



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame  
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**Minutes  
Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Meeting  
May 4, 2023**

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The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (“TNSHOF”) met this day at 10:00 AM CT for a meeting with a physical location at 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 13<sup>th</sup> Fl., ERG Conference Room, Nashville, TN 37243 and hosted via WebEx with available call-in numbers. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the TNSHOF website and Facebook page. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM CT by Fulmer. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Julie Bennett  
Harold Byrd  
[REDACTED]  
Phillip Fulmer  
Brad Lampley  
Art Sparks  
Chris Wampler

Keith Boring  
Lisa Campbell  
Mark Ezell  
Harold Graeter  
Missy Marshall  
[REDACTED]

Dane Bradshaw  
[REDACTED]  
Shan Foster  
Kenny Hawkins  
Chris Massaro  
[REDACTED]

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Scott Carter  
Candice Lee

Marianne Dunavant

Jack Sammons

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Kevin Mahoney, Department of Tourist Development, Assistant Commissioner of Administration  
Brad Willis, TNSHoF, Executive Director

**AGENDA**

**Welcome**, Fulmer

Welcome and Call to Order. Welcome and call to order for a meeting of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

**Housekeeping**

- Lampley, asked if any guests were on the call that may wish to be recognized. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-108(a)(d), the determination of necessity for conducting the TNSHOF meeting electronically was read into the record and rendered as essential to continue the business of the Board, in order to select the 2022 Honorees for amateur athlete categories as presented by the Nomination Committee for the 2023 Annual Banquet.
- Approved the March 21, 2023, Minutes of the TNSHOF without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance of the meeting. Motion, by Bennett with second by Fulmer. No further discussion, move to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Harold Graeter	Yes
Keith Boring	Yes	Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd	Yes	Missy Marshall	Yes
Lisa Campbell	Yes	Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter		Art Sparks	Yes
Marianne Dunavant		Jack Sammons	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster	Yes	Chris Wampler	
Phillip Fulmer	Yes		

Motion carries.

**Financials**, Mahoney, financials paint a picture of current sales efforts. The organization is in a good place, and the number does not reflect approximately \$40,000 of pledged dollars that have not been paid as of today.

**New Business**, Willis

1. Honoree Discussion (Unapproved Minutes from Nomination Committee, attached to E-mail invitation).
  - a. Honorees recommended include:
    - i. Pro Team of the Year, Memphis, Grizzlies
    - ii. Pro Athlete of the Year, Hany Mukhtar
    - iii. Amateur Female Team of the Year, Middle Tennessee Women's Basketball
    - iv. Amateur Female Athlete of the Year, Mya Jones
    - v. Amateur Male Team of the Year, Tennessee Baseball
    - vi. Amateur Male Athlete of the Year, Hendon Hooker

Motion, By Marshall if no further discussion on what the Nomination Committee put forward would make a motion to adopt as package. Second by Ezell. No further discussion. Moving to a Roll Call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Harold Graeter	Yes
Keith Boring	Yes	Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd	Yes	Missy Marshall	Yes
Lisa Campbell	Yes	Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter		Art Sparks	Yes
Marianne Dunavant		Jack Sammons	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster	Yes	Chris Wampler	

Phillip Fulmer	Yes		
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Motion carries, Honoree Slate approved.

2. Music City Tennis Invitational

- a. Discussion, The Music City Tennis invitational is celebrating its 50 years in 2023, and we had them nominated for an award, but they simply don't meet the criteria. Chairman Massaro expressed that he would like to recognize them at the banquet for the accomplishment, and invite them to the banquet, but not present them with an actual award. The board of directors was in agreement and the decision was made to recognize them as part of the program, without presenting them with a specific award. Willis to coordinate their attendance to the event.
- b. Motion, By Graeter to recognize the group with second by Campbell. No further discussion. Moving to a Roll Call Vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Harold Graeter	Yes
Keith Boring	Yes	Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd	Yes	Missy Marshall	Yes
Lisa Campbell	Yes	Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter		Art Sparks	Yes
Marianne Dunavant		Jack Sammons	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster	Yes	Chris Wampler	Yes
Phillip Fulmer	Yes		

Motion carries.

3. Golf Tournament Update, Willis, The golf tournament is set for September 26, 2023 at Hermitage Golf Course General's Retreat for a 1:00 PM CT Shotgun Start. Edley's BBQ is providing a post round meal, Yee Haw Brewery is set to donate beer, and we will look to invite many former inductees to play on that date. Save the date on your calendar to be a part of the event.

4. Banquet Update

- a. Discussion, Willis, We are working on details for our 2023 Induction Banquet. Marianne Dunavant has once again agreed to serve as banquet chair.
- b. Motion, By Bennett to delegate all major decision-making regarding banquet run of show and content to Banquet Chair Dunavant and staff, with second by Fulmer. No further discussion. Moving to a Roll Call Vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Harold Graeter	Yes
Keith Boring	Yes	Kenny Hawkins	Yes
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd	Yes	Missy Marshall	Yes
Lisa Campbell	Yes	Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter		Art Sparks	Yes
Marianne Dunavant		Jack Sammons	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster	Yes	Chris Wampler	Yes
Phillip Fulmer	Yes		

Motion carries.

