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## Memphis Tigers handle Troy for second straight victory



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MEMPHIS- The Memphis Tigers football team scored its 2nd consecutive win with a 38-17 victory over Troy. The game was played at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on Saturday September 7, 2024. It was also the Tigers 2nd straight home game. The win put the Tigers at 2-0 for the young season.

The Tigers began the scoring on a 2-yard touchdown run from Brandon Thomas in the 1st quarter. Troy tied the game early in the 2nd quarter on an 11-yard touchdown run from Goose Crowder. Later in the 2nd, the Tigers got another touchdown run from Thomas and a touchdown run from Mario Anderson. The game was effectively sealed

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The Tigers next play at Florida State who at one time was a top 10 team. After suffering 2 early season losses, the Seminoles have fallen. However, a win for the Tigers would keep them on pace to be the top ranked Group of 5 team. That gives them an automatic bid to the new 12 team College Football playoff. After the Troy win, the Tigers seem to be well on their way. They were ranked at 25 in the latest poll. It is their first top 25 ranking in nearly 4 years.

## Grizzlies will sign Armando Bacot, Yuki Kawamura, Miye Oni and Maozinha Pereira

MEMPHIS, Tenn. September 6, 2024 – The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team signed forward/center Armando Bacot, guard Yuki Kawamura, guard Miye Oni and forward Maozinha Pereira. Per team policy, terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Bacot (6-11, 240) appeared in 169 games (168 starts) over his five-year collegiate career (2019-24) at North Carolina and averaged 13.9 points, 10.1 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.3 blocks in 28.2 minutes before going unselected in the 2024 NBA Draft. The 24-year-old Richmond, Virginia, native left the Tarheels as the program's all-time leader in games played, total rebounds (1,715) and double-doubles (87), earned four All-ACC selections and helped guide UNC to the 2022 NCAA national champion-

ship game.

Kawamura (5-8, 159) has competed the past five seasons (2019-24) in the Japanese B.League, where he was named the 2022-23 Most Valuable Player as a member of the Yokohama B-Corsairs. Unselected in the 2023 NBA Draft, the 23-year-old started all 56 games for Yokohama last season and averaged 20.9 points, 3.0 rebounds and 8.0 assists in 30.6 minutes en route to a second straight selection to the B.League's Best Five team. Kawamura has represented Japan at the 2023 FIBA World Cup and the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Oni (6-5, 206) has appeared in 80 regular season games (one start) and has averaged 1.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 8.4

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## TN Titans host New York Jets in home opener at Nissan Stadium

Tennessee Titans (0-1) vs. New York Jets (0-0\*) Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 • Noon CDT • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, Tenn. • TV: CBS



NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (0-1) play their first home game of the 2024 regular season this week, welcoming the New York Jets (0-0\*) to Nissan Stadium (capacity 69,143). Kickoff is scheduled for noon CDT on Sunday, Sept. 15.

The Titans and Jets, two of the eight original American Football League franchises, renew their rivalry for the 47th time. While the Titans lead the series 25-20-1, including a postseason win in 1991, the Jets have claimed three of the last four battles, most recently a 27-24 overtime finish at MetLife Stadium on Oct. 3,

2021.

This week's game will be regionally televised on CBS, including Nashville affiliate WTVF NewsChannel 5, as well as on Paramount+ in the Nashville market. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Ian Eagle, analyst Charles Davis and reporter Evan Washburn. Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices with NFL+, which offers access to local games and all primetime games on phones and tablets. Out of market, fans can watch every Sunday afternoon game with

Sunday Ticket. More information on ways to watch NFL games can be found at nfl.com/ways-to-watch.

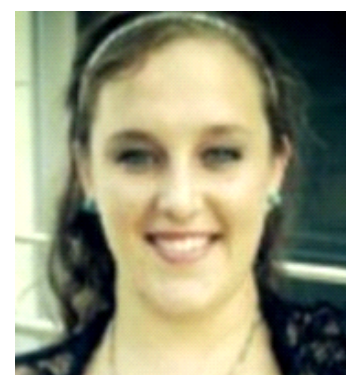
The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans action across the Mid-South with the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, analyst Dave McGinnis, sideline reporter Ramon Foster, executive producer/gameday host Rhett Bryan and co-host Amie Wells. TITANS LOOK FOR WIN IN HOME OPENER The Titans launched their regular season last week at Chicago, as Brian Callahan began his tenure as the 20th head coach in franchise history. After the Titans built a 17-0 lead in the first half, the Bears used second-half

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## Ebony partners with Wells Fargo to bring inaugural Yard Fest to Atlanta

ATLANTA, Sept. 9, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- This fall, EBONY, the iconic and beloved Black-owned media company, will be stomping the yard at Morehouse College for its first-ever EBONY HBCU Yard Fest, a fun-filled collegiate event designed to celebrate and uplift student life at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Set to take place on Tuesday, September 24 from 5-8pm EST, this campus takeover brings together thousands of students from Morehouse, Spelman, Clark Atlanta, and Morris Brown for an evening of entertainment, enrichment, and financial empowerment.

### EBONY

"We're curating an environment where education, entertainment, and empowerment seamlessly blend to offer an unforgettable experience for the AUC community. This fest is our way of honoring HBCU students, letting them know that their stories are important, their aspirations are worthy, and their futures are limitless."

EBONY and Wells Fargo have teamed up to present an exclusive live recording of the hit podcast Funky Friday, hosted by former NFL star Cam Newton. This special episode will include a thoughtful conversation around financial literacy to provide tools and personal finance tips for students, featuring EBONY CEO Eden Bridgeman. Together, they'll share their earliest money memories and actionable advice

to empower students on their journey to financial success. The live recording will be open to AUC students, with limited space available.

"Our support for HBCUs goes back decades. That's why we're so excited to collaborate with EBONY and Cam Newton's Funky Friday podcast at the inaugural EBONY HBCU Yard Fest," says Michael Martino, Head of Diverse Customer Segments for Consumer, Small and Business Banking at Wells Fargo. "Financial literacy is crucial in the Black community, so showing up on the yard and helping students learn about the mainstream banking system to start managing their finances independently is just one way we hope to continue making a difference."

To help set the vibes at EBONY HBCU Yard Fest, EBONY and

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## Statement from UFL on the passing of Memphis Showboats Diondre Overton

"The United Football League and the Memphis Showboats are heartbroken and mourn the tragic loss of Diondre Overton. Our hearts and prayers go out to Diondre's family, friends and teammates. We send our sincere condolences during this difficult time."



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