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Hoops for St. Jude Tip Off Classic returns to FedExForum Oct. 27 from sports page 1

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Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – so they can focus on helping their child live. Funds raised through events like the Tip Off Classic help St. Jude extend that support globally, including recent initiatives to deliver childhood cancer medicines at no cost to five countries, part of a larger plan to reach 120,000 children in 50

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as the only rookie quarterbacks in franchise history to start a season opener.

THE BRONCOS
Head coach Sean Payton is entering his third season with the Broncos. In 2024, he led Denver to a 10-7 record and a wild card playoff berth. It was the team's first playoff appearance since 2015. Broncos quarterback Bo Nix was the 12th overall pick in the 2024

countries.

Ticket Information

•Tickets go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon CT and can be purchased at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and by visiting the FedExForum Box Office, with 100% of proceeds benefiting St. Jude. One ticket purchase allows for entry to both games on Oct. 27.

About St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital® St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Its purpose is clear: Finding cures. Saving children.® It is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children. When St. Jude opened in 1962, childhood cancer was largely considered incurable. Since then, St. Jude has helped push the overall survival rate from 20% to more than 80% in the United States, and it won't stop until no child dies from cancer. St. Jude shares the breakthroughs it makes to help doctors and researchers at local hospitals and cancer centers around the world improve the quality of treatment and care for even more children. Because of generous donors, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food, so they can focus on helping their child live. Visit St. Jude Inspire to discover powerful St. Jude stories of hope, strength, love and kindness. Support the St. Jude mission by donating at stjude.org, liking St. Jude on Facebook, following St. Jude on X, Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok, and subscribing to its YouTube channel. Learn more about St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org.

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NFL Draft. As a rookie, the former Oregon and Auburn college standout started all 17 games and passed for 3,775 yards and 29 touchdowns with 12 interceptions. The 2024 Broncos defense led the NFL with 63 sacks. Denver also ranked third in scoring defense (18.3 opponent/WZTV-17 points per game) and seventh in total defense (317.1 opponent yards per game).

Head Coach Penny Hardaway lands 6-foot-11 transfer forward Arop Arop

MEMPHIS, Tenn. , August 29, 2025– University of Memphis head men’s basketball coach Penny Hardaway has officially announced the signing of forward Arop Arop, a 6-foot-11, 180-pound transfer from Columbia University to the Tigers’ 2025-26 roster.

Arop (pronounced Uh-rope) joins Memphis with two seasons of eligibility remaining and becomes the 15th newcomer added

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Before Columbia, Arop starred at Chisolm Trail High School (Fort Worth, Texas), where he scored more than 1,200 career points, earned first-team all-district honors and was recognized as an academic all-state selection. He also spent a postgradu-

ate year at The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville, Conn.), averaging 10 points and six rebounds per contest.

With Arop’s addition, Memphis bolsters a deep frontcourt that now features Aaron Bradshaw (7-1), Simon Majok (7-0), William Whorton (6-8) and recent signee Thierno Sylla (6-11).

Out of prep school, Arop received offers from several high-major programs, including

Vanderbilt, Miami, Stanford and UCF, before ultimately choosing Columbia.

Arop is the latest in a string of new additions for Hardaway’s program, as the Tigers look to blend a highly talented roster ahead of the 2025-26 season.

Arop is the 15th player Hardaway has signed to the 2025 recruiting class, joining Daniel Vieira-Tuck (Overtime Elite), Quante Berry (Temple), Dug McDaniel (Kansas State), Aaron Bradshaw (Ohio State), Julius Thedford (Western Kentucky), Ashton Hardaway (Saint Mary's), Zachary Davis (South Carolina), Sincere Parker (McNeese State), Hasan Abdul Hakim (UTRGV), Mason Matthews (Lane College), Curtis Givens III (LSU) and William Whorton (South Dakota State), Simon Majok (KK Real Beograd) and Thierno Sylla (Stephen F. Austin).

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Soul legend Little Anthony and country music star deliver ‘Hurt So Bad’ classic’... from sports-Ent. 5

sound of doo-wop and soul, and his influence spans generations – earning him (and the Imperials) an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009. Even today, Little Anthony continues to perform and record, proving that true musical artistry is timeless. The new “Hurt So Bad” duet finds him in prime form, bringing his decades of experience and passion to a song that has been a touchstone of his career.

About Brooke Moriber:

Brooke Moriber is a singer-songwriter and native New Yorker who has paved an unconventional path into Country music. After getting her start at a young age performing on Broadway (she landed the role of Young Cosette in Les Misérables at age 8), Brooke turned to

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songwriting as a teenager to cope with a life-altering challenge – she was diagnosed with a rare eye disease where she lost her sight for four years. When the disease went into remission after a difficult battle, she felt music had helped heal her and knew she wanted to tell her own stories. Brooke began traveling to Nashville, immersing herself in the songwriting community. Praised for her “clarion voice” (Associated Press), she released her first single “Cry Like A Girl” independently and later signed with Nashville’s Reviver Records to further develop her artistry.

In recent years, Brooke’s music has been making waves in the country scene. Her songs have been featured on Spotify’s New Music Friday Country (tracks like “Half A Heart,” “Little Bit Of You,” “Down to Nothing”) and Country Christmas playlists (“All I Want for Christmas is You”), as well as on SiriusXM’s Velvet channel, CMT’s online platform, the Music Choice network, and the MusicRow Country Breakout radio chart. Hailed

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as a “stellar songwriter and a powerhouse vocalist” (Country Swag) and “a force to be reckoned with in Country music” (Celeb Secrets Country), Brooke has shared the stage with a diverse range of artists – from country stars like Scotty McCreery, Dylan Scott, and The Castellows, to pop/rock icons like Cyndi Lauper and The Gin Blossoms, and fellow rising artists such as Caroline Jones.

Beyond her recording work, the former Broadway star turned country sensation is also the creator and host of the bi-monthly

“Nashville in New York (NINY)” songwriters round series. In this series, Brooke brings a taste of Nashville to the Big Apple, curating intimate acoustic shows that blend established hitmakers with emerging talent. Notably, at a recent NINY show at The Bitter End in NYC, she performed alongside Little Anthony himself (marking a special meeting of musical eras) and rising country artist Charly Reynolds.

Previous NINY nights have showcased talents such as American Idol alum Brennley Brown, songwriting legend Kara DioGuardi, viral star Calista Clark, folk icon Terre Roche, and members of the Six One Five Collective, among many others. The series has also featured top industry hosts like radio personality Kelly Ford and multi-platinum songwriter Sam Hollander, underscoring Brooke’s growing reputation as a connector in the music community.

When she’s not bringing Nash-

ville to New York (or even Denver and beyond, via special editions of NINY), Brooke is hard at work in the studio. She has been collaborating with some of the industry’s top writers and producers – including Todd Lombardo and Craig Alvin (known for their work with Kacey Musgraves), Karen Kosowski (Mickey Guyton), David Pittenger (GAYLE, Parmalee), and Sol Philcox-Littlefield – to craft new music.

This dedication to her craft, combined with her compelling personal journey and commanding vocal talent, has cemented Brooke Moriber as an artist on the rise and a star to watch in Country music.

For more information, follow Brooke at her website and socials: Website | Facebook | Instagram | YouTube | Spotify | Apple Music | Linktr.ee

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