NFL names Stephanie Kwok Vice President, Head of Flag Football



NEW YORK — May 21, 2024 Stephanie Kwok has been named to the newly created position of vice president, head of flag football, the NFL announced

An experienced and entrepreneurial leader, Kwok will serve as the NFL lead on the cross-organizational priority that is flag football, reporting directly to NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations Troy Vin-

Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and around the world. Kwok will be responsible for driving the NFL's role in the continued growth of domestic and international participation across all levels, while engaging new fans and partners in the sport. Kwok will work in close partnership with NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business, Events and International Peter O'Reilly, as well as key stakeholders across the league and

"We are excited that Stephanie is joining our team to apply her proven leadership skills to advance the most affordable, acinclusive, and cessible. competitive sport in the world," said Vincent. "As a Flag player and league organizer and operator, Stephanie brings a passion to exponentially expand the game that has taken the sports world by storm and provides opportunity for all girls, boys, men and women to experience the fun and values of football."

Kwok joins the league with an already firmly established passion for flag football, both from a personal and professional perspective. An avid flag player in multiple leagues in the New York City area, Kwok also co-founded a company, Pickup Football, that ran competitive flag tournaments for adults across the tri-state area prior to the onset of the COVID pandemic.

Kwok comes to the NFL from Reforge, where she was a partner at one of the leading career development platforms and marketplaces for tech industry professionals.

Kwok also served in senior leadership positions at FanDuel, where she led strategy, operations, and marketing teams and worked to identify new growth initiatives for the company. Previously, she worked at Madison Square Garden, leading various marketing campaigns for the Knicks and Rangers.

A native New Yorker, Kwok graduated with a political science degree from Stanford, where she was the co-captain of the varsity squash team, before earning an MBA from Harvard Business

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Monday and Thursday night window are tentative and subject to change. Only Sunday afternoon games are eligible to be moved to Sunday, Monday or Thursday night, in which case the tentatively scheduled Sunday or Monday night game would be moved to a Sunday afternoon.

In Week 18, two games will be played on Saturday (3:30 PM CT and 7:15 PM CT) with the remainder to be played on Sunday afternoon (Noon PM CT and 3:25 PM CT) and one matchup to be played on Sunday night (7:20 PM CT). Specific dates, start times, and networks for Week 18 matchups will be determined and announced following the conclusion of Week 17. For more information about NFL Flexible Scheduling, please https://www.nfl.com/schedules/fl exible-scheduling-procedures.

Additionally, the Titans preseason opponents were set with home games against San Francisco and Seattle and a road contest at New Orleans.

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> SOME SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

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ning with a visit by the reigning NFC Champion San Francisco 49ers. Prior to joining the Titans, executive vice president/general manager Ran Carthon was with the 49ers for six seasons as director of pro personnel (2017-20) and director of player personnel (2021-22). San Francisco running back Christian McCaffrey is the reigning AP Offensive Player of the Year ... In Week 2 of the preseason, the Titans host the Seattle Seahawks, who are in their first season under current head coach and former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald ... Finally, the Titans conclude the preseason on the road at New Orleans, where they opened the 2023 campaign and fell by a final score of 16-15. The Caesars Superdome in New Orleans is the future site of Super Bowl LIX.

• WEEK 1 at CHICAGO: The Brian Callahan head coaching era begins for the Titans with a visit to Soldier Field, which opened in 1924 ... FOX is scheduled to televise the game ... It is the first time the Titans and Bears franchises will play on Kickoff Weekend ... The Titans enter

2024 with an all-time record of 32-32 in season openers ... Although the Titans and Bears have clashed in the preseason four times in a seven-year span (2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023), this is the Titans' first appearance at Soldier Field during the regular season since a 27-21 victory on Nov. 27, 2016. Tennessee also took the last regular season meeting at Nissan Stadium on Nov. 8, 2020 by a score of 24-17 ... With a pair of top 10 picks in the 2024 NFL Draft, the Bears selected University of Southern California quarterback Caleb Williams first overall and University of Washington wide receiver Rome Odunze ninth overall ... The Bears fielded the NFL's top-ranked rushing defense in 2023 (86.4 opponent rushing yards per game).

