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NASCAR San Diego Weekend connects sailors, military families & community for Navy 250 ... from sports-military 2

"The success of NASCAR San Diego Weekend at Naval Base Coronado was made possible through shared passion for excellence," NASCAR San Diego President Amy Lupo said. "Bringing NASCAR to the men and women who defend our nation and to the San Diego community in this landmark 250th year of our Navy and nation was an absolute privilege."

In a seamless blend between NASCAR and the Navy, Benjamin C. Kohlmann, assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and reserve affairs, promoted Navy Reserve officer and professional NASCAR driver Cmdr. Jesse Iwuiji during a special pre-race ceremony June 20.

The U.S. Navy Parachute Team, the Leap Frogs, performed during the opening ceremonies each

day and various local aviation squadrons conducted flyovers for the event, which included CMV-22B Ospreys, F/A-18E Super Hornets, an E-2D Hawkeye and F-35C Lightning II.

Jacobi also recognized Medal of Honor recipients retired Navy Capt. Elmer Royce Williams and retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Britt Slabinski during the event.

Navy Capt. Christopher Carmichael, commander of U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command Western Sector, presided over a joint service enlistment ceremony for 20 enlistees, marking the start of their military careers.

NASCAR driver and Cup Series co-owner Jimmi Johnson drove the No. 84 Legacy Motor Club Chevrolet, which carried a spe-

cial paint scheme honoring the "Blackjacks" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21. He has a rich family history of military service and thanked sailors and Marines for their service.

"It is such an honor for us to do this, to feel the reception from everyone on base," Johnson said. "I know our sport, our fans, everybody is honored to be here."

The Navy and NASCAR share a partnership dating to 1957, when the Navy Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels, performed flyovers for NASCAR beach races in Daytona, Florida.

NASCAR San Diego Weekend marks the first time a NASCAR national-series race has been held aboard an active military installation and serves as a centerpiece event during the Navy's 250th anniversary celebrations.

Coach Smart adds duo of Alvin Su and Harrison Shaw to 2026-27 Roster

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 23, 2026. – University of Memphis men's golf head coach Blake Smart announced Tuesday the addition of standout transfer Alvin Su and freshman Harrison Shaw to the Tigers' 2026-27 roster.

"Alvin is a nice piece to add this off-season," Smart said. "He is bringing three wins and a sub 71 stroke average to Memphis, and looks to be a guy looking for playing time early."

"Harrison brings an enthusiasm and energy that matches his size and power," Smart said. "I'm excited to help him develop his raw athleticism and direct his energy towards elite performance while at Memphis."

Su joins Memphis after a decorated two-year stint at the University of Rochester, a Division III powerhouse, where he cap-

Shaw comes to Memphis after a decorated career at Booker T. Washington High School where he won the 2025 Oklahoma 5A Individual State Title by a dominant six strokes, making history as both the first state champion in his school's history and the first African American golfer to win an individual state title in Oklahoma history.

tured three individual titles during his sophomore campaign.

The Shanghai, China native comes off an exceptional sophomore season with the Yellow-jackets, where he was named a GCAA Third-Team All-American and the Liberty League Player of the Year. Su wrapped up the 2025-26 season ranked No. 21 nationally in the Score-

board/Clippd Division III individual rankings.

During his sophomore campaign, Su set a school single-season record with a 71.4 stroke average, breaking his own program mark from his rookie year. He also rewrote the Rochester history books by climbing to No. 1 all-time in career scoring average at 72.13 and tying the school record with 24 career rounds at par or better.

As a freshman in 2024-25, Su burst onto the scene to earn GCAA Honorable Mention All-America and All-Freshman Team honors. He proved to be one of the most consistent players in the country, carding every single round of his rookie season at 77 strokes or better and securing a top-20 finish at the NCAA Division III National Champion-

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B.A.S.S. and Pro Football Hall of Fame announce landmark partnership with Celebrity Pro-Am Tournament on St. Lawrence River... from sports page 1

base. While one honors the legends of professional football and the other serves as the worldwide authority on bass fishing, both organizations share a commitment to preserving their heritage while introducing new generations to their respective sports.

"This partnership brings together two iconic organizations that represent excellence at the highest level of competition," said Phillip Johnson, Chief Operating Officer of B.A.S.S. "The Pro Football Hall of Fame celebrates the greatest players and moments in football history, while B.A.S.S. showcases the very best anglers in the world. Bringing those athletes together on the St. Lawrence River creates an extraordinary opportunity to engage fans, celebrate the outdoors and create memories that will last a lifetime."

Johnson said the event is de-



signed to highlight the similarities between elite anglers and professional football players, including preparation, discipline, mental toughness and the ability to perform under pressure.

"Many Hall of Fame players are passionate anglers, and many of our Elite Series competitors are lifelong football fans," Johnson said. "This event allows both groups to share their competitive spirit while introducing fans to a

truly unique experience. Whether you're a football fan, a fishing fan or both, this will be a special day on one of the greatest fisheries in the world."

The collaboration will begin in Canton during Enshrinement Week festivities and culminate later in the month at the St. Lawrence River, creating multiple opportunities for football and fishing fans to interact with Hall of Fame legends and Bassmaster Elite Series competitors.

"We're excited to connect with fans during Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week and then bring that excitement to Clayton for the Pro-Am event," Johnson said. "This partnership creates a unique bridge between two passionate sports communities and showcases the values that unite great athletes regardless of their field of competition."

