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tivism. Mr. Bacoate successfully integrated Star Lanes Bowling Center in 1960, making it the first public-facing business in Asheville to integrate. Later, Mr. Bacoate founded AFRAM, a manufacturer of personal protection equipment that became the largest Black-owned business in Asheville’s history—and the only Black-owned manufacturing company of its kind in America. At the inaugural Skyview Golf Tournament in 1960, Mr. Bacoate was responsible for promoting the event, creating signs with cardboard and crayons. Now in his 90s, Mr. Bacoate is president of the Skyview Golf Association and remains active in promoting the legacy event. “This tournament has been a part of my life since its inception 65 years ago. Golfers—many of whom travel from all over the county for this event—join family, friends of the community, and our many awesome members and sponsors who have made Skyview one of the largest tournaments in the South.” Bacoate said.

Brendon Lewis named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Preseason Watch List



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MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc., along with presenting sponsor A. O. Smith Corporation announced Tuesday that University of Memphis quarterback Brendon Lewis was named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm preseason watch list. Now in its 39th year, the Golden Arm Award continues to honor excellence both on and off the field. The award is presented by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation in partnership with A. O. Smith Corporation, whose mission aligns with the Foundation’s commitment to advancing the

‘901 Week’ returns from sports page 1

Why Memphis? – Thursday, Aug. 28
Through a video series, Tiger fans get to share their "Why Memphis" — reliving their favorite moments and unforgettable memories in Memphis Athletics history.

College Colors Day – Friday, Aug. 29
Fans across the 901 are encouraged to wear Tiger gear the day before the home opener as part of #CollegeColorsDay. Fans and businesses can post photos and videos of their gear to X, Insta-

Since its inception, Skyview has become one of the largest golf tournaments in the Southeast. Over the last 65 years, several participants have gone on to compete and win on the PGA Tour and Champions Tour. Celebrities and professional golfers who’ve competed in the annual tournament include Lee Elder, Jim Dent, Jim and Chuck Thorpe, John Brooks Dendy, Harold Varner III and World Boxing Champion Joe Louis. “Explore Asheville is honored to serve as a sponsor for the 65th Annual Skyview Golf Tournament, a beloved community event that has launched the careers of countless Black golfers and continues to provide a space for the community to come together,” Vic Isley, President and CEO of Explore Asheville and the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority, said.

To register for the Skyview Golf Tournament, visit SkyviewGolfAsheville.com. For exclusive, discounted lodging for this event, visit ExploreAsheville.com.

About Asheville: Asheville is where unrivaled natural beauty and bold creative expression meet. Tucked away in the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains, the city is steps away from some of the world’s most biodiverse forests and the tallest peaks in the East. For generations, Asheville has nurtured and inspired a compassionate community that’s deeply rooted and ever evolving —just like the ancient French Broad River that runs through it.

game of football while promoting character, leadership, and academic achievement among young athletes.

This season’s list acknowledges 58 of the nation’s premier quarterbacks, and Lewis is one of four quarterbacks within The American named to the watch list (Blake Horvath – Navy, Owen McCown – UTSA, Caden Veltkamp – Florida Atlantic).

A 35-game starter, Lewis comes to Memphis after a two-year stint at Nevada where he threw for 2,290 yards with 16 touchdowns while clocking in at 11th in the nation in completion percentage (0.676). The dual threat play-caller also recorded 775 yards on the ground with eight scores of his own.

The redshirt senior out of Melissa, Texas earned a 2024 All-Mountain West Honorable Mention nod while leading the team in total offense (3,065 yards) and rushing. For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com

gram and Facebook, tagging @TigersAthletics or @MemphisFB and using the hashtags #901Week and #TigerBlue.

901Game – Saturday, Aug. 30
901 Week culminates on Saturday at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium when the Tigers host Chattanooga at 3:30 p.m. in the team's 901 Game season opener. For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on X,Instagram and Facebook.

Grizzlies Tip-Off Season Against Pelicans Wednesday, October 22, at FedExForum –

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The NBA today announced that the Memphis Grizzlies will tip-off their 82-game 2025-26 regular season schedule, **presented by OrthoSouth**, at 7 p.m. (all times CT) on Wednesday, Oct. 22, against the New Orleans Pelicans at FedExForum.

Fans can purchase 2025-26 Season Tickets, starting at \$17 per game, by calling (901) 888-HOOP and speaking to an Account Executive. Regular season single-game tickets will go on sale to the general public at noon Friday, Aug. 15, at grizzlies.com. MVPs will have access to the pre-sale at 10 a.m. Friday. A purchase limit of eight tickets per game will apply. The Grizzlies’ local/regional television schedule on **FanDuel Sports Network**, as well as the team’s radio broadcast and promotional schedules, will be announced at a later date.

