Saorla Miller and Kaylie Bierman named to AAC Weekly Awards List honors

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Miller Picks Up Second Offensive Player of the Week Honor; Bierman Named to Honor Roll

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – For the second time this season, Saorla Miller and Kaylie Bierman have been named to the American Athletic Conference's Weekly Awards List.

Miller, a 5th year out of Halifax, Nova Scotia, picks up her second Offensive Player of the Week nod after another impressive week where she recorded goal numbers four and five at Iowa State. She would also pick up an assist on an insurance goal for the Tigers. Miller currently leads the team and conference with five goals this season.

This is the second AAC Weekly Award for Miller this season and the fifth of her career.

Bierman, a junior out of Grovetown, Ga., was named to the AAC's Weekly Honor Roll after making four saves against the Cyclones, including a penalty kick shot, in route to her fourth win of the season. Bierman, who has now made 13 saves this season, currently ranks in the top-three in the AAC in goals against average (0.70) and save percentage (0.81).

This is the second career AAC Weekly Award for Bierman.

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

Morgan named AAC Special Teams Player of the Week

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis kicker Seth Morgan was named the AAC Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday, the conference office announced.

In his first game as a Tiger, the Sam Houston transfer was perfect in the team's 56-14, season-opening victory over Bethune-Cookman on Saturday. The redshirt junior connected on both of his field goal attempts, 26 and 45 yards, as well as all six of his extra point attempts.

Memphis will head down to Jonesboro, Ark. on Saturday, Sept. 9 to face Arkansas State at 6 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN+.

Single-game tickets for the 2023 Memphis Football season are now available at GoTigersGo.com. Additionally, fans can also utilize a new ticket offering this season, allowing fans the choice of how to customize their gamedays at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

With the Flex Pack, fans can purchase six or more ticket vouchers starting at $99, and from there, can choose how they would like to allocate their vouchers. For example, one voucher could be used for each of Memphis' six home football games, two vouchers could be used to attend each of three games, four vouchers could be used for one game and two more for another, and so on.

The Memphis Football Flex Pack can be purchased online at www.gotigersgo.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

Titans travel to New Orleans to open 2023 regular season ... from sports page 1

2019 and 2020, respectively, before dropping their last two openers at home in 2021 (Arizona) and 2022 (New York Giants).

The contest will be regionally televised on CBS, including Nashville affiliate WTVF NewsChannel 5, as well as on Paramount+ in the Nashville market. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Chris Lewis, analysts Jason McCourty and Ross Tucker, and reporter Amanda Guerra.

Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices with NFL+, which offers access to local games and all primetime games on phones and tablets. More information on ways to watch NFL games can be found here.

The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, analyst Dave McGinnis, sideline reporter Ramon Foster and gameday host Rhett Bryan.

Additionally, Sports USA will broadcast the game to a national radio audience. Play-by-play announcer John Ahlers and analyst Brandon Noble have the call.

VRABEL LEADS TITANS INTO 2023

The Titans, who went 2-1 during the preseason, are in their sixth season with head coach Mike Vrabel at the helm. Since being hired in 2018, the 2021 AP NFL Coach of the Year has directed the team to four winning records, three playoff appearances and two division titles.

Starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill enters his 12th year in the NFL and his fifth year with the organization. He ranks first in franchise history in career passer rating (100.5) and completion percentage (66.9), fifth in career passing touchdowns (89), and sixth in passing yards (12,831).

Three-time Pro Bowl running back Derrick Henry looks to continue his assault on the team's record books in his eighth pro season. Last year he moved into first place in franchise history in career rushing touchdowns (78) and total touchdowns (81), and he sits in third place on the franchise rushing charts with 8,335 career yards, behind only Eddie George (10,009) and Earl Campbell (8,574). Henry leads the NFL in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns since entering the NFL in 2016.

The Titans have multiple returning players who have earned Pro Bowl recognition during their time with the club: Tannehill, Henry, long snapper Morgan Cox, safety Kevin Byard, defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons and outside linebacker Harold Landry III. Prior to training camp, they signed five-time Pro Bowl wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who arrives in Tennessee with 853 career receptions—the most in the NFL over the past 10 seasons.

Additional veteran members of the roster scheduled to make their Titans regular-season debuts include outside linebacker Arden Key, linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair, cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting and offensive linemen Daniel Brunskill and Andre Dillard. First-round offensive lineman Peter Skoronski (11th overall) headlines a six-member draft class.

THE SAINTS

The Saints were 2-1 during the preseason under Dennis Allen, who was named head coach in 2022 after serving six-and-a-half seasons as the team's defensive coordinator. He also was the head coach of the Oakland Raiders from 2012 to 2014.

In 2022, the Saints finished in third place in the NFC South with a 7-10 record, including wins in three of their last four games. They ranked fifth in total defense (314.8 yards per game), second in passing defense (184.4), ninth in scoring defense (20.3 points per game) and tied for fifth in sacks (48).

The Saints are led at quarterback by four-time Pro Bowler Derek Carr, who they signed as a free agent during the offseason. Carr previously spent nine seasons with the Raiders, starting 142 career games and passing for 35,222 yards and 217 touchdowns with a 91.8 career passer rating.

NFL answers fans' Emergency Third Quarterback questions ... from sports page 1

jury, including for example, if QB1 is unable to play and QB2 is being evaluated for an injury.

