

# Sports & Entertainment

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homa State Cowboy, logged 75 tackles over three seasons in Stillwater, also forcing a fumble and picking off a pair of passes.

Head coach Charles Huff's first season in Memphis is set to be an exciting one with eight of Memphis' 11 FBS opponents earning bowl berths in 2025.

The Tigers will have a six-game home slate at the new-look Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, hosting Arkansas State (Sept. 5) and UT Martin (Sept. 19) in the nonconference slate before American Conference contests against UAB (Oct. 10) in the "Battle for the Bones", East Carolina (Oct. 22), Army (Oct. 31) and Temple (Nov. 27).

Memphis also has a stout road slate against the two top Mountain West programs in UNLV (Aug. 29) and Boise State (Sept. 12), along with conference matchups at Charlotte (Oct. 3), Tulane (Oct. 16), South Florida (Nov. 12) and Navy (Nov. 21), with the Green Wave, Bulls and Midshipmen all finishing in the top five in the American in 2025.

**Season Tickets Available Now**  
Fans can purchase new season tickets and current season ticket members can renew their seats by logging into their account by visiting [www.gotigersgo.com](http://www.gotigersgo.com) for more information.

Season tickets for the 2026 campaign start at just \$99, a \$50 reduction from last season, providing fans one of the most affordable ways to experience Memphis football while returning to a transformed Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

A new feature for the 2026 campaign is the addition of the West Side Plaza. All fans with seats in the west side chairbacks (Sections 131, 132, 101-109) will have access to this new area. The full pricing map can be viewed at <https://www.gotigersgo.com>

**Stadium Seating Update**  
As part of the ongoing modernization of Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, Memphis Athletics has also introduced an updated section and row numbering system for 2026. While section and row identifiers have been adjusted to improve wayfinding throughout the stadium, season ticket members will keep the same seats - only how they are labeled has changed. Updated seating maps and renewal information will be provided directly to ticket holders.

Example of the New Numbering Under the updated system, seats will reflect the new level-based layout:

- Previously Section 120, Row 40 is now Section 220, Row 12
- Previously Section 101, Row 8 is now Section 101, Row 1

For additional information on season tickets, premium seating opportunities or the 2026 Memphis football season, fans can visit [GoTigersGo.com](http://GoTigersGo.com) or contact the Memphis Athletics Ticket Office (901-678-2331).

How to follow the Tigers: For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

## Two hip-hop empires unite to bring ‘Cash Money & No Limit Tour’ to the FedExForum on Oct. 24

*Tickets now on sale!*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Two of the biggest independent empires in hip-hop announced the first-ever **Cash Money Records & No Limit Records Tour** is coming to FedExForum on Saturday, Oct. 24. The historic tour will include a star-studded lineup, featuring **Master P, Birdman, Juvenile, Silk the Shocker, Mannie Fresh, B.G., Mia X, Choppa Style, Mac, Mercedes, Fiend and Mr. Serv-On**, along with special guest, **Boosie**. Tickets are now on sale at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and the FedExForum Box Office.

Cash Money Records and No Limit Records helped transform Southern hip-hop into a national force, expanding its influence far beyond the region and reshaping the business of music in the process. Both labels have shown artists that ownership and independence matter. Together, they represent Black excellence at the highest level by building their own lanes, creating generational impact and inspiring millions to dream bigger.

FedExForum has implemented a clear bag policy that limits the size and types of bags that may be brought into the venue for all future events. Only clear bags made of plastic, vinyl or PVC no larger than 6x8x2 inches will be allowed inside FedExForum. Clear bags may not have an all-over print or decoration that prohibits full view of its contents. Clear bags may contain a strap, but metal or chain straps are prohibited. Guests will be limited to one (1) clear bag per person. For

more information, visit [fedexforum.com/arena-policy-updates](http://fedexforum.com/arena-policy-updates).

About Cash Money Records:

Cash Money Records is one of hip-hop's most successful and influential independent-to-major-label success stories. Founded in New Orleans, the label helped launch and shape the careers of many of rap's most important artists, while creating a sound, business model, and cultural identity that continue to influence music today.

About No Limit Records:

No Limit Records, founded by Master P, became one of the most powerful independent music movements of the 1990s and beyond. Built on ownership, entrepreneurship, and relentless output, No Limit helped redefine what was possible for hip-hop artists and independent labels, leaving a lasting mark on music, business, and culture.

About BMN Entertainment:

BMN Entertainment is a premier live entertainment company producing and promoting large-scale comedy and music events across the United States. With a reputation for delivering top-tier talent and unforgettable fan experiences, BMN continues to redefine the live entertainment landscape through innovation, culture, and community connection.

## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority kicks off 2026 Grand Boulé in Nashville with the theme of “S.H.E.: Voices of Service and Advocacy in Harmony”

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 6, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Thousands of women leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs, advocates, and community changemakers representing one of the nation's leading service organizations will gather in Nashville, Tennessee, for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated's International 2026 Grand Boulé, taking place July 6–11, 2026. Guided by the theme, "The Extraordinary Power of S.H.E.: Voices of Service and Advocacy in Harmony," the organization's premier international gathering will spotlight leadership, service, advocacy, education, and economic empowerment while creating a lasting impact throughout the Nashville community. The 2026 Grand Boulé will feature a dynamic lineup of workshops, certifications, and professional trainings focused on leadership development, entrepreneurship, workforce readiness, financial literacy, health equity, technology, governance,

and civic engagement. Attendees will also participate in signature events including S.H.E. Serves Nashville: Women's Empowerment & Resource Expo, Social Justice & Collegiate Leaders Breakfast, Health Justice & Friendship Breakfast, Women Who Win Business Pitch Competition, Zetas Got Talent Showcase & Concert, and the prestigious Power of S.H.E. Awards Gala, Banquet & Concert, all designed to celebrate achievement, foster innovation, and inspire the next generation of leaders.

