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Arkansas Pine Bluff seals win over Alcorn with 20,000 Southern Heritage classic fans

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MEMPHIS- The Southern Heritage Classic was renewed in Memphis on September 28, 2025 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. The game featured 2 SWAC teams in Arkansas Pine Bluff (UAPB) and Alcorn State. In their 3rd appearance in the game, UAPB held on for its 1st Classic victory, 24-20. Alcorn was making its first appearance at the Classic.

Before an announced crowd of around twenty thousand, the teams and their bands put on a show. UAPB put up a 1st quarter field goal that was quickly followed by an Alcorn touchdown. UAPB struck back in the 2nd quarter on a 19-yard touchdown run from Jaylen Jennings. Nearly a minute later, Alcorn's Jacorian Sewell ran it in from 33 yards for a touchdown. It didn't stop there in the 2nd as UAPB scored again on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Christian Peters to Ellis Stewart. At the half the score was 17-13 UAPD.

In the 3rd quarter, Sewell scored again He had a 5-yard run to give Alcorn a 20-17 lead. Sewell rushed for 228 yards on 23 carries. He missed the next 3 drives, however. At that point, Alcorn's rushing game was reduced to 7 yards.

In the 4th quarter, UAPB put together a 13 play 79-yard drive. It was capped off by a 1-yard touchdown run from Peters with 5:59 left in the game. It turned out to be the game winning score as Alcorn could not take the lead back.

UAPB coach Alonzo Hampton was happy about the team's 1st Classic win. "We talked about our word of the year being 'Finish,'" Hampton said. "We had to finish that in the fourth quarter. So, it feels good. Our kids deserved it. We knew coming in the game it was going to be a fourth quarter game, and we were able to come out on top." And that they did!

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Cadence Bank strengthens commitment to recruiting talent thru sponsorship of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)... *see article sports page 4*

Cadence Bank's Jerrell Moore, left, and SIAC Commissioner Anthony Holloway.

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Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders' statement on the University of Arkansas football team's leadership change in program

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. , September 29, 2025– Following today's announcement that the University of Arkansas will make a leadership change in its football program, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders released the statement below:

"Sam Pittman helped turn around the Arkansas football program from one of its all time lows and brought energy and excitement back to the Hogs that was desperately needed.

I've always appreciated how much Sam loved Arkansas and wasn't looking to use it as a stepping stone but a place to call home. Sam is a man of high integrity and character. Bryan and I have loved getting to know him and Jamie and we are proud to call them friends.

"Bobby Petrino has demonstrated a track record of winning at Arkansas and we hope he can bring the team together and lead them to finish the season strong. We will be cheering Bobby and the Razorbacks on!

"Forever and always - Woo Pig!"

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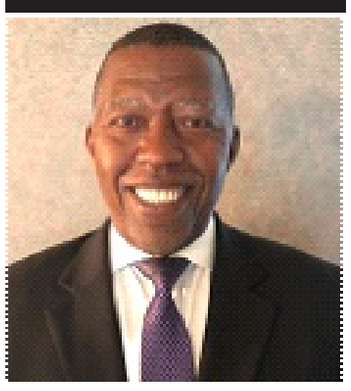

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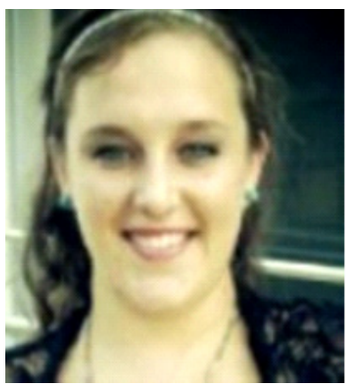

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Memphis Madness moves downtown with "Ballin' on Beale" October 16

MEMPHIS, Tenn. September 30, 2025 – Memphis men's and women's basketball are bringing the party downtown this fall as the Tigers host Memphis Madness Presents Ballin' on Beale, sponsored by Campbell Clinic, on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m.

For the first time, the annual preseason fan event will be held on historic Beale Street, with Memphis Athletics partnering with Beale Street Management to create a high-energy, family-friendly festival celebrating Tiger Basketball.

Admission to Memphis Madness is free.

The 90-minute showcase will feature performances by the Mighty Sound of the South, the spirit squads and live music from DJ Mic Tee. Fans can also enjoy

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