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The NFL announces 2026 HBCU Showcase & International Player Pathway Pro Day presented by Microsoft Copilot participants

NEW YORK — March 17, 2026 — The National Football League, in partnership with the Black College Football Hall of Fame and NFL International, announced the players attending the 2026 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Showcase and International Player Pathway Program (IPP) Pro Day, presented by Microsoft Copilot, from March 28-30 in Ashburn, Va.

The on-field portion of the HBCU Showcase and IPP Pro Day will be held at the Washington Commanders practice facility, the BigBear.ai Performance Center at Commanders Park, on Monday, March 30. Offensive prospects will begin at 8 a.m. ET, followed by defensive and specialist workouts beginning at 10:45 a.m. ET.

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Ann-Marie Braese named the American Conference Track Athlete of the Week

IRVING, Texas March 24, 2026- Ann-Marie Braese was named the American Conference women's track athlete of the week, the conference announced on Tuesday afternoon. The honor marks the first of Braese's career and the first for a Memphis Tiger this season. Braese is the first Tiger to earn this accolade since Martina Rodriguez Sala on March 20, 2018. Braese, a senior distance runner, set two personal-bests at the Rhodes Invitational on March 20-21. The Arlington, Tennessee, native, won the 10,000-meter run

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Tracy McGrady's Ones Basketball League (OBL) set for re-launch in May 2026 in Battle of the Cities

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*'OBL: Battle of the Cities' to Have Athletes From Eight Cities Compete Under Legendary Ownership/GMs; First event set for May 15 in Orlando, Florida*

New York and Houston, March 18, 2026 -- OBL (Ones Basketball League) formally announced the re-envisioning of its premier 1 v 1 basketball league founded by basketball Hall of Famer and entrepreneur Tracy McGrady and now backed by a multi-million dollar growth capital investment by Next Gen Sports. "OBL: Battle of the Cities" will take an expanded version of the original OBL, with elite one-on-one athletes bringing their own vision, culture and prestige tied to the city from where they grew up, played and/or call home. Each city-based team will have a three man roster, comprised of players who



best reflect the tradition, values and basketball culture of the city the 1 v 1 team represents, hand selected by the Owners/GMs. "OBL: Battle of the Cities" will take place over multiple weeks in Orlando, Florida, where McGrady was raised playing 1 v 1 himself, from May 15 to June 30, with teams competing for the swagger, pride, and identity of every city represented. Potential participants can still submit information at <https://oblhoops.com/>.

"The way we're building this version of OBL, it's not just about skill, it's about toughness, personality and authenticity. Every team and every player is bringing their own story and their own energy to the game," McGrady said. "We're also excited about these legends stepping in to help shape these teams. We've got some of the most re-

spected voices in basketball, media and entertainment getting involved and people who really understand the culture of the game. Together we're building something that goes way beyond just one-on-one basketball."

In addition to McGrady's leadership, each city-based team will be led by their celebrity owner/GM who will select the very best 1 v 1 hoopers to represent that city.

The cities and coaches include:

1. **Team Orlando** – Vince Carter, NBA Hall of Famer
  2. **Team Washington, DC** – Quinn Cook, two-time NBA Champion
  3. **Team Miami** – Tim Hardaway Sr., five-time NBA All-Star
  4. **Team New York** – Jada-kiss, recording star and basketball insider
  5. **Team Chicago** – Larenz Tate, actor, film producer, basketball aficionado
  6. **Team Raleigh** – John Wall, five-time NBA All-Star
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TN Titans sign linebacker Mohamoud Diabate formerly with Cleveland Browns

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NASHVILLE, March 23, 2026 – The Titans have signed linebacker Mohamoud Diabate. Diabate, who played in college at both Florida and Utah, initially signed with the Cleveland Browns as an undrafted free agent after the 2023 NFL Draft. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound Diabate has played in 46 games, with 18 starts, over the past three



seasons and he's been credited with 127 tackles, and eight tackles for a loss.

In 2025, Diabate played in all 17 games for the Browns, making six starts. He was credited with 49 tackles and three tackles for a loss last season. Diabate played three seasons with the Gators before transferring to Utah. He finished his college career with 228 tackles, 10.5 sacks, 24 tackles for a loss, four forced fumbles and an interception.

Grizzlies sign Tyler Burton and DeJon Jarreau to second 10-day contracts

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 23, 2026– The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team signed forward Tyler Burton and guard DeJon Jarreau to second 10-day contracts. Per team policy, terms of the deals were not disclosed. Burton (6-7, 215) has appeared in six games as a reserve and has averaged 8.8 points and 4.3 re-

bounds in 25.4 minutes for the Grizzlies since signing his first 10-day contract on March 12. The 26-year-old, who went unselected in the 2024 NBA Draft following his final collegiate season at Villanova, started 29 regular season games for the Grizzlies' NBA G League affiliate, the Memphis Hustle, this

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Jarreau (6-5, 185) has played five games off the bench and has averaged 6.4 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.8 assists in 21.3 minutes for the Grizzlies since signing his first 10-day contract on March

13. The 28-year-old, currently in his third NBA season after going unselected in the 2021 NBA Draft out of Houston, also played 19 regular season games (seven starts) for the Hustle this season and averaged 15.2 points, 5.1 rebounds and 5.1 assists in 22.7 minutes.



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