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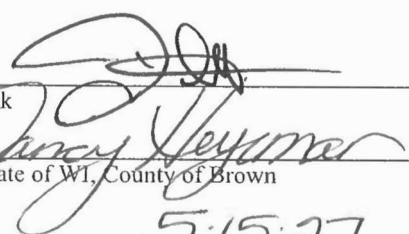
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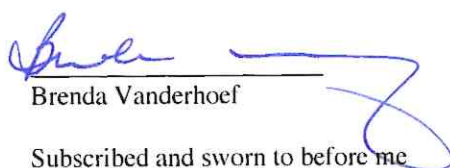


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# Ohio State wants redemption, Tennessee seeks respect in first-round CFP matchup

BY MITCH STACY  
AP SPORTS WRITER

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Coach Josh Heupel doesn't much care for the narrative that No. 7 Tennessee, with its checkered history over the past 15 years, is content just to have reached the College Football Playoff.

The fourth-year coach knows that mindset won't work facing a team like No. 6 Ohio State, which is in the playoff for the sixth time and has one of the best rosters in the nation. "If you're just happy to be there, it's going to be a quick cup of coffee," Heupel said.

Ohio State (10-2), a top-five team for most of the season, is still reeling from a fourth straight loss to archrival Michigan. A loss to the Volunteers will only add to calls from fans for coach Ryan Day to be fired. So, Ohio State will be seeking redemption in the first-round game Saturday

night in the frigid Horseshoe. As quarterback Will Howard put it, it's a chance to "right the wrongs."

Day is stressing that the eighth-seeded Buckeyes deserve to be here. "Once you get into the playoffs, it's a brand new start," he said. "And I think that's what our guys have recognized now, the fact that they've earned the opportunity to play in the playoffs."

Ninth-seeded Tennessee (10-2) hasn't won a national championship — or an SEC title, for that matter — since 1998, the year after Peyton Manning left. It got even rougher with the firing of Phillip Fulmer after the 2008 season, with a string of disappointing seasons, a revolving door of coaches and NCAA violations.

Now the Vols get a shot at a national title thanks to the newly expanded 12-team playoff. The winner of the first-round game will travel to the Rose Bowl

to face top-ranked Oregon, which beat Ohio State by a point in a shootout back on Oct. 12.

"It's a great opportunity," Heupel said of facing the program's next step. "But now it's about, 'What are you going to do with the opportunity?'"

### In the trenches

Ohio State has had to reshuffle its offensive line several times in the second half of the season due to injuries.

The Buckeyes lost starting left tackle Josh Simmons against Oregon. His replacement, Zen Michelanski, went down the next game. The biggest blow came in late November when Seth McLauglin, the eventual winner of the Rimington Award given to the best center, tore an Achilles tendon.

McLaughlin's absence was conspicuous as Ohio State struggled to run inside against Michigan.



Ohio State receiver Jeremiah Smith, right, catches a pass against Indiana during the second half of a game Nov. 23 in Columbus, Ohio.

Tennessee has one of the best defensive lines in the country, led by end James Pearce Jr., a potential first round NFL draft pick, and a pair of 300-pounders inside in Bryson Eason and Omari Thomas.

"They're fifth nationally in both scoring and total defense, the No. 1 third-down defense in the coun-

try, No. 1 red-zone defense in the country," Ohio State offensive coordinator Chip Kelly said. "So, we're playing a formidable defense coming in here."

### Opportunistic Vols

Tennessee has had a knack for making big plays when backed up inside its

own 20. The Vols forced turnovers at the goal line or in the end zone four times this season.

AP All-SEC cornerback Jermold McCoy had an interception in the end zone to help key the win over Alabama and another against Vanderbilt. He has a team-leading four picks on the season.

# SMU eyes validation, Penn State eyes a breakthrough in College Football Playoff opener

BY WILL GRAVES  
AP SPORTS WRITER

This is not about validation exactly. Still, it kind of is. For SMU and Penn State both.

And each side knows it. When the 11th-seeded Mustangs (11-2) walk into wintry Beaver Stadium today to meet the sixth-seeded Nittany Lions (11-2) in the first round of the expanded College Football Playoff, they know there's more than a few people — particularly those that live in Alabama — who think they have no right to be there in the first place.

"I think we feel like not standards anyway — 11-year tenure. "Something we always talk about is 'Win the national championship, get in the playoffs' and now we're here," said defensive end Abdul Carter, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. "We have this opportunity. We got to do everything in our power to make sure we take advantage."

