

ON THE AIR

TUESDAY

Table of TV listings for Tuesday. Columns: Sport, Time, TV Channel. Includes Baseball (MLB Preseason, College Baseball), Basketball (NCAA Women's Tournament), Hockey (NHL), and Tennis (ATP/WTA).

WEDNESDAY

Table of TV listings for Wednesday. Columns: Sport, Time, TV Channel. Includes Basketball (NBA), Golf (Women's Golf), Hockey (NHL), Soccer (UEFA U-21, FIFA World Cup), Tennis (ATP/WTA), and Water Sports (World Surf League).

Listings are the most accurate available.

SPORTS BRIEFING

BASKETBALL

NBA picks July 29 as date for this season's draft — The NBA has scheduled this year's draft for July 29, though it has yet to announce the location for the event.

BASEBALL

MLB to relax virus protocols when 85% on field vaccinated — Card games, car pools and eating at restaurants may be back in the major leagues later this season.

MOTORSPORTS

Logano takes the checkered flag in a haze of Bristol dirt — Somewhere under the thick red haze floating over Bristol Motor Speedway, Joey Logano took the checkered flag for NASCAR's first Cup Series race at a dirt track in 50 years.

SOCCER

Olympic failures show structural issues for US Soccer, MLS — The Catch-22 for U.S. men's soccer in the Olympics is this: The better a player gets, the less likely he is to play.

— Bulletin wire reports



MEGABUCKS

The numbers drawn Monday night are:

12 18 24 26 28 45

The estimated jackpot is now \$3.8 million.

As listed at OregonLottery.org and individual lottery websites

SCOREBOARD

ON DECK

Prep Sports

Table of prep sports events. Columns: Sport, Date/Time, Location. Includes Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Cross-Country, Football, and Wrestling.

PREP SPORTS

Volleyball

Monday's games: Sisters at Stayton, late; Salem Academy at Culver, late. Boys Soccer: Gladstone 1, Madras 1. Girls Soccer: Madras at Gladstone, late.

BASKETBALL

NBA

Table of NBA Eastern and Western Conference standings. Columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Men's College

Table of men's college basketball standings by region. Columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Monday's Box Score

No. 6 Houston 67, Oregon St. 61

Oregon St. (20-13): Alatishe 4-9 0-2 8, Silva 2-2 0-0 4, Lucas 3-7 0-0 8, Reichle 0-1 3-3 3, Thompson 3-12 5-8 11, Hunt 3-5 0-0 7, Andela 2-3 0-2 4, Calloo 4-7 3-5 13, Silver 1-1 0-0 3, Tucker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-47 11-20 61.

Women's College

Table of women's college basketball standings by region. Columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

HOCKEY

NHL

Table of NHL standings. Columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA.

Table of women's college basketball scores. Columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Monday's Games: Edmonton 3, Toronto 2, OT; Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Islanders 1; Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 3, OT; Anaheim at Colorado, late; Los Angeles at Vegas, late; Winnipeg at Calgary, late; Minnesota at San Jose, late.

Tuesday's Games: Columbus at Tampa Bay 4 p.m.; Detroit at Florida, 4 p.m.; Edmonton at Montreal, 4 p.m.; New Jersey at Oregon, 4 p.m.; Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.; Carolina at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.; Dallas at Nashville, 5 p.m.

DEALS

Monday's Transactions

BASEBALL: MLB — American League. MINNESOTA TWINS — Options Of Brent Rooker to alternate training site. Reassigned LHP Brandon Waddell and RHP Derek Law to minor league camp. Placed RHP Edwar Colina on IR. NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with C Robinson Chirinos and INF Derek Dietrich on minor league contracts. Released RHP Jhoulys Chacin from minor league contract. MLB — National League. CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contract of RHP Cam Bedrosian and OF Tyler Naquin from Louisville. Placed RHP Brandon Bailey on IR. PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Options RHP Geoff Hartlieb to Indianapolis (Triple-A Midwest). Reassigned OF Brian Goodwin, INF/OF Wilmer Difo and RHP Steven Wright. WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reassigned INF Jake Noll, RHPs Dakota Bacus and Chase De Jong and LHP Chasen Shreve to alternate training site. BASKETBALL: National Basketball Association. SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Signed C Gorgui Dieng. FOOTBALL: National Football League. ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with S Shawn Williams and S Chris Banjo to one-year contracts. CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed S Ricardo Allen to a one CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed CB Brian Allen. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed T Julien Davenport and re-signed C Joey Hunt. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Agreed to terms with CB Mackensie Alexander and S Xavier Woods, pending passing the physical exam. PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Re-signed P Jordan Berry to a one-year contract. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed LB Nathan Gerry to a one-year contract. COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE — Named Alicia Longworth and Brady Hart senior associate athletic directors. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Matt Figger men's basketball head coach.

Beavs

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OSU came up short of the school's third Final Four berth, the last coming in 1963. This was the Beavers' first Elite Eight appearance since 1982, when Oregon State lost to Georgetown 69-45 in the West Regional final.

