



HEAD COACH RYAN SILVERFIELD

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL



Ryan Silverfield, one of the nation's winningest coaches over the last three seasons, has been named the 35th head coach of the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Silverfield has been one of the most successful head coaches in the country since taking over the Memphis program in December 2019, going 50-25, including a pair of 10+ win seasons in 2023 and 2024, while earning bowl eligibility in all six years. With eight wins last season, Memphis has posted 29 victories over the last three seasons to be among the nation's Top 15 programs in wins. His final Tigers team also extended the program's streak to 12 straight bowl appearances – the longest streak among non-Power 4 programs in the nation.

The 2025 Tigers featured an explosive offense once again, finishing the regular season No. 19 in the FBS averaging 34.6 points per game to mark the fourth consecutive season a Memphis team has ranked inside the Top 25 for points per game at the end of a season. All six of Silverfield's Memphis teams have averaged 30+ points per game. The Tigers are one of just five schools nationally to rank in the Top 20 in scoring in each of the past three seasons, joining Notre Dame, Oregon, Ole Miss and Texas State.

The team's defense has shown steady improvement over the last three seasons, allowing just 22.5 points per game this year – the best of the Silverfield era and third-best in the American Conference this season. The Tigers' defense also ranked third in the American allowing 361.1 yards per game, a number that has improved dramatically over the last two seasons. The team's 19 forced turnovers also helped Memphis rank 13th in the FBS in turnover margin at plus-9.

Memphis' historic 2024 season saw the Tigers accomplish back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time in program history with an 11-2 record capped off by a Frisco Bowl win over West Virginia. The 11-win campaign was good enough to place the Tigers in the final Coaches Poll at No. 23 and the final AP poll at No. 24, the first time Memphis had finished inside the Top 25 of either poll since 2019. That Memphis team also cracked the College Football

Playoff Top 25 in December at No. 25 after a win over Tulane to snap the Green Wave's 17-game conference winning streak. The Tigers spent 10 weeks ranked or receiving votes in the AP Poll and received votes or were ranked in 14 out of 17 editions of the Coaches Poll.

Silverfield became the first Memphis head coach in history to win Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year honors for the second time in 2023 after leading the Tigers to a 10-2 season. His squad captured just the fifth 10-win season in program history and won his school record fourth bowl game with a 36-26 win over Iowa State in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

The 2022 Tigers won their second consecutive bowl game to make him the first Memphis head coach to win back-to-back bowl games.

In 2021, true freshman QB Seth Henigan earned Freshman All-America honors while leading the Tigers. He passed for 3,322 yards and 25 touchdowns to shatter the school's freshman passing yards record and rank sixth overall on the program's single-season list. His 25 touchdowns matched the seventh-most in school history.

His first season as the Tigers' head coach ended with an 8-3 record during the 2020 season. Silverfield's .727 winning percentage set the school record for winning percentage by a head coach, with the team's eight wins matching Mike Norvell's record for a first-year head coach. On the field, Memphis ranked 22nd in the nation in total offense (453.1) and finished 17th in the country in both passing offense (307.9) and first down offense (260). Defensively, the Tigers were 13th in turnovers gained (20), 17th in passes intercepted (12) and 19th in red zone defense (.744).

After more than 18 years of coaching experience at the high school, college and NFL levels, Silverfield joined the Memphis staff in 2016 as the team's offensive line coach and quickly began his ascension on the Tigers' staff earning a promotion to Run Game Coordinator in 2017 before being named Assistant Head Coach in 2018 and Deputy Head Coach in 2018.



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THE SILVERFIELD FILE

BIRTHDATE: August 4, 1980

HOMETOWN: Jacksonville, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL: The Bolles School (Jacksonville, Fla.)

COLLEGE: Hampden-Sydney College (Va.), 2003 Economics

FAMILY: Wife - Katie; Daughters - Adeline and Cecilia

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1999	The Bolles School - Assistant Coach
2000	Hampden-Sydney College (Va.) - Offensive Assistant
2001-02	Hampden-Sydney College (Va.) - Defensive Line
2003	Hampden-Sydney College (Va.) - Tight Ends, H-Backs
2004	Memorial Day HS - Head Coach
2005	Jacksonville - Quarterbacks
2006	Central Florida - Graduate Assistant, Offense
2007	Central Florida - Graduate Assistant, Defense
2008-10	Minnesota Vikings - Offensive Quality Control, DL Assistant
2011-13	Minnesota Vikings - Assistant Offensive Line
2014	Toledo - Offensive Consultant
2015	Arizona State - Senior Offensive Analyst
2015	Detroit Lions - Assistant Offensive Line
2016	Memphis - Offensive Line
2017	Memphis - Run Game Coordinator, OL
2018	Memphis - Assistant Head Coach, Run Game Coordinator, OL
2019	Memphis - Deputy Head Coach, Run Game Coordinator, OL
2019-25	Memphis - Head Coach

Silverfield's 2018 offensive line was one of 10 semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award, given to the best offensive line in college football. He was named one of six finalists for the offensive line coach of the year award sponsored by FootballScoop and has been recognized as one of the top recruiters during his time at Memphis. In 2017, he was tabbed the fourth-best recruiter in The American by 247Sports.com.

Prior to Memphis, Silverfield split the 2015 season at Arizona State as a senior offensive analyst and with the NFL's Detroit Lions as an assistant offensive line coach - his second stint coaching in the NFL. He helped a 2-7 Lions team finish 5-2 over the final two months of the season behind a revamped offensive line that allowed QB Matthew Stafford to throw 17 touchdowns with only one interception during that seven-game stretch.

