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Titans visit Cardinals in late Sunday kickoff in Glendale, Arizona



Tennessee Titans (0-4) vs. Arizona Cardinals (2-2)
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NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (0-4) play their second of three consecutive road games this week, traveling to play the Arizona Cardinals (2-2) at State Farm Stadium (capacity 65,000). Kickoff is scheduled for 1:05 p.m. MST/3:05 p.m. CDT on Sunday, Oct. 5. The Titans have played at State Farm Stadium only one other time in the regular season, which ended with a 12-7 Cardinals victory on Dec. 10, 2017. In only 12 all-time meetings, the Cardinals lead the series 8-4.

This week's contest will be regionally televised on CBS, including Nashville affiliate WTWF NewsChannel 5, as well as on Paramount+ in the Nashville market. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Spero Dedes, analyst Adam Archuleta and reporter Aditi Kinkhabwala.

Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices with NFL+, which offers access to local games and all primetime games on phones and tablets. Out of market, fans can watch every Sunday afternoon game with Sunday Ticket. More information on ways to watch NFL games can be found at nfl.com/ways-to-watch.

The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with play-by-play announcer Taylor Zarzour, analyst Dave McGinnis, executive producer Rhett Bryan, game-day host Lucas Panzica, and sideline reporters Amie Wells and Will Boling.

TITANS LOOKING FOR ROAD WIN

The Titans visited the AFC South rival Houston Texans last week. In a game that was 6-0 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Texans ultimately prevailed 26-0. No. 1 overall draft pick Cam Ward started for the fourth consecutive week, joining Marcus Mariota (2015) as the franchise's only quarterbacks to log starts in

each of the first four games of their rookie seasons. His statistical totals this season include 64 completions on 125 passes for 614 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. The defensive effort at Houston featured a 17-tackle performance by second-year linebacker Cedric Gray. The 2024 fourth-round draft pick set a career high and became the team's second player since 2020 (Daryl Worley on Dec. 1, 2024) to reach 17 tackles in a game. Only one other NFL player in 2025 has made 17 tackles in a game (18 by Miami's Jordan Brooks, Sept. 29). Additionally, defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons contributed four tackles for loss, a sack and four quarterback pressures. His four tackles for loss are the most by any Titans player since the beginning of the 2008 campaign. Following this week's game, the Titans will finish their three-game road swing with the franchise's first game at Las Vegas on Oct. 12.

THE CARDINALS

The Cardinals will have three extra days to prepare for the Titans after hosting the Seattle Seahawks last week on Thursday Night Football. After tying the score at 20-20 in the final minute against the Seahawks, they lost the game on a 52-yard field goal as time expired. It was the second consecutive week the Cardinals suffered a defeat on a field goal with no time remaining—a 35-yarder the previous week gave the San Francisco 49ers a 16-15 win over the Cardinals. Arizona is led by head coach Jonathan Gannon, who was in the role of defensive assistant/quality control as a member of the Titans coaching staff in 2012 and 2013. He was hired by the Cardinals in 2023 and led the team from four wins in his initial season to eight wins in 2024. Cardinals general manager Monti Ossenfort also spent time with the Titans. Prior to being hired by Arizona in 2023, he served in Tennessee as the director of player personnel from 2020 to 2022. Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray was the No. 1 overall draft choice in 2019. The two-time Pro Bowl selection has started each of the team's first four games of 2025 and passed for 742 yards and six touchdowns with three interceptions. He has an additional 148 rushing yards through four contests.

Greg Desrosiers Jr. gets Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week from SMU Forum

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — University of Memphis football running back Greg Desrosiers Jr. has been named as the Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week, the SMU Athletic Forum announced Tuesday.

Memphis has now gone back-to-back weeks with the National Running Back of the Week award with teammate Sutton Smith being named last week.

Desrosiers Jr., a Lawrence, Mass. native, rushed for a career-high 204 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries to lead Memphis to a 55-26 win at Florida Atlantic, keeping the Tigers unbeaten at 5-0 and extending the nation's longest active winning streak to nine games. Desrosiers Jr.'s 204 yards were the most by an American player this season and marked only the second time this season that an FBS player surpassed 200 yards on the

ground. His 90-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was the longest rush by a Memphis Tiger since Herb Covington during the 1966 season. New this year, fans are encouraged to purchase early and save. Ticket prices will increase by \$5 during game week and again by an additional \$5 on game day at the Box Office. This change helps support enhanced planning for security, concessions and staffing. Historically, over 90% of single-game tickets are purchased during game week. Season ticket prices remain unchanged from 2024, following a perfect 7-0 home campaign. With prices averaging under \$25 per game, season tickets remain the best value for Tiger fans. Tickets can be purchased online at GoTigersGo.com or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

Cadence Bank strengthens its commitment to recruiting top talent thru sponsorship of SIAC conference to build relationship with HBCUs

ATLANTA, Sept. 25, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Cadence Bank (NYSE: CADE) has announced its sponsorship of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), underscoring its commitment to building strong relationships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and creating meaningful connections within the communities it serves. Cadence was named the official banking partner of the SIAC with the execution of the conference's newest partnership agreement. The sponsorship began in July 2025 and will continue through June 2029.