 WEEK 2 vs. NEW YORK JETS: Tennessee owns a 12-13 record in home openers at Nissan Stadium since the venue opened in 1999 ... The Jets make their first appearance at Nissan Stadium since Dec. 21, 2018, when the Titans won 26-22 ... Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers, a four-time league MVP, returns for his second season with the team after suffering a seasonending injury in Week 1 of the 2023 campaign.

WEEK 3 vs. GREEN BAY: The Packers have not made an appearance at Nissan Stadium since a 47-25 Titans victory on Nov. 13, 2016 ... Green Bay is led by head coach Matt LaFleur, who was the offensive coordinator in Tennessee in 2018 before going to Green Bay the following season ... Packers quarterback Jordan Love enters his second full season as the team's starting quarterback. He passed for 4,159 yards and 32 touchdowns in 2023 ... Titans president of football operations Chad Brinker was employed by the Packers from 2010 through 2022 ... The Titans own an 8-6 all-time record against Green Bay, including a 5-2 mark since 1999.

• WEEK 4 at MIAMI (MON-DAY NIGHT FOOTBALL): The Titans trek to South Florida for a rematch of a 2023 Monday night thriller (Dec. 11), when quarterback Will Levis engineered a comeback victory for Tennessee. The Titans scored 15 points in a span of 51 seconds, erasing a 14point deficit to win 28-27. They became the first NFL team since the Oakland Raiders in 1976 (vs. Pittsburgh) to win in regulation after trailing by 14 or more points with less than three minutes to go in the fourth quarter ... The Titans own a 26-19 all-time record on Monday Night Football, including nine wins in their past 12 appearances ... Featuring quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and wide receiver Tyreek Hill, the Dolphins produced the NFL's topranked overall offense (401.3 total yards per game) and passing offense (265.5) in 2023.

TN Office of Homeland Security graduates 26 special agents for safety

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - On Friday, May 17, Governor Bill Lee, Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff support public safety," said De-Long, and Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Deputy Commissioner Greg Mays presented badges to 26 new Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Spe-

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As of today, 83 out of 95 counties have a Special Agent assigned since funding became available on July 1, 2023. This marks significant progress towards Governor Lee's goal of having a Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Special Agent assigned to all 95 counties in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's mission is to serve, secure, and protect the people of Tennessee.

Dukes of Hazzard star Tom Wopat returns to the Volunteer State ... from sports-Ent. 5 Also recently released

reer that has ranged from starring roles on Broadway, various television appearances, singing in such venues as The Ol' Opera, Carnegie Hall, and the Hollywood Bowl, to a featured role in Quentin Tarantino's Django Unchained. More recently Wopat released a new recording project, an album entitled Simple Man, a 13 song collection that is his 13th solo album.

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balls in the air." Tom was a staple on the Broadway stage for 35 years, garnering a pair of Tony award nominations along the way. Long known for his musical leading man abilities, Wopat also was critically acclaimed for his dramatic work in The Trip to Bountiful and Glenn Gary Glenn Ross. But currently it's his work in the studio and on the road with some of the most talented musicians in the world that has provided Tom the most satisfaction. Tom says, "At this point, I basically do what I enjoy... I've been blessed."

GG Jackson II named to **NBA** All-Rookie 2nd Team from sports page 1

ing double figures in every game, and recorded 37.5 points over his final two games. He set a singlegame rookie franchise record with a career-high 44 points, the second-highest scoring total by a teenager in NBA history, in the regular season finale on April 14 vs. Denver. Jackson II is the fifth Grizzlies player in the last six seasons to receive All-Rookie honors, including Jaren Jackson Jr. (First Team in 2018-19), Ja Morant and Brandon Clarke (First Team in 2019-20) and Desmond Bane (Second Team in 2021-22).

Remember those who fought to preserve American freedom on this Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

Lest we forget!



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