# **ON THE AIR**

TUESDAY		
BASKETBALL	Time	TV
Men's College, Miami (Ohio) at Ohio	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, Wisconsin at Michigan	4 p.m.	ESPN
Men's College, Tennessee at South Carolina	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's College, Miami at Boston College	4 p.m.	ROOT
Men's College, Ole Miss at Florida	4 p.m.	SEC
Men's College, Butler at St. John's	4 p.m.	FS1
Men's College, Alabama at Kentucky	6 p.m.	ESPN
Men's College, West Virginia at Baylor	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's College, Teams TBA	6 p.m.	PAC12
Men's College, Vanderbilt at Missouri	6 p.m.	SEC
Men's College, Providence at Marquette	6 p.m.	FS1
SOCCER		
Premier League, Burnley vs Manchester United	12:10 p.m.	NBCSN
WEDNESDAY		
BASKETBALL	Time	TV
Women's College, Ohio State at Iowa	1 p.m.	BIG10
Men's College, Northwestern at Ohio State	4 p.m.	BIG10
Men's College, Duquesne at Dayton	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, Arkansas at LSU	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's College, Iowa State at Kansas State	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's College, Auburn at Georgia	4 p.m.	SEC
Women's College, St. John's at DePaul	4 p.m.	FS2
NBA, Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Men's College, DePaul at Georgetown	5:30 p.m.	FS1
Men's College, Illinois at Nebraska	6 p.m.	BIG10
Men's College, Boise State at Wyoming	6 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, Texas Tech at Texas	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's College, Texas A&M at Mississippi State	6 p.m.	SEC
NBA, New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Clippers	7 p.m.	ESPN
NBA, Portland Trail Blazers at Sacramento Kings	7 p.m. 🛛 🛚	BCSNW
HOCKEY		
NHL, Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers	2:15 p.m.	NBCSN
NHL, Chicago Blackhawks at Tampa Bay Lightning	5 p.m.	NBCSN
NHL, St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche	7:30 p.m.	NBCSN
SOCCER		
Premier League,		
Manchester City vs Brighton & Hove Albion	9:55 a.m.	NBCSN
Premier League, Aston Villa vs Tottenham Hotspur	12:10 p.m.	NBCSN

Listings are the most accurate available.

# **SPORTS BRIEFING**

#### **OLYMPICS**

Survey shows many Japanese believe Tokyo Games should be canceled or postponed — More than 80% of people in Japan who were surveyed in two polls in the last few days say the Tokyo Olympics should be canceled or postponed, or say they believe the Olympics will not take place. The polls were conducted by the Japanese news agency Kyodo and TBS — the Tokyo Broadcasting System. The results are bad news for Tokyo organizers and the International Olympic Committee as they continue to say the postponed Olympics will open on July 23. Tokyo is battling a surge of COVID-19 cases that prompted the national government last week to call a state of emergency. In declaring the emergency, Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said he was confident the Olympics would be held. Japan has controlled the virus relatively well but the surge has heightened skepticism about the need for the Olympics and the danger of potentially bringing 15,000 Olympic and Paralympic athletes into the country.

# FOOTBALL

**Eagles fire Pederson** — The Philadelphia Eagles have fired coach Doug Pederson, less than three years after he led them to the franchise's only Super Bowl title. Pederson was 42-37-1 in five seasons. He led the Eagles to two division titles and three playoff appearances before going 4-11-1 in 2020. Peder-son met with owner Jeffrey Lurie last week and again Monday. Pederson's loyalty to his coaching staff and frustration with the front office's interference was a major issue, according to a person familiar with the decision. The person said Pederson and general manager Howie Roseman weren't on the same page regarding many personnel moves. Ultimately, Lurie chose Roseman over Pederson. Pederson benched Carson Wentz for the final four games after the quarterback had the worst season of his career and started rookie Jalen Hurts.

# SCOREBOARD

Wednesday's Game

Thursday's Games

SCORES Monday's Games AP TOP 25

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California at Colorado, 6 p.

Stanford at Utah, 2 p.m.

Arizona at Oregon St., 8 p.m

Bradley 75. N. Iowa 73

SMU 79, Temple 68

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2. Louisville 3. North Carolina State (1)

Colorado 65, Utah 58

1. Stanford (29)

4. Connecticut 5. South Carolina

7. Texas A&M 8. UCLA

9. Maryland

10. Oregon 11. Arizona

12. Kentucky

6. Baylor

Washington St. at UCLA, 2 p.m. Washington, at Southern Cal, 5:30 p.m. Arizona St. at Oregon, 6 p.m.

No. 25 UConn (7-1) beat DePaul 60-53. MIDWEST

Loyola of Chicago 58, Indiana St. 48 UConn 60, DePaul 53

Prairie View 73, Texas Southern 67

#### FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS Saturday, Jan. 16
Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay, 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 17
Cleveland at Kansas City, 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3:40 p.m.
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Arizona	3	3	.500	9	3	.750		
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Texas Southern 79, Prairie View 76 FAR WEST Boise St. 68, Wyoming 61 Southern Cal 56, Colorado 52

#### DEALS

Transactions

BASEBALL Major League Baseball

Ámerican League SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Charles Johnson vice president of corporate partnerships.

