

**More Military News**

**Concert for Gratitude tickets now on sale; Many veterans foundations are highlighted**

"NASHVILLE, TN - Tickets are on sale at thefishercenter.com and americasalutesyou.org. For additional questions about tickets, please contact the Belmont Box Office at 615-460-2255 or tickets@belmont.edu." One-of-a-kind, autographed instruments will be displayed in the lobby of the Fisher Center and will be available for purchase. Details on these items with photos, final costs and descriptions are on the ASY home page: <https://americasalutesyou.org/>

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Over the past 7 years, America Salutes You has supported over 30 charitable organizations with 100% of public donations going to these non-profits. This year's charitable beneficiaries include: Gary Sinise Foundation, No Greater Sacrifice, The Pursuit of Purpose, The Veterans Tennis Corps and Adaptive Tennis Pro-

grams of the JTCC, The Outreach Program, Operation Homefront and Hire Heroes USA. Sponsors include: Ross Glickman Family Foundation, Robert and Susan Wright, The Davis Elkins Foundation, International Protective Service, Virgin Hotels and Farm East Foundation, with more to be announced.

The fully produced show will air in January 2024 on network affiliates, national cable channels and streaming services across the U.S. and internationally.

Bob Okun is the Executive Producer of this event, Award-winning producer and filmmaker Martin Guigui is the Music Director. Evan Haiman is the TV Producer and Tisha Fein is the Talent Producer. Rob Dean is the Co-Producer, Corporate Donations. Steve Given is the Graphics Designer for the show. The show will feature a star-studded All-Star Band made up of high profile world class recording and touring musicians led by Music Director Martin Guigui.

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**Bassmaster events make economic waves for local high schools everywhere**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic and the 2023 Strike King Bassmaster High School Championship presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors have been recognized by Sports Destination Management after generating a combined economic impact of more than \$38.2 million.

"We are so proud to have the positive economic impact of the iconic Bassmaster Classic recognized again, but also to highlight the incredible draw of our High School National Championship," said B.A.S.S. CEO Chase Anderson. "Through extensive media coverage of our exciting tournaments on the sport's biggest platform and by attracting our signature large, enthusiastic crowds to a fishery, it is our goal to make every B.A.S.S. tournament an economic win for our host cities."

The Bassmaster Classic, hosted by the Visit Knoxville Sports Commission, has proven itself as one of the best investments in sports, earning recognition as a 2023 Champion of Economic Impact in Sports Tourism (Mid-Market Division). The Super Bowl of Bass Fishing welcomed a staggering crowd of 163,914 fans to Classic Week activities.

According to numbers released by Visit Knoxville, the Bassmaster Classic generated an economic windfall of more than \$35.5 million for the community. In addition to producing more than \$2.85 million in state and local tax revenue, including taxes on sales, restaurant purchases and lodging, the 2023 Bassmaster Classic and associated activities supported a total of 12,698 jobs. Fans traveling from across the nation and from as far away as Australia and Japan also accounted for 31,525 room nights at hotels across Knox County. Tournament coverage reached 4.5 million viewers across the two days of FOX and FS1 coverage.

The Bassmaster Classic was also recently honored as the "Best Professional Event" at the annual SportsTravel Awards.

2022 marked the first time the Bassmaster High School National Championship was held

on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, S.C., and this year's event enjoyed massive growth among participants and fans, earning the distinction of Sports Tourism Hero in the 2023 Champions of Economic Impact awards. Young anglers from 35 states and Ontario, Canada, qualified for the 480-plus-boat field. The tournament accounted for more than 10,000 room nights and had a total economic impact of \$2.73 million for Anderson County.

"The Bassmaster High School Championship has been on our radar since 2016 as a must-have event for our community," said Neil Paul, executive director of Visit Anderson, which hosted the event. "We knew the impact of this event would be major given the growth pattern of high school fishing and the continued development of high school fishing within the Bassmaster platform. The leadership of Anderson County has provided us with a tremendous facility in Green Pond Landing and the resources to be able to host events such as the Bassmaster High School Championship. This event, with 481 boats, was a landmark event for Anderson County, Green Pond Landing and Lake Hartwell!"

Sports Destination Management is the leading publication with the largest circulation of sports event planners and tournament directors in the sports tourism market.

"Bass fishing events are some of the heaviest hitters in the travel sports industry in terms of economic impact, bringing in not just dollars and hotel business, but new attention to destinations that can host events or just attract amateur anglers for a weekend of fishing," said Mary Helen Sprecher, managing editor at Sports Destination Management.

The 2023 Champions of Economic Impact in Sports Tourism awards included a variety of sporting events across small, mid and large markets.

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**Tennessee Titans travel to Tampa Bay to take on Buccaneers in second meet**

Tennessee Titans (3-5) at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (3-5)  
Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 • Noon CST/1 p.m. EST • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, Fla. • TV: CBS



NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (3-5) play their second of three consecutive road games this week, traveling to Tampa Bay to face the Buccaneers (3-5). Kick-off at Raymond James Stadium (capacity 65,844) is scheduled for noon CST/1 p.m. EST on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The Titans and Buccaneers have met on only 12 prior occasions, and 10 of those were won by the Titans, including the past three encounters. Sunday will mark only the fourth game between the clubs at Raymond James Stadium, which opened in 1998. The Titans are 2-1 at the Buccaneers' current home.

