ON THE AIR

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL	Time	TV
Men's college, Oregon at Colorado	2 p.m.	FS1
Women's college, Maryland at Michigan St.	2 p.m.	Big Ten
Women's college, Arkansas at Tennessee	3:30 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, Iowa at Maryland	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Cincinnati at SMU	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Indiana at Wisconsin	4 p.m.	FS1
NBA, Philadelphia at Brooklyn	4:30 p.m.	TNT
Men's college, UNLV at Colorado St.	5 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, BYU at Gonzaga	5:30 p.m.	ESPN
Women's college, Kentucky at Texas A&M	5:30 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, Illinois at Northwestern	6 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, USC at Arizona	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Portland at San Francisco	6 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Washington vs. Stanford	6 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, Nevada at San Diego St.	7 p.m.	CBSSN
NBA, Minnesota at Portland	7 p.m.	NBCSNW
NBA, Dallas at Denver	7 p.m.	TNT
Men's college, Washington St. at California	7 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, UCLA at Arizona St.	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions	3 p.m.	Golf

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL		
Women's college, Oregon at Stanford	11:30 a.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Ohio at Toledo	3:30 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Youngstown St. at Wright St.	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, North Texas at Texas-San Antonio	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Women's college, Colorado at UCLA	4 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Purdue at Michigan St.	4 p.m.	FS1
NBA, Charlotte at New Orleans	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Dayton at Davidson	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Women's college, Utah at USC	6 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Utah St. at New Mexico	6 p.m.	FS1
NBA, L.A. Clippers at Golden State	7 p.m.	ESPN
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions	3 p.m.	Golf
GYMNASTICS		
Women's college, Missouri at Georgia	4 p.m.	SEC
Women's college, Arkansas at LSU	5:30 p.m.	SEC
Women's college, Kentucky at Alabama	6 p.m.	ESPNU
WRESTLING		
College, Michigan at Rutgers	4 p.m.	Big Ten
College, Minnesota at Nebraska	6 p.m.	Big Ten
HOCKEY		
College, St. Cloud St. at Minnesota-Duluth	5:30 p.m.	CBSSN
SOCCER		
Mexico Primera Division, Tijuana vs. Pumas UNAM	7 p.m.	FS2
FA Women's Super League, Manchester City vs. West Ham United	4:30 a.m. (Sat)	NBCSN

Listings are the most accurate available. The Bulletin is not responsible for late changes made by TV or radio stations.

SPORTS BRIEFING

HOCKEY

U.S. upsets Canada in World Juniors championship

Tuesday night — Heavy underdogs against a hockey powerhouse on home ice, Spencer Knight and his United States teammates snatched away gold for the red, white and blue. Knight made 34 saves in yet another shutout and Team USA upset Canada 2-0 on Tuesday night to win the world junior hockey championship. Tournament MVP Trevor Zegras — who was drafted by the Anaheim Ducks ninth overall in 2019 — had a goal and an assist, and Alex Turcotte, who plays for the Los Angeles Kings, also scored as the U.S. won was played with no fans in the stands to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Coming into the game, Canada had outscored its opponents 41-4 and never trailed. The dominant Canadians were aiming to repeat as gold-medal winners, but had to settle for second place in their own country.

FOOTBALL

Seahawks' Adams says he expects to play Saturday **despite injury** — Jamal Adams said Wednesday there's no question he'll play in his first career playoff game Saturday despite a shoulder injury. Adams was emphatic he would be on the field for the Seahawks' NFC playoff opener against the Los Angeles Rams after leaving Seattle's Week 17 win over San Francisco in the second half with a shoulder injury. Adams appeared angry and dejected on the sideline after being examined by Seattle's medical staff Sunday. By Wednesday, he was jovial and excited to play. "Look, as long as these legs are moving man, as long as my faith is with the man upstairs, which is very strong, I'm gonna be out there," Adams said. Adams missed four games earlier in the season because of a groin injury. He said he played with one arm during the first meeting with the Rams in November after injuring his right shoulder early in the game. This time it's his left shoulder. Adams led Seattle with 9½ sacks in the regular season, the most by a defensive back since sacks became an official stat in 1982. He is the first defensive back to lead his team in sacks since 2011.