National League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Dave Lundquist assistant pitching coach and Mike Calitri quality as-

surance coach **Minor League Baseball** 

Frontier League GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed C/1B Chase Vallot. SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed SS Nilo Rijo. Traded RHP Michael Hope to the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association of Professional Baseball for INF Trey Hair.

Texas League FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS — Agreed to terms with Victor Roias on a multivear contract to become president and

#### general manager. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NBA — Fined Philadelphia \$25,000 for violating the

## injury reporting rules.

NBA G League MEMPHIS HUSTLE — Acquired a No. 2 overall pick in the 2020-2021 draft from Erie in exchange for the return-ing player rights to F Jarrod Uthoff. Acquired returning player rights to David Stockton from South Bay in exchange for the returning player rights to Dusty Hannahs. FOOTBALL

#### National Football League

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed T Casey Tucker to a reserve/futures contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed TE Nakia Griffin-Stew-art and TE Nate Wieting to a reserve/futures contracts. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Activated DT Steve McLendon and LB Devin White from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed LB Kevin Minter on the reserve/COVID-19 list. TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed Ts Paul Adams and Bran don Kemp, WRs Rashard Davis, Cody Hollister and Ches ter Rodgers, TEs Parker Hesse and Tommy Hudson, LBs Jan Johnson and Tuzar Skipper, QB DeShone Kizer, K Tucker McCann, C Daniel Munyer, DE Nate Orchard and IS Matt Orzech to reserve/futures contracts

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Signed DTs David Bada and Devaroe Lawrence, WRs Jeff Badet, Tony Brown and Trevor Davis, DB Jordan Brown, TEs Dylan Cantrell and Dylan Cantrell, DE Jalen Jelks, RBs Javon Leake and Jonathan Williams, T Rick Leonard and K Kaare Vedvik to reserve/futures contracts. Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with S Brandon Alexander on a one-year contract exten-sion. Signed WR Macho Bockw and DT Zach Houghron. HOCKEY

National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed C Frederik Gauthier to a one-year contract. BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned Fs Brandon Biro, Steven

Fogarty, Brett Murray and C.J. Smith to the Rochester Americans (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed Fs Brandon Gignac, Nick Merkley and Ben Street and Ds Josh Jacobs and Colton White on waivers. Assigned Fs Nate Schnarr and Brett Seney and DS kevin Bahl, Nikta Okhotiuk and Reilly Walsh and G Evan Cormier to Binghamton (AHL). PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Designated Gs Maxime Lagace and Alex D'Orio, D Pierre-Oliver Joseph, LWS Drew O'Connor and Sam Poulin, RW Anthony Angelo

and C Frederick Gaudreau for assignment/taxi squad. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Sent Ds Teemu Kivihalme, Mac Hollowell and Timothy Liljegren, LW Pierre Engvall

and RW Joey Anderson to Toronto (AHL). VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Waived Ds Ashton Sautner and Guillaume Brisebois, CTyler Graovac, RWs Loui Eriksson and Justin Bailey and LW Sven Baertschi. VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Sent Ds Kaedan Korcazak

Connor Corcoran, Brayden Pachal and Jimmy Schuldt, Cs Peryton Krebs, Ben Jones, Lucas Elvenes and Jake Leschyshyn, LW Jack Dugan and Gs Dylan Ferguson and Logan Thompson to Henderson (AHL). WASHINGTON CAPITOLS — Sent RWs Kody Clark and Brett Leason, C Garrett Pilon and LW Joe Snivley to Her shey (AHL).

# **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** No. 25 WSU earns 1st ranking in AP Top 25

Tuesday's Game

Colorado 65, Utah 58

UC Riverside at Southern Cal, 6 p.m

### **BY DOUG FEINBERG**

AP Basketball Writer Kamie Ethridge was surprised to hear that Washington State had never been ranked before. Now the Cougars coach can add that to the team's list of accomplishments: They entered The Associated Press women's college basketball poll at No. 25 on Monday. "I honestly didn't know we'd never been ranked," Ethridge said. "I heard a lot about the lows we've experienced and talked to our team about the fact we have no banners. We have one NCAA Tournament appearance in the history of the NCAAs. A big part of our recruiting players was about hanging the first banner and being a first. How exciting it is to be on the way up." The ranking comes a day after Washington State beat then-No. 7 Arizona 71-69 in overtime on a buzzer-beating layup by freshman Charlisse Leger-Walker. Washington State (7-1) has won five of its first six Pac-12 games for the first time since the 2013-14 season. "We're enjoying the process



some eyes with two victories over Top 25 teams after also beating Oregon State last

## BASKETBALL

### Oregon State, Oregon women's games at ASU post-

**poned** — The women's basketball program at Oregon State is back to full practice sessions after nearly three weeks of pause due to COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocol. Playing games, however, must wait. The Beavers' upcoming opponent, Arizona State, continues to have its program on pause due to a COVID-19 outbreak. The OSU-Arizona State game on Friday in Tempe is postponed. It is Oregon State's sixth consecutive game that has been postponed. Oregon State's next game is 1 p.m. Sunday against Arizona in Tucson. The Oregon women's basketball team's game in Tempe this Sunday has also been postponed. No. 10 Oregon will face No. 11 Arizona on Thursday at 4 p.m. in Tucson. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN.

