## **Sports & Entertainment**

#### Star golfer Julia Jarvholm receives the UofM's Dean's Outstanding Senior Award

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis women's golf student-athlete Julia Jarvholm received University of Memphis' Dean's Outstanding Senior Award on Tuesday, April 15. A psychology major, Jarvholm boasts a 4.0 institutional gradepoint average and a 3.89 overall. She will graduate this Spring.

"It came as no surprise that Julia Jarvholm was selected as the recipient of the Dean's Outstanding Senior Award for 2025," Fernandez West, Associate Athletic Director, Center for Athletic Academic Services, said. "Julia's unwavering work ethic and impressive academic achievements are a true testament to her determination and commitment to excellence. Her success reflects the high standards of our women's golf program and the broader expectations we hold for all our student-athletes. We are incredibly proud of Julia and all that she has accomplished."

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ing her best round at the Puerto Rico Shootout where she shot a 71 during round one of the event. She went on to finish in the top 20 for individuals.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Golf, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

#### **Outfielder Cade Greer named** to AAC Weekly Honor Roll

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis outfielder Cade Greer was named to the American Athletic Conference's Weekly Honor Roll, the conference announced Monday after-

Greer, a junior from Lewisburg, Mississippi, hit safely from the leadoff spot in the Tiger lineup in all three games over the weekend to help Memphis earn an AAC series win at Florida Atlantic. He scored six runs during the series to earn a share of the conference lead in that category for the

In Sunday's 5-4 win, Greer hit a solo home run to the opposite field that would prove to be the eventual winning run, ending the game with an RBI and two runs scored. He turned in a 2-for-4 performance at the plate in Saturday's 8-7 win over the Owls and scored three runs. Greer also doubled in Friday night's 2-1 de-

For the week, Greer hit .364, slugged .727 and got on base at a .563 clip due being plunked three times and walking twice to go along with his four hits. He homered, doubled, drove in a run and stole a base while also recording an outfield assist on a double play.

The Tigers are back in action Tuesday night in Conway, Arkansas. First pitch vs. Central Arkansas is scheduled for 6 p.m.

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Baseball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

#### 17 prospects confirmed for the NFL Draft, beginning on April 24... from sports page 3

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Penn State			WR	Arizona	
5)	Jaxson Dart	QB	12)	Jalen Milroe	QB
Mississippi			Alabama		
6)	Matthew Golden	WR	13)	Josh Simmons	T
Texas			Ohio State		
7)	Mason Graham	DT	14)	Malaki Starks	DB
Michigan			Georgia		
8)	Travis Hunter		15)	Shemar Stewart	DE
DB/WR Colorado			Texas A&M		
9)	Ashton Jeanty	RB	16)	Cameron Ward	QB
Boise State			Miami (Fla.)		
10)	Will Johnson	DB	17)	Mykel Williams	DE
Michiga	n		Georgia		

### **Brownells renews the SAF** partnership to Gold Level; **Donates 2A Day proceeds**

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bear arms. The generous donation and partnership renewal allows SAF to continue the fight to defend, secure and restore our Second Amendment rights.

For more information about SAF's corporate partner program, contact Senior Vice President Lauren Hill at lhill@saf.org

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated

to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored.

Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

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### Volunteer registration now open for 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship set at TPC Southwind, August 6-10 ... from sports page 1

so our SHOTLink technology can accurately capture all data. Positions are outside and require standing.

•Public Hospitality: Interested in volunteering but want to avoid the Memphis heat? Join the Public Hospitality team and welcome thousands of fans into open to the public spaces such as the PGA TOUR Fan Shop and The Hub. Positions are inside and require standing.

Thanks to the support from volunteer partner BlueCross Blue-Shield of Tennessee and other local community partners, volunteering at the FedEx St. Jude Championship is free. Volunteers will receive one Nike uniform polo, a hat or visor, a clear bag and a working credential that serves as your ticket outside of volunteer shifts. While onsite, volunteers will also have access to the air-conditioned BlueCross

Volunteers also have the exclusive opportunity to fund raise for St. Jude Children' Research Hospital through the Hours for St. Jude presented by BlueCross Blue-Shield of Tennessee program

BlueShield Volunteer Headquarters, where meals will be covered for all working shifts from local food partners on-site. Volunteers are required to complete a minimum of three halfday shifts during tournament week to receive their gifts.

Volunteers also have the exclusive opportunity to fundraise for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the Hours for St. Jude presented by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee program. Since its inception in 2013, Hours for St. Jude has raised over \$3 million for the hospital, providing an alternative pipeline for those who can't make tournament week but wish to support the lifesaving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Volunteers who hit fundraising milestones earn incentives like tournament branded apparel, tickets to other PGA TOUR events and more!

Join the team and support the success of the FedEx St. Jude Championship by registering to volunteer at this link or visit FedExChampionship.com and click "Volunteer." For any questions, please reach out to Annie Ferrentino at AnnieFerrentino@pgatourhq.com.