5. TV Special Update, Willis, Agenda item discussed in earlier business.

6. Banquet Run of Show Execution, Willis, Agenda item discussed in earlier business.
7. Hotel Update, Willis, Met with the hotel, and plan to utilize the Legends Ballroom for the Banquet on July 22. There will be a food tasting on June 8. There are a handful of rooms if anyone needs a room for the night, please let Willis know, and we'll do our best to accommodate.
8. Predators/Lease Update, Willis, After being told that our lease was set to expire on December 31, 2023, we have now been told by the Predators that the lease will now expire on June 30, 2024. We do not have this in a signed agreement, but I do have it in writing. Willis will certainly keep everyone posted on any changes that come on this front.

**Closing Remarks**, Fulmer, Thank-you for being on the call and the healthy conversation about all that is discussed. Motion to adjourn with second from Graeter. No further discussion, all in favor with none opposed.

Motion carries, Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM CT.

Approved:

July 22, 2023  
Date

*Alicia C. B. Widrig*

for Brad Lampley (by permission)  
Brad Lampley  
Board Member, Acting Secretary

TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
APRIL 30, 2023, AND DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2023	2022
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current assets		
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 325,780	\$ 307,117
Investments (Note 2)	-	-
Receivables	4,001	8,273
Interest Income Receivable	-	-
Inventory	-	-
Prepaid expenses	25,000	25,000
Total current assets	<u>354,781</u>	<u>340,389</u>
Noncurrent assets		
Capital assets, Net (Note 3)	<u>271,669</u>	<u>278,001</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>271,669</u>	<u>278,001</u>
Total assets	<u>626,450</u>	<u>618,391</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	(0)	(0)
Unearned revenue	65,354	65,354
Total liabilities	<u>65,354</u>	<u>65,354</u>
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>		
Investment in capital assets	271,669	278,001
Restricted for:		
Expendable:		
Scholarships		
Museum Exhibits	-	-
Unrestricted	289,427	275,035
Total net position	<u>\$ 561,096</u>	<u>\$ 553,037</u>

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TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED APRIL 30, 2023, AND DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2023	2022
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Membership dues	\$ -	\$ 456
Banquet revenue	39,500	226,682
Golf tournament	500	31,030
Knoxville Fundraiser	-	-
Contributions	28,512	122,188
Museum ticket sales	100	54
Total operating revenues	<u>68,612</u>	<u>380,410</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Banquet	3,500	113,007
General and administrative	52,133	147,946
Golf tournament	-	13,085
Legislative Event	-	-
Knoxville Fundraiser	-	-
Hall of fame museum	6,582	31,854
Total operating expenses	<u>62,215</u>	<u>305,892</u>
Operating gain/(loss)	<u>6,397</u>	<u>74,519</u>
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Gifts received for scholarship fund	-	5,000
Interest income	1,665	2,059
Grant revenue	-	-
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>1,665</u>	<u>7,059</u>
<u>NONOPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Transfer of scholarship account	-	-
Gifts to scholarship fund	-	5,000
Gain/(loss) before other revenues	<u>8,062</u>	<u>76,577</u>
Additions to permanent endowment	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in net position	8,062	76,577
Total net position, January 1	<u>553,036</u>	<u>476,459</u>
Total net position, December 31	<u>\$ 561,098</u>	<u>\$ 553,036</u>

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TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED APRIL 30, 2023, AND DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2023	2022
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Receipts from customers	\$ 72,884	\$ 384,446
Payments to suppliers	(6,588)	(194,927)
Payments to employee and contractor	(49,295)	(121,635)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	<u>17,001</u>	<u>67,884</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Gifts received for scholarship fund	-	5,000
Gifts paid to scholarship fund	-	(5,000)
Net cash provided by (used for) noncapital financing activities	-	-
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES</u>		
Purchases of capital assets	-	-
Net cash used by capital and related activities	-	-
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Interest received	1,665	2,059
Investment purchases	-	-
Proceeds from maturities of investments	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,665</u>	<u>2,059</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>18,666</u>	<u>69,943</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	<u>307,117</u>	<u>237,173</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u>\$ 325,780</u>	<u>\$ 307,117</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING GAIN(LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Operating gain (loss)	6,397	74,519
Adjustments to reconcile operating gain (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		
Depreciation expense	6,332	25,330
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	4,272	(964)
Decrease in inventory	-	-
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	25,000
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(0)	6,000
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	-	-
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:	<u>\$ 17,001</u>	<u>\$ 129,884</u>

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**Professional Sports Team of the Year:**

**Memphis Grizzlies:** The Memphis Grizzlies finished second in the Western Conference with a 56-26 record. They won the first round of the NBA Playoffs, defeating Minnesota, before falling to Golden State in the Western Conference semifinals.

**Nashville Predators:** The Predators made the playoffs and lost in the first round in 2022. The Preds finished fifth in the Central Division with a record of 45-30.

**Nashville SC:** Nashville Soccer Club made history winning a club record 13<sup>th</sup> match of the season last October. Nashville SC concluded the season tied for fourth place in the Western Conference. Nashville made a return trip to the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs for the third consecutive season. Nashville became the fifth team ever to clinch a playoff berth in their first three consecutive seasons. Nashville set a club record for road wins with seven.

