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NFL Retro Bowl '25 features NFL trademark for teams and players on Apple Arcade with easy-to-use controls

NEW YORK, NY– The National Football League and the National Football League Players Association announced the relaunch of New Star Games’ Retro Bowl+ as NFL Retro Bowl ’25. The game will be available exclusively on Apple Arcade, Apple’s popular game subscription service that offers unlimited access to more than 200 incredibly fun games, with no ads or in-app purchases. Incorporating the official NFL trademark for teams and players, NFL Retro Bowl ’25 combines authentic NFL rosters with easy-to-use controls and the retro style fans adore.

“A hit on the App Store, Retro Bowl+ is a fan favorite, and we are excited to relaunch the classic mobile game as one of our own with the creation of NFL Retro Bowl ’25,” said Ed Kiang, vice president of video gaming at the NFL. “Existing fans can continue to enjoy the nostalgic retro gaming style, while the refreshed



branding will captivate new audiences and take them through a unique gaming experience of NFL football management and gridiron action.” “New Star Games are delighted to show the fruits of our collabora-

tion with the NFL and NFLPA to bring you this gem of a game,” said Paul Kilburn, director of Five Aces Publishing Ltd. “With real-life players and teams mixed seamlessly into classic Retro Bowl action, we’re extremely

happy with this game and can’t wait to see it out in the wild.”

NFL Retro Bowl ’25 allows fans to immerse themselves in the world of football management

and gameplay. Fans can create their football dynasty by choosing their favorite NFL players and managing rosters and game strategies with a simple roster management system. From calling plays on the field to manag-

ing players in the locker room, every aspect of running a successful team falls under the control of the user. In the game, NFL players will be stylized in the game’s retro style along with unique, fully realized retro art and tuned attributes.

“NFL Retro Bowl ’25 brings the fun, vibrant energy of 1980s arcade football games to life, with users at the heart of the experience,” said Sophie Gage, vice president of business & legal affairs at NFL Players Inc. “Fans can manage and play with their favorite players, enjoying a game that blends the nostalgic look and feel of a beloved era with today’s innovations. This game highlights our commitment to making users integral to every aspect of the football experience.”

NFL Retro Bowl ’25 launched on Sept. 5 on Apple Arcade. The game is playable on iPhone, iPad and Apple Vision Pro.

The Kody Norris Show is nominated for seven SPBGMA Awards

*The Kody Norris Show’s 5th Annual ‘Mountain City Christmas’ Event Raises \$10,000 for Hurricane Helene Victims*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Award-winning country & bluegrass group, The Kody Norris Show is elated to receive SEVEN nominations for the 2025 SPBGMA Awards for Entertainer of the Year, Instrumental Group of the Year, Bluegrass Band of the Year, and more. The band brought home trophies in 2024 for Entertainer of the Year, Instrumental Group of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Band (Overall) of the Year, Fiddle Performer of the Year (Mary Rachel Nalley Norris), and Banjo Performer of the Year (Josiah Tyree). The 2025 SPBGMA Awards will be held on Saturday, January 26th, at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

2025 SPBGMA  
FINAL ROUND BALLOT

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

BLUEGRASS BAND OVERALL

INSTRUMENTAL GROUP

VOCAL GROUP

GUITAR PLAYER  
KODY NORRIS

MALE VOCALIST  
KODY NORRIS

FIDDLE PLAYER  
MARY RACHEL NALLEY-NORRIS

For this year’s honors, The Kody Norris Show received nominations for:

- Entertainer of the Year / The Kody Norris Show
- Instrumental Group of the Year / The Kody Norris Show
- Bluegrass Band of the Year / The Kody Norris Show
- Vocal Group of the Year / The Kody Norris Show
- Guitar Performer of the Year / Kody Norris
- Male Vocalist of the Year / Kody Norris
- Fiddle Performer of the Year / Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris

“We literally cannot believe it, but we are so humbled by the votes of our fans,” shares Kody Norris. “SPBGMA is an amazing organization and we are so happy to be part of the ballot and lineup for the 50th Anniversary.”

Ones to always give back, The Kody Norris Show held their 5th

Annual ‘Mountain City Christmas’ concert on December 16th in Mountain City, Tennessee at the First Christian Church Life Center. The event helped raise \$10,000 for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Along with The Kody Norris Show, the concert included The Malpass Brothers, The Little Roy and Lizzy Show, Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass, Nick Chandler And Delivered, and Surefire Bluegrass Band.

**The Kody Norris Show’s ‘Rhinstone Revival’ Tour Dates:**

JAN 03 - Jekyll Island Bluegrass Festival / Jekyll Island, Ga.  
JAN 17 - RiverCity Bluegrass Festival / Edmonton, AB Canada  
JAN 18 - RiverCity Bluegrass Festival / Edmonton, AB Canada  
JAN 24 - SPBGMA / Nashville, Tenn.

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