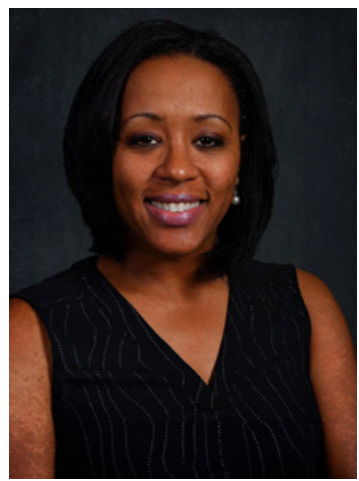


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## Coastal Athletic Assoc. Coach of Year Trena Prater named Tigers head softball coach



Trena Prater

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Trena Prater has been named head softball coach at the University of Memphis, Senior Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Ed Scott announced Monday.

Prater, the 2024 Coastal Athletic Association Coach of the Year, comes to Memphis after leading Campbell University to a 79-39-1 record over the past two seasons.

“Coach Prater is a proven winner and an exceptional leader of student-athletes on and off the field,” Scott said. “As she has done throughout her career, she will build a well-rounded team that competes for champion-

ships. This is a wonderful day for the Memphis Tigers, and I look forward to supporting Coach Prater as she brings an exciting brand of softball to Tiger Nation.”

Campbell was 37-21-1 overall and 22-5 during its inaugural season in the CAA in 2024, winning the regular-season conference championship. The 22 conference wins set a CAA record as the team led the league with a .330 batting average, 1.58 earned run average and .975 fielding percentage. In addition to Prater being named the league’s Coach

of the Year, Prater will be coaching the Memphis Tigers softball team. Prater has coached softball at the University of Memphis for 10 years. She has coached the Memphis Tigers softball team to a 100-100 record over the past 10 seasons. Prater has coached the Memphis Tigers softball team to a 100-100 record over the past 10 seasons.

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## Field for the 2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship now in action at TPC Southwind in Memphis, TN

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – The 2024 PGA TOUR Regular Season has concluded, and the 18th edition of the FedExCup Playoffs is set to begin at the FedEx St. Jude Championship. The top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List qualify for the event contested at TPC Southwind, Aug. 14-18, with only the top 50 in the FedExCup set to advance to the following week’s BMW Championship in Denver.

Once again packed with star power, the field features seven FedExCup Champions and is headlined by standings leader Scottie Scheffler. Additionally, eight of the top 10 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are set to compete.

Past champions of the opening event of the FedExCup Playoffs in the field include Will Zalatoris



(2022) who earned his first PGA TOUR victory at TPC Southwind, Tony Finau (2021) and Adam Scott (2013) who won at Liberty National Golf Club and Jason Day (2015) who was victorious at Plainfield Country Club.

Aaron Rai earned his first career TOUR title on Sunday at the Wyndham Championship. The victory moved Rai up 28 spots in the FedExCup standings from No. 53 to No. 25, qualifying him for his third trip to the FedExCup Playoffs.

Just one week after representing France in the 2024 Men’s Olympic Golf Competition, Victor

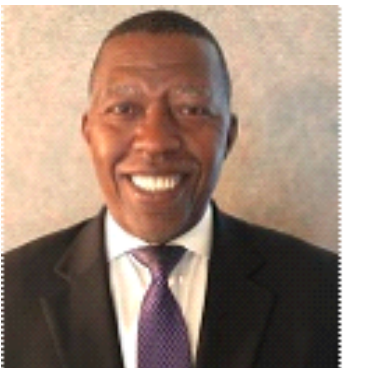
Perez qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in his first season as a member and secured the last spot in the field at No. 70 in the FedExCup standings.

