

The HBCU Tour kicks off with a successful launch at Florida A&M University during Set Market Fridays

MIAMI, Sept. 6, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Florida Rising's HBCU Tour has officially hit the ground running with an electrifying kickoff at Florida A&M University (FAMU)! The inaugural event, held during Set Market Fridays as part of the South Carolina State vs. FAMU football game weekend, energized students and the community, marking the beginning of a dynamic series of engagements across historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

The atmosphere at FAMU was electric as students gathered to participate in the first stop of The HBCU Tour, an effort dedicated to mobilizing Black and Brown communities ahead of the upcoming elections. The event highlighted the importance of voter participation, with students eagerly discussing their voting plans and solidifying their commitment to making their voices heard. "We're thrilled with the turnout



and enthusiasm we witnessed at FAMU," said Nubian Roberts, Black Constituency Director of Florida Rising. "This event set the tone for what we anticipate will be a powerful and impactful tour, as we work together to empower students and ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to partici-

pate in the electoral process." The HBCU Tour aims to engage students in meaningful conversations about social, economic, and racial justice, while also providing them with the tools to take action in their communities. As part of this initiative, students are encouraged to create a voting plan, register to vote, and stay in-

formed about key issues affecting their lives. The next stops on The HBCU Tour include: **Bethune Cookman University** on September 21, 2024, during the Clark Atlanta University at Bethune Cookman University football game **Edward Waters University** on

September 28, 2024, during the Tuskegee at Edward Waters University football game "The energy and commitment we've seen from students at FAMU are truly inspiring," said Dwight Bullard, Senior Political Advisor of Florida Rising. "Their eagerness to engage in the democratic process and their passion for driving change reaffirm the importance of this tour. We're excited to continue this journey across other HBCUs, fostering a sense of unity and purpose among students as we head into the election season."

Florida Rising continues to bring together Black and Brown communities across the state to advance social, economic, and racial justice, with The HBCU Tour serving as a crucial platform for engaging the next generation of leaders.

For more information about The HBCU Tour, including upcoming events and resources, please visit www.thehbcutour.com.

Grizzlies will sign Bacot, Kawamura, Oni and Pereira

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minutes over three seasons (2019-22) with the Utah Jazz after he was selected 58th overall in the 2019 NBA Draft. The 27-year-old Los Angeles native also has played 71 showcase and regular season games for the NBA G League's Salt Lake City Stars and Osceola Magic. The 2018-19 Ivy League Player of the Year while at Yale, Oni represented Nigeria in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Pereira (6-8, 177) competed in seven games (one start) for the Grizzlies as a rookie last season and averaged 6.9 points and 5.3 rebounds in 17.4 minutes while shooting 51.4 percent from the field. A native of Rio de Janeiro, Pereira has played parts of three seasons in the Brazilian NBB (2019-20, 2021-23) and most recently represented Brazil at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Lleyton Imparato and Logan Longo have been named to the American Athletic Conference Weekly Honorable Mention

MEMPHIS, Tenn. September 9, 2024 – Memphis men's soccer's Lleyton Imparato and Logan Longo have been named to the American Athletic Conference Honorable Mention, announced by the league office Monday afternoon.

It marks the first-career AAC weekly honor for Imparato and the third for Longo after he was also named honorable mention last week.

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Sunday's 3-1 road win at Georgia State where the junior midfielder registered three points behind one goal and an assist.

In the seventh minute, Memphis made a run down the left sideline where a through ball was played into the corner for Anders Bor-



Lleyton Imparato



Logan Longo

doy, who then crossed one into the box. From there, Imparato headed the ball down and into the net to give the Tigers a 1-0 advantage.

Imparato and Longo teamed up in the 71st minute for the final goal of the match for the Tigers. Imparato took a low-driving corner that found its way through the box and to the leg of Longo, who knocked it into the net for a 3-0 lead.

Imparato leads the Tigers this season with three goals, two as-

sists and eight total points. Longo is tied for second on the team after recording his second score of 2024.

The Tigers (2-4-0) return home for a single match with SIUE on Thursday with a 6 p.m. kick on ESPN+ at the Billy J. Murphy Soccer & Track Complex.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Soccer, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Bassmaster Elite Series and Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Jockey Outdoors announce techno standardization

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Bassmaster Elite Series and the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Jockey Outdoors are the pinnacles of competitive bass fishing. B.A.S.S. has created unwavering standards of excellence and expectations for the anglers who fish under these banners. On September 4, the organization announces the creation of equipment standards related to new technologies that will impact anglers competing on the biggest stage in bass fishing.

It is important to understand that these new standardization practices are the result of the B.A.S.S. technology committee's year-long collection of data, review of tournament results, consultations with conservation partners, discussions with industry leaders and communications with every Elite Series pro multiple times throughout the 2024 season. Voices from every corner of the fishing industry were heard and considered. After extensive debate and consideration, the committee made its final recommendation to B.A.S.S. CEO Chase Anderson. Once the 2025 Elite Series schedule was finalized earlier this week, Anderson approved the following standardization practices.

First, the number of live sonar transducers will be regulated to one and it must be mounted to the trolling motor at the bow of the boat. Until now, Elite Series and Classic competitors could have an unlimited number of live transducers mounted on their boats in any location. B.A.S.S. will also provide a list of acceptable live transducers from all major electronics manufacturers. Equipment not on this list is banned from usage in Elite Series and Classic competition. This equipment list will be vetted

and updated annually.

Secondly, Elite Series and Classic competitors will be limited to a total of 55 inches of screen, including bow and dash head units. The trend to add more and bigger head units to boats is becoming a safety concern, as the bigger screens may create blind spots impacting the safe piloting of boats.

Thirdly, Elite Series and Classic competitors may now have only one electric motor mounted to their boats. There has been a rise in the use of electric motors mounted to shallow water anchors, which makes the enforcement of current rules (like long-lining and trolling) very difficult.

Lastly, B.A.S.S. will focus on a more diverse Elite Series schedule, creating a wide variety of fishing styles demanded for success. While live sonar technology will remain a consistent tool used at the very highest level of competitive bass fishing, experience and a deep-seeded understanding of fish behavior, movement and patterns will also be needed for success moving forward on the fisheries scheduled.

"The use of live sonar at the Elite level has sparked tremendous debate," said Chase Anderson. "Our technology committee spent a tremendous amount of time reviewing post-event surveys, comparing equipment on Elite boats to success rates and considering both fan engagement and bass community feedback related to the use of new technology. As the leading tournament organization in sportfishing, our goal was to ensure a level playing field that both embraces the value of hard work and experience on the water as well as new technologies that will continue to improve angler success. B.A.S.S.

has always been, and will continue to be, dedicated to teaching our members, fans and the bass fishing community how to catch more and bigger bass. Educating anglers on both the fundamentals of fishing as well as new technology aligns with this principle. B.A.S.S. is, and always has been, the keeper of the culture of our sport. We believe these new standards will ensure that both the present and future competitive landscape of the Elite Series will remain above reproach. We remain committed to being the leaders in our industry and making decisions that we believe are in the best interest of our sport."

These new standardization practices will go into effect with the start of the 2025 Elite Series season. The B.A.S.S. technology committee will continue to monitor the impacts of new technology on bass fishing's biggest stage.

An Editorial Comment from The Mid-South Tribune: "Real women should play in women's sports!"

Watch for The Mid-South Tribune's DeepThink Special Voting Edition.

TEMA and TDHS to distribute go-kits for the deaf and hard-of-hearing

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