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Rickey Jackson and John Garrett win inaugural Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro-Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am presented by Lippert

CLAYTON, N.Y., August 31, 2026 — **Rickey Jackson** is used to catching big bass in his home state of Florida, but on Monday he found himself in smallmouth country doubled-up with twin 5-pounders with Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series pro **John Garrett**.

Those two bass would carry the NFL Hall of Famer and the Tennessee pro to victory in the inaugural 2026 Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am at St Lawrence River presented by Lippert.

Garrett and Jackson caught a five-bass limit weighing 21 pounds, 10 ounces in the one-day derby that teamed up NFL legends with Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series pros. Jackson made a Hall of Fame career as a linebacker with the New Orleans Saints where he made seven Pro Bowl appearances and was named to the second-team All-Pro team five times.

“I enjoyed myself. I was hoping to catch some bigger,” Garrett said. “We knew it was going to be close and we were both hoping to add bigger ones at the end.”

To win, Garrett and Jackson edged out legendary offensive lineman Joe Thomas and Elite Series champion Jay Przekurat by 5 ounces.

For Jackson, the fishing part was easy. He grew up on Lake Okeechobee and fished until this football career became his livelihood. But the ride to and from the mouth of Lake Ontario



Bassmaster Elite Series pro John Garrett and NFL Pro-Football Hall of Famer Rickey Jackson have won the inaugural Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro-Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am presented by Lippert with a total of 21 pounds, 10 ounces.
(Photo by Dalton Tumblin/B.A.S.S.)

was an adventure.

“We stayed off the water,” Jackson said. “We were flying out there and flying back.”

Throwing drop shots and minnows, Garrett and Jackson targeted deeper smallmouth around the Cape Vincent area of the St. Lawrence River. While they caught plenty of quality bass,

doubling up on 5-pound smallmouth was the highlight of the day.

“It was a real thrill,” Jackson said. “Both were big.”

When they bit, both anglers knew instantly they had amazing bass.

“He said, ‘John mine is big.’ I said, ‘Rickey mine is big too,’”

Garrett said.

Fishing with an NFL Hall of Famer was a great experience for the pro from Union City, Tennessee too.

“I’ve been watching all of his highlights and sack videos be-

fore today,” he said. “There were so many cool highlights. The only was he didn’t tackle me if I was playing back then is if I was on the sideline.”

Thomas and Przekurat, both Wisconsin natives, finished sec-

ond with 21-5 followed by Robert Gee and Kevin Mawae in third with 20-6. Lions standout wide receiver Calvin Johnson and multi-time Elite Series champion Brandon Palaniuk brought in the Big Bass of the Day, a 7-pounder that would be a Top 5 catch in B.A.S.S. history.

Randy Moss, who spearheaded the event with the NFL Hall of Fame and B.A.S.S., teamed up with 2025 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour champion Easton Fothergill. Being outdoors was important for Moss when the Hall of Fame came to him asking for partnership ideas.

“We all come from different walks of life and different eras, and we meet once a year for the enshrinement, but we try to find things like this throughout the year to get around each other. Getting the feedback from my brothers, they enjoyed it. A lot of us grew up fishing, but not a lot of us had the bass fishing experience. Being able to team up with Bassmaster and the Hall of Fame was another way to get around each other.

“If you think you know how to fish, just wait until you get on the boat with one of these guys.”

Visit Bassmaster.com for more information about the Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro-Football Hall of Fame presented by Lippert.

Memphis Safe Task Force August Wrap-Up Report: 853 arrests from sports-Military 2

Aug. 7 during a traffic stop in the 7000 block of Rick’s Road in Arlington by MSTF members via a collateral lead sent from U.S. Marshals in Nashville.

“The Memphis Safe Task Force remains committed to its mission to protect the citizens of Memphis by arresting and holding accountable those who pose a threat to public safety,” said U.S. Marshal for the Western District

of Tennessee Tyreece Miller. “Every arrest made and every gun recovered contributes to that mission. I commend the men and women who have dedicated themselves to this endeavor and who are making a difference in the lives of this community.”

The Memphis Safe Task Force is a multi-agency initiative established via a Presidential Memorandum signed by President

Donald Trump on Sept. 15, 2025. Aimed at addressing violent street crime, the task force coordinates federal, state, and local law enforcement and includes mobilized members of the Tennessee National Guard.

The MSTF is focused on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 186 missing children. For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

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Today we take a moment to reflect on our past accomplishments, knowing full well that the weight of true Second Amendment freedom across America rests squarely on our backs. It’s a weight SAF has proudly carried for more than 50 years, and we will continue our critical work as long as there are ideologues who wish to trample on the rights our Founders enshrined to us.”

education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored.

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- An Editorial

Message from The Mid-South Tribune-

Grizzlies announce a multi-year partnership with Campbell Clinic

Memphis, Tenn. – The Memphis Grizzlies and Campbell Clinic today announced a multi-year partnership, making Campbell Clinic the Official Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Provider of the Memphis Grizzlies.

“The Memphis Grizzlies and Campbell Clinic are two Mid-South pillars with a shared dedication to the region’s health, growth and long-term vibrancy,” said Jason Wexler, President of the Memphis Grizzlies. “We are

excited to renew our partnership and embark on this next era together with Campbell Clinic as a foundational partner of the Grizzlies organization.”

“Campbell Clinic and the Memphis Grizzlies share a long history and a deep commitment to the Memphis community,” stated Daniel Shumate, Campbell Clinic CEO. “We are incredibly proud to renew a partnership that brings together

two organizations that have played an important role in this city for decades. Our physicians have been an integral part of that history, and we are especially proud to have them once again representing Campbell Clinic alongside the Grizzlies. We look forward to beginning this next chapter together and to all that Campbell Clinic and the Grizzlies can accomplish through this partnership.”

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The virtual meeting will be from 2:00p.m. - 2:45p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd. In order to help ensure a good discussion, participation will be limited to the first 25 people who sign up. If you would like to participate, please send an email confirmation to kconley@memphiscrime.org by September 21st. The Zoom link will be provided the day prior to the meeting.

U.S. Marshal Tyreece Miller