The winner earns a trip to Arizona on New Year's Eve to face Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl, this year a CFP quarterfinal. To get there, the Mustangs will have to survive the elements — temperatures are expected to hover in the mid-20s with the wind chill

dipping lower than that — and a massive white-clothed crowd eager for catharsis. "Everybody's against us," Mustangs quarterback Kevin Jennings said. "It's supposed to be like 100,000 people there and everybody just booing you. So probably one of the best feelings in the world, just going in and be able to upset a talented team."

### Agent Carter

If Jennings and the rest of SMU's up-tempo offense wants to pull off a stunner, they will have to do what few have done this fall: stop Carter.

The junior, who moved from outside linebacker to defensive end this season, ranked third in the FBS with 19 1/2 tackles for loss and his 10 sacks tied for the Big Ten lead. While he's not keeping particularly close tabs on what honors come his way, he admitted getting "snubbed" for the Nagurski Award — given annually to the best defensive player in the country — adding more fuel to a fire that's ever-present.

"Did some pushups that night," Carter said. "Maxed out. I just use as motivation. I try not to get discouraged. I still feel like I'm the best defensive player, but not just defensive play-

er. I feel like I'm the best player in general."

### Punishing Ponies

Lost in the glare Jennings provides is the play of an SMU defense that allows just 20.8 points per game and has racked up 40 sacks, which coach Rhett Lashlee pointed to as proof his Mustangs are more well-rounded than they've been given credit for in some circles.

It helps that the Mustangs are willing to play with physicality, something SMU will need to rely on against the bigger, deeper Nittany Lions and an offense featuring do-everything tight end Tyler Warren.

"We take pride in that," safety Isaiah Nwokobia said. "Obviously you're going to have your bangs, your bruises, it's going to hurt. It's football, man. But we love it."

### Beau's 'no go'

Penn State will be without backup quarterback Beau Pribula, who made what he called an "impossible decision" to enter the transfer portal in search of other opportunities in 2025. Franklin supported Pribula's choice while also bemoaning the timing of the

winter transfer portal window, which left the Nittany Lions without a player who

had been effective in certain packages designed to maximize his mobility.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY**  
**CASE NO. U-21806**

- Consumers Energy Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201, 800-477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company or on the Commission's website at: <https://mipsc.michigan.gov/>.

**A PRE-HEARING WILL BE HELD:**  
**DATE/TIME:** Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM  
**OFFICE:** Administrative Law Judge James M. Vardetti  
**LOCATION:** Video/Teleconference  
**PARTICIPATION:** Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate or who are seeking access to the video/teleconference should contact the Administrative Law Judge's secretary at (517) 284-8730 or by email at [LAWJUDGE@MIPSC.MICHIGAN.GOV](mailto:LAWJUDGE@MIPSC.MICHIGAN.GOV) in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) December 16, 2024 application requesting the Commission to: 1) authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its retail natural gas rates so as to provide additional revenue of approximately \$248 million annually above the level established in Case No. U-21490 based on a projected 12-month test year ending October 31, 2025; 2) authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its existing retail natural gas rates so as to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 10.25%; 3) continue the Defined Benefit Pension/Other Post-Employment Benefits Volatility Mechanism to annually reconcile the difference between the Defined Benefit Pension/Other Post-Employment Benefits expense included by the Commission in rates versus the actual annual expense recorded; 4) grant the accounting authorizations as proposed by Consumers Energy; 5) approve the modifications to the rates, rules, and regulations as proposed by Consumers Energy; and 6) grant Consumers Energy such other and further relief as is just and reasonable.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's e-filing website at: <https://mipsc.michigan.gov/>. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the e-filing help page. Documents may also be submitted, in PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to [mipscdoctets@michigan.gov](mailto:mipscdoctets@michigan.gov). If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: [mipscdoctets@michigan.gov](mailto:mipscdoctets@michigan.gov).

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by January 6, 2025. Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format. The pool of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy Company's Legal Department - Regulatory, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201.

The pre-hearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process for participating in the hearing.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of their wish to make a statement of position. Mich Admin Code, R.792.10413 (R.46-413).

Any person wishing to file a public comment may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed to the docket reference Case No. U-21806. Statements may be emailed to: [mipscdoctets@michigan.gov](mailto:mipscdoctets@michigan.gov). Statements may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917.

All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Executive Secretary at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8000.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R.792.10422 and R.792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Representation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909 for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1979 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R.792.10106 and R.792.10401 through R.792.10448.

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HAS REQUESTED THE INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT LESSER OR GREATER INCREASES THAN THOSE REQUESTED, AND MAY AUTHORIZE A LESSER OR GREATER RATE FOR ANY CLASS OF SERVICE THAN THAT REQUESTED.**



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