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FOOTBALL

NFL

2021 calendar July 21: Pittsburgh and Dallas training

camps begin July 24: Tampa Bay training camp begins July 27: Training camp begins for the other 29 teams

29 teams Aug. 5: Pro Football Hall of Fame game (Pittsburgh vs. Dallas), 8 p.m. Aug. 7-8: Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremonies Aug. 31: Final roster cuts (80 players to 53)

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Sept. 9: NFL Kickoff game (Dallas at Tampa Bay) Sept. 12: Week 1 games (Cleveland at Kansas City) Oct. 10: New York Jets vs. Atlanta (in London) Oct. 17: Miami vs. Jacksonville (in London) Jan. 15-16: Wild Card playoff rounds Jan. 22-23: Divisional playoff rounds Jan. 30: AFC and NFC championship atames

games Feb. 6: NFL Pro Bowl Feb. 13: Super Bowl LVI (at Los Angeles) **Cleveland Browns schedule**

Aug. 14: at Jacksonville Jaguars, 7 p.m. (ABC) Aug. 22: vs. New York Giants, 1 p.m. (ABC) Aug. 29: at Atlanta Falcons, 8 p.m. (NBC)

Regular season Sept. 12: at Kansas City Chiefs, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)

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- Oct. 17: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 4:05 p.m. (FOX) Oct. 21: vs. Denver Broncos, 8:20 p.m.
- (FOX/NFLN) Oct. 31: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 1 p.m.

(CBS) Nov. 7: at Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m. (CBS) Nov. 14: at New England Patriots, 1 p.m.

(CBS) Nov. 21: vs. Detroit Lions, 1 p.m. (FOX) Nov. 28: at Baltimore Ravens, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

- Dec. 5: Bye week Dec. 12: vs. Baltimore Ravens, 1 p.m.
- (CBS) ec. 18 or Dec. 19: Las Vegas Raiders,
- 3: at Pittsburgh Steelers, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)
- Jan. 9: vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 1 p.m. (CBS)
- Note: Sunday night games in Weeks 5-17 subject to change; Week 18 TBD

GOLF

PGA TOUR
2021 schedule
July 8-11 _ John Deere Classic (Lucas
Glover) July 15-18 The Open Championship
(Collin Morikawa)
July 15-18 _ Barbasol Championship (Seamus Power)
July 22-25 3M Open, Blaine, Minn.
Aug. 5-8 _ World Golf Championships-
FedEx St. Jude Invitational, Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 5-8 _ Barracuda Championship,
Truckee, Calif.
Aug. 12-15 _ Wyndham Championship, Greensboro, N.C.
Aug. 19-22 _ THE NORTHERN TRUST,
Jersey City, N.J. Aug. 26-29 BMW Championship, Owings
Mills, Md.
Sept. 2-5 _ TOUR Championship, Atlanta

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I'm just really grateful and going to keep plugging away." OLD GYMNASTS?

NO, SERIOUSLY.

OK, no one considers 20-year-olds old. But the U.S. gymnastic team includes several 20-somethings, including Simone Biles, who is 24. Gone are the days of Dominique Moceanu, who was just a 14-year-old sprite when she won gold in 1996.

The average age of the U.S. team is 20.8, the oldest it's been since 1952. The oldest athlete on the team is MyKayla Skinner, who is also 24 but a few months older than Biles.

"Being older, it's just been awesome because I feel like with all the experience I've had, I feel like my gymnastics has been better than ever, which is super cool," Skin-

Her age isn't the only thing that makes Chusovitina a rarity in the gymnastics world: She's also a mom. Her son is 21, older than many of the athletes she's com-

LIFE'S A BEACH

Beach volleyball's Jake Gibb, 45, is USA Volleyball's oldest ever Olympian, beach or indoor.

It will be his fourth Olympics. This summer he's paired with Taylor Crabb, 29, who is making his Olympic debut.