The following Hall of Famers are

scheduled to participate in the Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am are **Rondé Barber, Robert Brazile, Cris Carter, Rickey Jackson, Calvin Johnson, Steve Largent, Kevin Mawae, Randy Moss, John Randle, Warren Sapp, Joe Thomas and Kellen Winslow.**

"I am excited to launch this event, uniting Hall of Famers and Elite anglers from Bassmaster for an experience that will create memories on and off the water," said Moss, whose ability to reel in big catches as a wide receiver on the field landed him in the Hall of Fame.

The St. Lawrence River provides a fitting backdrop for the inaugural event. Widely regarded as one of the premier bass fisheries in the world, the fishery has become synonymous with record-setting catches and dramatic Bassmaster

Elite Series competition. The river's healthy smallmouth bass population and breathtaking scenery attract anglers from across North America and have helped establish Clayton and Jefferson County as one of competitive fishing's most celebrated destinations.

During the celebrity Pro-Am, each Hall of Fame member will be paired with a Bassmaster Elite Series professional for a day of fishing on the St. Lawrence River. Teams will compete for bragging rights while fans follow the action through event coverage and on-site activities.

Fans attending the Bassmaster Elite Series event in Clayton will also have the opportunity to meet participating Hall of Fame members during a special autograph session scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Bassmaster Elite Series Expo. The event will allow football and fishing fans to interact with Hall of Fame legends before they compete alongside Bassmaster Elite Series anglers in the Pro-Am tournament the following day.

Following the competition, anglers and Hall of Fame members will return to downtown Clayton for a public weigh-in ceremony where fans can celebrate the day's catches and interact with participants. The event will culminate in a special awards presentation recognizing the top-performing teams.

In addition to the tournament itself, a fan expo will feature exhibits, sponsor activations, interactive displays and opportunities for attendees to meet both Hall of Fame members and Bassmaster Elite Series anglers. The weekend's activities will include the Hall of Fame autograph session on Aug. 30 and culminate

with the celebrity Pro-Am weigh-in and awards presentation on Aug. 31. Organizers expect the event to draw football fans, fishing enthusiasts and families from throughout the Northeast and beyond.

The partnership reflects both organizations' commitment to promoting outdoor recreation and creating meaningful experiences for fans. It also provides an opportunity to showcase the St. Lawrence River region to a national audience while generating tourism and economic activity for the local community.

Additional announcements regarding participating Hall of Fame members, Bassmaster Elite Series anglers, event programming, sponsor partners and fan activities will be released in the coming months.

The inaugural Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am is expected to become one of the most distinctive events on the sports calendar, bringing together legendary football careers and elite fishing talent in a celebration of competition, sportsmanship and the outdoors. For more information about B.A.S.S. and the Bassmaster Elite Series, visit Bassmaster.com.

The SAF and partners appeal scope of young adult purchase ban after Fifth Circuit ruling

BELLEVUE, Wash. — June 22, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners have filed their opening brief in a case challenging the scope of the injunction granted to the plaintiffs after the Fifth Circuit ruled that the federal firearms purchase ban for adults under 21 was unconstitutional.

Last year, a three-judge panel of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that the law preventing the purchase of firearms by adults under 21-years-old was unconstitutional under the Second Amendment and remanded the case back to the district court for entry of judgment. The judgment entered by the district court, however, severely limited the scope of the injunction, allowing the government to continue enforcing the law against the vast majority of SAF members and its partner organizations. The injunction limited relief to those members who reside in the geographic bounds of the Fifth Circuit (Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana) and who were members at the time the judgment was entered (January 27, 2026). Neither of these restrictions is supported by law.

outlining why the limited scope of the judgment is legally and constitutionally improper. We are optimistic the Fifth Circuit will fix this unconstitutional overreach by granting the full scope of relief SAF has fought for and won on behalf of its members."

As noted in the brief, "This Court should reverse and remand with instructions to enter a judgment that provides injunctive relief that covers all of the Plaintiff Organization's 18-to-20-year-old members. While the district court appropriately granted injunctive relief in this case, it erred in defining the scope of that relief. The general principle of injunctive relief, reaffirmed many times

by this Court and the Supreme Court, is that a district court should endeavor where possible to afford an injured party complete relief for their injuries."

SAF is joined in the case, *FPC v. ATF* (formerly *Reese v. ATF*) by the Louisiana Shooting Association and Firearms Policy Coalition.

"We have been fighting this absurd handgun purchase ban on adults who are 18-20 years old for more than half a decade now," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "There is no doubt adults in this age range are part of 'the People,' and it's high time the government stopped fighting

the inevitable. We have already secured a favorable ruling in the case that the government didn't even appeal. The scope of that ruling needs to be fixed to provide the relief the Fifth Circuit intended that all SAF members be granted."

SAF is also supporting a sister case, *West Virginia Citizens Defense League v. ATF*, challenging the same federal law, which is presently pending a petition for certiorari before the Supreme Court.

For more information visit SAF.org.

"What the government has said outright here is 'we acknowledge that the Fifth Circuit has held the law to be unconstitutional, but we want to still enforce it against almost everyone,'" said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. "The government has done everything possible to keep disenfranchising thousands of adults through ridiculous demands on the plaintiff organizations, all to no avail. We filed the brief today

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