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NFL announces head coaches for 2026 Panini Senior Bowl ; Airs January 31on NFL Network

Game to kickoff at 2:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, Jan. 31 from University of South Alabama’s Hancock Whitney Stadium and will be televised on NFL Network

NEW YORK — Jan. 16, 2026 – The National Football League announced the head coaches for the 2026 Panini Senior Bowl, Clint Hurrst of the Philadelphia Eagles and Joel Thomas of the New Orleans Saints. “This is an opportunity for two excellent coaches, Joel Thomas of the New Orleans Saints and Clint Hurrst of the Philadelphia Eagles, to take the reins as head coaches in leading their staffs and top football athletes in the Senior Bowl’s week-long evaluation of NFL prospects,” said Troy Vincent Sr., NFL executive vice president of football operations. “The Senior Bowl is not only a showcase for top football student-athletes, but also a wonderful opportunity for coaches

that are nominated by their NFL clubs to further develop their skills and learn from one another.” Hurrst recently completed his second season as the senior defensive assistant/defensive line coach for the Philadelphia Eagles (2024-25) after spending seven seasons with the Seattle Seahawks (2017-23), including two as defensive coordinator. Prior to his NFL career, he spent 13 years coaching college football, including four years as defensive line coach at both Louisville (2010-13) and his alma mater, the University of Miami (2006-09), where he played defensive line and was a three-year letterman (1997, 1999-2000). “We are thrilled to have Clint Hurrst as our head coach of the National Team in the 2026 Panini Senior Bowl,” said Drew Fabianich, the executive director of the Panini Senior Bowl. “He is a highly regarded coach with a

proven track record throughout his career. Clint will make a positive impact on his players and coaches during the week with his leadership and deep knowledge of the game. He will be a great mentor for the top prospects in the 2026 Draft.” Thomas, a 25-year coaching veteran, returned to the New Orleans Saints in 2025 as associate head coach/running backs coach after previously spending nine seasons (2015-23) with the club. In 2024, he coached running backs for the New York Giants. Prior to the NFL, he spent 13 seasons as a running backs coach in the college ranks, including time with Washington (2009-12), Purdue (2006-08), his alma mater Idaho (2004-05) and Louisville (2002-03). Thomas played running back at Idaho (1993-98) where he holds school records for rushing yards and touchdowns and was inducted into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

“It’s a great pleasure to have Joel Thomas as our head coach of the American Team in the 2026 Panini Senior Bowl,” Fabianich said. “Joel is highly respected throughout the league because of his leadership, work ethic, and his knowledge of the game. He has the ability to connect with players and coaches which further strengthens his credentials as a rising star among NFL coaches. He will serve our players well in their preparation for the upcoming 2026 NFL Draft.” This is the fourth year the Senior Bowl is implementing a “Coach Up” format in which NFL coordinators and assistant coaches are placed into elevated or different roles from the ones they currently hold with their respective clubs. Head coaches and general managers from all non-playoff teams and Wild Card round participants had the opportunity to

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Curtis Givens III earns Honorable Mention



IRVING, Texas, January 19, 2026 - Curtis Givens III has been named an American Conference Honorable Mention, the league office announced Monday. The recognition marks the sixth weekly honor for the Tigers this season and the first for Givens III. Givens III played a pivotal role in leading Memphis to a 2-0 week at FedExForum, helping the Tigers secure conference victories over Temple, 55-53, and UTSA, 95-69. He provided production on both ends of the floor while starting both contests and logging heavy minutes in the backcourt. Across the two wins,

Givens III averaged 13.0 points per game while shooting an efficient 52.4 percent from the field and 44.4 percent from three-point range. He totaled 26 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals for the week, averaging 31.3 minutes per game. Against Temple on Wednesday, Givens III posted 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting, including 2-of-5 from beyond the arc. He added four rebounds and two steals in 33 minutes as Memphis earned a 55-53 win over a Temple team that entered the night unbeaten in conference play and riding a seven-game winning streak. He followed with one of his most efficient performances of the season Sunday against UTSA, scoring 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting, including 2-of-4 from three-point range, in 30 minutes. Givens III added four rebounds and three assists in a 95-69 victory that marked Memphis’ most complete offensive performance of the year.

Country star Clay Walker is ‘doin’ what he loves’ in his ‘Doin’ What I Love’ Tour now through August 15, 2026



NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Jan. 14, 2026 – Country hitmaker Clay Walker is about to embark on his 2026 headlining “Doin’ What I Love Tour.” The award-winning musician will criss-cross the USA starting January 23 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tickets are available now at claywalker.com. The Texas Cowboy Hall of Famer sold out his Ryman Auditorium headline debut last November, and performed 59 show dates in 2025. The critically acclaimed singer songwriter proves he’s still “doin’ what he loves” thirty plus years into his historic career, and has no plans of stopping anytime soon.

