

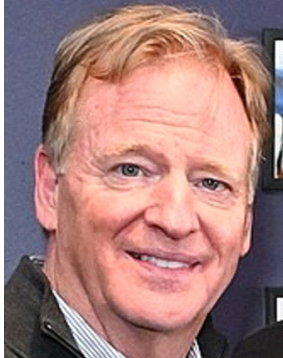
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Pres. Trump and Roger Goodell announce NFL 2027 Draft set for D.C.



President Donald Trump



Roger Goodell

NEW YORK — May 5, 2025 — The NFL announced that the 2027 NFL Draft presented by Bud Light will take place in Washington, D.C., uniting fans from around the world to celebrate one of the most- anticipated events in sports. Hosted in partnership with Washington Commanders and the local organizing committee, Events DC, the 2027 NFL Draft will take place across the District's most iconic landmarks, including the National Mall and

Pennsylvania Avenue, placing the capital at the center of America's most celebrated sport. The announcement was made ton May 5 in the Oval Office with President Donald J. Trump. “The NFL Draft has become a marquee event, uniting fans across the country and around the world,” said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. “We are excited to bring the 2027 Draft to Washington, D.C., a city rich in history and national pride. With the

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Grizzlies name Tuomas Iisalo new head coach

MEMPHIS, Tenn.. May 2, 2025 – The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team has named Tuomas Iisalo (twa-mas EE-zal-low) as head coach. Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed. “I have full confidence in Tuomas serving as head coach of the Memphis Grizzlies going forward,” said Grizzlies President and General Manager of Basketball Operations Zachary Z. Kleiman. “Tuomas’ teams at every

level have been disciplined, tenacious and connected on both ends of the floor, consistently exceeding expectations. We look forward to the same in Memphis.”

Iisalo was appointed interim head coach on March 28, 2025, and guided the Grizzlies to the NBA Playoffs as the eighth seed in the Western Conference. He originally was hired by Memphis

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Grizzlies highlight four Memphis nonprofits to receive grants from NBA Foundation to do good works

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies today celebrate four Memphis-affiliated nonprofit organizations that have been selected as NBA Foundation grant recipients, receiving a combined \$1.15 million in funding. Contemporary Arts Memphis, Peer Power, Tech901 and City Year are four of 82 nonprofits across the nation to receive grant funding this year from the NBA Foundation’s 14th round of grants, its largest to date. The 82 grant recipients will receive a combined \$16.3 million, furthering the NBA Board of Governors’ commitment to contribute \$300 million over 10 years to under-resourced youth



since the NBA Foundation’s inception in 2020. Contemporary Arts Memphis, Peer Power and Tech901 are Memphis-based nonprofits, while City Year’s grant funding will span across eight NBA markets, including Memphis. The NBA Foundation strives to drive economic opportunity for

under-resourced youth, ages 14-24, by funding programs that generate successful transitions from school to meaningful employment, with priority being given to organizations operating in NBA team markets. The NBA Foundation will accomplish its mission by investing in programs and partnerships with and making grants to local and national organizations that promote school-to-career employment opportunities, including job readiness, skill training, job placement and career advancement. Since the creation of the NBA Foundation, \$4.3 million in funding has been granted to

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NBA Foundation and Chicago Bulls support The Dovetail Project which provides tools for young fatherhood

May 6, 2025 - The Dovetail Project, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization leading the field of fatherhood, announced today that they are a 2025 recipient of a grant from the NBA Foundation with support from the Chicago Bulls. This grant supports The Dovetail Project’s long-standing commitment to addressing critical issues in the city of Chicago. The grant will be used to support The Dovetail Project’s effective programming that has helped over 700 young fathers and their families in Chicago. This investment from the NBA Foundation will provide significant stability and security for The Dovetail

Project as it undertakes its next strategic plan to grow and serve a larger population of Chicago fathers and families. “We are excited that the NBA Foundation’s grant will help support The Dovetail Project address important issues in Chicago,” said NBA Foundation Executive Director Ruth Jurgensen. “Providing resources and opportunities in communities with NBA teams are central to advancing our mission.”

The NBA Foundation is committed to driving economic opportunity through employment and career development for

under-resourced youth. Since 2018, the Chicago Bulls have supported The Dovetail Project’s mission to support young fathers through unique gameday experiences and devoted player programming. “The Dovetail Project’s success in Chicago is an example of the progress that can happen when like-minded partners come together,” Chicago Bulls Vice President of Community Engagement Adrienne Scherenzel said. “The Bulls aim to use the power of our platform to aid and amplify the good work already being done in our city by organizations like The Dovetail Project.”

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Meet some of BIHMST Sports Correspondents



William M. Larsha, Jr.



Ashley Braun Gendek

BIHMST Travelers, join correspondents William M. Larsha, Jr. and Ashley Braun Gendek in their sports coverage of University of Memphis Tigers, Memphis Grizzlies, TN Titans, Southern Heritage Classic, FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis Showboats, UFL, NFL, Soccer and more on The Mid-South Tribune and the Black Information Highway at blackinformationhighway.com

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First Horizon joins FedEx St. Jude Championship as Official Financial Services Sponsor

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – May 6, 2025 –First Horizon Bank (NYSE: FHN) and tournament officials announced today that First Horizon Bank has been named as Official Financial Services sponsor of the 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship at TPC Southwind, August 6-10, 2025, and will also serve as presenting sponsor of the tournament’s Pairings Party and Championship Pro-Am on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. “We are excited to welcome First Horizon Bank as the Official Financial Services sponsor of the 2025 championship,” said Robert Miller, Sales Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. “As a Memphis-based company, First Horizon Bank’s commitment to investing and engaging in our community aligns perfectly with our mission of creating meaningful impact in the Bluff City. With the support of First Horizon, we look forward to elevating our Pro-Am experience for the participants and enhancing Wednesday overall for all guests on-site.” “We are proud to be the Official Financial Services sponsor of this year’s championship,” said Bo Allen, First Horizon Bank Mid-south Regional President. “Opportunities like this to collaborate

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with community leaders are an easy ‘yes.’ Partnering with these world-class organizations showcases our shared commitment to excellence and deepens our connection across the region.”

First Horizon Bank’s 161-year legacy extends beyond Memphis with more than 400 banking center locations across the southeast U.S. and its unique position offers the best of both a large and small bank – including the capital to fund big ideas and growth and the nimbleness and service mindset to create great client experiences .