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ABC picks up Memphis-Arkansas rivalry for a big Saturday showdown

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The American Conference announced Saturday evening that the University of Memphis football team’s early window matchup with Arkansas at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on Saturday, September 20, will be nationally televised on ABC at 11 a.m.

The broadcast marks Memphis’ first appearance on ABC since Oct. 17, 2020, when the Tigers defeated UCF, 50-49, in a nationally recognized thriller. It will also be the first ABC telecast from an American Conference campus since Nov. 18, 2023, when No. 18 Tulane hosted UTSA in New Orleans.

Memphis enters the contest unbeaten at 3-0 after defeating Troy, 28-7, on the road Saturday afternoon, while Arkansas brings

a 2-1 record to town following a 41-35 loss at Ole Miss.

Despite being separated by just over 300 miles, it will be the first meeting between the programs since Oct. 10, 1998.

The Tigers and Razorbacks will meet in front of a national audience in one of the marquee nonconference matchups of the college football weekend.

New this year, fans are encouraged to purchase early and save. Ticket prices will increase by \$5 during game week (\$10 for Arkansas) and again by an additional \$5 on game day (\$10 for Arkansas) at the Box Office. This change helps support enhanced planning for security, concessions and staffing. His-

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The NSSF Statement on the Assassination of Charlie Kirk

WASHINGTON, D.C. , September 15, 2025— NSSF®, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, joins the nation in grieving the loss of Charlie Kirk, Founder and CEO of Turning Point USA, struck down by an assassin during a public open appearance at Utah Valley University, in Orem, Utah. Kirk was a thought leader who peacefully challenged opposing viewpoints. But more than that, Kirk was a husband and father to two small children. Kirk was a man who challenged ideas with ideas. He invited open debate with those who vehemently disagreed with him. He believed in free and spirited ex-

change of ideas and using words to reach millions of young adults across America’s college campuses. Kirk was also a man of deep-rooted and unapologetic faith in his Creator. He was dedicated to preserving and exercising our American rights granted by that Creator and guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, including not just First Amendment rights of Free Speech but also Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

This targeted assassination of Kirk, in what can only be understood as a measure to silence his voice and ideas, is vile. There is

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Editorial

The National Guard Must Come to Memphis and Why the Black elites who reside in the Democratic Party must be ignored — Make Memphis Safe Again for citizens and sports

By Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell,
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President Trump stated in a live Fox interview on Friday, September 12 that Memphis would be the next city where he sends the National Guard. The President went on to say that he was sure the Mayor of Memphis would be “Happy.” I said aloud to myself, “No, the Mayor of Memphis will not be happy.”

We were not surprised when Mayor Paul Young came out with his little itty-bitty entourage of the usual suspects from the Democratic Party officeholders to denounce Trump for bringing in the National Guard.

For the record: We strongly endorse President Trump sending in the National Guard. Furthermore, we commend Gov. Lee and U.S. Senator Blackburn for having the guts to do what has to be done! Memphis belongs to Memphians and not to the Democratic Party elites and its little, itty, bitty mayor!

Under Memphis’ failed Democratic Party leadership, Memphis is now number one in crime in the whole United States of America.

Like most big cities, Memphis loves sports. It can boast of the Memphis Grizzlies, the University of Memphis Tigers, the Memphis Showboats, Redbirds, the Southern Heritage Classic, FedEx St. Jude Championship,

and the many high school athletics. As a sidenote, when the Tennessee Titans came to Tennessee as the Tennessee Oilers (from the Houston Oilers), they played in Memphis because Memphis had a stadium that could accommodate them. Nashville did not.

Sports bring in big time money and create a slew of jobs, sub-contracts, provide ‘fields of dreams’ for aspiring athletes, and built-in fanbases. But if you don’t feel safe and are safe, what

is the point in bringing in sports franchises and attracting sports franchises?

For decades, we continued to editorialize about and simply point out that you CANNOT have major sports in Memphis if the city is not safe! You cannot have Beale Street, the famous Peabody Hotel ducks marching in the lobby, Graceland, Stax and Soulsville Museum, equestrian events, FedEx, Walmart, Walg-

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William M. Larsha, Jr.



Ashley Braun Gendek

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Welcome, Travelers!

Lieutenant earns bars the hard way

By Pentagon News

September 12, 2025 - The Army’s newest officers pinned on gold bars at Fort Benning, Georgia, Sept. 4, as Officer Candidate School Class 501-25 crossed the stage during a graduation ceremony. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth was the guest speaker.

Among the graduates was Army 2nd Lt. Darren Greene, a prior enlisted paratrooper, whose decade in uniform began in basic training and now turns toward leading soldiers.

"I'm living the life right now," Greene said after the graduation. Greene called the ceremony "perfect," the culmination of a well-rehearsed week. In the days leading up to graduation, he said the class "rehearsed constantly, nonstop" from Monday through Thursday to make sure every movement landed on time and to standard.

Greene's path to becoming a commissioned officer did not follow a straight line. He first entered military training as a college student at West Virginia University, where ROTC shared space with big campus distractions.

"I kind of got sucked into the big party, school lifestyle, frat parties, house parties," he said. Greene left Morgantown without a commission, enlisted in 2014 and went to infantry training and Army Airborne School before reporting to the 82nd Airborne Division.

From 2016 through 2017, Greene deployed to Iraq during Operation Inherent Resolve, supporting missions that moved from Baghdad northward. The experience cemented his deci-

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