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6-foot-1 Alexander twins sign with UofM women’s basketball

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Memphis women’s basketball announced two more signings to the 2025-26 roster on Tuesday, as Brooklyn Alexander and Kennedy Alexander officially inked with the Tigers.

The announcement was made on May 6.

The 6-foot-1 twin sisters from Houston, Texas, spent their freshman seasons at Tulsa, where they were both letterwinners. They each will have three seasons of eligibility remaining.

Brooklyn was a three-time Class 6A First Team All-District honoree, averaging 15 points a game in her senior season at C.E. King High School. She totaled 21 minutes in her freshman campaign with the Golden Hurricane, scoring her first collegiate points against Georgia on November 21. “Brooklyn will be the surprise of our team. Her leadership qualities, attention to detail and work ethic will be pivotal for us. Brooklyn has a very bright future ahead,” said head coach Alex Simmons.

A nursing major, Brooklyn made appearances in six of Tulsa’s 18 conference games.

Kennedi also graduated from C.E. King High School and was selected three times to the Class

6A All-District First Team. She appeared in 29 of Tulsa’s 32 games in 2024-25, where her 3.3 points and 1.8 rebounds per game earned her a spot on the All-AAC Freshman Team.

“I am excited to add Kennedi to our family. As a dynamic guard in our conference, she will be great in our system of fast-paced basketball and defensive prowess,” said Simmons. “Last year, Kennedi proved she was one of the best guards in the conference as a freshman and she will continue that trajectory at Memphis.”

Doing a bit of everything in her first collegiate season, Kennedi had 10 games with three or more rebounds, six games with three or more field goals and two games with three-plus steals.

The twins join Jordan Hunter (Auburn) as rising sophomores who have signed on to play for Memphis next season. Amauri Williams (Prairie View A&M) also signed with the Tigers for her senior campaign.

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

NFL Clubs give okay for NFL players to be in the 2028 Olympic Games from sports page 1

The Olympic flag football competition will consist of six men’s teams and six women’s teams composed of 10 players per team, with the game itself a five-on-five format.

As per the terms agreed to today, NFL player participation with their countries’ national flag football teams will begin with a tryout or qualification process in advance of the Olympic competition.

“Players have expressed to us a great desire for the honor of competing in the Olympics, and we’re excited that our members will be able to represent their country on the highest international stage,” said NFL Players Association Executive Director Lloyd Howell, Jr. “We look forward to working with the league, IFAF, and Olympic authorities on the terms of their participation to ensure players who compete will do so with protections to their health, safety, and job.”

Flag football is governed inter-

nationally by the IOC-recognized International Federation of American Football, which has 75 national member federations spanning every continent. A record 31 nations participated in the most recent IFAF Flag Football World Championships, mirroring the sport’s explosive grassroots growth, with 20 million players around the world.

“There is no question that the 2028 Flag Football tournament at the LA28 Games will be one of the most exciting competitions in Olympic history, and the inclusion of NFL players will bring it to new heights,” said LA28 Chairperson and President Casey Wasserman. “This milestone would not have been possible without the support of NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, the NFL Players Association, its club owners and most importantly, the athletes, who we’ll look forward to watching on the field in 2028.”

Memorial to honor guitar legend Jimmy Capps to be unveiled June 1 at Spring Hill Cemetery ... from sports-Ent. 5

public.

About Jimmy Capps

Jimmy Capps was a legendary Nashville session guitarist and longtime player of the Grand Ole Opry, revered for his smooth style, impeccable timing, and unmatched versatility. Born on May 25, 1939, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Capps picked up the guitar at an early age and quickly developed a keen ear and intuitive sense of musicality that would define his career. He rose to prominence in the 1960s, becoming a cornerstone of the

Nashville sound and contributing to some of the most iconic recordings in country music history, including hits by George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Kenny Rogers, and Barbara Mandrell. Nicknamed "The Man in Back" for his signature position just behind the spotlight, Capps brought

a subtle brilliance to every performance—never flashy, always perfect. His work as a member of the Opry’s house band for more than six decades made him a fixture of country music’s most hallowed stage, and his presence on shows like Larry’s Country Diner introduced him to new

generations of fans. In addition to his thousands of recording credits, Capps was a trusted musical director, arranger, and mentor whose quiet professionalism set a standard in the industry. Inducted into the Musicians Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame, he remained

deeply respected not only for his musicianship but also for his humility, warmth, and generosity.

