

## AAC unveils 2023-24 Men's Basketball schedule from sport page 1

dExForum on Feb. 3 for a nationally-televised showdown at noon on CBS. Two weeks later, Memphis will make a weekend swing through Dallas to take on reigning National Invitation Tournament champion North Texas (Feb. 15) and SMU (Feb. 18).

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### 2023-24 Memphis Men's Basketball AAC Schedule (BOLD = Home)

Thursday, Jan. 4 – at Tulsa  
**Sunday, Jan. 7 – vs. SMU**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 10 – vs. UTSA**  
 Sunday, Jan. 14 – at Wichita State  
**Thursday, Jan. 18 – vs. USF**  
 Sunday, Jan. 21 – at Tulane  
 Sunday, Jan. 28 – at UAB  
**Wednesday, Jan. 31 – vs. Rice**  
**Saturday, Feb. 3 – vs. Wichita State** (Noon / CBS)  
 Thursday, Feb. 8 – at Temple  
**Sunday, Feb. 11 – vs. Tulane**  
 Thursday, Feb. 15 – at North Texas  
 Sunday, Feb. 18 – at SMU  
**Wednesday, Feb. 21 – vs. Charlotte**  
**Sunday, Feb. 25 – vs. FAU**  
 Thursday, Feb. 29 – at East Carolina  
**Sunday, March 3 – vs. UAB**  
 Saturday, March 9 – at FAU (11 a.m. / CBS)

The Tigers finished the 2022-23 season with a 26-9 record, a second-straight NCAA Tournament appearance and the program's first American Athletic Conference championship. In five seasons at the helm, Penny Hardaway has amassed a 110-52 record, five-straight 20-win seasons and the 2021 NIT championship in addition to back-to-back March Madness appearances in 2022 and 2023.

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Basketball, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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in the first round of last season's NCAA Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Memphis wraps up its home schedule with UAB on March 3 for senior day, before making a return trip to Boca Raton, Florida to battle the Owls at 11 a.m. on CBS in the regular season finale.

The American Athletic Conference Championship will expand to a 14-team tournament and will be held at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, Texas, March 13-17.

## Grizzlies make 10-year deal with Orthosouth for official provider



MEMPHIS, TN — The Memphis Grizzlies and OrthoSouth are pleased to announce a 10-year strategic partnership, making OrthoSouth the Official Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Provider of the Memphis Grizzlies. OrthoSouth's practice is based upon a service-focused, concierge approach to orthopedic care.

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erating philosophy centered around operational excellence delivered in a highly personalized manner," stated Jason Wexler, Memphis Grizzlies President of Business Operations. "We welcome OrthoSouth into the family as a multi-faceted strategic partner committed to support the health and performance of the Memphis Grizzlies over the long term."

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tient, in every interaction. We look forward to bringing this focus and attention-to-detail to our partnership. Working together, we intend to set a standard of excellence that will benefit not just the Grizzlies players, but all the wonderful patients we treat every day."

Fellowship-trained sports medicine physician Dr. Thomas V. Giel, III heads an extended OrthoSouth physician lineup that will provide sports medicine services to Grizzlies and Hustle players and take what they learn back into their clinics to better serve their community of patients. Recognizing the importance of fan health and wellness, the Grizzlies and OrthoSouth embrace the opportunity to engage with the fan base through multiple wellness touchpoints throughout the year.

To showcase the partnership, OrthoSouth will have prominent brand alignment across the entire Grizzlies ecosystem, including starting lineups, behind-the-scenes content, in-arena entitlement zones, fan-focused health & wellness platforms, and more. In addition, OrthoSouth will become the presenting partner for the Gary Parrish Show, a daily sports and entertainment show hosted by Grind City Media's Gary Parrish.

### About OrthoSouth

At OrthoSouth, our goal is to be the best orthopedic practice in the United States, measured by the patient experience. Access, convenience, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere are hallmarks of OrthoSouth's services, which include general, sports medicine, and subspecialty orthopedics; 8 community-based clinics, 9 physical therapy centers, and 2 outpatient surgery centers; evening hours, early appointment availability, walk-in availability, urgent orthopedic care, Saturday clinic hours, and more. Visit <https://orthosouth.org> to learn more or to book your appointment online today.

## Titans host Bengals in Music City; Game televised on Fox ... from sports page 1

paign. This week also marks the Titans' annual Crucial Catch game. Each NFL team designates one game each season to raise awareness for early cancer detection and risk reduction. Sunday at Nissan Stadium will feature on-field and in-stadium Crucial Catch elements and also present opportunities to honor survivors and those currently battling cancer.

The contest will be regionally televised on FOX, including Nashville affiliate WZTV FOX 17. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Adam Amin, analyst Mark Schlereth and reporter Kristina Pink.

Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices with NFL+, which offers access

to local games and all primetime games on phones and tablets. Out of market, fans can watch every Sunday afternoon game with Sunday Ticket. The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, analyst Dave McGinnis, sideline reporter Ramon Foster and gameday host Rhett Bryan.

After defeating the Los Angeles Chargers in overtime in Week 2, the Titans looked to keep their momentum going last week at Cleveland. However, the Browns stymied the Titans' hopes with a defense that accumulated five sacks and allowed 94 total yards. The Browns controlled the ball

for more than 38 minutes and won by a final score of 27-3. Running back Derrick Henry enters this week in striking distance of moving up on the franchise's all-time rushing list. With 8,498 career rushing yards, he requires only 77 more to eclipse Earl Campbell's career total (8,574) for second place for the organization behind only Eddie George (10,009).