Dolphins OC Gailey steps down — Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Chan Gailey has resigned from his role after one season with the team on Wednesday. Gailey, who turned 69 on Tuesday, came out of a three-year retirement to reunite with veteran quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, coach rookie starter Tua Tagovailoa and lead the Dolphins offense under head coach Brian Flores. Now, Flores will need to find a new offensive coordinator for the third straight offseason. Dolphins tight ends coach George Godsey, who took on a greater role working alongside Tagovailoa on the bench between series, may be the best in-house candidate. Godsey served as Houston Texans quarterbacks coach in 2014 before being offensive coordinator in 2015-16. He also was the Detroit Lions quarterbacks coach in 2018.

- Bulletin wire reports

Oregon

Lottery

results

As listed at

oregonlottery.org

and individual

lottery websites

POWERBALL

The numbers drawn Wednesday night are: (1)(20)(22)(60)(66) 3

The estimated jackpot was not available at press time.

MEGABUCKS

The numbers drawn Wednesday night are:

(19)(23)(34)(41)(43)(46) The estimated jackpot is now \$6.8 million.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

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EA	STERN C	ONFERE	NCE	
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phila.	7	1	.875	_
Orlando	6	2	.750	1
Indiana	6	2	.750	1
Boston	6	3	.667	11/2
New York	5	3	.625	2 2 3 3 3 3
Milwaukee	5		.625	2
Cleveland	4	4	.500	3
Atlanta	4	4	.500	3
Brooklyn	4	4	.500	3
Chicago	4	4	.500	
Miami	3	4	.429	31/2
Charlotte	3	5	.375	4
Washington	2	6	.250	5 5
Toronto	1	5	.167	5
Detroit	1	7	.125	6
W	ESTERN C	····		CD
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	6	2	.750	_
Phoenix	5	2	.714	1/2
L.A. Clippers	5	3	.625	1
Golden State	4	3	.571	1½
New Orleans	4	4	.500	2
Utah	4	4	.500	
Sacramento	3	4	.429	21/2
Dallas	3 3 3 3 2 2 2	4	.429	21/2
Denver	3	4	.429	21/2
San Antonio	3	4	.429	21/2
Portland	3	4	.429	21/2
Oklahoma City	3	4	.429	21/2
Houston	2	4	.333	3
Minnesota	2	5	.286	31/2
Memphis		5	.286	31/2
	uesday's l		nes	
San Antonio 116, Chicago 111, Por		ers 113		

Tuesday's Late Boxscore

Bulls	111,	Trail	Blazers	108
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Porter Jr. 7-14 1-2 19. Williams 5-8 2-2 14. Carter Jr. 4-9 5-6 13, LaVine 6-18 3-3 18, White 8-19 3-4 21, Temple 5-10 0-0 14, Young 4-8 1-1 10, Gafford 1-2 0-0 2, Valentine 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 40-91 15-18 111. PORTLAND (108)
Covington 5-10 0-0 14, Jones Jr. 2-7 1-45, Nurkic 6-15 0-0

12, Lillard 6-17 9-11 24, McCollum 10-21 0-0 26, Anthony 4-9 0-0 12, Giles III 0-0 0-0 0, Trent Jr. 5-10 1-2 13, Kanter 1-3 0-0 2, Simons 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 39-94 11-17 108. 21 24 36 30 — 111 39 15 31 23 — 108 **3-Point Goals**—Chicago 16-41 (Porter Jr. 4-7, Temple 4-9, LaVine 3-10, Williams 2-2, White 2-7, Young 1-2, Carter Jr. 0-2, Valentine 0-2), Portland 19-51 (McCollum 6-14, Anthony 4-6, Covington 4-9, Lillard 3-11, Trent Jr. 2-5, Nurkic 0-2, Jones Jr. 0-3). **Fouled Out**—None. Rebounds—Chicago 52 (Porter Jr. 13), Portland 46 (Nurkic 11). Assists—Chicago 27 (LaVine 9), Portland 23 (Lillard 9). Total Fouls—Chicago 19, Portland 16.

Wednesday's Game Orlando 105, Cleveland 94 Indiana 114. Houston 107 Phila. 141, Washington 136 New York 112, Utah 100 Charlotte 102, Atlanta 94 Boston 107, Miami 105 Oklahoma City 111, New Orleans 110 Milwaukee 130, Detroit 115

Toronto at Phoenix, late Chicago at Sacramento, late L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late Thursday's Games Phila. at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m. Cleveland at Memphis, 5 p.m Dallas at Denver, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Portland, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7 p.m.

