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Memphis Tigers open season with blowout over UT Chattanooga



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MEMPHIS- The Memphis Tigers football team had its season opener at home on August 30, 2025 hosting UT Chattanooga at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. The Tigers overwhelmed Chattanooga with a 45-10 victory. The win extended the Tigers home opening win streak to 12 games. They are now 12-0 against FCS opponents since 2013.

New quarterback Brandon Lewis was responsible for 2 touchdowns. He threw for 199 yards and ran for a team high 81 yards. Chattanooga opened the game with an onside kick that they recovered. After the drive stalled, they attempted a field

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goal which was blocked by the Tigers' William Whitlow, Jr. who returned it 15 yards. Shortly afterward, Gerd Derosiers, Jr. ran it in from 8 yards for the first score.

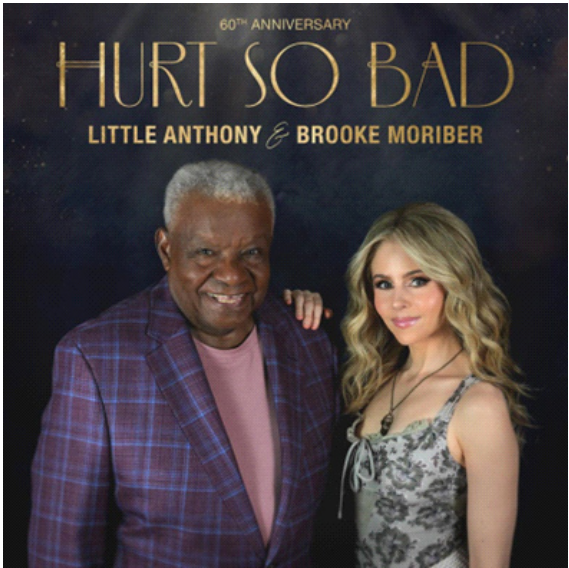
Tiger running back Sutton Smith returned to action after being injured all of last season. He made his mark with a 35-yard touchdown run to make the score 14-0 in the first quarter. The route was on.

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The Tigers head to Atlanta next week to take on Georgia State.

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Hoops for St. Jude Tip Off Classic returns to the FedExForum with a doubleheader on October 27

Tickets on sale September 9

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Hoops for St. Jude Tip Off Classic is back for another year, bringing together big-name programs, hometown pride and a powerful cause. On Monday, Oct. 27, FedExForum will host the 2nd-annual event, featuring a men’s and women’s basketball doubleheader that pits the University of Memphis against Vanderbilt and Arkansas, with proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

For the second-straight year, both University of Memphis programs will be part of the preseason doubleheader, showcasing an evening of basketball and purpose.



Game schedule (Central Time , airing on ESPNU):

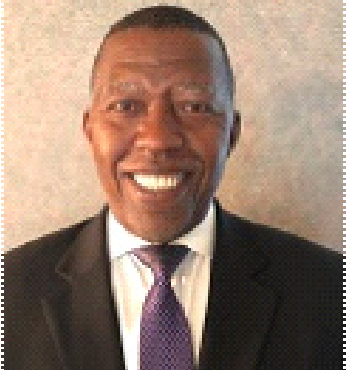
- 5:30 p.m. – Memphis Women’s Basketball vs. Vanderbilt
 - 8:00 p.m. – Memphis Men’s Basketball vs. Arkansas
- The men’s game will feature a special storyline, as former Tigers head coach John Calipari returns to Memphis for the first

time since 2009, leading the Razorbacks against Penny Hardaway’s Tigers. Calipari guided Memphis to the 2008 national championship game and spent nine seasons with the program. Hardaway will get his first look of an entirely new squad that features 15 players who weren’t in Memphis last season.

Earlier in the evening, Alex Simmons and the Memphis women’s team will face in-state rival Vanderbilt in the programs’ first meeting since December 2017. The Tigers and Commodores have squared off 16 times in history.

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