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Second half rushing surge lifts Tigers over Arkansas State Red Wolves in victory



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MEMPHIS- In a newly renovated Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, the Memphis Tigers took on the Arkansas State Red Wolves on September 5, 2026. After a tight 1st half, the Tigers-run game led to a 42-24 victory. The Tigers kept their momentum going after a win over UNLV the previous week.

Running back Jaylen Carter began the 2nd half scoring for the Tigers with a 3-yard touchdown run. He then broke a 74-yard

touchdown run to push the lead to 35-24. Carter finished with 188 yards on 19 carries.

The Tigers also had another 100-yard rusher in Manny Covey who ran for 103 yards on 15 carries. The Tigers finished with 335 yards and 4 rushing touchdowns. After the game, Head Coach Charles Huff said, “I thought the backs had a lot more patience tonight. We talked about that last week, about them being a little too fast. I thought you saw some of the patience tonight.” The Tigers defense also showed up. They had 4 interceptions in the game. Tiger safety Dylan Smith had two of them. “We were able to get our hands on the ball, which, to me, is a sign of an elite defense when you can take the ball away,” Huff said. “It’s one thing to be able to get them off the field, but when you start taking the ball away you’re creating more opportunities for your offense.”

Memphis will next play Boise State on September 12th on the road.

Carter named American Conference Offensive Player of the Week



Jaylin Carter

IRVING, Texas, September 7, 2026 – After a record night against Arkansas State on Saturday, University of Memphis running back Jaylin Carter was named the American Conference Offensive Player of the Week, the league announced Monday.

Carter, a sophomore from Valdosta, Georgia, had a historic

night as the Tigers played their first game in a newly renovated Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. The Southern Miss transfer rushed for 183 yards on the ground and four touchdowns. His yardage total was the most since Greg Desrosiers Jr.’s 204 yards against Florida Atlantic last season, with the four touchdowns being the most since Mario Anderson Jr. found the end zone four times against North Texas in 2024. Carter matched Anderson Jr.’s stat line nearly identically, with both rushing for 183 yards and four scores, but with Carter averaging 9.6 yards per carry and Anderson Jr. averaging 8.3. Carter also finished the game with over 200 all-purpose yards, hauling in an 18-yard reception to finish with exactly 201 total yards. In the 42-24 win over Arkansas

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Rebranded Bassmaster College Classic Cup presented by Lew’s will debut in Florence, Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., September 3, 2026 — The future of college bass fishing will take center stage Oct. 9-11 when the newly rebranded Bassmaster College Classic Cup presented by Lew’s debuts on Wilson Lake in Florence, Ala., featuring a brand-new three-day tournament format and a prize package designed to help its champion take the next step in competitive bass fishing. The stakes will be higher than ever, with the winner earning a berth in the 2027 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour as well as the Dream Package, an extensive prize package providing the equipment, financial support and tournament opportunities needed to pursue a career at the professional level.



“This is an exciting evolution for college fishing and an incredible opportunity for these young anglers,” said Glenn Cale, B.A.S.S. College, High School and Youth Tournament Manager. “The Bassmaster College Classic Cup is about more than winning a tournament. We want to give these anglers a platform to showcase their talent and, for the champion, provide a real opportunity to take that next step in

their fishing career. To leave Wilson Lake with a spot in the Bassmaster Classic and the Dream Package is something that can change the trajectory of a young angler’s career.” The Bassmaster College Classic Cup presented by Lew’s represents a new chapter for B.A.S.S. college competition, placing an even greater spotlight on the anglers who have distinguished themselves throughout the season. The three-day format will test competitors on one of Alabama’s most storied fisheries while creating a championship atmosphere worthy of the opportunities awaiting the winner. The champion’s Dream Package will include a Toyota Tundra professionally wrapped in the winner’s school logo and colors

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Grizzlies acquire Jordan Hawkins, Micah Peavy and future 2nd round draft from New Orleans Pelicans

Memphis Trades AJ Johnson and Taj Gibson to New Orleans

MEMPHIS, Tenn., September 8, 2026 – The Memphis Grizzlies today announced the team acquired guard Jordan Hawkins, wing Micah Peavy and future second round draft assets from the New Orleans Pelicans for guard AJ Johnson and center Taj Gibson. Hawkins (6-5, 190) has competed in 174 games (20 starts) over three seasons and has averaged 8.0 points, 2.3 rebounds and 1.0 assists in 18.2 minutes since he was selected by New Orleans with the 14th overall pick in the 2023 NBA Draft. The 24-year-old recorded a career-high 10.8 points in 56 games for the Pelicans during the 2024-25 season.

A native of Gaithersburg, Md., Hawkins guided UConn to the 2023 NCAA championship as a sophomore and was named the West Regional Most Outstanding

Player during the Huskies’ national title run. He started all 37 appearances for UConn that season and averaged 16.2 points, 3.8 rebounds and 1.3 assists in 29.4 minutes en route to securing All-Big East First Team honors. Peavy (6-7, 215) appeared in 61 games (four starts) and averaged 4.3 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.0 assists in 15.0 minutes last season during his rookie campaign with the Pelicans. The 25-year-old was acquired by New Orleans with the 40th overall pick in the 2025 NBA Draft. A native of Cibolo, Tex., Peavy finished his collegiate career at Georgetown, where he led the Hoyas with 17.2 points and paced the Big East with 2.3 steals and 37.0 minutes per game during the 2024-25 season. He previously played three years with TCU after one year at Texas Tech. Johnson (6-5, 160) has appeared in 77 games (11 starts) in two

seasons with the Milwaukee Bucks, Washington Wizards and Dallas Mavericks and has averaged 4.9 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.6 assists in 14.2 minutes after he was drafted 23rd overall in the 2024 NBA Draft. The 21-year-old Fresno, Calif., native, who was acquired by Memphis from Dallas on July 8, played professionally for the Illawarra Hawks of the Australian NBL during the 2023-24 season. Gibson (6-9, 232) has played 1,012 games (462 starts) over 17 seasons with the Chicago Bulls, Oklahoma City Thunder, Minnesota Timberwolves, New York Knicks, Washington Wizards, Detroit Pistons, Charlotte Hornets and Grizzlies and has averaged 8.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.0 blocks in 22.9 minutes since he was selected 26th overall in the 2009 NBA Draft out of USC. The 41-year-old Brooklyn native recorded 3.4 points and 2.7 rebounds in 9.7 minutes in 10 games (one start) for Memphis last season.

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