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Titans mathematically eliminated after OT loss



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NASHVILLE, TN – Dec. 17, 2023 - For the final time this season, the Titans donned the throwback baby blue Oilers jerseys, this time as they took on the Houston Texans, the team that eventually replaced the Oilers. Tennessee's defense came out strong and created a 3 and out for the Texans. Will Levis and the Titans' offense carried the moment. Derrick Henry converted on a huge 4th and 1. On the next play, Levis found Treyton Burks for a 37-yard gain. A few plays later, Levis threw a deep pass to Nick Westbrook-Ikhine for an additional 33 yards. The Texans

challenged the play but the call on the field stood, setting the Titans up with a first and goal position. The first attempt by Henry was stopped, but on 2nd and 1, Levis drove up the middle and scored his first career rushing touchdown. Nick Folk missed the point after attempt, which would unfortunately come back to haunt the Titans. The first quarter would end 6-0 in favor of the Titans but they quickly added to that at the beginning of the second. Elijah Molden intercepted a pass from Texans' quarterback Case Keenum and ran the ball to the end-zone for a 44-yard touchdown. Folk's point after was good this time, extending the Tennessee lead 13-0. On the final play of the second quarter, Houston kicker Ka'Imi Fairbairn kicked a 23-yard field goal to cut the Titans' lead to 10 heading into halftime. The Titans struggled offensively in the third quarter and the Texans took advantage. Fairbairn added two field goals, one from 27 yards and another from 53 yards. This brought the score to 13-9 heading into the final quarter of regulation play.

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TN Titans will host a Merry Christmas Eve with Seahawks at Nissan Stadium in Music City

Tennessee Titans (5-9) vs. Seattle Seahawks (6-7)*
Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 • Noon CST • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, Tenn. • TV: CBS



NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (5-9) host the Seattle Seahawks (6-7*) this week in a Christmas Eve battle at Nissan Stadium (capacity 69,143). Kick-off is scheduled for noon CST on Dec. 24. The Seahawks will make their third all-time appearance at Nissan Stadium and their first since a 33-27 Titans victory on Sept. 24, 2017. The only other meeting in Tennessee was a 28-24 Seahawks triumph on Dec. 18, 2005. Overall, the Titans franchise is 8-10 against the Seahawks. However, the Titans have won three of the last four meetings, including each of the past two. Most recently, Derrick Henry rushed for 182 yards and three touchdowns in a 33-30 overtime victory at Seattle on Sept. 19, 2021.

The contest will be regionally televised on CBS, including Nashville affiliate WTVF News-Channel 5, as well as on Paramount+ in the Nashville market. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Andrew Catalon, analysts Tiki Barber and Matt Ryan, and reporter AJ Ross.

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Grizzlies open nominations for new 'Raise the Rim' program to gift basketball hoop systems

MEMPHIS, TN – The Memphis Grizzlies announced their new Raise the Rim initiative, a program that will gift Grizzlies-branded basketball hoop systems to local non-profits, schools and community centers that support youth and families, providing them with access to quality

equipment to pursue their love for basketball, healthy exercise and fun. Fans and members of the Memphis community are encouraged to nominate their local organizations, public courts or schools in need of new outdoor basketball hoop systems. Old systems will

be removed and replaced with brand new systems, which will include a backboard, pole, rim, net and pole padding. Nominations are currently open and must be submitted before Jan. 31, 2024. The Grizzlies will begin reviewing nominations in February, and recipients will be notified no later than April 30, 2024. Submitting an online

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Fans who want to support the Memphis Grizzlies and purchase 2023-24 single game tickets can do so now by calling (901) 888-HOOP or going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. For more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

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Four Tigers named to United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American List



Mya Jones

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The University of Memphis Tigers women's soccer team has placed four student-athletes on the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American list. Mya Jones, Momo Nakao and Haylee Spray were all named to the First Team



Saorla Miller

while Saorla Miller was named to the Second Team. Selections to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American list must be at least a junior who have been with the team for the last two seasons and have a minimum 3.40 cumulative grade



Momo Nakao

point average (on a 4.0 scale) throughout their career. "These four young ladies have truly defined what being a successful student-athlete is all about," head coach Brooks Monaghan said. "Not only have they performed at the highest level on



Haylee Spray

the field, but they have also continued to excel in the classroom, and I couldn't be prouder. All four are very deserving of all the accolades they have received." Jones (Health Sciences, 3.97), a fifth-year senior out of Calgary,

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