The Beavers won 20 games this season for the first time during coach Wayne Tinkle's seven-year tenure. The conference title was the first in school history.

Oregon State took a long, winding path to Monday's regional final.

The Beavers were on the outside looking in at the NCAAs for the entire regular season. But Oregon State caught fire during the postseason, winning the Pac-12's automatic NCAA Tournament berth by claiming the school's first-ever conference tournament title. Then, as the 12-seed, the Beavers tore through the Midwest bracket, beating Tennessee, Oklahoma State and Loyola of Chicago by a collective margin of 31 points to land in the Elite Eight.

As was the case during Saturday's regional semifinal against Loyola, Oregon State's offense stumbled early. The Beavers had five turnovers in the first seven minutes. OSU had only six points during the first 10 minutes.



Michael Conroy/AP

Oregon State center Roman Silva fights for a rebound with three Houston players on Monday in Indianapolis. Houston had a 41-29 rebounding edge.

Big Picture

Picked to finish last in the Pac-12, the Beavers beat five AP Top 25 teams, the most since their 1975-76 team won the same number. They won their first game in the Big Dance since 1982, tied the 1963 Final Four team for the most tournament wins in school history with three, and matched Missouri in 2002 as the worst-seeded team to reach the Elite Eight.

— Associated Press

Meanwhile, Houston was cooking from the perimeter. Led by Sasser, the Cougars hit five threes during the first 16 minutes to take a 28-17 lead. OSU found some rhythm at the offensive end, as Maurice Calloo and Tariq Silver hit three-pointers. But the Beavers couldn't stop the Cougars, and were merely trading points. Houston closed out the half on a 9-0 run for a 34-17 half-time lead. The Cougars shot

only 35 percent during the first half, but held OSU scoreless during the final 4:48. The Beavers had only seven first-half field goals and made 1 of 6 free throws. Oregon State wasn't without hope, though, as the Beavers have won five times this season after trailing by double figures. Oregon State had a chance to strike some doubt in Houston. The Beavers started the second half on a 7-2 run. But the Cou-

gars pounded the boards, and twice hit three-pointers after multiple offensive rebounds to keep a healthy 42-27 lead and 14:54 remaining.

Eight minutes into the second half, OSU scored more points than it had during the entire first half. Yet the Beavers were only able to trim four points off the deficit as Houston continued to make threes.

Trailing 48-33, Oregon State finally started getting some stops as it changed defenses to a 1-3-1 zone. The Beavers inched closer, getting the deficit down to 10 when Calloo hit a pair of free throws with eight minutes left.

Oregon State continued to surge, with Houston in foul trouble. The Beavers went on a 10-0 run, capped on a put-back by Roman Silva, to cut the Houston lead to 52-48 and 6:15 remaining.

Following a three-pointer from Houston's Kiyron Powell, Oregon State got to within 55-52 on baskets by Hunt and Alatishe.

Oregon State pulled even at 55 on a three-pointer by Hunt with 3:46 left. But the Cougars responded with their next possession, when Grimes knocked down a three to give Houston the lead.

The magic came to an end down the stretch. The Beavers were unable to counter Grimes' go-ahead basket, and Houston's defense put away the game.

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With the preseason reduced, plans basically call for a bye week after the final August games and before the season begins in the second week of September. Also coming is a reduction in such offseason events as minicamps, organized team activities and pre-season work.

"There will be automatic changes to the offseason and in-season workout schedules as a result," said George Atallah, the NFL Players Association spokesman.

Just how expansive those changes will be is uncertain. By early April, clubs with new coaches — this year, the Jaguars, Texans, Jets, Chargers, Eagles, Lions, Falcons — normally are meeting with players before the entire league begins OTAs. All of that occurred re-

removes the most vulnerable game for players and replaces it with a week of regular-season practices and a game.

The 17th game will be interconference, with specific divisions matching up first-place finishers in 2020 on down to fourth-place clubs. In 2022, the league hopes to add international games to that format.

Another major offshoot of playing 17 games will be moving the Super Bowl back one week, in this case from Feb. 6 in Los Angeles to Feb. 13. That would place the title game in the middle of the Winter Olympics in Beijing. Coincidentally — or maybe not to the network — NBC has both.

There will be no discussions on rules changes at these meetings. Those will occur in mid-April, when the competition committee presents any recommendations.

Also on this week's agenda:

— An in-depth rundown of the media rights agreements that run through 2033, including placing Thursday night games on Amazon's streaming service.

— A review of 2020 COVID-19 protocols and what the league and union learned. Much of the basis of future protocols will concern vaccines and the data players and coaches need to make informed decisions. It's possible that players and coaches who are vaccinated will be given more freedom from protocols.

— Specifics regarding plans for next month's draft in Cleveland. The league said this draft will approach a normal one, albeit with health and safety protocols in place and limited participation by prospects.

— Updates on health and safety developments, including equipment such as helmets, pads and cleats.