

# Raiders fire Telesco as GM after one season

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The Las Vegas Raiders fired general manager Tom Telesco on Thursday, two days after dismissing head coach Antonio Pierce following a 4-13 season.

“We appreciate his efforts in helping build a foundation for the future,” the team said in a statement. “We wish Tom and his family all the best.”

Telesco, 52, was hired in January 2024. He served as the Chargers’ general manager from 2013 until he was fired along with Los Angeles head coach Brandon Staley following



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Tom Telesco reacts during a game against the Falcons at Allegiant Stadium.

a 63-21 loss to host Las Vegas in December 2023.

The Chargers went 84-95 in the regular sea-

son and 2-3 in the playoffs while Telesco was the team’s general manager. Pierce, 46, went 9-17

over 1 1/2 seasons as the team’s coach. He became the coach on an interim basis after the midseason firing of Josh McDaniels in 2023.

The Raiders had a 10-game losing streak during the gloomy 2024 season. Las Vegas lost six games by double digits during the streak and nine overall.

Gardner Minshew was the starting quarterback at the outset of the season and Aidan O’Connell was the other main quarterback used by the club. Desmond Ridder also started when they were injured.

Tight end Brock Bowens, who was selected 13th overall in the 2024 NFL Draft, was one of the bright spots with an NFL rookie-record 112 recep-

# Vikings vs. Rams moved to Arizona due to fires in LA

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The Minnesota Vikings and Los Angeles Rams will play their NFC wild card matchup in Glendale, Arizona, instead of Inglewood, California, due to the Los Angeles wildfires, the NFL announced.

The game will still kick off at 8 p.m. EST Monday at State Farm Stadium.

“In the interest of public safety, Monday’s Vikings-Rams wild card game has been moved from SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif., to State Farm Stadium, the home of the Arizona Cardinals, the NFL announced today,” the NFL said.

“The decision was made in consultation with public officials, the participating clubs and the NFLPA.”

The wild card matchup will air on ESPN and ABC.

Fires continued to burn Friday in Los Angeles County and Ventura County. More than 180,000 people have been impacted by evacuation orders. The Los Angeles

medical examiner announced Thursday that 10 people died as a result of the fires.

“Every time we suit up, we’re the Los Angeles Rams,” Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford told reporters Thursday. “We play for the people in this community, the people that support us, and this week will be another example of that.”

Vikings coach Kevin O’Connell said he reached out to Rams coach Sean McVay to offer support.

“I connected with him early on because I know about where he lives and he and a lot of those guys I have relationships with live,” O’Connell said of McVay. “The area we are talking about, there is a lot of people in a very small square radius. You just never know who is being impacted. I’ve had some dialogue with folks that lost everything.”

“There are really no words you can say other than you are thinking of them, praying for them and hoping things start to turn here.”

# Amazon Prime to sponsor Elliott’s car for 3 races annually

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Amazon Prime has signed a deal to sponsor Chase Elliott’s car for three races annually from 2025-27.

The agreement with the Hendrick Motorsports is an effort to raise awareness of Prime Video’s Cup Series rights deal that begins this season. Financial terms were not disclosed.

The paint scheme for Elliott’s No. 9 Chevrolet will use Amazon Prime’s blue and white colors, with a “NASCAR on Prime” logo reading “Streaming May 2025”

placed on the rear bumper. The 29-year-old Elliott won the “Most Popular Driver” award for the seventh consecutive season in 2024.

Amazon will use its first sponsorship at Talladega on April 27. It will then skip Texas and use the final two for 2025 in mid-May at Kansas and the All-Star Race at North Wilkesboro.

“We’re thrilled to work with Hendrick Motorsports and Chase as we begin our NASCAR coverage in 2025,” Stacey Rosenson, Amazon’s director and head of U.S. sports marketing, said in a press release. “It repre-



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sents an exciting extension of our new NASCAR relationship. Chase is a wildly popular, championship-winning driver, and we can’t wait to see the No. 9 Prime Video team in action as we approach our streaming debut.”

Amazon’s five-race streaming stretch then begins at the Coca-Cola 600 on May 25. Prime will

also stream practice and qualifying for most of the first half of the season for races at which Fox Sports retains the rights to -- the Cook-Out Clash, Daytona 500 week and the All-Star Race.

NASCAR signed deals with four different domestic media rights partners that average \$1.1 billion over the next seven years.

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) The University of Pikeville (UPIKE) is seeking proposals for demolition and removal services relating to the UPIKE Ag-Tech Innovation Center of Excellence REI Project. Sealed proposals will be accepted for the demolition of an approximately 10,000 SF facility located at 1367 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Kentucky as described in the RFP packet. An on-site, pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. for interested contractors.

All interested persons and firms should email Tiffany Thacker at (606) 218-5953 or email tbaker@upike.edu to obtain the complete Request for Proposals packet. Sealed bids must be received at the University of Pikeville, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501 by 2/03/2025, no later than 4:00 PM in the Business Office, on the ground level of the Administration Building. Sealed bids with a proposed lump sum should be mailed or hand-delivered to UPIKE-Business Office, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501. Please clearly mark submissions “UPIKE Ag-Tech Innovation Center of Excellence REI Project—Demolition” on the exterior. Submissions will be opened at Health Professions Education Building (HPEB) – 604 Conference Room, on 2/03/2025 at 4:05 p.m. by University officials and reviewed for completeness following the opening. UPIKE reserves the right to reject any and all bids not meeting the requirements of this Request for Proposals for demolition and removal services. UPIKE will enter into an agreement with the lowest bidding, responsive and responsible firm. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be promptly notified. Kentucky Relay Service for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-800-648-6056.

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