

Sports & Entertainment

Memphis vs. Final Four team Auburn in a high-profile exhibition game in NBA arena in Atlanta

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Memphis men’s basketball will face Auburn, a 2025 NCAA Final Four participant, in a high-profile exhibition matchup on Thursday, Oct. 30 at State Farm Arena in Atlanta, event organizer Complete Sports Management announced Tuesday.

The matchup is a rematch of last season’s meeting between the programs, when then-No. 4 Auburn defeated Memphis, 90-76, in the championship game of the 2024 Maui Invitational.

This year’s contest comes on the heels of a strong 2024-25 season for both teams and will close out a high-profile college basketball doubleheader at the home of the

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“Anytime you get the chance to compete against a Final Four team like Auburn, you embrace it,” Memphis head coach Penny Hardaway said. “These are the kinds of games that prepare you for March. It’s a great test for us as we prepare for the season.”

The event will open with a women’s basketball showdown between perennial national powers South Carolina and North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. CT, followed by the headline men’s game between Memphis and Au-

burn at 7:30 p.m. CT.

“We’re excited to work with Memphis for the second year in a row on a great exhibition matchup helping them gauge their team preseason,” said Lea Miller-Tooley, CEO, Complete Sports Management. “Coach Hardaway has done a great job recruiting and this will showcase their talent early on.”

Tickets for the doubleheader go on sale Thursday, Aug. 8 at 9 a.m. CT via Ticketmaster.

While not a charity event, the exhibition serves as a premier stage for college basketball talent in one of the NBA’s elite arenas.

Auburn is coming off a run to the 2025 NCAA Final Four, where it fell to eventual national champion Florida in the semi-finals. Memphis, meanwhile, enters a new era in 2025-26, set to debut a completely revamped roster following a 29-6 campaign that included both the American Conference regular-season and tournament titles. The Tigers earned a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament and closed the year ranked No. 25 in the final Associated Press poll.

Ticket pricing for the event:

- Hollywood Courtside Seats (between team benches/scorer’s table): \$355
- Courtside Row 1: \$305
- Floor: \$205
- 100 Level: \$80
- Terrace: \$35

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men’s Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com

Gold Strike Casino Resort Elvis tribute with artist who has special tie to the King

TUNICA, Miss. -July 28, 2025—In celebration of Elvis Week, Gold Strike Casino Resort, the Mid-South’s premier casino resort destination, will celebrate on Friday, Aug. 1, with a special tribute performance and photo opportunities with Elvis impersonators. Guests can enjoy an Elvis experience with “The King on Stage: A Tribute to Elvis” from 8 p.m. to midnight on Stage 2. Additionally, two Elvis impersonators will be available for photos with guests in the Gold Strike lobby from 6 to 10 p.m. the same evening, offering another way to pay homage to the King.

“The King on Stage: A Tribute to Elvis” is fronted by multi-award-winning Elvis tribute artist Brooke Wright, who holds titles including the 2022 Tupelo Elvis Festival Champion and 2020 King of Memphis winner.

In addition, Wright boasts a special tie to Elvis — his father, Jesse Brady (Allen Wright), first recorded “It’s Your Baby, You Rock It” in 1969, before Elvis heard the song and recorded it for the 1971 RIAA-certified gold album, “Elvis Country.”

Elvis Week is an annual celebration honoring the life and legacy of Elvis Presley, who passed away Aug. 16, 1977. Both “The King on Stage: A Tribute to Elvis” and photo opportunities with Elvis impersonators are free. For more information, visit GoldStrike.com.

Gold Strike Casino Resort is located on the Mississippi River, approximately 30 minutes from downtown Memphis. With more than 1,100 luxury guest rooms, a theater, high-limit gaming, award-winning dining and a sportsbook,

Tennessee’s longest-serving District Attorney to retire ... from sports page 3

within the Conference Executive Committee. Throughout his career, he has been instrumental in guiding statewide policies, training and legislative engagement on public safety.

Beyond the courtroom, Whitley served as a mentor to young attorneys, a trusted partner to law enforcement and a respected voice in shaping statewide criminal justice reforms.

"As I step away from public service, I do so with deep gratitude to the many talented Assistant District Attorneys, victim advocates and support staff who have walked this path alongside me, standing up for the most vulnerable among us," Whitley said. "Our commitment to justice has made Tennessee a safer place and I am so proud of all that we have accomplished together."

The Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference was created

by the General Assembly in 1961 to provide for a more prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts of the state. It is composed of the elected District Attorneys General from the state’s 32 judicial districts. www.tndage.org.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Stephen Day feels like ‘Old News’ on ‘Lover’s Lament’ out now; Day’s ‘Gold Mine Companion’ EP set for release Sept. 12

Supporting KALEO On Select Dates This September, Tickets for Gold Mine Fall Tour On Sale Now

“Gold Mine showcases Day’s silky, crooner voice and his contemplative singer-songwriter style, all sewn into the fabrics of a sound totally unique in the Nashville music scene.” - The Tennessean

July 25, 2025 - Nashville-based singer/songwriter Stephen Day releases new single “Old News” from an upcoming companion EP to last year’s Gold Mine, which will come out on September 12 via Riser House Records. Co-written with the song’s producer Micah Tawls (Hayley Williams, The Brook & The Bluff) along with Austin Goodloe (Tucker Wetmore, Ella Langley) and Josie Dunne (Corrook, Zolita), “Old News” finds Day firmly stepping into the role of classic country crooner as he sings about lost love over gushing pedal steel and melancholy guitar.

