

Sports & Entertainment

Ghost River Brewing debuts the Showboats ‘Touchdown’ beer



MEMPHIS, Tenn. – March 19, 2025 – The Memphis Showboats and Ghost River Brewing Co. are excited to announce a new partnership that includes the production of a brand new offering, the Memphis Showboats Touchdown Light Lager. The crisp and refreshing lager is the perfect way to support the Showboats and your fandom for the team.

“We are thrilled to partner with Ghost River Brewing to create this unique beer,” said Memphis Showboats Vice President of Team Business & Event Operations Steve Macy. “Our fans will love the Memphis Showboats Touchdown Light Lager. We can't wait to debut it at our Kick-off Party at Ghost River Brewery on March 29.”

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The Memphis Showboats Touchdown Light Lager will be available for the first time at the Memphis Showboats Kickoff Party at Ghost River Brewery on Main Street on March 29, from 4-6 p.m.

In addition to the creation of this new beer from Ghost River Brewing Co., the Ghost River Brewery on Main Street will also host watch parties for all five of

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the Showboats' road games, starting with the Showboats’ first road game at the D.C. Defenders, slated for April 5, with a 7 p.m. CT kickoff on ABC.

The Memphis Showboats kick off their 2025 United Football League season March 30 at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, hosting the Michigan Panthers for an 11 a.m. contest. Tickets are available at UFLShowboats.com, and start at just \$20.

Season and single-game tickets for the 2025 Memphis Showboats season are available now at uflshowboats.com/tickets. Fans can also reach a ticket specialist by calling 901-341-7008 or sending an email to tickets@uflshowboats.com.

About the United Football League

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Legendary boxing champion George Foreman dies at 76 from sports page 1

score a knockout. Ali called his strategy the "Rope a Dope." It was perhaps the most famous fight of all time.

Five fights after he lost the title to Ali in 1974, Foreman announced his retirement from boxing at age 28. He began a career as an ordained minister back in Texas. He made a miraculous comeback to boxing 10 years later at age 38. He pushed Evander Holyfield to the brink at age 42. Though he lost that title fight, he made history 5 fights later. In 1994, Foreman knocked out Micheal Moorer in 10 rounds to regain the Heavyweight

crown. He was 45 years old. He became the oldest to hold the Heavyweight title in history.

When his boxing career finally closed, Foreman used his fame to become one of the world's greatest pitch men. He sold the George Foreman grill. This venture proved to be a resounding success. Over 100 million grills have been sold. Foreman is estimated to have a net worth of over 300 million dollars.

Foreman was married 5 times. He is survived by his last wife, Mary Joan Martelly and 11 children.