**Professional Athlete of the Year:**

**Mookie Betts, OF, Los Angeles Dodgers:** Betts, a Nashville native, was a Gold Glove Award winner in 2022. He also won the Silver Slugger Award for having the highest batting average among MLB right fielders. He also won the Fielding Bible Award (right field), an award that recognizes the best defensive player for each fielding position based on statistical analysis. Betts helped lead the Dodgers to a MLB best 111 wins on their way to the NL West Division title.

**Roman Josi, D, Nashville Predators:** Josi was named a 2022 NHL All-Star. He led the Preds with 73 assists and 96 points, also adding 23 goals. Josi turned in a record-setting season in which he was a finalist for the Norris Trophy and was also a finalist for the Ted Lindsay Award, awarded by the NHL Players' Association to the league's most outstanding player. He finished second in the Norris voting, although he had the most first-place votes, and he was also sixth in voting for the Hart Memorial Trophy.

**Ja Morant, G, Memphis Grizzlies:** The superstar guard was named to the NBA All-Star team for the second straight season. As the regular season winds down, Morant will shatter the single-season franchise record for points per game (currently 26.4) for the Grizzlies. The previous record was 23.0. In 2022-23, Morant is averaging 26.4 points, 8.1 assists and 5.9 rebounds per game.

**Hany Mukhtar, MF, Nashville SC:** Mukhtar was named the 2022 Landon Donovan MLS MVP after receiving 48.03 percent of the total votes. He led the league with 34 goal contributions (23 goals, 11 assists), which tied for the fifth-most in a single MLS season. He earned the league's honor of the 2022 MLS Golden Boot after scoring a league-high 23 goals. Mukhtar became the first Nashville SC player to win the awards. Mukhtar accounted for 44.2 percent of Nashville's goals (23 of 52) in 2022, which was the highest percentage in MLS.

**Female Amateur Team of the Year:**

**Austin Peay women's golf:** Austin Peay turned in the best season in program history, reaching the NCAA Regional for the first time. The Governors came from behind to win their first OVC championship in school history, shooting a final-round 301 to chase down Belmont and Morehead State to win the title.



**Memphis Women's Soccer:** The Univ. of Memphis women's soccer team won the American Athletic Conference Tournament championship and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championship before falling to Arkansas off penalty kicks (3-2). It marked the first time that Memphis had reached the Round of 16 in program history. Memphis posted an 11-5-6 overall record.

**Memphis Women's Tennis:** The Univ. of Memphis' women's tennis team won the American Athletic Conference championship and reached the first round of the NCAA Championships before falling to Georgia Tech. The Tigers posted a 20-7 record. The 20 wins were the most since winning 23 matches in 1987. Memphis was appearing in its second NCAA Tournament in program history, joining the 2013 squad.

**Middle Tennessee Women's Basketball** – Middle Tennessee posted a sterling 28-4 record and dominated Conference USA on its way to the program's 20th regular-season championship and 17<sup>th</sup> conference tournament championship. The Lady Raiders reached the postseason for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and earned their 20th berth in the NCAA Tournament. The 28 wins were third most in program history. Middle Tennessee was one of just 16 Division I teams with 25 or more victories. Middle Tennessee won 16 straight during one stretch, the fifth-longest winning streak in C-USA history.

**Tennessee Lady Vols:** The Lady Vols reached the NCAA Sweet 16 before falling to No. 1 seed Virginia Tech, 73-64. Tennessee fashioned a 25-12 record, including a 13-3 mark in the SEC. It marked the 38<sup>th</sup> time in program history that Tennessee had won 25-plus, and they advanced to the Sweet 16 in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2015 and 2016. Tennessee reached the SEC Tournament championship game before falling to No. 1 South Carolina, 74-58.

**Tennessee Women's Swimming:** The Tennessee women's swim team placed eighth overall in the NCAA Championships. Overall for the week in the NAAs, Tennessee had 10 different individuals win a combined 28 All-America honors. The group put together nine podium finishes, including a pair of silver medal performances. It marked the sixth year in a row in which Tennessee finished inside the Top 10 nationally.

**Vanderbilt women's bowling:** The Vanderbilt women's bowling team reached the NCAA Championship for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and ascended to the nation's No. 2 ranking entering the postseason. The Commodores won their third national championship in resounding fashion, coming from 3-1 down in the best-of-seven format to beat Arkansas State for the national championship.

#### **Female Amateur Athlete of the Year:**

**Mabel Cummins, Vanderbilt women's bowling:** Cummins, the NCAA national Player of the Year, capped a brilliant career at Vanderbilt by being selected to Team USA, where she won a silver medal competing for Team USA in IBF U21 World Championships team competition. She was named the Southland Bowling League Bowler of the Year. Cummins led Vanderbilt back to the NCAA National Championships, where the Commodores finished won their third national title. Cummins finished first individually at the Stallings Invitational and the Lady Techsters Classic. She was named to the Northeast Classic All-Tournament team.

**Esther Isa, Middle Tennessee track and field:** Isa placed first in the triple jump at the C-USA Indoor Championships with a mark of 13.08, which ranks 19<sup>th</sup> overall in the NCAA. Isa placed second in both the high jump and long jump. Isa advanced to the NCAA Championships.

