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Uof M mourns loss of Hall of Famer and first Black quarterback Kippy Brown

MEMPHIS, Tenn. , September 1, 2026– The University of Memphis is mourning the loss of M Club and Tennessee Sports Hall of Famer **Kippy Brown**, who passed away at the age of 71.

Brown played for the Tigers from 1974-77 and was a pioneer as the first Black quarterback in Memphis football history.

Brown was honored with the Billy J. Murphy Award and inducted into the M Club Hall of Fame in 2016 and then the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2019.

In his first season as Memphis' starting quarterback, Brown led the Tigers to a 31-20 upset victory over No. 7 Auburn and a 7-4 overall record. During his four-year tenure with the Tigers, Memphis never had a losing season.

Following his successful playing career, Brown embarked on a distinguished coaching career that included stops at Memphis (State), Louisville and Tennessee, as well as eight NFL franchises: the New York Jets, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Miami Dolphins, Green Bay Packers, Houston Texans, Detroit Lions, Tennessee Titans and Seattle Seahawks. Brown culminated his coaching career as a member of the Seahawks' coaching staff during their 2014 Super Bowl season.

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Originally from Sweetwater, Tennessee, Brown led Sweetwater High School to back-to-back Class A state championships in 1971 and 1972.

Brown is survived by his wife, Deon and two children, Jennifer and Jeome.

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

Head coach Charles Huff named Bear Bryant National Coach of the Week from sports page 1

tigersgo.com.

For the 2026 season, Memphis will implement tiered pricing for single-game tickets:

Tier 1: Army – starting at \$25
Tier 2: UAB, Arkansas State, East Carolina – starting at \$20
Tier 3: UT Martin, Temple – starting at \$15

Fans are encouraged to purchase early and save. Ticket prices will increase by \$5 during game week and again by an additional \$5 on gameday at the Box Office. This change helps support enhanced planning for security, concessions and staffing.

Single-game tickets purchased in the West Side Chairbacks will include access to Landers Plaza.

For fans seeking flexibility, the Memphis Football Mini Plan gives the option to choose any three games that best fit your

schedule, starting at just \$60.

Similar to last year, Memphis Athletics will be asking fans to cover the Shelby County sales tax rate of 9.75 percent on all tickets and parking.

Single-game tickets can be purchased online at www.gotigersgo.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331. For group tickets and experiences, please contact the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

For premium seating experiences, please contact the Memphis Athletic Fund at MAFPremium@memphis.edu.

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Memphis Hustle acquire returning player rights to Yuri Collins from Nets

– *Hustle Trade Returning Player Rights to Tyler Burton to Warriors and Send Returning Player Rights to Joey Calcaterra to Nets* –

MEMPHIS, Tenn., September 1, 2026– The Memphis Hustle today announced the team acquired the returning player rights to guard Yuri Collins from the Long Island Nets and a 2027 second round pick from the Santa Cruz Warriors in a three-team trade. As part of the deal, the Hustle traded the returning player rights to forward Tyler Burton to the Warriors and sent the returning player rights to guard Joey Calcaterra to the Nets. Santa Cruz also traded a 2027 first round pick (via Wisconsin) to the Nets.

Collins (6-0, 190) has appeared in 65 games (62 starts) over the past two seasons with the Long Island Nets and Santa Cruz Warriors and averaged 12.7 points, 9.2 assists and 1.3 steals in 23.9 minutes. The 25-year-old has ap-

peared in 115 games (66 starts) across three seasons with the Long Island Nets and Santa Cruz Warriors and averaged 9.5 points, 7.2 assists and 1.1 steals in 27.6 minutes. The St. Louis native also competed in two NBA games with the Golden State Warriors during the 2024-25 season.

Burton (6-7, 215) has appeared in 51 games (41 starts) across two seasons with the Hustle and averaged 16.9 points and 4.8 rebounds in 29.2 minutes. The 26-year-old also appeared as a reserve in 12 NBA games with the Memphis Grizzlies during the 2025-26 season and averaged 10.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in 25.6 minutes.

Calcaterra (6-3, 165) has appeared as a reserve in 41 games across three seasons with the Hustle, Stockton Kings, Santa Cruz Warriors and Coachella Valley Lakers and averaged 2.8 points in 10.4 minutes.

Nashville Predators and ViewLift to launch new direct-to-consumer streaming service alongside broadcast deal with Scripps Sports

NASHVILLE, Tenn. and NEW YORK, Aug. 26, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- The Nashville Predators and ViewLift announced a multi-year agreement to launch a new direct-to-consumer streaming service for the team, giving fans across Tennessee and beyond access to every locally-carried Predators game starting with the 2026-27 NHL season. The agreement comes after global sports entertainment platform DAZN completed its acquisition of ViewLift last week, and added the Predators to a growing roster of teams and networks, bringing ViewLift's total footprint to 18 U.S. professional sports teams and six Regional Sports Networks nationwide.

