

Silverfield hires Joe Cauthen as Defensive Line Coach

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record an FBS-high eight touchdowns, while also leading the country in interceptions with a school-record 26.

In 2018, Arkansas State ranked 11th nationally in passing defense (177.8 per game). Individually, defensive end Ronheen Bingham was named the Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was one of six A-State players to earn post-season honors.

During the 2017 season, Arkansas State's defense ranked sixth nationally in tackles for loss (8.3 per game), ninth in fourth-down conversion percentage (.364), 19th in sacks (2.92 per game), 21st in defensive touchdowns (3) and third-down conversion percentage (.330), 27th in fumbles recovered (10), 29th in turnovers gained (24), 32nd in passes intercepted (14) and 33rd in rushing defense (136.1 per game).

Following the 2017 season, eight players were named All-Sun Belt Conference, including defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones, who was tabbed the Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

In 2016, Arkansas State led the nation with 9.6 tackles-for-loss per game and ranked sixth nationally with 3.3 sacks per outing. The Red Wolves ranked fourth in the nation in fourth-down conversion percentage defense (.250), eighth in defensive touchdowns (4), 19th in scoring defense (21.5 PPG), 23rd in pass efficiency defense (117.3), 24th in fumbles recovered (11) and 29th in total defense (362.8 per game).

Cauthen's defensive unit finished the 2015 season ranked second in the country in turnovers gained (34), 11th in fourth-down conversion percentage defense (.333), 19th in third-down conversion defense (.335), 41st in sacks (2.38 per game) and 44th in rushing defense (151.5 per game).

During Cauthen's first year at Arkansas State in 2014, the Red Wolves ranked 14th in the nation in defensive touchdowns (4), 15th in passes intercepted (16), 17th in team sacks (2.85 per game), 21st in turnovers gained (28), 27th in third-down percentage defense (.359), 28th in fumbles recovered (12) and 36th in tackles for loss (6.6 per game).

Prior to Arkansas State, Cauthen spent three seasons at Middle Tennessee, serving as the defensive line coach in 2012 and 2013

after working as the linebackers coach in 2011. He was also the special teams coordinator all three years at MTSU.

The Blue Raiders put together back-to-back eight-win seasons during Cauthen's last two years at the school and played in the Armed Forces Bowl in 2013. In 2013, the Blue Raiders ranked fifth in the nation in turnovers gained with 33, including 15 interceptions and 18 fumble recoveries.

Cauthen also spent four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Valdosta State. In 2010, Cauthen helped lead the Blazers to a Gulf South Conference Championship after his defense ranked 23rd nationally in total defense and 18th in scoring defense. His unit was led by All-American and National Defensive Player of the Year Larry Dean, who totaled 122 tackles.

Cauthen's defense was dominant during the 2008 season as it finished 24th nationally in scoring defense (18.6 PPG) and 31st in total defense (304.6 per game) and rushing defense (108.3 per game).