"Grand Boulé 2026 represents the extraordinary power that emerges when women unite around a shared commitment to service, leadership, advocacy, and empowerment," said Dr. Stacie NC Grant, International President & CEO of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. "This gathering is more than a conference: it is an opportunity to develop leaders, strengthen communities, create pathways to

opportunity, and demonstrate the impact that occurs when women use their voices and influence to drive meaningful change." In addition to its educational and community initiatives, the 2026 Grand Boulé is expected to generate significant economic activity for Nashville through tourism, hospitality, transportation, dining, entertainment, and local business engagement. The convention further underscores the importance of public-private partnerships in advancing opportunity and community development. The success of the 2026 Grand Boulé is made possible through the support of sponsors and partners, including Prudential Financial, Amazon, Eli Lilly, Google, JPMorgan Chase, Niagara Bottling Company, and the American Diabetes Association. Together, these partnerships help to expand access to financial literacy, workforce development, entrepreneurship, health equity, digital literacy, and economic

empowerment initiatives that strengthen individuals, families, and communities. The 2026 Grand Boulé is where leadership meets service, advocacy meets action, and women come together to create lasting impact in communities across the globe.

ABOUT ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

Founded on January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is an international organization of professional women committed to Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. For more than a century, the organization has positively impacted communities through programs and initiatives that advance education, health, economic empowerment, social justice, and leadership development worldwide.

### For the Record

## Atlanta crowned champions in Tracy McGrady’s ‘OBL: For the Throne’ 1v1 Hoops’ thrilling finish

*Parks Win Caps Dramatic Comeback to Carry ATL to Title by a Single Point*

ORLANDO, Fla., July 1, 2026 - Paul Parks posted a 9-4 triumph over AC Camara, lifting Team Atlanta to the Ones Basketball League (OBL) Championship, dubbed “For the Throne,” in a dramatic 29-28 triumph over Team Washington D.C., in front of a packed house at Oak Ridge High School and international television audience on Fubu Sports Network and YouTube on Wednesday. OBL Founder Basketball Hall of

Famer Tracy McGrady was on hand along with the celebrity GM/Owners of each squad.

D.C.’s Zeke Hurst got his team off to a good start in the finals, scoring the first seven points en route to a 9-5 win over DJ Waters. Atlanta’s Malik Dunbar returned the favor, taking a 7-0 lead and holding off Zae Moore, 9-6, in the second matchup. Then, in what might have been the game of the night, Kevin “Uncle Skoob” Kuteyi went toe-to-toe with Brannon Hopkins, scoring the last four points for a 9-6 victory to put D.C. ahead,

24-20. But Parks then battled Camara, another duel of top-flite players, and, leading 7-4, swished a jumper from behind the two-point line for the event-winning shot.

Atlanta and D.C. had advanced by edging Baltimore and Miami, respectively, in the semifinals before meeting for the title. Atlanta staved off a late Baltimore rally to win by a single bucket, 20-19, while D.C. and Miami ended the semifinal tied at 21, necessitating a first-to-two-point playoff between D.C.’s Moore and Miami’s John Williams Jr., won by

Moore, 2-0, to send D.C. to the final. All four team members competed in 1v1 matchups, with the total points scored by each player determining the team winner in each round. “This was the best of the best, and it did not disappoint,” said McGrady. “Great players make great plays, and these 16 athletes showed that one on one is the ultimate basketball test. Congratulations to Team D.C. and Team ATL for proving it on the court and to the fans for bringing the energy all night.”

## Memphis volleyball announces season single-game ticket options for Tiger fans for winning 2026 season

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 30, 2026 – The University of Memphis volleyball team announced Tuesday that single-game tickets are now available for purchase for the 2026 season.

Single-game tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$7 for reserved seating, plus advance fees.

The Tigers will host 14 matches inside Elma Roane Fieldhouse, featuring home matchups against Boston College on Sept. 11, Mississippi State on Sept. 12 and Ole Miss on Sept. 15.

Tickets are free for all current University of Memphis students who claim them in advance. Additionally, up to two fans ages 17

and under will receive free general admission with the purchase of an adult ticket. Reserved seating must be purchased if parents or guardians want children to sit with them in the reserved bleacher sections. For the Carrie Yerty Classic, fans can purchase day passes for \$15 or a weekend pass for \$40, granting access to all five tournament

matches running Thursday, Sept. 10 through Saturday, Sept. 12. Fans can purchase tickets using

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Volleyball, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

## SAF seeks Supreme Court review in the New York City stun gun ban case

BELLEVUE, Wash. — July 7, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners have filed a petition for a writ of certiorari in *Calce v. City of New York*, a case challenging New York City’s ban on electronic arms. New York City flatly prohibits the possession of stun guns, despite their common nationwide

use as a less-lethal option for self-defense chosen by hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Americans. Joining SAF in *Calce v. City of New York* are five individuals and the Firearms Policy Coalition. “The fact that residents of New York City cannot decide for themselves if they’d like to use a stun gun or taser for self-defense

borders on the ridiculous,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “Prohibiting law-abiding, peaceable citizens from carrying non-lethal means of self-defense not only violates the Constitution but transparently communicates the real disdain York City lawmakers have for the residents they represent. How else can you morally or ethically justify ban-

ning these defensive tools?” As noted in the petition, “This Court should grant review to clarify the standards that apply in arms ban cases and to establish that nonlethal, electronic arms are just as much arms under the Second Amendment as are firearms. The Second Amendment protects implements that can

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Complimentary military tickets are available for FedEx St. Jude Championship, August 12-16. For more information, visit [FedExChampionship.com/military](http://FedExChampionship.com/military).



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