

DEAR ABBY

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**Dear Abby:** My sister and I are best friends. She has always been caring, empathetic and passionate about helping others. Now, however, COVID has turned her into a real piece of work.

Since the pandemic began, she has become increasingly selfish. She interrupts other people's conversations to talk about herself and complains nonstop about how COVID has ruined her life, as if the rest of us weren't experiencing this too.

She shouts hysterically at me when the Wi-Fi stops working and refuses to volunteer for the most basic household tasks.

At first I tried to be patient because I understand it's a reaction to an incredibly stressful time in her life.

However, after 10 monster months of this, I'm at my wits' end.

We live together, go to college together and share the same friends. How can I tolerate her self-centeredness until the pandemic is finally over? And what if this new version of her never goes away?

— *Irked in Idaho*

**Dear Irked:** I wonder if the friends you share with your sister are having the same reaction as you are to being interrupted and having their conversations hijacked.

If the answer is yes, a group intervention may jolt her back to reality and help her recognize how obnoxious it is.

As to the rest of your complaints about her behavior, the next time she comes screaming to you about the Wi-Fi failing, tell her you'll be glad to help IF she agrees to pull her share of the workload around the apartment.

It goes without saying that when you can make other living arrangements — perhaps in the fall — you find a roommate more compatible than your sister. If you do, your relationship with her may improve because you will be exposed to her less often.

**Dear Abby:** My husband and I have two children. We have been married for 14 years, the last six of which have been sexless and loveless. We tried counseling, and I have threatened divorce, but nothing has changed.

After I finally realized that I couldn't change him, I changed myself. I started stepping out and having sexual relations with other men. He recently found out about my affairs but hasn't said a word about it to me. I'm to the point that I wish he would confront me and divorce me, but he acts like nothing is wrong in our marriage! I'm confused. What do you recommend I do next?

— *Looking Ahead in Kansas*

**Dear Looking Ahead:** It's time to decide what YOU want to happen. Do you want a divorce? Is the status quo acceptable to you? If it's the latter, do nothing different than you have been doing. However, if it isn't, talk to your husband about what you are thinking.

You need to figure out why the change in your marriage happened and if it can be fixed. He may have become impotent or have someone he is seeing on the side.

If it's possible to repair your marriage, counseling would be an option. However, if it's not, it might be healthier for both of you to talk to a lawyer and arrange an amicable divorce.

GOLF | PGA TOUR

Players 'letting it rip' in Zurich Classic team event

BY BRETT MARTEL  
Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. — Tony Finau is among the PGA Tour players primed to take some unusual risks and big swings this week.

The tour is back in New Orleans with the Zurich Classic's two-man team format being held for the first time since 2019.

While the second and final rounds call for players on each team to alternate shots, it's a best-ball format in the first round Thursday and third round Saturday. That's when spectators could see some of the world's top-ranked players try to pull off some all-or-nothing shots.

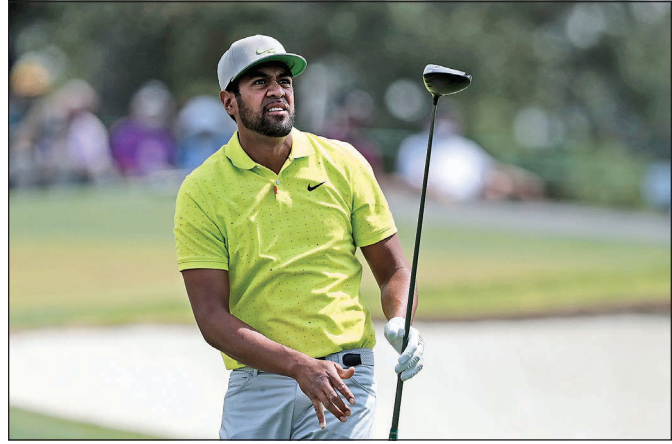
Finau is among the longer hitters on tour. So is his teammate, Cameron Champ.

"There's no reason for me to hold back on certain holes where Cameron has got it out there in the middle of the fairway," Finau said. "So, I'll definitely crank up my ball speed on a few shots this week."

Finau mentioned the 403-yard 13th hole specifically, which he called "a drivable par 4."