**Ricke Jackson, Guard, Univ. of Tennessee:** Jackson earned Associated Press and WBCA All-America Honorable Mention recognition and was a top-five finalist for the Cheryl Miller Award. She was a All-SEC First Team selection and also was named to the SEC All-Tournament team. Jackson paced Tennessee with 19.2 points and chipped in 6.1 rebounds per game, while tallying 21.4 points per game and 6.4 rebounds in SEC play. Jackson had 16 games of 20-plus points and produced four double-doubles. She hit double-figure point totals in 33 of her 35 games.

**Mya Jones, Univ. of Memphis soccer:** Jones was named to the All-South Region First Team after finishing the season with a team-high 20 points while netting nine goals and assisting on two. She posted three game-winning goals. An America Athletic Conference First-Team selection, Jones was instrumental in pacing Memphis to a historic season in which it won the American Athletic Conference and reached the third round of the NCAA Championships.

**Mona McSharry, Univ. of Tennessee Swimming:** McSharry, a Tokyo Olympian, swept the breaststroke events at the SEC Championships, winning the 100 and 200 breast, while also finishing second in the 50 free, and 400 medley relay. She was also the national runner-up in the 100 breast and placed fourth overall in the 200 breast at NAAs. McSharry was also a member of the 400 medley relay squad that took home fifth place nationally. She was named to the CSC Academic All-America team and earned a total of six All-American certificates.

**Kiki Milloy, Tennessee softball:** Milloy was named second-team All-American by DI Softball and Softball America. She was a second-team All-SEC selection. Milloy was UT's top threat at the plate throughout the 2022 season. She led the Lady Vols in numerous offensive categories, posting a team-high .362 batting average, 1.128 OPS, 53 runs, 71 hits, 12 doubles, 15 home runs, 53 RBIs and 31 steals. She finished the season with 21 multi-hit games and 16 multi-RBI games.

**Celina Sattelkau, Vanderbilt women's golf:** Celina Sattelkau advanced to the final round of stroke play at the NCAA Championships for the second season in a row, finishing 20 spots higher in the individual standings than she did as a sophomore. Sattelkau ended up tied for 31<sup>st</sup> place among the 77 individuals who completed 72 holes. Sattelkau posted four Top 20 finishes, including back-to-back 15<sup>th</sup>-place finishes at the SEC Championships and NCAA Franklin Regional.

**Erica Scutt, Austin Peay women's golf:** Scutt was named OVC Freshman of the Year after her breakout rookie campaign in helping lead the Governors to the OVC Championship and first appearance ever in a NCAA Regional. Scutt led the Governors with a 74.88 stroke average and had a team-best 23 of 25 rounds count towards the team score. In just her first collegiate season, Scutt has already carded two of the three 18-hole scores and three of the top-four 54-hole scores in program history.

**Charisma Taylor, Univ. of Tennessee track:** Taylor scored 18 points at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Taylor put forth a historic performance in the women's triple jump, leaping 14.88 meters to become the

No. 2 performer in collegiate history and No. 2 performer on the 2023 world list. She logged a Top 5 finish in the indoor triple jump at the NAAs.

**Male Amateur Team of the Year:**

**Memphis men's basketball:** Memphis reached the NCAA Tournament for the 28<sup>th</sup> time in program history. They posted 26 wins and won 14 of their last 17 games en route to winning the American Athletic Conference's automatic bid. That stretch included six road victories and a 75-65 win over No. 1 Houston in the conference championship game. It was the program's first-ever win over the nation's top-ranked team.

**Middle Tennessee Tennis:** Middle Tennessee was ranked as high as No. 19 nationally and posted a 28-5 record before the best season in program history ended in the second round of the NCAA Tournament by a 4-3 score vs. North Carolina State. The Blue Raiders ended the season with the most wins and best overall record in program history. They advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the third time in program history. Middle Tennessee won the C-USA Tournament for the third consecutive year.

**Tennessee Baseball:** Tennessee earned the nation's No. 1 ranking and had one of the best seasons in college baseball history, setting records for victories (57) and home runs (158) while also winning the SEC regular season and tournament titles for the first time since 1995. The Vols season ended in the Super Regionals. Tennessee gained the top overall seed in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history.

**Tennessee football:** The Vols enjoyed a record-setting that culminated with a 31-14 Orange Bowl victory against Clemson. Tennessee went from unranked in the entering the season to being tabbed No. 6 in the final AP Top 25 poll. It represented the highest poll finish for Tennessee since 2001, when it was ranked No. 4 in the final poll. Tennessee posted an 11-2 record, its ninth 11-win season in program history and first since 2001. Tennessee led the nation in total offense (538.1), scoring offense (47.3), passing efficiency (181.59) and rushing touchdowns (39).

**Tennessee men's basketball:** Tennessee notched 25 wins and reached the NCAA Sweet 16 before falling to eventual Final Four participant Florida Atlantic. The Vols reached the Sweet 16 for the ninth time in program history. The Vols led the country in defensive efficiency and 3-point defense, while ranking third nationally in both field goal defense and scoring defense.

**Tennessee men's tennis:** Tennessee posted 26 wins and reached the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament before falling to seventh-ranked Virginia. It marked the eighth all-time appearance in the NCAA semifinals for Tennessee. The Vols shocked third-ranked Baylor to reach the semis.

