

Talladega becomes first Black college to advance in NAIA Championship since 1987 from sports page 1

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over Washington Adventist University, 79-70, and Cumberland University (Tenn.), 67-49, to advance to the NAIA Round of 16. In Kansas City, Talladega defeated Jamestown (N.D.), 67-56, to become the first HBCU to reach the national quarterfinals since the 2015 Talladega Fab Four team. The Tornados then defeated Concordia (Neb.), 77-69, in the quarterfinals and knocked Mid-South Conference regular-season champion Thomas More University, 78-77, in overtime in the Fab Four to reach the championship game. Highlights included a 21-game home win streak, Coach Chris Wright's 200th career win, and several SSAC and NAIA individual honors. Darryl Baker led the Tornados with 17.6 points per game on 48% shooting, was named the NAIA Tournament Hustle Award recipient, an NAIA All-Tournament selection All-SSAC First Team, and was on the Bevo Francis Top 50 Watch List. Cam Potts was also a First Team All-SSAC selection, while Jervey Green was named the All-SSAC Second Team and made the NAIA All-Tournament team. Edwin Lewis was named the SSAC 6th Man of the Year. Coach Wright said, "These guys

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ABOUT TALLADEGA COLLEGE

The mission of Talladega College is to equip its graduates for the global community through academic excellence, moral values, community service, and professional development. The campus is on a plateau about 700 feet above sea level in the heart of a fertile valley in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is a quiet place - away from the distractions and fast pace of urban living, yet conveniently close to neighboring cities that offer extensive cultural and entertainment outlets as well as shopping, restaurants, and theaters. The college is just 25 miles south of the city of Anniston, Alabama, 50 miles east of Birmingham, Alabama, 85 miles north of Montgomery, Alabama, and 100 miles west of Atlanta, Georgia. The College has an aggressive tradition of bringing the world to Talladega via workshops, forums, and lectures presented by acclaimed artists, scientists, and political, business, and civic leaders.

UofM golf coach Blake Smart announces signing of Australian Adam Coull

MEMPHIS, TN, March 24, 2022 - University of Memphis head men's golf coach Blake Smart announced the signing of Adam Coull for the Tigers on Thursday. Coull comes to Memphis with two years of eligibility after

"With Adam, we continue our trend of identifying top junior college talent," Smart remarked. "I believe he will make an immediate impact on the lineup and also has a large upside to improve."

A native of Sydney, Australia, Coull won the NJCAA Southwest Championship and has posted numerous top-10 finishes in his career. Currently, Coull is ranked as the No. 7 golfer in the nation for the NJCAA with an adjusted scoring average of 72.36.

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competing two years for Midland College. Coull joins Jackson McCommon and Cian O'Connor as the program's three signees for the 2022-23 class.

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University of Memphis football season are now on sale.

Fans interested in purchasing season tickets can go to GoTigersGo.com.

If you are a current season ticket holder and would like to renew your seats for the 2022 season, you can renew by visiting GoTigersGo.com.

The Memphis Ticket Office can also be reached during business hours at (901) 678-2331.

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

Watch for The Mid-South Tribune's Coffee, Books, & Cocktails special edition, featuring book reviews, interviews, and other views! Oh yes, and cocktails!

Animal Wellness achieves major wins from sports page 2

Reps. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., Ron Estes, R-Kan., Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., Hal Rogers, R-Ky., John Rose, R-Tenn., and Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., at the urging of AWA and leaders in the walking horse breed.

U.S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ):

The FY22 spending package also includes language pressing the DOJ for "vigorous enforcement of the Federal animal fighting statutes" and "other laws related to animal welfare crime," which includes the Horse Protection Act. This will help the DOJ take on soring-related cases and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. In 52 years since the HPA was enacted not a single violator has ever gone to prison for soring Tennessee Walking Horses, and this language can be a game changer in that regard.

There's also language directing the DOJ to explore the possibility of creating the Animal Cruelty Crimes Unit to help better enforce the Horse Protection Act and other animal cruelty laws that our 2019 and 2020 House

floor funding amendments sought to achieve. We extend thanks to the Senate Subcommittee's leaders, Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and Jerry Moran, R-Kan., for leading the charge on this important issue.

U.S. Dept. of Interior (DOI) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM):

Right in line with the AWA-conceived PZP amendment we ran in the House in 2020, both the House and Senate appropriations packages now contain include \$11 million for "research on reversible immunocontraceptive fertility control and its administration." This important funding will help prevent the birth of foals who would be subject to roundup with mass helicopter chases by the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program staff and contractors who we've seen treat the roundups like their own private rodeos over the past year. More wild horses and burros have been rounded up and incarcerated under President Biden's Admin-

istration in the past year than any other President in U.S. history. But we're grateful Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., and Rep. Dina Titus, D-Nevada, have been tireless champions for the implementation of PZP, and championed this provision, and applauded them.

Unfortunately, once again we see that other animal organizations such as the Humane Society of the U.S., Humane Society Legislative Fund, and ASPCA have provided political support to ranching interests and the BLM to secure tens of millions more in federal dollars for roundups and removals of tens of thousands of wild horses and burros - consistent with their support for the misguided "Path Forward" agreement with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. This program is vacuuming up horses from the West and subverting the original purposes of the Wild and Free-Roaming Horse and Burros Act of 1971. Our iconic wild horses and burros on federal lands continue to face this serious threat that will be further exposed in the

upcoming documentary Wild Beauty: Mustang Spirit of the West, produced by Disney Director Ashley Avis that features team members from Animal Wellness Action.

