

RACE OF THE MONTH

St. Jude Memphis Marathon

Memphis, Tennessee December 6

THE RACING SCENE is jammed with imitation Elvises, but only the St. Jude Memphis Marathon and Half rolls through the land where the genuine legends of rock, soul, and the blues were born. “It’s packed with history,” says RW Chief Running Officer Bart Yasso. The route includes two trips down Beale Street’s renowned strip of blues and barbecue joints, and passes Sun Studio, where the King and greats like Johnny Cash recorded their first tracks. Runners also pass the Lorraine

Motel, where Martin Luther King Jr. was shot (now the National Civil Rights Museum). The course offers big views of the mighty Mississippi and winds through some of the city’s oldest neighborhoods, enclaves of oaks and 1920s-era bungalows, and the lush Overton Park, which houses the zoo and art museum. Each mile is anchored by music and spirit stations, and runners get to feel like all-stars as they finish in the minor-league baseball stadium filled with cheering spectators. stjudemarathon.org



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