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Showboats become the first team to defeat Birmingham at home, picking up first victory of their season

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2-point run by Jalen Jackson. Matt Coghlin added a 32-yard field goal to make it 11-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Birmingham trailed 11-3 late in the first half and looked to cut into the deficit with a long field goal on the last play of the half. But the kick fell short. Isaiah Hennie, who was back deep in case of a short kick, hauled in 8 yards deep in the end zone. Hennie set up his blockers, made a couple Stallions miss as he raced down the Memphis sideline for a 108-yard Kick Six to put the Showboats on top 17-3 at half-time.

Former Showboats QB Case Cookus led Birmingham back in the second half with a 33-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Thomas early in the third quarter. Mevis added another field goal early in the fourth to close the gap 17-12. Coghlin answered with a 37-yard field goal to put Memphis on top 20-12. But Cookus tied the game in the final minute with a 6-yard TD pass to Marlon Williams and a successful 2-point conversion to Jace Sternberger, sending the game to overtime tied at 20.

Steele Chambers led the Showboats defense with a game-high 10 tackles (seven solo), his fourth game this season as the team's top tackler. Memphis recorded three sacks – one each from P.J. Hall, Izayah Green-May and Nasir Player. Eli Walker added the team's first interception of the season at the Memphis 1-yard line, thwarting a Birmingham scoring threat.

Cookus was 15-of-33 for 145 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He also led the Stallions in rushing yards, with 83 on six carries.

The Memphis Showboats remain on the road next week, traveling to Houston to face the Roughnecks on Saturday, May 3. Kick-off is set for 11:00 a.m. CT at TDECU Stadium.

All-UFL WR Daewood Davis returns to Showboats from injured reserve

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – April 28, 2025 – The Memphis Showboats have one of their top weapons from last season back. Daewood Davis was activated off the injured reserve list Monday.

Davis was an All-UFL selection for the Showboats last season. He was unable to be with the team at the beginning of the season due to an injury suffered in training camp with the Carolina Panthers this past summer.

Davis was No. 2 in the UFL in receiving touchdowns (5), No. 6 in receptions (41) and No. 7 in receiving yards (446) last season. He set a UFL record for longest pass reception with an 82-yard TD vs. the Michigan Panthers at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on April 28, 2024.

In other moves, the 'Boats waived defensive back Ja'Quan Sheppard and running back Jacob Kibodi.

The Showboats are on the road at Houston Saturday for an 11 a.m. contest. Memphis returns home to Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium May 11, hosting the St. Louis Battlehawks. Tickets are available now at ufshowboats.com/tickets. Fans can also reach a ticket specialist by calling 901-341-7008 or sending an email to tickets@ufshowboats.com.

Memphis Showboats Postgame Notes Offense

- Dee Anderson's 78-yard touchdown reception from Winn was the longest play of the season in the UFL.
- Dresser Winn started his first game as QB for the Showboats, and led the team to its first victory of the season against the Birmingham Stallions. He went 17-of-29 for 235 yards, one touchdown and two passes for successful 2-point conversions.
- Deneric Prince led Memphis' running attack, carrying it 12 times for 59 yards.

Defense

- Steele Chambers was once again the Showboats top defender with 10 total tackles, seven solo, including one TFL. He has been in double digits for tackles in 4 of 5 games.
- Eli Walker recorded the Showboats first interception – and first takeaway – of the season.
- Nasir Player, P.J. Hall and Izayah Green-May all recorded sacks for Memphis as well as TFLs.

Special Teams

- Isiah Hennie pulled off an enormous 108-yard Kick Six off of a spoiled Stallions field goal attempt. It was a UFL record for longest play of any kind since the inception of the league.
- Hennie's Kick Six was the second in Showboats franchise history. Derrick Dillon returned a missed field goal 109 yards for a TD on the last play of the first half vs. the Pittsburgh Maulers on May 23, 2023 in the USFL.
- Matt Coghlin was 2-for-3 in his field goal attempts. He was good from 32 and 37 yards. His lone miss was a 57-yarder on the last play of regulation that would have won the game.

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Special Edition

SURGE by BSN Sports teams up with Green Bay legend Donald Driver to motivate and empower female athletes

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas, April 15, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, SURGE by BSN SPORTS is teaming up with pro football champion Donald Driver to become the program's first-ever Chief Motivation Officer. In his new role, Driver will proudly support SURGE, a program empowering girls to stay in sports and lead healthy, successful lives. SURGE provides free online tools for coaches to build self-esteem, instill confidence and prioritize mental health in their female athletes. These tools are designed to help combat the trend of girls dropping out of sports at twice the rate of boys by age 14. This is a pressing need for coaches and athletes, as research shows girls who play sports through high school have higher levels of self-esteem, lower levels of depression, greater academic success, higher graduation rates and are more likely to have successful careers.

