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Tigers outlast USF for homecoming victory

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MEMPHIS- It was homecoming for the Memphis Tigers on November 4 as they hosted South Florida at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. In what proved to be a shootout, the Tigers held on for a 59-50 win.

Tiger quarterback Seth Henigan was 23 of 40 for 340 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran for a touchdown. USF had their share of offense as well against the Tigers defense. USF quarterback Byrum Brown was 31 of 39 passing for 357 yards and 5 touchdowns

The Tigers led 35-28 at the half. USF came back in the 2nd half to take the lead 42-38 in the 3rd quarter. The Tigers responded with a 34-yard touchdown run from Blake Watson to take a 45-42 lead.

Henigan was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury on the Tigers' next possession. Backup Tevin Carter came in and threw an 85-yard touchdown to Roc Taylor.

It was the longest play of the season for the Tigers.

The Tigers will travel to take on Charlotte next week. They still have hopes of getting to the Conference Championship if they win out.

A Statement from Memphis Athletics on DeAndre Williams

"We are extremely disappointed a waiver for an additional year of eligibility for DeAndre Williams was denied, which came following a request for reconsideration of the initial denial and then an appeal.

We felt the evidence about academic misadvisement prior to his initial collegiate enrollment that was uncovered and provided to the NCAA was sufficient to grant this waiver, and we also strongly believed the depth of additional information shared with the NCAA on an ongoing basis would be on DeAndre's side. Unfortunately, after multiple months of back-and-forth, the NCAA arrived at a different conclusion. We appreciate DeAndre's contributions to our men's basketball program over the past two-and-a-half years, and he will always be a Memphis Tiger. Nevertheless, we are very much looking forward to an exciting season on the court for our men's basketball team."

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For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

NFL strengthens commitment to military community thru Salute to Service in November

NEW YORK — Nov. 1, 2023 — The National Football League (NFL) is kicks off Salute to Service, the league's year-round effort to honor, empower nation's service members, veterans and their families. Throughout the month of November, the collective NFL family, including all 32 clubs and their players, will reinforce continued support and gratitude to those who have and continue to serve. Salute to Service will be highlighted specifically in-game during Weeks 9-11 and included throughout additional special events led by the league and its clubs.

"We are grateful for the men and women serving in our armed forces for the many sacrifices they make every day while defending our country. Their courage and dedication assure us so many important freedoms, and the opportunity to enjoy a little football," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Since 2011, more than $66 million has been raised for the NFL's Salute to Service partners to support and uplift our nation's military community through resources, programming, recognition and unique experiences in the United States and across the world.

"We are grateful for the men and women serving in our armed forces for the many sacrifices they make every day while defending our country. Their courage and dedication assure us so many important freedoms, and the opportunity to enjoy a little football," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "Throughout the last 12 years, Salute to Service has allowed the NFL family to convey our thanks to service members, veterans and their families and support organizations within the military community across the world. The NFL is proud to highlight those who have served and currently serve our country."

In partnership with five core Salute to Service partners, the NFL aims to positively impact the lives of many in the military community. These partners include: the Pat Tillman Foundation (PTF), Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), United Service Organizations (USO), Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF), and Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Honor, Empower and Connect in Action

Together with Salute to Service partners and league sponsors, the NFL has continued to focus on strengthening the connection between the NFL family and military community.

Official NFL Salute to Service partner USAA has honored and appreciated active-duty military, veterans and their families since 2011 by creating exclusive opportunities that bring the military community and the NFL closer together on a year-round basis. Among multiple events this season, USAA hosted NFL Boot Camps during training camp with multiple clubs where military members competed in drills like those displayed at the NFL Combine. In the lead up to Veterans Day, USAA is also organizing NFL club visits to various military installations.

For the past six seasons the NFL and its Salute to Service partner TAPS, which provides care for the families of America's fallen military heroes, have hosted an exclusive experience for surviving military families during the NFL's London series. Six families from the United States and six families from the United

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Gold Strike Casino & Resorts Names Shane Robertson as New Director of Gaming
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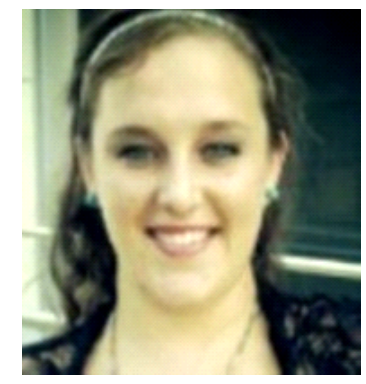

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No. 8 Tigers crowned AA Conf. Champs for third consecutive season

LAKEWOOD RANCH, Fla. Nov. 5, 2023– The Memphis Tiger women's soccer team claimed its third consecutive American Athletic Conference Championship after a 2-1 win over SMU Sunday afternoon.

After this game, Memphis moves to 18-1 overall and earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament starting on Friday, Nov. 10.

KEY MOMENTS

•An SMU strike in the 7' challenged Kaylie Bierman and the defense; Nyah Rose would fire a shot off that Bierman would get a piece of that ricocheted off the post.

•Both teams would play back-and-forth in the midfield until the 40' when freshman Ashley Henderson put the ball through the upper right corner of the net to give Memphis the 1-0 lead.

•Looking at a one goal deficit, the Mustangs looked to even the score to open the second. A Wayny Balata shot in the 55' got stopped by Bierman for her third save of the day.

•Memphis added to its lead in the 72' after Delaney Tellex sent in a shot that hit off a Mustang defender and into the back of the net

•SMU cut their deficit in half in the 79' off a scrum in the box that ended with a Truth Byars goal.

•The Tiger defense held steady in the closing minutes of the match to hold on for the victory.

NOTABLES

•Bierman made five saves in route to her 16th win of the season – the third best mark for a single season.

•With its third consecutive AAC Championship title, Memphis is the first AAC women's soccer team to be crowned champions in as many consecutive years.

•Bierman, Jones, Tellex, Sarah Hagg and Momo Nakao were all named to the All-Tournament Team. Jones was named as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player while Hagg earned the Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

•This is the fourth match this year where all goals were scored by freshmen.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Soccer, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Memphis Grizzlies sign center Bismack Biyombo

MEMPHIS, TN – The Memphis Grizzlies recently announced the team signed center Bismack Biyombo (bis-MOCK bee-OM-bo). Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed.

A 12-year NBA veteran, Biyombo (6-8, 255) has played 799 career regular season games (324 starts) for Charlotte, Toronto, Orlando and Phoenix and has averaged 5.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.3 blocks in 19.5 minutes while shooting 53.3% from the field. He also has appeared in 40 career playoff games (11 starts), contributing to the Raptors' run to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2016 and helping the Suns advance to the Western Conference Semifinals in each of the past two seasons.

A native of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Biyombo played two seasons professionally in the Spanish ACB League before joining the NBA.

The 31-year-old was selected by Sacramento with the seventh overall pick in the 2011 NBA Draft before his rights were traded to Charlotte on draft night. A native of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Biyombo played two seasons professionally in the Spanish ACB League before joining the NBA.