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Stephen A. Smith talks to Newsmax’s Rob Schmitt on how Democratic Party has moved too far left



ESPN host Stephen A. Smith

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ESPN host Stephen A. Smith, considered by many to be the most respected voice in sports media, told Newsmax on Monday [March 17, 2025] that he has moderated his political stances because the Democratic Party has moved too far to the left.

"You know, so many people talked about the MAGA right," Smith told "Rob Schmitt Tonight." "I was like, What about the progressive left? What are we doing here? What are we paying attention to? Are we not paying attention to the type of stuff that's going on? Are folks talking about the economy? No. Are they looking at the border and seeing 12-plus million people cross the border illegally and bringing that up? No, there's no problem at the border whatsoever. Everything was great.

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kind of things and then you're seeing people get suspended or lose jobs for, you know, echoing the wrong pronoun and us having conversations about gender, bathroom use, and all of this other stuff. I'm like, it got a bit extreme and a bit ridiculous."

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Go, Tigers, Go!

Tigers take down UAB to take AAC crown; Heads to Seattle for first round of the NCAA

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) -- The While Memphis was a lock to make the NCAA Tournament even before tipping off in the American Athletic Conference Tournament championship game, coach Penny Hardaway and the 16th-ranked Tigers got another trophy on the way to Seattle.

Following the AAC Championship Tournament victory, Memphis men's basketball earned the No. 5 seed in the West Region and will head to Seattle, Washington for the first round of the NCAA Tournament and take on No. 12 seed Colorado State. The matchup is set for Friday, March 21!

PJ Haggerty scored 23 points and Dain Dainja had another double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds as the Tigers beat UAB 84-72 on Sunday to wrap up the tournament after also winning the league's regular-season title for the first time. Colby Rogers also scored double figures, adding 15 points.



Coach Penny Hardaway

Memphis becomes the first AAC team to win both the regular season and tournament crowns in the same season. "We're winners. We want to keep that winning edge and start the tradition going again of Mem-

phis being associated with winning," Hardaway said. "We don't want to leave anything on the table that we have an opportunity to win. As long as I'm the coach

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Showboats announce \$5 concessions menus

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – March 13, 2025 – The Memphis Showboats have announced a \$5 concessions menu for the 2025 season at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

In an effort to continue to add value to the game day experience, Showboats fans will be

able to enjoy \$5 concessions during each of the team’s five home games, starting with the home opener on March 30.

Two dedicated concessions stands inside Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium will feature a number of items, all for just \$5

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U.S. Sens. Blackburn and Booker introduce NCAA Accountability Act to protect athletes, coaches, and colleges

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) introduced the NCAA Accountability Act, which would establish due process protections for student-athletes, coaches, and universities that are under investigation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for rule violations:

“The NCAA has an unacceptable history of backroom deliberations that unfairly punish athletes, coaches, and universities, and we must ensure student athletes who work their entire lives to compete at the college level are not bogged down by inconsistent investigations conducted by an organization that continues to move the goal post.” said Senator Blackburn. “The NCAA Accountability Act would make the NCAA more accountable by ensuring the organization’s expectations for rule violations are consistent and fair. As the nation’s sports fans tune into the Big Dance, Congress should pass this legislation to protect our athletes and universities.”

“College athletes, coaches, and universities deserve clear, consistent procedures during investigations of potential rule violations,” said Senator Booker. “This legislation is an important step toward ensuring fairness, transparency, and due process—and will help to strengthen trust in college athletics.”

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The NCAA Accountability Act would:

- Establish Due Process:
1. Require the NCAA to provide its member universities with fair notice regarding enforcement proceedings, including information about the status of the investigation, alleged violations being investigated, the involved individuals and programs, the potential penalties of each allegation, and the rights and resources available to the accused.
 2. Require the NCAA complete any investigation no later than one year after it begins.
 3. Prohibit the NCAA from publicly disclosing information relating to an ongoing investigation until formal charges are filed in the notice of allegations.

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