#### **TUESDAY**

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BASEBALL	Time	TV
MLB, Los Angeles Dodgers at Seattle Mariners	1 p.m. M	LB,ROOT
College, Louisville at Kentucky	2 p.m.	ESPNU
College, Clemson at Georgia	4 p.m.	SEC
MLB, New York Mets at Chicago Cubs	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
College, Oklahoma at Texas Tech	5 p.m.	ESPNU
BASKETBALL		
NBA, Brooklyn Nets at New Orleans Pelicans	4:30 p.m.	TNT
NBA, Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers	7 p.m.	TNT
BOXING		
Boxing, PBC Fight Night	5 p.m.	FS1
HOCKEY		
NHL, Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres	3:30 p.m.	NBCSN
NHL, Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues	6 p.m.	NBCSN
SOFTBALL		
College, Oklahoma at Georgia	2 p.m.	SEC
WEDNESDAY		
BASEBALL	Time	TV
MLB, Regional Coverage	10 a.m.	MLB
MLB, Regional Coverage	1 p.m.	MLB
MLB, Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
BASKETBALL		
NBA, Denver Nuggets at Portland Trail Blazers	7 p.m.	NBCSNW
GOLF		
LPGA Tour, HUGEL - Air Premia LA Open, First Round	3 p.m.	GOLF
HOCKEY		
NHL, Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks	4 p.m.	NBCSN
NHL, Teams TBA	6:30 p.m.	NBCSN
SOCCER		
FA Women's Super League,		
Manchester City vs Chelsea	10 a.m.	NBCSN
Italian Serie A, Udinese vs Cagliari	11:30 a.m.	ESPN2
Premier League, Aston Villa vs Manchester City	noon	NBCSN
NWSL Challenge Cup, OL Reign at Portland Thorns FC Mexico Primera Division,	7 p.m.	CBSSN

### **SPORTS BRIEFING**

Monterrey vs Chivas de Guadalajara

College, Clemson at South Carolina

Listings are the most accurate available.

College, Louisville at Kentucky

#### **BASEBALL**

**SOFTBALL** 

Oregon baseball moves up in polls after series win at USC — Oregon baseball moved up in the polls following a 3-1 week including a series win at USC. The Ducks (22-8, 8-4 Pac-12) are No. 13 in the USA Today coaches poll, Perfect Game and d1baseball.com, No. 14 in Baseball America and No. 15 in Collegiate Baseball after a midweek win over Portland and taking two of three against USC. That's up from Nos. 14-17 last week. Oregon hosts a three-game series with UCLA (21-11, 9-6 Pac-12) starting Friday at 6 p.m.

7 p.m.

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**ESPNU** 

SEC

## **FOOTBALL**

Seahawks' Aldon Smith is wanted in Louisiana on second-degree battery charge — The Seattle Seahawks may have to revisit their decision to sign Aldon Smith, who is facing legal trouble once again. The defensive end, who signed with the Seahawks on Friday, is wanted in Louisiana on a second-degree battery charge, according to a police bulletin issued by St. Bernard Parish authorities. The incident allegedly occurred on April 17, two days after Smith signed a one-year deal with the Seahawks. Smith allegedly committed that battery during an incident in Chalmette, a suburb of New Orleans. According to a report, authorities claim there is video evidence of the alleged incident. Smith, 31, played for the Dallas Cowboys last season after signing a one-year contract.

## **GOLF**

California allows fans for U.S. Opens if vaccinated or **tested** — A limited number of spectators will be allowed at the U.S. Women's Open in San Francisco and the U.S. Open in San Diego in June provided they are vaccinated or can show proof of a negative test for the coronavirus. The USGA announced the policy Monday after consulting with California health officials. While the U.S. Opens will not be the first majors to allow fans, they will be the first to hold spectators to a standard of health through the COVID-19 vaccine or testing. The USGA did not indicate how many fans would be allowed at either championship. The Masters did not require its spectators, believed to be about 8,000, to be tested two weeks ago at Augusta National. The PGA Championship on May 20-23 at Kiawah Island in South Carolina is allowing 10,000 fans a day who will not need to show proof of a negative test or vaccination.

