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Ones Basketball League (OBL) Owners & GMs select four teams for “Battle of the Cities” ... from sports page 1

perience, ranging from Division I, II and III to the NBA G League and overseas veterans. The full rosters can be seen here: <https://oblhoops.com/elementor-page-458/>. Some of the more notable selections include:

Atlanta: Malik “Bambam” Dunbar (6’4)... a forward from Beechilsand, South Carolina, most recently played for the Caledonia Gladiators in the UK’s Super League Basketball. Recognized for his two-season collegiate career at Auburn University, where he was a key reserve during their historic 2019 Final Four run after a standout stint at the College of Central Florida. He became a fan favorite known as an "energy guy" and was awarded the Sonny Smith Outstanding Teammate Award in 2019.

Chris Allen (6’4)... from Gwinnett County, Georgie, Allen built a strong basketball career marked by high-level college success and extensive professional experience. He played three seasons at Michigan State, contributing to back-to-back Final Four teams in 2009 and 2010, before finishing at Iowa State. There, he led the team with 76 three-pointers and averaged a career-high 12.2 points per game, earning All-Big 12 Honorable Mention. Allen went on to play in the NBA G League, averaging 12.5 points per game during the 2013–14 season with the Iowa Wolves and Sioux Falls Skyforce. He also competed internationally across Israel, Greece, Mexico, Brazil,

and China, showcasing his scoring ability and versatility. Most recently, he has continued his professional career in the BIG3, bringing veteran leadership and consistent production.

Baltimore: Dylan “DC3” Cormier (6’2) From Baltimore, Maryland, Cormier finished his collegiate career ranked 7th all-time in points (1,659) and 2nd in steals (185) at Loyola Baltimore. He played a pivotal role in leading the Greyhounds to the 2012 MAAC Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance. Dylan played professionally for ZZ Leiden in the Netherlands, where he was named the DBL Sixth Man of the Year in 2015.

Chicago: Captain: Yehosua “Yoshi” Craig (6’2) ... from Chicago, Illinois, he graduated from Kennedy-King College in 2014 and also attended Iowa Central. Beyond his time with the Chicago Fury, he has sought opportunities to play for the Chicago Rebels and participated in the Ones Basketball League (OBL), a one-on-one tournament founded by Tracy McGrady, winning \$10,000, which he dedicated to supporting his three children. “Yoshi” has also won other tournaments like the Now That’s TV 1v1 tournament and the Detroit Ballhog 1v1 tournament.

DC: Isaiah “Zae” Moore (6’1) is a former standout guard from Washington, DC, and played for the South Alabama Jaguars. During his final collegiate season as a graduate student, he was one of

the most prolific scorers in the Sun Belt Conference and set multiple school records. Moore joined the Jaguars as a graduate transfer from Franklin Pierce University and immediately became a central figure in their offense. He led the Jaguars in scoring during the 2022-23 season, averaging 18.9 points per game and also averaged 4.6 assists per game, which was the ninth-most in a single season in program history. He earned D2 All-American, First-Team All-Sun Belt and Sun Belt All-Tournament honors, as well as a selection to the NABC All-District second team. Moore has played for several professional teams across the G League and international leagues. He has had stints with the Iowa Wolves, OKC Blue, and Cleveland Charge.

Miami: Captain: James “Byrd” Daniel (5’11) is a guard from Hampton, Virginia. Daniel played three standout seasons at Howard University, where he became the school’s all-time leading scorer with 1,933 points. After an injury-shortened senior year, he finished his collegiate career as a graduate transfer for the Tennessee Volunteers in 2017-18. Following college, He was the NCAA Scoring Leader: Averaged 27.1 points per game, leading all Division I players. Named MEAC Player of the Year (2016), MEAC Rookie of the Year (2014), and an AP Honorable Mention All-American. He also holds the #1 place in all-time wins in OBL.



OBL (Ones Basketball League) founder basketball Hall of Famer and entrepreneur Tracy McGrady gets ready for first day of OBL competition, beginning May 15. (Photo/Courtesy: OBL)

New York: Jeremiah “Jerry” Mordi (6’3) Won two championships over his professional career, playing for the Nigerian National Team as well as in the NBA GLeague, Basketball Africa League, and in countries such as Canada and France... averaged 19 ppg as a senior at Queens College, and averaged 19ppg as a senior at Valley Stream Central High School.

Orlando: Bryce “Breezy” Moragne (6’5), currently serving as the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Spoto High School in his hometown, Tampa, Florida, where he also plays in the TBL for the Tampa Bay Titans. He

was one of the stars of the second launch of Slamball, where he was the #1 overall pick in the 2023 draft for the team Lava. Moragne played five seasons (2017–2022) for the Florida A&M Rattlers, where he became one of the program’s most reliable forwards; where he holds the records for All-Time Offensive Rebounds (5th) and Defensive Rebounds (7th).

Raleigh: Captain: Darius “DJO” Johnson Odom (6’2)... From Raleigh, North Carolina. “DJO” was a standout at Marquette University (2009–2012), where he was a First-team All-Big East selection in 2012 and

finished as one of the program’s top-10 all-time scorers. Drafted 55th overall in the 2012 NBA Draft by the Dallas Mavericks (rights traded to the Lakers). He appeared in 7 total NBA games for the Los Angeles Lakers (2012–13) and Philadelphia 76ers (2013–14). He has played in 10 different countries, including major leagues in Italy (Cremona, Reggio Emilia), France (Orléans, Le Mans), Greece (Olympiacos), and Turkey.

