

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

OSU-Stanford game rescheduled

The Pac-12 men's basketball game between the Oregon State Beavers and the Stanford Cardinal has been rescheduled for noon Monday in Corvallis and is scheduled to air on the Pac-12 Network.

The game originally was scheduled for Thursday but was postponed because of COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocols within the OSU program.

Oregon State (4-3, 0-1 Pac-12) is scheduled to play California (5-5, 0-3) at 3 p.m. Saturday, while Stanford (5-2, 1-0) is playing at No. 21 Oregon (7-1, 2-0) at 7 p.m. Saturday.

— The Oregonian

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

CFP SEMIFINAL, ROSE BOWL

(1) Alabama	31
(4) Notre Dame	14

CFP SEMIFINAL, SUGAR BOWL

(2) Clemson	
(3) Ohio St.	late

PEACH BOWL

(9) Georgia	24
(8) Cincinnati	21

CITRUS BOWL

(14) Northwestern	35
Auburn	19

Alabama rolls into the CFP title game

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alabama rolled into another College Football Playoff championship game.

DeVonta Smith caught three of fellow Heisman Trophy finalist Mac Jones' four touchdown passes, Najee Harris ran for 125 yards with a high-hurdling highlight and top-ranked Alabama beat No. 4 Notre Dame 31-14 in the relocated Rose Bowl game Friday to reach its fifth CFP title game.

While the location for this Rose Bowl was truly untraditional, the Crimson Tide (12-0) playing for the national title is a common occurrence in seven seasons of the CFP.

Notre Dame (10-2), in football's final four for only the second time, has lost seven consecutive New Year's Six games since 2000.

Alabama led 14-0 after scoring the first two times it had the ball, including a 97-yard drive on which Harris leaped over 6-foot cornerback Nick McCloud just after crossing the line of scrimmage, landed on both feet and then sprinted for a 53-yard gain before getting run out of bounds. Jones threw a 12-yard TD pass to tight end Jahleel Billingsley on the next play.

That touchdown came between drives when Smith, who has 16 touchdown catches in his last seven games, turned short passes into scores of 26 and 34 yards. Smith finished with seven catches for 130 yards, added a nifty toe-tapping 7-yarder in the front corner of the end zone right on the pylon in the middle of the third quarter.

Jones completed 25 of 30 passes for 297 yards.

The Crimson Tide earned a spot in the Jan. 11 championship game in Miami.

Alabama will face either No. 2 Clemson or No. 3 Ohio State, who faced off in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. That game finished after The Bulletin's press deadline.

— Associated Press

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | FIESTA BOWL

Ducks look to finish strong



Ashley Landis/AP

Oregon quarterback Tyler Shough (12) runs the ball during the Pac-12 Conference championship game against Southern California on Dec 18 in Los Angeles.

No. 25 Oregon wraps up a season unlike any other against No. 10 Iowa State in the Fiesta Bowl

GLENDAL, Ariz. —

No. 10 Iowa State finished first in the Big 12 regular season for the first time and set a school record with eight conference wins.

The breakthrough earned the Cyclones a spot in their first New Year's Six bowl, Saturday against No. 25 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

Like everything else in a pandemic, the experience will be a little different.

All extracurricular activities tied to the Fiesta Bowl were shelved, the sightseeing tours among them. When the game kicks off, it will be in an all-but-empty stadium instead of before 70,000 fans. It will be a major bowl game on the field only.

"Our players, to have the opportunity to do the things that would typically be involved in the Fiesta Bowl

would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Iowa State offensive coordinator Tom Manning said. "Certainly, missing out on that is tough. You would like to have the full experience of the Fiesta Bowl, but it's the way that it's gone this year."

The Fiesta Bowl is the culmination of what coach Matt Campbell has built during five seasons in Ames, Iowa.

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Matthew Putney/AP file

Iowa State running back Breece Hall runs the ball against West Virginia during a game in Ames, Iowa, on Dec. 5. Despite the talented backs the Ducks have faced in a shortened 2020 season, Hall could be the toughest of the bunch.

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No. 21 Oregon pulls away from California for a 82-69 victory Thursday night

Associated Press

EUGENE — An extended break allowed Oregon's Eugene Omoruyi to recharge.

Omoruyi scored 26 points and the No. 21 Ducks extended their winning streak at home to 27 games with a 82-69 victory over California on Thursday night.

"Just being able to go home and see family helped me lock back in," Omoruyi said. The Ducks had an 11-day break between games over the holidays.

It was the seventh straight victory for the Ducks (7-1, 2-0 Pac-12), who led by as many as 12 points down the stretch. Oregon has won eight straight against the Golden Bears.

Matt Bradley scored 21

points, including four 3-pointers, for Cal (5-5, 0-3).

"We made some errors and had some plays we'd like to have back. I thought the first half we played really confidently and we competed well throughout the night," Cal coach Mark Fox said. "In the second half, we just had a drought. We put so much pressure on our defense."

The Ducks opened the season with an 83-75 loss to Missouri, but they won their next six, capped by an 80-41 victory over Portland on Dec. 19. Oregon's game against UCLA that was set for Dec. 23 was postponed because of an official tested positive for coronavirus.

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NFL

Seattle finds a treasure in former San Francisco safety D.J. Reed

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The Oregonian

Seattle Seahawks' coach Pete Carroll initially didn't realize the talent he possessed in defensive back D.J. Reed.

Reed has been a major revelation for the Seahawks since he made his season debut in Week 8. Reed opened eyes when he posted six solo tackles, an interception and two passes defended during the Seahawks' 37-27 win over the 49ers in Week 8. However, Reed's performance wasn't just an inspired day against his former team.

Reed started out playing at strong safety and nickel back when the Seahawks were hit hard by injuries. However, he really shined at right cornerback following injuries to Tre Flowers and Quinton Dunbar. Since Reed was inserted as

the starter in Week 13, he has posted a combined 24 tackles, an interception, three passes defended, a forced fumble and fumble recovery.

Carroll admitted he didn't think Reed's skillset was a fit at outside corner. However, Seahawks general manager John Schneider saw Reed's potential at cornerback.

"I didn't. John did. We work together and he helps me out sometimes when I make mistakes," Carroll told reporters. "We saw some opportunities for him to play, we got the conversation going, and I said, 'Sure enough, let's try him.'" There was no question he could factor in. The only problems were my shortcomings.

The 49ers used a fifth-round pick (No. 142) to select Reed in the 2018 NFL draft.

Reed played primarily on special teams during his two seasons with the 49ers. He suffered a torn pectoral muscle during an offseason workout and the 49ers released him with a non-football injury designation in August. The 49ers were hoping he would clear waivers and they could re-sign him.

San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan told reporters this week the decision to waive him made the team "sick" and one he wishes could have a do-over.

"D.J. made us sick to lose. He had an offseason injury where he tore his pec. We didn't know if he was going to be able to come back during the year from it. There were a lot of decisions that went into it," Shanahan told reporters.

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