Women's college PAC-12 CONFERENCE Conference

	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Stanford	6	0	1.000	9	0	1.000	
Arizona	6	1	.857	8	1	.889	
Oregon	6	1	.857	8	1	.889	
Washington St.	4	1	.800	6	1	.857	
UCLA	4	2	.667	6	2	.750	
Arizona St.	3	3	.500	7	3	.700	
Colorado	2	4	.333	4	5	.444	
Utah	2	5	.286	3	5	.375	
Oregon St.	1	3	.250	3	3	.500	
Washington	1	5	.167	4	5	.444	
Southern Cal	1	5	.167	3	5	.375	
California	0	6	.000	0	9	.000	
	Friday's Games						

No. 11 Oregon at No. 1 Stanford, 11:30 a.m. Colorado at No. 9 UCLA, 4 p.m. Utah at Southern Cal, 6 p.m. Oregon St. at California, ppd. Arizona St. at Washington St., ppd No. 7 Arizona at Washington, ppd.

TOP 25 SCORES No. 18 South Florida vs. Wichita St. No. 22 Northwestern 80, Wisconsin 55

Men's college						
PAC-12 CONFERENCE						
	Conference All Games					mes
	W	W L Pct			L	Pct
Oregon	3	0	1.000	8	1	.889
UCLĀ	3	0	1.000	7	2	.778
Arizona St.	1	0	1.000	4	3	.571
Arizona	3	1	.750	9	1	.900
Stanford	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
Washington St.	1	1	.500	8	1	.889
Southern Cal	1	1	.500	6	2	.750
Colorado	1	2	.333	7	3	.700
Utah 1 2 .333 4 3 .571						

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Oregon St. at Utah, ppd. Thursday's Games No. 17 Oregon at Colorado, 2 p.m

Southern Cal at Arizona, 6 p.m. Washington vs. Stanford, 6 p.m. Washington St. at California, 7 p.m. UCLA at Arizona St., 7:30 p.m.

TOP 25 SCORES Wednesday's Games

Wednesday's Game

No. 2 Baylor 76, Oklahoma 61 No. 7 Creighton 89, Seton Hall 53 No. 9 Tennessee 79, Arkansas 74 No. 10 Michigan 82, No. 16 Minnesota 57 No. 11 Houston 70, Wichita St. 63 Louisville 73, No. 19 Virginia Tech 71 No. 21 Duke 83, Boston College 82 No. 22 Virginia 70, Wake Forest 61 No. 23 Saint Louis at La Salle, ppd.

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs WILD CARD Saturday's Games

Indianapolis at Buffalo, 10:05 a.m. L.A. Rams at Seattle, 1:40 p.m. Tampa Bay at Washington, 5:15 p.m. Sunday's Games Baltimore at Tennessee, 10:05 a.m.

Chicago at New Orleans, 1:40 p.m. Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 5:15 p.m. College

Monday's Game College Football Championship , Miami Gardens, Fla.

No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 3 Ohio St., 5 p.m. (ESPN)

America's Line (Home team in CAPS)						
—— NFL Favorite Open Current O/U Underdog Saturday						
	Wild	-card play	offs			
BILLS	61/2	61/2	51½	Colts		
SEAHAWKS	41/2	31/2	421/2	Rams		
Bucs	7	81/2	451/2	WASHINGTON		
Sunday						
Wild-card playoffs						
Ravens	31/2	3	55	TITANS		
SAINTS	91/2	91/2	471/2	Bears		

STEELERS 3.5 6 471/2 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF Current O/U

DEALS

Transactions FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Activated DE Austin Edwards
from the reserve/COVID-19 list. ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed OLs Shaq Calhoun and Sean Harlow, WR Rico Gafford, LB Shareef Miller and DL Da-vid Perry to reserve/future contracts for the 2021 season.