**Tennessee track and field:** Tennessee finished third overall in the team standings at the 2022 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. It was their best finish at the outdoor national meet since 2002 and their first Top 10 finish since 2017.

**UT-Martin men's golf:** UT-Martin captured the program's third OVC championship by winning the title

in 2022. The Skyhawks reached the NCAA Regionals and also won five tournament titles during the regular season.

**Vanderbilt men's golf:** Vanderbilt won its second straight SEC Championship, becoming the first team to win consecutive SEC championships since Alabama won three in a row from 2013-15. Vanderbilt reached the semifinals of the NCAA Championships before falling to Texas, 3-1-1. The Commodores set a program record with six wins. They reached the NCAA Championships after running away with the Palm Beach Regional in Florida with a 12-stroke victory over the competition. They entered the match play portion of the NCAA Championship as the No. 1 seed.

**Walters State Baseball:** The No. 1 seed in the 2022 NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series. The Senators finished 60-7 and were third in the NJCAA World Series. They were the TCCAA Regular Season champions, TCCAA and Region VII Tournament champions and Appalachian District champions. Walters State led the nation in home runs. They were ranked No. 1 for nine weeks during the regular season.

**Male Amateur Athlete of the Year:**

**Alaba Akintola, Middle Tennessee track:** Akintola set a new C-USA Championship record in the 200 meter final with a time of 20.59, which ranks 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the NCAA. In the 60 meter final, he ran a time of 6.67 to take first place. Akintola advanced to the NCAA Championships with his sterling effort.

**Chase Burns, P, Tennessee baseball:** Named first-team freshman All-American by the NCBWA and Collegiate Baseball. Burns was UT's Friday night starter for the majority of the year. The Gallatin, Tenn., native was a semifinalist for both the Golden Spikes Award and the Dick Howser Trophy and was named a third-team All-American by Collegiate Baseball, becoming the first UT freshman pitcher to earn All-America honors since R.A. Dickey in 1994. Burns finished the year with an 8-2 record and 2.91 ERA over 17 appearances (14 starts), racking up 103 strikeouts in 80.1 innings of work, while allowing just 25 walks and holding opposing hitters to a .216 batting average. His 2.91 ERA was the finish lowest by a freshman in program history.

**Enrique Bradfield Jr. OF, Vanderbilt baseball:** Named first-team All-American by the NCBWA. The outfielder ranked third on the team in batting average with a .317 mark and his team-best 69 runs ranked fifth in the SEC. Bradfield led the SEC in stolen bases with 46, going 46-of-46 on stolen base attempts, which marked the most in the nation without getting caught.

**Kendric Davis, G, Univ. of Memphis men's basketball:** Named third-team All-American by Sporting News and Field of 68. He was also one of 17 honorable mentions to the AP All-America team. Davis was a unanimous All-AAC First Team selection. Davis put together one of the all-time great seasons in Memphis history. He finished the season second all-time in single season scoring with 744 points, falling 18 points shy of Dajuan Wagner's single-season mark of 762 points. Davis led the American Conference with 22.1 points and 5.6 assists per game, ranking him eighth and 17<sup>th</sup> nationally in each category, respectively. Davis was named MVP of the AAC Championships after setting the championship's all-time scoring mark with 84 points. He averaged 28 points, 5.3 assists and 3.7 rebounds, while shooting 47.3 percent overall and 54.5 percent from 3-point range. He also made 20-of-21 free throws to lead the Tigers to the title.

**Chase Dollander, P, Tennessee baseball:** Posted a 10-0 record and was named SEC Pitcher of the Year. He became just the second player in program history to earn the award. He led the SEC in ERA (2.30), opponent batting average (.158), fewest hits allowed (35) and fewest walks allowed (9).

**Jordan Crooks, Tennessee swimming:** Crooks won the NCAA National Championship in the 50 free and helped lead Tennessee to its first Top 10 finish at the NAAs since 2016. He also finished fifth in the 100 fly and tied for fifth in the 100 free. He was also part of the Vols' 200 free relay team that finished fourth. For the meet, he earned All-America first-team recognition in seven events. The last Tennessee swimmer to achieve the accomplishment of three individual top-8 finishes and seven combined All-America first-team honors in the same meet was Michael Gilliam in 2001.

**John H. Ford II, LB, UT-Martin football:** Ford was a consensus All-American for the OVC Champion Skyhawks. The Nashville, Tenn., native was named the OVC Defensive Player of the Year as well as All-OVC first-team. A finalist for the 2022 Buck Buchanan Award, Ford tallied 106 tackles, including 10.5 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, an interception, two pass breakups, four QB hurries, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He ranked third in the OVC in tackles, second in sacks and third in tackles for loss.

**Hendon Hooker, QB, University of Tennessee:** Earned SEC Offensive Player of the Year honors by the Associated Press and SEC coaches, while finishing fifth in voting for the Heisman Trophy. Received 17 first-place votes and recorded 226 points in the Heisman voting. Became the first Vol since Peyton Manning (1997) to earn SEC Player of the Year. Finalist from the Maxwell Award, Walter Camp Award, Manning Award and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Produced 3,565 yards of total offense, completing 229-of-329 passes (69.6) percent for 3,135 yards with 27 touchdowns and only two interceptions while rushing 104 times for 430 yards and five scores on the ground. Became just the fifth Vol in program history to pass for more than 3,000 yards in a season. Claimed five wins over opponents ranked in the AP Top 25 at the time of the meeting.