About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is the first of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs, the culmination of the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR Season. Played August 6-10 at TPC Southwind, the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List at the conclusion of the regular season.

The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2025 will mark Memphis' fourth year hosting a Playoffs event. Since 1970, Memphis' PGA TOUR stop has raised more than \$80 million for the tournament's primary charitable beneficiary, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients' families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their

### The Memphis Grizzlies will host an NBA Play-In Tournament at FedExForum; Tickets now on sale

Grizzlies To Host Sacramento Kings or Dallas Mavericks Friday at FedExForum

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Memphis Grizzlies will host an NBA Play-In Tournament game on Friday, April 18, at 8:30 p.m. CT at FedExForum, televised exclusively on ESPN. The Grizzlies' 2025 Play-In Tournament game is presented by FedEx and Orion Financial.

The Memphis Grizzlies, seeded eighth in the West, will host the



winner of the nine-ten matchup between the Sacramento Kings and Dallas Mavericks in a winor-go-home game at FedEx-Forum. A Grizzlies win would clinch the final spot in the 2025 NBA Playoffs and a first-round matchup with the top-seeded out Tennessee. Oklahoma City Thunder.

Tickets for the Grizzlies home game on April 18 in the NBA Play-In Tournament will be available for purchase on Wednesday, April 16, at noon, with an exclusive presale for all MVP Season Ticket Holders at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available for purchase through Ticketmaster or by going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. There is a purchase limit of four tickets per game, and buyers are restricted to fans within the Greater Mid-South and through-

The Grizzlies will host a Plaza Party, presented by Casamigos, on the Big River Steel Plaza at FedExForum, starting two hours before tip-off, featuring a live performance from Gary Goin and the Memphis Grizzlies House Band.

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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# Start Hearing and NRA will partner to enhance hearing health for members

FAIRFAX, VA, April 16, 2025 -Start Hearing and SoundGear are partnering with the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) to promote hearing health, safety, and protection among members. This collaboration brings together Starkey's innovative hearing technology and the NRA's commitment to marksmanship, conservation, and outdoor sports, offering members exclusive discounts on hearing protection and hearing

NRA members can now access an exclusive discount on Start Hearing's advanced hearing aids and special discounts on Sound-Gear's industry-leading hearing protection to help safeguard their hearing for years to come.

"Our goal is to support individuals at greater risk of hearing loss—whether they're hunters, sport shooters, or workers in high-noise environments," said Michael Scholl, Chief Business Officer at Starkey. "By prioritizing prevention, education, and access to innovative technology, we can make a lasting impact on hearing health."

Experience the Innovation at NRA Annual Meetings & Ex-

Start Hearing and SoundGear will be at the NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits from April 24-27 in Atlanta, GA. Attendees can

receive free hearing screenings, explore the latest hearing technology, and take advantage of exclusive show specials by bringing PROMO CODE: HEAR BETTER to the Start Hearing booth - #1429. Innovative Hearing Technology

to Match Individual Needs Start Hearing's hearing aids feature advanced technology such as Bluetooth streaming, rechargeable 51-hour battery life, fall detection, GPS locator, and language translation capabilities—all designed for discreet and powerful performance.

SoundGear's active and passive solutions provide unmatched clarity and safety. SoundGear Phantom is a custom-molded, Bluetooth-enabled earpiece that blocks harmful noise while allowing speech and situational awareness—making it ideal for shooters, law enforcement, and job site workers.

"Many veterans, law enforcement officers, and shooting enthusiasts hesitate to use traditional hearing protection because they need to stay aware of their surroundings," Scholl added. "SoundGear's active technology offers the best of both worlds—protecting hearing without compromising awareness." For more information about this partnership and the products available, NRA members are encouraged to visit www.nrahearingbenefits.com.

Incorporated in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's longest-standing civil rights organization. Together with our millions of members, we're proud defenders of history's patriots and diligent protectors of the Second Amendment.

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About Starkey Starkey is a privately held, global hearing technology company headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Founded by Bill Austin in 1967, Starkey is known for its innovative design, development, and distribution of comprehensive digital hearing systems. Led today by President and CEO Brandon Sawalich, Starkey is the only Americanowned provider of hearing technologies.

The company has more than 5,000 employees, operates 29 facilities and does business in more than 100 markets world-Learn more starkey.com.

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#### Whisenhunt steps down as head coach of Memphis Showboats ... from sports page 1

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 play the Michigan Panthers on Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m. ET as part of FOX UFL Friday.

About the UFL

The United Football League (UFL) is the professional spring football league, born from the groundbreaking 2024 merger of the XFL and USFL. With the visionary backing of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson, the UFL is redefining the football landscape. Built on tradition and positioned to innovate and expand fan engagement and player opportunities, the league is poised for growth with its eight teams in key markets: Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C. The UFL is committed to pushing the boundaries of the game and delivering an elevated experience for players, fans, and partners alike.

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