

## Iowa topples Penn State 23-20, fans storm field

## Texas A&amp;M beats No. 1 Alabama 41-38 on last-play field goal



Iowa wide receiver Charlie Jones (16) dives for a touchdown despite defensive efforts by Penn State safety Ji'ayir Brown (16) during the first half of an NCAA college football game, on Oct. 9, in Iowa City, Iowa. (AP)

## AJ Allmendinger remains perfect on The Roval with third straight victory

Burton, Snyder, Clements and Herbst eliminated

CONCORD, N.C., Oct. 10, (AP) — AJ Allmendinger charged into the semifinal round of the Xfinity Series playoffs with an overtime victory in the elimination race on The Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Allmendinger improved to 3-0 on the hybrid road course/oval added to the NASCAR schedule in 2018. He wasn't in the inaugural race, won by Chase Briscoe.

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Allmendinger took the lead for the first time with 20 laps remaining and had the win in sight - he had a nine-second lead - when Tommy Joe Martins brought out the caution with four laps remaining. It pushed the race into overtime for a two-lap sprint to the finish and Allmendinger got the jump on the restart and cruised to a 3.192-second victory over reigning Xfinity Series champion Austin Cindric.

"I knew (the caution) was coming out. I knew it wasn't going to go simple like that," Allmendinger said. "It's special to win this race three years in a row. This car was stupid fast. The big picture is the championship but getting another win - three in a row here at the Roval - it means the world to me."

Allmendinger, the regular-season Xfinity Series champion, collected the checkered flag and gave it to a young fan in the Charlotte grandstands wearing an Allmendinger shirt. It was



NASCAR Xfinity Series driver AJ Allmendinger (16) celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity auto race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on Oct. 9, in Concord, N.C. (AP)

Allmendinger's fifth win of the season, tying his career high set in 2006 when Allmendinger raced in Champ Car.

He's won eight times on road courses across NASCAR's Cup and Xfinity Series. Six of those wins are in the Xfinity Series.

The crowd chanted "AJ! AJ! AJ!" for the popular journeyman who was partially retired in 2018 and is now racing for his first NASCAR championship. He turns 40 in December.

"It was three years ago when I didn't know what the heck I was going to do," said Allmendinger. "Never give up because the moment you give up is the moment you never had a chance to

## Slingsby navigates Aussies into lead in 'SailGP' Spanish regatta

CADIZ, Spain, Oct. 10, (AP) — Tom Slingsby skippered Team Australia to finishes of second, fourth and second to take the lead after the first day of the Spain Sail Grand Prix.

Slingsby, looking to bounce back from a last-place finish in Saint-Tropez, took a 19-18 lead over Jimmy Spithill's Team USA, with Nicolai Sehested's Denmark SailGP Team another four points back. The rest of the field is Great Britain, Spain, Japan, New Zealand and France.

The final two races will be Sunday, with the top three teams advancing to the podium race.

The Aussies narrowly lost to Sir Ben Ainslie's British team in the opening race. Spain won the sec-

ond race in front of its home crowd, and the United States won the third race.

"To sum up today's racing, it was a happy one to get through," said Slingsby, an Olympic gold medalist and a former America's Cup champion who steered the Aussies to the

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inaugural championship and \$1 million, winner-take-all prize in 2019.

"It's like a minefield out there. We said we don't want a shocker, it's a real 'danger day.' We knew it was going to be light breeze conditions and then we've got heavier breeze tomorrow."

NASCAR cut the Xfinity field from 12 to eight. All four eliminated started the race on The Roval below the elimination outline.

Cindric was the only driver locked into the next round after non-playoff drivers Josh Berry and Brandon Brown won the first two playoff races. With the win, Allmendinger reclaimed the lead in the Xfinity standings.

Allmendinger and Cindric move on to the semifinals along with Daniel Hemric, who finished third, Justin Allgaier, Justin Haley, Noah Gragson, Brandon Jones and Harrison Burton.

Harrison Burton at 15th was the lowest-finishing driver to advance.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Oct. 10, (AP) — During a speaking engagement this spring Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher used colorful language to proclaim his team would beat Alabama during coach Nick Saban's career.

He fulfilled that vow, handing the defending national champions their first loss since 2019 in a thrilling upset.

Seth Small made a 28-yard field goal as time expired and Texas A&M stunned top-ranked Alabama 41-38 to end the Crimson Tide's winning streak at 19 games.

The victory came on Fisher's 56th birthday and is certainly Texas A&M's biggest win since Fisher took over in 2018.

