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Coastal Athletic Assoc. Coach of Year Trena Prater named Tigers head softball coach from sports page 1

of the Year, the Fighting Camels' Isabella Smith was named Pitcher of the Year, Alyssa Henaault was named Player of the Year and Lindsay Lumsden was named Rookie of the Year.

In 2023, Campbell went 42-18 and 15-5 in the Big South Conference, finishing in a tie at the top of the regular-season conference standings. Prater led the program to its third-ever NCAA Regional win with a 7-1 victory over George Mason in the 2023 Durham Regional. Nine Campbell players earned all-conference honors with Smith named Big South Pitcher of the Year and Madilyn Gillespie earning Freshman of the Year.

"I'd like to thank Dr. Scott and Lauren Ashman for believing in me and my vision for the Memphis softball program," Prater said. "I feel blessed and beyond grateful for this opportunity to lead these young ladies to competitive greatness. I can't wait to develop my team, reconnect with alumni, collaborate with other coaches in the athletic department and make an impact in the community. Taking this job is bigger than me."

Prater brings nine seasons of Division I head coach experience from her time at Campbell, Buffalo (2014-17) and Hampton (2011-13). As an assistant, Prater served on staff at Iowa (2019-22), UCF (2018), Mississippi Valley State (2008-10), Maryland (2006-08) and George Washington (2003-04). She was named associate head coach at Iowa for the 2022 season.

"This is an exciting day for the Memphis Softball program," said

Ashman, deputy athletics director and senior woman administrator. "Trena is a proven winner and loves the process of building a successful program. She possesses a true passion for the development of her student-athletes and her genuine excitement about joining the Memphis community is incredibly infectious. I am thrilled to welcome Trena, her husband Joe and son Deuce to the Memphis Tigers family."

Prater was a standout player at LSU from 1999-2002, earning 2002 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year honors while being named a semifinalist for the 2002 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award. A three-time All-SEC selection during her career, she was also named an Easton First-Team All-American and NFCA Second-Team All-American in 2002.

She holds the LSU records for career triples (27) and single-season triples (14 in 2002) and is tied for the most career games started (273). The Tigers were 230-45 during her four seasons with the program. They finished third at the Women's College World Series in 2001.

Prater played professionally for the Akron Racers (2004, 2008-09), New York Juggernauts (2005), Chicago Bandits (2006) and Philadelphia Force (2007) in National Pro Fastpitch.

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

Coach Blake Smart releases UofM Tiger golf 2024-25 schedule

MEMPHIS, Tenn. August 12, 2024— The University of Memphis men's golf team has announced its 2024-25 season schedule with five tournaments slated for the fall and another five in the spring, including one in the Bluff City with the Memphis Intercollegiate.

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Coming off a 2023-24 season where the Tigers collected four top-four finishes, including a first place finish at the Gulf Coast Collegiate in New Orleans, La. earlier this spring where Diego Lourenco and Jack Tanner took first and second place, respectively, while Yixiang Wang rounded out the top-five with a final score of 220.

Memphis will kick-off the new

season in Cincinnati at the Bearcat Invitational Sept. 16-17 before competing in the GMAC Invitational (Sept. 22-24) in Oneonta, Ala. and the Badger Invitational (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) up in Madison, Wis.

The Tigers will finish the fall season down south at the Quail Valley Collegiate Invitational (Oct. 13-14) in Vero Beach, Fla. and the Steelwood Collegiate Invitational (Oct. 26-27) in Loxley, Ala.

The spring slate will start for the Tigers in February at the Hal Williams Collegiate (Feb. 10-11) down in Mobile, Ala before taking part in the Colleton River Collegiate and The Johnnie-O @ Sea Island in March.

Memphis will host its first home invitational since 2018 with the Memphis Intercollegiate March 31-April 1. Fifteen teams, including the Tigers, from the Mid-South and Midwest will compete out at Colonial Country Club.

The final regular season tournament for the Tigers will be the Mossy Oak Collegiate in West Point, Miss. April 14-15 before Memphis competes in the American Athletic Conference Championship in Sarasota, Fla. at the Ritz-Carlton Members Club April 21-23.

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The NFL to touch down in São Paulo's Parque Villa Lobos with big three-day NFL experience... from sports page 1



Dolphins and New England Patriots who hold marketing rights across Brazil via the NFL's Global Markets Program, will pop up throughout the weekend at NFL Experience.

NFL Experience attendees are also able to purchase exclusive game merchandise at NFL Shop presented by Visa onsite. Additional NFL Shop presented by Visa stores are open throughout the region, with six retail locations across São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. All locations are operated by Fanatics.

"Hosting an NFL game in São Paulo reinforces our city as one of the main destinations for great world events," said São Paulo

Mayor, Ricardo Nunes. "To welcome the NFL, we have prepared a unique experience for all fans to feel the excitement and adrenaline of the games. We are thrilled to partner with the league on the NFL Experience, free and available to all Paulistanos — an initiative generating employment and economic impact for the city."

"It is initiatives like these that

make São Paulo one of the most important cities in the event sector around the world," said President of SP Turis, Gustavo Pires. "An event as historic and monumental as the NFL São Paulo Game, with the NFL Experience fan festival open for all to attend, shows that São Paulo is the perfect partner to help reach and expand an audience — and that events hosted throughout the city are an incredible opportunity for its growth."