## **BASKETBALL**

Antron Pippen, Scottie Pippen's oldest son, dies at

**33** — Antron Pippen, the son of Basketball Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen and once a top college prospect, has died. He was 33. Scottie Pippen announced the death on his social media platforms, saying his oldest child died Sunday. He did not give a cause. "I'm heartbroken to share that yesterday, I said goodbye to my firstborn son Antron," Scottie Pippen wrote Monday. "The two of us shared a love for basketball and we had countless conversations about the game. Antron suffered from chronic asthma and if he hadn't had it, I truly believe he would've made it to the NBA. He never let that get him down, though — Antron stayed positive and worked hard, and I am so proud of the man that he became." Antron Pippen was an accomplished high school player in Georgia, then played college basketball at South Georgia Tech and Texas A&M International.

-Bulletin wire reports



## **MEGABUCKS**

The numbers drawn Monday night are: **(4)(8)(14)(18)(26)(44)** 

The estimated jackpot is now \$1.7 million.

As listed at OregonLottery.org and individual lottery websites

# **SCOREBOARD**

#### **ON DECK**

#### **Prep sports**

**Tuesday Baseball:** Mountain View at Summit, 4:30 p.m.; The Dalles at Ridgeview, 4:30 p.m.; Pendleton at Redmond, 4:30 p.m.; Crook County at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.; La Pine at

Harrisburg, 4:30 p.m. Softball: Summit at Mountain View, 4:30 p.m.; Ridgeview at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.; Redmond at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.; Hood River Valley at Crook County, 4:30 p.m.; Harrisburg at

La Pine, 4:30 p.m.; Culver at Kennedy, 4:30 p.m. Boys tennis: Summit at Bend, 4 p.m.; Madras at Sisters, Girls tennis: Bend at Summit, 4 p.m.; Sisters at Madras

Boys golf: Mountain View Invitational at Awbrey Glen,

Baseball: Gladstone at Madras, 4:30 p.m.; Sisters at Stayton, 4:30 p.m.; Sheridan at Culver, 4 p.m. **Softball:** Madras at Gladstone, 4:30 p.m.; Woodburn at Sisters, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: Hood River Valley at Redmond, 3 p.m.; Ridgeview at Crook County, 3 p.m. Girls tennis: Redmond at Hood River Valley, 3 p.m.; Crook County at Ridgeview, 3 p.m. **Girls golf:** Eagle Crest Challenge, noon. **Track and field:** Mountain View Invitational, TBD; Sisters,

Gilchrist, Paisley at Summit, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday Baseball: Bend at Summit, 4:30 p.m.; Madras at Glad-stone, 4:30 p.m.; Stayton at Sisters, 4:30 p.m. Softball: Bend at Summit, 4:30 p.m.; Mountain View at Ridgeview, 4:30 p.m.; Gladstone at Madras, 4:30 p.m.; Sisters at Sweet Home, 4:30 p.m.; Jefferson at Culver, 4 p.m. **Boys tennis:** Summit at Mountain View, 4 p.m.; Cascade at Madras, 4 p.m.; Sisters at Philomath, 4 p.m. Girls tennis: Madras at Cascade, 4 p.m. **Track and field:** Ridgeview Invitational, 3 p.m.

### **PREPS**

Baseball Monday's Games North Marion at Madras, lat Newport 8, Sisters 4

Culver at Sheridan, ppd. Softball

Monday's Games

Monday's Matches

Sisters 7, Mountain View 3 Sisters 11, Mountain View 8 Madras at North Marion, late

Late Saturday Game The Dalles 18, Redmond 7 **Bovs tennis** 

Redmond 6. Ridgeview 2 Crook County at The Dalles, late **Girls tennis** 

Monday's Matches Ridgeview at Redmond, late The Dalles at Crook County, late

#### **BASKETBALL**

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Phila.	39	18	.684	-
Brooklyn	38	19	.667	
Milwaukee	35	22	.614	
Atlanta	31	26	.544	
Boston	31	27	.534	81
New York	31	27	.534	81
Miami	30	28	.517	9
Charlotte	28	28	.500	10
Indiana	26	31	.456	1
Chicago	24	33	.421	1
Washington	24	33	.421	1
Toronto	24	34	.414	15
Cleveland	20	37	.351	1
Orlando	18	39	.316	2
Detroit	18	40	.310	21
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	W	L	Pct	G
Utah	42	15	.737	-
Phoenix	41	16	.719	
L.A. Clippers	40	19	.678	
Denver	36	20	.643	51
L.A. Lakers	35	22	.614	
Portland	32	24	.571	91
Dallas	30	26	.536	11!
Memphis	29	26	.527	1
Golden State	29	29	.500	13
San Antonio	28	28	.500	131
New Orleans	25	32	.439	1
Sacramento	23	34	.404	1
Oklahoma City	20	38	.345	22
Houston	15	43	.259	27
Minnesota	15	43	.259	271

