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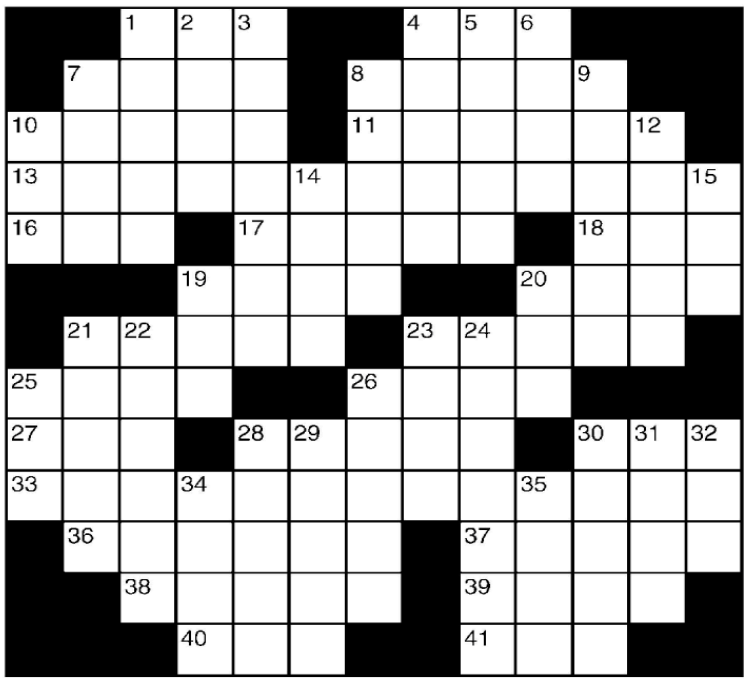

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10 Insertion mark
11 Mountain-eering tool
13 New Orleans section
16 Scoundrel
17 Storefront sign info
18 Raw rock
19 Olympic sled
20 Desert-like
21 Harvests
23 Ski trail
25 Nevada city
26 Sex Pistols genre
27 Suitable
28 Highlanders
30 Island garland
33 "3rd Rock From the Sun" cast member
36 Baltimore bird
37 Change
38 Hairnet
39 Carry
40 Mimic
41 Crafty

DOWN
1 Sent a telegram
2 Admitting customers
3 Burger enhancer
4 Happen again
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6 Despot
7 Prefix with legal or medic
8 Resentment
9 Blackmail
10 Ozone depleter (Abbr.)
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15 Scarlet
19 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
20 Request
21 Copy, for short
22 Goes in
23 Green shot
24 Entomo-logist's study
25 U.K. fliers
26 Sat for a picture
28 Ice cream tool
29 Actress Sevigny
30 Non-clergy
31 Sea eagle
32 "— Impossible"
34 NPR's Totenberg
35 Sweater material

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **Z** equals **W**

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P O M E Y S L W O A R N K K I
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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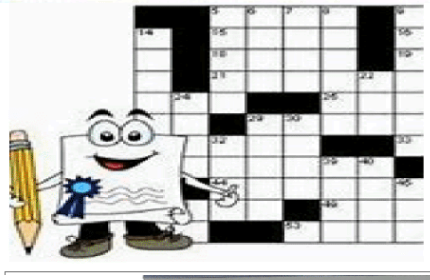

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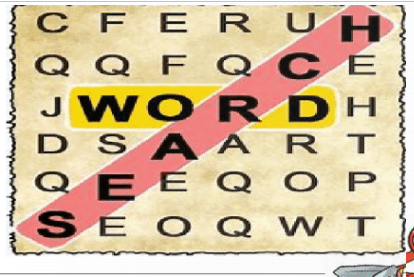



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2027 NCAA MEN'S FINAL FOUR



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DETROIT – The logo for the 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four® was revealed today at Ford Field. Members of the NCAA and the Detroit Local Organizing Committee (DLOC) gathered at the site of the future event to present the logo to local media and stakeholders.

"Today's first look at the logo for the 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four tips off the countdown to Detroit welcoming basketball fans from across the country and beyond," said Dave Beachnau, CEO of the Detroit Local Organizing Committee for the 2027 Men's Final Four. "The Detroit Local Organizing Committee looks forward to working closely with the NCAA to deliver an exceptional Final Four experience—one that reflects Detroit's grit, creativity, and deep basketball roots."

