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## Tennessee Titans go on offense to fend off Cincinnati Bengals



By Ashley Braun Gendek, Sports Correspondent The Mid-South Tribune and the **Black Information Highway** 

NASHVILLE, TN -Oct. 1, 2023-The Titans played host to the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday and hoped to rebound from a disappointing 3-27 loss against the Cleveland Browns last week.

Cincinnati wasted no time ad-

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vancing down the field on the opening drive of the game. However, a huge stop by Tennessee's Amani Hooker caused the Bengals to settle for a 21-yard field goal by kicker Evan McPherson.

The Titans' offense responded after a big 4th down conversion. But much like their opponents,

Tennessee would also have to settle for a field goal on their first drive. Nick Folk's 53-yard field goal tied the game at 3.

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The second quarter belonged to the Titans. Not only did the defense show up, causing almost every Bengals offensive drive to result in a three and out, but also Ryan Tannehill and his offense fell into a rhythm.

The first of three scoring drives started with a 5-yard gain from Derrick Henry. A sack lit a fire under Tannehill who then connected with DeAndre Hopkins down field for a 38-yard gain, followed by a 24-yard gain by Josh Whyle. The drive ended in a 13-yard touchdown for Nick Westbrook-Ikhine.

The second scoring drive started a bit less glamorous. After an incomplete pass, Tannehill fumbled the ball. However, Tyjae Spears recovered it and gained 26 yards in the process.

Tannehill then connected with Westbrook-Ikhine for a 22-yard gain before Henry fought his way through the pack, and found the end zone for a 29-yard touchdown causing the crowd to erupt in a "Henry!" chant.

The final scoring drive of the half came on a direct snap to King Henry himself. Henry

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# The USFL and XFL leagues announce intent to merge

NEW YORK - September 28, 2023 - The United States Football League ("USFL") and the XFL announced their intention to

Subject to customary regulatory approvals and if the transaction

This historic combination will anchor professional spring football with substantial capabilities and resources to ensure future growth and continue to enhance the development of the collective players, coaches, and staff hat are coming together.

is consummated, the new league will establish best-in-class operations based on the most recent seasons of both leagues.

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Titans face their first AFC South

test of the season this week, trav-

eling to Indianapolis to meet the

Colts. Kickoff at Lucas Oil Sta-

dium (capacity 63,000) is sched-

uled for 1 p.m. EDT/noon CDT

The Titans hope to extend their

current five-game winning streak

against the Colts, which includes

the second meeting of 2020 and

sweeps in 2021 and 2022. The

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**Tennessee Titans to travel** 

to Indianapolis for first

AFC South Clash of 2023



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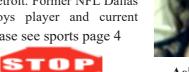
More details regarding the new

league will be announced at a later date.

About the United States Football League (USFL):

Fast, physical, and fun, the USFL is a fan-first, stand-alone professional spring football league. Run by experienced football leaders, the USFL kicked-off season 2 on April 15, 2023, becoming the first nationally televised spring league in 38 years to begin a second season. FOX Sports and NBC Sports are official media partners, presenting all 43 regular- and postseason games for the eight-team league that plays in Canton, Ohio, Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn, and Detroit. Former NFL Dallas Cowboys player and current

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star in "Devil on My Doorstep" on Lifetime

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Memphis Athletics has announced the return of its popular "Dynamic Pass" for the upcoming 2023-24 men's basketball season at FedExForum, and single-game tickets for exhibition games against Lane College (Oct. 29) and LeMoyne-Owen College (Nov. 2) are also on sale now.

With the Dynamic Pass, fans will

"Fans who purchased the Dynamic Pass last season really enjoyed it, so we are excited to bring it back for this year," University of Memphis Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Laird Veatch said. "This is a unique way to have a season ticket but experience a variety of the seating options FedExForum has to offer, and it also adds some fun to the days leading up to each game when you wait to see where you will be watching the action from this time.' receive one ticket to each of Memphis' 17 home games this season. The seating location will vary and be assigned 24-48 hours before each game, meaning fans can enjoy the experience in different sections at FedExForum, including the lower bowl, throughout the year. The Dynamic Pass costs \$149 and can be purchased at gotigersgo.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331. "Fans who purchased the Dy-

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Colts lead the all-time series 35-

22 (regular season and playoffs).

The two teams go into the week

with identical 2-2 records. The

other two AFC South teams—the

Jacksonville Jaguars and Hous-

ton Texans—also have 2-2

marks, leaving the division in a

four-way tie going into Week 5.

The contest will be regionally

televised on CBS, including

Nashville affiliate WTVF News-

Channel 5, as well as on Para-

mount+ in the Nashville market.

The broadcast team includes

play-by-play announcer Spero

Dedes, analyst Adam Archuleta

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and reporter Amanda Renner.

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