

Nashville Kats Arena Football League games to air on NFL Network from sports page 1



available through NFL digital properties (NFL.com and the NFL app), and on an authenticated basis through NFL Network distributors' apps and sites, as well as NFL platforms.

NFL Network's schedule of live AFL games begins on Saturday, April 27 following the network's live coverage of the 2024 NFL Draft with the Albany Firebirds hosting the Orlando Predators at 8 p.m. ET, and features more than 30 regular season games. The 2024 AFL season will feature 16 teams playing a total of 80 regular season games.

The partnership with the AFL are part of NFL Network's continued focus to broadcast live football, adding to the network's existing coverage of regular season college football games, collegiate all-star games such as the Reese's Senior Bowl, East-West Shrine Bowl and HBCU Legacy Bowl, and high school all-star games such as the Polynesian Bowl.

Provided below are the broadcast schedules for AFL on NFL Network:

2024 Arena Football League NFL Network Broadcast Schedule:

- Saturday, April 27 – Orlando Predators at Albany Firebirds, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, April 28 – Georgia Force at West Texas Desert Hawks, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, April 28 – Southwest Kansas Storm at Salina Liberty, 6 p.m. ET
- Thursday, May 2 – Nashville Kats at Albany Firebirds, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, May 5 – West Texas Desert Hawks at Orlando Predators, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, May 5 – Philadelphia Soul at Minnesota Myth, 6 p.m. ET
- Thursday, May 9 – Orlando Predators at Louisiana Voodoo, 8 p.m. ET

- Sunday, May 12 – West Texas Desert Hawks at Washington Wolfpack, 3:30 p.m. ET
- Thursday, May 16 – Orlando Predators at West Texas Desert Hawks, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, May 19 – Philadelphia Soul at Albany Firebirds, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, May 19 – Salina Liberty at Iowa Rampage, 3 p.m. ET
- Thursday, May 23 – Oregon Blackbears at Washington Wolfpack, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, May 26 – Nashville Kats at Orlando Predators, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, May 26 – Philadelphia Soul at Georgia Force, 3:30 p.m. ET
- Thursday, May 30 – Washington Wolfpack at Minnesota Myth, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 2 – Louisiana Voodoo at Georgia Force, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 2 – Albany Firebirds at Nashville Kats, 3:30 p.m. ET
- Thursday, June 6 – Nashville Kats at Minnesota Myth, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 9 – Philadelphia Soul at Wichita Regulators, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 9 – Washington Wolfpack at Southwest Kansas Storm, 6 p.m. ET
- Thursday, June 13 – Louisiana Voodoo at Orlando Predators, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 16 – Oregon Blackbears at Nashville Kats, 3:30 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 16 – Georgia Force at West Texas Desert Hawks, 3:30 p.m. ET
- Thursday, June 20 – Albany Firebirds at Billings Outlaws, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 23 – Nashville Kats at Philadelphia Soul, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 23 – Salina Liberty at Louisiana Voodoo, 3:30 p.m. ET
- Thursday, June 27 – Iowa Rampage at Orlando Predators, 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 30 – Albany Firebirds at Georgia Force, 1 p.m. ET
- Sunday, June 30 – Minnesota Myth at Philadelphia Soul, 3:30 p.m. ET

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Crime Commissioner Pres. Bill Gibbons examines ways to curb crime in Memphis from sports-Military page 3

to be provided to serious juvenile offenders through a program called SWITCH Youth operated by Youth Villages. Numerous studies have shown that intensive supervision without accompanying rehabilitation has limited results. Both are needed and go hand in hand. This year, an assessment of SWITCH Youth is being conducted by the UofM Public Safety Institute. If it shows promising results, a key will be scaling it up and sustaining it, which means more funding. All of the approaches mentioned

above have worked IF implemented correctly, brought to scale, and sustained over time. Practically every city that has turned around its crime challenge has used some or all of these approaches. All of them are included in the local Safe Community Action Plan. So, we pretty much know some things that can work. Our concern and sense of urgency represent an opportunity to move the needle in addressing our crime challenge. Let's double down on meeting the challenge.