"I can see myself letting it rip," he said.

While heavy-hitting Bryson DeChambeau isn't in the field, five players ranked in the world's top 10 are. They include No. 5 Xander Schauffele



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**Tony Finau tees off on the third hole during the final round of the Masters at Augusta National on April 11 in Augusta, Georgia. Finau is among the players primed to take some unusual risks and big swings this week at the Zurich Classic team event.**

and No. 10 Patrick Cantlay, who are on the same team.

They are friends who know one another's game well.

"We play almost every week at least once and we figured it was a bit of a no-brainer," said Schauffele, who tied for third at the Masters. "We usually are competing against each other week-to-week, especially in our little nine-hole matches. So, we know our games inside out. I think that will give us an advantage."

The par-72, Pete Dye-designed TPC Louisiana course is 7,425 yards long and carved out of a cypress swamp just southwest of New Orleans. It's an exotic-looking course

with Spanish moss dangling from soaring, old-growth cypress trees whose unusual root system, known as cypress knees, sometimes protrude up through the fairway a couple yards from the base of the tree trunks. There's also a large, semi-famous alligator — called Tripod because he's missing a leg — who often makes appearances in the water lining the par-3 17th.

Tickets have been limited to 10,000 because of the coronavirus pandemic, which caused the cancellation of the Zurich Classic in 2020. But the familiar garlic-and-butter aroma of charbroiled oysters — one of Finau's favorite local dishes —

again hangs in the air. Those sights and smells bring comfort to Billy Horschel, the only player to have won here both in a traditional single-player format (2013) and in the team format (2018) that was adopted in 2017.

Horschel, who'd teamed up with Scott Piercy three years ago, tapped Louisiana native and former LSU player Sam Burns as his teammate this time.

"A native Louisiana guy on my team can only enhance my chances of hopefully winning this for a third time," Horschel said. "He's a really good putter. He drives it a long way."

The defending champions are 44-year-old Texan Ryan Palmer and 26-year-old Spaniard Jon Rahm, a seemingly odd pairing from different continents and generations who won by three strokes in 2019.

Rahm arrives in Louisiana without a win this season, but with one second-place — and a tie for fifth at the Masters — among eight top-10 finishes that have earned him a No. 3 world ranking.

"One of the reasons why the partnership worked so well is because we play a similar game," Rahm said, noting that both players like to hit fades. "It's a ball-striker's golf course. ... It should suit our strengths very well."

Ducks

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"Honestly, these guys here that I started with, I want to play with them as much as I can. We just worked so hard, that 2017 class with Ryan and Alex."

Walk, the former Sheldon High standout who followed his buddy Justin Herbert to Oregon as a walk-on, said Moore gets a lot of grief in the locker room for being older than some of the program's graduate assistants.

But the 6-foot-6, 325-pound Moore is still having as much fun playing for the Ducks as any of the talented teenagers from the 2020 and 2021 classes he's sharing the field with.

"I'm kind of like a big kid. I feel like I fit in with everybody, honestly," Moore said.

"Ryan and Alex, I've been with them so long, they don't even see me as the age I am. They kind of just see me fitting in with their age group."

There were some growing pains last season as Oregon replaced all five starters on the offensive line, including 2019 Outland Trophy winner Penei Sewell. Learning and executing new offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead's playbook with limited practice time made the challenge even more daunting.

Oregon finished 49th in the FBS in total yards per game (412.9), including 166.7 rushing yards per game (61st). Iowa State outgained the Ducks 228-86 on the ground during the Fiesta Bowl.

"My coaching of the run blocking last year left a lot to be desired," offensive line coach Alex Mirabal said. "Those are things that we're jumping into and we're delving into right now in spring ball."

On the first play of the team portion of last Saturday's scrimmage at Autzen Stadium, C.J. Verdell, who missed the Pac-12 championship game and Fiesta Bowl with a thumb injury, ran for a 67-yard touchdown.

After bursting through the line of scrimmage, Verdell only had to make a safety miss on his way to the end zone.

"It kind of lets you know that every drill that we work, every assignment that we do, hat placement, hands, all that comes into play when you see C.J. takes off and scores that run," Moore said. "It was kind of a relief knowing that everything we're doing, once we go out there and actually play a team, it's going to be put in full effect."