The Titans defense allowed 78 rushing yards against the Browns to mark the team's ninth consecutive game in which it did not allow an opposing offense to reach 100 rushing yards. It is the longest active streak in the NFL. The defense notched its 19th consecutive game without an opposing player reaching the 100-

yard rushing mark.

For the second consecutive week, the Titans will face an opponent coming off an appearance on Monday Night Football. The Bengals hosted the Los Angeles Rams on Monday night after dropping games at Cleveland and against the Baltimore Ravens in Weeks 1 and 2, respectively. Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow, the first overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft, is in his fourth season. He already owns Bengals single-season records for pass attempts (606 in 2022), completions (414 in 2022), passing yards (4,611 in 2021), touchdown passes (35 in 2022) and passer rating (108.3 in 2021). In 2022, he earned his first career Pro Bowl selection.

## 200+ minority candidates complete NFL's Bill Walsh coaching fellow program ... from sports page 1

scouts.

One hundred sixty-five diverse candidates completed the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship and 36 fellows completed the Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship.

"The Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship provides a great opportunity for people who love the game to continue to be involved in a vital aspect of our business, player evaluation and team building," said JOE SCHOEN, New York Giants General Manager. "The Bills organization offers Coaching Fellows the full experience of what being a coach in the

NFL is like," 2023 Buffalo Bills Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellow AMELIA WILSON said. "From my first day, I was included, respected, and treated as a coach and that is a credit to the environment created by Coach McDermott and the Bills organization."

In addition to in-person work opportunities, both fellowships offer a virtual speaker series emphasizing legacy, development and mentorship. Fellowship coordinator Jacques McClendon, along with Fellowship alumni KJ Black and Mike Harris, spoke to participants on various profes-

sional development topics and shared their unique experiences. This year's other virtual speakers included:

- 2023 Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship Virtual Speakers:**
- Tosin Kazeem, Pittsburgh Steelers**
- Clinton McMillan, Tennessee Titans**
- 2023 Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship Virtual Speakers:**
- Malik Boyd, Buffalo Bills**
- Mike Derice, New York Giants**
- Jackie Davidson, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

"We have six fellows who are now on an NFL coaching staff, which shows that the program is vital and the high caliber of great coaches looking for an opportunity," Houston Texans Head Coach DEMECO RYANS said. "I'm thankful for all the guys who have helped us during training camp."

For more information on the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship and the Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship, visit: [operations.nfl.com](http://operations.nfl.com).

## Miller and Spray named to AAC Weekly Honor Roll

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Following their fifth consecutive win last week, the Memphis Tiger women's soccer team has found two players named to the American Athletic Conference's Weekly Awards in Saorla Miller and Haylee Spray.

Miller, a 5th year out of Halifax, Nova Scotia, netted her eighth goal of the season in the 43'

against UTSA. Her goal would ultimately stand as the game-winning goal, her fourth of the season. Miller currently leads the team and the conference in total goals, game-winning goals and points per game.

This is the fourth AAC Weekly Award for Miller this season and the seventh of her career. Spray, a senior out of Allen,

Texas, led a Memphis backline that recorded its fourth consecutive shutout and the sixth of the season. Along with the shutout, Spray anchored a Tiger defense that held UTSA to just four shots the entire match, only two being on-goal, marking the fourth game this season the Tigers have held their opponents to five shots

or less. This is the first AAC Weekly Award for Spray this season and the seventh of her career.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Soccer, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

## Bissell Pet Foundation kicks off 'Empty the Shelters' fall national event, October 1-15

The nation's animal shelters are in crisis due to increased owner surrenders and stray intakes, spiking post-pandemic euthanasia rates across the country. Animal intakes at both public and private shelters are expected to reach a 3-year high this year, and adoptions or returns to owners are not keeping pace, according to the Shelter Animals Count database, according to the BISSELL Pet Foundation.

The organization is again prompting a national call for adoption with its fall national "Empty the Shelters" campaign with reduced-adoption events from Oct. 1-15.

This effort has helped nearly 190,000 pets find loving homes, making "Empty the Shelters" the largest funded adoption event in

the country. An average of 1,225 pets are adopted each day of these quarterly national events. During each nationwide event, BISSELL Pet Foundation sponsors reduced adoption fees so shelters can charge \$50 or less to take deserving pets from kennels to the couches of loving homes. "Empty the Shelters" will be hosted at 345+ organizations in 42 states.

Among those participating in the Mid-South Area are:

- Animal Harbor**
- Cheatham County Animal Control**
- Companion Animal Rescue & Education**
- Humane Society of Dickson County**

- Lucky's Cat House**
- Maury County Animal Services**
- McKamey Animal Center**
- Memphis Animal Services**
- Nashville Humane Association**
- Rutherford County Paws**
- Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation**
- SPCA Of Bradley County TN**
- Young-Williams Animal Center**

Note – not every shelter is participating for the full event. Potential adopters are encouraged to visit the "Empty the Shelters" website to find the nearest participating shelter and confirm their adoption day details. Visit [www.BISSELLPetFoundation.org/Empty-The-Shelters](http://www.BISSELLPetFoundation.org/Empty-The-Shelters) for more information and interactive map

of those organizations participating.

"Our nation's animal shelters are facing an overcrowding crisis unlike anything we have experienced in more than a decade. The devastating increase in owner surrenders and stray intakes has left tens of thousands of socialized, house-trained, and leash-trained pets desperate to find a home," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "Our Fall National 'Empty the Shelters' will support the adoption of thousands of pets across the country, helping shelters in this critical time. Opening your home to a shelter pet saves a life and creates space to give another pet a chance."

BISSELL PET FOUNDATION'S

**empty the shelters**  
 NATIONAL ADOPTION EVENT

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More info: [bissellpetfoundation.org/ets](http://bissellpetfoundation.org/ets)