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Memphis Mayor Paul Young launches the Black Mayors' Coalition on Crime

The Coalition Aims to Harness the Unique Perspective and Collective Power of Black Mayors on the Front Lines of the Fight Against Crime

Over 20 Mayors and Representatives from 12 States Meet to Attend the Inaugural Meeting

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 26, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Memphis Mayor Paul Young, in partnership with the African American Mayors Association (AAMA), announced on March 26 the launch of the Black Mayors' Coalition on Crime (BMCC), an initiative to harness the collective power of black mayors across the nation to fight crime. The inaugural meeting took place in Memphis on March 27-28 and hosted 21 mayors and their proxies from Washington D.C., IN, TN, MO, MS, LA, AR, GA, AZ, CA, and NC. Young has received support from big-city mayors, including Mayor Eric Adams from New York City and Mayor Karen Bass from Los Angeles. "For the first time in history, we have an unprecedented number of black mayors in some of our biggest cities: Mayor Adams in New York City, Mayor Bass in Los Angeles, and Mayor Johnson in Chicago, to name a few," said Young, "not to mention hundreds of others, like myself who represent millions of Americans in small-to-medium and large-sized cities across the country. Many of these leaders come from the communities most affected by crime, so they have a unique perspective on solving it." "Across our great and diverse country, there's one thing that every city has in common: public safety is the prerequisite to prosperity," said New York City Mayor Adams. "As a former police officer, I know firsthand that public safety is not just about keeping people safe — it is also about making sure people feel safe. I applaud Mayor Young for



Memphis, Tennessee Mayor Paul Young

convening the Black Mayors Coalition on Crime to have an honest conversation around protecting our cities and delivering peace of mind at a time when our communities need it most." Dr. Russell Wigginton, President

of the National Civil Rights Museum (NCRM), facilitated the two-day event. It included a keynote by the Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ) on crime trends and perspectives in the U.S. Cities will also present case studies on successful crime-fighting initiatives, including "Operation SCARLET" (Stolen Car & Recovery Law Enforcement Team) from Charlotte, NC, and "Opera-

tion Good" from Jackson, MS. As the largest majority-minority city in the United States, Mayor Young presides over a city, like most cities in America, wrestling with the issue of crime. Young has been outspoken about his approach to crime since entering office on January 1, 2024. He will spearhead the high-profile national initiative because he believes these issues can be solved if mayors can collaborate and provide a powerful, unified voice representing millions of constituents. According to a recent Gallup poll of Americans, worry about crime in the U.S. is at its highest level since 2016, and according to government national crime data, the U.S. homicide rate is at its highest point in 25 years. "The time is now for us to speak with one voice, to call for national and local policy change and funding, and to share our collective learnings to create the meaningful change that will re-

duce crime in all of our communities," said Young. When asked if participation was limited to black mayors, Young said that the Coalition will be open to anyone who can contribute to solving the issue, stating, "My hope is that this will be the start of a broad ongoing national effort to find real solutions to this very complex issue. I believe we can leverage our collective platforms to create change in the policies, laws, and resources needed to reverse the trend and heal our communities. We cannot wait." Phyllis Dickerson, CEO of the African American Mayors Association, says, "I'm excited about this new initiative and the fresh perspective Mayor Young brings to confronting crime—an urgent quality-of-life matter in our cities and communities. It's clear that this united front among our mayors paired with bold strategies is necessary. He commands our full backing and support."

National Civil Rights Museum welcomes Martin Luther King III and family to commemorate 56th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death on April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King III, Arndrea Waters King, and Yolanda Renee King will attend the ceremony with a youth focus

MEMPHIS, TN — The National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel will present a commemoration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy on Thursday, April 4, the 56th anniversary of his death. Martin Luther King III, wife Arndrea Waters King, and daughter Yolanda Renee King will participate in the ceremony, which will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person. This year, the Museum introduces a youth component with the performing winners of

its Youth Poetry and Spoken Word Competition. The event entitled "Remembering MLK: The Man. The Movement. The Moment." will be held in the Museum's courtyard at 4:00 pm Central with a musical prelude followed by the commemorative service at 4:30 pm. Participants can also join the live stream via the museum's website, YouTube and Facebook platforms. Martin Luther King III, the oldest son of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, will deliver the keynote address. Mr. King is a civil rights advocate and global humanitarian, focusing on addressing the most pressing social justice issues of today. Amplify-

ing his father's work, Mr. King has devoted his life to promoting global human rights and eradicating racism, violence, and poverty, earning a reputation as a respected international statesman and one of the world's most passionate advocates for the poor and oppressed. As chairman of the Drum Major Institute (DMI), a nonprofit rooted in his father's work over 60 years ago, Mr. King collaborates closely with his wife, Arndrea Waters King and daughter, Yolanda Renee King, to advance Dr. King's vision of a more just and equitable world. Founded in 1961, the organization focuses on continuing the King legacy through education, action, engagement with world leaders,

and collaboration with socially conscious organizations. Arndrea Waters King, social justice activist and President of Drum Major Institute (DMI), has championed several nonviolence, anti-hate and social change initiatives throughout her life, designing programs to advance understanding and activism. She is a strong supporter of youth activism and believes in helping young people take a peaceful, effective stand for the world issues that concern them most. As president of DMI, she plays a critical role in creating strategic partnerships and managing the daily operations of this active social justice organization. At 15 years old, Yolanda Renee Please see sports-Ent. 5

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