Memphis’ Emirates NBA Cup schedule features four Group Play matchups, including home games against the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday, Oct. 31, and the Dallas Mavericks on Friday, Nov. 7. The Grizzlies will visit the Pelicans on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday, Nov. 28, as part of Group Play competition. Eight teams will advance to the Quar-



terfinals to compete for the Emirates NBA Cup Championship on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

As previously announced, the Grizzlies will cross the Atlantic

The Grizzlies and Magic then will meet in the NBA London Game 2026 on Sunday, Jan. 18, at The O2 in London, England. Both games will be presented by Tissot and will be broadcast on Amazon Prime. For more information, visit NBA.com/EuropeGames.

Ocean to face the Orlando Magic in the NBA Berlin and London Games 2026, the first regular season contests in franchise history to be played outside North America. Memphis and Orlando will take the court in the NBA Berlin Game 2026, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at Uber Arena in Berlin, in what will be the first NBA regular season game played in Germany. The Grizzlies and Magic then will meet in the NBA London Game 2026 on Sunday, Jan. 18, at The O2 in London, Eng-

Memphis basketball adds 6-foot-11 Guinea native Thierno Sylla for 2025-26 season

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The University of Memphis men’s basketball program has added veteran frontcourt depth with the signing of 6-foot-11 center Thierno Sylla, who joins the Tigers for the 2025-26 season.

Sylla arrives in Memphis after spending the 2024-25 campaign at Stephen F. Austin, where he appeared in 25 games and averaged 3.1 points and 2.6 rebounds in just under 10 minutes per contest.

Despite coming off the bench for most of the season, he delivered productive minutes in the frontcourt and showed he could

stretch the floor, shooting 29.2 percent from three for his career.

Prior to his time at Stephen F. Austin, Sylla played two seasons at UCF and gained experience both as a starter and a reserve.

During the 2023-24 season, he appeared in 32 games and made 10 starts while averaging 4.2 points and 3.9 rebounds per game, including a 20-point, 11-rebound performance against Jacksonville.

As a freshman in 2022-23, Sylla made 27 appearances for the Knights and shot 36.4 percent

land. Both games will be presented by Tissot and will be broadcast on Amazon Prime. For more information, visit NBA.com/EuropeGames.

Eight of the Grizzlies’ first 11 games this season will be played at FedExForum, including three consecutive home games from Oct. 22-25 to tip-off the season and a four-game home stand from Nov. 3-9. In addition to the season opener against the Pelicans and Emirates NBA Cup home games against the Lakers and Mavericks, this stretch features the following matchups: the Indiana Pacers on Saturday, Oct. 25; Houston Rockets on Wednesday, Nov. 5; and Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday, Nov. 9.

The Grizzlies will play 24 games before the **Emirates NBA Cup Knockout Rounds** and 54 games before the 2025 NBA All-Star Game, which will be held at In-tuit Dome in Inglewood, Calif., on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Marquee home matchups before the 2025 NBA All-Star Game include: the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday, Dec. 26; San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday, Jan. 6; a second matchup with the Thunder on Friday, Jan. 9; Denver Nuggets on Sunday, Jan. 25; and Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday, Jan. 31, and Monday, Feb. 2. Following the All-Star break, the following opponents will make their lone visits to FedExForum this season: the Golden State War-

riors on Wednesday, Feb. 25; New York Knicks on Wednesday, March 18; and Boston Celtics on Friday, March 20.

Memphis will play a season-long six-game home stand against the following opponents: the Spurs on Wednesday, March 25; Rockets on Friday, March 27; Chicago Bulls on Saturday, March 28; Phoenix Suns on Monday, March 30; Mavericks on Wednesday, April 1; and Toronto Raptors on Friday, April 3. This will mark the Grizzlies’ longest home stretch since January 2020.

The Grizzlies will wrap their regular season home schedule on Monday, April 6, against the Cleveland Cavaliers before finishing the season with a three-game road trip that will end in Houston against the Rockets on Sunday, April 12.

Memphis is scheduled to play 21 home games on weekends (11 on Friday, five on Saturday, five on Sunday) and will play 14 back-to-back sets (including three home back-to-backs that will not require travel). The Grizzlies will travel an estimated total distance of 42,000 miles this season, including a season-long five-game road trip from Feb. 4-11 leading into the All-Star break.

For the complete 2025-26 Grizzlies preseason and regular season schedule, visit Grizzlies.com

daway (Saint Mary’s), Zachary Davis (South Carolina), Sincere Parker (McNeese State), Hasan Abdul Hakim (UTRGV), Mason Matthews (Lane College), Curtis Givens III (LSU), William Whorton (South Dakota State) and Simon Majok (KK Real Beograd).

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



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