Memphis Showboats Roster

| No. | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Hometown/College |
|-----|-------------------|-----|------|-----|--|
| 1 | Kai Locksley | WR | 6-4 | 210 | Baltimore, Md./UTEP |
| 3 | Troy Williams | QB | 6-2 | 208 | Carson, Calif./Utah |
| 4 | Dee Anderson | WR | 6-6 | 225 | Dallas, Texas/Alabama A&M |
| 5 | EJ Perry | QB | 6-1 | 208 | Andover, Mass./Brown |
| 6 | Lance Boykin | CB | 6-2 | 198 | High Point, N.C./Coastal Carolina |
| 7 | Eli Walker | FS | 6-2 | 202 | Long Beach, Calif./Kansas State |
| 8 | Boogie Roberts | DT | 6-2 | 290 | Los Angeles, Calif./San Jose State |
| 9 | Jonathan Adams | WR | 6-2 | 220 | Jonesboro, Ark./Arkansas State |
| 10 | Amier Riep | FS | 5-11 | 200 | Cincinnati, Ohio/Lincoln University (Calif.) |
| 12 | Dresser Winn | QB | 6-2 | 215 | Dresden, Tenn./UT-Martin |
| 13 | Cameron Dantzler* | CB | 6-2 | 190 | Hammond, La./Mississippi State |
| 14 | Mark Gilbert | CB | 6-0 | 186 | Fayetteville, N.C./Duke |
| 18 | Kwamie Lassiter | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Chandler, Ariz./Kansas |
| 19 | Matt Mengel | P | 6-2 | 225 | Harbor City, Calif./UCLA |
| 20 | Obi Melifonwu | LB | 6-4 | 224 | South Grafton, Mass./Connecticut |
| 21 | Ja’Quann Sheppard | CB | 5-11 | 188 | Zephyrhills, Fla./Maryland |
| 23 | Jacob Kibodi | RB | 6-1 | 218 | Baton Rouge, La./Louisiana |
| 28 | Kyree Woods | S | 6-0 | 190 | Mesa, Ariz./San Diego State |
| 31 | Keaton Ellis | CB | 6-2 | 198 | High Point, N.C./Coastal Carolina |
| 32 | Nehemiah Shelton | DB | 6-0 | 183 | Gardena, Calif./San Jose State |
| 33 | Eric Garror | CB | 5-8 | 174 | Mobile, Ala./Louisiana |
| 34 | Deneric Prince | RB | 6-0 | 216 | Manvel, Texas/Tulsa |
| 35 | Tenny Adewusi | FS | 6-0 | 206 | Avenel, N.J./Delaware |
| 36 | Jalen Jackson | RB | 5-9 | 216 | Richmond, Va./Villanova |
| 42 | Steele Chambers | LB | 6-1 | 232 | Roswell, Ga./Ohio State |
| 44 | Jaylon Allen | DE | 6-3 | 245 | Humble, Texas/Memphis |
| 45 | Nasir Player | OLB | 6-5 | 271 | Greenwood, Texas/East Tennessee State |
| 49 | Matt Coghlin | K | 5-9 | 190 | Cincinnati, Ohio/Michigan State |
| 50 | Izayah Green-May | DE | 6-5 | 247 | Bolingbrook, Ill./Northern Illinois |
| 51 | Yvondy Rigby | LB | 6-1 | 239 | Egg Harbor Township, N.J./Temple |
| 52 | Antwuan Jackson | DL | 6-2 | 300 | Ellenswood, Ga./Ohio State |
| 55 | JD DiRenzo | G | 6-6 | 315 | Hammonton, N.J./Rutgers |
| 57 | Zeke Vandenburg | LB | 6-4 | 232 | Freeport, Ill./Illinois State |
| 59 | Turner Bernard | LS | 6-1 | 239 | Glendale, Ariz./San Diego State |
| 63 | Nate Gilliam | G | 6-5 | 300 | Knoxville, Tenn./Wake Forest |
| 65 | Jared Thomas | OL | 6-3 | 318 | Indianapolis, Ind./Northwestern |
| 66 | Nash Jensen | G | 6-4 | 322 | Maple Grove, Minn./North Dakota State |
| 69 | Noah Henderson | T | 6-5 | 311 | Bennettsville, S.C./East Carolina |
| 72 | Alec Lindstrom | C | 6-3 | 296 | Dudley, Mass./Boston College |
| 74 | O’Shea Dugas | OL | 6-4 | 335 | Lafayette, La./Louisiana Tech |
| 75 | James Tunstall | T | 6-7 | 304 | Indian Head, Md./Cincinnati |
| 79 | Nick Torres* | T | 6-6 | 320 | Whitestone, N.Y./Villanova |
| 81 | Ryan Izzo | TE | 6-5 | 235 | Highland Lakes, N.J./Florida State |
| 82 | Eli Stove | WR | 5-11 | 194 | Niceville, Fla./Auburn |
| 83 | Isiah Hennie | WR | 5-7 | 171 | San Diego, Calif./Sacramento State |
| 86 | Isaiah Washington | WR | 6-2 | 214 | Jacksonville, Fla./Rutgers |
| 88 | Jay Jay Wilson | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Valencia, Calif./Auburn |
| 89 | Chris Pierce Jr. | TE | 6-4 | 235 | Smithfield, Va./Vanderbilt |
| 91 | Josiah Bronson | DE | 6-3 | 310 | Covington, Wash./Washington |
| 92 | P.J. Hall | DE | 6-0 | 305 | Seguin, Texas/Sam Houston State |
| 95 | DaMarcus Mitchell | DE | 6-3 | 260 | Thibodaux, La./Purdue |
| 99 | John Atkins Sr. | DT | 6-3 | 320 | Thomson, Ga./Georgia |

*-denotes injured reserve

UFL announces Whisenhunt takes leave of absence; Turner steps in as interim head coach... from sports page 1

stint as head coach of the Arizona Cardinals (2007-12), where he won two NFC West Division Championships (2008, 2009) and a berth in Super Bowl XLII following the 2008 season. The head coach of the Tennessee Titans for two seasons (2014-15), he helped lead the Pittsburgh Steelers to victory in Super Bowl XL as their offensive coordinator.

Turner, who has coached for nearly 30 years at the professional and collegiate levels, has served as the offensive line coach for the Showboats for the past two seasons. He previously was the offensive line coach for the

New Orleans Breakers of the USFL from 2022-23 after stints with the Cincinnati Bengals (2019-20) and the Miami Dolphins (2012-13) of the NFL. A four-year letterman at Boston College and an officer in the United States Marine Corp for four years (1990-94), Turner coached the offensive line at Texas A&M from 2008-11 and from 2016-17, as well as coaching stops at Boston College (2007), Delaware (2005-06), Delaware (2005-06), Temple (2003-04), Harvard (2000-02), Louisiana Tech (1999), and Northeastern (1994-99).

The Showboats will kick off their 2025 UFL regular season on Sunday, March 30 at 12 p.m. ET when they host the Michigan Panthers in a game, which will air on ESPN.

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•**Saturday, April 12 vs. D.C. Defenders** - 1:30 p.m. CT - Showboats Showdown

Join the Showboats and Memphis Wrestling for Showboats Showdown where the gridiron meets the squared circle for an electrifying "only in Memphis" entertainment experience.

•**Sunday, May 11 vs. St. Louis Battlehawks** - 2 p.m. CT - Mothers Day and Skipper's Birthday

This Mothers Day, spend an afternoon with Mom and the 'Boats! Stick around after the game to take a picture on the field with Mom for a one-of-a-

kind keepsake! There's more fun for everyone as we'll celebrate Skipper's Birthday, too.

•**Saturday, May 24 vs. Arlington Renegades** - 11 a.m. CT - Hats Off To Heroes

On Memorial Day Weekend, join the Showboats in a salute to the men and women of our Armed Forces, our community first responders, and the Heroes that give their all to protect, serve, and guard our community.

•**Sunday, June 1 vs. Birmingham Stallions** - 2 p.m. CT - Showboats '85 Throwback

The Showboats turn the clock back to 1985 to highlight the ac-

complishment of the 1985 Memphis Showboats, who made their lone appearance in the USFL playoffs that year. Featuring mid-80s era throwback merchandise and entertainment throughout the game, fans are encouraged to celebrate 2025's last regular season home game in style.

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