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### Jaren Jackson Jr. named to 74th NBA All-Star Game to air on on TNT and TruTV

Jackson Jr. Earns Second Career season franchise record at 123.3 All-Star Selection

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The NBA announced that Memphis Grizzlies forward/center Jaren Jackson Jr. was named a reserve for the 74th NBA All-Star Game, which will take place at Chase Center in San Francisco on Sunday, February 16, at 7 p.m. CT on TNT and TruTV. This marks the second career All-Star selection for Jackson Jr., who also was selected as a reserve in 2023.

In his seventh NBA season, Jackson Jr. has started all 45 appearances and has averaged a career-high 22.8 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2.1 assists, a careerbest 1.4 steals and 1.6 blocks in 29.5 minutes to lead the Grizzlies to a 31-16 record (third in the Western Conference). The 25-year-old, who earned his first career Western Conference Player of the Week award on Monday, is the only NBA player with at least 50 3-pointers made, 50 steals and 50 blocks this season.

Jackson Jr., who ranks fifth in the NBA in points per 36 minutes, is the leading scorer for the highest scoring offense in the NBA this season with Memphis on course to set a new single-

points per game. He is averaging a career-high 12.2 points in the paint per game (11th in the NBA) to help Memphis place second in the category with 57.1 paint points per game as a team. On the other side of the court, the 2022-23 NBA Defensive Player of the Year has anchored a Grizzlies defense that ranks seventh in defensive rating (110.5), third in blocks (6.1) and sixth in steals (9.2). Jackson Jr. ranks seventh in the league in blocks per game and 28th in steals per game, is the only player to rank both in the top 10 in blocks and top 30 in steals.

The Western Conference Defensive Player of the Month for December 2024, Jackson Jr. is holding opponents to 40.4 percent shooting this season as the closest defender, which is the best defensive field goal percentage in the league among players with at least 500 field goal attempts defended.

Jackson Jr. is the fourth player in franchise history to be named to receive multiple All-Star selections for the Grizzlies, joining Zach Randolph (2010, 2013), Marc Gasol (2012, 2015, 2017) and Ja Morant (2022, 2023).

For more information, visit Grizzlies.com.

## Are you ready for some Super **Bowl? NFL announces live on location for Super Bowl LIX**

Special 8.5-Hour Edition of "NFL GameDay Morning" Super Bowl Sunday Starting at 9 a.m. ET /8 a.m. CT

NFL Network Super Bowl Week Coverage Features Live Editions of "Good Morning Football," "Super Bowl Live" and "The Insiders"

NFL Digital Media Coverage Across NFL+, NFL Channel, NFL.com, the NFL App and You-Tube

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INGLEWOOD, Calif. - Jan. 30, 2025 — For the 22nd year, NFL Media is on-location providing comprehensive, wall-towall coverage of Super Bowl week. With more than 60 hours of live Super Bowl week coverage, NFL Network and NFL Digital Media are the go-to destinations for expert analysis, the latest news and reports, special guest appearances, matchuprelated programming, and more leading up to Super Bowl LIX. NFL Network kicks off its coverage from New Orleans and Los Angeles beginning Monday, Feb. 3, which features more than 11 hours of pregame and postgame programming on Super Bowl



Sunday, live telecasts of "Good Morning Football," "Super Bowl Live" and "The Insiders," live coverage of "Super Bowl Opening Night" and "NFL Honors," and special Super Bowl-related programming and features throughout the week.

In addition to content across NFL Network, NFL Digital Media delivers an array of features and exclusive programming, including live shows such as "Super Bowl Today" and "NFL GameDay View," Super Bowl week editions of various NFL Media podcasts, video features, and audio content to keep fans connected all week long on NFL+, the NFL Channel, NFL.com, the NFL app and You-Tube.

Super Bowl LIX is available to watch on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 6:30

# FedEx St. Jude Championship and PGA **TOUR launch Positively Community Fund** for local nonprofits that impact Mid-South

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Memphis' hometown PGA TOUR event, the



the incredible support that has put us in a position to lend this kind of meaningful assistance to local organizations. We're truly excited to see the impact these grants will have on the people and programs that make Memphis such a special place."

p.m. ET on FOX, FOX Deportes, Telemundo, and with unauthenticated access across devices on Tubi and across NFL digital properties.

Super Bowl Sunday Coverage On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9, NFL Network provides more than 11 hours of live pregame and postgame coverage, starting at 9 a.m. ET with a special 8.5hour edition of "NFL GameDay Morning." Utilizing 25 on-air talent members, "NFL GameDay Morning" offers comprehensive analysis before kickoff of Super Bowl LIX. Following the game, "NFL GameDay Final" is live from Caesars Superdome with

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FedEx St. Jude Championship, announced the launch of the Positively Memphis Community Fund, a new initiative designed to provide support to nonprofit organizations that are making a meaningful impact in the Mid-South.

The fund will operate on quarterly grant cycles, with each cycle focusing on a specific area of need. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded to local organizations that align with the fund's mission to foster growth and create positive change. This quarter's focus

is Health, Wellness, and Sport, prioritizing programs that promote physical health, mental well-being, and fitness through sports and active living. Applications for this cycle will close on March 30, 2025.

"Our dedication to Memphis goes far beyond the tournament itself," said Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Eligibility To qualify for funding, organizations must:

•Serve the Mid-South region. •Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, government entity (e.g., law enforcement or fire departments), or educational institution (K-12 schools, colleges, or universities).

While a wide range of initiatives will be considered, the fund does not cover administrative or operating costs, political organizations, fundraising activities, individual or endowment funding, or sponsorships.

#### How to Apply

Nonprofits can submit applications online through the tournament's website at: https://fedexchampionship.com/ memphis-community-fund. To learn more about the FedEx St. Jude Championship's other com-

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### Four Hustle players selected in NBA G league for the NBA **All-Star in San Francisco**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Memphis Hustle announced that forward Armando Bacot, guard Yuki Kawamura, forward Mãozinha Pereira and guard DJ Steward have been selected to participate in the NBA G League Up Next Game at NBA All-Star 2025.

The NBA G League Up Next Game will take place on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2:30 p.m. CT at NBA Crossover in the Mascone Center. The game will feature four teams of seven players competing in two semifinal games and will be played with rules similar to Rising Stars. Two teams will square off in Semifinals matchups to 30 points, and the winning teams

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