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Tigers and South Florida kick off at 11 A.M. on Oct. 25

MEMPHIS, Tenn., October 13, 2025– The American Conference announced Monday morning that No. 22/20 Memphis' game against No. 19/23 South Florida on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium will be an 11 a.m. kick time on either ESPN or ESPN2. Television designation will be assigned at a later date.

Both teams are the only teams ranked in both the AP and Coaches poll this week after Memphis started the season 6-0 and was the first FBS team to become bowl eligible while the Bulls are coming off a 63-36 routing against North Texas this past weekend.

Memphis will head to Birmingham to take on UAB in the Battle for the Bones game while South Florida will host Florida Atlantic this Saturday in its Homecoming game.

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.

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Season ticket prices remain unchanged from 2024, following a perfect 7-0 home campaign. 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.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Tennessee Titans part with Callahan and name McCoy as the interim head coach

By Jim Wyatt, Senior *Writer/Editor* Tennessee Titans.com

NASHVILLE, October 13, 2025 – The Titans have named Mike McCoy as interim head coach.

McCoy, hired as senior offensive assistant back in March, is a former head coach with several stints as an offensive coordinator in the NFL. He most recently served three seasons as quarterbacks coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he helped develop QB Trevor Lawrence.

Earlier on Monday, the Titans announced they've parted ways with head coach Brian Callahan. McCoy is in his 23rd NFL season.

He previously coached with the Carolina Panthers (2000-2008), Denver Broncos (2009-2012 and 2017), San Diego Chargers (2013-2016), and Arizona Cardinals (2018) before joining the Jaguars in 2022.

Interim Head Coach Mike McCoy

McCoy, 53, was head coach of the Chargers from 2013-2016.

In McCoy's four seasons as head coach of the Chargers (2013-16), San Diego's offense ranked ninth in the league in total offense (365.9 yards per game) and second in third-down percentage (44.6 percent). In addition, McCoy's group had a top 10 passing attack each season. San Diego qualified for the postseason in McCoy's first season

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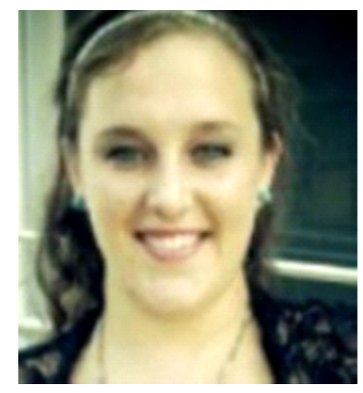
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Welcome, Travelers!

Brendon Lewis named to Johnny Unitas Golden Arm

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis quarterback Brendon Lewis has been named to the 2025 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Top 25, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation announced Wednesday.

The 2025 Golden Arm Award Top 25 quarterbacks have distinguished themselves as the nation's elite leaders under center, combining high-level production with character and resilience. From clutch performances in marquee matchups to steady leadership in the locker room, this group exemplifies the values of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award—excellence on the

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Sen. Marsha Blackburn vs. Ticketmaster on bait and switch to drive up prices

Letter follows FTC Investigation into Live Nation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.) sent a letter to Live Nation President and Chief Financial Officer Joe Berchtold demanding answers on Ticketmaster's alleged "bait-and-switch" scheme to drive up ticket prices. The letter follows the Federal Trade Commission's lawsuit against Live Nation and Ticketmaster for allegedly engaging in illegal ticket resale tactics and deceiving artists and consumers about price and ticket limits.

In 2016, Senator Blackburn's Better Online Ticket Sales (BOTS) Act was signed into law, which prohibited scalpers from using software to purchase high volumes of tickets. Since then, Ticketmaster has turned a blind eye to bad actors violating this

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Grizzlies announce Grizz Week events Presented by Coca-Cola at FedExForum

– Seven Days of Festivities to Lead into Opening Night –

Memphis, Tenn. – The Memphis Grizzlies are celebrating the start of a new season with Grizz Week, presented by Coca-Cola, in advance of the 2025-26 regular season home opener at FedExForum on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.

Leading into Opening Night, presented by Pinnacle Financial Partners, Grizz Week will be action-packed with events throughout the Mid-South, giving fans the opportunity to pick up Grizzlies swag and enter for the chance to win tickets to Opening Night.

Grizz Week will tip-off on Thursday, Oct. 16, with the Memphis City Beautiful Downtown Cleanup, as Grizzlies volunteers will assist in a public street cleanup around FedExForum, with festivities continuing later that evening at The Grove at GPAC. On Friday, Oct. 17, the Grizzlies will hand out swag and get fans excited for the upcoming season at Overton Park Shell from 6-7:30 p.m. before the Overton Park Shell Free Concert Series. The Grizzlies Claw Crew will be on site at Zoo Boo at the Memphis Zoo, also on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6-9:30 p.m.

Fans can join the Grizzlies at Boo at the Ballpark, a first-time, free Halloween festival starting at noon on Saturday, Oct. 18, at AutoZone Park. Fans in attendance can take part in Halloween-themed activities such as trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, costume contests and more. Grizz fans can also participate in the Le Bonheur Pumpkin Run on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1000 Ridgeway Loop from 8-10 a.m. The following week, the Claw Crew will be at the Chick-Fil-A Superhero Fall Festival at Landers Center on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Ahead of Opening Night, the Grizzlies are offering a 25 for $25 deal, allowing Grizz Nation to purchase $25 tickets to the first three home games of the 2025-26 season in honor of the Grizzlies' 25th season in Memphis. Fans who participate in the 25 for $25 offer will receive tickets on Terrace Level to watch the Grizzlies face the New Orleans Pelicans on Wednesday, Oct. 22, on Opening Night; the Miami Heat on Friday, Oct. 24; and the Indiana Pacers on Saturday, Oct. 25. Fans can also purchase a three-game mini pack to see the Grizzlies, which includes tickets to Opening Night, as well as the Grizzlies' two Emirates NBA Cup 2025 home matchups on Friday, Oct. 31, against the Los Angeles Lakers and Friday, Nov. 7, against the Dallas Mavericks.

The Grizzlies are encouraging all school districts to participate in Grizzlies School Spirit Day on Wednesday, Oct. 22, showcasing their Grizz Week spirit by posting creative videos on social media. From chants and dances to school-wide celebrations, the top posts that tag @memgrizz and use the hashtag #GrizzSpirit will be eligible to win a Grizzlies Turn Up Box. Additionally, the Grizzlies will highlight and reward four teachers or principals across Memphis Shelby-County Schools whose students are consistently showing up to school as part of the team's "Show Up" initiative.

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