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Collegiate swimmers file new lawsuit against NCAA, IVY League, and Harvard



LAS VEGAS, February 5, 2025 – Three former University of Pennsylvania swimmers have filed a new lawsuit against the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Ivy League Conference, and Harvard University citing harassment, abuse, and federal law violations from the 2021-2022 women's sports season.

The lawsuit—filed February 4, 2025 backed and supported by the Independent Council on Women's Sports (ICONS) on behalf of swimmers Grace Estabrook, Ellen Holmquist, and Margot Kaczorowski—claims the NCAA and Ivy League fostered a culture of intimidation while forcing young women to deny biology, jeopardizing their

opportunities, privacy, and safety. The complaint says these actions violated Title IX and failed to protect female athletes. "I never expected my Ivy League education to teach me that women must silently accept losing their opportunities and privacy," said plaintiff Grace Estabrook. "Women's sports and the leaders who oversee them should not prioritize men's feelings over fairness and integrity."

Represented by sports attorney Bill Bock, JD, the lawsuit highlights the NCAA and Ivy League's decision to allow male swimmer Lia Thomas to compete on the University of Pennsylvania women's team and access women's locker rooms during the 2021-2022 season.

"Nearly three years have passed since a man was allowed to join

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Whisenhunt announces Memphis Showboats coaching staff to usher in United Football League season

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – February 5, 2025 – Memphis Showboats Head Coach Ken Whisenhunt has announced his coaching staff for the 2025 United Football League season.

Jarren Horton will coordinate the defense. Horton was the 2023 USFL Assistant Coach of the Year as the defensive coordinator for the Pittsburgh Maulers. Also on the defensive staff will be defensive line coach Brian Baker, linebackers/special teams coach Marc Hull and defensive quality control coach Steve Meyer.

On the offensive side of the ball, two coaches return from the 2024 Showboats season. Jim Turner returns to coach the offensive line. T.J. Vernieri coached the tight ends with the Showboats last season and will add responsibility for the wide receivers in 2025. Luke Ferdinand joins the staff as running



backs coach and former Showboats player Lee Morris will serve as offensive quality control coach.

"I am truly excited to announce the 2025 Showboats coaching staff," Whisenhunt said. "We have assembled a great mix of experienced veterans and bright, young coaches. As a staff, we are looking forward to getting to training camp and beginning the work of putting the best possible team we can on the field to represent Memphis."

The following is a look at each of the Showboats' assistant coaches for 2025:

Jarren Horton, Defensive Coordinator

- First season with Showboats
- Earned USFL Assistant Coach of the Year honors in 2023, while serving as the defensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Maulers
- Spent three seasons (2019-21) coaching at the University of Connecticut, coaching defensive backs and serving as interim defensive coordinator in 2021
- Coached with the Atlanta Legends of the Alliance of American Football in 2019
- Spent a season with the Cleveland Browns as an assistant quality control coach/defensive assistant (2016) and held a summer assistant position with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2019
- Experience as an analyst or

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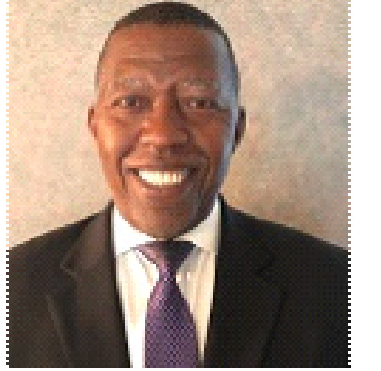
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Tiger baseball single game tickets on sale now; Season ticket packages include reserved seating in grandstand at FedExPark Avron Fogelman Field

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis Baseball single-game tickets are now on sale, the University announced on Monday.

Single-game tickets are \$10 (general admission) for all regular season home games with the exception of games vs. Mississippi State (April 1) and Ole Miss (April 8) when general admission tickets will be available for \$23 (not including fees). Season-ticket packages are \$99

and include a reserved seat in the grandstand at FedExPark Avron Fogelman Field for all 34 home games in 2025, including matchups with Ole Miss and Mississippi State. Kids ages 17 and under will receive free general admission all season long.

"We are excited about our 2025 schedule we have put together," head coach Matt Riser said. "We have 34 home games for our fans to come out and see us, which is rare. We have multiple regional

final opponents from last year's NCAA tournament and a couple conference champions that will highlight the non-conference slate. It should have us prepared for a week in and week out dog fight in The American."

The Tigers are entering the second season under head coach Matt Riser and his staff which has added 26 newcomers to the roster. Memphis also returns one of the nation's top closers from a year ago in senior Brayden

Sanders. Opening day is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14 vs. Southeast Missouri at FedExPark as the Tigers welcome SEMO to the Bluff City for a three-game weekend series to kick off the season. Additional non-conference home series on the Tigers' schedule include Valparaiso (Feb. 21-23), Southeastern Louisiana (March 7-9) and Lindenwood (March 14-16). The \$99 season-ticket package is

Dain Dainja earns top spot on AAC Honorable Mention list

IRVING, Texas – University of Memphis men's basketball red-shirt senior Dain Dainja earned his second American Athletic Conference Honorable Mention nod of the season, the league office announced Monday afternoon.

The 6-foot-9 big man put up back-to-back big performances last week in leading the Tigers to

Dainja averaged 19.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 3.0 blocks and 1.5 steals per game in 30.7 minutes. He shot 15-of-21 (71.4%) from the floor overall and made a team-high 9-of-13 from the free throw line.

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The Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

native tied his season high with 21 points in the 83-71 win over Tulsa on Thursday, while adding six boards and season highs in blocks (4) and steals (3).

On Sunday, the forward put up 18 points with eight rebounds, two assists and two blocks as Memphis defeated Temple, 90-82. He tied his career high with an 8-of-10 day at the stripe.

Since being inserted back into the starting lineup over the last five games, he's averaging 17.0 points.

Memphis climbed three spots to No. 14 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll on Monday. The Tigers are also No. 14 in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

They will then have a quick turn-

around before heading to Wichita State for an 11 a.m. tip on Sunday.

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

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