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2,000+ players will participate in NFL Flag Championships Presented by Toyota to promote youth sports ... from sports page 3

partners to showcase the game on the national stage. As we at RCX Sports continue to break down barriers to entry for youth sports, this event will play a vital role in helping us live up to our mission for years to come."

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced in October that flag football will be included in the 2028 Summer Olympic Games program in Los Angeles. The inclusion puts flag football on the world's largest stage. For the first time, an international division made up of 14U athletes from around the world will also compete at the NFL Flag Championships in Canton, Ohio. Six co-ed teams will travel from Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Great Britain and Mexico to compete against one another. All teams will have qualified for the NFL Flag Championships in the U.S., by winning national NFL Flag tournaments in their home countries.

Flag football's rapid growth and popularity also is reflected in an exhibit inside the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Flag football is the world's fastest-growing sport, played by over 20 million people in more than 100 countries, across six continents. It is the most inclusive and accessible format



of football, played by people of all ages and genders, with female athletes driving some of the fastest growth.

"The entire community is excited and preparing to welcome the NFL Flag Championships to Canton and to share Hall of Fame Village with the world," shared Michael Crawford, president and CEO of Hall of Fame Resort & Entertainment Company, Hall of Fame Village's parent company. "We believe that the village is the perfect place to host these amazing young athletes and their families, given Canton is the home of professional football and where the greatest to ever play the game reside forever. It's an incredible opportunity to connect the past with the future over four days of world-class competition."

Tournament players and coaches will be invited to visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame free of charge, and parents and other family members will receive discounted admission and discounts in the Hall's retail store.

"We are certain everyone coming to Canton for this great event will leave with memories that will last a lifetime," said Jim Porter, president of the Hall of Fame. "At the Hall, guests will learn about and meet some of the greatest to play the sport while also taking home with them many valuable lessons the game teaches at every level."

In addition, NFL Tuesday Night Gaming (NFL TNG), the NFL's popular video gaming content series, will host an onsite activation to capture content with NFL Flag participants, fans, and NFL Legends for a special flag-

themed episode that will air on July 23 on NFL TNG's Twitch, YouTube and X channels. NFL TNG's tent experience will feature a 1v1 gaming station where NFL Flag participants can meet and play with beloved gaming content creators while battling in popular video game titles such as Madden, Fortnite and Rocket League. The activation will also offer NFL Flag participants an opportunity to participate in field day style mini games and NFL-themed trivia with gaming content creators.

For more information on NFL Flag football and to find a league in your neighborhood, visit

nflflag.com.

NFL Flag is an NFL-licensed property of more than 1,800 locally operated leagues and over 650,000 youth athletes across all 50 states and Canada. NFL Flag is a fun and accessible non-contact program available for girls and boys ages 5-17. Players benefit by being physically active through non-contact, continuous action while learning the fundamentals of football as well as lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship. RCX Sports is the official operator of NFL Flag. Learn more online at

nflflag.com.

RCX Sports is the premier youth sports experiences business, running and operating leagues, camps, combines, tournaments, and events. Working directly with professional leagues, national governing bodies, and sports-centric businesses, such as MLS, NFL, Jr. NBA, MLB, NHL, and NAIA, RCX is committed to improving the accessibility and inclusivity of sports by creating opportunities for all athletes to play. For more information, visit rcxsports.com.

Happy Fourth of July! Let Freedom Ring!

Lupita Nyong'o and Joseph Quinn star in 'A Quiet Place: Day One' now in theaters



Joseph Quinn as "Eric" and Lupita Nyong'o as "Samira" have a bad day on "A Quiet Place: Day One." (Photo/Courtesy: Paramount Pictures)

on the run...

Academy Award winner **Lupita Nyong'o** (who portrays Samira) stars in the thriller "**A Quiet Place: Day One**" which hits theaters and IMAX on June 28th. For this one, moviegoers are only told that they should "Experience the day the world went quiet." This is a movie where your screams are set free for the Fourth of July, but maybe not, seeing that those caught in the mayhem should not utter a sound--not even a moan, groan, or whimper. Co-starring with Nyong'o is **Joseph Quinn** as "Eric." Two other strong notables in the lineup are **Alex Wolff** and **Djimon Hounsou**.

"A Quiet Place: Day One" is produced by **Michael Bay**, **Andrew Form**, *p.g.a.*, and **John Krasinski**. Executive producers are **Allyson Seeger** and **Vicki Dee Rock**.

The movie, directed by **Michael Sarnoski**, is based off characters created by **Bryan Woods** and **Scott Beck**. Sarnoski also penned the screenplay and partnered with John Krasinski on the story.

The question is: Will there be "A Quiet Place, Day Two"? Moviegoers will have to wait to see who makes it out of the experience of a "day the world went quiet."

Paramount Pictures presents, "A Quiet Place: Day One" in association with Michael Bay, A Platinum Dunes, and Sunday Night Production.

"A Quiet Place: Day One" is rated PG-13.

A trailer is available on YouTube, [just press here](#)



Press link to see trailer on YouTube

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son matches against Vanderbilt and Auburn before opening the regular season on August 15 against Alabama A&M for the team's Senior Night. Memphis will spend the rest of the month of the on the road at Missouri and Ole Miss.

September will prove to be a challenge for the Tigers with Iowa State, Kansas State and Tennessee on the docket. Memphis will round out non-conference play against UT Martin before heading to Birmingham to take on UAB on September 19 to kick-off AAC play.

2024 Memphis Women's Soccer Schedule	
Aug. 6	Vanderbilt^
Aug. 10	at Auburn^
Aug. 15	Alabama A&M
Aug. 18	at Missouri
Aug. 25	at Ole Miss

Sept. 1	Iowa State
Sept. 8	Kansas State
Sept. 12	at Tennessee
Sept. 15	UT Martin
Sept. 19	at UAB*
Sept. 26	UTSA*
Sept. 29	at South Florida*
Oct. 3	Charlotte*
Oct. 10	at Temple*
Oct. 13	East Carolina*
Oct. 20	at Florida Atlantic*
Oct. 24	Rice*
Oct. 27	at North Texas*
Oct. 31	Tulsa*
Nov. 4-10	AAC Championship

(*) American Athletic Conference match
For complete information on Memphis Tigers Soccer, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](#) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Congressional Workforce Committee defends 52 year-old Title IX from sports page 1

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"Moreover, the rule sets an uneasy precedent. Where does the destruction and erasure of women's spaces end? The softball field? The locker room? The bathroom? The prison cell? We should reject this aberration of an executive action and instead support Rep. Miller's CRA resolution that would strengthen Title IX protections for young females."

The legislation now awaits consideration by the full U.S. House of Representatives.

An Editorial Comment from The Mid-South Tribune:

"Real women should play in women's sports!"