

LOCAL CYCLING

Bend Bike Swap set for April 23-25

The eighth edition of the Bend Bike Swap is scheduled for April 23-25 just outside Thump Coffee Roasters in Northwest Crossing.

According to a news release, an assortment of bikes and cycling accessories will be for sale, and COVID-19 safety will be a high priority.

The event is organized by and a benefit for the Bend Endurance Academy, which offers youth programs in cycling, climbing and nordic skiing.

Those wanting to sell items can register them online now through April 17 at bikeswapbend.com. There will be no in-person item registration. Item check-in will be April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Bike Swap sale will occur April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Unsold item pickup is scheduled for April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon.

"The Bend Bike Swap is a community service," said Ann Leitheiser, development and fundraising director at the Bend Endurance Academy. "The community can come to this event and find a variety of bikes for affordable prices. It's also a bit of a celebration of spring as a lot of us transition from sliding on snow to spending more time on two wheels."

Professional mechanics, local bike shop employees, and avid cyclists will be staged across the entire swap to provide customer service.

According to the release, the Bend Bike Swap is a critical fundraiser for the Bend Endurance Academy as funds raised help provide tuition assistance to families needing support.

The Bend Endurance Academy receives a consignment fee of 22% on each item sold and a maximum fee of \$320 on items priced at \$1,500 or more.

Last year's Bend Bike Swap was canceled due to the pandemic.

All attendees are required to wear face masks. Safety precautions and social distancing will follow current Deschutes County guidelines.

For more information, visit bikeswapbend.com or contact Leitheiser via email at ann@bendenduranceacademy.org.

— Bulletin staff report

MLB

League relocating All-Star Game

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball announced Friday it was moving this summer's All-Star Game from Atlanta's Truist Park, a response to Georgia enacting a new law last month restricting voting rights.

MLB's announcement came eight days after Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp signed a sweeping Republican-sponsored overhaul of state elections that includes new restrictions on voting by mail and greater legislative control over how elections are run.

Commissioner Rob Manfred made the decision after discussions with the Major League Baseball Players Association, individual players and the Players Alliance, an organization of Black players formed after the death of George Floyd last year.

"I have decided that the best way to demonstrate our values as a sport is by relocating this year's All-Star Game and MLB draft," Manfred said in a statement.

— Associated Press

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | FINAL FOUR

Stanford survives, advances

Cardinal edges South Carolina, will face Arizona in all-Pac-12 title game

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO —

Haley Jones came up with a big shot, and Stanford got a little bit of luck to get back to the national championship game for the first time in 11 years.

Jones scored 24 points, including the go-ahead jumper with 32 seconds left, to help Stanford beat South Carolina 66-65 on Friday night and advance to the women's NCAA Tournament championship game.

"It was a battle. It was a really tough game where we had to work really hard," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said.

It's Stanford's first trip to the title game since 2010, which was also in San Antonio. The Cardinal lost to UConn in that contest, 53-47. But the Cardinal will not have to face the Huskies again, as Arizona upset Connecticut Friday night 69-59 to ensure there will be an all-Pac-12 title game.

"We got to play really well no matter who we play," said VanDerveer. "I don't have any skeletons in the closet or ghosts. This is a team that has confidence in themselves."

Leading by one, the Cardinal turned it over with 6.2 seconds left at midcourt and Brea Beal missed a



Stanford players celebrate their victory over South Carolina in a women's NCAA Tournament semifinal on Friday at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

contested layup as Lexie Hull hustled back to get in her way. Aliyah Boston grabbed the rebound, but her putback attempt also bounced off the rim setting off a wild celebration by the Cardinal.

"It is nice to have a little karma go your way," VanDerveer said.

VanDerveer, who earlier this season topped Pat Summitt's all-time win mark of 1,098 victories and was named the Naismith women's basketball coach of the year on Friday, will be looking for her third national championship at the school and first since 1992.

Trailing 65-64 with 32 seconds left, Jones hit a jumper from the corner off a rebound that gave the Cardinal their one-point lead.

"I just saw the ball bouncing around and most of my teammates were hitting some bodies to open it up. I just let it fly and I said, 'Please, Jesus, go in,' and it did," said Jones, who was 11 for 14 from the field. "And then we just had to go on to the next play, there's no time to get hyped about, we had to get back on defense."

The Gamecocks had a couple chances after Jones' shot. On the next possession, Boston had her shot blocked, but got her own rebound. Then, with 15 seconds left, Destanni Henderson threw a pass that was stolen by Ashten Prechtel.

After an inbounds, Cameron Brink lost the ball at midcourt to Boston, giving South Carolina those final two chances.

"We got a pretty decent, two looks at it, layup, follow up," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "We just came up short. We lost the way we did and it's heartbreaking."