We are so grateful to you - the readers of Horse Nation who continue to take action and contact your Members of Congress asking them to support these provisions and we will keep pressing forward to ensure they remain a priority of the Congressional agenda going forward. You are each making a tremendous difference for the horses, and we will continue to be your equine protection resource on Capitol Hill.

Marty Irby is the executive director at Animal Wellness Action in Washington, D.C., and a former 8-time world champion equestrian who was honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his work to protect horses. Follow him on Facebook and Instagram @MartyIrby.

FedEx St. Jude Championship announces ticket pre-sale with partner Mastercard... from sports page 4

the FedExCup standings at the conclusion of the FedExCup Regular Season, with only 70 players advancing to the following week's BMW Championship.

During the exclusive ticket pre-sale window, Mastercard cardholders will gain early access to a limited quantity of daily grounds tickets and upgraded ticket options to the Michelob ULTRA Athletic Club and TPC Southwind Clubhouse. Cardholders are limited to four (4) tickets per day.

Daily grounds tickets to the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship for Mastercard cardholders are available at the guaranteed lowest price point starting at \$25 for Wednesday, \$60 for Thursday, and \$65 each for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Upgraded ticket options to the event at TPC Southwind are also available to Mastercard cardholders during this early offer window with Michelob ULTRA Athletic Club tickets starting at

\$175 and TPC Southwind Clubhouse tickets at \$500.

For more information about the FedEx St. Jude Championship, please visit FedExChampionship.com. Fans are also encouraged to follow the FedEx St. Jude Championship on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for tournament updates.

*Tickets must be purchased with a valid Mastercard. All tickets sold on a first come, first served basis. Pre-sale offer ends 4/3/22 at 5:00 pm ET or when tickets sell out, whichever occurs first. Limit of 4 tickets per cardholder per day. Offer subject to availability and offer may be modified or withdrawn without prior notice. Tickets are subject to PGA TOUR's ticket terms and conditions. Substitutions, cash redemption, returns and exchanges are not permitted. Mastercard is not responsible for transportation to or from the event. No rain-

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About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is the first of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs, the culmination of the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR Season. Played August 10-14 at TPC Southwind,

the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 125 players in the FedExCup Ranking, with the top 70 players advancing in the FedExCup Playoffs. The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2022 will mark Memphis' first year hosting a Playoffs event. Since 1970, Memphis' PGA TOUR stop has raised more than \$50 million for the tournament's primary charitable beneficiary, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients' families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their child.

Fans can follow the PGA TOUR on PGATOUR.COM, the No. 1 site in golf, on the PGA TOUR app and on social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram (in English, Spanish and Korean), LinkedIn, TikTok, Twitter, WeChat, Weibo, Toutiao, Douyin and LINE.

Memphis Tigers will retire Chad Zurcher's jersey on April 2 during game with Tulane

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - One of the best to ever suit up for the Memphis Tigers baseball program will be honored Saturday prior to the Tigers' game vs. Tulane. Chad Zurcher, who played for Memphis from 2008-11 and earned numerous accolades on and off the field, will have his jersey retired before the matchup with the Green Wave.

"It's crazy, it's just unbelievable," said Zurcher. "I had one offer coming out of high school and it was from Coach Rock. I respected and trusted the coaching staff so much that it was an easy decision to join the Tigers and it worked out great with an unbelievable experience and lifelong friendships."

A 31st round draft pick by the New York Mets in the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft, Zurcher was one of the top hitters in the nation in his final season with the Tigers. As he led the country with a .443 batting average, Zurcher was named the 2011

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Conference USA Player of the Year. Zurcher was also named an All-American on the field and an Academic All-American off the field. A two-time All-Conference USA selection, Zurcher sits fourth in program history with 252 career hits.

"I'm so thankful to the University of Memphis and all the coaches that I played for throughout my time with the Tigers, for all that they've done for me both on and off the field," said

Zurcher. "The lasting memories they helped create will only continue to grow as I do my best to continue to support the program and be a part of what is going to come in the future for Memphis Tigers baseball."

Named a semifinalist for both the Golden Spikes Award and Dick Howser Trophy, Zurcher's 2011 season was one of the best in program history. In 55 games for the Tigers, Zurcher added 21 extra base hits and 34 RBIs to his NCAA-leading .443 batting average. He also the team in OBP (.547) and SLG (.557).

"What a special honor for a special Tiger, a long overdue jersey retirement, and I'm very excited that we can honor Chad while I'm still the head coach here" said Memphis head coach Daron Schoenrock. "From the moment

I sat in Chad's living room on a recruiting home visit, I knew that Chad possessed extraordinary leadership skills, toughness, and the drive to excel in all he did. Never in my wildest dreams did I forecast the outstanding career he worked hard to put together at Memphis, but I know our program was elevated because of Chad's decision to become a Tiger, and I hope his life is elevated because he was and always will be a Tiger."

Saturday's is scheduled for 2 p.m. with the jersey retirement ceremony scheduled to take place prior to first pitch.

Season tickets and single game tickets are available for purchase at www.gotigersgo.com/tigers-baseballtickets.

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