

Gracie Morton lands on weekly AAC Honor Roll



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MEMPHIS, Tenn.— For the second week in a row, the Memphis Tiger softball team has placed a player on the American Athletic Conference Weekly Honor Roll. This week, Gracie Morton has found herself on the list, the conference announced Monday afternoon.

Morton, a senior out of Burelson, Texas, had quite the stat line this past weekend at The Evangeline Bank and Trust II Invita-

tional hosted by McNeese State. She went 8-15 from the plate with a .533 batting average with three RBI and two runs scored. She led the team with a .600 slugging percentage and went 1-2 on stolen base attempts.

Morton kicked off the weekend going 3-4 in the team's 3-2 win over UT Arlington while also picking up three hits in the Tiger's dominating 11-6 win over Manhattan College on Saturday morning.

This is the first AAC Weekly Award for Morton this season and her third career honor overall.

Memphis (5-9) will be back in action this weekend when they host the Blues City Classic at the Tiger Softball Complex. Play start Friday morning and runs all weekend. For complete information on Memphis Tiger Softball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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weight throw with a top throw of 24.08m. This now puts her at the second spot in the nation for the event. In addition to the weight throw, she also medaled in shot put, bringing home the bronze with a 15.64m top attempt.

Machairas defended his title in the men's shot put with a top attempt of 18.40m. He is still featured in the top 50 in the nation.

For distance events, Zachary Wyatt medaled in the 800m, finishing with a time of 1:53.37. Chloe Figgins claimed two top-10 spots in the 3000m (ninth, 9:48.72) and 5000m (seventh, 17:14.24) races.

Robby Watson was the final medalist, placing third for the men's weight throw, putting him at 33rd in the nation.

After the end of the indoor season with NCAA Division I Championships, track and field will begin the outdoor season March 18.

Top-Ten Performances

Men

800m – 3. **Zachary Wyatt**, 1:53.37.

Mile – 9. **Zachary Wyatt**, 4:10.70. 10. Tate Wyatt, 4:12.11.

4x400m Relay – 7. Memphis, 3:25.11.

DMR – 6. Memphis, 10:02.91.

Triple Jump – 8. **Sam Jones**, 14.54m.

Pole Vault – 1. **Cole Riddle**, 5.37m. 3. **Evan Puckett**, 5.02m. 9. **Drew O'Connor**, 4.72m.

Shot Put – 1. **Iason Machairas**, 18.40m. 6. **Parker Evans**, 15.65m.

Weight Throw – 3. **Robby Watson**, 20.79m. 7. Parker Evans, 18.41m.

Heptathlon – 10. **Justin Miller**.

Women

3000m – 9. **Chloe Figgins**, 9:48.72.

5000m – 7. **Chloe Figgins**, 17:14.24.

4x400m Relay – 7. Memphis, 3:46.13.

DMR – 9. Memphis, 12:19.80.

Pole Vault – 3. **Alyssa Morello**, 3.97m.

Shot Put – 3. **DeeNia McMiller**, 15.64m. 7. **Samantha Lenton**, 14.32m.

Weight Throw – 1. **DeeNia McMiller**, 24.08m. 5. **Vigdis Jonsdottir**, 17.88m. 6. **Samantha Lenton**, 17.69m.

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Buccaneers, Cardinals, Jaguars, Packers and Saints to play international games in 2022

N.Y., N.Y., February 28, 2022 - The National Football League announced that the Arizona Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, Jacksonville Jaguars, New Orleans Saints and Tampa Bay Buccaneers will play international games during the 2022 season.

The Buccaneers, two-time Super Bowl champions, will play in the NFL's inaugural regular-season game in Munich, Germany, while the Cardinals will play in Mexico City, where they hosted the league's first-ever regular-season game outside the United States in 2005.

The Packers will make their first international trip, becoming the 32nd NFL team to play in London since 2007. The Saints will play in the UK for the third time, having won on two previous occasions. The Jaguars previously announced that they will play a home game at Wembley Stadium in 2022.

"We are very excited to be staging five games outside the United States in 2022, and thank the clubs for their continued commitment to growing the sport internationally," said Peter O'Reilly, NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business and League Events. "Our fans in Germany, Mexico and the UK can look forward to seeing some of the most iconic names and biggest stars in the League and enjoying an incredible series of events."

