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Memphis Grizzlies coach Tomo Iisalo joins NBA coaching gig, evaluates staff in summer league Tomo Iisalo will use the summer league to evaluate his coaching staff and align them with basketball values. The Memphis Grizzlies' head coach will be heavily involved in the summer league season, which begins on July 11 against the Boston Celtics. Iisalo stated that he wants a staff that views basketball from the same perspective and can utilize summer league as an opportunity to test their approach and investment in young players. Coward may not participate due to a shoulder injury, while Small is ready to play, and Mashack's status will be determined when the trade is finalized. The Grizzlies' rookie class includes Coward, Small, and Jahmai Mashack, who was acquired through a trade with the Golden State Warriors. Small had an impressive season at West Virginia, averaging 18.5 points per game and ranking third in assists. Memphis Tigers struggled with turnovers in their game against Clemson, committing 16 of them while Clemson had just six steals. According to Memphis coach Penny Hardaway, the team was in control and defending at a high level, but they "just kind of got lax." The Cavaliers' offense, on the other hand, excels at shooting three-pointers, with a 38.1% success rate that ranks among the top 50 in the country. Isaac McKneely, their leading scorer, shoots 46.9% from deep and has taken 64 attempts. The Tigers have been struggling offensively, averaging just 61.4 points per game, which is second-worst among power conference teams. Virginia's defense, however, has been impressive, holding opponents to an average of 60.2 points per game, a top-20 mark overall. Memphis won their previous game against the Cavaliers, and they are looking to prove themselves again in their upcoming match. The Grizzlies made several moves during the NBA draft, including trading up for the 11th pick and acquiring West Virginia's Jaron Small. They also traded back three spots and received the 59th pick, which they used to select Tennessee guard Jahmai Mashack. Memphis already had one pick in the second round and took Small. The Grizzlies have established depth at point guard with Scotty Pippen Jr. and Cole Anthony backing up Ja Morant. Adding Small and Cedric Coward gives them two rookies who can add athleticism and defensive potential to the perimeter. Data centers are becoming a concern for Memphis due to their high energy consumption and land use. The city is considering stricter environmental regulations for data centers, following the lead of other cities like Atlanta, which restricted data center construction near its Beltline and transit stations. The industry's presence in Memphis has been heightened since xAI's arrival with plans to build the "world's largest supercomputer" in the Bluff City. The company is expanding its "Colossus" supercomputer cluster between two facilities: 3231 Paul R. Lowry Road and 5420 Tulane Road. Data centers are nothing new, but their industry presence has brought attention to concerns about energy consumption and land use in several U.S. cities. The Beltline data center development presented a contentious issue in Atlanta as concerns arose about the potential displacement of affordable housing and small businesses due to the rise of data centers, prompting legislation aimed at finding balance between industry needs and community redevelopment. Looking forward to the meeting tomorrow to address the pressing need for regulations on this industry and ensure a strong framework for rule enforcement locally, says Neil Streb of The Commercial Appeal. This would mark a significant step toward safeguarding the rights of locals while also facilitating the necessary checks and balances.

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