"Age is an advantage," Gibb said. "So much of our game is pattern recognition. I've seen so many more unique plays and scenarios through my career and am able to react appropriately because of it. Don't get me wrong, it takes a ton of work to keep up with the young bucks physically, but I've done that. I've done that work so now it's advantage."

BRAZILIAN VETERANS

Pia Sundhage, the former U.S. soccer coach turned Sweden's coach turned Brazil's coach, put both Formiga and Marta on her roster for Tokyo. Formiga is headed to her seventh Olympics and Marta, a legend in the game, is 35 and will play in her fifth.

"Look at Formiga. We shouldn't think it is over for them, no," Sundhage said about her vets. "The way they play, they way they behave in the group as human beings ... it is very encouraging. They can play many matches."

HOKETSU'S BID

Hiroshi Hoketsu, in a bid to break the record for oldest Olympian ever at 80, was not selected for his home country's equestrian team. He first competed at the 1964 Tokyo Games. He pulled out of the Rio Games because of an ill horse.

It appears, as of now, that in Tokyo the oldest athlete will be equestrian Mary Hanna of Australia, who is a 66-year-old grandmother competing in her seventh Olympics.

Hanna is also set to become the secondoldest woman to take part in an Olympics, after Great Britain's Lorna Johnstone, an equestrian who competed in the 1972 games at age 70.

Rams RB Cam Akers tears Achilles tendon, out indefinitely

By GREG BEACHAM AP SPORTS WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Rams running back Cam Akers is out indefinitely after tearing his Achilles tendon in an off-

The Rams confirmed the injury Tuesday, one week before veterans report to training camp.

Akers was expected to be the Rams' starter in the backfield after coming on late in his outstanding rookie season. Akers had 272 yards from scrimmage in the Rams' two playoff games, capping his rookie year with some of his best play.

The injury is a blow to Rams coach Sean McVay's plans to build an elite NFL offense around quarterback Matthew Stafford, who was acquired in a blockbuster trade with

Akers intended to play a primary role as an every-down back for the Rams after sharing carries as a rookie last year with Darrell Henderson and Malcolm Brown in the team's first season following Todd Gurley's departure.

Akers got 14 carries in his NFL debut, but didn't get that many touches again until December. The Florida State product took over the primary ball-carrying role for four of Los Angeles' final five regular season games, averaging 3.95 yards on 86 carries - including a career-high 171 yards against New England.

Akers' athleticism and explosiveness made him the clear top choice heading into the playoffs, where he rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown in the Rams' victory at Seattle. He added 91 yards and a touchdown in Los Angeles' season-ending loss at Green Bay.

Henderson is still with the Rams, while Brown left for Miami. Los Angeles also has Raymond Calais and Xavier Jones, who both have limited NFL experience, along with rookie seventh-round pick Jake Funk.

The Rams' veterans will report to UC Irvine on Tuesday, July 27, with their first practice the next day.

The NFL Network first reported Akers' injury.

Cont from SEATTLE, Page B1 and Hall of Famer Lenny Wilkens. Marshawn Lynch and Sue Seattle event. It's being broadcast Bird are taking part as well. The Kraken jersey will be unveiled for the first time.

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plenty of pomp and circumstance, the team's future ultimately rests with the decisions made by general manager Ron Francis and the rest of the Kraken front office. The 669 players left unprotected for the expansion draft created numerous avenues for Seattle, from trying to match the success of Vegas from its inaugural season to going younger and cheaper and looking to develop long-term. Seattle must take at least 14 forwards, nine defensemen and three goalies, and spend at least

While the night will include

salary cap space. The biggest decision could come at goalie. Montreal's Carey Price, fresh off a sterling playoff run, is available but at a cost of \$10.5 million per year for five more seasons and questions about his health. Price would be an instant face of the franchise with significant connections to the Pacific Northwest, but his salary hit could limit Seattle's maneuverability. There are also big names like Vladimir Tarasenko, Gabriel

\$48 million of its \$81.5 million in

Landeskog, Mark Giordano, Ryan Johansen, Max Domi, Tyler Johnson and P.K. Subban all floating out there as potential selections if Seattle wants established veterans anchoring its roster. "I certainly think there's going to be some good players available," Francis said. "Hopefully when they get selected here we can get them into town, and walk out on stage and they can become sort of the early faces of our Seattle Kraken lineup and the fans will relate to them as well."

season training session.

