

Sports & Entertainment

The NFL announces 2026 HBCU Showcase & International Player Pathway Pro Day presented by Microsoft Copilot participants from sports page 1

Player, Position, and College

Travaunta Abner	TE	Alabama A&M
Curtis Allen	RB	Virginia Union
William Atkins	QB	South Carolina State
Noah Bodden	QB	Edward Waters
Andrew Brown	K	North Carolina A&T
Bryce Cage	DL	Grambling
Desmond Daniels	T	Alabama State
Donerio Davenport	RB	Jackson State
Charles Davis	T	Florida A&M
Carlos Dunovant	DB	Morehouse
Charles George	LB	Texas Southern
Ckelby Givens	DE	Southern
Ashton Grable	T	Florida A&M
Kevon Gregory	DB	Virginia Lynchburg
Aaron Harris	DB	North Carolina A&T
Johnny Harris	DB	Bethune-Cookman
Walker Harris	QB	North Carolina Central
Erick Hunter	LB	Morgan State
Quincy Ivory	DE	Jackson State
Jamal Jones	DL	Bowie State
Kevon King	RB	Norfolk State
Makai Lovett	WR	Edward Waters
Michael Lunz	DE	South Carolina State
Noah Miles	DE	Howard
JaCobian Morgan	QB	Jackson State
Deontre Morris	DB	Alabama State
Chris Mosley	RB	North Carolina Central
Bruno Onwuazor	T	Virginia State
Tymetrius Patterson	LB	Benedict
Jadarrius Perkins	DB	Delaware State
Cameron Peters	QB	Prairie View A&M
Deandre Proctor	WR	Johnson C. Smith
Reid Pulliam	LB	Jackson State
Travor Randle	DB	Prairie View A&M
Tony Rountree	DT	Savannah State
Jahmal Sam	DB	Benedict
Jacorian Sewell	RB	Alcorn State
Korion Sharpe	G	North Carolina A&T
Cameron Smith	G	Alabama State
Jordan Smith	WR	South Carolina State
Chauncey Spikes	WR	North Carolina Central
James Stewart	DE	Tennessee State
D'Andre Townes-Blue	G	Jackson State
Jonathan Ward	LS	Hampton
Jarod Washington	DB	South Carolina State
Antwone Watts	DB	Bethune-Cookman
Ronnie West	WR	Clark Atlanta
Jeremiah Williams	DT	Jackson State

Happy Birthday,
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Tracy McGrady’s Ones Basketball League (OBL)set for re-launch in May 2026 in Battle of the Cities ... from sports page 1

7.Team Atlanta – Stay Tuned
8.Team Baltimore – Stay Tuned

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field teams featuring hoopers who fit the criteria of embodying the heart and essence of their respective cities, bringing a unique and dynamic aspect to their representation. Cities battle for pride and prize, each sending out one player at a time in 1-on-1 matchups.

Thrilling, quick games that keep audiences on the edge of their seat. The production will feature intense game-play, as well as a deeper look into player backgrounds and real individual stories centering on highlighting players’ talent and authenticity.

About Ones Basketball League

OBL is the premier one-on-one basketball league in the world, celebrating the most skilled one-on-one players on the planet. Founded by Basketball Hall of Famer Tracy McGrady, the OBL was created to unite communities through the universal language and love of basketball. Their mission is to showcase elite 1v1 talent while celebrating the swagger, pride, and identity of every city represented. By giving players and fans a platform to compete, connect and celebrate where they’re from, OBL transforms local passion into a global stage.

Every matchup tells a story – proving that every city has a legacy worth fighting for. For more details visit www.oblhoops.com.



OBL founder Tracy McGrady



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Ben Chapman announces new album “Feet on Fire” via Soundly Music; Kicks off “Feet on Fire” Tour on April 3 in Charlotte ... from sports-Ent. 6

Was Left Behind), Hayes Carll (on his late 2025 single “Satin Sheets”) and his wife, along with fellow power couple Adam Chaffins and Brit Taylor, on the streaming smash “Gone As It Gets,” which currently sits at over 3.5 million streams on Spotify alone. He’s also written songs recorded by Brent Cobb, Shelby Lynne, Flatland Cavalry, Marcus King and more. A road warrior through and through, he’s shared stages with country titans like Lainey Wilson, southern rockers like The Marshall Tucker Band and Americana contemporaries like Red Clay Strays. Additionally, he started the acclaimed Nashville performance series Peach Jam, which has featured performances from legendary artists and friends from his music community including Kaitlin Butts, Ashley Monroe and many more.

