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ARENA FOOTBALL ONE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- ARENA CROWN 2025 -

COMING TO VICE TV ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28

BIG3 HEADS TO MIAMI ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Sport: Arena Football One Championship - Arena Crown 2025

Game: Nashville Kats (2) at Albany Firebirds (1)

Date: Saturday, June 28

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM ET

Location: MVP Arena, Albany, NY

TV Announcers: Tom "Goz" Goslowski - Play-by-Play

Andrew Santillo - Analyst

Preview: Arena Crown 2025 features Arena Football One's two top-seeded playoff teams, the undefeated Albany Firebirds (10-0, 1-0) against the No. 2 seed Nashville Kats (6-4, 1-0). As the higher seed, Albany will host the game at MVP Arena, where the first Arena Crown in history will be presented.

The Firebirds continued their dream season by punching their ticket to the championship game on Saturday with a decisive defeat of the Salina Liberty 75-44. Firebirds QB Sam Castronova, who led the league with 48 TD passes this season, went 21-33 for 303 yards passing, throwing for eight TDs and rushing for two more. Albany WR Duane Brown, who led the league with 30 TD receptions, had 98 yards receiving and two TDs. Teammate Darien Townsend added a pair of TD receptions.

The Kats had a tougher time in their semifinal on Sunday, defeating the SW Kansas Storm 48-43 in a nail-biter. Kats QB Tyler Kulka, who ranked fourth in the league with 31 TD passes, went 18-21 for 250 yards and five TDs. Calvin Fance had two rushing TDs for the Kats, while WR Nih-Jer Jackson had 131 yards receiving. Led by Rod Perry, Nashville's defensive front has wreaked havoc all season and they'll need to keep it up to compete against Albany in Arena Crown 2025.

This is the third meeting of the season between the Firebirds and Kats. The first match-up came almost three months ago, on March 29 in Nashville, with Albany winning 42-34. The last time these two teams met was May 10, with the Firebirds defeating the Kats 71-55 in Albany. Castronova went 28-55 for 352 yards, nine TD passes and one interception. Kulka didn't play for the Kats in the first matchup, sitting behind then-starter Rakeem Cato, but in the last meeting, he went 27-44 for 332 yards, five TDs and one interception.

Tom “Goz” Goslowski and Andrew Santillo will be on the call for the exciting conclusion to the Arena Football One season. The game will be followed by an on-field trophy presentation.

Sport: BIG3 Basketball
Games: Dallas Power (1-1) vs. Detroit Amps (2-0)
DMV Trilogy (0-2) vs. Chicago Triplets (1-1)
Date: Sunday, June 29
Time: 3:30-5:30 PM ET
Location: Kaseya Center, Miami
TV Announcers: Brian Scalabrine - Play-by-Play
Jim Jackson - Analyst
Chris Haynes - Sideline Reporter

Preview: The BIG3 moves to Miami for Week 3, as the Detroit Amps (2-0), the league’s lone undefeated team, put their blemish-free record on the line against the Dallas Power (1-1), and the DMV Trilogy (0-2), the league’s only winless team, look to notch their first victory against the Chicago Triplets (1-1).

Dallas is coming off its first loss of the young season, dropping a 50-45 decision to the LA Riot last weekend, while the Amps are coming off a 50-47 win over Miami. Dallas’ Glen Rice Jr. ranks second in scoring with 42 points, is second with seven assists, and is tied for second with 17 rebounds. Teammate Paul Milsap is the league leader with 21 rebounds, and Greg Monroe is tied for second with five three-pointers, ranks third with 16 rebounds, and is tied for third with six assists. Detroit’s Joe Johnson, the BIG3’s leading scorer with 59 points, also ranks first with two four-pointers and is tied for second with five three-pointers. Detroit’s Jeremy Pargo leads the league with nine assists, while Shakur Juiston is tied for second with 17 rebounds and three steals.

In week two, DMV lost to Boston, 50-42, while Chicago downed Houston, 51-34. The Trilogy, led by assistant coach Vernon Maxwell, didn’t find their offensive rhythm until late in the game versus Boston. Down 18 in the second half, DMV went on a 20-8 run to cut the lead to single digits, but it wasn’t enough. Earl Clark finished with a 15-point double-double, and Isaiah Austin dropped 13 points for DMV.

After letting one slip away last week in Chicago, the Triplets reminded everyone why this team is so dangerous. After leading Houston by just five points at halftime, Chicago — powered by Montrezl Harrell, Nasir Core, and Chris Allen — went on an 18-6 run to start the second half and never looked back. The three combined for 45 of Chicago’s 51 points.

In addition to VICE Sports’ live coverage, BIG3 games originally airing on CBS will receive encore presentations on Fridays in June and Thursdays in July on VICE TV. Check listings for exact airtimes. (BIG3.com contributed to this preview.)

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