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Playoff Field Set After Committee's Toughest-Ever Decision

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Six worthy teams, only four spots. The math was simple: Not everyone was going to get an invite. Top-ranked Michigan will face No. 4 Alabama, and No. 2 Washington will meet No. 3 Texas in the College Football Playoff semifinals. Florida State, which finished 13-0, sat dejectedly as the Seminoles saw their title hopes disappear. Not at the hands of an opponent, but a 13-person committee. Here's how the four-team field came to be — and why Florida State and former No. 1 Georgia were left out.

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Championship Week Arrives With Ample Animosity

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A playoff berth will be on the line when bitter (hate-filled?) rivals Oregon and Washington square off in the final Pac-12 championship game. It's the first of five title bouts across the nation — each with its own playoff implications — and a recent history of animus spilling from the gridiron into the boardroom. Here's what to know about the most awkward, hostile championship week yet. Plus, previews, best bets, and the spaghetti mess of scenarios that would spell chaos for the CFP committee.

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Crushed Hopes, Miracle Plays Highlight Week 13

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Ohio State coach Ryan Day has a 39-3 Big Ten record, but all three losses are to Michigan. Was Saturday's the worst? Auburn held a 99.9% chance of beating Alabama late in the Iron Bowl, but gave up a stunning touchdown that kept the Tide in the CFP hunt. And Washington preserved its playoff dream with a fourth-down play call that would have been risky for a game of Madden. Rivalry Week delivered unforgettable moments and a little chaos while setting the stage for the conference championships.

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The Game: OSU-Michigan Meet for 119th Time in Bitter Rivalry



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Ohio State is crossing out the letter M all around campus — and the game isn't even being played there. Yes, Michigan vs. Ohio State engenders a special hatred that began metastasizing in 1897 and is as heated as ever today. Coaches Ryan Day and Jim Harbaugh can barely conceal their disdain for one another ahead of Saturday's matchup, the loser of which will likely miss out on the College Football Playoff. Not that it takes a playoff spot to stir this animus. Here's what to know.



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College Football Week 13 Preview



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Nine teams remain in contention for the College Football Playoff heading into the final Saturday of the regular season. Five — Georgia, Ohio State, Michigan, Washington and Florida State — likely control their own destiny, while Oregon, Texas and Alabama lurk just outside, with Louisville trying to crash the party. Here's a profile of each team and an Armageddon Scenario that would give the CFP committee nightmares. Plus, an inside look at Ohio State and Michigan's game within The Game.



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College Football Week 12 Roundup



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Georgia did nothing to relinquish its grip on the No. 1 ranking in routing Tennessee for a 28th straight win. But behind the Bulldogs, the plot twists are ready to burst open in the closing two weeks. Florida State's playoff hopes took a devastating hit with Jordan Travis' leg injury, Ohio State held serve, Michigan held its breath, and Washington slid past Oregon State on a rain-soaked night in Corvallis. All of which is to say the playoff committee's job somehow just got tougher.



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Legal Battles, Key Matchups Headline College Football Week 12



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The NCAA wouldn't budge. Rules are rules and 10-0 James Madison's bowl eligibility waiver was denied. Read about the ruling and why pundits are calling the NCAA "mean" and "dumb," while Virginia's attorney general is threatening to sue. Plus, top matchups on Saturday include top-ranked Georgia and No. 5 Washington on upset alert, and there's more chaos in Ann Arbor, as Michigan backs off its legal battle over Jim Harbaugh's suspension, then abruptly fires its linebackers coach.



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Texas A&M Head Coach Jimbo Fisher's Jumbo Buyout



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You could buy 10 of the most expensive cars in the world — or Jay-Z's private jet — with the \$76 million buyout of Fisher's contract. But the Aggies wanted him gone after nearly six up-and-down, and largely mediocre seasons in College Station. The move came as a shock, just a day after A&M beat Mississippi State 51-10. Yet patience began to erode during last year's 5-7 campaign, and the Aggies' increasingly middling position in the ultra-competitive SEC was deemed insufficient.



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College Football Week 11 Roundup



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Someone should make a bumper sticker that says: Keep College Football Weird. The upper class has largely avoided the upsets that make the sport so unpredictably great. Instead, top teams strengthened their positions in Week 11: Georgia rolled Ole Miss and Michigan head-butted Penn State. Plus, Ohio State, Florida State and Washington all won. Jimbo Fisher did get fired after a 41-point win. Maybe the uncanny developments in College Station will spur the usual craziness in the closing weeks.



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