BUFFALO BILLS — Activated RB TJ. Yeldon from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

CLEVELAND BISWONS — Signed C Anthony Fabiano. Activated LB B.J. Goodson and LB Elijah Benton from the reserve/COVID-19 list and practice squad/COVID-19 list. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Gary Jennings and RB Renny Leibat to reserve/future contracts for the

and RB Benny LeMay to reserve/future contracts for the

2021 season.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed TE Ricky Seals-Jones to the practice squad. Placed DE Michael Danna on the reserve/COVID-19 list

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed LS Liam McCullough to

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Activated WR Cooper Kupp from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Announced offensive coordinator

Chan Gailey resigned. Signed WR Kisk Merritt to a reserve/ futures contract. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed LB Michel Pinckney

to a reserve/future contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed G Nick Easton on injured reserve. Designated WRs Michael Thomas and Deonte Jacobse Ne. Designate Whis which aer his mas and before Harris from injured reserve. Activated RBs Latavius Murray and Dwayne Washington and practice squad FB Michael Bur-ton and DB Keith Washington from the reserve/COVID-19 list. NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed RB Jordan Chunn to a resemplifying contact.

reserve/futures contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Waived DB Kevon Seymour

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Designated OL Matt Feiler and LB Robert Spillane to return from injured reserve. Signed DB Trevor Williams to the practice squad. Released

Signed DB Trevor Williams to the practice squad. Released LB/LS Christian Kuntz.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Activated WR Trent Taylor from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Signed TE Chase Harrell and DB Jared Mayde to reserve/future contracts for the 2021 season. Waiwed LS Colin Holbus.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Activated S Damarious Randall from the reserve/COVID-19-list. Signed CB Jordan Miller to the practice squad. Promoted TE Luke Wilson to the acive roster. Placed CB Jayson Stanley on injured reserve.

TAMPA RAY BLICT ANEFES — Activated 10 Shanuil Bar. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Activated OL Shaquil Bar rett from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Signed LB Deone Bu cannon to the practice squad. Released G Nick Leverett.

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TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed WR Marcus Johnson to
the practice squad. Waiwed WR Rashard Davis. Designated
OLB Tuzar Skipper from injured reserve.
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Signed RB Javon Leake to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Agreed to terms with
RW Oliver Bjorkstrand for a five-year contract extension.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Re-signed C Luke Kunin to

vo-year contract. VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Signed C Carson Focht to a three-year entry level contract

NFL

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Make no mistake, though: The home-field advantage that has long been part of the story of professional football all but vanished during the year of the virus. Largely empty stadiums cut off crowd noise as an en-

ergy source and strategic asset. "It doesn't feel any different playing at home or playing away right now," said Seattle coach Pete Carroll, whose team normally has a leg up as much as any host with the partial roof cantilevered over the seats that helps amplify the noise at what is now called Lumen Field. "It's iust evened everything out."

With the win on Sunday night over a Philadelphia team offering little resistance, Washington took the NFC East title. The victory was dually decisive, giving visitors a collective 128-127-1 record for the 2020 regular season — the first winning mark since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970. Road teams were narrowly outscored 6,353-6,339, a two-touchdown gap.

In 2019, though the visitors managed an anomaly of a plus-36 scoring margin, home teams still went 132-123-1 for a .518

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- Pete Carroll, coach of the **Seattle Seahawks**

winning percentage. In 2018, according to Sportradar, the advantage for the hosts was far more clear: a .602 winning percentage and a 564-point edge.

Over the previous 10 years, home teams collected 342 more wins than the visitors and scored an average of an additional 2.19 points per game. Over the 50 seasons prior to this unprecedented 2020 scene of largely empty stadiums, the home team winning percentage was .575.

The difference was immediately noticeable. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers was able to lure Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr offside on third and-5 late in the third quarter of the opener at Minnesota, which had enjoyed one of the NFL's most daunting environments for visiting teams.

The no-risk throw by Rodgers after the yellow flag flew went for a 39-yard completion to Marquez Valdes-Scantling to set up a score and put the game away. The Vikings, after matching the best home record in the NFC over their first four years at U.S. Bank Stadium, went 3-5 there in 2020. Their young and struggling defense had no help from a crowd on those critical third downs, making Sunday afternoons that much easier for

the opposing offense. Even in road games, the defense was more exposed in the highest-scoring regular season in NFL history. In Pittsburgh on Dec. 27, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger heard the Indianapolis Colts shouting, "Slant, slant!" before a first-down snap in the third quarter to warn the defensive backs of the route he might deliver the ball to.

'We should've run a slant. I almost changed the play, but I didn't because they were yelling it," Roethlisberger said.

Instead, he threw deep to Diontae Johnson for a 39-yard touchdown that cut the lead to 10 points and ignited the comeback for a 28-24 victory.