**Dylan Jacobs, Univ. of Tennessee track/cross country:** Jacobs was named the USTFCCCA National Track Athlete of the Year following his remarkable indoor season. His phenomenal indoor season culminated with an individual national title in the men's 5,000-meter at the NCAA Indoor Championships, running a time of 13:37.59 for the fastest indoor 5k at high altitude in collegiate history. He posted SEC records and all-time top five performances in both the indoor 3,000m and 5,000m. His season-best time of 7:36.89 in the 3k in the No. 2 performance in collegiate history and .47 seconds shy of the NCAA record, while his fastest 5k of 13:11.01 stands as the No. 3 all-time collegiate performance and ranks fifth on the 2023 world list. He won the 3k at the SEC Championships, setting a meet record time of 7:52.49.

**Kohl Drake, P, Walters State:** Drake was named the 2022 NJCAA Division I Baseball Pitcher of the Year. Drake had a remarkable season on the mound for the Senators, going undefeated and posting a 14-0 record with a 1.93 ERA. Drake struck out 160 batters, breaking the school record for strikeouts in a season and leading the NJCAA by 22 strikeouts. Drake had a K/9 of 15.4 and threw five complete games. He pitched 93.1 innings and had just 17 walks. Opponents hit just .187 against him.

**Trey Lipscomb, 3B, Tennessee baseball:** Lipscomb was among the contenders to win SEC Player of the

Year. He was the first-team selection at third base. Davis led the SEC in RBIs (74) and total bases (158). He also tied for the SEC lead with 21 home runs and ranked among the league leaders in runs scored (2<sup>nd</sup>) and slugging percentage (2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Caleb McNeely, Shortstop, Walters State:** McNeely was named the TCCAA Player of the Year and a first team All-American. He hit .390 with 25 home runs and 78 RBIs, while also scoring 96 runs and stealing 23 bases. He tied for the NJCAA lead in home runs with 25 and was second in the country in runs scored with 97.

**Brandon Miller, Forward, Univ. of Alabama men's basketball:** Freshman standout led Alabama in scoring and rebounding on his way to being named National Freshman of the Year by the USBWA and NABC. The Antioch, Tenn., native averaged 18.8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game in leading the Crimson Tide to both the SEC regular-season and tournament championships. Alabama reached the Sweet 16. He became just the fourth player in the last 50 years to lead the SEC in scoring as a freshman. Miller shot a team-best 38.4 percent from 3-point range and 85.9 percent from the free-throw line, also a team best. He was a first-team All-SEC selection.

**Gordon Sargent, Vanderbilt men's golf** – Gordon Sargent was named the recipient of the 2022 NCAA Division I Phil Mickelson Outstanding Freshman Award, becoming the first Vanderbilt golfer to win the honor. Sargent won the NCAA individual national championship with a birdie on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to win a four-way playoff. He became just the ninth freshman to win a national championship and the just Commodore to win an individual national title in any sport. He was named a PING First-Team All-American, a Haskins Award finalist, First-Team All-SEC and SEC Freshman of the Year. He posted a 70.03 stroke average in his breakout freshman campaign.

**Santiago Vescovi, G, Univ. of Tennessee men's basketball:** A first-team All-SEC selection, Vescovi led the SEC in 3-point field goal percentage, shooting .387 (46 of 119) from beyond the arc during conference games. He also finished second in the league in 3-point makes per game with 2.71. On the defensive end, Vescovi finished eighth in the league with 1.7 steals per game during SEC play. Overall in 17 SEC games, Vescovi averaged 13.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.7 steals per game.

**Adam Walton, Univ. of Tennessee tennis:** Walton was named the ITA Senior Player of the Year following a remarkable season. Walton finished the year with a 26-8 overall singles record, including a 19-6 mark in dual singles matches. He was 17-6 at No. 1 singles. He landed at fifth on Tennessee's all-time singles wins list with 124 career singles wins and eighth on the program's doubles list with 101 doubles wins. He was a first-team All-SEC selection.



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## NOMINEE INFORMATION

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*CAPACITY OF INVOLVEMENT* Female Amateur Team of the Year  
(player, coach, official, administrator)

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## Milligan Women's Cross Country – Female Amateur Team of the Year Nominee

The Milligan University women's cross country program made its 20th-consecutive appearance at the NAIA National Championships in 2022. The Buffs claimed their 17<sup>th</sup> Appalachian Athletic Conference women's cross country crown and spent the entire season ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the NAIA national rankings.

Milligan entered the NAIA National Championships with a No. 2 national ranking and a 72-3 head-to-head record. Milligan won meet titles at the Queen City Invitational, the Eli Cramer Invitational, the Royals Challenge and NAIA Appalachian Challenge. The Buffs were 16-3 against NCAA Division I competition and earned head-to-head wins over Louisville and South Carolina.

