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Matsuyama hangs on to win the FedEx St. Jude Championship



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MEMPHIS, August 18, 2024- After building a comfortable 5-stroke lead from the first three rounds of the FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis, Tennessee, Hideki Matsuyama had to avoid a near collapse on Sunday to claim victory. Matsuyama entered the final round at 17 under par. His closest competitor was 12 under. For the most part, the Tournament was his. However, golf and golf courses are not always predictable. Matsuyama made a bogey on the 12th hole after 3 putts. He then put his tee shot in the water on the par 3 14th. He escaped with a bogey. The wheels continued to fall off on 15. He chunked a shot out of the rough before reaching the green. He proceeded to double bogey the hole. When he got to 16, his lead was gone. At that



point he said, "I felt today's victory slipping away at that point because 17 and 18 are difficult holes enough, let alone to birdie them."

Defending FedEx Cup champion Victor Howland took the lead after he birdied 16. He later gave it back on the last 2 holes.

Matsuyama remained calm in spite of the situation. He birdied the difficult 17th. He then hit a perfect tee shot on 18. His approach to the green was right at the flag and landed 6 feet away. He made birdie to secure the win. He did so with a fill-in caddie and a new putter. His bag was stolen in London on his way home from the Paris Olympics where he won bronze. His regular caddie had his passport stolen.

The FedEx St. Jude is the first leg of the 3-tournament playoff to determine the TOUR Champion. The top 70 players from this event move on to play in Denver next week. Matsuyama will take home 3.6 million dollars for this win.

The FedEx St. Jude Championship returns from August 6-10, 2025.

Memphis draws defending national champion UConn in Maui Invitational opener

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The bracket is set for the 2024 Maui Invitational and the Memphis Tigers will face 2-time defending national champion UConn in the opening round on Monday, Nov. 25, tipping off at 1:30 p.m. CT (9:30 a.m. HT) on ESPN2.

The contest will be the first game of the preeminent college basketball tournament in its return to the historic Lahaina Civic Center in Lahaina, Hawaii.

The other matchup on Memphis' side of the eight-team bracket features Michigan State vs. Colorado, while the other side pits Auburn vs. Iowa State and Dayton vs. North Carolina.

The semifinals will be played on Tuesday afternoon, with the championship game on Wednesday at 4 p.m. CT on ESPN.

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The field is one of the most-stacked fields in the history of the invitational. Four teams are ranked in the top 11 of ESPN's "Way Too Early Top 25", featuring UConn (#3), Iowa State (#7), North Carolina (#10) and Auburn (#11).

Seven of the eight teams appeared in last year's NCAA Tournament, with six advancing past the first day. Three of those teams (UConn, ISU, UNC) made their

way to the Sweet 16 before the Huskies captured their second-consecutive national championship.

This marks Memphis' sixth appearance in the Maui Invitational, but its first since 2011, which is second-most of the eight teams (UNC – 9). The Tigers won at least two games in three previous visits.

Although Memphis has never won the tournament, the Tigers have finished third place twice, including 1992 when a young Penny Hardaway was named Tournament Co-MVP alongside Duke's Bobby Hurley.

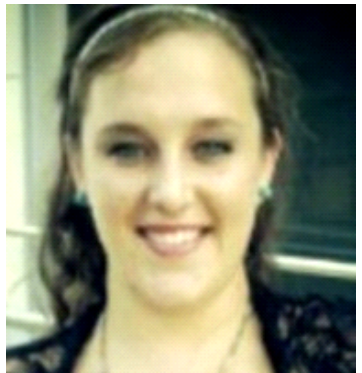
Hardaway will be just the second Maui Invitational MVP to

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UFL's EJ Perry and TJ Carter sign with NFL's Jaguars and Cardinals

ARLINGTON, Texas , August 20, 2024 — Michigan Panthers quarterback EJ Perry and defensive tackle TJ Carter have signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Arizona Cardinals, respectively, becoming the 15th and 16th Panthers player to sign an NFL contract this offseason.

yards and four TDs.

This is his second stint on the Jaguars practice squad. He originally signed with the team in May 2022. He was waived by the Jaguars in March 2023 and claimed by the Houston Texans before signing with the Panthers of the USFL midway through the season.

Carter returns to Arizona after being originally signed by the team as an undrafted free agent in 2020. He has also spent time with the New Orleans Saints, Pittsburgh Steelers and Los An-

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc., along with presenting sponsor A. O. Smith Corporation announced Wednesday, August 14 that University of Memphis quarterback Seth Henigan was named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Preseason watch list.

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This season's list acknowledges 63 of the nation's leading quarterbacks, and Henigan is one of four quarterbacks within The



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American named to the watch list (Byrum Brown – South Florida; Preston Stone – SMU; Jacob Zeno – UAB).

In 2023, Henigan helped lead the Tigers to a 10-3 record and a victory over Iowa State in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. The 21-year-old is entering his fourth season at the helm of the Tiger offense, making him the only fourth-year starting quarterback in FBS to spend all four seasons at one institution.

The senior quarterback had his best season yet in 2023, passing for 3,883 yards and 32 touchdowns to just nine interceptions while rushing for another five

scores and setting the single-season completions (318) record for the Tigers.

Henigan is the Memphis-career leader entering 2024 in completions (839) and passing yards (10,776) while his 79 touchdowns are just a dozen shy of Brady White's career record. The senior has logged 18-career 300-yard passing games and five 400-yard efforts over his career – both good for program records. If Henigan throws for his career average in passing touchdowns (26) in 2024, he would enter the NCAA's top 25 all-time in that stat and would become just the second QB since 2013 to post four-straight seasons with at least 25 total touchdowns.

This year's award winner will be presented the Golden Arm Award trophy at the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award celebration the Four Seasons Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland on Friday, December 6, 2024.

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