Last year, as part of the League's expansion of the regular season to 17 games, it was determined

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that, beginning with the 2022 season, up to four of the teams from the conference whose teams were eligible for a ninth regular-season home game would instead be designated to play a neutral-site international game each year.

Details of the dates, matchups and kickoff times will be confirmed as part of the full 2022 schedule announcement later this year.

As previously announced, Munich and Frankfurt were chosen to stage regular-season games in Germany over the next four years. The first game will feature the Buccaneers.

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In Mexico, the Cardinals last played at Estadio Azteca with 103,467 fans in attendance, the eighth largest crowd in NFL history.

"In 2005 when the Cardinals hosted the first NFL regular-season game played outside the United States, we experienced first-hand the extraordinary support and incredible passion of our fans in Mexico," said Arizona Cardinals Owner Michael Bidwill. "We know that has increased exponentially in the years since and are thrilled to return to Mexico City and Estadio Azteca in 2022."

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"The Green Bay Packers are excited to make our international debut during the 2022 season," Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy said. "Our fans in the UK and elsewhere in Europe have been eagerly awaiting an opportunity to see the Packers play in their backyard, and we know that many of our fans in the United States will travel to London. It will be an honor to represent the NFL, as well as Green Bay and the state of Wisconsin, internationally. This will be a great opportunity to introduce the Packers, as well as Green Bay and our area, to an international audience and encourage fans in the UK to visit us in person at Lambeau Field."

The Saints will return to London

to play their first game at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium after having played at Wembley Stadium in 2008 and 2017.

"It's always an honor when we are selected to play in the United Kingdom," said New Orleans Saints Executive Vice President/General Manager Mickey Loomis. "We have enjoyed successful trips in the past and look forward to representing New Orleans and our fans from around the globe. Clearly a lot goes into the planning and the logistics of a trip of that magnitude and we have already begun making the necessary preparations and will continue to do so in the coming months."

The Jaguars, who played at Tottenham last season, will return to Wembley Stadium for the first time since 2019, having played there for seven straight seasons.

"London has served as the Jaguars' home away from home since 2013," said Jaguars Owner Shad Khan. "Wembley is a significant part of our identity and brand in London and throughout the UK and our fans are looking forward to returning. After a three-year absence, the Jacksonville Jaguars are coming back to Wembley Stadium. We're looking forward to the homecoming!"

Fans wishing to receive the latest news about the games, including ticketing updates, should register at: www.nfl.com/internationalgames.

Former NBC Sports president Preschlack joins The Zone to launch athlete wellness app ... from sports page 1

Tchatchuowo and Erik Poldroo, Preschlack will help assist in the company's overall growth, content strategy, and innovation to help Universities enhance their wellness culture.

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Shawn Fry, former hospital CIO and leading data security expert, will join The Zone as Chief Technology Officer & Chief Information Officer. Fry has spent the last 25 years managing the sensi-



tive healthcare data of more than 50 million Americans, for hundreds of hospitals across the country. As a successful entrepreneur, Shawn holds multiple patents relating to data structure and transport, error connection, and advanced network security and exited the company after a successful sale to private equity. As Founder of The Neurodiversity Foundation, Fry also brings expertise in areas of operational logistics, analytics, security, compliance, and innovation. He has served as a conference panel expert at the University of Texas and Stanford Medical School;

where he routinely featured as an expert in healthcare-related news stories airing on the NBC affiliate channel in Houston, TX, KPRC.

"Our schools have an unprecedented problem of dealing with escalating emotional hardships from the pandemic and modern life. The Zone meets this problem head on with a very practical solution that fits into the modern students lifestyle that offsets untold anguish and heartaches for students, schools and their families. It is uncomfortable to talk about the strains of emotional health on students and that is

why we see the crisis we have today. Schools have the responsibility to meet this need and The Zone is the best solution I have seen to date," said Fry.

The addition of Fry will help ensure the data security and utmost privacy for each Zone user, while providing the highest HIPAA, FERPA, and compliance standards for Universities and their athletic programs.