SURGE, which stands for Strength, Unity, Resilience, Growth and Equity, was founded one year ago to address needs for tailored resources expressed by coaches and female athletes nationwide. In its first year, SURGE membership grew to over 5,000 coaches, reaching over 370,000 female athletes encompassing 21 sports across all 50 states.

"As the driving force behind



Donald Driver becomes first-ever Chief of Motivation for SURGE by BSN Sports. (Photo/Courtesy: BSN Sports)

team sports, Varsity Brands is proud to champion female athletes through SURGE," said Adam Blumenfeld, CEO of Varsity Brands, the parent company of BSN SPORTS. "Our nationwide presence allows us to connect with athletes and coaches at every level, ensuring they have access to the resources, training and support needed to succeed. With the program's continued growth and our new partnership with Donald Driver, we're working to close the gap in women's

sports and help female athletes reach their full potential on and off the field." According to the Aspen Institute's 2024 State of Play report, 72% of youth head coaches are male. SURGE's partnership with Driver aims to increase the company's connection and participation from these coaches and ensure they are best prepared to effectively support today's female athlete. BSN SPORTS is a leading provider of team sports uniforms, athlete and fan apparel,

and equipment that reaches a wide range of coaches and athletes. The company serves over 150,000 coaches and teams and equips more than seven million athletes annually through partnerships with iconic brands like adidas, lululemon, Nike, Puma and Under Armour.

"Young athletes pour everything into their sport but, too often, they lack the resources and coaching support needed to reach their full potential," said Donald Driver. "As SURGE's first Chief Motivation Officer, I'm eager to help close that divide. From my own experiences—like creating the Donald Driver Foundation to cheering on my daughters when they compete—I've seen the impact of strong mentorship. I'm partnering with BSN SPORTS to inspire, educate and uplift female athletes so they feel unstoppable in their pursuit of greatness."

Driver joins SURGE partners and content contributors We-COACH, Women Leaders in Sports, Nancy Lieberman Charities and Allison Schmitt, Olympian and World Champion swimmer, who was named SURGE's Chief Empowerment grants and athletes. Please, visit www.BSNSPORTS.com/SURGE to learn more about SURGE program details and partners, how to register, free curriculum and programming, and more.

Six former Tigers ink contracts with NFL following 2025 Draft ... from sports page 1

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catcher was a First Team All-AAC honoree in 2024 and reeled in 62 catches for 639 yards and seven touchdowns during his two seasons in the Bluff City.

Landphere was one of three Tigers to catch four or more touchdowns in 2024, including a two-touchdown performance in a win over UAB on November

16. The San Mateo, California, native had a career-high in catches (seven) and yards (63) in a 44-38 victory over Charlotte on Nov. 11, 2023.

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recording three interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 2024. His fourth-quarter interception vs. Tulane helped seal the Tigers' second-consecutive 10-plus win season. The Eastern Kentucky transfer was a Phil Steele Fourth Team All-American for the Colonels behind three pick-sixes in 2021.

Ross could contend for special teams action in Nashville, as he lead the Tigers with 76 kick return yards in 2024.

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

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Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Symposium Virtual Event scheduled for May 16, featuring leading specialists with innovative paths to treatment

Incidence rate for prostate cancer has been increasing since 2014 at a rate of 3% per year overall.

The Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Coalition (MPCC) will bring together today's leading and distinguished physicians and medical professionals to share the latest in diagnosis, treatment and research at the 2025 Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Symposium. The virtual event, moderated by Jordan Rich, host of the MPCC Prostate Cancer & You podcast, will be held on Friday, May 16 from 8:30 - 11:15 a.m. ET. The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend from caregivers and family to medical practitioners and advocates.

According to the American Cancer Society, ACS, prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer. With sessions on new treatments, clinical trials and family impacts, the MPCC Symposium will present innovative dialogues, understanding, and state-of-the-art research for those who are diagnosed at risk, survivors, and caregivers.

Speakers include:

Keynote - **Jean V. Joseph, MD**, University of Rochester Medical Center

Alexander P. Cole, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Sophia Kamran, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

David Einstein, MD, Beth Israel Medical Center

Panelists for "Prostate Cancer, A Family Affair":

Fran Halvorsen and **Gary Halvorsen**, prostate cancer advocates and support group leaders

Landi Maduro, MPCC board member and filmmaker.

Do you know someone who might need information about prostate cancer? Invite them to attend this session: MassPCC.org

For more information, visit MassPCC.org.

About MPCC: Founded in 2001, The Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Coalition educates, connects, and supports men at risk,

diagnosed individuals, and their caregivers to improve knowledge, reduce prostate cancer

healthcare disparities, and improve access to care. MPCC also works on an institutional level by

partnering with organizations and professionals who share their vision.



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University of Rochester Medical Center

Landi Maduro, MPCC Board member and Producer of "The Silent Killer: Prostate Cancer in the African American Community"

Alexander P. Cole, MD is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School

Sophia Kamran, MD is a radiation oncologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

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