Q: After an Emergency Third Quarterback enters a game, are QB1 or QB2 permitted to return to that game?

A: Yes. If either QB1 or QB2 are evaluated for injury and cleared to return, either may re-enter the game.

Q: Are teams allowed to list players who play other positions as an Emergency Third Quarterback?

A: No. Players who play positions other than quarterback are prohibited from being listed as an Emergency Third Quarterback. For example, a tight end who wears jersey No. 80 is not eligible to be designated as an Emergency Third Quarterback under this rule; however, such tight end is permitted to play quarterback in a game if listed on the gameday 47/48-player active list (unless the Emergency Third quarterback is in the game).

Q: Before the game, are Emergency Third Quarterbacks permitted to participate in warmups?

A: Yes. A designated Emergency Third Quarterback may participate with the club's active players during the official team warm-up period.

Q: Can the Emergency Third Quarterback enter a game after coaches remove QB1 or QB2 for poor play (coach's decision)?

A: No. The Emergency Third Quarterback cannot enter the game due to the club benching QB1 or QB2.

Q: What if QB2 is unavailable for other reasons, such as an equipment issue?

A: The Emergency Third Quarterback cannot enter the game if QB1 is unavailable and QB2 has an equipment issue that requires him to come out of the game. If such a situation occurs, the club can use another player on the active list at quarterback or can take a timeout.

Q: Are clubs allowed to use this new rule to develop quarterbacks?

A: No. The Emergency Third Quarterback rule is not intended to be a developmental tool to provide a player game experience.

Q: What are the procedures when a club brings an Emergency Third Quarterback into a game?

A: To enter the game, the Emergency Third Quarterback must report to the referee; this is not required after every play, only when there is a situation that requires the Emergency Third Quarterback to enter or re-enter the game. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will be assessed if the Emergency Third Quarterback does not properly report to the referee upon entering the game. The referee will confirm with the head coach that QB1 and QB2 are currently unable to participate, but it is not the responsibility of the referee to determine the legitimacy of the injury or medical examination. The referee or a member of the officiating crew will notify the opposing head coach that the Emergency Third Quarterback has entered the game and the referee will make a public announcement to that effect.

Q: Are clubs allowed to play an Emergency Third Quarterback in non-traditional fashion (i.e., Wildcat formation)?

A: No. An Emergency Third Quarterback who enters a game must line up under center or in shotgun and must take the snap. No other player may take a snap if the Emergency Third Quarterback is in the game. An Emergency Third Quarterback is permitted to quick kick, but is not permitted to line up as the punter or play on special teams.

Q: What is the penalty for violations of these procedures?

A: An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will be assessed if the club violates any aspects of the above procedures.

Q: Does the Emergency Third Quarterback have a radio in his helmet?

A: Each club may designate three offensive players to use Coach-to-Player (C2P) communication devices. It is the club's choice as to whether it designates its Emergency Third Quarterback as one of its three C2P designees. If a club elects to not list its Emergency Third Quarterback as one of its three offensive C2P designees and the Emergency Third Quarterback is required to enter the game, the club must communicate play calls using other methods (i.e., the quarterback going to the sideline, hand signals, substitutions, etc.).

Q: What are the procedures for either QB1 or QB2 returning to the game after a club uses its Emergency Third Quarterback?

A: If either QB1 or QB2 is cleared to return to play by the medical staff, such player must re-enter the game by reporting to the referee. At such time, the Emergency Third Quarterback must be removed from the game and is not permitted to continue to play quarterback or any other position. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will be assessed if QB1 or QB2 does not properly report to the referee upon re-entering the game. The referee or a member of the officiating crew will notify the opposing head coach that QB1 or QB2 has re-entered the game and the Emergency Third Quarterback has exited the game. The referee will make a public announcement that QB1 or QB2 has returned to the game and the Emergency Third Quarterback has exited the game.

Q: If either QB1 or QB2 re-enters but later can't continue due to disqualification or injury, is the Emergency Third Quarterback allowed to re-enter a game?

A: Yes. The Emergency Third Quarterback remains eligible to return to the game if another Emergency Third Quarterback situation arises.

Q: What is the definition of a bona fide quarterback?

A: For the purposes of the Emergency Third Quarterback rule, a bona fide quarterback is defined as a player who wears a jersey number authorized for a quarterback and (a) is an established quarterback (e.g., someone who has customarily played the position in past professional or college seasons); or (b) is a player who takes regular-season snaps only at quarterback during at least three consecutive weeks of practice, including any week the player would be listed as an Emergency Third Quarterback.

Tigers stomp Bethune-Cookman in 56-14 win from sports page 1

Cookman managed a 19-yard fumble recovery in the 4th to make the score 56-14.

The Tigers defense held Bethune-Cookman to just 91 total yards. The Tigers racked up 551. The defensive effort left the Tigers as the number one defense in the nation after week 1. After the game, Tigers' head coach Ryan Siverfield said, "It doesn't matter the opponent, anytime you have the ability to hold a team in college football — in this day and age with the way it goes with offenses — under 100 yards, it's huge. Our offense gave up more points than our defense. I don't want to say that too often, but I'm fine because if our defense can continue to hold them to zero points, we'll figure this thing out."

The Tigers will take on a tougher opponent next Saturday as they travel to Jonesboro to meet Arkansas State.