"There are absolutely times in games where you hear a defender say, 'Hey, watch this,' and you're like, 'Man, that's what we called.' Some of that

is dumb luck. Some of that is maybe tendencies. We can hear stuff that they talk about," Roethlisberger said. "It is one of the most unique years when it comes to strategy, when it comes to trying to trick people. Sometimes you even are trying to do dummy signals and saying dummy things just to make things happen or to trick other teams."

The Vikings lost 33-27 at home to Chicago on Dec. 20, a defeat that ultimately gave the final wild card spot in the NFC to the Bears. Minnesota had played the week before at Tampa Bay, one of the few stadiums where state COVID-19 rules allowed crowds of up to 25% capacity.

Hundreds of Vikings fans made the trip south to attend that game, and though the support didn't lead to a victory, their presence in purple jerseys was a welcome s team near the end of this draining and frustrating season.

You don't realize how much the fans are important to you until they're gone," running back Dalvin Čook said. "I think that's with a lot of stuff in life, but us on the field, we notice it. We miss the fans so much."

Sermon

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More people learned Sermon's name last weekend when he rushed for 193 yards and a TD and caught four passes for 61 yards in Ohio State's 49-28 victory over Clemson in a College Football Playoff semifinal, a game few prognosticators thought the Buckeyes would win.

In the Clemson game, he was also the guy with the sly smile.

ESPN cameras caught the engaging Sermon, his helmet pushed back on his head, glancing up and smiling sheepishly, almost mischievously, after a replay showed he was down before rolling off a defender and trying to sell it to officials as a touchdown run. ESPN replayed the smile moment a few times, and soon it was showing up in internet memes.

Sermon ended up at Ohio State because he needed a place to play as a graduate transfer and the Buckeyes needed a seasoned performer in their injury-depleted running backs room. When he signed on in the spring, presumptive starter Master Teague III was rehabbing from an Achilles tendon injury and his future was uncertain.

Sermon, who was recruited by Ohio State as a prep player, arrived in Columbus with some bona fides.



Ohio State running back Trey Sermon stiff-arms Clemson's Lannden Zanders during the Sugar Bowl on Friday in New Orleans. In the Buckeyes' two biggest games of the season so far, the Big Ten championship game and the Sugar Bowl, Sermon has rushed for a combined 524 yards on 60 carries while scoring three touchdowns.

He was the Big 12's Offensive Freshman of the Year in 2017, scoring his first touchdown at Ohio Stadium on a pass from Baker Mayfield in a win over the Buckeyes. Joining Kvler Murray in the Sooners' backfield in 2018, he had his best season, rushing for 947 yards and scoring 13 touchdowns.

In his junior year, Sermon had to fight for playing time before his season was cut short by a knee injury in the ninth game. He graduated from Oklahoma so he could transfer without sitting out, and continued to rehab his knee as the Big Ten stopped and started again because of the pandemic.

"It was pretty rough in the beginning," he said. "Just coming here and not being able to be around everybody, and then everything gets shut down and then picks back up."

Playing behind Teague in the first four games, Sermon had 232 rushing yards and zero touchdowns.

In the three games since, he's rolled up 636 yards with four TDs while averaging 9 yards per carry.

Coach Ryan Day said that with Teague sidelined again, Sermon got more carries, gained back some confidence and found his old groove. His tackle-breaking style and bursts in the secondary have

drawn comparisons to Ezekiel Elliott, who helped carry Ohio State to a national championship after the 2014 season.

The best part about Trey is when all that was going on, he never came into my office, never complained, never said 'I need more carries,' none of that stuff," Day said. "Just kept his mouth shut and kept going to work. I think that is the best part of this whole story, is he just kept going every single day to work and never said any-thing about it. And now he's playing at a high, high level."

Sermon, 6-foot-1 and 215 pounds, is back on the radar of pro scouts and can move up the draft board if he can manage to stand out Monday among an array of other NFL-bound players, including Alabama's Heisman Trophy winner DeVonta Smith.

Jim Nagy, executive director of the Reese's Senior Bowl and a longtime NFL scout, puts Sermon in the same category as Josh Jacobs, the former Alabama back drafted in the first round by the Las Vegas Raiders in 2019 despite getting stuck behind stars Damien Harris and Najee Harris on the Tide's depth chart.

Josh Jacobs was a backup in college and is a stud in the NFL," Nagy tweeted last month. "Trey Sermon has been a backup in college and he WILL be a stud in the NFL. Evaluate the player, not the depth chart."