#### NBA calls off 2 more games over virus-related concerns

- The NBA called off two more games because of COVID-related and contact tracing issues on Monday, and a person with knowledge of the situation said the Miami Heat were preparing to be without "at least five" players for the next several days because of possible exposure to the coronavirus. Monday's game in Dallas between the Mavericks and the New Orleans Pelicans was postponed by the league, as well as Tuesday's matchup in Chicago between the Bulls and the Boston Celtics. The league's general managers were meeting Monday to discuss the league's current virus situation, with involvement from the National Basketball Players Association. The NBA's board of governors will meet Tuesday on the topic. The latest postponements come one day after Miami's game in Boston was called off because of contact-tracing issues within the Heat.

—Bulletin wire reports



Oregon

Lottery

results

MEGABUCKS The numbers drawn Monday night are: (23)(26)(31)(38)(43)(48) The estimated jackpot is now \$7 million.

As listed at www.oregonlottery.org and individual lottery websites

Collin Andrew/AP

Washington State head coach Kamie Ethridge has led the Cougars to their first ever ranking in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, entering at No. 25 on Monday.

right now," said Ethridge, who took over the program in 2018. "The team has had a lot of firsts and this is another one of those. We'll celebrate and acknowledge and enjoy the feeling."

While Washington State was enjoying its first ranking, Stanford tightened its grip on the No. 1 spot in the poll. The Car-dinal received 29 of the 30 firstplace votes from a national media panel. They were followed by Louisville, North Carolina State, UConn and South Carolina. The Wolfpack received the other No. 1 vote.

Not much was expected from the Cougars this season, who were picked last in the Pac-12 preseason polls by the media and coaches.

"The team grabbed hold of being picked 12th and carried that with a big fat chip on their shoulder," Ethridge said. "They don't verbalize a lot. ... They have a lot of pride about what they can do with this program." They've definitely opened

month. It's the first time since the 2014-15 season that they have two wins over ranked opponents. The lone loss came by four points to Oregon.

Ethridge hopes to guide the team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1991.

The schedule doesn't get easier for the Cougars, with four straight road games, starting with a trip to Los Angeles this weekend to face USC and No. 8 UCLA. The Cougars don't return home until Jan. 27 when they have back-to-back games against No. 1 Stanford. The Cardinal continued their winning ways this week, beating then-No. 11 Oregon. The Ducks moved up one spot to 10th.

No. 6 Baylor, Texas A&M, UCLA and Maryland round out the other teams in the top 10.

Fresh off a victory over then-No. 13 Arkansas, Tennessee earned its first ranking of the season, coming in at No. 23. Missouri State and Michigan State fell out of the poll.

# Bama

#### **Continued from A5**

Whether Fields was 100% after taking a brutal hit to the side during his brilliant semifinal performance against Clemson was hard to know for sure.

On the Buckeyes' first drive, they lost star running back Trey Sermon to an injury and in a game they needed to be running at top speed, facing one of great offenses in recent history, they sputtered too much. Ohio State has never allowed more points in a bowl game.

Fans can debate which team in the Saban dynasty is best, but none will be more memorable than this group. The Tide finished perfect during a season that could not have been further from it as COVID-19 forced teams into quarantines and endless testing and uncertainty every single week with games played in mostly empty stadiums.

Only about 15,000 fans were at Hard Rock Stadium, capacity 65,326, to see the last magnificent performance of Smith's college career.

The Heisman Trophy winner had 12 catches for 215 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half as the Crimson Tide bolted out to a 35-17 lead.

Using an array of motions and misdirections, outgoing offensive coordinator Steve

Sarkisian had Ohio State heads spinning trying to track down Smith.

Sometimes it was simpler than that. On Smith's third touchdown, he lined up in the slot, the closest to the line of three receivers on the left side. Smith cut quickly to the middle of the field and suddenly was matched up against a linebacker, whom he left in the dust for a 42-yard score with 41 seconds left in the second quarter.

Smith, who finished his freshman season by catching the 2017 national championship winning touchdown pass from Tua Tagovailoa, ended his Alabama career as the leading career receiver in Southeastern Conference history. He was the offensive player of Monday night's game.

As for Sarkisian, he is on his way to Texas as the head coach. Longhorns fans had to have liked what they saw from their new playcaller. If only he could bring Smith and his fellow Heisman contenders to Austin.

Jones, who finished third in the Heisman voting, was 36 for 45 for a CFP championship-record 464 yards and five touchdowns, operating behind a line that had him rarely feeling rushed. Harris had 158 yards from scrimmage on 29 touches, scoring three times to give him an SEC record 30 touchdowns this season.