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Tennessee State tops Arkansas Pine Bluff in 35th Annual Southern Heritage Classic event



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MEMPHIS- The 35th annual Southern Heritage Classic took place at Simmons Liberty Bank Stadium in Memphis on September 14, 2024. It was the second straight year that the game pitted Tennessee State (TSU) against Arkansas Pine Bluff (UAPB). The Tigers of TSU pulled out the victory by a score of 41-28.

The Lions of UAPB began the scoring with a 33-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mehki Hagans to JaVonnie Gibson. TSU kicked a field goal and

followed it up with a touchdown on a 3-yard Jalen Rousse run for a 10-7 first quarter lead.

TSU added to the lead with 3 touchdown passes from quarterback Dralen Ellis. He hit Karate Benson on a 22-yard pass. He followed that up with a 12-yard pass to Jordan Gant and a 4-yard pass to Jalal Dean. The Tigers went into the locker room at half time with a 31-14 lead.

The Tigers added to the lead early in the 3rd quarter on a 38-yard touchdown run from C.J. Evans. That made the score 38-14. The lions ran out of gas in the 4th and could not manage to put any points on the board. TSU kicked a field goal to make it 41-38.

The crowd was large and what was thought to be a rainy day turned out to be nearly perfect. As always, the tailgating scene was huge around the stadium. Fans came out in droves to enjoy the festivities. Everyone is looking forward to year 36.

NFL and Voldex team up for NFL Universe Football on Roblox; 32 teams all in

NEW YORK – Sept. 12, 2024 – The National Football League and Voldex, a leading game developer on the Roblox platform, have teamed up to incorporate NFL intellectual property into NFL Universe Football, Voldex's popular football experience formerly known as Ultimate Football. This strategic collaboration will once again bring the authenticity and excitement of the NFL to Roblox's 79.5 million daily active users worldwide, al-

lowing them to experience their favorite NFL teams within the immersive and interactive environment of NFL Universe Football.

"The NFL has had a strong and consistent presence on Roblox since 2022 and teaming up with Voldex will enhance our ability to engage with the millions of Roblox users through exclusive NFL content," said Ed Kiang, vice president of video gaming at

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'The UFL has demonstrated to be a proven effective product,' says NFL Executive VP Vincent

Over 62 players from modern spring football are currently signed with NFL teams

ARLINGTON, Texas (September 11, 2024) - The UFL continues to make a significant impact on the NFL, placing a substantial number of its players on NFL rosters prior to last weekend's start of the NFL season.

Twenty-one players from the UFL's 2024 season are currently active in the NFL. Michigan Panthers kicker Jake Bates (Detroit Lions) and Arlington Renegades defensive tackle Jalen Redmond (Minnesota Vikings) both solidified a spot on a 53-man roster when the NFL season began, while wide receiver Chris Blair (Atlanta Falcons) was recently promoted to the active roster from the practice squad. 14 others are signed to NFL team practice squads, and three are on injured reserve.

"We knew that merging both leagues would create more talented rosters which in turn would create a more entertaining product on the field. This would pro-



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vide our players the competitive platform needed to be seen by NFL teams," stated UFL Executive Vice President, Daryl Johnston. "The number of workouts and signings we saw during NFL training camps speaks to the product we put on the field and the opportunity we created for our players as a league. This is

what spring football represents, providing a non traditional path to help players make it to football's grandest stage."

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After a successful inaugural season, over 250 of the 400 players (sixty percent) who appeared in games for the UFL were called to the NFL for workouts, with 78 individuals signing contracts to attend 30 NFL team training camps. Overall, the UFL saw 87 total contracts signed, which included eight players signing twice with the same team and one player signing three times with different teams.

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Titans take on Green Bay Packers at Nissan Stadium in Music City

Tennessee Titans (0-2) vs. Green Bay Packers (1-1) Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024 • Noon CDT • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, Tenn. • TV: FOX



NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (0-2) play their second consecutive home game this week, welcoming the Green Bay Packers (1-1) to Nissan Stadium (capacity 69,143). Kickoff is scheduled for noon CDT on Sunday, Sept. 22.

This week marks the 15th all-time meeting between the Titans and Packers franchises. The Titans lead the series 8-6, including most recently a 27-17 victory in a Thursday night clash at Lambeau Field on Nov. 17, 2022. Additionally, the Titans are 3-0 all-time against the Packers at Nissan Stadium.

The contest will be regionally televised on FOX, including Nashville affiliate WZTV FOX

17. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Kevin Kugler, analyst Daryl Johnston and reporter Laura Okmin.

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. Additionally, Sports USA will broadcast the game to a national radio audience. Play-by-play announcer Larry Kahn and analyst Stephen Gostkowski have the call.

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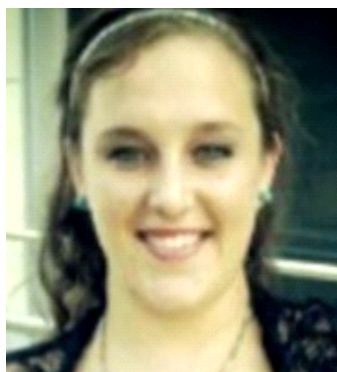
The Titans played their home opener last week against the New York Jets. In a contest that included four lead changes, the Jets scored what would be the game-winning touchdown with less than five minutes remaining in regulation. On the Titans' final possession, they moved the ball as far as New York's eight-yard line, but the Jets forced a turnover on downs to close out their 24-17 victory.

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