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Candidates announced for NFL and FedEx Air & Ground Players of Year... from sports page 1

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donation will help support needs-based scholarships for students attending one of TMCF's 47 publicly-supported HBCUs. For the year, more than \$100,000 will be granted among these select HBCUs to support student scholarships.

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A closer look at the FedEx Air NFL Player of the Year finalists:

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott finished the season leading the league in touchdown passes (36), ranked second with passer rating (105.9) and completion percentage (69.5), and third in passing yards (4,516). Prescott had 10 games with at least 250 passing yards and multiple touchdown passes and six games with at least three touchdown passes, both the most in the

NFL this season. He became the first quarterback in NFL history with four games in a season with a completion percentage of 80-or-higher (minimum 30 attempts in each game).

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy led the NFL in passer rating (113.0), ranked third in touchdown passes (31), fourth in completion percentage (69.4) and fifth in passing yards (4,280), despite only playing 16 games this season. Purdy had eight games with a passer rating of 120-or-higher this season and became the fifth player ever to record a passer rating of 120-or-higher in eight-or-more games in a season. He also had six games with a passer rating of 130-or-higher this season, tied for the most such games in a season in NFL history.

Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa led the league in passing yards (4,624), becoming the second player in franchise history with 4,500 passing yards in a season. Tagovailoa had five games with at least 300 passing yards, tied for the third-most this season, and four games with at least three touchdown passes, the fourth-most in the NFL this season. He was also one of four quarterbacks to have multiple re-

ceivers with at least 1,000 receiving yards this season. A closer look at the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Year finalists:

San Francisco 49ers running back Christian McCaffrey led the league with a career-high 1,459 rushing yards while ranking second among running backs with 14 rushing touchdowns. McCaffrey recorded seven games with at least 100 rushing yards, a career- and league-best this season. He became the third player in NFL history to record at least 2,000 scrimmage yards in a season for two franchises after totaling 2,023 yards this season and 2,392 yards in 2019 with Carolina.

Miami Dolphins running back Raheem Mostert finished the season leading the league with a career-high and franchise record 18 rushing touchdowns. Mostert had six games with multiple rushing touchdowns this season, the most in the NFL. His 21 scrimmage touchdowns were the third-most by an undrafted player in a season since 1967.

Los Angeles Rams running back Kyren Williams ranked third with 1,144 rushing yards and tied for fifth among running

backs with 12 rushing touchdowns in the NFL, despite only playing 12 games this season. He recorded six games with at least 100 rushing yards, the second-most this season, and had four games with at least 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown, tied for the second-most. In Week 12, Williams recorded 143 rushing yards, 61 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions and became the fourth player in NFL history with at least 140 rushing yards, 60 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions in a game.

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Showboats add 14 more players in UFL 2nd dispersal process from sports page 1

- Matt Coghlin, K Michigan State, New Orleans Breakers
- Willie Henry, DT, Michigan Birmingham Stallions
- Will Likely CB, Maryland, Houston Roughnecks
- Christian McFarland, S Idaho State, Birmingham Stallions
- Lee Morris WR, Oklahoma, New Orleans Breakers
- Max Roberts OLB, Boston College, Vegas Vipers
- Tye Smith CB, Towson, Orlando Guardians
- Michael Stevens CB, North Carolina State New Orleans, Breakers
- Jared Thomas C, Northwestern, Seattle Sea

- Dragons
- Salesi Uthatafe T, Utah New Orleans Breakers
- Matthew White P Monmouth New Orleans Breakers
- Damion Willis WR, Troy, Seattle Sea Dragons

About the United Football League

The United Football League (UFL) is set to launch as the premier spring football platform, formed by the merging of the XFL and USFL in 2024. The UFL has eight teams in Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders’ Statement on Joe Profiri and Board of Corrections

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.— Following the Board of Correction’s politically motivated stunt to terminate Senate-confirmed Joe Profiri from his position as Secretary of the Department of Corrections, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced he will take a position in the Governor’s Office as Senior Advisor. Her statement was made on January 11.

“My focus is on the safety of Arkansans and ending the failed policy of catch and early release of violent criminals in this state. Sadly, the Board of Corrections has chosen repeatedly to focus on pushing lies, political stunts, and power grabs,” said Governor Sanders. "We firmly support Joe Profiri as Secretary of Corrections and are proud of the accomplishments we’ve achieved together. During ongoing litigation Joe Profiri will be serving as a senior advisor to me in my office. I'm confident that Attorney General Griffin will successfully defend the law in court."

“Having served in law enforcement and public safety roles at the local, state, and national level for over thirty years, it’s disappointing to see politics being played with the safety and security of Arkansans,” said Profiri. “Certain members of the Board are making false and misleading claims all in an effort to hold power and keep the status quo, which for decades has created a dangerous and broken system. The work of Corrections is to keep communities safe by retaining violent, repeat offenders and adequately preparing offender populations for reintegration. We must continue to work on the Governor’s bold plan to reduce crime and keep communities safe. I am happy to join the Governor’s office as Senior Advisor to continue this critical work.”

Grizzlies sign Vince Williams Jr. to a multi-year contract

MEMPHIS, TN– The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team signed wing Vince Williams Jr. to a multi-year contract. Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed. In a related move, the Grizzlies waived center Bismack Bi-

yombo.

Williams Jr. (6-6, 205) has appeared in 27 games (eight starts) and has averaged 5.9 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 21.9 minutes for the Grizzlies this season. Selected by Memphis with

the 47th overall pick in the 2022 NBA Draft following his senior year at VCU, the 23-year-old Ohio native has competed in 42 games (nine starts) with the Grizzlies and 16 games with the NBA G League’s Memphis Hustle since he was signed to a two-

way contract on July 2, 2022. Biyombo (6-8, 255) appeared in 30 games (27 starts) and averaged 5.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 1.1 blocks in 23.9 minutes after signing with the Grizzlies on Nov. 1. A 13-year NBA veteran, the 31-year-old native of the

Democratic Republic of the Congo has competed in 829 games (351 starts) and has averaged 5.1 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.3 blocks in 19.7 minutes since he was selected by Charlotte with the seventh overall pick in the 2011 NBA Draft.

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