

# Oregon, Ohio State will be FOX's 'Big Noon' kickoff game on Sept. 11

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EUGENE — Oregon football's game at Ohio State on Sept. 11 will kick off at 9 a.m. in the "Big Noon" broadcast window on Fox, the network announced on Thursday, May 13.

The Ducks and Buckeyes were scheduled to meet at Autzen Stadium last season, but that game was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic as both the Pac-12 and Big Ten played conference-only schedules.

Both teams won their respective conference titles for the second consecutive season last year. The Buckeyes went 7-1 last season and didn't lose until falling to Alabama 52-24 in the College Football Playoff national championship game.

Ohio State will be seeking its fifth straight Big Ten title, but will do so with a new quarterback after Justin Fields went in the first round of the NFL draft to the Chicago Bears.

Oregon and Ohio



Oregon's Jevon Holland (8) during a game against California in Eugene in October 2019. Fox announced that Oregon's game with Ohio State will kick off at 9 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2021, in the "Big Noon" broadcast window.

State last met in the CFP national championship game following the 2014 season when the Buckeyes downed Marcus Mari-

ota and company 42-20 in Arlington, Texas. That was the first year of the College Football Playoff.

The Ducks, who went 4-3 last year after losing 34-17 to Iowa State in the Fiesta Bowl, will open the 2021 season at home against Fresno State on Sept. 4.

## LOCAL STANDINGS

Through games played May 13

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Wenatchee Valley	8-1	8-1
North Idaho	4-1	4-1
Walla Walla	4-2	4-3
Columbia Basin	3-2	4-2
Big Bend	3-4	3-5
Yakima Valley	2-3	3-3
Spokane	3-6	3-6
Treasure Valley	2-4	2-4
Blue Mountain	0-6	0-6

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Big Bend	8-0	8-0
Walla Walla	7-1	7-1
Spokane	5-2	6-2
Treasure Valley	3-2	3-2
Wenatchee Valley	3-3	3-3
Columbia Basin	3-6	3-6
North Idaho	1-2	1-3
Yakima Valley	1-6	1-6
Blue Mountain	0-9	0-9
College baseball		

### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Spokane	18-2	25-5
Yakima Valley	17-7	17-7
Big Bend	11-5	12-8
Columbia Basin	12-6	16-10
Wenatchee Valley	6-12	6-12
Treasure Valley	6-14	6-14
Walla Walla	2-10	2-10
Blue Mountain	2-18	2-20
College softball		

### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
North Idaho	19-4	20-4
Walla Walla	14-4	18-4
Big Bend	5-5	5-9
Treasure Valley	8-12	10-16
Columbia Basin	6-10	6-10
Yakima Valley	4-7	7-12
Wenatchee Valley	4-12	4-12
Spokane	3-9	4-13
Blue Mountain	0-0	0-0

### COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Team	League	Overall
Blue Mountain	6-0-2	6-0-2
Wenatchee Valley	3-3-2	3-3-2
North Idaho	3-3-1	3-4-1
Columbia Basin	2-3-1	3-3-1
Spokane	1-2-2	1-2-2
Treasure Valley	0-4-0	0-4-0
Walla Walla	0-0-0	0-0-0

### COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team	League	Overall
Walla Walla	5-2-4	5-2-4
Columbia Basin	5-2-2	5-2-2
Spokane	3-0-3	3-0-3
Blue Mountain	4-3-0	4-3-0
Yakima Valley	2-3-3	2-3-3
North Idaho	1-4-2	1-4-2
Treasure Valley	0-6-0	0-6-0
Wenatchee Valley	0-0-0	0-0-0

### PREP BASEBALL

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	9-0	11-3
Hood River Valley	7-2	9-4
Redmond	4-4	5-7

The Dalles	3-6	3-11
Ridgeview	2-6	2-11
Crook County	1-8	1-11

### 3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 5

Team	League	Overall
Burns	4-2	6-7
Nyssa	3-3	3-8
Vale	2-4	3-9
Umatilla	1-0	7-7
Riverside	1-1	5-7
Irrigon	1-2	6-4
Wallowa Valley	0-0	10-2

### 2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 7

Team	League	Overall
Heppner/Lone	3-0	12-1
Dufur/South Wasco Co.	3-1	9-1
Weston-McEwen	3-1	5-6
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah	3-3	9-4
Sherman/Arlington/Condon	2-2	6-5
Stanfield/Echo	1-2	4-10
Grant Union/Prairie City	1-2	2-9
Union/Cove	1-3	1-9
Adrian	0-0	0-1
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Trout Lake	0-3	1-12
Glenwood	0-0	0-0

### PREP SOFTBALL

### 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	8-0	12-1
Ridgeview	5-3	8-5
Hood River Valley	5-4	8-6
Crook County	4-5	6-7
The Dalles/Dufur/Sherman/Wasco Co.	3-6	5-8
Redmond	0-7	0-11

### 3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2

Team	League	Overall
Burns	5-0	9-1
Nyssa	2-3	2-10
Vale	1-5	3-10
Wallowa Valley	0-0	9-4
Riverside	0-0	3-6
Umatilla	0-0	0-13
Crane	0-0	0-0
Irrigon	0-0	0-0

### 2A/1A-SD6 SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Team	League	Overall
Stanfield/Echo	4-1	10-5
Grant Union/Prairie City	3-1	9-2
Union/Cove	3-1	9-3
Weston-McEwen	1-2	8-5
Heppner/Lone	0-2	4-8
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii	0-4	4-9
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Elgin	0-0	0-0

### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

### 4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Kamiakin	2-0	2-0
Hanford	1-0	1-0
Kennewick	1-0	1-0
Walla Walla	1-1	1-1
Richland	1-1	1-1
Pasco	0-0	0-0
Chiwawana	0-1	0-1
Southridge	0-1	0-1
Hermiston	0-2	0-2

### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

### 4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Kamiakin	2-0	2-0
Kennewick	1-0	1-0
Pasco	1-0	1-0
Richland	1-0	1-0
Hanford	1-1	1-1
Southridge	0-1	0-1
Chiwawana	0-1	0-1
Walla Walla	0-1	0-1
Hermiston	0-2	0-2

## Jennings:

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Earlier this week, Jennings ordered a Nordic Valhalla 800 Medium NXS javelin from a company in Sweden. It's designed for throwers who are less technical, but more powerful. It's a little forgiving, allowing throwers to make minor technical errors without affecting their throw.

The NXS — Next Generation Sharp — tip is made for maximum lift in all wind conditions.

"I'm still not extremely technical with my throwing," Jennings said. "This one has a medium to hard core and it won't destroy me."

His new javelin set him back \$1,200, with shipping.

"The original plan was I was going to buy it myself before summer," Jennings said. "My mom said we should start a GoFundMe, and the next thing I know my brother (Perry) set it up, and my sister-in-law wrote a nice thing to go with it. That saves me a lot of lawns to mow."

Before the GoFundMe could get any traction, a kind benefactor stepped up and gave Jennings the funds he needed to place the order now.

"My mom pulled out a bunch of money one day and said Grandpa (Howard Rowell) wanted to pitch in," Jennings said. "That's Grandpa, he likes to help out, and have things to brag to his friends about."

Rowell is getting a lot of mileage out of his grandson this spring.

The GoFundMe account, <https://gofund.me/7b7d8fec>, which has raised \$380 in two days, still is viable. He plans to use the funds to help with travel costs to Junior Nationals.

"Everyone in this town knows Sam," Bowden said. "He has a lot of support behind him."

### Hard work pays off

Jennings first threw a javelin in middle school. In that age group, they throw a turbo javelin, which is half the length of a regulation javelin.

When he got to high

school, Jennings picked up a regulation javelin and found that he had a talent for making it fly.

"It is the weirdest event," he said. "I don't know why I started throwing it."

Bowden said Jennings is a natural.

"He is the most advanced javelin thrower we have had in a really long time," Bowden said. "It's a blast to work with him. It's rare to find athletes in high school who have that drive to do things outside of school. He throws in the summer and went to the Junior Olympics and placed fourth."

When COVID shut everything down, Bowden wasn't able to work with Jennings, nor was Jennings able to throw on school grounds. He threw at the park near his home, but it wasn't the same without the runway.

"With COVID, he ended up taking almost a year off," Bowden said. "When he jumped back into it, I was afraid he would go from his 180 at to state to a lower number. He never did."

Adding in sprints and working with the Bucks'

relay teams has helped Jennings with his throwing. It keeps him from throwing all day, and it has improved his speed on the runway.

"That has helped him so much with his approach," Bowden said. "I told him he couldn't be a one-event athlete. His friends were doing the relay and he wanted to do it too. He is fast and has beautiful technique. He put the speed he learned on the track into his throwing and that has benefited him so much. He is going to do whatever he can to get to 200 feet. He is his own motivation."

Jennings' throw of 198-11 ranks first in Oregon and eighth in the nation. He and Jack Olsen (199-3) of Olympia, Washington, are the only throwers west of the Mississippi River on the nation's top 10 list.

The top mark in the nation this year is 211-0 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

"It's hard not to look at it," Jennings said of the rankings. "Being No. 1 in the state is pretty cool. Being ranked in the nation is the biggest thing I have achieved so far."

## Pac-12:

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a significant competitive advantage for the Pac-12," he said.

Kliavkoff, a former Boston University rower, has also served on the Board of Governors of the WNBA.

Scott announced in January he would be stepping down at the end of June. The Pac-12 said the change in leadership was mutually agreed upon by Scott and the university presidents, but it had become apparent that his term was likely to end before his contract expired in June 2022.

Scott's 11-year tenure as commissioner began with the conference landing a transformational billion-dollar television



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The Pac-12 logo is displayed on the field at Sun Devil Stadium during an NCAA college football game between Arizona State and Kent State in Tempe, Ariz., on Aug. 29, 2019.

deal, but the Pac-12 struggled to keep up with some of its Power Five conference peers when it came to revenue and exposure.

The Pac-12 launched a television network under Scott, but it never became

a cash cow like those in the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference.

Scott, who came to the Pac-12 from the Women's Tennis Association, was often criticized for being out of touch with campus-

level decision makers in college sports and overspending on the conference office.

Kliavkoff takes over as commissioner with Pac-12 football struggling to assert itself nationally.

The conference has only placed a team in the College Football Playoff twice since the CFP began in 2014. Scott began pushing for playoff expansion late in his tenure, and now it seems to be heading in that direction.

"My work on football will begin with meetings with athletic directors and coaches, and with my new colleagues at the conference offices," Kliavkoff said. "I believe personally the solution to elevating Pac-12 football is a combination of addressing the structural issues and a more focused approach on recruiting."

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