-mile hilly ride through the Rhone Valley from Pont du Gard to Gap, with a pair of smaller climbs over the second half of the stage 1. Matteo Trentin, Italy, Mitchelton-Scott,

4:21:36. 2. Kasper Asgreen, Denmark, Deceuninck-QuickStep, :37 behind.

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gafredo, same time. 5. Dylan Teuns, Belgium, Bahrain-Mer-

6. Gorka Izagirre Insausti, Spain, Astana Pro Team, same time.
7. Daniel Oss, Italy, Bora-Hansgrohe, 44.

8. Pierre Luc Perichon, France, Cofidis Solutions Credits, 50. 9. Toms Skujins, Latvia, Trek-Segafredo, same time. 10. Jesus Herrada, Spain, Cofidis Solu-

tions Credits, 55. 11. Simon Clarke, Australia, EF Education

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Team Emirates, same time.

15. Sergio Henao, Colombia, UAE Team Emirates, 1:35. 16. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, Team Sunweb, 1:44.

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fredo, same time. 49. Thibaut Pinot, France, Groupama-FDJ, same time. 51. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands, Jum-

55. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, same time. 68. Mikel Landa, Spain, Movistar, same

74. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, EF Education First, same time. 83. Joey Rosskopf, United States, CCC,

same time. 137. Chad Haga, United States, Sunweb, 26:34.

Overall Standings

(After 17 stages)
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inck-QuickStep, 69:39:16. 2. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Ineos, 1:35. 3. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands, Jumbo-Visma, 1:47.

4. Thibaut Pinot, France, Groupama-FDJ, 1:50. 5. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Ineos, 2:02. 6. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany,

Bora-Hansgrohe, 2:14. 7. Mikel Landa, Spain, Movistar, 4:54. 8. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movis-

9. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, EF Education First, 5:33. 10. Richie Porte, Australia, Trek-Segafredo, 6:30.

11. Warren Barguil, France, Arkea-Samsic, 7:22. 12. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 9:30. 13. Xandro Meurisse, Belgium,

Wanty-Gobert, 11:08. 14. Dan Martin, Ireland, UAE Team Emirates, 11:39. 15. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Dimension Data, 12:06.

16. Guillaume Martin, France, Wanty-Gobert, 13:42. 17. Fabio Aru, Italy, UAE Team Emirates,

18. David Gaudu, France, Groupama-FDJ, 15:33. 19. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, 18:25. 20. Jesus Herrada, Spain, Cofidis Solutions Credits, 27:09.

72. Ben King, United States, Dimension Data, 1:35:19. 87. Joey Rosskopf, United States, CCC, 1:54:10

140. Chad Haga, United States, Sunweb,

Javelin: Jennings is seeded fourth in the nation

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and Field Junior Olympic state meet, as well as the top five in regionals, where he finished at first place with a 160-foot distance.

"It's been the best I could have asked for," Jennings said of his first year as a high school track athlete. "I started out throwing 104 feet, and ended (the season) throwing 180."

Not only is he the lone Buckaroo competing in the Junior Olympics, but he's also representing the entire

state of Oregon. He noted that every other athlete in his division is aged 16, which means they'll have an extra year of athletic experience going into the competition.

"I'm so nervous," Jennings said. "I'm going to be one of the younger people there. I'm the only 15-yearold in the bracket. Playing with the big dogs is going to be fun."

Bradley said he provides the opportunity for his athletes to compete in the Junior Olympics every year, and that Jennings was eager to take on the challenge.

"He was all about it," Bradley said. "He's ready for any chance to compete. We've had several teammates come out for it since their freshman year. They spread the word. (Jennings) was excited to hear about

Jennings is in for a long week. After Tuesday's car wash, he and his family hit the road to Sacramento. The finals commence on Sunday morning. The javelin event is scheduled for 8 a.m. at Hornet Stadium.

Baseball: Texas' Gallo out Tuesday due to bothersome wrist

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He struck out five.

'The trade rumors are not weighing on me. I'm searching to find that rhythm, to try and find the mechanics and find the release point," Minor said. "I just want to pitch better, so I'm looking forward to my next start."

Vogelbach started the big inning with a line drive shot down the right field line for his 24th homer. That was the start of four straight hits to start the inning, including an RBI infield single from Kristopher Negron. An error by catcher Jeff Mathis scored another run and J.P. Crawford capped the four-run inning with an RBI single.

Vogelbach hit his second homer in the sixth, a towering shot to right-center. It was his third career multihomer game. Vogelbach stayed late on Tuesday night looking at video to try and make some fixes with his swing.

"Just little things to get me going in the right direction. it. So watched some video last night and figured some



stuff out," Vogelbach said.

No Gallo

Texas slugger Joey Gallo was out of the lineup after leaving Tuesday's game with a sore right wrist that's bothered him for a while. X-rays were negative. Texas manager Chris Woodward said an MRI was inconclusive, but that a stint on the injured list appears likely.

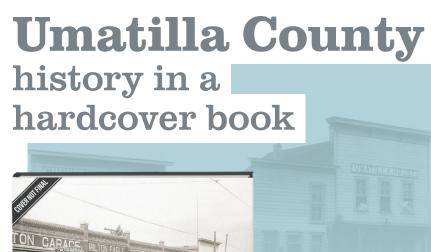
"We're sending him to a hand specialist in Dallas to see what exactly is going on as his hand is pretty sore," Woodward said.

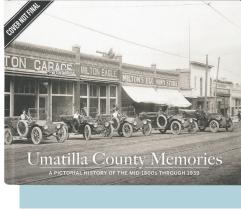
Santana watch

Seattle is still awaiting the results of an MRI on the right elbow of outfielder Domingo Santana after he left Tuesday's game with discomfort in his arm. Santana said the elbow has been bothering him since the All-Star break and was aggravated making a throw in Tuesday's game. While Seattle has not made a decision on whether Santana needs to go on the injured list, it appears likely he'll miss several games.



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