Third-year sophomore Steven Jones (right tackle) and junior T.J. Bass (guard) are the other returning starters on the offensive line. Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu, who played right guard and right tackle last

season, has been limited this spring due to injury.

There is a list of touted young prospects pushing for playing time, but the current starters have paid their dues and are playing in unison the way the 2019 offensive line did.

"Those guys aren't going to be easy outs for anybody," Mirabal said. "They're grown. They went through the lumps last year, they went through playing for the first time, and now they look like a veteran of offensive line in spring ball."

Other members of the 2017 class who are now team leaders include Verdell, wide receiver Johnny Johnson and linebacker Isaac Slade-Matautia.

"It's been awesome to play with George and Alex. Really, the whole class of 2017, we've been through a lot," Walk said. "Maybe not as much as the class of 2016, but we went through a lot with the coaching change and starting off 7-6. That wasn't where we wanted to be the first year. We had to sit behind guys that were obviously great players and in the NFL now."

"We're kind of getting our turn. It means a lot to grind with these guys every day."

Immediately after the 34-17 loss to the Cyclones on Jan. 2 in Glendale, Ariz., Moore told Mirabal he was going to use the extra year of eligibility granted by the NCAA to play alongside Forsyth and Walk in 2021 as the Ducks seek a third consecutive Pac-12 title.

"I love to work with them because they push me to be a better player each and every day," Moore said. "As I go out there (to practice), I see in their

eyes that they're just going out there to work, and that honestly pushed me to come back

to chase the dream that we want to go win a championship again."

YOUR HOROSCOPE By Madalyn Aslan

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021:** Stable, determined and creative, the world is your oyster as you embrace all possibilities. This year, you make even a humdrum job innovative and interesting. Your balance sheet continues to shine since you never let anything slip by you. A healthy food plan and daily exercise will energize you and increase your stamina. If single, be particular on dating apps. If attached, prove that romance is not dead. PISCES uplifts you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ It could appear that you have overcommitted to professional and volunteer activities. The truth is that you love every minute of it. Take time to rest and smell the roses. Give family the attention they need. Tonight: Friendly gossip.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Invite friends over for game night and salty snacks. Everyone is as competitive as you are, which makes for an exciting evening. Children test your patience, but if you listen, they have something to teach you. Tonight: Laugh a lot.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Family will support you if you want to make a change, whether it's small potatoes or major like a change of job or residence. Listen to their feedback even if they say things you do not want to hear. Tonight: Private space.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Do your part to beautify your surroundings. Buy fresh flowers, a houseplant or a wall hanging. Think about signing up for a course or certificate program. Review all your options and discover what is available to you. Tonight: Group texts.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Avoid impulse shopping and stress eating to release tension. Music has always been a calming influence. Turn up the volume and sing along to your favorite tunes. Join a choir or singing group in person or online. Tonight: Assess home repairs.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Use your charisma to your advantage. Enlist friends to assist you on a project that you are passionate about. With the positive energy you exude, you should have no trouble bringing others around to your point of view. Tonight: Boring tasks.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Support a community organization that does good works. As much as it hurts, donate clothes you will probably not fit into again. Be happy that someone else will benefit from your loss. Tonight: Read comics and have a good laugh.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Add someone you met at a gathering to your social circle. They might have a different point of view from your other friends but will add spice to the conversation. Attend a weekly meeting online or in person. Tonight: Bake cookies.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Your innovative ideas and reputation for getting along with others pays off now. But watch what you wish for. More responsibilities and hard work lie ahead. Stay on your toes and you'll do fine. Tonight: Post photos on social media.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Problem-solving is the order of the day. Impress someone influential with your astute research skills and ability to arrive at a satisfying solution. Apply skills you learned in your formative years. They will come in handy. Tonight: Update your calendar.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Step up your workout routine a notch. Don't push yourself beyond where your body wants to go. Knead the stress out with a massage, martial arts or yoga. Practice relaxation exercises you have utilized successfully. Tonight: Online bargain hunting.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Get closure on a past relationship. Send a letter or email expressing what you always wanted to say. No need for a dialogue. Just move on. Change the mood by spending time with someone you love. Tonight: Zoom with parents.

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