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NFL Network to carry 21 live 2025 preseason games

Tennessee Titans on schedule



INGLEWOOD, Calif. — June 4, 2025 — NFL Network is the only network to show the entire slate of 2025 NFL preseason games, highlighted by 21 live matchups. NFL Network’s live preseason coverage kicks off with a double-header on Thursday, Aug. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. ET as the Indianapolis Colts face the Baltimore Ravens, followed by the Las Vegas Raiders taking on the Seattle Seahawks at 10 p.m. ET — a matchup that marks Raiders head coach Pete Carroll and quarterback Geno Smith’s return to Seattle, and quarterback Sam Darnold’s preseason debut as a Seahawk. On Friday, Aug. 8, rookie quarterback Shedeur Sanders makes his preseason debut as the Cleveland Browns travel to face the Carolina Panthers at 7 p.m. ET. NFL Network’s preseason Week 1 coverage features a triple-header on Saturday, Aug. 9, beginning at 1 p.m. ET with the New York Giants quarterback trio — Russell Wilson, Jameis Winston and rookie Jaxson Dart — taking on the Buffalo Bills. At 4 p.m. ET, quarterback J.J. McCarthy and the Minnesota Vikings take on the Houston Texans, followed by quarterback Justin Fields in his New York Jets preseason debut against the Green Bay Packers at 8 p.m. ET. On Saturday, NFL GameDay Kickoff airs at 7 p.m. ET providing live look-ins at key preseason matchups including No. 1 overall pick of the 2025 NFL Draft Cam Ward in his preseason debut with the Tennessee Titans, No. 2 overall pick Travis Hunter’s preseason debut with the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Dallas Cowboys at the Los Angeles Rams.

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Head coach Prater names Lindy Milkowski assistant coach for the Memphis softball program

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Jun4, 2025 — After a successful collegiate career, Lindy Milkowski was announced as an assistant coach for the Memphis softball program, head coach Trena Prater announced Wednesday afternoon. “Hiring Coach Milkowski is going to bring a lot of depth to my coaching staff offensively and defensively,” head coach Trena Prater said. “She has a high softball IQ and was an elite catcher and power hitter in college. I am excited for her to grow under my leadership, and it will be great to be around her positive energy daily. She is a true competitor and I believe that the girls will be able to relate to her and develop with her coaching style.” Milkowski joins the staff after spending her senior season in 2025 at BYU. Prior to her final collegiate season, she had also spent three years at Eastern Illinois after spending her freshman season with the Iowa Hawkeyes, where she was coached by Trena Prater.

Prater. “I am so excited to be a part of this staff,” said Milkowski. “They have a wealth of knowledge, and I want to learn all I can. I want to help develop the girls and this program to the potential I know that it can be, which is great.” Milkowski’s career culminated in a final season at BYU where she hit .346 in 49 games played, slugging 18 home runs while also throwing out 17 of 18 runners from behind the plate. She was selected to the All-Big 12 First Team and NFCA All-Mountain Region Second Team in 2025. Her time at Eastern Illinois as a player was highlighted by an Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Championship in 2023. That same season, she was also named to the College Sports Communicators All-District Team, All-OVC Second Team and received the OVC Academic

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Memphis/Shelby County Film Commission celebrates 40th Anniversary of excellence under leadership of Commissioner Sitler



Memphis/Shelby County Film Commissioner Linn Sitler and TN Film Commissioner Chet Frist visit with Sydney Pollack (left), director of “The Firm” which Sitler spearheaded to get made in Memphis. “The Firm,” starring Tom Cruise, went on to become one of Hollywood’s most iconic films. In those four decades, Memphis Shelby County has become a destination for all kinds of film and television production. From 1989 through 2004, the Film/TV Commission recruited a seemingly endless number of big budget studio pictures. Photo/Courtesy: Memphis/Shelby Film Commission). See article on MST-Ent. 5

Join President Donald Trump as he celebrates with America the 250th Anniversary of the U.S.A. Army in a historic parade on Saturday, June 14th. Check your local and cable listings for times and details. Let us salute those who protect our freedom!

Military ticket offerings for 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship Active-duty, retired, reserve, veterans and National Guard members (plus one guest) are eligible to claim complimentary tickets for the Pro-Am presented by First Horizon Bank (Wednesday, August 6) and one competition day of their choice between August 7–10 (Thursday-Sunday), while supplies last. The tournament’s youth ticket policy allows each military ticket recipient to bring up to two children (ages 15 and under) for free. Valid identification and credentials are required. All military personnel should visit FedExChampionship.com/tickets to claim their tickets, if assistance is needed, please contact: ticketsupport@pgatourhq.com.

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William M. Larsha, Jr.



Ashley Braun Gendek

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