About The Zone

The Zone is a digital, AI-powered platform designed for athletes to monitor and support their mental health and wellness. Through a series of unique content and programming, The Zone aims to provide athletes with premium, unfettered access to mental health and wellness tools, resources, and professionals aimed at managing and enhancing their holistic wellness experience.

For more information about The Zone, please visit <https://www.itsthezone.com>.

Bethel University wins 8th annual YETI Open at Lake Chickamauga ... from sports page 3

Their key baits were a Z-Man ChatterBait Jack Hammer and a Queen Tackle Switch Blade Tungsten Bladed Jig in ½-ounce models, with red skirts and a white Yamamoto Zako, which they dyed orange. The pair said once Fogarty reeled in the 9-5, they had a pretty good idea they would be in first place.

"We knew we were sittin' good but had no idea we had that large of a lead," said Fillmore. "This is Bethel's first Open win and it feels great."

The 27 teams that advanced to the 2023 Abu Garcia College Fishing National Championship were:

1st: Bethel University – Hunter Fillmore, Waynesville, Ohio, and Dylan Fogarty, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 10 bass, 45-9

2nd: Georgetown College – Conner Johnson, Paris, Ky., and Jordan Nicely, Mount Vernon, Ky., seven bass, 31-6

3rd: Tarleton State University – Reagan Nelson, Athens, Texas, and Collin Reyes, Saginaw, Texas, 10 bass, 28-14

4th: Louisiana State University – Bryan Bergeron, Port Allen, La., and Heath Pinell, Plaquemine,

La., 10 bass, 28-3

5th: Bryan College – Conner Giles, Riceville, Tenn., and Christian Wright, Clinton, Tenn., eight bass, 28-2

6th: Blue Mountain College – Tyler Hill and Bryant Marsh, both of Corinth, Miss., six bass, 25-6

7th: Bryan College – Mason Cizek, Knoxville, Tenn., and Rob Lindsey, Harrison, Tenn., seven bass, 25-1

8th: Bethel University – Austin Aikins, Lower Burrell, Pa., and Sean O'Brien, McKenzie, Tenn., seven bass, 24-2

9th: University of Montevallo – Cade Holcomb, Helena, Ala., and Grayson Morris, Birmingham, Ala., eight bass, 24-1

10th: Catawba Valley Community College – Lane Bailey and Justin Eggers, both of Granite Falls, N.C., six bass, 22-5

Complete results can be found at MajorLeagueFishing.com. The Abu Garcia College Fishing Presented by YETI Open tournament was hosted by Fish Dayton and the Rhea Economic & Tourism Council. The next event for MLF collegiate anglers will be a Southeastern Conference tourna-

ment, scheduled for March 4 on Lake Guntersville in Guntersville, Alabama.

Abu Garcia College Fishing Presented by YETI teams compete in three regular-season qualifying tournaments in one of five conferences – Central, Northern, Southern, Southeastern and Western. The top ten teams from each division's three regular-season tournaments and the top 20 teams from the annual Abu Garcia College Fishing Open advance to the following year's Abu Garcia College Fishing Presented by YETI National Championship. Proud sponsors of the 2022 MLF Abu Garcia College Fishing Presented by YETI include: 4WP, 13 Fishing, Abu Garcia, A.R.E. Truck Caps, B&W Trailer Hitches, Berkeley, Black Rifle Coffee, E3, Epic Baits, Favorite Fishing, Gary Yamamoto Baits, General Tire, Lew's, Lowrance, Lucas Oil, Mercury, Mossy Oak, Onyx, Phoenix, Polaris, Power-Pole, Strike King, Tackle Warehouse, T-H Marine, Toyota, Wiley X and YETI. For complete details and updated information visit MajorLeagueFishing.com.

Connor Shamblin earns his second straight AAC Honor Roll award

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – For the second consecutive week, RHP Connor Shamblin has been named to the American Athletic Conference Honor Roll. It is the third total AAC honor earned by a Memphis player over the season's first two weeks.

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win.

Through two starts this season, Shamblin is 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA. He has surrendered just two hits, both singles, struck out 19, and walked just one.

The Tigers will be back in action with a three-game set vs. the Nicholls Colonels Friday through Sunday. All four matchups will be played at FedExPark Avron Fogelman Field.