The new streaming service will be available across Web, iOS, Android, Apple TV, Roku TV, Fire TV, and Android TV. The new streaming app will give fans direct access to live games, on-demand replays and highlights, and original programming, all in one place. It will be available on Web, iOS, Android, Apple TV, Roku TV, Fire TV, and Android TV, with additional platforms to be announced. Pricing and trial details will be shared closer to launch.

"This new streaming service will give our fans a direct connection to the team, on their terms," said Bill Wickett, EVP and CMO of the Nashville Predators. "Smashville is one of the most passionate fan bases in the league, and they deserve the flexibility to watch anytime, anywhere, on whatever device they use most. This is just one more way we're investing in how we connect with our fans."

"Nashville is a hockey town with



Predators members get ready. (Photo Credit: John Russell/Nashville Predators)

one of the most engaged fan bases in the league, and this alliance reflects that," said Rick Allen, CEO of ViewLift. "We're proud to become the Predators' streaming partner, giving fans in this market full coverage of the team, no matter how they choose to watch. And we're delighted to be working with Scripps Sports on this, our fourth NHL team joint distribution."

The new streaming service will complement the Predators' broadcast partnership with Scripps Sports, which will air Preds games on "The Spot – Nashville 28" this season. Once launched, the new streaming service will be available across Web, iOS, Android, Apple TV, Roku TV, Fire TV, and Android TV.

About the Nashville Predators The Nashville Predators were officially welcomed as the NHL's 27th franchise on May 4, 1998, and in the years since have

evolved into an integral part of the Middle Tennessee community. Playing in the heart of Broadway and iconic SMASHVILLE at Bridgestone Arena, one of the busiest and most energetic venues in the country, the Predators boast one of the most unique atmospheres in the NHL. The team, which is approaching its 30th anniversary, has qualified for the postseason 16 times, reaching the Stanley Cup Final in 2017, winning the Presidents' Trophy in 2017-18 and capturing two Central Division titles. For more information on the Nashville Predators, including the game schedule and ticket availability, visit NashvillePredators.com.

About ViewLift ViewLift, a DAZN company, provides digital solutions for content owners, with particular expertise in live and on-demand video distribution. With proprietary cloud-based technology,

ViewLift powers digital platforms for sports, media, and entertainment brands worldwide. Its services include content management, multi-platform distribution, real-time analytics, viewer engagement tools, and flexible monetization models (AVOD, SVOD, TVOD, and hybrid models). ViewLift enables content owners to maximize audience engagement and revenue through a seamless, scalable streaming experience. In addition to the Predators, ViewLift's sports clients include the National Hockey League; a total of 18 U.S. professional sports teams; six Regional Sports Networks; the Professional Fighters League; the World Racing Group; and others. The company's media clients include Versant and Kroenke Sports & Entertainment's MOTV. For more information about ViewLift, visit www.viewlift.com.

Registration now open for 16th Annual Kosten Foundation Kick It 5K presented by Baptist Memorial for pancreatic cancer research

MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 20, 2026 – Early bird registration is now open for the Kosten Foundation's 16th annual Kick It 5K, presented by Baptist Memorial Health Care, on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, at Shelby Farms Park. The foundation has set a goal of welcoming 1,000 participants to this year's event. Runners and walkers can register for the discounted early bird price of \$40 plus processing fees at kickit5k.raceroster.com.

The Kick It 5K is the Kosten Foundation's largest annual fundraiser, bringing together pancreatic cancer survivors, patients, families, caregivers and supporters. Funds raised through the event help advance pancreatic cancer research and support people affected by the disease.

Proceeds from fundraising events—including the annual Kick It 5K and Kick It Pickleball Tournament—along with private donations help make the Kosten Foundation's research grants possible. In 2026, the foundation awarded \$225,000 in pancreatic cancer research grants, the largest single-year research investment in its history. The foundation awarded \$75,000 each to the University of Texas Southwestern, the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and NYU School of Medicine to support research focused on earlier detection, more effective treatments, and better outcomes for patients.

"Our goal is to bring 1,000 people together for this year's Kick It 5K, and we're asking the entire community to help us reach it," said Alan Kosten, chairman of the Kosten Foundation. "Whether you run, walk, form a team or participate in honor or memory of someone affected by pancreatic cancer..."

ected by pancreatic cancer, your involvement helps strengthen our community and move us closer to better outcomes for patients and their families."

Held just before Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in November, the Kick It 5K provides an opportunity to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease and build hope for the future. The event welcomes runners and walkers of all experience levels. Supporters can also form a team or make a donation through the registration website.

Since its founding in 2003, the Kosten Foundation has raised more than \$3.5 million for pancreatic cancer research. In addition to supporting research, the

foundation hosts a free monthly support group for patients, survivors, caregivers and others affected by pancreatic cancer.

To learn more visit: <https://www.kostenfoundation.com/kick-it-5k/>

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