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Coach Ryan Silverfield names Joe Cauthen as Defensive Line Coach

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis head football coach Ryan Silverfield has named defensive analyst Joe Cauthen, as the program’s new defensive line coach, Silverfield announced on Sunday.

Cauthen spent 2024 on the Memphis staff as a defensive analyst as the Tigers went 11-2 and capped off the season with a Scooter’s Coffee Frisco Bowl Championship over West Virginia. The Memphis defense led the country with 15 fumble recoveries, ranked second na-

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tionally with a +18-turnover margin, 10th in turnovers gained (26), 15th in rushing defense (111.8 per game) and 17th in first-down defense (225).

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Before coming to Memphis, Cauthen served as the defensive coordinator at Utah State in 2023. Overall, Cauthen has 35 years of coaching experience, including 29 at the collegiate level, and 22 as a defensive coordinator. He has been part of five conference championship teams, including one national championship, and has coached in

eight bowl games.

“I’m forever grateful for this opportunity that Coach Silverfield and Coach Hankins have given me,” Cauthen said. “I’m ready to get started and build the relationships needed to go compete for the conference championship.”

Cauthen served as defensive coordinator at Stephen F. Austin in 2022 where he helped the Lumberjacks win the Western Athletic Conference Championship and coached nine defenders to All-WAC honors, including a pair of All-Americans in BJ Thompson and Edward Bobino.

Cauthen spent the 2021 season as the defensive coordinator at Buffalo, where the Bulls ranked 14th nationally in red zone defense (.735), 16th in sacks (3.1 per game) and 36th in tackles for loss (6.5 per game). Prior to coaching at Buffalo, Cauthen spent four months on staff at Arkansas as a defensive analyst.

During the 2019 and 2020 seasons, Cauthen served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Houston. In 2020, his defense ranked 16th in the nation in sacks (3.00 per game) and 21st in tackles for loss (7.4 per game).

Cauthen also spent five seasons (2014-18) as the defensive coordinator at Arkansas State, helping ASU to a pair of conference championships and five bowl games. Overall, the Red Wolves ranked among the top 21 teams in the nation in defensive touchdowns during Cauthen’s final four seasons with 22. The 2015 campaign saw ASU’s defense

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Titans hire Mike Borgonzi to take over as General Manager

NASHVILLE, TN, January 17, 2025 - The Tennessee Titans have hired Mike Borgonzi as the 15th General Manager in franchise history.

Borgonzi arrives in Tennessee with 16 years of experience with the Kansas City Chiefs. For the last four seasons, he served as Kansas City’s Assistant General Manager.

“Mike’s experience speaks for itself: he has been part of the core team that delivered four AFC championships and three Super Bowls over the past five seasons,” said Titans Controlling Owner Amy Adams Strunk. “It’s the type of standard I want to build here in Tennessee. I know we have a lot of work ahead of us, and I’m excited for Mike to get started.”

“During Mike’s 16 years in the league, he has been a key part of transforming the Chiefs from a two-win team to a three-time Super Bowl champion,” said Titans President of Football Operations Chad Brinker. “During our meetings, he articulated a clear plan to build a championship standard in Nashville through consistency, discipline, and hard work. I’ve admired him for many years and I’m thrilled to add him to the team as our general manager.”

During Borgonzi’s time in Kansas City, he contributed to 12 playoff seasons and 10 AFC West titles (2010, 2016-24). Borgonzi helped construct a roster over a five-season span that won the AFC four times (2019-20, 2022-23) and captured three Super Bowl championships (2019, 2022-23).

