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### NFL announces FedEx Air and Ground Players of the Week nominees

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -November 25, 2024-The NFL announced that the nominees for FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week for Week 12

For the 2024-25 NFL regular season, FedEx is once again proudly working with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) to make donations of \$2,000 in the name of the winning players (\$4,000 total) to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country.

Minnesota quarterback SAM DARNOLD completed 22 of 34 attempts (64.7 percent) for 330 yards and two touchdowns for a 116.1 passer rating.

Kansas City quarterback PAT-RICK MAHOMES completed 27 of 37 attempts (73.0 percent) for 269 yards and three touchdowns for a 120.2 passer rating. He also recorded 60 rushing yards.

Miami quarterback TUA TAGO-VAILOA completed 29 of 40 attempts (72.5 percent) for 317

yards and four touchdowns for a 128.9 passer rating.

Minnesota wide receiver JOR-DAN ADDISON recorded eight receptions for 162 yards and one touchdown.

Philadelphia running back SA-QUON BARKLEY recorded 302 scrimmage yards (255 rushing, 47 receiving) and two rushing touchdowns.

Green Bay running back JOSH JACOBS recorded 106 rushing yards and three rushing touch-

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Over the course of the entire season, select HBCUs will receive grants totaling more than \$100,000 to support needs-based scholarships through the 2025-26

# **United Football League launches** expansion process for new team markets to grow spring football

ARLINGTON, TX- November 25, 2024 - The United Football League announced it has officially launched its first expansion process. The UFL is accepting proposals from prospective markets looking to bring spring football to their communities and be a part of the growth of the sport.

"As the UFL lays the groundwork for future growth, we're excited to begin exploring new markets for expansion, where spring football can not only live, but thrive," said UFL President and CEO Russ Brandon. "These expansion efforts validate our vision and early success, demonstrating how spring football resonates with fans and reinforcing our commitment to broadening its reach. With the strength and structure of our ownership



group, along with our media partners, we are well-positioned for the long haul and look forward to identifying communities that have the potential, and desire, to host a UFL team."

In its search to identify the strongest markets to support its ambitious growth goals, the UFL is looking at several core attributes when selecting its new cities, including fan interest and existing sports culture, geography and population and venue and infrastructure availability.

The UFL currently consists of eight teams - the Arlington Renegades, Birmingham Stallions, Michigan Panthers, Hous-

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ton Roughnecks, Memphis Showboats, San Antonio Brahmas, St. Louis Battlehawks and D.C. Defenders.

The 2025 UFL season will kick off on March 28, 2025, with a 10-week regular season schedule, followed by two conference championship games, and the

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#### Hannah Jones and Tiffany **Snook named to the AAC All-Conference teams**

IRVING, Texas. Nov. 21, 2024 Two players on the University of Memphis volleyball team were named to AAC All-Conference teams, the conference announced.

Hannah Jones, an outside hitter from Millbrook, Ala., was named the team in kills, finishing the season with 328 and a .198 hitting percentage. She also tallied 54 digs and 40 block touches. Jones' strong and fast arm placed her eighth in the conference in

Tiffany Snook, a middle blocker from Fishers, Ind., was a unanimous selection to the All-Freshman Team. Snook recorded 199 kills and an impressive .280 hitting percentage. She also added 68 digs and 58 block touches. Snook's consistent level of play placed her tenth in the conference in hitting percentage.

The full list of recipients can be found below.

Player of the Year Maria Clara Andrade, Jr., OH, South Florida

Marta Pecalli, Sr., Tulsa

Setter of the Year

Caroline Dykes, Sr., South Flor-

Freshman of the Year Sydney Jones, OH, Temple

Coach of the Year Jolene Shepardson, South Florida

First Team All-Conference

Jorda Crook, So., OPP, UAB Fran McBride, Gr., RS, East Car-

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# Memphis Hustle acquires returning player rights to Max Heidegger

Hustle Claim Jalen McDaniels Off Waivers and Trade McDaniels to Capital City

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Memphis Hustle announced the team acquired the returning player rights to guard Max Heidegger, a 2026 first round pick and a 2026 second round pick from the Capital City Go-Go for forward Jalen McDaniels.

in 10 games (four starts) last season with the Windy City Bulls and averaged 12.9 points and 3.6 assists in 24.7 minutes while shooting 40.9 percent from beyond the arc.

The 27-year-old California native has competed overseas the last five seasons in Israel, Germany, Turkey, Spain and Italy in-

Heidegger (6-3, 180) appeared cluding competition in the Euro-League and EuroCup.

> McDaniels (6-9, 205) has appeared in 248 games (45 starts) across five NBA seasons with the Charlotte Hornets, Philadelphia 76ers and Toronto Raptors and averaged 6.9 points and 3.3 rebounds in 18.3 minutes. McDaniels was claimed off waivers by the Hustle on Nov. 22.





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Coach Trena Prater Adds Six to Build Tiger Championship Culture

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Bassmaster Announces 12 for High School Bassmaster All- American see sports page 3

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UofM is calling on Tiger Nation to SUPPORT the Tigers by making a pledge per every win during the 2024-25 basketball season. The total charged would be for total wins combined between both the men's and women's programs times the pledge amount. MAKE A PLEDGE. Questions? Contact the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331 or visit gotigersgo.com .

