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NFL partners with ICRG to research gambling among college athletes



NEW YORK – June 4, 2025 – The National Football League (NFL) announced a partnership with the International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG) to address growing concerns around gambling behaviors among college athletes and students. The NFL Foundation will contribute \$600,000 over three years to support independent, peer-reviewed research being led by the ICRG that aims to explore the prevalence, risk factors, and impacts of gambling behaviors in these populations. While initial studies have indicated that college athletes may be at higher risk for gambling problems, there remains a lack of comprehensive, current data on

how college populations interact with online sports betting platforms. This NFL-ICRG initiative will empower independent researchers to explore a wide range of topics with the goal of informing data-driven prevention strategies, education, and policies aimed at reducing gambling-related harm. Grant applications will be peer-reviewed prior to the selection of the final recipient by the ICRG Independent Scientific Advisory Board. Additionally, the NFL will fund an update to the ICRG’s “Talking with Children About Gambling” educational resources to equip parents, coaches, and educators with practical guidance to help prevent youth gambling exposure before college. Educational materials will be widely available online and distributed to schools, community sports organizations, and youth programs

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Memphis Grizzlies acquire Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Cole Anthony from Orlando

MEMPHIS, TENN June 15, 2025 – The Memphis Grizzlies today announced the team acquired wing Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, guard Cole Anthony, four future first round draft picks and one future first round draft pick swap from the Orlando Magic for wing Desmond Bane.

Caldwell-Pope (6-5, 204) has competed in 912 games (770 starts) and has averaged 11.2 points, 3.0 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.2 steals in 29.6 minutes over 12 seasons with the Detroit Pistons, Los Angeles Lakers, Washington Wizards, Denver Nuggets and Magic since he was selected eighth overall in the 2013 NBA Draft out of Georgia. He started all 77 appearances last season and averaged 8.7 points, 2.2 rebounds and 1.8 assists for Orlando.

The 32-year-old Georgia native has played and started in 67 play-off games and has won two NBA championships with the 2019-20 Lakers and the 2022-23 Nuggets. He is one of four active players

to start for multiple different championship teams (LeBron James, Kawhi Leonard, Jrue Holiday).

Anthony (6-2, 185) has appeared in 320 games (125 starts) and has averaged 12.5 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.8 assists in 24.8 minutes in five seasons with the Magic since he was selected 15th overall in the 2020 NBA Draft out of North Carolina. The 25-year-old New York native played 67 games (22 starts) last season and averaged 9.4 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 18.4 minutes.

Bane (6-6, 215) has played 313 games (261 starts) and has averaged 17.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 1.0 steals in 29.6 minutes over five seasons in Memphis since he was acquired by the Grizzlies with the 30th overall pick in the 2020 NBA Draft out of TCU. He averaged 19.2 points, 6.1 rebounds and 5.5 assists in 32.0 minutes in 69 games (68 starts) last season.

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Gabriela Zych makes UofM history, capturing two titles in USA Shooting National and Pistol Championship



Gabriela Zych makes history in USA Shooting National Rifle and Pistol Championship.. Shown here is a lineup of contestants demonstrating marksmanship. (Photo/Courtesy USA Shooting National Rifle and Pistol Championship)

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TALLADEGA, Ala., June 11, 2025- University of Memphis rifle standout Gabriela Zych etched her name into program history on Wednesday, June 11, capturing two national titles at the 2025 USA Shooting National Rifle and Pistol Championship at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park.

Zych became the first national champion in Memphis rifle program history, earning gold in both the Women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions Open Final and the Junior Final.

“That was a tough match to shoot especially outdoors,” Zych said. “These past few months I’ve been training hard, trying to put myself under pressure and it feels great when things can come together on the line.

“I’m really, really happy with my performance over both days and proud that I fought for the outcome I wanted.”

After two days of qualifying, Zych entered the finals with the sixth-best aggregate score of 1,161, securing a spot among the top eight shooters in both the Open and Junior divisions. The Open Final featured top female shooters from all age groups across the nation, while the Junior Final included shooters aged 21

and under. In the Open Final, Zych outshot Cecelia Ossi (University of Alaska Fairbanks), who is a two-time NCAA Smallbore national champion with titles in 2023 and 2025, by just one-tenth of a point to win with a score of 454.3. She followed that up with another historic performance, defeating West Virginia’s Ashlyn Blake with an aggregate score of 449.0 to 448.9 to win the Junior Final. Zych’s opening prone round of 52.8 was the highest single-round score of the entire junior final. “I am so proud of Gabriela for winning women’s smallbore at USA Shooting National Cham-

pionships,” said Memphis head coach Morgan Wilson. “She shot a great final and was very smart with the conditions and how she managed them. She had a rough start and bounced right back, climbing into first right at the end in standing. Gabriela has worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks and today’s win was very well deserved.”

Zych’s national title caps an exceptional 2024-25 season. She was recognized in the spring with her fifth career All-America honor by the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association (CRCA), earning Second-Team All-America in smallbore for the second-consecutive year. Additionally, she qualified as a smallbore alternate for the 2025 NCAA Rifle Championships, further highlighting her performance at the national level.

Zych’s two national titles are a significant achievement for both her and the University of Memphis rifle program. Her performance sets a new benchmark and represents a major milestone as the program continues to build its reputation nationally.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Rifle, visit www.GoTigersGo.com.

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