

DEAR ABBY

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**Dear Abby:** Six months into the pandemic I was furloughed, then laid off a few months later. Because of the loss of income, I could no longer afford my rent and was forced to move. It was tough finding anything affordable in the area. A good friend from college ("Josie") and her husband own a big home with a detached guest house, and offered me the opportunity to rent for next to nothing until I found a new job. I was super happy about it because we are very close friends from college. Josie, her husband and I often BBQ together and hang out watching movies. One night recently, Josie had to work late, and her husband and I had dinner and wine. We got pretty drunk, and I decided to turn in early. Before I went to bed, Josie's husband asked me to have a threesome. He said Josie was going to ask me, but she was nervous about it, so she chickened out. I think my jaw must have hit the ground. I didn't know what to say, so I told him I'd "think about it." A week has passed and Josie hasn't mentioned anything about the threesome, but I'm scared to bring it up. I don't know if her husband was telling the truth. They MAY want a threesome, but I'm not into it. If I say "no" it might make things weird between us. What should I do? Should I ask Josie about it, or move out back home with my parents till I find a new job?

— *Not What I Bargained For*

**Dear Not:** The husband's drunken proposition has already made things weird, but

let it go — for now. I doubt this is something Josie is "too chicken" to ask you. If he raises the subject again, make it plain that you are not into threesomes and not to ask again. If he presses further, inform your old college chum, pack your bags and go to your parents.

**Dear Abby:** My husband's daughter "Crystal" is married to "Jeremy," who is a racist. I know this because of comments he has made over the past five years. At our only granddaughter's first birthday celebration, my husband and Jeremy got into a heated argument (a little politics, a little racism). Since we live out of state, we were supposed to stay with them, but we had to leave. Jeremy started screaming at my husband, calling him a pedophile and some other awful names. Crystal is demanding an apology from us and refuses to communicate or send photos of the baby until he does. My husband feels that Crystal's mind is made up and she will defend her husband no matter what, so there's no point. I hate that we're at an impasse. She has cut me off as well. Do you have any suggestions?

— *Cut Off in the South*

**Dear Cut Off:** Crystal, whose views on race seem to coincide with her husband's, has you sidelined already. When your husband craves contact with his daughter and his grandchild, he will hold his nose, reach out and offer to mend fences. Until that happens, listen to what he is telling you and stay out of this mess.

NBA | DRAFT

# Cunningham headlines list of top prospects

BY AARON BEARD  
AP Basketball Writer

Cade Cunningham spent years honing his game for a shot at becoming the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft. The Oklahoma State one-and-done star could accomplish that goal Thursday night as the headliner of a class that includes scorers, playmakers and potentially elite defenders at the top.

"I've been saying for a long time," Cunningham said, "we have one of the best classes in a long time. And I'm really ap-

preciative of the fact that we've all been pushing each other throughout us coming through high school and things like that."

Only time will tell how deep the class really is.

But Cunningham won't be able to wait long Thursday night. He is expected to be the first name called when the Detroit Pistons open the draft in New York, while the rest of the top tier comes from Cunningham's same 2020 high school recruiting class.

There's Southern Califor-

nia big man Evan Mobley, the draft's top big man who helped the Trojans make their deepest NCAA Tournament push in two decades. Gonzaga point guard Jalen Suggs helped the Bulldogs carry an unbeaten record into the national-title game. Florida State's Scottie Barnes is a playmaking forward capable of locking down smaller guards.

And there are preps-to-pros prospects in guard Jalen Green and forward Jonathan Kuminga, with each bypassing college basketball to play in the G

League.

"Our talent on the floor speaks for itself," said Suggs, a former star football player who was named Mr. Football in Minnesota. "But off the floor and in locker rooms, we're guys who lead and guys who you want in your locker room."

ESPN basketball analyst Jay Bilas said depth at the top of this draft was the best since 2003, which produced perennial All-Stars LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade in the first five picks.

## Water polo

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Planning for a potential season put water polo coaches in a weekly limbo.

"There were a lot of ups and downs," said Bend High boys coach Griffin Pool. "You'd hear one week that we were going to be playing and start scheduling games, then two weeks later it would be postponed, to it being canceled, and then starting back up again."

For nearly two months, water polo players of all ages have started returning to the pool at Juniper to train with the Bend Waves water polo club. Coaches from all three Bend high schools have been there working with the players.

For Summit's new boys coach Madison Berggren — who recently wrapped up her collegiate career at Stanford where she scored 117 goals for the Cardinal — the daily practices are a way to get accli-



Chris Perret, executive director of the Bend Waves water polo club, works with a group at Juniper Swim & Fitness Center in Bend on Monday.

mated with her new team.

"Coaching with this (Bend Waves) there are some Summit kids so I have been able to create some initial relationships and get to know them and build a little trust and respect going into the season," Berggren said.

The pandemic hampered water polo participation in Bend. Prior to the shutdown in spring 2020 there were 130 athletes (including 40 under the age of 12) with the Bend Waves, but those numbers are currently about half of what they once were.

"We had the seniors graduate, then didn't have a freshman class to get a hold of to move through," said Mountain View boys coach Ryan Duffy. "It was discouraging that the amount of time, work and preparation that goes into this, losing contact with our athletes, it was difficult."

But there is little worry about the numbers moving forward. In less than three weeks, the high school water polo teams will start officially practicing again. The first games are scheduled Sept. 2 and the state championships are set for the second weekend of November.