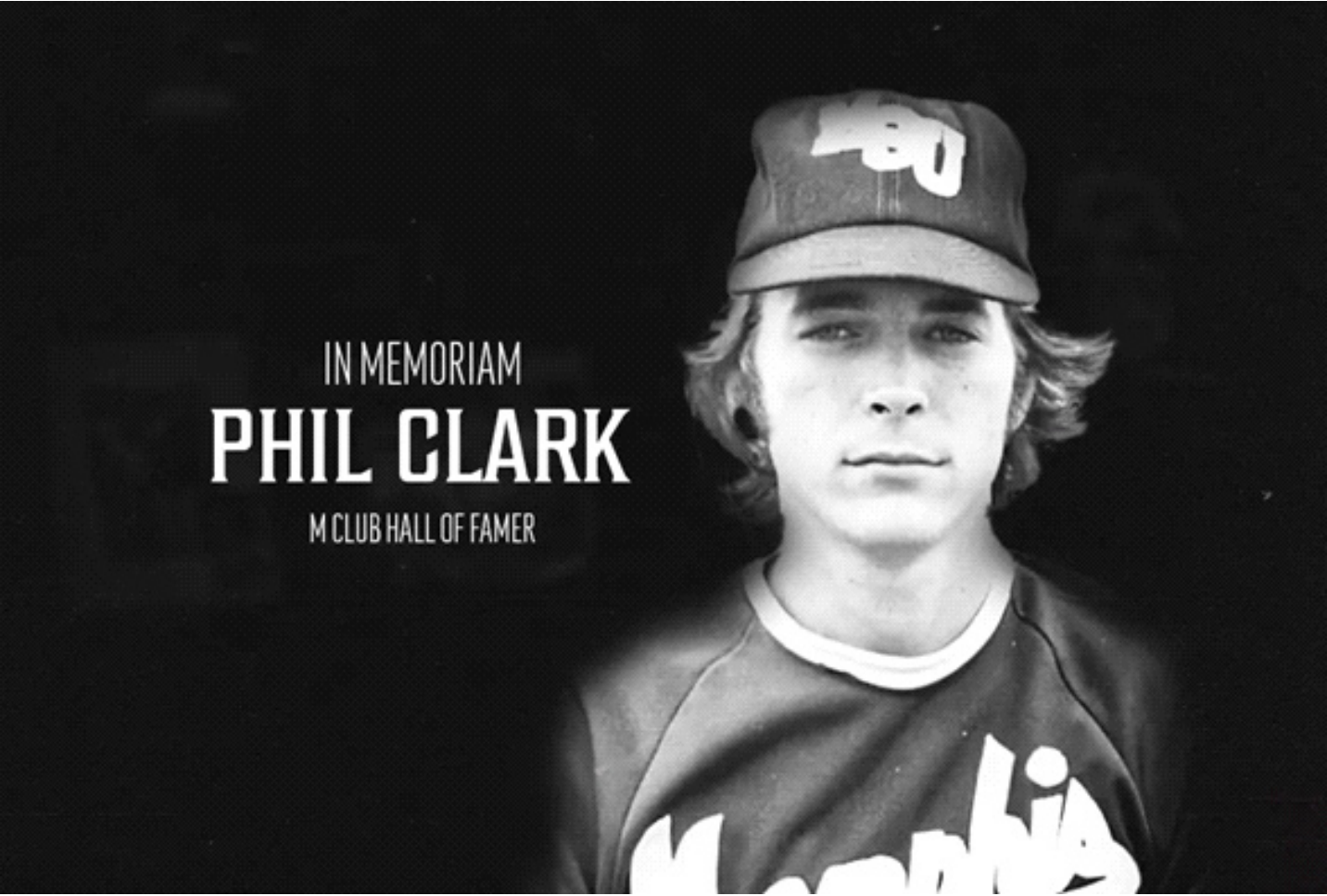
In 2007, Cauthen directed a unit that finished 14th in the nation in scoring defense (17.6 per game) as Valdosta State won its second national title. That year, VSU led the nation in passes intercepted with 27 and ranked second in turnovers gained with 40.

Prior to Valdosta State, Cauthen had coaching stints at Texas A&M-Commerce, Stephen F. Austin and Trinity Valley Community College. During his seven seasons with Texas A&M-Commerce, Cauthen coached six All-Americans, four Lone Star Conference (LSC) Linebackers of the Year, three Defensive Lineman of the Year, one Defensive Back of the Year and 34 defensive players that earned LSC honors.

Cauthen earned his bachelor's degree in health and kinesiology with a minor in biology from Stephen F. Austin in 1990. He also obtained a master's degree in sports administration from Texas-Tyler in 1997. Cauthen is married to the former Annittia Chapman and they share five children: Sam, Brooklyn, Hayden, Dakota and Jackson.

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Hall of Famer Phil Clark passes at 68



MEMPHIS, Tenn., January 20, 2025 – The University of Memphis is mourning the loss of M Club and Memphis Sports Hall of Famer Phil Clark, who passed away on Jan. 19 at the age of 68.

Clark came to Memphis in the fall of 1976 as a catcher for Bobby Kilpatrick's Tiger baseball team and was inducted into the M Club Hall of Fame in the class of 2001.

The Memphis Frayser High School graduate attended Jackson State Community College for two years and was poised to embark on a collegiate career that would bring himself and Memphis Baseball numerous honors.

In the spring of 1977 Clark appeared in 42 of the Tigers' 48 games and posted a .316 batting average. His 17 RBI helped the Tigers to a 34-14 mark, a program record for victories in a season at the time.

As a senior, Clark helped lead his team to its greatest season ever. He increased his batting average to .328 and was a major offensive contributor, helping

lead the Tigers to a 40-9 record and a berth in the NCAA South Regional. Memphis advanced to the regional championship game before losing to North Carolina.

Clark had his No. 5 jersey retired at FedExPark Avron Fogelman Field during the 2011 season after a career in which he played 71 career games over two seasons and finished with a batting average over .300. He drove in 30 runs, scored 35 and had eight doubles and three triples.

Following graduation, Clark became a high school baseball coach at Skyview Academy in Memphis and moved to Germantown High School in 1988. He won the 1995 National Championship at GHS and was named the USA Today National Coach of the Year as his team was ranked No. 1 in the country by the NHSBCA.

He led Sky View to State Championships in 1981 and 1986 while securing the position of runner-up in 1983 and 1984. Transitioning to Germantown High School in 1988, Clark con-

tinued to distinguish himself over fourteen remarkable years. Under his leadership, Germantown claimed state titles in 1995 and 2001 and finished as state runner-up in 1992, 1993 and 1998.

