

## DEAR ABBY

Write to Dear Abby online at [dearabby.com](http://dearabby.com) or by mail at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069



**Dear Abby:** I have been dating this guy seriously for a year. We have talked about marriage and we were even looking at rings. Due to certain recent events, I have come to realize that my hope for his Christianity to grow stronger is probably never going to happen. I love this man with all my heart, but I also need a husband who will pray with me, have a heart for God, who will want to go to church and make decisions by praying and leaning on God.

We have talked about this and what my needs are, but he's not sure if he will get there. Do I hold on and hope through my actions and life, he will learn how to walk with God fully, or should I let him go and try to find someone else?

— *Brokenhearted Believer*  
**Dear Believer:** If you can't accept this man just the way he is, let him go. You shouldn't marry anyone hoping to change him because it wouldn't be fair to either of you. If faith is your No. 1 priority, it would be better for both of you if you look further for a life partner.

**Dear Abby:** My friend "Gina" and I have known each other for many years. The other day she got into a heated discussion on Facebook with several other people we've known for years. It was about politics. When I read her post, I was shocked. She belittled and bullied those who didn't share her opinion. I have since deleted my FB account because I don't want to see such hatred. What do I tell her when she asks why I'm no longer on social media?

— *Social Media Distanced*

**Dear Social:** Tell Gina the truth. Say you deleted your account because you were shocked when you saw people with differing political opinions being bullied and demeaned, which you found shocking and offensive. If she's foolish enough to push you for more detail, tell her how her post affected you. It's shameful that adults in this day and age cannot calmly discuss their differences without resorting to those tactics.

**Dear Abby:** I am torn between two guys. I have known the first guy for a year, and we had some ups and downs. Six months ago he had a heart attack, but he pulled through, thank God. But since then, things have been very hard. Our relationship went sour and we broke up.

I met the second guy online a month ago. He seems very sweet and down to earth and treats me like a princess. The first guy and I ended up talking again, and the problem is, I'm still in love with him. I think both of them are wonderful and I don't know what decision to make. Please help me.

— *Choices, Choices in Delaware*  
**Dear Choices:** Before making any decision, it's important you fully understand why your relationship with Guy No. 1 went sour after his heart attack. Could it be related to his near-death experience? You need to have all the facts before jumping back into a romance with him.

You haven't known Guy No. 2 long enough to really know who he is yet. Do not pull the plug on this one until you have more answers than you were able to put in your letter to me.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL | OREGON STATE RECRUITING

## Transfers capable of immediate impact add value

BY NICK DASCHIEL

The Oregonian  
What did Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith make of his 2021 football signing class, officially completed Wednesday with the addition of four transfers, two scholarship high school seniors and nine preferred walk-ons?

We know what is being said nationally, including some lazy analysis. It is low-rated for the most part, a given going in because of the lack of scholarships OSU could offer in 2021. Of the players the Beavers signed, there isn't the star power of an Oregon or USC.

What the national and regional rhetoric doesn't include are transfers. That is an area where Oregon State could see immediate payoff. Receiver Makiya Tongue (Georgia), cornerback E.J. Jones (Kansas), running back Deshaun Fenwick (South Carolina) and offensive lineman Heneli Bloomfield (Utah State) signed Wednesday. All are currently enrolled at OSU, on campus



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**Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith looks on from the sideline during a game against Washington State in Corvallis in November.**

and planning to take part in spring football. At least three of the four are serious contenders for starting jobs in 2021.

Tongue is a former four-star high school prospect, while Fenwick had multiple SEC offers out of high school. Jones started eight games for Kansas in 2020.

Those are significant adds

for a team in dire need of a running back, receiver and cornerback for next season. Beyond that, Wednesday's list of signees added two scholarship offensive linemen, a position group that was missing from December's early signing class.

"We were going across the board and trying to create depth and additions at every

position," Smith said.

Asked if there was an area he wanted to address and was unable to do during the two signing periods, Smith said no.

"We're always going to look, and if they can add some value to our roster, we're going to pursue them," Smith said. "I don't see a glaring hole that we missed on this list."

Among Oregon State's 2021 26-man signing class from December and February are a dozen preferred walk-ons. More than half come from the state of Oregon. Walk-ons not only provide additional competition for practice, but some in time become key players, even starters. Several of the signed walk-ons may have had a limited or no senior high school football season because of the pandemic. Because of that, there's a possibility for talent and skill that won't show up on a video.