In September, Day will hit the road with Icelandic blues rock band KALEO for a series of dates on their Mixed Emotions tour including stops in Charleston, Cincinnati, Minneapolis and more. He will then embark on a fall continuation of his Gold Mine Tour, which will take him through Oklahoma City, Lexington, Columbus and more. Tickets are on sale now. For a full list of dates, please see below or visit stephenday.org.

“While writing my album Gold Mine, I was constantly listening to old soul and country records and wanted to blend the two worlds in my own way,” shares Day. “Not long after releasing the record, I was reflecting on it with some friends and realized the album felt like it was missing that one sad lonesome cowboy tune. We messed around on some guitars for a bit and out came ‘Old News.’ Maybe one of the quickest songs that’s ever come out of me. It was like we were just trying to play catch up!”

Day first offered a preview of the companion EP with the previously-released “Sweet Iced Tea” featuring Allen Stone, which American Songwriter lauded as “a track perfect for summer” saying it “will quench



Nashville-based singer-songwriter Stephen Day may be thinking of nostalgic days of “Old News,” his upcoming new single. (Photographer Credit: Sophia Matinazad)

your thirst for soul music.” Similar to the LP which owes as much to Frank Sinatra and Glen Campbell as it does to John Mayer and Stevie Wonder, these new songs are bold and lush, with warm arrangements, infectious hooks, impossibly smooth vocals and evocative guitar playing. The anything-goes production approach showcases the continued evolution of Day and Tawls’ thrilling creative chemistry.

Day kicked off this year with an

show.” Ahead of his sold-out show in his adopted hometown of Nashville, The Tennessean covered Day extensively in a front-page feature preceding a special-guest-filled night where Stephen Sanchez joined him to sing “It Was You.” Most recently, Day performed at the Recording Academy’s 24th Annual Nashville Chapter Block Party alongside Jon Pardi, 2’Live Bre and MÖRIA.

All of this follows a series of impressive support slots with

native has garnered 170M cumulative on demand streams across two EPs and three full length albums.

Tour Dates

- September 20 – Wilmington, NC – Greenfield Lake Amphitheater *
- September 21 – Charleston, SC – The Refinery Charleston *
- September 23 – Grand Rapids, MI – GLC Live at 20 Monroe *
- September 24 – Cincinnati, OH – Taft Theatre *
- September 26 – Fort Wayne, IN – Clyde Theatre *
- September 27 – Madison, WI – The Sylvee *
- September 29 – Minneapolis, MN – The Fillmore Minneapolis *
- October 14 – Athens, GA – 40 Watt Club
- October 15 – Oxford, MS – Proud Larry’s
- October 17 – Oklahoma City, OK – Beer City Music Hall
- October 18 – Waco, TX – Common Grounds
- October 19 – Fayetteville, AR – George’s Majestic Lounge
- October 21 – Columbia, MO – Rose Music Hall
- October 22 – Lexington, KY – The Burl
- October 23 – Knoxville, TN – Open Chord Stage
- November 11 – Columbus, OH – A&R Music Bar
- November 18 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Music Hall
- November 20 – Asbury Park, NJ – Wonder Bar

* - Supporting KALEO



extensive headline tour with a number of sold-out shows in cities like Nashville, San Francisco, Boston and at LA’s Troubadour which Atwood Magazine called “a 24-karat masterclass in the enduring power of the live

Stephen Sanchez, Teddy Swims, Ben Rector and more, as well as appearances at Wanderland Festival in the Philippines and Jazz Around Festival in Poland. In addition to touring success, since debuting in 2016, the Georgia

Tigers add World Cup medalist Sára Karasová to UofM coaching ranks ...from sports page 1

Year in 2021-22 and went on to earn eight First or Second Team All-America honors in smallbore and air rifle.

Her consistency and poise in competition made her a cornerstone of Alaska’s success, culminating in four consecutive seasons of national contention and a place among the sport’s best.

On the international stage, Karasová recently captured her first senior ISSF World Cup medal with a bronze in the Women’s

“I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join the University of Memphis rifle team as a graduate assistant,” Karasová said. “Memphis was one of the programs I considered as an athlete, so it’s special to now be part of the team in a different role. I’m excited to learn from Coach Wilson and contribute to the Tigers by sharing what I’ve learned from my time at UAF and on the Czech national team.”

50m Rifle Three Positions event at the 2025 World Cup in Lima in April. She also earned gold at the 2024 European Championships, continuing a steady progression from her decorated junior career, which included a silver medal in the 50m Rifle Prone Women Junior event at the 2019 ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl.

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