### Detroit 109, Cleveland 105

Chicago 102, Boston 96 Golden State 107, Phila. 96 Miami 113, Houston 91 Washington 119, Oklahoma City 107 San Antonio 109, Indiana 94 Phoenix 128, Milwaukee 127, OT Utah at L.A. Lakers, late

Tuesday's Games Brooklyn at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m. Charlotte at New York, 4:30 p.m. Orlando at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Portland, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Brooklyn at Toronto, 4 p.m. Chicago at Cleveland, 4 p.m. Golden State at Washington, 4 p.m. Oklahoma City at Indiana, 4 p.m. Phoenix at Phila., 4 p.m. Atlanta at New York, 5 p.m. Utah at Houston, 5 p.m. Detroit at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. Miami at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. Denver at Portland, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

#### **BASEBALL**

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EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	6	.647	_
Tampa Bay	8	8	.500	21/2
Baltimore	7	9	.438	31/2
Toronto	7	9	.438	31/2
New York	5	10	.333	5
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	9	5	.643	_
Cleveland	8	7	.533	11/2
Chicago	8	9	.471	21/2
Minnesota	6	8	.429	3
Detroit	6	10	.375	4
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	10	6	.625	_
Los Angeles	8	5	.615	1/2
Oakland	9	7	.563	1
Houston	7	8	.467	21/2
Texas	7	9	.438	3
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Texas at L.A. Angels, late L.A. Dodgers at Seattle, late Minnesota at Oakland, ppd. Tuesday's Games L.A. Dodgers (Urías 2-0) at Seattle (Gonzales 1-1),

Chicago White Sox (Rodón 2-0) at Cleveland (Plesac 1-2), 3:10 p.m. Minnesota (Shoemaker 1-0) at Oakland (TBD), 3:30 p.m. Atlanta (Morton 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 0-1), 3:35 p.m.

Baltimore (Harvey 0-1) at Miami (Neidert 0-0), 3:40 p.m. Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-2) at Detroit (Fulmer 1-0), Toronto (Ryu 1-1) at Boston (Rodríguez 2-0), 4:10 p.m. Tampa Bay (Hill 1-0) at Kansas City (Keller 1-1), 5:10 p.m Houston (McCullers Jr. 1-1) at Colorado (Gray 1-1)

Texas (Lyles 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 0-0), 6:38 p.m. Minnesota (TBD) at Oakland (TBD), 7 p.m., 2nd game

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore at Miami, 10:10 a.m.

Houston at Colorado, 12:10 p.m Minnesota at Oakland, 12:37 p.m Texas at L.A. Angels, 1:07 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 3:10 p.m. Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 3:35 p.m. Pittsburgh at Detroit, 3:40 p.m. Toronto at Boston, 4:10 p.m. Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 5:10 p.m.

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New York	7	4	.636	_
Philadelphia	8	8	.500	11/2
Miami	7	8	.467	2
Atlanta	7	9	.438	21/2
Washington	5	9	.357	31/2
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	9	6	.600	_
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	1
St. Louis	8	8	.500	11/2
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	21/2
Chicago	6	9	.400	3
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	3	.813	_
San Francisco	10	6	.625	3
San Diego	10	7	.588	31/2
Arizona	6	10	.375	7
Colorado	4	12	.250	9

#### Monday's Games San Francisco 2, Philadelphia 0

St. Louis 12, Washington 5 L.A. Dodgers at Seattle, late Milwaukee at San Diego, late

#### Tuesday's Games L.A. Dodgers (Urías 2-0) at Seattle (Gonzales 1-1),

Atlanta (Morton 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 0-1), Arizona (Gallen 0-0) at Cincinnati (Castillo 1-1), 3:40 p.m.