"We feel like these guys are going to be able to come in and truly compete and contribute and play," Smith said.

## Ducks

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Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said UO is "still saving a spot for a special talent" during his appearance on the program's in-house radio show, referring to five-star defensive end J.T. Tuimoloau, though not by name. Tuimoloau is not expected to sign until April, hopefully following on-campus visits, if they're allowed at that time, to Oregon, Ohio State and Alabama among others.

"Still a little bit of room," Cristobal said. "We have a little bit of room and we're going to keep recruiting and we'll polish off this class here in the very near future."

The Ducks once again have the best class in the Pac-12, with seven players ranked as the best from their respective states (Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, New York and Nebraska) and the best offensive player from California.

"It's widely regarded as the best class in our history," Cristobal said. "We'll find out on the field when it all plays out. But in terms of players in the country and some of the best players at every position, widely regarded as the best class in our history. For the third consecutive year having a top class in the Pac-12 conference, which is great because we like to have those consecutive type of accomplishments like having a back-to-back Pac-12 championship. This is directly related to that; talent acquisition."

The Ducks added 12 players on offense and 11 on defense, with 13 signees (Ty Thompson, Terrance Ferguson, Moliki Mataavao, Troy Franklin, Dont'e Thornton, Jackson Light, King-



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**Oregon coach Mario Cristobal reacts to a play on the field during a game against Montana in September 2019 in Eugene.**

sley Suamataia, Bram Walden, Keanu Williams, Keith Brown, Jaylin Davies, Jeffrey Bassa and Daymon David) already on campus and another (Jonah Miller) expected to arrive on March 26.

The additions on Wednesday won't join the program until the summer, but Cardwell and Dickerson each are at important positions for Oregon, which addressed its areas of need in both the immediate and short-term.

Cristobal said the 6-foot, 193-pound Cardwell, who committed last week, is "a very large special talent and adds a dimension to that backfield" with a combination of speed and power.

"We were late to the party in the sense of when we offered him, but he knew the entire time that he was somebody that I wanted for over a year," running backs coach Jim Mastro said on UO's signing day radio show. "He brings size. We're looking to get bigger every year and we've done that. He's as dynamic as they come and we're looking at a special skill set."

The top-rated running back

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— *Mario Cristobal, Oregon Ducks football coach*

on the West Coast, the 6-foot, 193-pound Cardwell rushed for 1,968 yards and 34 touchdowns during his two all-league seasons at St. Augustine High in San Diego.

"Hard to see a talent like that anywhere in the country, let alone out on the West Coast," Cristobal said. "When you're big, that powerful and that explosive, you can make people miss subtly or you can run around them, you can stretch the field from the backfield and be involved in the passing game and you can block like he does. He's a home run hitter. He does it between the tackles, does it outside, does it in the screen game."

A MaxPreps All-American and consensus No. 1 player from Nebraska, Dickerson helped lead Westside High (Omaha) to a state championship last season by posting 19 tackles (16 solo), one for loss, four interceptions, nine pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

Dickerson is the No. 8 cornerback in the 247Sports Composite and chose Oregon over Minnesota, where he was previously committed, and nearby Nebraska.

"Tremendous athlete, just tremendous talent," Cristobal said. "Has a lot of special team value as well. Explosive, long, fast, great academic guy. An explosive, tough, physical football player. He wants to play a physical brand of football. He wants

to be challenged and wants to be on the big stage. To be able to pry him away from some of the powers that be in that area, it speaks volumes about his desire to be great, not to mention the great job by (cornerbacks) coach Rod Chance and the rest of the staff."

Chance, who recruited Dickerson previously while at Minnesota, said the newest Duck runs the 100 meters in the 10.5-10.6 second range.

"He has some really smooth running mechanics, really knows how to get from point A, to point B," Chance said. "He has position flexibility. He'll create immediate special teams value for our football team whether that's in the return game or in the coverage units by having the speed that he does have."

The addition of Dickerson also gives UO five defensive backs, including two top 10 corners, in this year's class.

Combined with a trio of top-30 receivers, two of whom are in the top 10, two top-10 tight ends, a top-10 running back, top-5 quarterback and another vaunted quartet of offensive linemen, it's easy to see why this group of Ducks is the best ever assembled, at least on paper.