Detroit for Jared Goff early in the offseason.

ner said.

But they're all youngsters, really, compared to Oksana Chusovitina of Uzbekistan, who is 46 and competing in her eighth Olympics. She finished seventh in the vault in Rio.

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from Gas Works Park on the north shore of Lake Union with picturesque shots of the skyline in the background. Fans will be in the park, but the team has asked for a flotilla of fans to assemble on boats, paddleboards and kayaks on the water.

The NHL has recruited local sports celebrities to help announce the selections, including a nod to the SuperSonics with the inclusion of Gary Payton, Shawn Kemp

And yes, there will be a fish getting tossed at Pike Place Market as a way to reveal one of the selections.

'The goal here is to show off Seattle and show off the team to not only the hockey fans of the world, but the sports fans," said Steve Mayer, the NHL's chief content officer. "This is a cool moment."

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the Trojans and Redmen being rivals in three different conferences over the years. The first was the Trolley League, the second the Buckeye League and the third the Great Lakes League.

Findlay and Fostoria have not been in the same conference since 2002, when both were members of the Great Lakes League. The GLL had been around since 1956, but folded after the 2002-03 school year following a topsyturvy three-year stretch that saw 13 schools enter and/or leave the conference.

The realignment and rearrangement of athletic leagues is a hot topic once again, and Findlay is one of several Northwest Ohio schools on the move. A member of the Three Rivers Athletic Conference since the 2011, Findlay will be leaving the TRAC, along with Fremont Ross, Oregon Clay and Toledo Whitmer, and joining the Northern Lakes League beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

"Certainly, this is an exciting time for Findlay athletics joining an elite conference in the Northern Lakes League," FHS Athletics Director Nate Weihrauch said in April, after the Findlay Board of Education, by a unanimous 5-0 decision, voted to accept an invitation to join the Northern Lakes League.

"The NLL is one of the older conferences in Ohio and will bring stability for our district and community as we will once again compete against highly talented and

powerhouse teams at all levels and programs. The community-based programs, travel, schedule, traditions, and existing relationships with the current NLL school districts will assist our community."

From the start, here's a look at Findlay High's league and conference affiliation through the years:

TROLLEY LEAGUE: 1919-1921

LEAGUE MEMBERS: Findlay, Fostoria, Bowling Green, Tiffin, Lima Central, Lima South.

NOTES: It was called the Trolley League because, well, because of trolleys. Rail tracks connected many cities and towns at the time and fans could often hop a ride on a trolley car heading to game.

BUCKEYE LEAGUE: 1935-1954

LEAGUE MEMBERS: Findlay, Fostoria, Bowling Green, Fremont Ross, Marion Harding, Sandusky, Tiffin Columbian, Tiffin Jr. Home.

NOTES: Findlay beat the Tiffin Jr. Home 93-0 one year, the most points scored and largest margin of victory in FHS football history.

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE: 1955-1987

LEAGUE MEMBERS: Findlay, Elyria, Fremont Ross, Lorain Senior, Marion Harding, Sandusky, Lorain Admiral King, Mansfield Senior.

NOTES: During its run, the Buckeye Conference was considered one of the premier athletic conferences in the state. The league produced some outstanding athletes, with Sandusky's Thom Darden (Browns), Ed (Browns) and John (Bears) Bettridge, Corey Croom (Patriots), Luther Henson (Patriots), Scott May (Olympic gold medalist, Chicago Bulls) and Orlando Pace (Rams, Bears) and Fremont's Bob Brudzinski (Ohio State, Rams), Rob Lytle (Michigan, Broncos), Derek Isaman (Ohio State) and Shawn McCarthy (Patriots) among the elite.