The 2027 Men's Final Four logo serves as a tribute to Detroit's heritage and toughness. Designed by Section 127, the logo draws inspiration from the city's street signs, auto tags, and industrial roots. The "313" area code reflects Detroit's deep sense of pride and place, while the basketball-record graphic nods to Hitsville and the city's Motown legacy. The brackets frame "Detroit," visually reinforcing the city as the center of the celebration.

"We are thrilled that the Final Four is returning to the great city of Detroit," said Dan Gavitt, Senior Vice President of Basketball for the NCAA. "While it's only the second time the Final Four has come to the city, Detroit and other Michigan cities have a long history – more than 60 years, in fact – of hosting March Madness. The people of this state love basketball at all levels and those people owe an amount of gratitude to the Detroit Sports Commission, which put its best foot forward during a competitive site selection process to show off the transformation of downtown Detroit. It's a great time to be a sports fan in Michigan."

Detroit will host the 2027 Men's Final Four® semifinal games at Ford Field on Saturday, April 3 and the championship game on Monday, April 5. In addition to the exciting March Madness competition on the court, the 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four will include a full schedule of fan events and community initiatives hosted by the Detroit Local Organizing Committee focused on the NCAA's commitment to education, the student-athlete experience, and an exciting fan experience.

"The launch of the 2027 Final Four logo and FinalFourDetroit.com represents an exciting step in welcoming one of the biggest sporting events in the world to our region," said Claude Molinari, President & CEO of Visit Detroit. "We're looking forward to more milestones in the months to come and shining a spotlight on Detroit while providing an exceptional experience for the participating student-athletes and college basketball fans across the globe."

In the above photo:

Tom Izzo, J Batt, Joan Scott, Todd Bettison, Dan Gavitt, Martin Newton, Nancy Tellem, Dave Beachnau, and Rod Wood

BEFORE and AFTER

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We are going to do something new with Before and After. Instead of telling you where the picture was taken, we want YOU to tell us! This question must be answered: The photographer is standing in the middle of a Downtown Detroit street. Our question to YOU is, where is our photographer standing? To the left of our photographer is a street sign. To win you must take a picture of the street sign that reveals TWO streets. The first THREE PEOPLE that sends an email pic of the street sign to: tms@servicestarnetwork.com will be mailed $20! If you have CASH APP we will send you $25 for saving us post office costs and gas mileage. Do you know the D? **THIS CONTEST IS IN HONOR OF MR. GIBSON AND HIS GENEROUS DONATION TO THE MONTHLY STANDARD. THANK YOU!**

BEFORE and AFTER Extra



BIG PROPS TO THE CITY! What you see is trash in a Detroit neighborhood. What you do not see the an even bigger pile of trash across the street from this ghastly scene. The first pic was taken on April 9th. The Monthly Standard was prepared to show YOU this disgusting scene, with a commentary attached. We didn't have to. On April 10th BOTH trash piles were cleared. **BRAVO DETROIT!**

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SCRIPTURE -All things, therefore, that you want men to do to you, you also must do to them. This, in fact, is what the law of the Prophets mean. Matthew 7:12

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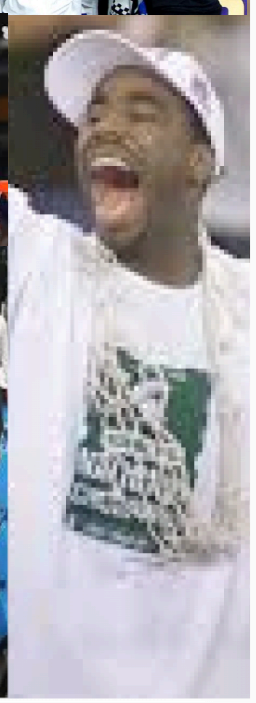










COVER STORY

2027 NCAA MEN'S FINAL FOUR



Courtesy of FINALFOURDETROIT.COM

Meet The Co-Chairs: Detroit Chief of Police, Todd Bettison & BasBlue CEO Nancy Tellum

The Detroit Local Organizing Committee (DLOC) for the 2027 NCAA® Men's Final Four® today announced Detroit Police Chief Todd Bettison and BasBlue CEO and Founder Nancy Tellem as committee co-chairs for the event.

"The Detroit Local Organizing Committee is extremely pleased that Chief Bettison and Nancy Tellem will serve as co-chairs for the 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four," said Dave Beachnau, DLOC CEO. "Chief Bettison, through his extensive support of the record-breaking 2024 NFL Draft, and Nancy Tellem's tireless commitment to elevating a variety of diverse and inclusive causes in the Detroit community, will provide a unique and valued blend of leadership needed to support our organization's goal of hosting the best men's Final Four ever."

