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Ken Whisenhunt steps down as head coach of Memphis Showboats

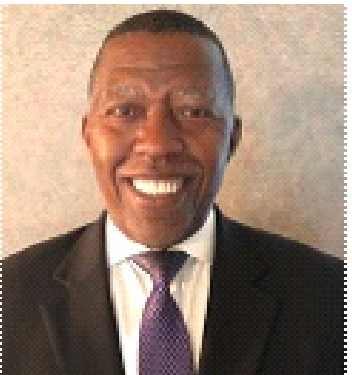
Jim Turner Named As Team's Interim Head Coach for Remainder of Season –

ARLINGTON, TEXAS – April 16, 2025 – Ken Whisenhunt announced today that he is stepping down as head coach of the Memphis Showboats. UFL President & CEO Russ Brandon and UFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations Daryl Johnston have named Offensive Line Coach Jim Turner, who served as the team's interim head coach earlier this season, as interim head coach for the remainder of the 2025 UFL season. Statement from Ken Whisenhunt "The time has come for me to step away from the game and take a break from football. I am so grateful for my time with the players and wish them the best." Statement from UFL President & CEO Russ Brandon and UFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations Daryl Johnston "We are grateful for Ken's contributions to the UFL as head coach of the Memphis Showboats. His passion for the game

resonates not only with his players, but the entire league. Ken has been a true professional and our league is better because of the time he spent with the UFL. We are fortunate to have Jim Turner available to immediately take up the head coaching duties for the rest of this season.". Whisenhunt became head coach of the Showboats in September of 2024. Prior to that he served for nearly 30 years as a football coach at various levels in the NFL and NCAA, including a stint as head coach of the Arizona Cardinals (2007-12), where he won two NFC West Division Championships (2008, 2009) and a berth in Super Bowl XLII following the 2008 season. The head coach of the Tennessee Titans for two seasons (2014-15), he helped lead the Pittsburgh Steelers to victory in Super Bowl XL as their offensive coordinator. Turner, who has coached for nearly 30 years at the professional and collegiate levels, has served as the offensive line coach for the Showboats for the past

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Memphis Showboats lose a close one to Roughnecks



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MEMPHIS- The Memphis Showboats took on the Houston Roughnecks in a UFL contest on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at their Home field at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. The Showboats fell 18-17. That brings their record to 0-2 in the young season. Houston improved to 1-2. Turnovers were a big part of the loss. Starting quarterback EJ

Perry threw 2 interceptions, He was replaced by Troy Williams. He sparked the Showboats' offense, but the team was down 18-11. He led a 19 play 70-yard drive. It ended with his 4-yard touchdown run to bring the score to 18-17 in the 4th quarter. Coach Ken Whisenhunt then decided to go for the win with a 2-point conversion attempt. It failed when Williams overthrew Kwamie Lassiter in the back of the end zone. The score remained 18- 17 with 13 seconds left. The Showboats unsuccessfully challenged the 2-point conversion. They were left with using the UFL's alternative to an onside kick. They got the ball with a 4th and 12 from their own 28-yard line. The play resulted in a fumble that was recovered by the Roughnecks to end the game. The Showboats will look to get on the winning side of things next week. They travel to Michigan to take on the Panthers at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday April 18.

Volunteer registration now open for 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship set at TPC Southwind, August 6-10



Legendary 'Hush Ya'll' volunteers show how it's done with a smile. You can have this coveted position by volunteering for it and other prime positions to show why Tennessee is nicknamed the Volunteer State! (Photo/Courtesy: FedEx St. Jude Championship)

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – The FedEx St. Jude Championship is thrilled to announce volunteer registration is now live for the 2025 event and is filling up quickly. There are a variety of different volunteer committees available to participate in when the PGA TOUR returns to Memphis for the opening event of the FedExCup Playoffs.

Volunteer committee opportunities include: • **Gallery Management:** Be on one of the most iconic volunteer committees on the PGA TOUR and help us hush those crowds! Gallery Management ambassadors are assigned to a specific hole and manage the crowds while the world's best golfers play at TPC Southwind. Position

requires you to be outside on your feet while holding a legendary "Hush Y'all" paddle. •**SHOTLink Mobile Spotters:** Join the SHOTLink team and help track real time statistics for our fans and partners. As a Spotter, you will flag PGA TOUR professional's golf balls both inside and outside the ropes

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Jay Leno raises over half million for MatchingDonors.com during his Big Dog Garage Tour event

Canton, MA: April 9, 2025 Celebrated in April each year, National Donate Life Month is an entire month of local, regional, and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of organ donation. Jay Leno and Andy Hartmann are doing their part to save the lives of people needing organ transplants through MatchingDonors.com. As he increases the number of cars in his 100,000 Sq ft Big Dog Garage that houses one of America's great collections of cars and motorcycles, Jay Leno has also been increasing the number of lives he has helped save through his philanthropy with MatchingDonors.com –

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America's online living organ donor - matching website. In addition to his ongoing support for MatchingDonors.com, Jay Leno generously offered a private 2-hour tour of his Big Dog garage, which was to be sold or auctioned off with all proceeds benefiting MatchingDo-

nors.com. Andy Hartmann, a retired entrepreneur and philanthropist from New Hampshire, and longtime financial supporter of the organization, reached out to Paul Dooley, the CEO and founder of MatchingDonors.com, about a \$675,000 building he was contemplating selling or donating. Knowing Andy was a lifetime fan of Jay Leno, Paul suggested, "If you are considering donating the building, I might be able to arrange a private tour of Jay Leno's garage." Andy immediately responded, "That sounds like a once in a lifetime offer, it's a deal." Paul then contacted Jay, who enthusiastically agreed, saying, "What a fantastic gesture by Andy to donate that property to

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