Jimmy Capps passed away in 2020, leaving behind a profound legacy that continues to shape the sound of country music

World-famous Harlem Globetrotters unveil new logo to celebrate historic 100th year ... from sports page 1

“We wanted to find the balance of past, present, and future in a fresh new look that was both unique and exciting, whilst paying homage to the many men and women players that have honored us as Globetrotters. We believe this Centennial logo delivers on all fronts,” said Keith Dawkins, President, Harlem Globetrotters & Herschend Entertainment Studios.

cial ball partner, Spalding, Viral Nation, Hoopculture, and Citi. Coined by the U.S. State Department in 1951 as Ambassadors of Goodwill, the team leverages their moniker to drive its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts around their strategic pillars of Health & Wellness, Education, and Community Empowerment. These efforts have yielded partnership with the likes of Microsoft, U.S. State Department Sports Diplomacy, The National Archives, ‘Great Assist’ in partnership with Jersey Mike’s Subs, Campus Multimedia Court of Creativity, and Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

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Young fans line up to get autographs of today’s 21st Century Harlem Globetrotters. This historic sports and entertainment franchise has been giving happiness, smiles, and laughter for nearly a 100 years. Next year will be their official 100th year anniversary. (Photo/Courtesy: Harlem Globetrotters)

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ABOUT MATT LEHMAN

STUDIO

Matt Lehman began his career in 2001 at Anderson Design Group in Nashville. It was there that he once laid out packaging for a cas-

sette. In 2007, he joined CMT / MTV Networks focusing on show identities and the network rebrand in 2009. During his tenure there, he worked on the visuals for a NASCAR DVD and two Toby Keith movies. He has

skeletons in his closet just like everyone else. In 2010 he formed Matt Lehman Studio working for brands such as ESPN, Delta, PepsiCo, The Atlantic, Esquire, Nickelodeon and NASA to name a few.

Memphis Showboats fall hard to Arlington Renegades, 30-12



By William M. Larsha, Jr., Senior Sports Correspondent The Mid-South Tribune And the Black Information Highway

MEMPHIS,TN- The Memphis Showboats hosted the Arlington Renegades at Simmons Bank-Liberty Stadium in Memphis on May 24, 2025. The team could not make a late charge and al-

Neither team scored in the 1st quarter. In the 2nd quarter, the Showboats turned the ball over deep in their own territory. Arlington took advantage to get an 11-yard touchdown drive capped off by a pass from quarterback Holton Ahlers to Seth Green. Memphis struck back on their next drive. Quarterback E. J. Perry hit Eli Stove on a 49-yard-pass.

lowed the Renegades to prevail 30-12. It was a day where the Showboats paid tribute to Veterans in honor of the Memorial Day weekend. Neither team scored in the 1st quarter. In the 2nd quarter, the Showboats turned the ball over

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The teams traded field goals late in the 3rd quarter. Then Arlington put the game out of reach. They added two more scores to make it 30-12. The Showboats are now 2-7 on the season.

They play their final game of the season on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 2:00 at Simmons Liberty Bank Stadium.

Jaren Jackson, Jr. named to NBA All-Defensive 2nd Team

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 22, 2025 – The NBA announced that Memphis Grizzlies forward/center Jaren Jackson Jr. was named to the 2024-25 NBA All-Defensive Second Team.

This marks the third career All-Defensive selection for Jackson Jr. and third in the last four seasons after earning First Team honors during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons. Jackson Jr. received 107 points (21 First Team votes) from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters. Players were awarded two points for each vote for the First Team and one point for each vote for the Second Team. Jackson Jr. ranked fifth in the NBA in total blocks (113) and seventh in blocks per game (1.5) while setting single-season career highs for total steals (92) and steals per game (1.2) over 74 games in his seventh NBA season. The 25-year-old was the only player in the league this season to average at least two blocks and two steals per 48 minutes (min. 1,100 minutes). The Western Conference Defensive Player of the Month for December 2024, Jackson Jr. held opponents 6.2 percent below their regular season average as the primary defender, which was the best defensive field goal percentage this season by an award-eligible player with a minimum of 500 shot attempts defended.

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