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ARENA FOOTBALL ONE ON VICE TV, SATURDAY, MAY 10

Sport: Arena Football One
Game: Nashville Kats (3-2) at Albany Firebirds (7-0)
Date: Saturday, May 10
Time: 7:00-10:00 PM ET
Location: MVP Arena, Albany, NY
TV Announcers: Andrew Santillo - Play-by-Play
Tom "Goz" Goslowski - Analyst

Preview: This week's Arena Football Game of the Week features the undefeated Albany Firebirds hosting the Nashville Kats, who ride in on a three-game winning streak. The Kats also made big news this week, announcing that longtime NFL and Super Bowl-winning coach Jon Gruden became a Partner with the team and their ownership group, Fisher Football Ventures LLC. Gruden, in addition to his ownership stake, will have consulting and advisory roles in all of the team's football and business operations. This will be the second game of the year between Nashville and Albany. The Firebirds took the first clash, 42-34, on the road.

Nashville, tied for third place in league standings, last played two weeks ago, beating the SW Kansas Storm 41-37 in a close one. On offense, QB Tyler Kulka leads the Kats with a .682 completion percentage, throwing for 570 yards and eight TDs this season. WR Robert Jones leads the team in rushing (83 yards in 22 attempts) and receptions/yards receiving (28/292). He has four TDs on the ground and six TD receptions. His 10 total TDs are fourth best in the league, while he ranks second in points per game (12.0). FB Carlton Brown has 49 yards rushing in 13 attempts with six TDs. WR Antwane Grant has 26 receptions for 252 yards and four TDs. His 63.0 average receiving yards/game ranks third league-wide. On defense, DB Amos Coleman III leads the Kats with 30 tackles and ranks third in the league.

At 7-0, Albany, AF1's only undefeated team, sits comfortably atop the standings with a three-game lead over the second-place Storm. The Firebirds are coming off a close 64-58 home win over the Salina Liberty on Sunday. QB Sam Catronova has passed for 1,112 yards and boasts 1,234 yards in total offense, ranking third in both categories. His 33 passing TDs rank first. Catronova also leads the Firebirds in rushing, with 122 yards in 21 attempts, adding three more TDs. His primary target, WR Duane Brown, is having a spectacular season. He ranks first in the league with 563 receiving yards, 20 TDs/TD receptions, 80.4 yards receiving per game, 120 points scored, and 17.1 points per game. Fellow WR Isiah Scott has chipped in with 22 receptions for 334 yards and nine TDs. On defense, Firebirds DB Markus Smith's 27 tackles are fourth best in the league. He and DB Derrick Jones have four interceptions each and are tied for second in the league. Albany has established its version of a sack exchange, with Dejon Walden (7.0) ranked second and Drew Singleton and Ezekiel Rose (6.0 each) tied for third. Not to be overlooked, Firebirds kicker Henry Nell ranks second in AF1 play with 71 points scored, behind only teammate Brown.