For the last eight seasons (2017-



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24), Borgonzi worked under Chiefs General Manager Brett Veach. As the Assistant General Manager from 2021 through 2024, he supervised and directed the college and professional scouting operations while closely supporting and advising Veach with the club’s roster management and player acquisition via the NFL Draft, free agency, waiver claims and trades. During his four seasons as Assistant General Manager, the Chiefs built a league-best 52-16 regular-season record (.765). In the same four-year span, 10 different Kansas City players earned a combined 23 Pro Bowl selections: tackle Orlando Brown Jr. (2021-22), wide receiver Tyreek Hill (2021), center Creed Humphrey (2022-24), defensive tackle Chris Jones (2021-24), tight end Travis Kelce (2021-24), quarterback Patrick Mahomes (2021-23), safety Tyrann Mathieu (2021), guard Trey Smith (2024), guard Joe Thuney (2022-24) and punter Tommy Townsend (2022).

The Chiefs entered the 2024 postseason after capturing their ninth consecutive AFC West crown. They tied the Detroit Lions for the NFL’s best record

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at 15-2, setting a franchise record for wins in a regular season and securing the AFC’s top seed. Twenty original Chiefs draft picks started at least six games for the team during the 2024 regular season. Kansas City had five players voted to the Pro Bowl, marking the seventh consecutive year in which it had at least five players earn the honor.

Prior to his promotion to Assistant General Manager, Borgonzi

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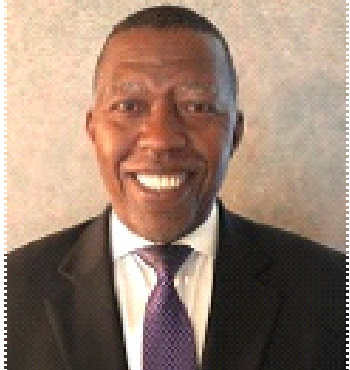
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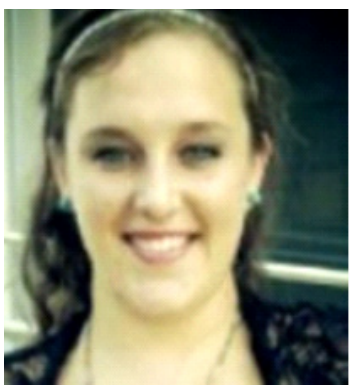
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Omnivore Recordings announces ‘The Beckies’ Good to Know: The Beckies Story’ out on February 28; Contains unissued demos

Debut album from the Michael Brown-led project (The Left Banke, Stories), contains a bonus disc featuring 13 previously unissued demos from the band

Freshly remastered with new liner notes from co-Producer Daniel Coston & new interviews with original band members

When the lone album by The

Beckies was released in 1976, what should have been a beginning quickly became the end of the band’s story. With little to no promotion from Sire Records, the album sank under a wave of changing fashion and sounds.

—**Daniel Coston**, from his liner notes

January 21, 2025: Today, The Beckies and Omnivore Recordings announce Good To Know:

The Beckies Story, a remastered reissue of the hard-to-find debut album from the Michael Brown-led project, to be released on February 28 on CD and Digital.

After forming The Left Banke, Montage, and Stories, the world became familiar with the brilliant songwriting of Michael Brown. Post-Left Banke, Brown was introduced to singer Scott Trusty

by a mutual friend. They collaborated on a Trusty solo single in 1970 just before Brown formed Stories. Reconnecting with Trusty a few years later, Scott introduced Michael to a few Kansas City musician friends who had just relocated to New York—Jimmy McAllister and Gary Hodgden (soon to be rechristened as Gary West)—and the new collective quickly began

writing and recording songs in a loft space. Known as “Brown’s Band,” the demos soon found their way to Seymour Stein, and The Beckies (renamed after Hodgden’s wife) had a home.

Sadly, as happens, the lack of live performances and promotions saw their debut sink without a trace, but those who heard it loved the power pop and lush Brown and Hodgden composi-

tions. A bit of a holy grail for those in the know, the album found folks scouring the used bins for a copy of The Beckies.

Now, nearly 40 years after its original release, the original album (and more!) returns on Good To Know: The Beckies Story. The original 11-track album appears on the first disc,

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