The Buffs ran to a national runner-up team finish behind No. 1 Taylor (Ind.). Milligan had three All-American finishers in the top 20. Freshman Ellen Mary Kearney finished eighth, Caitlin Dominy placed 14<sup>th</sup> and Alyssa Bearzi crossed 18<sup>th</sup>.

Milligan's finish was the Buffs' fourth-straight top-10 showing at the NAIA National Championships and eighth-straight top-15 team finish. Milligan spent the entire season ranked inside the NAIA's top 10 for the third-straight year. The Buffs have been ranked every NAIA national ranking release since 2015.



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Alyssa Bearzi (Milligan University Cross Country/Track) – Female Amateur Athlete of the Year Nominee

Alyssa Bearzi made her way from Seabrook, Australia to northeast Tennessee to compete for Milligan University in cross country and track. Bearzi made history as Milligan's first-ever individual cross country national champion in 2021 as she and the Buffs claimed NAIA national titles.

During the 2022-23 season, Bearzi earned All-American laurels in cross country with an 18<sup>th</sup>-place finish as the Buffs finished as the national runner-up.

She became the program's third two-time NAIA national champion this winter as she claimed the NAIA title in the women's indoor 5k in 17:11.36. In the team standings at the NAIA National Indoor Track & Field Championships, Milligan posted a fifth-place finish, the best in team history.

Bearzi set Milligan's indoor 5k record of 17:06.10 during the season. At the Appalachian Athletic Conference Championships, she took gold in the 5k, silver in the 3k and fourth in the mile as the Buffs won their second-ever AAC women's track indoor title.



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## Milligan Men's Cross Country – Male Amateur Team of the Year Nominee

The Milligan University men's cross country team made school history as the first NAIA national championship team in school history on November 19, 2021 in Vancouver, Wash. The Buffs had five of their seven runners set to return to defend the title in 2022. However, on March 31, 2022, sophomore Eli Cramer (Murfreesboro, TN) was struck by a car and killed while preparing for an outdoor track meet at William & Mary. Cramer was a two-time All-American and the Buffs' third finisher on their national championship team.

Milligan set out to defend its national title in fall 2023. The Buffs spent the entire season ranked as the No. 1 or No. 2 team in the NAIA. Heading into the national championship meet, Milligan posted a 73-5 head-to-head record with a 15-4 mark against NCAA Division I opponents. The Buffs defeated Division I's No. 30 Charlotte and Division II's No. 4 Wingate and No. 10 Charleston during the year. Milligan claimed its fourth-straight AAC title in November and carried a national No. 1 ranking in the NAIA National Championships in Tallahassee, Fla.

Despite losing Cramer, the Buffs posted a team score of 115, the exact same score that won the championship the year before. Milligan also matched the championship season with four All-Americans, as all four returners improved their individual finishes to earn All-American status. The Buffs finished as the national runner-up to Dordt (Iowa), marking the Buffs' third-straight top-three national finish and second-highest placement for any Milligan team in school history.

Junior Aaron Jones (Johnson City, TN) became Milligan's highest-ever finisher at the NAIA National Championships with a fourth-place finish and became the third three-time cross country All-American in program history.



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Aaron Jones (Milligan University Cross Country/Track) – Male Amateur Athlete of the Year Nominee

Aaron Jones is a native of Johnson City, Tenn. where he attended Science Hill High School. A junior cross country and track student-athlete, he is already one of the most decorated student-athletes in Milligan history.

Since stepping foot on campus at Milligan, Jones has been one of the top NAIA distance runners in the nation. He was Milligan's top finisher at the NAIA National Championships on the Buffs' 2020 third-place team, 2021 national championship team and 2022 national runner-up squad.

This past fall, he ran a season-best 24:08 8k to finish fourth overall at the NAIA National Championships. His effort marked the best finish for any Milligan men's cross country runner at the national championship meet in program history.

During the indoor season, Jones set school records in the 5k and 3k. He posted the NAIA's No. 1 3k time of 8:14.08, besting teammate and eventual NAIA 3k national champion Bryn Woodall at the prestigious Camel City Invitational at the JDL Fast Track.

Following his top-five national finish in cross country, Jones claimed his first NAIA national title as he was the NAIA men's 5k national champion in 14:26.68, a Milligan school record.

Jones helped the Buffs to Appalachian Athletic Conference championships in men's cross country and men's indoor track & field in 2022-23 as the Buffs repeated as AAC champs in both sports.

Last year Jones completed an All-American triple crown as he secured All-America status in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. He extended his streak to five-straight All-American outings at national championship events during 2022-23.

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## JOSIAH PORTER PROVES ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AT THE LLBWS

August 25, 2022

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Josiah Porter's family sat in the hospital room praying late into the night, huddled around the six-year-old with a bandage over his right eye. Josiah had just undergone emergency surgery after accidentally walking into the sharp corner of a toolbox hanging on a pickup truck, but he was far from out of the woods.

Despite doctors already declaring young Josiah legally blind in his right eye, he would undergo four more eye surgeries in the next year in an attempt to save his retina from completely detaching. The seemingly endless road to recovery that ensued sidelined the seven-year-old athlete and forced him to wear dark, thick glasses to protect his sensitive right eye. However, Josiah refused to give up on his athletic dreams as he continued to fight through an additional surgery as a part of his long rehabilitation period.