"Everything that we're saying is being validated by the actual outcome and the performances," Cristobal said. "It makes us hungry. We're more motivated than ever to take that next step and this class is an excellent step in that direction."

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 2021:** Unconventional, sincere and highly effective, you have your own original way of doing things. This unique approach wins you admirers this year as you finally complete a very successful project. If single, you get bored easily, so it's difficult to find someone who will hold your attention. This you do in 2022. If attached, acceptance of conflicting attitudes and priorities is a must. LIBRA, fitting in more, balances you out.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ Today heightens analytical skills. You'll enjoy deeper insight into the motivations and needs of others. There's a deepening awareness of the afterlife and a sense of unity with loved ones who have passed on. Tonight: You'll be reflective and draw on past experiences.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ A loved one blossoms with a new beauty or talent. This brings you joy. Legal matters are concluded. You discover how to rise above jealousy or insecurity to bring a more transcendent and supportive quality to love. Tonight: You express your feelings with special eloquence.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ Today's a wonderful time to toss out debris, to get neat and organized. Minimize stress with efficiency. Other people need time to discuss ideas and views. Patience and listening bring you rewards. Tonight: Postpone decisions about love. You'll go through a change of heart.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★ Concentrate with delicate tasks or if using tools or machines. Check to see what commitments others have made for you. Be cautious about devoting precious time and energy to a lost cause, or you could create futile pain for yourself. Tonight: Relax.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ Make the most of your inherited traits and early teachings. You will feel a sense of hope and encouragement. Insights are revealing. Your optimism, confident use of words will draw others to you. Tonight: A family discussion over dinner is eye-opening.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★ It's a good time for emails, calls and dealings with the media. It's not the time to procrastinate. Protect the reputation you've worked hard to establish. Peer pressure is strong. Keep good company. Tonight: Resist the temptation to gossip, as your words will be repeated.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★ Don't try to force your values on those who aren't receptive today. Associates are rather conservative. Comparison shop for the best prices when making purchases. Favors you perform now will be returned later. Tonight: Make kind, generous gestures toward those less fortunate.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Your own mind-set creates much of what is happening. Notes of humor and lightness are more effective with associates than an overbearing or severe manner. If you sense you're overbearing or expecting too much, pull back. Tonight: Awakening to new values and philosophies.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Today gives you a flair for strategy and subtle action, and finds you unusually introspective. You're able to cherish your secrets and privacy. Those closest to you will know only what you want to reveal. Tonight: A favorable time to work with affirmations and visualization.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Today adds to your charm and popularity and is a good time to develop nurturing friendships. You'll be responsive to peer pressure, especially from those in pursuit of all kinds of pleasure. Tonight: Enjoy yourself, but do keep your goals and priorities in sight.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ You are motivated and enthused at work, but diplomacy and patience are a must to assure success. Separate family and personal issues from professional responsibilities. You will feel ambitious and competitive. Tonight: Reach out to an elderly family member.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ You'll feel vital and creative today. Your appearance improves, lending strength to your self-esteem. This results in good fortune that affects your personal life as well as your professional status. Ask others for help and express your love openly. Tonight: You will meet with deep and loving acceptance.

## Tennis

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Australian Open organizers didn't immediately have details of how many players were ordered to isolate.

Under the current plans, up to 30,000 spectators are expected daily at Melbourne Park for the two-week Grand Slam event and there was no immediate indication of a change.

All arrivals in Australia must undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine under the COVID-19 pandemic regulations. The Australian Open chartered 17 flights and used three hotels in Melbourne for the bulk of the players to quarantine and had other secure accommodation and facilities in Adelaide, South Australia state, for some of the biggest stars, including Serena Williams, Naomi Osaka, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal.

Players were tested every day during quarantine and all were cleared before the tuneup tournaments began at Melbourne Park on Monday. The first three days of competition were incident free.

"This is one case. There's no need for people to panic," Andrews said in his news conference announcing the case and a raft of low-key restrictions.

"There's no need for people to be alarmed. We Victorians know what to do, and we have proven, as a state, very successful at managing these sorts

of outbreaks, these sorts of issues."

Australia has 909 deaths attributed to COVID-19, including 820 in Victoria state. Most

of those were during a second deadly wave last year when a hard lockdown and overnight curfews were put in place in Melbourne.

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**THIS WEEKEND'S**  
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