"Moving into the high school season knowing that we are going to have an actual high school season, we have a lot of engaged and excited athletes again," Duffy said. "We are going to have enough to play, enough to build."

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## Beavers

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Chance Nolan took over for Gebbia and completed 46 of 91 passes for 537 yards and six touchdowns with two interceptions. He also rushed 30 times for 147 yards and one score, providing a dual threat at the position for the Beavers.

"We were really close the last couple (games) with him as the starting quarterback," Smith said. "Counting on him making huge strides in his game from Year 1 to Year 2."

Ben Gulbranson, who also saw a limited action last season, will not be ready for fall camp due to a shoulder injury, Smith said.

Knowing that Gulbranson would be out, the Beavers added former Colorado starter Sam Noyer, a grad transfer, to the fold back in June.

Noyer, from Beaverton, passed for 1,000 yards in the Buffaloes' five games last season, completing 80 of 137 passes with six touchdowns and five interceptions. He also rushed for 191 yards on 45 attempts.

"(Noyer) has a little bit different skill set, makes the game physical, moving his feet, big-time arm," Smith said. "Anxious to work with him coming in August."

"(We have) three really good options there."

Noyer isn't the only Sam in the quarterback room as freshman Sam Vidlak from Hidden Valley High has been on campus and participated in spring practice.

"Had a great spring," Smith said. "He's going to have an opportunity this August to go. We have four healthy guys."

If Gulbranson hadn't been injured, the Beavers may not have been as interested in Noyer, Smith said. But in need of another healthy body at the position, and Noyer's familiarity with some of the current players, as well as offensive coordinator Brian Lindgren, who was at Colorado before joining Smith's staff when he took over, made it an easier decision.

"Everything I've heard so far since he's been here has been great," Smith said. "You talk about a guy who loves the game, is unselfish. You can see his leadership capabilities even the short time he's been with us."

"So I'm really excited to see him out there on the practice field with us, using the skill set that he has, not just throwing or running but also on this leadership side."

The familiarity with Lind-

gren and the system should help Noyer adapt quicker to what the Beavers want to do on offense.

"Schematically, some of the way we call plays, probably brought back what he remembers from his first couple years," Smith said.

There isn't a lot of time between now and the season opener — Sept. 4 against Purdue in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Regardless of who wins the starting job, the Beavers need to be able to rely on the other three to step in when needed.

"We feel like we've got a

quarterback room that is full of some talent, it's going to be competitive this month in training camp," Smith said. "The cream rises to the top when you have that type of competition in August, but also it adds to our depth as the season goes."

## YOUR HOROSCOPE By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**MOON ALERT:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Aries.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY JULY 29, 2021:** You are likable, intuitive and dramatic. You are warm and generous, and you care for others. You seek new vistas because you want life to be stimulating. This is a year of change for you, and it will be stimulating! Let go of whatever is impeding your progress. Be open to change. New friends will steer you in new directions for personal growth.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Today your confidence knows no bounds. That's why this is a powerful day for those who are in sports. You will be dynamic, aggressive and competitive! This high energy also will show in your interactions if socializing or partying with others. Tonight: Look out world!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Do your best to keep the peace with conflicts at home or with family members. Unfortunately, this increased activity and chaos are inevitable, which means you have to work with it as best you can. Instead, use this strong energy to look for solutions. Tonight: Patience.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ You are very confident today when talking to others and interacting with everyone. In fact, you are so optimistic and dynamic, you're coming on like gangbusters! This high energy might also be demonstrated in your physical movements, walking, jogging, biking and driving. Tonight: Slow down.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You're enthusiastic about your finances today. Perhaps you have a moneymaking idea. Whatever the case, you believe in what you're doing, and you're going to go after it 100%. Some of you will apply this same determination to purchasing something. Tonight: Keep your receipts.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Today Mars is in your sign and opposite Jupiter. This will energize you in an amazing way. You won't hesitate to defend your best interests or the interests of others. You will go after what you want, because today you feel like a superhero! Tonight: You're confident.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Do be careful today, because someone behind the scenes might be working against your best interests. (This might not be the case at all, but it could be.) This means that if you are faintly suspicious or you think something fishy is going on, it is. Tonight: Stay aware.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You are a leader today, whether with casual friends or with groups and large organizations. People will follow your lead because you're enthusiastic, upbeat and proactive. However, this might create friction between you and a friend — be careful. Tonight: Be friendly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Today your enthusiasm is aroused, no question. Naturally, you can use this to advance your agenda and accomplish much. However, if you come on too strong, you will threaten bosses, supervisors and even fellow co-workers. There's no upside to that. Tonight: Dial it down a notch.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You're keen to make big travel plans, which is probably what you will do. After all, you are the traveler of the zodiac. Others will make big plans related to higher education, the law, medicine or something to do with publishing and the media, because you're thinking big! Tonight: Keep moving.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Your sex drive is amped today. Also, your intention to defend your share of something regarding inheritances or shared property is strong. This is why you might find yourself in conflict with someone, especially about how to spend a certain amount of money or manage jointly held resources. Tonight: Do your research.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ There are several influences at play now that affect your closest partnerships. Some will encourage negativity; some will encourage warmth and bonding. This means you have to do a careful dance and avoid conflict with others, which could easily arise today. Tonight: Tread carefully.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You're gung-ho to work hard to achieve whatever you want to do today because you're in the zone. You want to get as much done as possible while you feel this focused and directed. Some of you might use this same boost of positive energy to do something to improve your health. Tonight: You reap some benefits.

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