"The NFL is taking over the city of São Paulo for the first-ever game in Brazil, providing a thrilling experience for fans," said Managing Director, NFL Inter-

national, Gerrit Meier. "We want to extend our thanks to Mayor Nunes and SP Turis for welcoming the league to this amazing city and such an iconic location. This will be an action-packed and monumental NFL-filled weekend."

The NFL Experience at Parque Villa Lobos is non-ticketed, free to attend, and open to all ages. The NFL OnePass app is required for entry into the NFL Experience. For more information and the full schedule of events, download the NFL OnePass app (or register on mobile at: NFL.com/brasillaccess).

To register for NFL RUN, visit: <http://nflrun.com.br>

Field for the 2024 FedEx St. Jude Championship now in action at TPC Southwind in Memphis, TN from sports page 1

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As the first event of the FedExCup Playoffs, the FedEx St. Jude Championship marks the start of the PGA TOUR's most thrilling three weeks in golf where every shot counts. Don't miss out on the action! For more information about the FedEx St. Jude Championship, please visit FedExChampionship.com. Fans can purchase tickets and parking at FedExChampionship.com/tickets and are also encouraged to follow the FedEx St. Jude Championship on Facebook, X and Instagram for tournament up-

dates.

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 14-18 at TPC Southwind, the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List at the conclusion of the regular season. The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2024 will mark Memphis' third year hosting a Playoffs event. Since 1970, Memphis' PGA TOUR stop has raised more than \$72 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.

About PGA TOUR

By showcasing golf's greatest players, the PGA TOUR engages, inspires and positively impacts our fans, partners and communities worldwide.

The PGA TOUR, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida,

co-sanctions tournaments on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas and administers PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Tom Ferry and PGA TOUR University. TOUR members represent the world's best players, hailing from 28 countries and territories. Showcasing the biggest moments in the sport with history and legacy on the line, the PGA TOUR has long-term domestic distribution partnerships for broadcast coverage on CBS, NBC and Golf Channel and video streaming service on ESPN+. Internationally, PGA TOUR coverage is available across 200+ countries and territories in 30 languages via 44 broadcast and digital partners. Virtually all tournaments are organized as non-profit organizations to maximize charitable giving, and to date, tournaments across all Tours have generated more than \$3.93 billion.

Fans can follow the PGA TOUR on the new PGA TOUR app and PGATOUR.COM, and on social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram (in Spanish, Korean and Japanese), LinkedIn, TikTok, X (in English, Spanish and Japanese), WhatsApp (in English and Spanish), WeChat, Weibo, Toutiao and Douyin.

Memphis Showboats announce ticketing update for the 2025 UFL season for fans

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -August 9, 2024— The Memphis Showboats have announced information surrounding ticketing and seating for the 2025 United Football League season in the midst of the ongoing renovations at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

The Memphis Tigers play their first home game on August 31. Showboats and United Football League representatives will be in attendance to gauge the full scope of how the renovations im-

"Showboats fans can rest assured that the renovations will not impact our ability to play at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium for the 2025 season," said Steve Macy, Memphis Showboats Senior Director of Team Business and Event Operations.

will impact the fan experience. Following that review, the Showboats will begin their season-ticket renewal process.

During the 2025 UFL season, the Showboats will have chairback seats on the west side of the stadium available for sale, as well as bleacher seating in the end zone. If needed, chairback seats on the east side of the stadium will be made available as well. The Showboats will communicate full ticket information, pricing and information on how the renovations will impact areas such as access to restrooms and concessions, parking and entry gates.

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Fans can contact the Memphis Showboats ticket office by phone (901.341.7008) or email (tickets@uflshowboats.com) for more information.

Memphis Hustle to hold sixth annual open players tryouts presented by OrthoSouth

MEMPHIS, TN. — The Memphis Hustle, the NBA G League affiliate of the Memphis Grizzlies, will hold its sixth annual open player tryouts, presented by OrthoSouth, for the upcoming 2024-25 season on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Memphis Sports & Events Center, located at 995 Early Maxwell Blvd. Doors will open to participants at 9 a.m.

Players who participate in the open tryouts will be observed

and evaluated by members of the Memphis Hustle and Memphis Grizzlies Basketball Operations staff.

All applicants must be eligible to play in the NBA G League per the qualifications listed online and complete the required paperwork.

Detailed information about the tryouts, registration forms, payment options and instructions can be found at memphishustle.com/tryouts.

For advance registrations completed prior to the registration deadline, the fee is \$200. The fee increases to \$250 for walk-up registrations. Pre-registration will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Pre-registration will be capped at 80 participants, so those who plan to pre-register are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Those wishing to do walk-up registration must pay with a credit or

debit card. Family members and guests are not allowed at the tryout — only participants themselves. In addition, all participants will receive a free T-shirt with registration. All registrations are non-refundable.

For more information on the Memphis Hustle, visit memphishustle.com, follow the team on Twitter/X and Instagram (@MemphisHustle) or like Memphis Hustle on Facebook.

Support St. Jude Hospital by attending the FedEx St. Jude Championship at TPC Southwind in Memphis, TN August 14-18!