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Memphis Hustle to hold auditions for 2026-27 Hustle Hype Crew the Landers Center, Sept. 13

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Hustle, the NBA G League affiliate of the Memphis Grizzlies, will host open tryouts for the Hustle Hype Crew for the 2026-27 season on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Landers Center. Registration begins at 1 p.m., with auditions starting at 2 p.m.

The Hustle will host a free audition clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Landers Center. Registration begins at 6 p.m., with the clinic starting at 6:30 p.m. Audition clinics allow attendees the opportunity to learn the choreography in advance. Registration is encouraged for the audition clinic as space is limited. Interested applicants can register at memphis.gleague.nba.com/hypecrew.

The Hustle Hype Crew will perform at all Hustle home games and represent the team at promotional and community events in the Memphis and DeSoto County regions. The Hustle Hype Crew is a co-ed hip-hop dance team that will also interact with and excite Hustle fans throughout the season. An open casting call is out for performers ages 18 and up of all backgrounds. Interested

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For more information on the Memphis Hustle, visit memphishustle.com, follow the team on Twitter/X and Instagram (@MemphisHustle) or like Memphis Hustle on Facebook.

Tennessee Titans host Seahawks in nationally-televised game on FOX from new Nissan Stadium

Tennessee Titans (1-0) vs. Seattle Seahawks (0-1) Sunday, Aug. 23, 2026 • 7 p.m. CDT • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, Tenn. • TV: FOX

NASHVILLE, August 18, 2026 — The Tennessee Titans (1-0) continue their preseason slate this week with a nationally-televised home game against the reigning Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks (0-1). Kickoff at Nissan Stadium (capacity 69,143) is scheduled for 7 p.m. CDT on Sunday, Aug. 23. On Friday, Aug. 21, the Titans will host the Seahawks for a joint practice at Vanderbilt Health Football Center (460 Great Circle Road). The session is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CDT. It is the second of three consecutive weeks in which the Titans will practice against a preseason opponent—a franchise first. The Titans had a combined practice last week at the San Francisco 49ers, and next week they will host the Chicago Bears for a session. This week's contest will be televised nationally on FOX, including Nashville



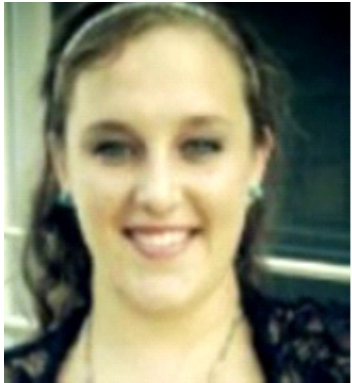
affiliate WZTV FOX-17, and will also stream on FOX One and NFL+ (phone and tablet only; subscription required). The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Kenny Albert, analyst Jonathan Vilma and reporter Megan Olivi. The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with play-by-play announcer Taylor Zarzour, analyst Ramon Foster, executive producer Rhett Bryan, gameday host Will Boling, and rotating sideline reporters Kevin Dyson, Brad Hopkins, Ben Jones, Marc Mariani and Delanie Walker. Additionally, Sports USA will broadcast the game to a national radio audience. Play-by-play announcer Josh Appel and analyst Mike White will have the call. RUNNING GAME AND KICKING HIGHLIGHT WIN

AT SAN FRANCISCO Last week at San Francisco, the Titans played their first preseason game under Robert Saleh, who in January was named the 22nd head coach in Titans/Oilers history. They rushed for 167 yards, nearly doubling the 49ers' 84 rushing yards, and running back Tony Pollard rushed for the team's only touchdown in a 19-13 victory. Second-year quarterback Cam Ward and the starting offense went on a 95- yard scoring march on their first possession, culminating with Pollard's five-yard scamper to the end zone. The starting offense, including Ward, was on the field for the first three drives of the first half. Kicker Joey Slye generated most of the evening's scoring, connecting on all four of his field goal attempts. He was good from 39, 55, 53 and 58 yards, and in doing so, he joined former New York Giants kicker Graham Gano (Aug. 9, 2025) as the NFL's only kickers since 2017 to make at least three field goals of 50-plus yards in a single preseason game.

