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## The Showboats end season with victory over Houston



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MEMPHIS. June 2, 2024- The Memphis Showboats hosted the final game of their UFL season at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on June 2. They ended the season the way they started with a win over the Houston Roughnecks. The Showboats grinded out a hard-fought 19-12 win. The team had lost its previous

eight games. They end the season with a 2-8 record. The good news for the Showboats is that the win netted them the number one pick in next year's UFL draft.

The Showboats never trailed in this game. Houston tied the game with a 39-yard field goal in the 4th quarter. On the next Showboats possession, running back Darius Victor scored a touchdown to lock up the win. Victor stood out with 9 carriers for 54 yards and 9 receiving yards. He was last year's USFL offensive player of the year. He locked it in this game as he scored 2 touchdowns.

The Showboats are not playoff bound. They will now regroup and evaluate things for next season. At this point, most think the league will be back next year. The Showboats plan to erase this disappointing year and contend next season.

## FedEx St. Jude Championship and Big River Steel join forces to honor military members

TPC Southwind to host thousands of service members and their families at 2024 event

MEMPHIS, Tennessee- As part of its ongoing commitment to honoring the military, the FedEx St. Jude Championship has announced its plans to pay tribute to the Mid-South's brave active-duty service members and veterans.

"Amidst all the excitement of the FedExCup Playoffs, it's incredibly important to pay tribute to our Memphis military heroes—the real champions in our community," stated Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. "We recognize the selflessness and bravery of our Mid-South military members and honoring them is a



testament to our community's unwavering support and gratitude for their sacrifices."

In collaboration with U.S. Steel's Big River Steel, this year's program will include the return of complimentary ticket packages and the introduction of a military discount in the PGA TOUR Fan Shop. Additionally, while onsite at TPC Southwind, all military members plus one accompanied guest will have access to the Patriots' Outpost, a venue reserved exclusively for the military that offers shaded seating and compli-

mentary refreshments.

"The entire team at Big River Steel is proud to once again partner with the FedEx St. Jude Championship to honor and support military veterans. Together, we all express our deepest gratitude to the brave individuals who have served our nation, and we are forever grateful for their

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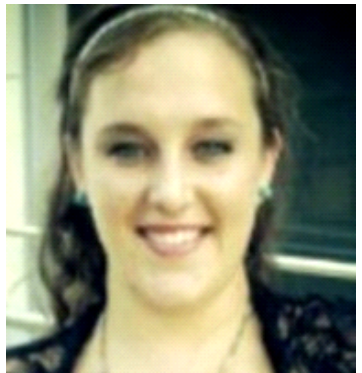
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## Memphis student-athletes break numerous records in NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) report

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 4, 2024 - University of Memphis student-athletes continued their outstanding performances in the classroom in the latest NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) release, which encompasses the

2019-20 through 2022-23 academic years. Each of Memphis' athletic programs exceeded the NCAA-mandated APR score of 930.

Memphis' institutional APR rate of 992 in 2022-23 sets a new

mark, beating the previous record of 991 set in 2019-20 and 2020-21. The Tigers' APR of 992 also surpasses the NCAA benchmark of 985.

A record-breaking 13 teams earned a perfect single-year APR

score of 1,000 in 2022-23, surpassing the department's previous record of 10 set twice in the last four years. The teams that scored a perfect 1,000 in 2022-23 were

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