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Memphis Tigers stage late comeback to take down the Arkansas Razorbacks



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MEMPHIS- The University of Memphis Tigers hosted the Arkansas Razorbacks at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on September 20, 2025. In what may be the last of matchups with SEC teams, the Tigers overcame an 18 point deficit to proclaim a 32-31 victory.

The Razorbacks scored a touchdown early in the 1st quarter after a 62-yard touchdown pass from Taylen Green to Rohan Jones. The Tigers answered with 10 straight points of their own capped off with a 4-yard touchdown run from quarterback Brendon Lewis.

In the 2nd quarter, the Razorbacks seemingly blew the game open with 21 unanswered points. With the score now 28-10 late in the 2nd, the Tigers managed to score before halftime. Lewis tossed a 38-yard touchdown pass

to Coirtez Braham to make the score 28-17 at the half.

After the 3rd quarter, the Tigers had gotten back in the game. They outscored Arkansas 10-3 in the period. They went into the 4th only down 31-26.

Then the improbable happened. With 5 minutes left in the game, the Tigers gave the ball to running back Sutton Smith. He took it from there. Smith exploded for 64 yards and a touchdown. That gave the Tigers their only lead at 32-31. Speaking about the crucial run, Smith said, "I saw a lot of green, and I saw the linebacker in my face...I knew I just had to make him miss. And then after that, it's off to the races."

There was still time on the clock for Arkansas to score a game winner. However, it was not to be. They drove the ball to the red zone and started to milk the clock hoping for a last second field goal. They gave the ball to Mike Washington for a run up the middle. Then the game became the Tigers' as Chris Bracy punched the ball out and recovered the fumble for Memphis. That sealed the improbable victory and brought the Tigers' record to 4-0.

It's all about a belief," Silverfield said. "Look, it's an SEC opponent. May be bigger, faster, stronger. But our guys got it right here." He was pointing to his heart. The Tigers showed theirs by never quitting.

Sutton Smith named Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week honor

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis’ Sutton Smith has been tabbed as the Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week, the SMU Athletic Forum and NCAA announced Tuesday.

Smith, a 5-9 redshirt junior from Powder Springs, Ga., racked up 147 yards on the ground – including a 64-yard go-ahead touchdown run in the fourth quarter in the team’s 32-31 win over Arkansas. Smith added in 11 yards on a punt return to total 159 all-purpose yards for the game. Memphis is back in action this Saturday when they travel to Boca Raton to take on Florida Atlantic starting at 6 p.m. CT on ESPN2.

New this year, fans are encouraged to purchase early and save. Ticket prices will increase by \$5 during game week and again by an additional \$5 on game day at the Box Office. This change helps support enhanced planning for security, concessions and staffing. Historically, over 90% of single-game tickets are purchased during game week.

Season ticket prices remain unchanged from 2024. With prices averaging under \$25 per game, season tickets remain the best value for Tiger fans. Tickets can be purchased online at GoTigersGo.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

Harlem Globetrotters to host first ever open player tryout in Atlanta; Lakepoint Sports to host finalists

Lakepoint Sports To Host 30 Finalist Athletes Competing For A Spot On The Harlem Globetrotters' Centennial Roster

September 23, 2025, Atlanta, GA – Leaders in breaking barriers and making history, the world famous, Harlem Globetrotters™ today formally announced they will be hosting their first-ever open tryout on Wednesday, October 22 at Lakepoint Sports in Cartersville, Georgia. The approximately 30 men and women are being selected from a pool of hundreds who have sent in video in the past few months, in addition to recruitment efforts of elite talent being made through relationships with the global college and professional basketball community. 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 response both to our open call for talent and to the expanded recruiting work led by Barry Hardy and Greg Moore and other staff members has been very impressive,” said Keith Dawkins, President, Harlem Globetrotters & Herschend Entertainment Studios. “We have created 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, and we are excited to host this special tryout to find the right mix of new faces to fit into our already existing roster of world class individuals on and off the court.”

The final list of attendees will be released in mid-October, with a still to be determined number of finalists who will be invited to training camp in December at Lakepoint. The organization’s goal is to expand, and elevate, the talent in its ranks and to act as competitive offering for of 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 Mor-

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The Grizzlies to host annual Open Practice Presented by TN Lottery at FedExForum

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Grizzlies will host their annual Open Practice, presented by TN Lottery, on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m. at FedExForum. A Plaza Party on the Big River Steel Plaza tips-off the fun at 11 a.m., with doors opening to fans at noon.

The full-team practice will give fans a first look at the 2025-26 squad including Ja Morant and Jaren Jackson Jr. plus newcomers Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Ty Jerome, Cedric Coward and more. The event will include entertainment from Grizz, the Grizz Girls, the Claw Crew and other live entertainment teams. Fans will be able to watch their favorite Grizzlies players go head-to-head against each other as they compete in various skills challenges, guided by Head Coach Thomas Iisalo.

Open Practice is free to the public, and fans are encouraged to RSVP for the event by going to grizzlies.com/open-practice. Fans who choose to arrive early can celebrate the start of a new season with a Plaza Party on the Big River Steel Plaza that tips off at 11 a.m., featuring a live DJ, inflatables, face painting, balloon artists and more. Big River Steel will be unveiling a Grizzlies-themed sculpture to fans at 11:45 a.m. The first 500 fans in attendance will receive an autographed player photo upon entry. Seating is first-come, first-serve. Free parking is available for fans in the Gossett Motors Garage.

In celebration of the Memphis music and arts scene, Open Practice will support several local organizations. The event will feature a performance by Stax Music Academy, with students

from Stax Music Academy and Contemporary Arts Memphis participating in player introductions. Grizzlies players will participate in a half-court shot contest, with proceeds benefiting The Soulsville Foundation and Collage Dance.

All fans in attendance at Open Practice will have the chance to unlock a special \$9.01 ticket discount for Opening Night, presented by Pinnacle Financial Partners, on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. CT when the Grizzlies host the New Orleans Pelicans.

Prior to Open Practice, MVP Season Ticket Members are invited to attend an exclusive State of the Franchise with Memphis Grizzlies President and General Manager of Basketball Operations Zach Kleiman, President

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