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Register early for the Kosten Foundation Kick It Pickleball Tournament

Tournament to benefit pancreatic cancer research and patient support

MEMPHIS, TENN., February 25, 2025 – The Kosten Foundation announced that registration for their 2nd annual Kick It Pickleball Tournament benefitting pancreatic cancer research and support is now open. The May 16-18 event is presented by Baptist Memorial Health Care and will be held at Shadowlawn Park. Early bird registration is \$65 and is available until March 7, after which regular registration will be \$75. Anyone that would like to participate in the pickleball tournament can register and take advantage of early bird discounted pricing on the event’s website at <https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/kosten-kick-it-pickleball-tournament-2>.

“The Kick It Pickleball Tournament is an opportunity for our community to come together and support pancreatic cancer research while enjoying a day of friendly competition,” said Alan Kosten, Chairman of the Kosten Foundation. “We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, participants, and volunteers who make events like these possible and contribute to our mission of fighting pancreatic cancer.”

The Kick It Pickleball Tournament accommodates players across various divisions, including men’s doubles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles, all structured in a round-robin format. The

tournament welcomes participants of varying skill levels, ensuring an inclusive and engaging experience for all attendees. Spectators are encouraged to attend and bring chairs and tents for added comfort during the event.

The Kick It Pickleball Tournament builds on the success of the Kick It 5K, which raised over \$155,000 for pancreatic cancer in 2024. The Kosten Foundation aims to continue this impactful legacy through the Kick It Pickleball Tournament, furthering its commitment to fighting pancreatic cancer.

Since 2003, the Kosten Foundation has donated more than \$3 million to pancreatic cancer research. The Foundation’s latest round of research grants helped fund research teams in Dallas, New York City, and Edinburg, Texas. In addition to its research efforts, the Kosten Foundation hosts the only free, in-person and virtual pancreatic cancer support group in the Mid-South. For more information about the Kosten Foundation and their mission, you can go to their website at kostenfoundation.com.

For sponsorship inquiries, please contact Alan Kosten 901-606-5330 or Jeffrey Goldberg 901-606-7542.

Dainja grabs another AAC Honorable Mention nod

IRVING, Texas – University of Memphis redshirt senior Dain Dainja earned his third American Athletic Conference Honorable Mention nod of the season, the league office announced Monday afternoon.

Dainja and the Tigers had just one game this week, but they took full advantage by defeating Florida Atlantic, 84-65, Sunday afternoon to remain at the top of the conference standings.

The Brooklyn Park, Minnesota native pulled down his fourth double-double of the year with 22 points and 11 rebounds while adding four blocks and three

steals in 27 minutes.

The big man was 8-of-13 shooting overall and recorded his fourth 20-point game in the last eight outings. He tied his career high in points, and his season highs in blocks and steals.

Dainja is averaging 12.8 points and a team-high 6.6 rebounds per game on the year and also leads the team in field goal percentage (59.6%).

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men’s Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

UFL training camps set for March 3 in Arlington, Texas

Memphis Showboats kick off season on March 30

ARLINGTON, TX – February 24, 2025 – The United Football League announced the official opening of its training camps will take place on Monday, March 3, when more than 600 coaches and players report to the UFL HQ in Arlington, Texas, to prepare for the upcoming 2025 season. All eight teams will conduct training camps in the DFW Metroplex, with two teams practicing at each of the four locations. The UFL HQ in Arlington will serve as the main hub for all football operations throughout the 2025 season.

The 2025 season will kick off on Friday, March 28, at 8 p.m. ET when FOX Sports debuts FOX UFL Friday – a new night dedicated to UFL action taking place each Friday during the 10-week regular season – with a matchup featuring the St. Louis Battle-



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hawks against the Houston Roughnecks. The league’s second season will conclude on Saturday, June 14, when ABC presents the 2025 UFL Championship Game.

The Memphis Showboats will open their season March 30 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, when they host the Michigan Panthers for an 11 a.m. kickoff. The Showboats roster currently sits at 63 players. The team will have the ability to go up to 64 players throughout training

camp. The United Football League (UFL) is shaping the future of spring football, born from the groundbreaking 2024 merger of the XFL and USFL. With the visionary backing of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson, the UFL is redefining the football landscape. Positioned to innovate and expand fan engagement and player opportunities, the league is poised for growth with its eight teams in key markets: Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington, D.C. The UFL is committed to pushing the boundaries of the game and delivering an elevated experience for players, fans, and partners alike.

Live coverage of NFL Scouting Combine presented by Microsoft Copilot now through March 2

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Feb. 24, 2025 — NFL Network, NFL+ and NFL Digital Media offer multi-platform coverage of the 2025 NFL Scouting Combine presented by Microsoft Copilot from Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Coverage began Tuesday, Feb. 25 and will continue to Sunday, March 2. NFL Network provides more than 50 hours of live Combine week coverage – the 20th Combine covered by NFL Network – offering the first look at the 2025 NFL Draft class, highlighted by quarterbacks Shedeur Sanders and Cam Ward, edge Abdul Carter, wide receiver Travis Hunter and more.

This year, NFL Network’s coverage of the Combine again extends into primetime beginning Thursday, Feb. 27 with five hours of live coverage of the defensive linemen and linebackers starting at 3 p.m. ET and continuing until 8 p.m. ET.

Coverage continues with six hours of live coverage of the defensive backs and tight ends on Friday, Feb. 28 beginning at 3

p.m. ET. Coverage of on-field drills on Saturday, March 1 features the quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs, with NFL Network providing eight hours of live coverage beginning at 1 p.m. ET. NFL Network’s coverage concludes on Sunday, March 2 with offensive linemen at 1 p.m. ET. Lead draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah and host Rich Eisen anchor NFL Network’s coverage of the on-field workouts, joined by Charles Davis, Bucky Brooks, Ian Rapoport, Marc Ross, Lance Zierlein, Stacey Dales, Tom Pelissero, Chris Rose, Peter Schrager, Kimmi Chex, Rhett Lewis, Judy Battista, as well as NFL Network analyst Kurt Warner (Saturday).

On YouTube and the NFL’s FAST channel, “Combine Today” airs Thursday and Friday at 2 p.m. ET, and Saturday and Sunday at noon ET with Rhett Lewis, Bucky Brooks and Lance Zierlein previewing the day’s on-field drills and discussing which prospects will help their draft stock. Additionally, Kimmi Chex

provides interviews with top prospects following their on-field workouts.

For a full list of Combine participants, visit NFL.com/combine.

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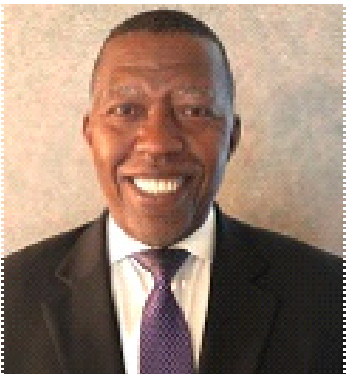
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Welcome, Travelers!

Do You Know This About Black History?

- In 1847 Frederick Douglass published the first issue of the North Star newspaper, an anti-slavery newspaper.
- In 1941, the Atlanta Urban League won the right for Black women to be addressed as “Mrs.” in predominantly white newspapers.
- On May 1, 1867, Howard University (Washington, D.C.) was chartered by Congress as one of the earliest institution of higher learning for African Americans.