"I'm honored to be selected to the Detroit Local Organizing Committee as we continue to work together to host the 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four," said Chief Todd A. Bettison. "Safely hosting large events is what we do in Detroit, and my officers and I look forward to welcoming fans from all over the country to make this a safe and memorable experience for all."

The 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four will be hosted at Ford Field with the semifinals on Saturday, April 3 and the championship game on Monday, April 5. In addition to the exciting March Madness competition on the court, the event will feature a variety of fan-friendly, basketball-themed community events designed to leave a lasting legacy in the Detroit region.

"I look forward to supporting the Detroit Local Organizing Committee's hosting of the 2027 NCAA Men's Final Four and leveraging the platform of the event to help elevate the Detroit community," said Nancy Tellem, CEO and Co-Founder BasBlue. "Since Arn and I arrived in Detroit, nearly a decade ago, I have made it a priority to devote my efforts to supporting the on-going transformation of Detroit and developing initiatives to help those in need throughout the city."

HOST SCHOOL

Michigan State University

COVER STORY

The Final Four Comes to Detroit in 2027

Will Our Local Teams Appear and How Will the Ren Cen Look to Visitors?


Ren Cen-Vast Expanse of Nothing


Yaxel Lendenborg


Michigan Celebrates


Elliot Cadeau


UDM Coach Mark Montgomery

Detroit Must Shine, The Nation Will Be Watching

The NCAA Final Four basketball championship is one of the most anticipated events in college sports and it's coming to Detroit! The 2024 NFL Draft was huge. The NCAA Final Four is on the same level. It's a massive event. There will be four teams from across the United States vying for the 2027 National Championship. Most of their fans will not have a ticket for the games. They will be here to be close to their favorite team, and those people will number into the thousands. That's why Detroit has to look good. Especially, one building, The Renaissance Center. People from across the USA will be expecting the Ren Cen to be teeming with activity. They do not know about the money saving scheme concocted by Bedrock and GM. If those billion dollar entities do not straighten up and change their course our visitors will see a vast expanse of nothingness. Do we want visitors in the tens of thousands to be underwhelmed when they see Detroit's iconic building? (Of course not). Here at The Monthly Standard we truly hope Bedrock's Dan Gilbert and GM's Mary Barra step up and reverse the policies that are dooming Detroit's Ren Cen. Now, back to basketball....This year the University of Michigan rose to glory and claimed the NCAA championship trophy for themselves. Can they do it again, or will the host school, Michigan State University, step up and seize the title? It's not a reach to ask those questions because both schools have storied basketball programs, passionate fan bases, capable head coaches, and NBA caliber players who can achieve that lofty goal.

The Unpredictability of March Madness Will Always Prevail

While both Michigan and Michigan State possess the ingredients for a championship run, it is crucial to acknowledge the inherent unpredictability of March Madness. Upsets are common, and a single bad game or a hot opponent can derail even the most talented teams. Factors such as player health, match-ups, officiating, and sheer luck all play a significant role. A team that may appear dominant throughout the regular season can falter under the intense pressure of the NCAA tournament. Conversely, teams that fly under the radar can emerge as dark horses and make deep runs. Will a Cinderella team play at Ford Field next year? For either the Wolverines or the Spartans to win it all, they will need to navigate a challenging path, defeating some of the nation's best teams. The journey requires not only talent but also resilience, mental toughness, and performing at their best when it matters most. Having the championship game in Detroit adds an exciting layer to this narrative that could create an epic in-state showdown.

By winning the 2026 championship, Michigan head coach Dusty May is standing on the mountaintop. His goal is to build a dynasty and stay there. The Spartans of Michigan State are led by the legendary coach Tom Izzo. They are perennial contenders in college basketball. Izzo's track record of success, including a national championship in 2000 and numerous Final Four appearances, speaks for itself. His ability to develop talent and prepare his teams for the NCAA tournament is unparalleled. The Spartans consistently field teams that are tough, disciplined, and play with a chip on their shoulder, qualities that are essential for a deep tournament run.

The Spartans also possess a unique advantage in their passionate and vocal fan base, which can create an intimidating atmosphere for opponents, especially in games played within the state. If Michigan State can consistently execute their game plan, capitalize on their defensive prowess, and get timely scoring from their key players, their fans have every reason to believe the Spartans can win the 2027 championship. Their experience in high-pressure situations, a hallmark of Izzo's coaching, could prove to be the deciding factor in close tournament games. The national semifinals will be April 3, 2027. The championship game will be played April 5, 2027.

