

Second half surge powers Tigers win over Boise State



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MEMPHIS- The Memphis Tigers took on the Boise State Broncos on September 30 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. It was the first meeting between the two teams. After the Broncos got out to a 17-0 halftime lead, the Tigers came roaring back in the 2nd half to claim a 35-32 win.

The comeback started with a Tiger blocked kick late in the 3rd quarter down 17-14. The kick was returned 80 yards for a touchdown. The Tigers held the lead for the rest of the game. They even had a 28-0 run during the half.

Needless to say, the over 30,000 in attendance, including Deangelo Williams, left happy.

The Tigers improved to 4-1 overall. They Host Tulane on October 13.

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Grizzlies to host open practice Sat., Oct. 7



- Plaza Party Tips-Off at 11 a.m. and Doors Open at 12:30 p.m. --
- All educators to receive "Educators Matter" notebook --
- The first 500 fans in attendance will receive an autographed player photo --
- 20 fans who RSVP are eligible to win Bally Sports+ Subscriptions --

Education will be a consistent theme throughout Open Practice, with local educators participating in various activities throughout the day. All educators in attendance will receive an "Educators Matter" notebook while supplies last. Educators can pick up the notebook at Guest Services by showing their school ID.

The 2023-24 NBA season will tip-off the fifth season for Coach Jenkins' Assist for Education initiative. For each of the past four seasons, Jenkins has pledged \$10 per Grizzlies assist throughout the season to provide educational support for students in Memphis Shelby County Schools. A core tenet of the program is to provide everyday necessities such as school supplies, socks, clothing and more to students throughout the greater Memphis area. Last season, the Grizzlies recorded 2,275 assists in 82 regular season games and six playoff games. Led by Ja Morant's 528 assists, Coach Jenkins donated \$22,750 through this initiative.

Prior to Open Practice, MVP Season Ticket Members are invited to attend an exclusive State of the Franchise with Memphis Grizzlies President of Basketball Operations and General Manager Zach Kleiman and President Jason Wexler. MVPs should check their inbox for an official invite and RSVP details. To become an MVP Season Ticket Member and enjoy perks like this and more, call (901) 888-HOOP.

FedExForum has implemented a clear bag policy that limits the size and types of bags that may be brought into the venue for all future events. Only clear bags made of plastic, vinyl or PVC no larger than 6x8x2 inches will be allowed inside FedExForum. For more information, visit fedexforum.com/arena-policy-updates.

Fans who want to support the Memphis Grizzlies and purchase 2023-24 season tickets and single game tickets can do so now by calling (901) 888-HOOP or going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. For more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

MEMPHIS, TN – The Memphis Grizzlies will host their annual Open Practice, presented by Caesars Sportsbook, on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. at FedExForum. A Plaza Party on the Big River Steel Plaza tips-off the fun at 11 a.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

The full-team practice will give Grizzlies fans a first look at the 2023-24 squad, including Jaren Jackson Jr., Desmond Bane, and Steven Adams, plus newcomers Marcus Smart, Derrick Rose and more. Led by Head Coach Taylor Jenkins, the event will include entertainment from Grizz, the Grizz Girls, the Claw Crew and other live entertainment teams. Fans will be able to watch their favorite Grizzlies players go head-to-head against each other as they compete in various skills challenges.

Open Practice is free to the public, and fans are encouraged to RSVP for the event by going to grizzlies.com/Open-Practice. Fans who RSVP for Open Practice will be automatically entered to win one of 20 Bally Sports+ subscriptions. Fans are encouraged to arrive early to celebrate the start of a new season with a Plaza Party on the Big River Steel Plaza that tips-off at 11 a.m., featuring a live DJ, inflatables, face painting, balloon artists and more. The first 500 fans in attendance will receive an autographed player photo. Seating inside FedExForum is first-come, first-serve. Free parking is available for fans in the Gossett Motors Garage.

Tennessee Titans to travel to Indianapolis for first AFC South Clash of 2023... from sports page 1

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. More information on ways to watch NFL games can be found here.

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.

TITANS GET COMPLETE WIN, EVEN RECORD AFTER FOUR GAMES

The Titans hosted the Cincinnati Bengals last week and used a balanced offensive attack and a swarming defense to earn a 27-3

victory. The offense totaled 400 yards and controlled the ball for more than 34 minutes, while the defense allowed only 211 yards and kept the Bengals to a pair of third-down conversions on nine attempts (22.2 percent). Cincinnati scored the first three points of the game but were shut out for the rest of the afternoon.

Running back Derrick Henry led the team with 122 rushing yards, and in the process, he moved past Earl Campbell (8,574 rushing yards) for second place on the franchise's all-time rushing list. Henry, who increased his career total to 8,620 rushing yards, trails only Eddie George (10,009) in team annals. Against the Bengals, Henry also rushed for a 29-yard touchdown and completed a two-yard touchdown pass to rookie tight end Josh Whyle.

This week begins a seven-week

stretch for the Titans in which they will play a total of one game at Nissan Stadium. They play the Baltimore Ravens in London next week (Oct. 15) and then have a Week 7 bye. After hosting the Atlanta Falcons on Oct. 29, they play three consecutive road contests—at the Pittsburgh Steelers (Thursday, Nov. 2), at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Nov. 12) and at Jacksonville (Nov. 19)—before returning to Nissan Stadium after Thanksgiving to host the Carolina Panthers (Nov. 26).