Jones and Fran Belibi ran to Boston, who was still standing under the basket and both embraced her with a long hug after the buzzer sounded. "Me, Fran and Aliyah, we're best friends. We text every day. We talk all the time. We love competing against each other. I think us being so close really boosted our competitiveness against each other," Jones said. "So, I mean it was a hard-fought battle. She played great. We both played great. So, we just wanted to pay her the respect that she deserves."

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | FINAL FOUR

UCLA gets chance to stop undefeated Gonzaga

BY EDDIE PELLIS
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INDIANAPOLIS — Next up on the long list of wannabes eager to stop, or even slow, the undefeated Gonzaga Bulldogs is a team basketball fans might have heard of: UCLA.

In a strange twist that typifies a strange year, the legacy program with more national championships than anyone is a plucky up-and-comer this time around. The Bruins are listed as the biggest underdog at the Final Four in 25 years — 14 points — as they head into Saturday night's game.

And tiny Gonzaga — enrollment 7,300 with a dozen or so very talented basketball players sprinkled among them — is the behemoth nobody can seem to touch.

UCLA is the fifth 11-seed to reach the Final Four, and joins the 2011 VCU squad as the second to get this far after starting in the First Four, the preliminary round the NCAA added when it expanded the bracket to 68 teams a decade ago.

Heading into Selection Sunday, the Bruins (22-9) were viewed as slightly better than a bubble team, but the First Four placement identified them as one of the last four teams in. That placed a chip on their shoulders, but with Gonzaga (30-0) looming, this is no time for outside motivation, according to coach Mick Cronin.

"I give them pointers and try to be honest and tell them how hard it's going to be because of who we're playing," said Cronin, who has led UCLA within two wins of the program's 12th na-



Gonzaga's Jalen Suggs (1) drives for a layup against Southern California during an Elite Eight game in the NCAA Tournament at Lucas Oil Stadium on Tuesday in Indianapolis.

tional title. "I'm not the false-motivation guy, because none of that is going to help you when you're trying to stop Jalen Suggs in transition."

Suggs, a freshman who will likely get drafted in the NBA lottery if he leaves after one season, is one cog on a team with the nation's best offense (91.6 points per game), the nation's best shooting percentage (54.8) and the nation's most impressive margin of victory (23.1).

The Zags have won 29 of their first 30 games by double digits.

The winner advances to Monday's final to face the winner of the Houston-Baylor semifinal.

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Baylor, Houston reunite in semi

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP Basketball Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Somebody will be doing a joyful Texas two-step after Baylor and Houston meet Saturday night in the Final Four.

It could be Bears coach Scott Drew, who built his now-mighty program from the ashes of one of the worst scandals in sports history. Led by guards Jared Butler, Davion Mitchell and MaCio Teague, they've have rolled to their first semifinal since 1950 with the kind of joie de vivre nobody thought possible two decades ago.

Or it could be Cougars counterpart Kelvin Sampson, who has spent more than a decade trying to outrun the "cheater" label hung from his neck during his days at Oklahoma and Indiana. He might finally have done it with this bunch, a mish-mash of overlooked prospects and transfers that have fans fondly recalling the halcyon days of Phi Slama Jama.

Either way, the first Final Four game involving two programs from the football-mad Lone Star State will produce a hoops finalist that stands on the verge of a its first national championship.

"I don't feel like there's a lot of pressure, just knowing all the work we put in," said Houston guard Quentin Grimes. "I feel like every round we get more confident, the pressure becomes less, because we're supposed to be here."

That may be true these days. But it certainly wasn't true when Grimes and every other player stepping on the floor inside Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday night were beginning their basketball journeys.

It's been 71 years since the Bears reached this point. Seven coaches tried

and failed to replicate the success. The last of those, Dave Bliss, brought the program to its nadir: the 2003 shooting death of player Patrick Denney, his teammate Carlos Dotson pleading guilty to the murder, an NCAA investigation and attempts by Bliss to cover it up.

Into that cesspool came Drew, the squeaky clean son of Valparaiso coach Homer Drew, who set about rebuilding a program hit hard by NCAA sanctions. In five years, he had the program back in the NCAA Tournament, and trips to the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight became commonplace until finally breaking through this season.

"You have to go through bad times, good times, tough times," Drew said, "to get where you want to go."

It helps that in a season challenged every turn by COVID-19, Drew has had a team full of veterans to help stay the course. Butler, Mitchell and Teague earned All-America votes, Mark Vital will go down as one of the winningest players in school history and many of the backups would be starters on other NCAA Tournament teams.

"We had goals," Butler said, "to leave a legacy at Baylor and be the best team Baylor's ever had."

Meanwhile, the Cougars are conjuring up images of "the Glide," "the Dream" and "the Silent Assassin" in their first Final Four since Clyde Drexler, Hakeem Olajuwain and the rest of Phi Slama Jama led Houston to back-to-back title games.

Much like Baylor, they rely on their steely backcourt: sweet-shooting Grimes, defensive whiz DeJon Jarreau and all-energy guard Marcus Sasser.

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