Let's not forget the University of Detroit-Mercy. Coach Mark Montgomery, mentored by Tom Izzo, has vastly improved his squad of Titans. They are hoping for a long NCAA tournament run in 2027 too. UDM could be that Cinderella team that plays in Ford Field.



Dana Redd



A Tale of Two Models

I have two close friends who are models and there's always a little friction going on between them. One of them goes by the name of Georgia Peach. She's been on the high-end circuit for several years. She's internationally-known and as pretty as they come, but she's very cocky and likes to have it her way. The other model, who simply goes by Kimberly, is relatively new in the industry and Georgia Peach took her under her wing to see if she could help boost Kimberly's modeling career. But on the other hand, Georgia Peach doesn't want Kimberly to get too big, that's why she is constantly telling her she'll never get to her status and you're not as pretty as me either. That would irritate Kimberly, who didn't have the look many modeling agencies are searching for, but she has a lot of great qualities.

One day the two models attended a major casting call, which they will select the team to model in Milan, Italy. Kimberly insisted on driving herself as opposed to riding with Georgia Peach because she's known for showing up late. As expected, Georgia Peach was late. The first thing she said was "I'm gonna kill this casting call and be on my way to Milan. Girl, ain't nobody in here prettier than me, and plus I've got connections – you may get there one day – I always get selected - look girl, everyone's checking me out," and on and on and on. It didn't stop. You can tell by how the other models were looking and interacting with her that she wasn't well-liked. But that's Kimberly's friend and she brought her in the game.

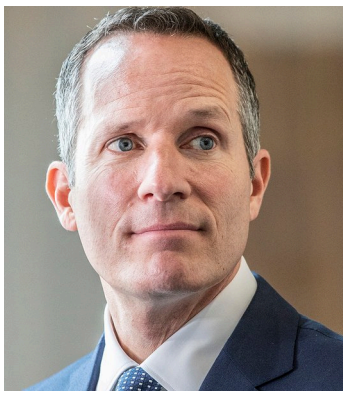
With so many gorgeous models busy walking and doing photo shoots, Kimberly really didn't think she had much of a chance at getting selected, but she did it for the experience and the networking. She thought she did pretty well with modeling and interview session. They said they would notify everyone in about a week.

One week later...
The email notices arrived and to Kimberly's surprise, she was picked to go to Milan. They said they really enjoyed her look and especially like her personality and her business sense. On the other hand, for the first time in years, Georgia Peach was not selected. She immediately called Kimberly and could not believe she was going and not her. She went crazy. She jumped on social media and start berating several people she accused of trying to damage her reputation (including Kimberly), adding profanity throughout her posts. Needless to say, Kimberly and Georgia Peach's friendship fell apart that day and hasn't been patched up since. Just because you're hot that doesn't mean you can stay on top. Treat people good and be humble. The blessings will come.



SPORTS

AN OPEN LETTER TO CHRIS ILITCH CONCERNING THE STEVE YZERMAN SITUATION



Chris Ilitch

Dear Chris, I am sure you hear the rumblings around town. I know you heard the boo-birds after the loss to New Jersey. Your Red Wings are going to miss the NHL playoffs for the TENTH consecutive season! It seems EVERYBODY is saying you should FIRE STEVE YZERMAN. This cannot be easy for you. The fans do not understand. You guys have more than an Owner and General Manager relationship. Both born in 1965. You were around the first day Steve Yzerman stepped foot in Detroit. You recognize Steve Yzerman is a legend for the Detroit Red Wings. A great leader. The team captain that won THREE Stanley Cup championships for the Detroit Red Wings AND he is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. All the accolades aside, he is YOUR friend. How could you fire a guy like that? Keep reading. It's been done before. Think about the guy your dad bought the team from, Bruce Norris.



Bruce Norris



Ted Lindsey



Steve Yzerman

Chris, there are many parallels between YOU are Bruce Norris. As you read the similarities will be quite evident. As far as Yzerman is concerned, think about another legendary player for the Detroit Red Wings, Ted Lindsey. He was a member of the famed Production Line which featured himself, Sid Abel and Gordie Howe. The Detroit Red Wings from that era were a team of All-Stars. Only one man was chosen to lead them as captain. It was Ted Lindsey. Terrible Ted Lindsey was tough! He led the Red Wings to FOUR Stanley Cup championships. Lindsey is also a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame. Here's another important similarity. Bruce Norris and Ted Lindsey were friends. No doubt about it. Bruce was born in 1924. Ted was born in 1925. They were contemporaries born in the same era that saw things, almost, the same way. Player, Ted, wanted a players union. Owner, Bruce, did not. Ted was stripped of his captaincy and shipped off to the Chicago Black Hawks. End of story. Right? WRONG!

