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Tennessee Titans clash with Bengals for fifth consecutive season

Tennessee Titans (3-10) vs. Cincinnati Bengals (4-8*) Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 • Noon CST • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, Tenn. • TV: FOX

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (3-10) host their second consecutive game at Nissan Stadium this week, welcoming the Cincinnati Bengals (4-8*) to Nissan Stadium (capacity 69,143). Kickoff is scheduled for noon CST on Sunday, Dec. 15. Sunday marks the fifth game between the Titans and Bengals in a five-year span, and this is the fourth straight season in which the Bengals have visited Tennessee in either the postseason (2021) or regular season (2022-24). The Titans took last year's contest on Oct. 1 by a final score of 27-3. Early in the 2024 offseason, the Titans made Brian Callahan the 20th head coach in franchise his-

tory after he spent the previous five campaigns as Cincinnati's offensive coordinator. During his tenure in Cincinnati, Callahan served under head coach Zac Taylor, helping the Bengals win a pair of AFC North titles, two AFC Championship appearances and a Super Bowl berth. The Titans also added Tyler Boyd in free agency after the wide receiver spent the first eight seasons of his career with the Bengals. He ranks fourth in Bengals history in career receptions (513). The contest will be regionally televised on FOX, including Nashville affiliate WZTV FOX 17. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Kevin Kugler, analyst Daryl Johnston and reporter Laura Okmin. Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices

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Grizzlies announce final regular season games; To host Brooklyn Nets and travel to LA for Lakers

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team's final two 2024-25 regular season games, as they prepare to host the Brooklyn Nets at 7 p.m. CT on Friday, Dec. 13, and travel to Los Angeles to take on the Lakers at 8:30 p.m. CT on Sunday, Dec. 15. Single-game tickets for the Grizzlies home game against the Nets are on sale now at grizzlies.com/tickets, starting as low as \$15. Both games will be televised on FanDuel Sports Net-

work and broadcast on 92.9 FM ESPN Radio. Fans who want to support the Memphis Grizzlies and purchase 2024-25 season tickets or partial plans can do so now by calling (901) 888-HOOP or going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. For single-game tickets and more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

NFL announces International Player Pathway Program Class of 2025 representing 13 nations



NEW YORK — Dec. 9, 2024 — The NFL has announced its International Player Pathway (IPP) program Class of 2025 featuring 14 athletes representing 13 nations around the world, as the league continues to focus on creating more opportunities for talented international athletes to play the game at the highest level. Established in 2017, the IPP program identifies elite global talent with the aim of providing selected athletes the opportunity to improve and develop their skills, and ultimately earn a spot on an NFL roster. Starting in January 2025, athletes

on the program are invited to train in American football — both on the field and in the classroom — for 10 weeks at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, before showcasing their skills in front of NFL club scouts as part of the University of South Florida's Pro Day in March. Players can be signed as a free agent or, if eligible, selected during the 2025 NFL Draft. Each NFL club is permitted one roster exemption for a qualifying international player from the start of the club's offseason program through the roster reduction to 53 players. At that time, qualifying international players are eligible

to be signed to a 17th practice squad roster spot reserved for international athletes across any of the 32 teams. The program has historically welcomed athletes from diverse sporting backgrounds, including rugby, basketball, Gaelic football, track & field and more, and is supported by elite football coaching staff. "The Class of 2025 is an exciting one, and we are delighted to welcome these talented athletes from around the world to the International Player Pathway program," said Executive Vice President International, Events Please see sports page 4

Harlem Globetrotters welcome 76 returning and new rookie class to 2025 training camp in Atlanta, GA

Athletes from 17 states, over 40 colleges and universities, six women to begin honing their skills and showmanship as the 99th season of Globetrotter basketball begins on Thursday, December 26 in Pittsburgh and Boston



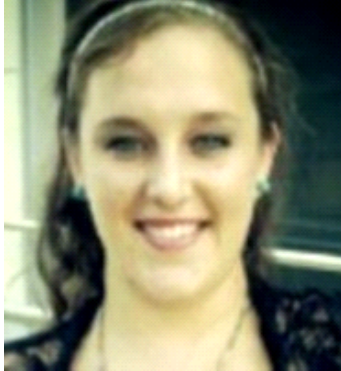
Sports in suburban Atlanta starting on Monday, December 9 through Thursday, December 12, with 76 athletes readying for the Globetrotters 99th season in their history, with their Centennial celebration season coming in 2026. "This is a special time of year when our amazing athletes are able to gather with our coaching and entertainment staff to really

hone all the pieces that make Globetrotter basketball so unique, and we are especially looking forward to this training camp as we start to focus on our centennial in 2026," said Keith Dawkins, President, Harlem Globetrotters & Herschend Entertainment Studios. "In a time where sports and entertainment continue to meld as a premium offering for consumers around the world, The Globetrotters are well positioned to connect with a new generation of fans." This year's roster includes players representing 17 U.S. Please see sports page 4

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