



**2004 SOUTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS**  
**"ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION."**



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### **Firecats To Host First-Ever Playoff Game**

**Estero, FL-** Only 12 teams remain as the arenafootball2 heads into the 2004 postseason.

The Florida Firecats (10-6) take the number three seed into the playoffs, giving them their first-ever home playoff game. The Firecats will play host to the Memphis Xplorers (10-6) this Saturday at Germain Arena. While the Firecats have made the playoffs for the third consecutive year, they have never hosted a game in the post season. This will also be the first time that the Memphis Xplorers have made the af2 playoffs.

The two teams have met twice prior to this weekend's match up. The Firecats headed into Memphis on April 17, and the Xplorers handed the Firecats their first loss of the season by a score of 54-51. The two teams met again in Florida on May 29, and the Firecats returned the favor to the Xplorers by defeating them 43-20.

Also meeting this weekend in the American Conference playoffs will be the Birmingham Steeldogs (10-6) and the Cape Fear Wildcats (12-4) in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton Pioneers (13-3) and the Tennessee Valley Vipers (12-4) have first round byes.

If the Firecats are able to defeat the Xplorers, they will head to Huntsville, Alabama, to take on the Tennessee Valley Vipers (12-4), and the winner of the Birmingham/ Cape Fear game will play Wilkes-Barre. If Memphis wins, they will head to Pennsylvania to take on the Wilkes-Barre Pioneers, and the winner of the Birmingham/ Cape Fear game will head to Tennessee Valley. The two teams remaining after that round will then meet in the American Conference championship game. The winner of the American Conference championship game will then head to the ArenaCup to take on the winner of the National Conference.

Tickets for the Firecats first home playoff game in franchise history are on sale now! Call the Firecats now at (239) 390-2287 and ask about our special playoff rates for groups of 25 or more.

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