Meet some of BIHMST Sports Correspondents



William M. Larsha, Jr.



Ashley Braun Gendek

BIHMST Travelers, join correspondents William M. Larsha, Jr. and Ashley Braun Gendek in their sports coverage of The University of Memphis Tigers, Memphis Grizzlies, TN Titans, Southern Heritage Classic, and more!

Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair announces heat precautions for fair goers

Special Needs, Clogging Exhibition and Bike Ride Across Wilson County Postponed to August 22

LEBANON, TN – The Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair is making several schedule adjustments and adding additional cooling measures due to an Extreme Heat Warning issued by the National Weather Service in our area. The Fair remains open and ready to welcome guests for the BEST 10 Days of the Year, with plenty of ways to enjoy the Fair while staying cool! Due to the extreme heat, the Special Needs Day event, Clogging Exhibition and Bike Ride Across Wilson County have been postponed until Saturday, Aug. 22. Additional updates will be

shared as needed throughout the coming days. Fair officials have added additional tents, cooling stations, misting fans and other shaded areas throughout the grounds. Guests can also take advantage of 10 airconditioned buildings, three large covered pavilions, shade throughout historic Fiddlers Grove and special cooling stations located at the former First Aid Station and other areas of the Fairgrounds. Free water, popsicles and lemonade will also be available at various locations throughout the

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Coach Blake Smart announces men’s golf 2026-27 schedule

MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 14, 2026 – University of Memphis head men's golf coach Blake Smart announced the 2026-27 schedule. “The schedule this year features a lot of events that we are very familiar with, but also adds two major additions with UT and Arizona,” Smart said. “This is easily our strongest schedule during my tenure, and I am excited to see us continue to compete at a high level on the national stage.” Coming off a historic 2025-26 campaign in which the Tigers qualified for the NCAA Championships, Smart returns four of five starters from that postseason lineup. The returning core is led by PING All-Region Team selection Yixiang Wang, alongside Tobey Kim, Diego Lourenco and Christian Morneau. Memphis adds five newcomers to the roster, including freshmen Lauri Paasilinna, Harrison Shaw and Tiago Ledgaro. Luke Sten-

nett (Rhode Island) and Chujiung Su (Rochester) also join the Tigers as transfers. The fall season tees off in-state in Knoxville, Tenn., at the Visit Knoxville Collegiate from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1. Memphis returns to Coldstream Country Club for the fifth consecutive year for the Bearcat Invitational in Cincinnati on Sept. 14–15, followed by the Cullen Brown Invitational in Lexington, Ky., on Oct. 5–6. The Tigers wrap up their fall slate in late October at the Quail Valley Collegiate on Oct. 18–19 in Vero Beach, Fla., before competing at the Steelwood Collegiate Invitational from Oct. 31 through Nov. 1 in Loxley, Ala. The spring portion opens out west in Tucson, Ariz., at the N.I.T. on Feb. 1–2, before the Tigers head to Mobile, Ala., for the Hal Williams Collegiate on Feb. 15–16. March features a pair of East

Coast events: the Colleton River Collegiate in Bluffton, S.C., on March 7–8 and The Johnnie-O at Sea Island in St. Simons Island, Ga., on March 15–16. Memphis returns home to host the Memphis Intercollegiate presented by Old Dominick at Colonial Country Club on April 5–6, before traveling to West Point, Miss., for the Mossy Oak Collegiate on April 12–13. Postseason play begins at the American Athletic Conference Championship, held at the Ritz-Carlton Members Club in Sarasota, Fla., from April 25 to 27. NCAA Regionals will run May 17–19 across six regional sites. The NCAA Championships will follow at the Omni La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, Calif. that will start from May 28-June 2. 2026-27 Men's Golf Schedule **Aug. 31–Sept. 1:** Visit Knoxville Collegiate (Host: Tennessee / Please see sports page 4



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