“Battle of the Cities” will take an expanded version of the original OBL, with elite one-on-one athletes bringing their own vision, culture and prestige tied to the city from where they grew up, played and/or call home. Each city-based team will have a four man roster, comprised of players who best reflect the tradition, values and basketball culture of the city the 1 v 1 team represents, hand selected by the Owners/GMs. “OBL: Battle of the Cities” will take place over multiple weeks in Orlando, Florida, where McGrady was raised playing 1 v 1 himself, from May 15 to June 30, with teams competing for the swagger, pride, and identity of every city represented. 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.

Ravens take on Dallas Cowboys in NFL Rio Game from sports page 1

for information about the 2026 NFL Rio Game at nfl.com/Rio. Cowboys and Ravens fans based in the U.S. looking for fan travel packages to Rio can purchase these directly from On Location. Follow NFL Brazil on Instagram, X and TikTok. The NFL has played two games

in Brazil (2024: Packers-Eagles; 2025: Chiefs-Chargers) in São Paulo at Corinthians Arena. The 2026 Rio game is part of a record nine international contests to be played during the upcoming season, across four continents, seven countries and eight stadiums.

Newsmax original presents ‘Tough Guys: The Men Who Made Hollywood’ from sports-Ent. 6

documentary features the perspectives of film expert, author, and screenwriter C. Courtney Joyner, as well as film historian, TV producer, and co-host of the “Film Freaks Forever” podcast, Mark Jordan Legan.

The film also includes analysis of how these early actors transformed the genre and how much influence they had on the direction of the studio system. Other talking points include how Edward G. Robinson crossed so many genres and how Wallace Beery made more than 175 films

despite being notoriously difficult to work with. Whether playing the reluctant hero or the role of the “heavy,” audiences clamored to see larger-than-life stories play out on the big screen. Whatever caricatures these men filled, they brought drama to the movies, which wouldn’t be the same without them. Hopkins simply referred to these men as “early pioneers of the ‘tough guy’ persona, who were foundational stars of cinema from the silent era and the early talkies.”

Mykhailiets named to All-Conf. Team second straight year

MEMPHIS, Tenn. , April 28, 2026– The University of Memphis women’s tennis team’s Sofia Mykhailiets was named to the American Conference’s All-Conference Team for the second straight season, the conference announced Tuesday.

Mykhailiets, a sophomore from Dnipro, Ukraine followed up her standout freshman season with an even more impressive sophomore campaign.

Playing at line one singles in every match for the Tigers,

Mykhailiets posted a 10-3 record including a seven-match win streak from late February to early April, all coming in straight sets. Her 10 wins at the number one position are the third most of any player in the conference.

Mykhailiets claimed big wins for Memphis all season, including a 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5) victory at Wake Forest, a 6-2, 6-3 victory in the Tigers upset of No. 52 Columbia and wins over several NCAA Tournament teams such as ETSU, UCSB, Denver and Xavier.

Award-winning singer and songwriter Lee Newton’s intimate acoustic album “Beautifully Undone” is now available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Award-winning singer-songwriter Lee Newton’s latest project, the acoustic album ‘Beautifully Undone,’ is available now. Featuring a collection of songs from across her career, the project presents each track in a more intimate acoustic setting, bringing the lyrics and emotion to the forefront while offering a fresh perspective on the songs fans already love. The album has already earned premieres and features from outlets, including My Kind of Country, Whiskey & Cigarettes, Michelle Lee On Air, The Josie Show, The Music Universe, The Country Note, and Cashbox Magazine.

‘Beautifully Undone’ was a special experience, bringing these songs back to their roots in a more intimate, acoustic setting,” shares Newton. “Each track was carefully chosen because it holds a deeply personal meaning and reflects the heart behind the lyrics. I hope this project feels honest, refreshing, and connects with listeners in a meaningful way.”

‘Beautifully Undone’ track listing:
01 “Used To Be Mine” - (Premiered by My Kind of Country)
02 “Be The Man” - (Premiered by My Kind of Country)
03 “Stay” - (Premiered by Whis-



key & Cigarettes)
04 “Go On” - (Premiered by Smoked Country Jam & Bluegrass Borderline with Michelle Lee on Michelle Lee On Air)
05 “Strength of a Woman” - (Premiered by Smoked Country Jam & Bluegrass Borderline with Michelle Lee on Michelle Lee On Air)
06 “Carolina Rain” (Premiered by The Josie Show)
07 “Your Hat” (Premiered by The Music Universe)
08 “Meant To Be” (Premiered by The Country Note)
09 Workin’ Girl Blues - (Premiered by Cashbox Magazine)

Recently, Lee Newton was honored during her album release party at the Firehouse Inn with a special recognition from the state of North Carolina. She was presented with a North Carolina state flag that flew over the State Capitol on April 20, 2026, given by NC GA Representative Jake Johnson on behalf of Governor Josh Stein in honor of her contributions to entertainment and charitable work in her home state.

In addition, Newton received formal recognition from Rutherford County Commissioner Hunter Haynes and County Manager

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Bryan King, officially declaring April 25, 2026, as “Lee Newton Day.”

“Celebrating ‘Beautifully Undone’ was one of the most meaningful moments of my career, turning a release party into a full weekend of unforgettable memories,” shares Newton. “I was truly honored to be recognized by Jake Johnson with a certificate from the North Carolina legislature, and to share the experience with friends, family, and supporters. Being able to perform these songs in such a personal way made it all incredibly special.”

Continuing to celebrate country music’s rich legacy, Newton also teamed with Georgette Jones and

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