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Helene forces cancellation of Liberty at App State football game



Paolo Uggetti, ESPN

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[Appalachian State](#) has canceled its home football game scheduled for Saturday against [Liberty](#) due to damage caused by Tropical Depression Helene.

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add a 12th game this season to replace the game against App State. Liberty is currently 4-0 and would only be able to play 11 regular-season games if they aren't able to find a 12th game, which could hurt their chances of securing a College Football Playoff bid.

Heavy rains in the North Carolina mountains brought flooding to Boone and the town was placed under a state of emergency Thursday.

The storm made landfall late Thursday in a sparsely populated region of Florida as a major hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 140 mph. But the damage extended hundreds of miles to the north.

Elsewhere, the [Nashville Predators](#) postponed their home preseason NHL game against the [Tampa Bay Lightning](#) scheduled for Friday night because of severe weather. The game was rescheduled for Oct. 7.

Also, the [Denver Broncos](#) were forced to practice indoors at tennis courts at Greenbriar Resort in West Virginia due to heavy rain and high winds ahead of Sunday's game at the [New York Jets](#).

Information from The Associated Press was used in this report.

Steve Sarkisian still unsure on Texas' starting QB for SEC debut

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Arch Manning throws for 258 yards and two touchdowns as Texas blows out UL Monroe in Austin. (1:49)



Dave Wilson, ESPN Staff Writer

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[Texas](#) coach Steve Sarkisian said on Thursday that the No. 1 Longhorns still haven't decided on a starting quarterback for Saturday's inaugural SEC game against [Mississippi State](#).

[Quinn Ewers](#) was listed as questionable on Texas' first SEC injury report, still recovering from an oblique strain. [Arch Manning](#) made his first career start last week in a 51-3 win over UL Monroe.

"We're going to decide on the quarterback thing tomorrow," Sarkisian said. "It won't be a secret. We're not trying to pull the wool over anybody's eyes. Just want to give Quinn every opportunity to see if he's ready to play and what he looks like."

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Sarkisian said on Monday that Ewers practiced and looked good, but he wanted to see how he was feeling after a week of work. He said he has been encouraged by what he has seen all week, even from third-string quarterback [Trey Owens](#), a true freshman.

"I'd say he's improved every day," Sarkisian said on Thursday. "I think Arch has had a very good week, and I would say this: Trey Owens probably had his best practice as a Longhorn today, so that was really encouraging as well."

Mississippi State has had injury issues of its own at quarterback and will be starting a true freshman, [Michael Van Buren Jr.](#), after starter [Blake Shapen](#) was lost for the season last week with a shoulder injury that will require surgery. Van Buren, the No. 57 prospect in the 2024 ESPN 300, went 7-for-13 for 100 yards off the bench in a 45-28 loss to Florida on Saturday.

Sarkisian said that presents a challenge to Texas, without having much film on a new quarterback. And he knows his opponent in first-year Bulldogs coach Jeff Leiby, who was Oklahoma's offensive coordinator last year when [Dillon Gabriel](#) led the Sooners on a 75-yard drive in 62 seconds to beat Texas, 34-30.

"It's a small sample size," Sarkisian said. "They've had a week now to prepare a game plan for the things that he does well, and that's what we're going to have to sort through and figure out. But knowing Jeff Leiby, a really good offensive mind, he's going to put him in a good position to have some success. ... Our job is to try to get him uncomfortable and we'll see how effective we are."