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Turtlebox Audio named Title Sponsor of Bassmaster Opens Tournament series to serve as competitive ground for anglers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 16, 2025 — B.A.S.S. officials are excited to announce that Turtlebox Audio, the rugged portable speaker company built for adventure, has signed on as the Title Sponsor of the Bassmaster Opens. The agreement pairs one of the fastest-growing brands in outdoor audio with one of the sport’s most competitive and widely followed tournament series.

Turtlebox delivers the most durable, high-performance audio products built for the outdoors — on the water, in the mountains and beyond. The brand’s products are available nationwide through national and specialty retail partners, major online marketplaces, and owned brand channels. In addition to creating premium audio equipment, Turtlebox actively supports the outdoor community, from conservation causes to grassroots angling events — always encouraging people to get outside and explore.

The Turtlebox Bassmaster Opens serve as a critical proving



ground for anglers aspiring to compete at the sport’s highest levels — the Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series and ultimately the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour. With eight tournaments across two divisions, the Opens offer a national stage for the next generation of professional bass anglers.

“B.A.S.S. has been a staple in

fishing for decades, providing anglers of all ages a real shot at chasing big dreams,” said Will Bradley, Co-Founder of Turtlebox. “Turtlebox is fired up to be the Title Sponsor of the Bassmaster Opens and to stand behind a community that lives and breathes the outdoors as much as we do.”

Phillip Johnson, B.A.S.S. Chief

Operating Officer, said the partnership is a natural fit for both organizations. “We’re proud to welcome Turtlebox as the Title Sponsor of the Bassmaster Opens,” Johnson said. “Their passion for adventure and commitment to durability perfectly reflect the spirit of Bassmaster anglers — men and women who depend on reliable gear in every condition. Together, we’ll con-

tinue to elevate the Opens and the anglers who make this series so special.”

The Turtlebox Bassmaster Opens will kick off at the Kissimmee Chain in Kissimmee, Fla., January 29-31, 2026, continuing a tradition of competitive excellence that has shaped the careers of some of the sport’s biggest stars.

For registration and more information about the Turtlebox Bassmaster Opens Series visit Bassmaster.com/Opens.

About Turtlebox:

Originally designed to fuel a shared passion of the outdoors in South-Central Texas, Turtlebox is a leading manufacturer of portable audio devices. The brand’s mission is to produce the best-sounding, most durable, portable speakers available. In pursuit of untamed adventure, Turtlebox products are built to withstand the harshest elements, providing an unmatched, elevated experience outdoors. For more information, please visit

TurtleboxAudio.com.

About B.A.S.S.

B.A.S.S., which encompasses the Bassmaster tournament leagues, events and media platforms, is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport, providing cutting-edge content on bass fishing whenever, wherever and however bass fishing fans want to use it. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the organization’s fully integrated media platforms include the industry’s leading magazines (Bassmaster and B.A.S.S. Times), website (Bassmaster.com), TV show, radio show, social media programs and events. For more than 50 years, B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to access, conservation and youth fishing.

The Bassmaster Tournament Trail includes the most prestigious events at each level of competition, including the Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series, Turtlebox Bassmaster Opens Series, Nitro Boats Bassmaster Elite Qualifiers Series presented by Bass Pro Shops and others.

TN Titans’ Simmons and Dike named to Pro Bowl from sports page 1

This season, Simmons ranks first in the NFL among defensive tackles in sacks (nine), sack yards (64), tackles for loss (16) and quarterback pressures (54). He is tied for first in forced fumbles (two) and safeties (one); and is the only defensive tackle with an offensive touchdown. His 16 tackles for loss are tied with Jason Babin for the most by a Titans player in a season since 2008. He is the only defensive tackle since at least 2000 to record both a safety and an offensive touchdown in the same season.

His sacks, sack yards, tackles for loss and forced fumbles are all career highs, despite missing two games to injury this year. Simmons was named a team captain for the fifth consecutive year and the Titans Walter Payton Man of the Year club winner for the third consecutive campaign.

This will be Simmons’ fourth Pro Bowl appearance, also being named a Pro Bowler in 2021, 2022 and 2024. Simmons is the 12th player in franchise history to be named to a Pro Bowl at least four times with the team, joining Bruce Matthews (14 times, 1988-2001), Mike Munchak (nine times, 1984-85, 1987-93), Elvin Bethea (eight times*, 1971-75, 1978-79), Robert Brazile (seven times, 1976-82), Warren Moon (six times, 1988-93), Earl Campbell (five times, 1978-83), Jurrell Casey (five times, 2015-19), Ray Childress (five times, 1988, 1990-93), Ken Houston (five times*, 1970-72), Blaine Bishop (four times, 1995-97, 2000), Eddie George (four

times, 1997-2000) and Derrick Henry (four times, 2019-20, 2022-23).

For the first time, the 2026 Pro Bowl Games powered by Verizon will move to Super Bowl LX Week in the San Francisco Bay Area. The event brings the league’s top players together for an AFC vs. NFC flag football showdown, coached by Pro Football Hall of Famers Jerry Rice (NFC) and Steve Young (AFC), which will preview the elite athleticism and competition of the sport ahead of its LA28 Olympics debut. The revamped programming gives the league’s best athletes an opportunity to compete during the NFL’s biggest week of the year, surrounded by their families, friends and select fans, and provides all fans with a must-see TV event that helps culminate the end of the season.

The televised event will air live from San Francisco’s Moscone Center South Building on Tuesday, Feb. 3, which will be transformed into a dynamic flag football arena. Coverage of the Pro Bowl Games powered by Verizon will begin on ESPN starting at 5:30 p.m. CT with the flag game at 7 p.m. CT. The game will air on ESPN, Disney XD and ESPN Deportes.

For more information on the Pro Bowl Games, visit <https://www.nfl.com/pro-bowl-games>.

Prior to 1970, players were named an AFL All-Star. Elvin Bethea was an AFL All-Star in 1969 while Ken Houston was an AFL All-Star in 1968 and 1969.

Mississippi Forestry Commission celebrates 100 years ... from sports page 4

Commission enters its second century, the agency remains committed to its mission of protecting Mississippi’s forests and the people who depend on them. The centennial serves as an opportunity to reflect on a proud legacy of service while reaffirming the

importance of forestry to the state’s economy, environment, and public safety.

Additional information about the Mississippi Forestry Commission’s centennial and planned activities will be announced throughout 2026.

