

John DeFilippo announces the Showboats captains

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Memphis Showboats head coach John DeFilippo has released the Showboats' captains for the 2024 season. Team captains were determined by a vote of the team. The announcement was made on March 27.

The Showboats' offensive captains will be quarterback **Case Cookus** and running back **Darius Victor**. Captains of the defensive side of the ball will be defensive lineman John Atkins Sr. and defensive back Jarey Elder. The special teams representative as a captain will be punter Matt White.

The Showboats' home opener is slated for April 6 at 11 a.m. CT,

when the San Antonio Brahmas visit Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. Season tickets and single-game tickets are available at TheUFL.com/tickets. The home opener will be telecast on ESPN and broadcast on News Talk 98.9FM in Memphis. For more information, visit TheUFL.com.

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Showboats kick off season against San Antonio Brahmas from sports page 1

Help celebrate these incredible service-oriented heroes. The Showboats will also be giving away grill tool spatulas, while supplies last.

The fifth and final regular-season home game will be played on Sunday, June 2 with a special 6 p.m. prime time start. This "Boats at Night" game will be against the Houston Roughnecks and will air nationally on FOX. All season long, Memphis Showboats home games will feature:

- **Fan festival** area in the concourse, featuring a prize wheel, fun games for the kids, facepainting, a photo booth, and more.
- **Single game** tickets starting at \$20.

- **\$6 draft beers** during the first 45 minutes after gates open.
- **Opportunities for kids** to be on the field.
- **Seating** will be on the east side of the stadium (opposite the press box)

Season tickets start at just \$100 and include the same great seat for all five home games. For season and single-game tickets, visit www.TheUFL.com/tickets.

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Warren named AAC Pitcher of the Week



David Warren

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis baseball right-handed pitcher David Warren was named the American Athletic Conference (AAC) Pitcher of the Week after a career night on the mound in the Tigers' 2-1 Thursday night win over Florida Atlantic.

The 6-foot-3 Dothan, Alabama, native picked up a win in his third-consecutive start and threw seven-plus innings for the third time this season, going a career-high 7.1 innings in the win. Warren also sat down a career-best 10 Owls on strikes, allowing just a single run on four hits and a pair of walks – with the first free pass not coming until the eighth inning.

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On the board in the third inning before surrendering his only run of the contest via a solo home run to lead off the fourth inning. The staff veteran proceeded to face just 14 batters while recording the next dozen outs from the fourth through seventh innings.

On the season, Warren is 4-1 (2-0 AAC) with a 4.54 ERA over 41.2 innings of work.

The Tigers host SEC foe Ole Miss (18-11) at FedExPark Avron Fogelman Field Tuesday night at 6 p.m. Action will be available to stream on ESPN+ as well as GoTigersGo.com via audio stream with Jeff Brightwell on the call.

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

Oak Ridge Boys mourn the death of Norah Lee Allen, wife of group's lead singer Duane Allen from sports-Ent. page 5

group of talented singers who accompanied some of the music industry's most outstanding performers.

Norah Lee grew up in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and began singing with her sisters in The Stuart Sisters Trio, formed by their father when she was only three. For nearly 17 years, the family gospel singers traveled, toured, and performed at revivals, concerts, conventions, and churches throughout the southeast. In 1966, Norah Lee graduated from Warren County High School.

In 1968, Norah Lee was hired by the Legendary Chuck Wagon Gang. The acclaimed country gospel music group was known for its perfect pitch harmonies and family-friendly, faith-based songs. It proved to be a fantastic introduction to the music industry for Norah Lee.

A look back at Norah Lee and Duane Allen.



Photos/Courtesy: Oak Ridge Boys and 2911 Media.

On September 22nd, 1969, Norah Lee married Duane Allen, lead singer of The Oak Ridge Boys.

In the early 1970s, Norah Lee worked in Nashville with Benson Publishing Group. She adopted multiple roles there, from secretarial work to providing background vocals during studio recordings. In Nashville, word spread of Norah Lee's exceptional vocal ability. Her incredible versatility led to recommendations for background session work with country, bluegrass, and gospel bands for many artists, including Grand Ole Opry bass legend Jerome Hines and Conway Twitty.

In 1975, Norah Lee moved into the role defining her professional musical career. At first, she became a part-time fill-in, yet in 1980, Norah Lee became a full-time member of the Grand Ole Opry band as a background vocalist. Over the years, Norah Lee

and the Carol Lee Singers, then Opry Staff Singers, mastered dozens of songs each night, then superbly performed the new renditions in front of thousands of country music fans live at the Opry and on television and radio worldwide.

One of Norah Lee's most mean-

ingful lifetime achievements was her ability to care for and maintain a faith-based family life as a professional at the Grand Ole Opry. Her close-knit family, including her husband Duane, two children, Jamie Allen (Paul) Martin and Dee Allen, and her four grandchildren, March, Kell,

Texas, and Tallant Martin, remained the center of her attention.

For over 50 years, Norah Lee performed regularly with the greatest stars in country music history. She worked with Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Garth Brooks, Olivia Newton-John, Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Minnie Pearl, Trisha Yearwood, Charlie Daniels, Martina McBride, and Loretta Lynn, only to mention a few.

One of Norah Lee's most impactful shows came when she performed with one of the industry's top female pop and country artists of the 1950s & 60s, Patti Paige. As one of Norah Lee's favorite all-time vocalists, sharing the stage and meeting with Patti and her husband after the show left an enduring impression on Norah Lee's life and professional career.

In 2022, Norah Lee Allen was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

Throughout her lifetime, Norah Lee Allen dedicated her professional and personal life to the support of those around her. She accompanied the greatest stars in music yet remained humble, faithful to her Christian values, and devoted to her family. Norah Lee's immense talent was unmistakable, and her professionalism was unquestionable. Norah Lee Allen embodied the gentle soul and firm conviction of a successful lifelong music artist. As a wife, mother, and grandmother, she earned the admiration of the entire Nashville music establishment.

Further details regarding memorial arrangements will be shared on Duane Allen's Facebook page and The Oak Ridge Boys' official social media.

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will be setup on Tiger Lane with inflatables, face painters and other activities for kids. The Kids Zone will open at 1pm.

- Food trucks will be available prior to the game at Tiger Lane.
- Beer specials for only \$3 during the game.
- There will be a live DJ at the game, in-game interviews, as well as Memphis band and cheer.
- The 2024 Memphis Football posters will be available for fans.
- Fans will have the chance to enter and win BIG prizes during the game.
- Tiger Bookstore will be onsite at the game.

Season Tickets on Sale

- Fans can talk with ticket office representatives in-person and purchase season tickets at the stadium.
- Ticket sales staff will be located at Tiger Lane and inside of Gate 3 at the game for fans that would like to purchase or renew season tickets for the 2024 season.

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