"The SIAC is excited to announce its corporate partnership with Cadence Bank," said SIAC Commissioner Anthony Holloman, Ed.D. "We are fortunate that Cadence shares our values in providing an unparalleled experience for our student-athletes to succeed on and off the playing fields." The SIAC, one of the nation's premier athletic conferences, provides a unique opportunity for Cadence to connect directly with students, faculty and alumni in environments that extend outside of the classroom. This sponsorship further aligns with Ca-

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L-R: Cadence Bank's Jerrell Moore, Senior EVP and Chief Human Resource Officer, and SIAC Commissioner Anthony Holloman, Ed.D. announce Cadence Bank as the official banking sponsor of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (SIAC), furthering the bank's vision of helping people, companies, and communities prosper. (Photo/Courtesy: SIAC/Jaymonte McLeod).

munities we serve. We support their economic health through sponsorships like this that allow us to build meaningful connections and positively impact students, alumni and local organizations alike and by investing in small businesses and affordable housing." Cadence Bank understands the role that strategic investments play in its ability to be a strong financial partner and help drive economic prosperity in its local communities.

"Value alignment is of utmost importance for brands looking to maximize their marketing impact, and we found the right fit with Cadence Bank and the SIAC," said Jason Frandi, Senior Director of National Sales at Playfly Sports. "We're proud to be a part of a partnership that will have a positive impact on local communities for years to come."

To learn more about Cadence Bank, visit CadenceBank.com About Cadence Bank

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ABOUT THE SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (SIAC)

The SIAC is a NCAA athletic conference consisting primarily of historically black colleges and universities with headquarters in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. The SIAC includes 15 member institutions (Albany State University, Allen University, Benedict College, Central State University, Clark Atlanta University, Edward Waters University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Lane College, LeMoyne-Owen College, Miles College, Morehouse College, Savannah State University, Spring Hill College, and Tuskegee University), which are located within a contiguous seven-state footprint (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio). The SIAC sponsors nine men's and seven women's sports and is a proud member of the NCAA Division II. For more information, visit www.thesiac.com.

ABOUT PLAYFLY SPORTS Playfly Sports, the sports industry's leading revenue maximization company, drives growth for its partners across the sports ecosystem — including 2,000+ brands, 100+ professional teams, 65+ college athletic departments, all U.S. local sports networks and associated streaming platforms, and other marquee properties. Its fan engagement platform allows its partners to reach and engage over 85% of all U.S. sports fans. Playfly builds and implements custom strategies across media, sponsorship, premium experiences, ticketing and fan engagement offerings through proprietary data, innovative technology and compelling storytelling.

Playfly operates an expansive portfolio of services with a data-driven and fan-focused approach to maximize revenue yield in key growth areas, such as media, sponsorship, ticketing, premium experiences and fan engagement offerings.

Founded in September of 2020, Playfly Sports is now home to approximately 1,000 team members located across 43 U.S. states and internationally dedicated to maximizing the impact of highly passionate local sports fans.

The company has been named a Best Place to Work in Sports by Sports Business Journal, Front Office Sports, and Newsweek. To learn more, follow Playfly Sports on social media platforms or visit www.Playfly.com

Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) claims gigantic victory in Post Office Carrying case

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Sept. 30, 2025 — The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas has ruled in favor of the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners in a case challenging the ban on possessing and carrying firearms in United States Post Offices.

In granting summary judgment in favor of SAF, the court granted both declaratory and injunctive relief, declaring the ban unconstitutional and preventing its enforcement for the plaintiffs, including SAF members. Originally filed in June 2024, the lawsuit challenges the ban on firearms carry in U.S. Post Offices and on postal property. SAF is joined in the case, FPC v. Bondi, by the Firearms Policy Coalition and two private citizens.

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of their fundamental rights. Today's ruling is an encouraging step towards restoring these rights."

As noted in the opinion: "The Court determines that both 18 U.S.C. § 930(a) and 39 C.F.R. § 232.1(l) are inconsistent with the principles that underpin this Nation's regulatory tradition. Thus, they are unconstitutional as-applied to carrying firearms inside an ordinary post office or on post office property."

"This is a huge win for SAF and its members," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "There is no historical analogue to justify a ban on carrying a firearm on postal property, and we are pleased the court rightly saw through this thinly veiled attempt at preventing citizens from fully exercising their constitutional rights."

For more information visit

SAF.org. The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored.

Watch for The Mid-South Tribune's 31st Annual Black History Month Edition in February 2026 Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary of freedom.

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