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Wrap-up

Justin Rose eludes Father Time with the win at FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis, TN



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MEMPHIS- The first leg of a three-leg PGA Tour Championship was played at the FedEx St. Jude Championship at TPC Southwind in Memphis from August 7-10, 2025. Forty-five-year-old Englishman Justin Rose emerged as champion after a 3-hole playoff on Sunday. Things were a bit unlikely for Rose as the final round began. Tommy Fleetwood was holding a one-shot lead at 13 under. World number one, Scottie Scheffler tied for the lead on Sunday. Rose found himself 3 shots back going into the last four holes. Then magic can for the elder

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statesman. He made four consecutive birdies between holes 14-17 to get in contention. He nearly buried 18, but had to settle for par and a final round 67. That put Rose in a playoff with US Open winner JJ Spaun. The two went shot for shot on hole 18 for two playoff rounds. On the third playoff hole, Rose sunk a 7-foot birdie putt while Spaun missed his putt. That gave Rose the win. With the win, Rose became the first player in his 40's to win on tour this year. He is the oldest winner on tour since 2021. He is also the oldest European to win on tour in the modern PGA Tour era. With the 68th PGA Tour event in Memphis concluded, the top 50 players will move on to the next playoff leg. Justin Rose is hoping Father Time will let him hold up again.

Memphis Athletics announces TV partnership with WREG-CBS and WJKT-FOX to air Inside Memphis Athletics and the coaches shows

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis Athletics and Learfield's Tiger Sports Properties, announced Wednesday a new 52-week television program partnership with Nexstar Media Inc. This multi-year agreement will bring fans across Tennessee expanded access to Memphis Tigers programming through WREG CBS in Memphis and WJKT FOX in Jackson, Tennessee.

“We’re excited to partner with Nexstar Media Inc. to deliver year-round coverage of Memphis Athletics on WREG and WJKT,” said Memphis Senior Vice President and Director of Athletics Ed Scott, Ph.D. “This

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collaboration not only strengthens our voice across the Mid-South, but it deepens our connection with Tiger Nation by bringing our programs into more homes than ever before. “With 52 weeks of compelling content, fans will get unmatched access to the stories, people and programs that define Memphis

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ESPN to acquire NFL Network and other assets from NFL for a 10% equity stake in ESPN

• Fans to Benefit from Increased Consumer Choice, Greater Accessibility, and Expanded High-Quality Programming and Content Offerings Through ESPN



• ESPN to Own and Operate NFL Network, With Plans to Fully Integrate it into ESPN's Upcoming Direct-to-Consumer Service

• NFL's RedZone Channel to Join The Walt Disney Company's Linear Networks Distribution Portfolio; and ESPN Fantasy Football to Combine with NFL Fantasy, Creating an Enhanced Offering and Broader Reach to Meet Global Demand

• NFL to Also License Games, NFL RedZone, NFL Films programming as well as Content and Other Rights to ESPN

NEW YORK and BURBANK, Calif. – Aug. 5, 2025 — ESPN,

a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company (NYSE: DIS), and the National Football League (NFL) announced a non-binding agreement under which ESPN will acquire NFL Network and certain other media assets owned and controlled by the NFL – including NFL's linear RedZone Channel, and NFL Fantasy – in exchange for a 10% equity stake in ESPN. In addition to the sale of NFL Network, the NFL and ESPN are also entering into a second non-binding agreement, under which the NFL will license to ESPN certain NFL content and other intellectual property to be used by NFL Network and other assets. These transactions between America's most popular sporting

league and the world's most innovative sports media leader are designed to set a new standard for how professional football is delivered, experienced and celebrated by fans. “Today's announcement paves the way for the world's leading sports media brand and America's most popular sport to deliver an even more compelling experience for NFL fans, in a way that only ESPN and Disney can,” said Robert A. Iger, chief executive officer of The Walt Disney Company. “Commissioner Goodell and the NFL have built outstanding media assets, and these transactions will add to consumer choice, provide viewers with even greater convenience and quality, and expand the breadth and value proposition of Disney's streaming ecosystem.” “Since its launch in 2003, NFL Network has provided millions of fans unprecedented access to the sport they love,” said NFL Com-

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NSSF applauds President Trump's Executive Order ending banking discrimination and de-banking

From The Hunting Wire

WASHINGTON, D.C. August 11, 2025— NSSF®, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, applauds President Donald Trump's signing at The White House the Executive Order Guaranteeing Free and Fair Banking for All Americans. Today's executive order enforces a firearm industry priority to end banking discrimination against individuals and entities based on political beliefs. For years, members of the firearm industry have been denied banking and financial services by banks espousing “woke” anti-Second Amendment policies.

“President Trump is yet again delivering on his promise to protect Americans' rights. This time by ensuring that banks cannot discriminate against firearm-related businesses based on unaccountable corporate executives trying to impose a “woke” gun



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control agenda beyond what the law requires,” said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. “American businesses, and firearm businesses in particular, must have fair access to essential banking services that are based on an objective criteria and creditworthiness. Politics should not enter into a bank's lending decision. NSSF is encouraged that President Trump is today putting an end to ‘woke banking.’” President Trump's Executive

Order highlighted attempts by the previous administration to illegally surveil Americans lawfully exercising their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms through the willing cooperation of corporate banks. The president also noted the illegal “Operation Choke Point,” executed by the Obama administration, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and the Department of Justice (DOJ), along with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), to deny essential banking services to firearm-related businesses based on an ill-defined and amorphous “reputational risk” criteria.

These banking discrimination efforts had a devastating effect on firearm-related businesses, both large and small. Recent news reports, though, show that banking regulators during the Biden administration continued to illegally

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