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Coach Penny Hardaway bolsters roster with three huge transfer additions

MEMPHIS, Tenn. June 7, 2024—University of Memphis men’s basketball head coach Penny Hardaway continues to bolster the 2024-25 roster with the addition of three more transfers. Baraka Okojie (George Mason), Tyreek Smith (SMU) and Moussa Cisse (Ole Miss) joins a class that already includes PJ Haggerty (Tulsa), Dain Dainja (Illinois), Colby Rogers (Wichita State) and Tyrese Hunter (Texas).

BARAKA OKOJIE

The 6-foot-3 guard played last season at George Mason where he was one of only three players to see action in all 32 games (10 starts). He joins the Tigers with three years of eligibility remaining. Okojie averaged 8.1 points, 2.9 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 24.5 minutes per game as a freshman for the Patriots, earning him a spot on the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team. He shot 46.8 percent from the field (74-of-158) and connected on 72.8 percent of his free throw attempts (99-of-136). The Brampton, Ontario native will provide Hardaway’s program a potential defensive stal-

wart as he averaged 1.4 steals per game, while 74 of his 91 rebounds were on the defensive end. Okojie showcased an elite ability to get to the free throw line, finishing fifth in the nation in free throw rate (82.9%) while drawing an average of five fouls per game. Okojie’s play got stronger at the end of the season when he assumed primary starting responsibilities. He started the final nine games, including wins over both Dayton and Richmond, and averaged 10.8 points with 4.0 assists per game during that span. He finished the year with nine games of 10 or more points and scored a career high 22 with six boards and three assists in the season finale against Saint Joseph’s. Originally a three-star recruit in the 2024 recruiting class, Okojie reclassified to the 2023 class last summer before signing with George Mason.

TYREEK SMITH

The 6-foot-8, 225-pound forward comes to the Bluff City after spending last season at SMU. Smith began his collegiate

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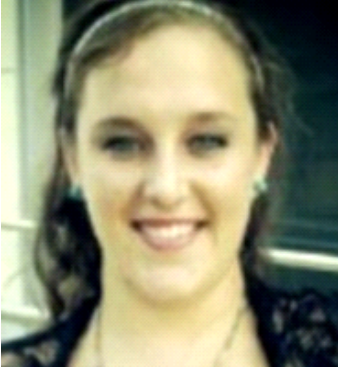
clude with the Championship game, presented by the U.S. Army, on June 16th, hosted at The Dome at America’s Center in St. Louis. Tickets to the 2024 UFL Conference Championship games and the UFL Championship are available at theufl.com. Davis hauled in 41 receptions for 446 yards and 5 touchdowns in 10 games during the 2024 UFL regular season. He was tied for No. 2 in the league in touchdown receptions, ranked No. 6 in

ARLINGTON, Texas (June 5, 2024) – The United Football League announced its inaugural All-UFL Team. All eight UFL teams were represented among the all-league selections, with the Michigan Panthers taking a league-high seven All-UFL honors. Memphis wide receiver Daewood Davis is the Showboats’ lone All-UFL honoree. The 2024 UFL season will con-

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total receptions and No. 7 in receiving yards. Below is a look at the full 2024 All-UFL team:

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