Baltimore (Harvey 0-1) at Miami (Neidert 0-0), 3:40 p.m. Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-2) at Detroit (Fulmer 1-0), 3:40 p.m. San Francisco (Webb 0-1) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 1-2),

St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2) at Washington (Corbin 0-2),

N.Y. Mets (Walker 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 2-1),

Houston (McCullers Jr. 1-1) at Colorado (Gray 1-1), Milwaukee (Burnes 1-1) at San Diego (Paddack 1-1),

### Wednesday's Games

San Francisco at Philadelphia, 10:05 a.m. Baltimore at Miami, 10:10 a.m. Houston at Colorado, 12:10 p.m St. Louis at Washington, 1:05 p.m. Milwaukee at San Diego, 1:10 p.m Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 3:35 p.m. Arizona at Cincinnati, 3:40 p.m. Pittsburgh at Detroit, 3:40 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, 4:40 p.m.

#### **HOCKEY**

		N	IHL				
East	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	46	29	13	4	62	163	141
N.Y. Islanders	45	28	13	4	60	127	105
Pittsburgh	45	28	14	3	59	152	126
Boston	43	25	12	6	56	125	110
N.Y. Rangers	45	23	16	6	52	151	118
Philadelphia	45	20	18	7	47	128	162
New Jersey	44	14	24	6	34	109	150
Buffalo	45	12	26	7	31	111	154
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	44	29	10	5	63	142	107
Florida	46	29	12	5	63	147	125
Tampa Bay	45	30	13	2	62	152	117
Nashville	47	25	21	1	51	126	132
Dallas	44	18	14	12	48	125	111
Chicago	46	21	20	5	47	129	144
Detroit	47	16	24	7	39	105	148
Columbus	47	15	23	9	39	116	158
West	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ
Colorado	43	30	9	4	64	154	101
Vegas	44	31	11	2	64	147	98
Minnesota	43	27	13	3	57	132	115
Arizona	45	20	20	5	45	121	141
St. Louis	43	19	18	6	44	124	135
San Jose	44	18	22	4	40	118	149
Los Angeles	42	16	20	6	38	114	127
Anaheim	46	14	25	7	35	103	147
North	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ
Toronto	45	28	12	5	61	147	120
Winnipeg	45	27	15	3	57	144	120
Edmonton	43	26	15	2	54	137	120
Montreal	42	19	14	9	47	125	119
Calgary	44	19	22	3	41	116	129
Vancouver	38	17	18	3	37	103	122
Ottawa	45	15	26	4	34	122	164
NOTE: Two po	oints t	for a	win,	one p	oint fo	or ove	rtime

loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment Monday's Games Florida 4, Columbus 2 Tampa Bay 3, Carolina 2, OT

Dallas 3, Detroit 2, SO Nashville 5, Chicago 2 Minnesota at Arizona, late Montreal at Edmonton, late Ottawa at Calgary, late San Jose at Vegas, late

Tuesday's Games Boston at Buffalo, 3:30 p.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m Columbus at Florida, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m. New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. Detroit at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Colorado at St. Louis, ppd Toronto at Vancouver, 6 p.m. Anaheim at Los Angeles, 7 p.m Wednesday's Games

Nashville at Chicago, 4 p.m. Minnesota at Arizona, 6 p.m. San Jose at Vegas, 6:30 p.m. Montreal at Edmonton, 7 p.m

#### **SOCCER**

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Atlanta	0	0	1	1	0	(
Columbus	0	0	1	1	0	(
Orlando City	0	0	1	1	0	(
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0 0 0 1 NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie. Sunday, April 18 LA Galaxy 3, Miami 2 Phila, 0, Columbus 0, tie

Vancouver 1, Portland (

### **DEALS**

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#### **Monday's Transactions** BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Tanner Houck to alternate training site. CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Jonathan Stiever

#### to alternate training site National League CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Cam Bedrosian outright

to alternate training site. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled I HPs Christopher Sanchez and Damon Jones and SS Nick Maton from alternate training site. Placed 2B Ronald Torreves and LHPs Jose Alvarado and Matt Moore on the 10-day IL. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Recalled LHP Sam Selman from alternate training site. Selected the contract of RHP Trevor Gott from alternate training site. Optioned OF Steven Duggar and C Chadwick Tromp to alternate

## training site.

Minor League Baseball
Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Traded OF Dondrei Hubbard to Grand Junction (Pioneer League).
OTTAWA TITANS — Traded C Willie Estrada and LHP Robert Klinchock to Sussex County. BASKETBALL

#### National Basketball Association ${\sf GOLDEN\_STATE\_WARRIORS-Signed\:G\:Gary\:Payton\:II\:to}$

a second 10-day contract.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Signed F Yuta Watanabe.
FOOTBALL

## **National Football League**

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Ezekiel Turner to a one-year, restricted tendered contract. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Zach Pascal and S George Odum to one-year, restricted tendered contracts. LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed CB Rasul Douglas. NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed RB Sandro Platzgum-

NEW YORK JETS — Re-signed TE Daniel Brown.
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Announced the retirement of QB Alex Smith, Waived RB Bryce Love.