“To quote Mark Twain: The two greatest days in a man’s life are the day he is born and the day he figures out why... I have figured out why,” says Walker.

Fans continue to share rave reviews of their concert experience, emphasizing their admiration for the fan favorite cowboy, and his traditional country music. Whether he is performing “Rumor Has It,” “She Won’t Be Lonely Long,” or “Live Until I Die,” the audience knows every word.

“Clay put on an amazing show and his range for different types of music was a very pleasant surprise. He clearly loves his fans and the music. The amount of

energy and enthusiasm would be fantastic for anyone, but when you think of a person going through what Clay is dealing with, it’s astounding. So much fun!” (- Denise, Concertgoer)

“Clay Walker blew me away. He put on a great show, his vocals were spot on, and his band was very talented. I can’t wait to see him play again!” (- Phillip, Concertgoer)

Walker is slated to make his debut at top music festivals, Tortuga and Hoofbeat Country Fest, and returns to Two Step Inn for the second time. He is featured on lineups alongside fellow superstars Chris Stapleton, Jason Aldean, Post Malone, Riley Green, and many more. See the touring schedule below, and secure your tickets at claywalker.com. Additional dates will be announced in the coming months.

“Doin’ What I Love” Tour Dates:

February 7 - Fort Worth, Texas - Billy Bob’s
February 12 - Shippshewana, Ind. - Blue Gate Performing Arts Center
February 13 - French Lick, Ind. - French Lick Exhibition Hall
February 14 - Richmond, Mo. - Branded Indoor Theatre

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February 19 - Anderson, Ind. - The Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom
February 20 - West Chester Township, Ohio - Lori’s Roadhouse
February 21 - Mount Vernon, Ky. - Renfro Valley Entertainment Center
February 28 - Carlton, Minn. - Black Bear Casino
March 5 - Worley, Idaho - Coeur d’Alene Casino
March 6 - Enoch, Alberta - River Cree Resort and Casino
March 8 - Calgary, Alberta - Grey Eagle Resort and Casino
March 12 - Danville, Va. - The Pantheon at Caesars Virginia
March 13 - Cherokee, N.C. - Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort

March 14 - Myrtle Beach, S.C. - The Carolina Opry
April 11 - Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. - Tortuga Music Festival
April 19 - Georgetown, Texas - Two Step Inn
April 23 - Green Bay, Wis. - Epic Event Center
April 24 - Flint, Mich. - The Capitol Theater
April 25 - Effingham, Ill. - Effingham Performance Center
May 16 - Los Ranchos De Albuquerque, N.M. - Boots In The Park
June 25 - Cadott, Wis. - Hoofbeat Country Fest
June 27 - Sullivan, Mo. - Mereinac Community Fair
July 18 - Hot Springs, Ark. - Timberwood Amphitheater
July 25 - Caldwell, Idaho - Canyon County Fair
July 29 - McMinnville, Ore. - Yamhill County Fair

August 14 - Davenport, Iowa - Rhythm City Casino & Resort
August 15 - Larchwood, Iowa - Grand Falls Casino

About Clay Walker

Clay Walker stands as a towering figure in country music, his illustrious career marked by multi-PLATINUM sales, 11 chart-topping hits and 40 singles on the charts. His songs, including classics like "If I Could Make A Living" and "She Won't Be Lonely Long," resonate deeply, etching his name into the fabric of the genre. In 1996, Walker faced a new battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), but rather than yielding to its challenges, he emerged as a fierce advocate and fundraiser, establishing the Clay Walker Foundation to support those affected by the disease. Each year, the Clay Walker Charity Classic at Pebble Beach shines a light on his tireless efforts, raising awareness and funds for MS research. His latest album, Texas To Tennessee, produced by industry heavyweights Michael Knox and Jaron Boyer, soared to No. 1 on the iTunes Country Album charts. Drawing inspiration from legends like

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George Jones, James Taylor and Bob Seger, Walker's music transcends generations, earning him a well-deserved place among country music royalty. A member of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, Walker continues to captivate audiences nationwide, gracing stages from coast to coast with his electrifying performances, showcasing his unwavering passion for music and advocacy.

He plans to release new music throughout the year. For more information and to stay up-to-date, visit ClayWalker.com.

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