As stated, Ted Lindsey and Bruce Norris were friends. That's why Ted was brought back to Detroit to finish his playing career, as he should, as a member of the Detroit Red Wings. There were no hard feelings. THESE WERE MEN! In the 1977-78 season, Ted Lindsey became GM of the Red Wings. After missing the playoffs the previous nine seasons, the team Ted constructed actually made the playoffs. The Red Wings won an unforgettable playoff series against the Atlanta Flames when Bill Lochead scored late in the third period at the Olympia. For his efforts Ted Lindsey won the NHL's Executive of the Year Award. The Wings did not make the playoffs in the 1978-79 season. Entering the 1979-80 season, Ted named himself the head coach of the team. The Red Wings missed the playoffs again after the 1979-80 season. Norris acted swiftly and relieved his friend of his General Manager duties in the summer of 1979, but, Ted was still the head coach. Not for long. The Wings started the 1980-81 season with a dismal record of 3-14-3. That was a enough for Norris. Friend or not, he had a business to run. Lindsey was fired as head coach of the Red Wings on November 24, 1980.

As you can see, there are plenty of similarities concerning Ted Lindsey & Steve Yzerman. Both have every accolade hockey can bestow. They both even have statues at Little Caesars Arena. OH! Steve Yzerman doesn't have a statue? Chris, please FIRE STEVE YZERMAN. After that, have a statue built for him. Next, BRING AGGRESSIVE HOCKEY BACK TO OUR TOWN! Thx.

CLASSIC GANGSTER COMICS



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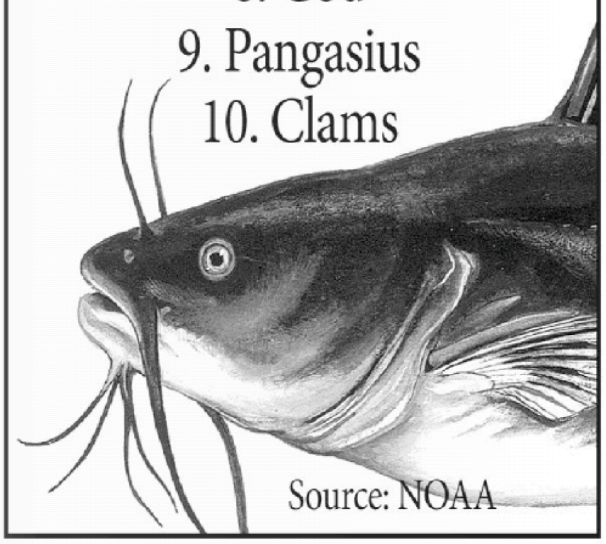
10. Clams



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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earflap is missing. 2. Scarf is moved. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Cap tassel is shorter. 5. House is moved. 6. Steering bar is smaller.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers

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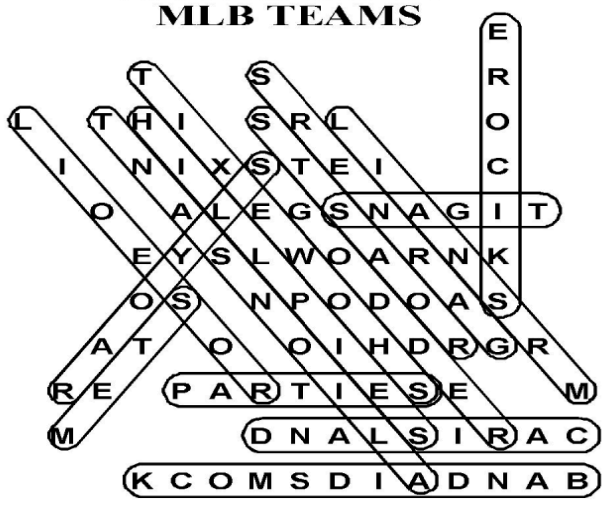
CryptoQuip

answer

When she had become quite bored with her current gallant knight, she went back to squire one.

ANAGRAMS OF MLB TEAMS



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