### Iowa 23, Penn State 20

In Iowa City, Iowa, Spencer Petras threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Nico Ragaini to complete No. 3 Iowa's comeback from a two-touchdown deficit. No. 4 Penn State's offense did next to nothing after quarterback Sean Clifford was knocked out of the game and the Hawkeyes held on for a bruising 23-20 victory.

The Hawkeyes (6-0, 3-0) took control of the Big Ten West with their 12th straight win and thrust themselves into the College Football Playoff conversation.

Penn State (5-1, 2-1) lost for the first time in 10 games and headed back to Happy Valley with a list of injuries that could make its path through the rest of the season difficult.

When Petras took a knee in victory formation to end the game, students and other fans poured out of their end zone seats to celebrate. Bodies were packed together the entire width of the field from the south end zone to the 10-yard line on the other end.

### Notre Dame 32, Virginia Tech 29

In Blacksburg, Va., Jack Coan's play in the first quarter for No. 14 Notre Dame got him benched. What he did in the fourth quarter made the Fighting Irish winners, and left coach Brian Kelly gushing about his senior quarterback.

Jonathan Doerer kicked a 48-yard field goal with 17 seconds remaining, capping a dramatic rally to give the Fighting Irish a 32-29 victory over Virginia Tech.

The Fighting Irish (5-1) tied it at 29 on Coan's 4-yard pass to Avery Davis and a two-point conversion completion to Kevin Austin with 2:26 left. After Notre Dame forced the Hokies to punt, Coan drove them 45 yards in seven plays, and Doerer split the uprights, sparing the Fighting Irish a second straight loss.

### UCLA 34, Arizona 16

In Tucson, Ariz., Brittain Brown ran for 146 yards and a touchdown, Dorian Thompson-Robinson accounted for three touchdowns and UCLA extended Arizona's school-record losing streak to 17 games with a 34-16 victory.

UCLA (4-2, 2-1 Pac-12) relied on its ground game early as Thompson-Robinson struggled to find the mark and Brown sealed the victory with a 48-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.



Texas A&M's Seth Small (47) celebrates with Nik Constantinou (95) and Ainius Smith (0) after his game-winning field goal, as Alabama linebackers Dallas Turner (15) and Will Anderson Jr. leave the field after an NCAA college football game on Oct. 9, in College Station, Texas. (AP)

Thompson-Robinson was limited to 82 yards passing, but ran for two scores and threw for another.

**Nevada 55, New Mexico St. 28**  
In Reno, Nev., Carson Strong threw a career-high six touchdown passes - four in the second quarter - and Nevada cruised to a 55-28 win over New Mexico State.

Strong, who did not play in the fourth quarter, finished 25-of-32 passing for 377 yards with one interception.

But Strong got off to a rocky start. He threw an interception on Nevada's first offensive play from scrimmage and the Wolf Pack (4-1) went three-and-out on three of the next four drives and trailed 7-3 early in the second quarter before hitting Toa Taua, Justin Lockhart, Melquan Stovall and Cole Turner before halftime.

### Texas St. 33, S. Alabama 31, 40T

In San Marcos, Texas, Brady McBride scored on the first possession of the fourth overtime and Texas State held on to beat South Alabama 33-31.

Eric Sutton, a graduate transfer from

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SMU, deflected a pass from South Alabama's Jake Bentley in the end zone on the final play.

South Alabama (3-2, 0-2 Sun Belt) led by 14 points before Marcell Barbee made a toe-tap catch as he fell out of the side of the end zone to make it 24-17 with 7:17 left in regulation. Then, on fourth-and-goal from the 1, Jahmyl Jeter waited patiently for a blocker and then powered over the goal line with 17 seconds left to force overtime.

### Tulsa 35, Memphis 29

In Tulsa, Okla., Anthony Watkins ran for a 44-yard touchdown with 4:28 remaining to help Tulsa beat Memphis 35-29.

Bryson Powers intercepted a Seth Henigan pass with 1:17 left that sealed it for Tulsa (1-5, 1-1 American Athletic Conference).

### Utah 42, USC 26

In Los Angeles, Cameron Rising threw three touchdown passes and ran for another as Utah defeated Southern California 42-26.

It was the first game for the Utes since safety Aaron Lowe was killed in a shooting at a post-game party on Sept. 26, nine months after running back Ty Jordan died of an accidental gunshot wound to the abdomen on Christmas night 2020.

### Kentucky 42, LSU 21

In Lexington, Ky., Will Lewis threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more scores and No. 16 Kentucky dominated LSU throughout in a 42-21 blowout.

The Wildcats have their first 6-0 start since 1950, improved to 4-0 in the Southeastern Conference and earned a second consecutive win over a conference heavyweight. Their biggest challenge looms at No. 2 Georgia next week in an East Division showdown, and they'll enter with their best performance since the season opener.

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