Two Heisman Trophy winners came out of former Buckeye Conference school's, Fremont's Charles Woodson (1997) and Elyria's Vic Janowicz (1950). Findlay's Ben Roethlisberger was ninth in the Heisman voting in 2003. Starting in the mid 1960s, Findlay ran out a succession of Division I college quarterbacks in Harry Gonso (Indiana), Steve Woodruff (Yale), Keith Woodruff (Ohio University), Cliff Hite (Kentucky), Kurt Hippensteel (Illinois), John Veilhaber (Michigan State), Dave Wilson (Ball State), Steve Reichenbach (Toledo), John Kidd (Northwestern, punter) and Bruce Porter (North Carolina State, Ohio University). Andy Schramm (Michigan State), John Schramm (Arizona), Scott Duncan (Northwestern) and Jeff Bury (Purdue) were filling of D-I roster as well.

BUCKEYE CENTRAL

CONFERENCE: 1988-1995

LEAGUE MEMBERS: Findlay Fremont Ross, Lancaster, Newark, Zanesville.

NOTES: Five schools from four different district (Northwest, Southeast, Central, East)

made up one of the most far-flung leagues in the state. Home-andhome scheduled ensured that any school official seeking mileage reimbursement was due a hefty check. Fremont Ross moved over the Great Lakes League in 1989. and when Newark said it was leaving the league the BCC folded.

GREAT LAKES LEAGUE: 1996-2003

MEMBERS: The GLL originally formed in 1956 and over the years included 15 different schools: Findlay, Fostoria, Bowling Green, Oregon Clay, Sylvania Northview, Port Clinton, Toledo Rogers, Toledo Whitmer, Napoleon, Lima Shawnee, Fremont Ross, Sandusky, Lorain Admiral King, Lorain Southview and Bedford, Mich. Findlay joined up in 1995.

GREATER BUCKEYE CONFERENCE: 2004-2011

MEMBERS: Findlay, Fremont Ross, Lima Senior, Marion Harding, Napoleon, Sandusky.

NOTES: With the break-up of the GLL, six schools formed ranks to create the GBC. Teams played just five league games in football, but competition included two of the longest running rivalries in Ohio prep football history: Sandusky and Fremont Ross (115 years) and Fremont Ross and Findlay (98 years).

THREE RIVERS ATHLETIC

CONFERENCE: 2011-present

LEAGUE MEMBERS: Findlay, Fremont Ross, Oregon Clay, Lima Senior, Toledo Central

Catholic, Toledo Whitmer, Toledo St. John's (boys only), Toledo St. Francis (boys only), Toledo St. Ursula (girls only), Toledo Notre Dame (girls only).

NOTES: Due to financial problems, the Toledo Public School board of education was forced to close some schools, eliminate some varsity programs and cut junior high and freshmanlevel sports at others. That forced the private schools who were not in that bind — Central Catholic, St. John's, St. Francis, St. Ursula and Notre Dame - to seek other options athletically.

The TRAC has been a solid eight-school league, although the private schools have dominated athletically, winning 135 of the 197 (68.5 percent) championship trophies handed out for winning or sharing league titles over the past 11 seasons.

When Maumee announced it was leaving the Northern Lakes League though, the NLL, an eight-school collection of Division I and Division II-sized schools which had openly said it was looking to expand, sent invitations to Findlay, Fremont Ross, Oregon Clay and Toledo Whitmer. Lima Senior, likely because of its distance from the Toledo area, was not tender an invitation from the NLL either.

Findlay, Fremont Ross, Clay and Whitmer have all accepted invitations to join the NLL, beginning with the 2023-24 school year. With 11 schools in the fold, the NLL is likely seeking other schools to create an even-numbered, two-division conference.