THE COLTS

The Colts are four games into a new era for the franchise. During the 2023 offseason, they hired former Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Shane Steichen as head coach after Steichen helped the Eagles to an NFC title and an appearance in

Super Bowl LVII. With Steichen as coordinator, the Eagles ranked third in total offense and third in scoring offense in 2022.

In the 2023 NFL Draft, the Colts used the fourth overall pick on University of Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson. Richardson has started three of the Colts' first four games and passed for 479 yards with three touchdowns and one interception. Additionally, he has rushed for 131 yards and four touchdowns.

Last week the Colts hosted the Los Angeles Rams and nearly completed an improbable comeback. They erased a 23-0 third-quarter deficit, only for the Rams to take the first possession of overtime and score the game-winning touchdown. Richardson passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another score in the loss.

TN Titans go on offense to fend off Bengals ... from sports page 1

found Whyle in the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown, the first of Whyle's NFL career. Folk converted on the point after attempt, just like he did on the previous two drives.

Tennessee's explosive second quarter gave the Titans a 24-3 lead over the Bengals heading

into halftime.

Third quarter play was less exciting in terms of scoring. The only scoring drive came from the Titans' opening drive, which lasted over 10 minutes. While they didn't find the end zone, Folk was successful in his 35-yard attempt. This extended the

Titans' lead 27-3, which is where the scoreboard remained until the final whistle.

The Titans improve to 2-2 and will head to Indianapolis to take on the Colts (2-2) on Sunday before heading to London to face off against the Baltimore Ravens.

The USFL and XFL leagues announce intent to merge ... from sports page 1

FOX NFL analyst Daryl Johnston is President of Football Operations. Former NFL Vice President of Officiating and current FOX NFL analyst Mike Pereira is Head of Officiating. "United By Football," USFL fans can find scheduling and ticketing information at theUSFL.com and follow on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok.

About the XFL: The XFL is a fan-first, fast-paced global professional football league with innovative rules and an enhanced 360-degree game experience. Anchored in world-class football, the XFL brings entertainment and innovation to advance the sport, expand player opportunities, and change the way that fans experience the

game. The XFL has eight teams in Arlington (TX), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Orlando (FL), San Antonio (TX), Seattle (WA), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C. The XFL is owned by Dany Garcia, Dwayne Johnson, and Gerry Cardinale's RedBird Capital Partners and launched in February 2023.

Grizzlies announce promotional schedule with keepsakes, HBCU Night, Hoops for St. Jude, Lunar New Year and other goodies for fans

– Steven Adams 'Aquamane' Slides, Desmond Bane Mini Hoop, Ja Morant 'Ja-waiian' Shirt and Derrick Rose Travel Chess Set highlight the schedule

MEMPHIS, TN— The Memphis Grizzlies announced their promotional schedule for the 2023-24 regular season, featuring all-new collectibles, keepsakes and theme nights.

FAN GIVEAWAYS

The Grizzlies tip-off the 2023-24 regular season at FedExForum on Wednesday, Oct. 25, against the New Orleans Pelicans and as a welcome back gift, the first 10,000 fans in attendance will receive a Grizzlies Shirt. On Friday, Nov. 10, the first 5,000 fans

in attendance can get their hands on the Grizzlies Camo Bucket Hat in recognition of Military Appreciation Night, presented by Ashley. Grizz Nation can tip-off the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 15, as the first 5,000 fans in attendance will walk away with Grizzlies Holiday Wrapping Paper. The Grizzlies annual Holiday Game, presented by Bally Sports, will take place Thursday, Dec. 21, against the Indiana Pacers, and the first 10,000 fans in attendance will receive a Grizzlies Rally Flag.

The first 5,000 fans to arrive on Friday, Jan. 12, will receive a Jaren Jackson Jr. Growth Chart, while the first 5,000 fans on Saturday, Jan. 13, can pick up a Marcus 'Smart' Phone Stand.

The first 5,000 fans in attendance on Friday, Feb. 2, will receive a Desmond Bane Mini Hoop. Grizz Nation can celebrate the Lunar New Year on Thursday, Feb. 8, and a Derrick Rose Travel Chess Set will be available for the first 5,000 fans on Monday, Feb. 12.

The Grizzlies will tip-off March by celebrating Grizz' birthday on Friday, March 1, as the first 5,000 fans will receive a Lil' Grizz in a Box. Grizz Nation can get ready for spring on Saturday, March 2, when the first 3,000 fans can pick up a Ja Morant 'Ja-waiian' Shirt. The first 5,000 fans in attendance for Wrestling Night on Saturday, March 16, will leave with a Luchador Mask. On Friday, April 5, the

first 5,000 fans will walk away with Steven Adams 'Aquamane' Slides.

THEME NIGHTS

Throughout the season, the Grizzlies will host several theme nights including Breast Cancer Awareness Night during the pre-season matchup on Sunday, Oct. 8, against the Indiana Pacers, where the first 5,000 fans will get a 2023-24 Grizzlies Magnet Schedule. The Grizzlies will recognize State of Tennessee HBCU Day, presented by Pinnacle Financial Partners, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, against the Miami Heat. Additional fan favorite theme nights returning this season include Adoptable Pet, Social Media and Super Hero Night.

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NFL and NFLPA Joint Statement

Editor's Note: The following statement was released on Sept. 29, 2023:

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