

# Marshall Co. XC has strong showing in recent meets

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The Marshall County cross country teams recently competed in the Jesse Owens Classic, held in Danville, Alabama, where the teams competed in the Bronze classification.

The Tigerettes posted a 10th place finish out of 31 teams, while the Tigers turned in a 29th over all finish.

Between both squads, 13 runners posted personal bests on the day.

Sophomore Aydan Cook was top finisher for the Tigers, finishing in 19:19.

For the Tigerettes, senior Kendall Adams turned in a 21:55 finish time, good enough for 45th overall.

Following the strong showing at the Jesse Owens classic, the Mar-

shall County cross country teams competed in a meet at East Hickman.

The Tigerettes took second-place overall, while the Tigers finished third.

After an extended break, Marshall County will be back in action on October 20 at the Best of Marshall Meet, held at Henry Horton against Cornersville and Forrest.

Senior Night activities will begin at 4:40 p.m., with the races set to begin at 5 p.m.

**Earning medals recently were Aydan Cook, Kendall, Karlie Lohr, Kamaria Johnson, Olympia Cathey, Abigail Haley, and Alicia Basabe.**

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# Titans on top of AFC South after 0-2 start

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NASHVILLE — Having a bye at the NFL's first opportunity is not usually not what anyone wants.

The battered Tennessee Titans are in no position to complain, needing this break both to heal and fix a laundry list of issues.

"This is when it falls, and certainly we'll use the time best to our advantage to try to get guys back healthy, give some guys some rest that have played a lot of football for us and we'll see if (we can) find ways to improve," coach Mike Vrabel said Monday.

The Titans (3-2) have won three straight by a combined 13 points, the latest a 21-17 win at Washington. Their rally from an 0-2 start has allowed the two-time defending AFC South champs to claw their way from the bottom of the division back to the top.

And they're a missed field goal and a blown lead from being 4-1.

"Got some good things going, need to clean up some things, but got some good things going and just want to keep the foot on the gas and keep going," quarterback Ryan Tannehill said.

## What's working

The defense. At least when defending the run and making big stops when it matters most, not bad for a unit that



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After starting 0-2 this season, the Titans have clawed back to sit on top of the AFC South at the bye week, winning three-straight games against Las Vegas, Indianapolis and Washington.

has started an NFL-high 20 different defenders already after using 26 last season. They haven't allowed more than 101 rushing yards since then and have allowed 38 and 43 yards in each of the past two games.

Tennessee broke up a 2-point conversion pass to preserve its first win of the season over Las Vegas, and linebacker David Long Jr. got the interception at the goal line to seal its latest victory on Sunday over Washington.

## What needs help

The offensive line. The Titans at least ended a seven-quarter scoreless drought in the second half. But a late scratch of right guard Nate Davis left Tennessee with yet another new starter on the offensive line, and Tannehill was sacked five times and hit 13 after being sacked only seven times combined coming into the game.

## Stock up

Derrick Henry. The two-time NFL rushing champ has strung to-

gether back-to-back 100-yard rushing games, climbing to fifth in the league with 408 yards rushing entering Monday. He's fourth with five rushing TDs entering Monday. Henry also has blossomed as a pass-catching threat with 10 catches for 121 yards over this three-game streak.

Henry is well on his way to the best season of his career at this rate. He had a career-best 19 catches in 2020 and 206 yards receiving in 2019.

## Stock down

CB Caleb Farley. The first-round pick of 2021 played only nine snaps against Washington, his second game this season where he played fewer than 10 defensive snaps. He has size at 6-foot-2, 197 pounds, but Farley currently is backing up rookie Roger McCreary.

## Injured

The Titans already have 11 players on injured reserve with their top draft pick, wide receiver Treyton Burks, added to the list the day before their win

at Washington. Three starters were scratched from that game with LB Zach Cunningham (elbow) and S Amani Hooker (concussion) missing their second straight.

OLB Bud Dupree has played 21 snaps combined over the past month, missing two other games with an injured hip. Starting RG Nate Davis (knee/foot) was a late scratch after apparently getting hurt in practice last week.

## Key number

43 — That's the number of penalties the Titans have been flagged for this season, too many for a team that has been one of the NFL's least-penalized teams since Vrabel took over as head coach in 2018. They ranked seventh for fewest penalties since 2018.

They were flagged eight times for 69 yards against Washington. Vrabel refused to discuss penalties Monday to avoid being fined, saying "Let the league talk about penalties and officiating."

## Next steps

Heal up. Then they host Indianapolis on Oct. 23 with a chance to sweep the Colts, then face a two-game road swing at Houston capped by a prime-time game at Kansas City. Then they'll have five games in Nashville starting Nov. 13 to try to stay atop the division.

# Favre

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fees from the Mississippi Community Education Center, a nonprofit group that spent TANF money with approval from the Department of Human Services. But, White said Tuesday that Favre still owes \$228,000 in interest.

In October 2021, Favre and White engaged in a social media spat about White saying Favre had accepted the \$1.1 million but had failed to show up for speaking engagements.

"Of course the money was returned because I would never knowingly take funds meant to help our neighbors in need, but for Shad White to continue to push out this lie that the money was for no-show events is something I cannot

stay silent about," Favre wrote.

White said Tuesday that Favre has repeatedly made "confusing" statements about the payment for speaking.

"The contract that justified the payment to him for \$1.1 million required him to show up and give speeches, and he didn't give the speeches," White said. "If he's arguing that that contract is a sham, he can't be paid \$1.1 million on a nonexistent contract. He still has to pay the money back."

The director of the nonprofit, Nancy New, pleaded guilty in April to charges of mispending welfare money, as did her son Zachary New, who helped run the center. They await sentencing and have agreed to testify against others.

In a Sept. 12 court filing in the civil lawsuit,

an attorney for the Mississippi Community Education Center released several text messages about \$5 million in welfare money that went toward the volleyball facility. The messages were between Nancy New and Favre, between Favre and former Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant and between Bryant and New. The messages were from 2017 to 2019, when the Republican Bryant was still governor.

That court filing said the nonprofit center agreed to pay Favre \$1.1 million "for a few radio spots" to help fund the volleyball arena, which was also being called a campus wellness center. Favre had agreed to lead fundraising efforts to build the facility on the Hattiesburg campus.

According to court documents, Favre text-

ed New on Aug. 3, 2017, about the payment to him for speaking: "If you were to pay me is there anyway the media can find out where it came from and how much?"

New responded: "No, we never have had that information publicized. I understand you being uneasy about that though. Let's see what happens on Monday with the conversation with some of the folks at Southern. Maybe it will click with them. Hopefully."

Favre replied: "Ok thanks."

The next day, New texted Favre: "Wow, just got off the phone with Phil Bryant! He is on board with us! We will get this done!"

Favre played football at the University of Southern Mississippi before going to the NFL in 1991. His daughter

began playing on the school's volleyball team in 2017.

Favre said in the statement to Fox News on Tuesday that state agencies provided money to Mississippi Community Education Center, which then gave money to the University of Southern Mississippi "all with the full knowledge and approval of other State agencies," including the board that governs Mississippi's eight public univer-

sities, the governor's office and the attorney general's office.

News outlets have previously reported involvement by the state college board, the governor's office and the attorney general's office in approval of money for the volleyball arena.

"I was told that the legal work to ensure that these funds could be accepted by the university was done by State attorneys and State employees," Favre said.

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