In 1999, Clark was named head coach of the USA Baseball junior team and the squad went on to claim the gold medal at the games in Taiwan.

In 2003, Clark accepted a position at Bartlett High School, where he further cemented his legacy by capturing another state championship in 2007 and becoming the first Tennessee high school baseball coach to win state titles at three different schools. He also led the team to runner-up finishes in 2006 and 2008.

Clark retired after the 2013 season as the all-time winningest high school baseball coach in the state of Tennessee, culminating a personal record of five state championships, seven runner-up finishes and a staggering overall coaching record of 933-295.

Clark's achievements earned him recognition as State Coach of the Year five times. His induction into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association (TBCA) Hall of Fame, the Baseball Coaches Association (BCA) Hall of Fame, the University of Memphis M Club Hall of Fame in 2001, the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2012 and his 2017 entry into the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame highlighted his influence and contributions to the sport.

In addition to those accolades, Clark was inducted into the Memphis Sports Hall of Fame in 2023 and TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2024, marking a fitting tribute to a remarkable and impactful career.

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TN Titans hire Mike Borgonzi as GM

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served as Director of Football Operations (2018-20), Director of Player Personnel (2017), Co-Director of Player Personnel (2015-16), Assistant Director of Pro Scouting (2013-14), Pro Personnel Scout (2011-12) and Manager of Football Operations (2010). He joined the Chiefs in 2009 as the club's College Scouting Administrator.

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A native of Everett, Mass., Borgonzi graduated from Brown University, where he was a four-year starter at fullback and was a three-time All-Ivy League selec-

tion.

He and his wife, Jill, have a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Nina. His brother, Dave, has served as the linebackers coach for the Chicago Bears since 2022.

Mike Borgonzi's Football Background

2025: General Manager – Tennessee Titans

2021-24: Assistant General Manager – Kansas City Chiefs

2018-20: Director of Football Operations – Kansas City Chiefs

2017: Director of Player Personnel – Kansas City Chiefs

2015-16: Co-Director of Player Personnel – Kansas City Chiefs

2013-14: Assistant Director of Pro Scouting – Kansas City Chiefs

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2007-08: Assistant Recruiting Coordinator – Boston College

2002: Tight Ends Coach – Amherst College

1998-2001: Fullback – Brown University

Fans can draft their top food and drink picks for a free shot at winning a share of \$40,000 in total cash prizes

WARREN, N.J., Jan. 9, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- As hundreds of millions prepare to tune into the biggest day in football, a new survey from TUMS has revealed that 1 in 4 viewers will be focused on the real MVP: the food.* To celebrate gameday foodies, TUMS has teamed up with DraftKings to launch TUMS Fantasy Football Pool, a first-of-its-kind free online game where players can create a lineup made entirely of their favorite food and drink combinations. No matter the plate – fantasy or real – TUMS provides fast relief when occasional heartburn strikes so fans can tackle unwanted symptoms and get back to their beloved gameday bites. Age and eligibility restrictions apply. Void where prohibited. See terms at www.draftkings.com/tumsfootball. Contest facilitated by DraftKings.

Food lovers can visit www.DraftKings.com/TUMS-Foodball to play up to four rounds of TUMS Fantasy Football Pool for free for a shot at winning a share of \$40,000 in total cash prizes. From tailgate plates and spicy bites to sweet treats and New Orleans cuisine, fans can draft their top six food and drink choices from a menu of 36 items from now up to the Big Game following food-related themes:



- Jan. 20 to 26: Sweet Foods
 - Jan. 27 to Feb. 9: New Orleans Foods
- Each round of TUMS Fantasy Football Pool features the top foods and drinks selected by a survey of 2,000 Americans*, ensuring plates will be filled with the most popular options, including the top 10 foods on respondents' Big Game plates: barbecue (34%), hot wings (33%), seven-layer dip (24%), brownies (22%), chicken tenders/nuggets (22%), nachos (21%), pizza (20%), buffalo chicken dip (20%), fries

(17%) and mini sliders and/or burgers (16%). According to that survey, 54 percent of people believe that the gameday food spread has the power to make or break the experience. However, consistent snackers also note that enjoying these foods can occasionally lead to unwanted symptoms, with 1 in 4 citing heartburn as a potential outcome. Looking for a solution, 1 in 3 survey respondents said they hope their host has an antacid on hand.

To bring the delicious combina-

tion of football and food to the table, TUMS has partnered with former two-time professional football champion and food enthusiast, Vince Wilfork. An avid cook, Wilfork will lend his expertise from the field to the table and share his personal experience with tackling occasional heartburn.

"Nothing should stand between fans and their favorite foods, especially on gameday, so I'm thrilled to partner with TUMS to

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