

Sports & Entertainment

Memphis Holiday Parade and Holiday Market bring festive cheer to Downtown Memphis for family and friends making Santa happy

MEMPHIS, TN – December 3, 2024 – Celebrate the holiday season in grand style! On Saturday, December 14, the 2024 Memphis Holiday Parade will illuminate Beale Street with vibrant sights and sounds. Produced by **Beale Street Management and the Downtown Memphis Commission**, this cherished tradition welcomes Memphians and visitors

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alike. New this year is the Holiday Market, which will offer unique gifts and holiday cheer before the parade kicks off.

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- Time: 11:00 AM–2:00 PM
- Location: Corner of Peabody & Main

Memphis Holiday Parade:

Head to the region's grandest holiday parade on iconic Beale Street. Featuring marching bands, steppers, twirlers, festive floats, and more, the parade promises a lively celebration for all ages.



- Time: 2:00 PM
 - Location: Beale Street
- This holiday tradition is FREE and open to the public—perfect for making memories with family, friends, and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Memphis. For additional information

about Downtown Holiday Activities & Events, visit the website.

Those interested in participating in the 2024 Memphis Holiday Parade and for those who are interested in being a ven-

dor in the Holiday Market may visit the website at www.downtownmemphis.com.

About Downtown Memphis Commission

The Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) drives Downtown's role as the economic, cultural, and governmental core of our city and county. The DMC is funded by an assessment on commercial property in the Central Business Improvement District (CBID), which is reinvested into funding incentives and activations designed to support the growth of both Downtown's population and appraised commercial property values.

Through an investment in Downtown development, infrastructure, vibrancy and activation, we are creating a stronger Downtown Memphis—a Downtown for everyone.

Learn more on the DMC's State of Downtown Dashboard. | www.downtownmemphis.com

Memphis Showboats announce 2025 game themes... from sports page 1

Showboats Throwback: The team will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Showboats playoff berth following the 1985 USFL season. The Showboats will throw it all the way back with custom sideline gear, helmet designs, scoreboard graphics and merchandise. Fans of the 1980s Showboats squads won't want to miss this.

teams in elementary school, middle school, high school and college. If your team has won a championship at any level, we will honor and celebrate you on this day.

•Showboats Showdown: Memphis + Wrestling = Fun! Memphis and the Mid-South have a long and storied history in professional wrestling. The Showboats will celebrate that history with the Showboats Showdown.

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While the Showboats have announced themes for the five home games, that is certainly not all that will happen during the 2025 season. There are plans for giveaways, fireworks, flyovers and more.

Season tickets start at just \$100 and are available now by visiting theufl.com/tickets.

About The United Football League

The United Football League (UFL) is the premier spring football platform, formed by the merging of the XFL and USFL in 2024 under the combined ownership of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson. The UFL has eight teams in Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C.

Memphis Grizzlies' Jaylen Wells is named Western Conference Rookie of the Month

MEMPHIS, Tenn. December 3, 2024– The NBA announced that Memphis Grizzlies forward Jaylen Wells was named Western Conference Rookie of the Month for games played during October and November.

Wells (6-6 ½, 206), selected with the 39th overall pick in the 2024 NBA Draft, started 15 of his 20 appearances and averaged 12.2 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.9 assists in 25.3 minutes while shooting 45.4 percent from the field and 39.4 percent from 3-

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point range to help guide the Grizzlies to a 13-7 record (third in the West) through the end of November.

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field goal percentage and 3-point percentage. He placed fourth in minutes per game.

Wells scored in double figures 12 times, leading West rookies, and scored at least 20 points twice: 20 points in Memphis' Nov. 6 home win over the Los Angeles Lakers; and a career-high 26 points in the Grizzlies' Nov. 23 road victory over the Chicago Bulls, in which he became the first rookie in franchise history to record at least six 3-pointers and at least six assists in

the same game.

The Sacramento native, who was named the California Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year as a sophomore at Division II Sonoma State before playing his junior year at Washington State, is the first Grizzlies player to earn Rookie of the Month honors since Ja Morant during the 2019-20 season.

Jared McCain of the Philadelphia 76ers was the recipient of the Eastern Conference Rookie of the Month award.

NFL announces Allen, Tagovailoa, Wilson, Irving, Robinson, and Bowers FedEx Air and Ground Players of the Week

N.Y., N.Y., December 2, 2024– The NFL announced that the nominees for FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week for Week 13 are:

Buffalo quarterback JOSH ALLEN completed 13 of 17 attempts (76.5 percent) for 148 yards and two touchdowns for a 141.3 passer rating. He also rushed for 18 yards and one touchdown and recorded a touchdown reception.

Miami quarterback TUA TAGOVAILOA completed 37 of 46 attempts (80.4 percent) for 365 yards and two touchdowns for a 114.2 passer rating.

Pittsburgh quarterback RUSSELL WILSON completed 29 of 38 attempts (76.3 percent) for 414 yards and three touchdowns for a 126.4 passer rating.

Tampa Bay running back BUCKY IRVING recorded 185 scrimmage yards (152 rushing,

33 receiving) and one rushing touchdown.

Atlanta running back BIJAN ROBINSON recorded 135 scrimmage yards (102 rushing, 33 receiving) and one rushing touchdown.

Las Vegas tight end BROCK BOWERS recorded 140 receiving yards and one touchdown.

For the 2024-25 NFL regular season, FedEx is once again is working with the Thurgood Mar-

shall College Fund (TMCF) to make donations of \$2,000 in the name of the winning players (\$4,000 total) to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country.

Over the course of the entire season, select HBCUs will receive grants totaling more than \$100,000 to support needs-based scholarships through the 2025-26 school year.