Now, he’s about to release an album that captures that transition from the carefree spirit of

“I grew up on the Grateful Dead and Dark Side of the Moon, so I wanted to pour some of that inspiration into these tracks,” Chapman shares. “This record asks you to let your hair down. It takes some fun sonic risks. It’s cohesive but it’s all over the place, too, in the best way possible.”

youth to the responsibilities and realities of manhood, highlighting the difference that one year — and 12 sharply-written songs — can make.

Feet On Fire Tracklist

- Everything’s Different
- Out In The Country
- All Day
- Baby Blue
- Takes A Dreamer
- Feet On Fire
- You Say Jump

- So Long
- Lucy
- Missing You
- Don’t Give It All Away
- Sweetheart (Ain’t It Hard)

2026 Tour Dates:

April 3 – North Charlotte, NC – Neighborhood Theatre (Tap Room) #
April 4 – Southern Pines, NC – Herbfest 2026 *
April 9 – Sanford, FL – Tuffys Music Box
April 10 – St. Augustine, FL – Cafe 11
April 11 – Athens, GA – SAE House
April 30 – Providence, RI – The Alchemy
May 1 – Pittsburgh, PA – Club Cafe
May 2 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Music Hall
May 8 – Dallas, TX – The Rustic
May 9 – Driftwood, TX – Creekwood Music Festival *
May 10 – Marshall, TX – Twisted Pines Winery

May 13 – Decatur, GA – Eddie’s Attic
May 14 – Maryville, TN – The Shed ^
May 16 – Monticello, KY – Sleeping In The Woods Songwriter Festival 2026 *
May 22 – Maryville, TN – The Shed
May 27 – Birmingham, AL – Canteen
May 28 – Mobile, AL – Soul Kitchen
May 29 – Macon, GA – Grant’s Lounge
May 30 – Bluffton, SC – Palmetto Bluff
May 31 – Columbia, SC – Songbird Festival 2026 *
June 3 – Nashville, TN – Peach Jam @ The Basement East
June 5 – Buchanan, TN – Breakers Marina
June 6 – Chattanooga, TN – Barrelhouse Ballroom
June 18 – Seymour, IN – Seymour City Jam *
June 25 – Layton, UT – Edward Kenley Amphitheatre %
June 26 – Castle Rock, CO –

Philip Miller Amphitheatre
July 9 – Clinton, WI – Boxcars Pub & Grub
July 10 – Lake Orion, MI – 20 Front Street
July 11 – Cadillac, MI – Coyote Crossings
July 24 – Folsom, CA – Folsom Saloon
July 25 – San Francisco, CA – Brick & Mortar
July 30 – Boise, ID – Shrine Social Club
July 31 – Tacoma, WA – Steel Creek
August 1 & 2 – Happy Valley, OR – Pickathon 2026 *
August 5 – Denver, CO – Globe Hall
August 6 – Omaha, NE – Reverb Lounge
August 7 – Hobart, IN – The Hobart Art Theater
August 8 – Bartlett, IL – Smoke & Irons Music Fest *
August 14 – Columbus, OH – Woodlands Tavern
August 15 – Hamilton, OH – RiversEdge Amphitheatre
September 2 – Nashville, TN –

Peach Jam @ The Basement East
September 25 – Louisville, KY – Bourbon And Beyond *
September 26 – St. Louis, MO – Duck Room
September 30 – Minneapolis, MN – 7th Street
October 1 – Davenport, IA – Raccoon Motel
October 2 – Appleton, WI – Appleton Music Hall
October 10 – Whitleyville, TN – North Springs Music Festival *
October 11 – Decatur, AL – Princess Theatre
October 12 – Greenville, SC – Radio Room
December 9 – Nashville, TN – Peach Jam @ The Basement East

- with Jesse Roper
* - Festival
^ - supporting Blackberry Smoke
% - supporting The Marshall Tucker Band
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