All 70 players who qualified for the FedEx St. Jude Championship will compete at the FedExCup Playoffs opener at TPC Southwind. The 70-player field for the FedEx St. Jude Championship is listed below:

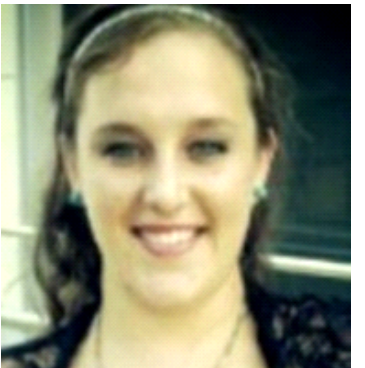
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## Meet some of BIHMST sports correspondents



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BIH MST Travelers, join correspondents William M. Larsha, Jr. and Ashley Braun Gendek in their sports coverage of University of Memphis Tigers, Memphis Grizzlies, TN Titans, Southern Heritage Classic, FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis Showboats, UFL, NFL, Soccer and more on The Mid-South Tribune and the Black Information Highway at blackinformationhighway.com

Welcome, Travelers!

## The NFL to touch down in São Paulo’s Parque Villa Lobos with big three-day NFL experience

Parque Villa Lobos to Host NFL Experience from Friday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 8, to Celebrate Historic NFL Game in Brazil

NFL Experience is Non-Ticketed and Free for Fans of all Ages to Attend

SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL — Aug. 6, 2024 — The NFL announced it will officially touch down in Parque Villa Lobos, in the city of São Paulo, to celebrate its first-ever game in South America with NFL Experience: a free to attend three-day American football fan festival.

NFL Experience will begin on Friday, Sept. 6 and will be open across the 2024 NFL Kickoff weekend — bringing NFL watch parties and immersive American Football events and experiences to fans of all ages under the backdrop of the historic NFL São Paulo Game.

In partnership with SP Turis and the São Paulo Mayor’s office, NFL Experience will open from 3 p.m. on Sept. 6 welcoming fans

to an official watch party of the first-ever NFL game in Brazil, where the Green Bay Packers will take on the Philadelphia Eagles at 9:15 p.m. local time. Additional watch parties will continue across the weekend, showcasing Week 1 NFL games airing in the afternoon on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Adding to the NFL-city takeover, fans can participate in interactive football challenges, NFL Flag football clinics and register for NFL RUN, a 5km race with a 2km recreational walk at NFL Experience at 7:00 a.m. local time on Sunday, Sept. 8 — organized by Ponto Org Eventos.

Fans of all ages can take photos at various American football exhibits, including with The Vince Lombardi Trophy — the trophy awarded each year to the Super Bowl winning team — all 58 Super Bowl rings, NFL helmets and an all-new Born to Play gallery showcasing the faces and places moving football forward

across diverse regions of Brazil, by Brazilian photographer Luisa Dorr.

Activations from teams playing in-market, as well as the Miami

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Memphis Hustle to Hold Open Tryouts

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Helping a Hero Announces the Lee Greenwood Patriot Award Experience

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Downtown Commission and Beale Street Management Announce 2nd Annual Barbecue Contest

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Grizzlies Caravan Presented by Kroger to Tour Mid-South

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Tennessee Titans to Host Seattle Seahawks

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## Showboats head coach DeFilippo steps down

ARLINGTON, Texas – August 10, 2024 – The United Football League has announced that John DeFilippo has stepped down as head coach of the Memphis Showboats.

“We are truly grateful for Coach DeFilippo’s contributions to the Memphis Showboats, UFL, and Legacy USFL,” said UFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations, Daryl Johnston. “We wish John all the best in his future endeavors.”

The league will begin their search for a new head coach this offseason and will have no

further comment at this time.

About the United Football League

The United Football League (UFL) is the premier spring football platform, formed by the merger of the XFL and USFL in 2024 under the combined ownership of Redbird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson. The UFL has eight teams in Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), Memphis (TN), San Antonio (TX), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C.

Support St. Jude Children’s Hospital by attending the FedEx St. Jude Championship at TPC Southwind in Memphis, TN on August 14-18!

FedEx will also have coaches and players from the University of Memphis football and basketball programs as their guest from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Dock located at The Bluff at 14. FedEx will also have coaches and players from the University of Memphis football and basketball programs as their guest from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Dock located at The Bluff at 14. See details on this page and on sports page 3

Watch for The Mid-South Tribune’s William M. Larsha, Jr.’s coverage of the FedEx St. Jude Championship Aug. 14-18

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