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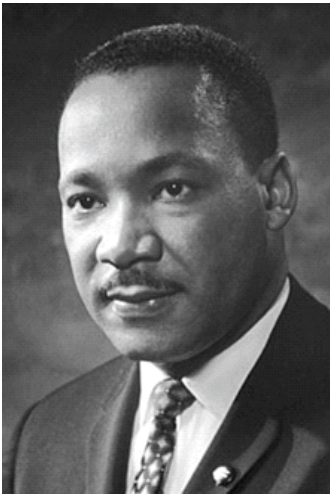
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Happy New Year! Happy 2025!

Grizzlies to honor Smith, Stoudemire, and Miller with National Civil Rights Museum Sports Legacy Award

Tip-Off Set for 1:30 p.m. CT on Monday, Jan. 20, on FanDuel Sports Network Southeast and TNT – Tickets Available at Grizzlies.com/Tickets and the FedExForum Box Office –

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies, National Civil Rights Museum, City of Memphis and Shelby County will grant the National Civil Rights Museum Sports Legacy Award, presented by Ford and your Mid-South Ford Dealers, to three honorees at the 23rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Game on Monday, Jan. 20, as the Grizzlies tip-off



Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

against the Minnesota Timberwolves. Recipients include

Olympic Track & Field gold medalist **Tommie Smith**, NBA legend and six-time NBA All-Star **Amar’e Stoudemire** and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer and Olympic gold medalist **Cheryl Miller**. Tickets for the 23rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Game, presented by Ford and your Mid-South Ford Dealers and in association with FedEx, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and the Hyde Family Foundation, are available at grizzlies.com/tickets and the FedExForum Box Office. The game will be broadcast on both FanDuel Sports Network Southeast and TNT. Additional

in-game elements will be announced at a later date.

SPORTS LEGACY AWARD HONOREES

Tommie Smith is remembered, along with Olympic teammate John Carlos, for their Medal Position protest at the 1968 Mexico City Games. Not to be forgotten, however, is Smith’s world record of 19.83 seconds in the 200-meter race at those Games; the first time that the 20-second mark was broken, legally, marking a record that stood for nearly 11 years. He is also the only man in the history of track and field to hold eleven world records simul-

taneously. Smith would go on to play three seasons of professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals. Later a teacher and coach at Oberlin College and Santa Monica College, Smith has received the Arthur Ashe Courage Award, the Courage of Conscience Award from the Peace Abbey Foundation and was inducted into the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame in 2019.

Amar’e Stoudemire is an NBA

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Blackburn and Ossoff Steer Passage of Prison Staff Safety see sports-Military 2 ***

U.S. Navy to Showcase New Strike Group at AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Dec. 27 see sports-Ent. page 5 ***

Monkey Wrench Films to Release “Pay Dirt: The Story of Supercross” for Sports Fans see sports-Ent. page 5 ***

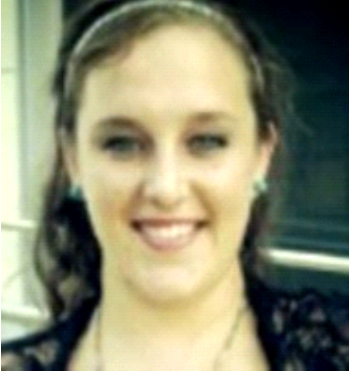
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Peyton and Eli Manning to serve as the head coaches for the AFC and NFC teams in 2025 Pro Bowl Games Skills presented by Verizon

NEW YORK — Dec. 19, 2024 — The NFL has announced the new and returning Pro Bowl Skills that players from the AFC and NFC will compete in during the 2025 Pro Bowl Games presented by Verizon, including Dodgeball presented by Bud Light, Satisfying Catches pre-

sented by SNICKERS®, Tug-of-War and more. Taking place over two days in Orlando, the skills challenges will be broadcast live on Thursday, Jan. 30, on ESPN from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET on the Pro Bowl Skills Show, a made-for-TV event taking place in the

Nicholson Fieldhouse at the University of Central Florida, and continuing Sunday, Feb. 2, culminating in an epic flag football game. The Pro Bowl skills competitions will be brought to life by Full Day Productions, the Joe Lewis Company and Omaha Productions.

The 2025 Pro Bowl Games presented by Verizon will be a week-long celebration of AFC vs. NFC competitions, culminating with 7-on-7 flag football. To help program the week-long event, the NFL will work with long-standing partners, including the Dis-

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