

San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs battle in Super Bowl LVIII ... from sports page 1

vaunted Chiefs defense has their way. And not if Mahomes can capture his third Super Bowl victory, something only four previous quarterbacks have accomplished: TOM BRADY (seven) and Pro Football Hall of Famers TERRY BRADSHAW (four), JOE MONTANA (four) and TROY AIKMAN (three).

So stock up that pantry, don't forget ice for the coolers, dust off your favorite Super Bowl recipes and join more than 100 million of your closest friends watching on CBS.

The Starting 11 entering Super Bowl LVIII...

1. SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE: Since Allegiant Stadium opened in 2020, the Chiefs and 49ers are a combined 5-0 at the facility. Kansas City is 4-0 all-time in Las Vegas, including a Week 12 victory over the Raiders earlier this season. The 49ers, meanwhile, won their only regular-season game at the stadium, a 37-34 overtime triumph over Las Vegas in Week 17 of the 2022 season.

2. NUMBER OF THE WEEK - 11: The number of Pro Bowl selections, including 2023, earned by 49ers tackle TREN'T WILLIAMS prior to playing in his first Super Bowl this week. Only three other players - Pro Football Hall of Famers CHAMP BALLELY (12), BRUCE MATTHEWS (12) and REGGIE WHITE (11) - earned as many Pro Bowl selections prior to playing in their first Super Bowls.

3. LEGENDARY PACE: Kansas City's PATRICK MAHOMES at

age 28 will become the youngest quarterback in history to start a fourth Super Bowl, two years faster than the previous youngest, 30-year-old TOM BRADY in 2007. With a victory, Mahomes would join Brady and Pro Football Hall of Famer TROY AIKMAN as the only quarterbacks ever to win three Super Bowls prior to their 30th birthdays.

4. SPOTLIGHT - INDIVIDUAL MATCHUP: The key to victory in Super Bowl LVIII could be in the middle of the field. When the nearest defender was a linebacker, Kansas City's TRAVIS KELCE led all NFL tight ends during the regular season with 393 receiving yards, according to Next Gen Stats. Meanwhile, San Francisco's FRED WARNER allowed only a 61.9 passer rating as the nearest defender in coverage this season, lowest among NFL linebackers per NGS.

5. SPOTLIGHT - TEAM MATCHUP: Sunday features one of the best defensive matchups in Super Bowl history. During the regular season, Kansas City allowed just 17.3 points per game, second in the league behind Baltimore. San Francisco's defense (17.5) ranked third.

6. STREAK SPEAK: Kansas City moved quickly to hire ANDY REID as head coach on Jan. 7, 2013. Since that day, over 11 seasons, the Chiefs have not experienced a losing campaign. No other NFL team has an active streak of winning seasons longer than five years. Reid has led his team to Super Bowls in four of the past five seasons after the franchise went 49 straight years

(1970-2018) without a Super Bowl berth.

7. DID YOU KNOW?: Niners running back CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY and Pro Football Hall of Famer TERRELL DAVIS are the only players in league annals to average at least 110 scrimmage yards per game in both the regular season and post-season (minimum 75 and five games, respectively).

8. UNDER-THE-RADAR STORYLINE: Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro, Tenn., has produced three players expected to see action in Super Bowl LVIII: Chiefs linebacker DARIUS HARRIS and wide receiver RICHIE JAMES, and 49ers cornerback CHARVARIUS WARD. In fact, this week marks the fifth consecutive season in which an MTSU product will don a Super Bowl uniform. James and Ward actually played for the opposite teams in Super Bowl LIV, James for the 49ers and Ward for the Chiefs. Ward made his way to Murfreesboro in serendipitous fashion. The MTSU defensive backs coach, Steve Ellis, was on a recruiting trip at Hinds (Miss.) Community College when he discovered Ward, who caught the attention of Ellis when the 155-pound athlete delivered a monster dunk in a pickup basketball game. Ward used MTSU as a springboard to the NFL, where he led the league with 23 passes defended and earned his first Pro Bowl selection this season.

9. TREND TIME: San Francisco quarterback BROCK PURDY entered the league as the final choice in the 2022 NFL Draft, held in Las Vegas. Since that day,

Purdy has an .808 winning percentage as a starter, has passed for 9.2 yards per attempt, has compiled a 47-14 touchdown-to-interception ratio and owns a 111.2 passer rating - all the best marks in the NFL among quarterbacks with a minimum of 20 starts (including the postseason).

10. NEXT GEN STAT OF THE WEEK: San Francisco wide receiver BRANDON AIYUK entered the NFL and joined the 49ers in the first round of a virtual 2020 NFL Draft less than three months after they lost to Kansas City in Super Bowl LIV. Fast forward three years to the 2023 NFC Championship Game. With 6:29 remaining in the third quarter and the 49ers trailing, 24-10, Aiyuk kept his focus in tracking a deflected deep ball and hauled in a 51-yard reception at the Lions' 6-yard line. According to Next Gen Stats, Aiyuk traveled 10.3 yards while securing that completion. Three plays later, he caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from BROCK PURDY to cut the Detroit lead to one score. Inspired by Aiyuk's miraculous catch, San Francisco went on to win, 34-31.

11. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST: Kansas City's ISIAH PACHECO is expected to become the first running back since Pro Football Hall of Famer TONY DORSETT in 1977-78 to start Super Bowls in each of his first two NFL seasons. The Chiefs selected Pacheco 251st overall, 11 picks before BROCK PURDY (262nd), in the seventh round of the 2022 NFL Draft. Like Purdy, Pacheco's name was announced at a podium in Las Vegas.

Gov. Sarah Sanders proclaims February 5th as special day for Harding University Football's National Championship Win

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS: WHEREAS: On December 16th, 2023, the Harding University Bisons football team defeated the Colorado School of Mines Reggiggers in the NCAA Division II National Championship;

WHEREAS: The Bisons broke several school records last season, scoring 97 total touchdowns and defeating five teams ranked in the top 25 in the country by the American Football Coaches Association. The Bisons also became the first team in the history of college football to run more than 6,000 yards in one season;

WHEREAS: Harding's coach, Paul Simmons, was named the 2023 Sportsman of the Year by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette after leading the team to a historic season;

WHEREAS: Simmons, a Harding graduate who has been involved with the school's football team since 1997, defined the Bisons' program as "unselfish," saying the word described the team's "toughness [and] discipline"; and

WHEREAS: The Harding Bisons brought pride and national attention to Arkansas, the City of Searcy, and Harding University.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 5th, 2024, as

"A DAY OF CELEBRATION OF HARDING FOOTBALL'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord 2024.

David Jones does it again! Named for fourth time to AAC Honor Roll Team

IRVING, Texas - Senior forward David Jones has been named to the American Athletic Conference Honor Roll team for the fourth time this season after his performance on the hardwood last week, the league office announced Monday.

Jones averaged 22.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game while leading the Tigers against Rice and Wichita State. The senior forward hit the biggest shot of the week, burying the game-winning jumper with less than three seconds on the clock Saturday against the Shockers.

The Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic native shot 45.2 percent from the floor (14-31), hit 38.5

percent from distance (5-13) and went 11-of-12 at the free throw line over the week.

Jones totaled 18 points, five rebounds and four steals against Rice on Wednesday before following it up with 26 points, six boards, three assists and one game-winning shot against Wichita State. He also added four long balls and was a perfect 6-for-6 at the stripe in the victory.

Memphis will host Tulane at 1 p.m. inside FedExForum.

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

Memphis Showboats and the United Football League unveil schedule ... from sports page 1

• 43 UFL games (40 regular season games, two Conference Championship games, one Championship game)

• The League is divided into two conferences: USFL (Birmingham Stallions, Houston Roughnecks, Memphis Showboats, Michigan Panthers) and XFL (Arlington Renegades, D.C. Defenders, San Antonio Brahmas, St. Louis Battlehawks)

- Each team will play six in-conference games and four inter-conference matchups
- The Conference Championship games will pit the top two teams with the best records in their respective conferences against each other

- UFL games will be broadcast on ABC, FOX, ESPN, FS1 and ESPN2. Games on ESPN and ABC will be streamed on ESPN+ and FOX games will stream on the FOX Sports App. All games will be streamed via TV Everywhere

• 72 percent of all UFL games will air on broadcast television (ABC or FOX)
- ABC - 10
- FOX - 21
- ESPN - 10
- ESPN2 - 1
- FS1 - 1

"Through the combined reach of our partners at FOX and ESPN - who both share a commitment to broadcast innovation - the UFL will now have exceptional platforms through which fans can experience spring football," said Russ Brandon, UFL President/CEO. "We are equally excited to welcome new and returning fans back into our buildings this season so they can immerse themselves in the energy around spring football. Our players are here to perform and to reach the next level and

We can't wait to kick off the United Football League's inaugural season and showcase the league's exceptional on-the-field play to football fans across the country," said Bill Wanger, FOX Sports EVP, Head of Programming & Scheduling. "Perhaps most critically, this new partnership brings unprecedented distribution for spring football with nearly three-quarters of games airing on broadcast television. It is a testament to the collaborative efforts of the league office, media partners and host cities to maximize exposure to contribute to the UFL's success."

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to the UFL's success." "We're excited to introduce fans to the United Football League with its high quality of play, innovative rules, and entertainment," said Tim Reed, ESPN Vice President, Programming & Acquisitions. "Last year, we provided XFL fans with unparalleled, on-field access to players, coaches, and league officials. With the UFL kickoff season, we will further build upon that across our strong schedule, with games on ABC, ESPN, and every game on ESPN+, in addition to coverage across our social and digital platforms."

Season tickets are now available and single-game tickets will be available for presale starting February 20 and to the public on February 22. For more information on tickets, go to www.theufl.com/tickets. For schedules and broadcast details, please visit: TheUFL.com

Stadiums:

USFL Conference
Birmingham Stallions (Protective Stadium)
Houston Roughnecks (Rice Stadium)
Memphis Showboats (Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium)
Michigan Panthers (Ford Field)

XFL Conference
Arlington Renegades (Choctaw Stadium)
D.C. Defenders (Audi Field)
San Antonio Brahmas (The Alamodome)
St. Louis Battlehawks (The Dome at America's Center)

About the United Football League
The United Football League (UFL) is set to launch as the pre-

mier spring football platform, formed by the merging of the XFL and USFL in 2024. The UFL has eight teams in Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C.

The Mid-South Tribune's 29th Annual Black History Month's theme is: "Education, Economics, and Entrepreneurship" - Not 'CRT' - Not 'DEI' - but 'Excellence'. Watch for this edition in February 2024!

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