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Showboats fall to Stallions on the season’s last game



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MEMPHIS- The Memphis Showboats face the Birmingham Stallions on June 1, 2025 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis for their season finale. The Showboats fell hard to the Stallions 46-9. They are a USFL powerhouse as the roll into next week's playoffs as the 3-time defending champion. Meanwhile, the Showboats fell to 2-8 on the season.

The Showboats gave up two interception returns to linebacker

Tae Crowder. They allowed the Stallions to score on each of their possessions except the final one. As the final score indicates, the game was completely dominated by Birmingham.

The Showboats got as close as 13-9 on a Deneric Prince 10-yard touchdown run with 10:20 left in the 1st half. From there, the Stallions reeled off 33 straight points.

There may be some question as to whether the Showboats will return to Memphis next season. Their contract with the Stadium expired after this game. However, there are preliminary discussions on extending the lease underway. The League and the Showboats have expressed interest in returning.

In the meantime, the team has work to do in the offseason. They must find ways to improve their record. They also need to find ways to boost attendance. Improving the record would go a long way toward generating fan interest.



Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders with Kid Rock at his restaurant The Detroit Cowboy in Nashville, Tennessee on Wednesday, May 28th. See more on Kid Rock’s “The Detroit Cowboy” on sports-Ent. 6 and more on Gov. Sanders’ Memorial Day event on sports-military 3. (Photo credit: Jordan Powell)

FedEx St. Jude Championship and Big River Steel join forces to honor military at event and offer special ticket packages to military members.
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Former Memphis Tiger Jaylon Allen named Memphis Showboats’ nominee for the UFL Sportsman of the Year

ARLINGTON, TEXAS – May 29, 2025 – The United Football League announced its nominees for the 2025 UFL Sportsman of the Year Award. Defensive end/outside linebacker Jaylon Allen is the Memphis Showboats’ nominee for the prestigious honor.

Allen is a former University of Memphis Tiger football player. His commitment to the community of Memphis began in college. To learn a bit more about Allen and his passion for giving back.

The UFL Sportsman of the Year recognizes the UFL player who best exemplifies the league’s core values by demonstrating excellence on the field and a deep commitment to community service off it. The award celebrates individuals who lead by example, demonstrating a passion for the game of football on the field and a passion to serve and make a difference within their communities. Candidates were nomi-

nated by coaches, players, and league and team executives.

The entire list of nominees for this year’s Sportsman of the Year are:

- Seth Green Arlington Renegades
 - Barry Wesley Birmingham Stallions
 - Chris Rowland DC Defenders
 - Leon O’Neal Jr. Houston Roughnecks
 - Jaylon Allen Memphis Showboats
 - Ryan Nelson Michigan Panthers
 - Steven Stillianos San Antonio Brahmas
 - Travis Feeney St. Louis Battlehawks
- The Sportsman of the Year Award will be presented during the 2025 UFL Championship Game presented by Underdog to one deserving player who embodies the highest standards of

leadership, integrity, and impact both in competition and in service to others.

About the United Football League

The United Football League (UFL) is the professional spring football league, 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. Built on tradition and 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.

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Kickoff times announced for six Memphis football themed games for fan fun

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 29, 2025 – Six kickoff times were announced for the upcoming 2025 University of Memphis football season by the American Athletic Conference (AAC) on Thursday.

The Tigers will open the campaign against Chattanooga at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on Saturday, August 30. The game will kick at 3:30 p.m. and be broadcast on ESPN+.

Additional games announced include the Tigers’ week two matchup at Georgia State on Sept. 6 (6 p.m. / ESPN+) and their week three game at Troy on Sept. 13 (11 a.m. / ESPNU).

AAC games announced include Memphis’ Halloween night matchup on the road at Rice on Friday, Oct. 31 (6 p.m. / ESPN2), and the following week’s home game versus Tulane on Friday night, Nov. 7 (8 p.m. / ESPN). The Tigers will conclude the regular season against Navy at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on

Thanksgiving Day, with kick scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) on Thursday, Nov. 27.

Following an undefeated home football season in 2024 where the Tigers went a perfect 7-0, ticket prices will remain the same in 2025 as fans will witness steady progress on the stadium renovation throughout the season. Season tickets for the 2025 season are available for renewal and purchase now at GoTigersGo.com.

It will be an exciting football season in 2025 as the Tigers host SEC neighbor Arkansas (Sept. 20) and AAC rivals South Florida (Oct. 25), Tulane (Nov. 7) and Navy on Thanksgiving Day. Memphis looks to continue its home winning streak in 2025 as the Tigers have amassed the fourth-most home wins (64) in the country since 2014 trailing only Alabama (71), Clemson (70) and Ohio State (68). Mem-

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