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Every dog has his day at ‘Mutts for Putts’ FedEx St. Jude event to adopt



FedEx St. Jude Championship’s “Mutts and Putts” Campaign Covers Dog Adoption Fees this Week

PGA TOUR event partners with Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County to help local dogs find forever homes

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – With the FedEx St. Jude Championship just weeks away from teeing off at TPC Southwind, the tournament is rallying the city—and its furry residents—in excitement for the FedExCup Playoffs with the launch of the Mutts and Putts campaign in partnership with Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County. Through this week-long initiative, the tournament will cover adoption fees for

local pups, helping them find their forever homes just in time for the August event.

“From the course to the kennels, we’re committed to making a positive impact in the Memphis community,” said Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. “We’re incredibly grateful to the city for supporting us, and Mutts and Putts is a fun way to support the Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County and give these deserving pups a chance to find their forever families.”

Looking for a loyal caddie? Free dog adoptions will take place at

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The New York Mets select James Smith IV in draft

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 14, 2025 – University of Memphis RHP James Smith IV was selected by the New York Mets in the 14th round of the 2025 MLB Draft with the 433rd overall pick.

Smith IV was named to the 2025 John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award Watch List on April 15 during his lone season as a Tiger, also shining at the plate and in center field. He hit .277 with 12 extra-base hits and eight stolen bases in 29 games during the 2025 season.

He becomes the first Memphis

player to be selected since the 2023 MLB Draft when pitchers Dalton Fowler (Round 9, Pick 273, Tampa Bay Rays) and Dalton Kendrick (Round 18, Pick 534, Los Angeles Angels) were both selected. Overall, Smith becomes the 84th draft pick in program history.

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Baseball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Harlem Globetrotters to host first ever open player tryouts to select for their Centennial Season in 2026

Portal Now Open For A Worldwide Casting Call; Tryout To Be Scheduled For The Early Fall For Selected Candidates

New York, NY, July 2, 2025—Leaders in breaking barriers and making history, the world-famous, Harlem Globetrotters formally announced they will be hosting their first-ever open tryouts to help select athletes for the organization’s Centennial season in 2026. In addition to recruitment efforts of elite talent being made through relationships with the global college and professional basketball community, the Globetrotters have created a portal where anyone can apply for a tryout spot. That portal is open for sign-up. For more information, visit www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

Official Harlem Globetrotters tryouts will take place in the early fall with the final team being assembled and announced in November. Exact dates and lo-



cation will be announced later this summer. The Globetrotters have taken significant steps in the past few months to recruit and raise awareness around the basketball community, with representatives taking part in talent showcases like the Portsmouth Invitational and the NBA Pre-Draft Camp as well as adding former SIACC Commissioner Gregory Moore as a talent recruitment consultant.

The organization’s goal is to expand, and elevate, the talent in its ranks and to act as competitive offering for men and women hoopers around the globe for

both 2026 and beyond. The Globetrotters continue to add a high-quality level of athlete, which has been reflected in recent years in the signing of former LSU captain Alexis Morris and this past year with the addition of 6-5 rookie forward Asanti “Cash” Price (Columbia, SC), who signed a contract with the NBA G League’s Texas Legends, the affiliate of the Dallas Mavericks. Price was one of six rookies signed to the Globetrotters this past November and had the option to return to the club when his G League time ended, which he did.

“We are creating one of the most unique, once in a lifetime opportunities for talented high-level athletes and entertainers, the ability to be part of the Centennial of the most iconic global sports and entertainment property. We wanted to make sure we were not limiting ourselves in our talent search,” said Keith Dawkins, President, Harlem

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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 Welcome, Travelers!

D1 Training hosts elite national summit with the Manning Passing Academy

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D1 Training CEO Will Bartholomew with Jon Gruden, former NFL head coach, former Monday Night Football broadcaster, and current Barstool Sports personality - together, onsite at the Manning Passing Academy. Representatives from more than 50 D1 locations nationwide came together for elite-level training, inspiration, and connection – all with the purpose of strengthening the D1 system and further impacting the lives of athletes they serve (Photo/Courtesy: D1 Training)

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