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Grizzlies’ Ty Jerome

named Western Conf.

Player of the Week

NBA’s Leading Scorer Guided Grizzlies to 3-0 Record to Earn First Career Weekly Award

MEMPHIS, Tenn., October 26, 2026 – The NBA announced that Memphis Grizzlies guard Ty Jerome was named the Western Conference Player of the Week for games played for the opening week of the 2026-27 NBA season from Tuesday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 25.

This marks the first career Player of the Week award for Jerome, who guided Memphis to a 3-0 record and averaged a league-leading 34.7 points, 4.3 rebounds and 6.0 assists in 31.7 minutes. Jerome led the NBA with 12.0 field goals made per game during the first week of the season while shooting 56.3% overall and 42.9% from 3-point range.

Jerome began his eighth NBA season by scoring a career-high 45 points (17-25 FG, 5-10 3P, 6-7 FT) with seven rebounds and six assists in the season opener on Oct. 21 vs. Utah, a 123-103 Grizzlies victory. He set the

Grizzlies record for points in a season opener and became the fourth player in franchise history to score at least 45 points in a game.

The 29-year-old then scored 28 points (11-22 FG, 3-5 3P, 3-5 FT) in Memphis’ 111-108 road win on Oct. 23 at Golden State, contributing to a 17-0 run that helped the Grizzlies erase a 12-point deficit late in the fourth quarter. He then closed the week with 31 points (8-17 FG, 1-6 3P, 14-14 FT) in a 123-112 win on Oct. 25 at Sacramento in which he scored in double figures in each of the final three quarters and set a career high for free throws made.

Jerome, who scored at least 20 points in the second half of all three games, became one of only four players in NBA history to compile at least 100 points in under 100 minutes of playing time in the first three games of a season while also leading his team to a 3-0 record. He joined Victor Wembanyama (2025), Trae Young (2020) and Stephen Curry (2015).

QB Marcus Stokes named to

Manning Award Stars of the

Week for 2nd time in season

NEW ORLEANS, October 26, 2026 – University of Memphis quarterback Marcus Stokes was named to the Manning Award Stars of the Week list for a second time this season, the award committee announced Monday.

Last Friday, Stokes was one of 15 quarterbacks added to the initial list of 40 for the Manning Award Watch List. Finalists for the award will be selected in early December, and the winner is scheduled to be announced during the College Football Playoff National Championship.

In Memphis’ latest matchup,

The Manning Award was created by the Allstate Sugar Bowl in 2004 to honor the college football accomplishments of Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning. It is the only quarterback award that includes candidates’ bowl performances in its balloting.

Stokes guided a second-half comeback, scoring all five of the Tigers’ touchdowns, three through the air and two on the ground, including a five-yard rush to win the game in overtime. In that win, Stokes had his fourth game with at least 300 passing yards and third with at least three passing touchdowns while also completing a career-high 29



Marcus Stokes

passes.

Stokes, a redshirt junior, has led one of the nation’s top offenses, being ranked seventh in total offense, 10th in rushing offense and 22nd in passing offense with the seventh-best team passing efficiency at the FBS level. Memphis’ 37 offensive touchdowns also rank tied for seventh in the country and the Tigers have the third-most first downs in all of college football.

Individually, Stokes ranks within the top 10 in passing efficiency, passing yards, passing touchdowns and points responsible for.

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Since the Manning Award began recognizing Stars of the Week in 2011, 633 different quarterbacks from 138 schools have been recognized.

Memphis (6-2, 3-1 American) goes back to a Saturday schedule, hosting Army (5-2, 4-1 American) on Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Single-game tickets can be purchased online or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331. For group tickets and experiences, please contact the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

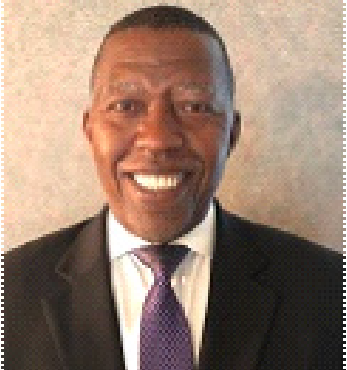
For premium seating experiences, please contact the Memphis Athletic Fund at MAFpremium@memphis.edu.

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There's nothing like Homecoming at the University of Memphis. It's a time to celebrate Tiger pride, reconnect with classmates and friends, cheer on our student-athletes, and create new memories with the next generation of Tigers.

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