Before the accident, Josiah was an adept athlete known for his talent on the basketball courts and Little League® diamonds of Nolensville, Tennessee. A show-stopping shortstop, he made the play of a lifetime at just five years old, single-handedly turning a triple-play.

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After years of grueling rehab, Josiah's perseverance paid off this summer as he lived out the dream of every young baseball player, taking the field at the **Little League Baseball® World Series** (<https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2022/llbws/tournaments/world-series/>). The mighty righty played a key role in Nolensville Little League's journey to Williamsport, hitting .300 through four **Southeast Region** (<https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2022/llbws/tournaments/southeast-region/>) Tournament games and striking out only once.

"Josiah can hit. He can really hit. He can hit a 70 mile per hour fastball. Most people with two eyes can't hit a 70 mile per hour fastball and this kid can," said Randy Huth, Nolensville Little League Manager. "He's a very special kid and he's one of my heroes."

More impressive than Josiah's excellence at the plate is his play in the field, where he dazzled as a relief pitcher in Nolensville's opening round game in the Southeast Region Tournament. He threw just 35 pitches, 30 of them for strikes, and struck out nine batters while putting together an **immaculate inning** (<https://www.littleleague.org/videos/josiah-porters-immaculate-inning/>).



Josiah also learned to play a brand-new position this summer as a part of a stacked Nolensville squad. The former middle infielder transitioned to the outfield, and despite the difficulties that come with only being able to see out of one eye, Josiah has yet to register an error this summer.

"You have to focus on everything you do whether you're in the infield or the outfield, but the outfield is just a little bit harder to focus on the ball and track it," said Josiah.

More than anything, Josiah's accident taught the young athlete how to fight. The entire Porter family relied on the power of prayer to support Josiah as he battled through the countless eye drops, doctor's visits, and experiences missed due to his unfortunate accident.

"It's hard. I don't want anyone to think these last five years have been easy with this," said Brandon Porter, Josiah's father. "There's a lot that he goes through, but Josiah has overcome it, he's tough."







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April 14, 2023

Mr. Brad Willis  
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Dear Mr. Willis:

Upon reading the mission statement of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the goal to "enshrine athletes and teams for their dedication, hard work and contribution to Tennessee sports," I feel the **Music City Tennis Invitational** is worthy of becoming an honoree, as MCTI celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023.

MCTI was established in 1973 by Nashville music industry and community leaders, as a charity-tennis tournament. Through the years, MCTI tournaments became prestigious events, held in high esteem by the tennis community, and brought together stars of tennis and music. Tennis players of all skill levels have come together in Nashville from across the globe. Held annually, MCTI is a Nashville tradition of friendly, competitive tennis and a weekend filled with great music, parties, awards, and the making of lifelong friendships.

I have served on the MCTI Planning Committee since 1974 and Co-Chair since 2005, and remain actively involved. Music City Tennis Invitational is the longest running music-related charity tennis tournament in the country and has made a difference in the lives of many children and families in Tennessee. Through its tennis players, sponsors, donors and volunteers, MCTI is to be commended for its longevity and impact.

On behalf of MCTI, it is our goal to be enshrined in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and recognized for its rich history of serving others through the love of tennis.

Thank you and the nomination committee for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patsy Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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## MUSIC CITY TENNIS INVITATIONAL BIO

The Music City Tennis Invitational (MCTI) was founded in 1973 when Helen Farmer, an American Cancer Society executive, partnered with Wesley Rose, founder of Acuff-Rose Music Publishing, to create a music industry tennis tournament to promote camaraderie and raise funds for a variety of charities. Early planning committees for the event included [Bill Wade](#), NFL and Vanderbilt star quarterback; Sarah Cannon, known as Minnie Pearl; and Frances Preston, former Broadcast Music, Inc. President & CEO.

MCTI tournaments have attracted top artists, athletes and tennis enthusiasts, including Olympian [Wilma Rudolph](#), singer-songwriter Kenny Rogers, TV personality Pat Sajak, Nashville Symphony conductor Kenneth Schermerhorn, journalist John Seigenthaler and Brownlee Currey, for whom Vanderbilt's Currey Tennis Center is named. By 1997, MCTI had also created The Captain's Cup, a special event that garnered tennis professionals such as Patrick McEnroe, Tom Gullikson and others.

The MCTI was named the 2001 Tennessee Tennis Association Special Tennis Event of the Year, the 2008 USTA Tennessee Charity Tennis Event of the Year, and the 2015 USPTA Tennessee Tennis Charity Event of the Year. Former Nashville Mayor Karl Dean and Governor Bill Haslam have recognized the MCTI with proclamations commending the organization for its commitment and service to the people of Tennessee.

Since 1981, the MCTI Sportsmanship Award has been given to a tournament player nominated by fellow competitors. The trophy's inscription captures the core values of the MCTI: "To reflect the rare nature of a man whose competitive spirit never transcended the gentleness and sportsmanship inherent in him."

As the longest running music-related charity tennis tournament in the country, the MCTI has raised over \$2 million for Nashville charities. This year, the MCTI celebrates 50 years of giving back to the Nashville community through the sport of tennis with the ongoing support of its tournament players, sponsors, donors and volunteers.