The contest will be regionally televised on CBS, including Nashville affiliate WTVF NewsChannel 5, as well as on Paramount+ in the Nashville market.

The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Andrew Catalon, analysts Tiki Barber and Matt Ryan, and reporter AJ Ross. 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. Streaming is available at the Titans Mobile App for listeners in the Nashville market and avail-

able everywhere for desktop users. TITANS FACE ANOTHER ROAD TEST

The Titans were on the road at Pittsburgh last week to face the Steelers on Thursday Night Football. With quarterback Ryan Tannehill out for a second consecutive game due to an ankle injury, rookie quarterback Will Levis recorded his second NFL start. Levis and the Titans took a three-point lead into the fourth quarter, but the Steelers scored the go-ahead touchdown with less than five minutes remaining in regulation and fended off a last-minute drive by the Titans to win 20-16.

Levis, the 33rd overall selection in the 2023 NFL Draft, completed 22 of 39 passes for 262 yards with one interception. He had seven completions of 20-plus yards, the most for the Titans in a game since Tannehill had seven in the 2022 season opener against the New York Giants. Through two NFL games, Levis is 41-of-

68 passing for 500 yards with four touchdowns, one interception and a 96.4 passer rating.

The Titans will have extra time following the Thursday night game to rest and prepare for the Buccaneers. Since Mike Vrabel became the head coach of the Titans in 2018, the Titans are 10-1 with nine or more rest days between games. The record includes a 4-1 mark on Sundays following a Thursday game the previous week.

Following their Tampa trip, the Titans will travel back to the Sunshine State to play the divisional Jaguars on Nov. 19. That will conclude a seven-week stretch in which they play a total of one game at Nissan Stadium. Other than the home game—a win against Atlanta on Oct. 29—the stretch includes four road contests, one game in London and a bye. Five of their final seven games will be at home, starting with a post-Thanksgiving clash with the Carolina Panthers on Nov. 26.

**NFL legend and 1st Chilean player Sammis Reyes added to Mundo NFL talent roster**

NEW YORK — Nov. 1, 2023 — The National Football League announced the addition of NFL Legend Sammis Reyes to the on-air talent roster for Mundo NFL, the league's official source for Latino fans on NFL news, video highlights, fantasy football, game-day coverage and more.

The first Chilean-born player in NFL history, Reyes will appear in "NFL Cultura with Sammis Reyes," a weekly content series for Mundo NFL, offering insights and commentary on his experiences as a player and how they relate to current NFL events and fans around the world. The former tight end played for the then-Washington Football Team in 2021 before a stint with the Chicago Bears in 2022 and the Jacksonville Jaguars prior to the 2023 season.

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A native of Talcahuano, Chile, Reyes' path to the NFL is unique.

He grew up in Chile before moving to the U.S. at the age of 14, where he eventually played basketball at North Broward Prep in Florida and later at Tulane. The 6-foot-5 athlete played two seasons on the hardwood for the Green Wave, while also spending a decade in the Chilean national team program.

Following the conclusion of his basketball career, Reyes turned his attention to the gridiron, catching the attention of NFL scouts at his pro day by running a 4.64 in the 40-yard dash, reaching 31 bench press reps, and producing a 40" vertical and 10'5" leap in the broad jump.

Reyes was set to come through the NFL's International Pathway Program (IPP), which provides international players with both training and a roadmap to break into the league, but his pro day impressed Washington enough to sign him prior to the IPP process. Reyes appeared in 11 games for Washington in 2021, making one start, while contributing primarily on special teams.

"As a Latino athlete and former

NFL player, I am no stranger to adversity, and whether it was transitioning from basketball to football or competing for playing time, challenges have been my prime motivator in life," Reyes said. "This new challenge of creating content is different than what I have done before, but the prospect of connecting with this growing fan base is a true honor. I am thankful for the opportunity to join Mundo NFL and eager to give fans a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be an NFL player while engaging with them through unique content opportunities."

The official source for NFL news, video highlights, fantasy football, game day coverage, schedules, stats, scores and more, Mundo NFL is the destination for Hispanic/Latino fans to consume all things NFL. Mundo NFL produces shows and segments for its YouTube channel and distributes content on its X and newly rebranded Instagram account. Learn more at [www.NFL.com/Mundo](http://www.NFL.com/Mundo).

**Gold Strike Casino Resorts names Shane Robertson as new director of gaming and operations in Tunica, Miss. from sports-Ent. 5**

munity branding, strategic partnerships and cross-promotional marketing. His experience spans nearly 30 years in the industry including his work with Odawa Casino, Harrah's Tunica, MotorCity Casino, MGM Grand, Car-

nival Cruise Lines, Sheraton Casino and most recently Hollywood Casino at Greektown in Detroit, Michigan.

Gold Strike Casino Resort is owned and operated by Chero-

kee Nation Entertainment (CNE), the gaming and hospitality company of the Cherokee Nation. With three decades of expertise in providing exceptional experiences, Cherokee Nation Entertainment owns and operates Hard

Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa and nine Cherokee Casinos in Oklahoma, including a racino, three resort hotels, three golf courses and other retail operations.

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