## HOCKEY

National Hockey League NHL — Suspended Vancouver D Alexander Edler two games without pay for kneeing an opponent during an April 18 game against Toronto. ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G David Tendeck to

Rapid City (ECHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed F Alexander Holtz to a three-year, entry-level contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Will

Cuylle on an entry-level contract.

COLLEGE

ETSU — Named Patrick Days, Mark Bialkoski and Mantoris men's basketball assistant coaches, Lucas Campbell director of basketball operations and Sunny Park director

of basketball sport performance. TENNESSEE TECH — Promoted Marcus King to men's haskethall associate head coach

## **Tokyo**

## **Continued from A5**

Kono, organizing committee president Seiko Hashimoto and Olympic Minister Tamayo Marukawa said the government so far has not issued any plans to vaccinate athletes.

However, Kono has said he is ready to deliver vaccines if Hashimoto and the government think they're needed.

"So far, there is no consultation or no action about Japanese athletes getting vaccine," he said.

Marukawa said last week the government is considering testing all athletes daily. Previous plans had called for virus tests every four days. That change may show up when the second version of the "Playbook" is published this month.

The IOC has said vaccines are not required to participate. However, IOC President Thomas Bach has openly encouraged athletes to be vaccinated. Of course, that causes conflict when athletes are a priority ahead of vulnerable populations.

**Q:** Tokyo organizers have repeatedly said the Olympics will be safe and secure. Last week the British Medical Journal challenged this. Who is responsible if they are not?

**A:** IOC vice president John Coates, in an interview published online Sunday in the Japanese magazine "Number," responded to the question.

Coates said, quoting the magazine: "The responsibility for the response to COVID-19 during, before and after the games lies with the Japanese government, and to a lesser extent with the Tokyo city government. Under an agreement with the government, the To-



Hiro Komae/AP file

People take pictures of the Olympic rings installed by the Japan Olympic Museum in Tokyo in March. The vaccine rollout in Japan has been very slow with less than 1% vaccinated. This of course is spilling over to concerns about the postponed Tokyo Olympics that open in just over three months.

kyo government and Tokyo organizers, the IOC is doing its best to keep to a minimum the spread of infections, as well as the contact between the Japanese public (and the athletes). The IOC is responsible for that aspect."

**Q:** When are we likely to know if there will be local fans in venues? And if so, what will be the capacity?

**A:** Hashimoto has said for weeks that a decision could come this month on capacity at the venues. Now she seems to be hedging.

Within April I would like to set the basis direction," she said Friday at her weekly press conference. "The final judgement time — this as well we need to monitor the situation of the pandemic and we need to remain flexible for that."

Hashimoto did not raise Kono's suggestion that there may

be no fans, and did not challenge it.

It seems increasingly

likely that local fans could be banned, too, as cases surge in Japan's two largest metropolitan areas — Tokyo and Osaka.

Ticket sales are worth about \$800 million to local organizers. Any shortfall will have to be made up by Japanese government entities.

Q: Where do we stand with the torch relay, which started on March 25 from northeastern Fukushima prefecture?

**A:** It was run for two days last week in a largely empty city park in Osaka. The city's mayor and prefectural governor forbade that it be run on public streets because of the rising cases in the region.

Organizers say the torch will be taken off public streets again on Wednesday in Matsuyama City, which is located

in Ehime prefecture. Local officials have also

asked it be taken off public roads on May 1-2 in Japan's southern island of Okinawa. It will be held there "in restricted areas without spectators," organizers said in a statement.

Organizers said the relay on the smaller islands of Ishigaki, Miyakojima and Zamami will go on as scheduled.

Q: Is Bach headed back to Japan?

**A:** Local news reports say he will be in Hiroshima to meet the torch relay on May 17 or 18. He is expected to place flowers at the Peace Memorial Park in memory of the victims of the Aug. 6, 1945, atomic bombing of the city. The A-Bomb Dome could also be a backdrop for Bach.

He is also expected to meet in Tokyo with Japanese government and Olympic officials.