In 2014, as an offensive consultant, he helped Toledo to a 9-4 mark and a 7-1 record in the Mid-America Conference to win the West division. The nine wins for the Rockets were the team's most since 2001, capped off by a GoDaddy.com Bowl win over Arkansas State. Silverfield's work with the offensive line helped pave the way for one of the best offenses in school history as the Rockets set school records for total offense, total rushing yardage and first downs per game while also ranking among the program's top-five in points per game (2nd), touchdowns scored (3rd) and rushing touchdowns (3rd). The offense led the MAC in scoring offense, total offense, rushing offense and first downs with RB Kareem Hunt leading the league in rushing (1,631 yards) and leading FBS in yards per carry (8.0).

Silverfield spent six seasons with the Minnesota Vikings (2008-13) working with both the offensive and defensive lines. During his time in Minneapolis,

the Vikings won a pair of NFC North Division titles with three playoff appearances, including the 2009 NFC Championship game. He worked with an offensive line that blocked for NFL MVP Adrian Peterson in 2012 as Peterson ran for a league-best 2,097 yards.

At UCF in 2006-07, he worked on both sides of the ball as a graduate assistant. His first season with the Knights was spent with the offense and his second season with a Knights' defense that led the way to a 10-4 season and a Conference USA championship.

In 2005, Silverfield served as the quarterbacks coach at Jacksonville University. At the age of 23, he served as the head coach at Memorial Day High School in Savannah, Ga. in 2004.

He coached throughout his time during college at Hampden-Sydney College (Va.) starting as an offensive assistant in 2000 before taking over the Tigers' defensive line in 2001-02. He helped the Tigers to a 9-1 record in 2003 as the team's tight ends and H-backs coach during his final season. The offense led the nation with 47.0 points per game and scored 45+ points in all 10 games that season.

Silverfield began his coaching career at his alma mater - The Bolles School - in 1999. As a player at Bolles, he was a member of two state championships in 1995 and 1999, helping the Bulldogs to a No. 1 ranking in the USA Today Super 25 national high school poll.

Silverfield and his wife, Katie, have twin daughters, Adeline and Cecilia.



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TIM CRAMSEY OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Tim Cramsey rejoins Silverfield after serving as his offensive coordinator at Memphis. In his four seasons calling plays for the Tigers, his offenses were among the nation's best in scoring, ranking in the Top 25 all four years while averaging 36.3 points per game over 51 games across his tenure.

His final Memphis offense featured a balanced attack in 2025, averaging 420.7 total yards per game with 186.1 yards rushing and 234.6 yards passing. The Tigers' offense featured three All-American Conference selections, including first teamers WR Cortez Braham Jr. and OL Travis Burke. RB Sutton Smith was third-team selection as a running back and a first-team pick as a return specialist. Braham Jr. led the Tigers with 63 receptions, 889 yards and eight touchdowns. Smith paced the Memphis running game with 669 yards on just 102 carries with seven touchdowns. As a returner, Smith combined for 280 yards on 15 punt returns and five kick returns, including a 99-yard touchdown at UAB.

Memphis' 11-win season in 2024 was fueled by Cramsey's offense that helped the Tigers finish the season No. 23 in the Coaches' Poll and No. 24 in the AP Poll. The Tigers averaged 35.7 points per game to rank 12th nationally while averaging 444.5 yards per game to rank 16th in the FBS. QB Seth Henigan became the American Conference's all-time leading passer with 14,266 yards and 104 touchdowns in his four-year career with the Tigers.

Prior to joining Silverfield's Memphis staff, Cramsey served as the offensive coordinator at Marshall for four seasons (2018-21). His 2021 offense finished the year ranked 16th with 456.8 yards per game of total offense and 18th in passing yards per game with 294.4 yards. RB Rasheen Ali earned Freshman All-American honors from the Football Writers Association of America and First-Team All-Conference USA after leading the nation in rushing touchdowns (23), scoring (11.5 ppg), total points (150) and total touchdowns (25). His 1,401 yards were good enough for 10th in the FBS. QB Grant Wells passed for 3,532 yards to finish 15th in the nation. In 2020, Wells earned Conference USA Freshman of the Year and First-Team All-Conference USA. RB Brenden Knox was named Conference USA Most Valuable Player after scoring 11 touchdowns and running for 1,387 yards.

Cramsey has served as an offensive coordinator at seven schools since 2009, when he was promoted to take over the offense at New Hampshire, his alma mater. He called plays at FIU in 2012, Montana State for three seasons (2012-15), Sam Houston State in 2017, Marshall and Memphis.

As a player at New Hampshire (1994-97), Cramsey played quarterback and long snapper. He and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Brock and Bryce.



THE CRAMSEY FILE

BIRTHDATE: October 8, 1975

HOMETOWN: Allentown, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL: Allentown Central Catholic HS

COLLEGE: New Hampshire, 1998

FAMILY: Wife - Amy; Sons - Brock and Bryce

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001	Allentown Central Catholic HS (Pa.) - Offensive Coordinator
2002	Emmaus HS (Pa.) - Offensive Coordinator
2003-05	New Hampshire - Tight Ends/Fullbacks
2006-07	New Hampshire - Running Backs
2008	New Hampshire - Quarterbacks
2009-11	New Hampshire - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2012	FIU - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2013-15	Montana State - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2016	Nevada - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2017	Sam Houston State - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2018-21	Marshall - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2022-25	Memphis - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1994-97 New Hampshire

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RON ROBERTS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

The veteran Ron Roberts takes over the Arkansas defense after leading the Florida defense each of the last two seasons.

Roberts brings over 30 years of coaching experience, including head coaching experience at the high school level, Division II level at Delta State and the FCS level at Southeastern Louisiana. He has served as a defensive coordinator at the Power 4 level since 2020 when he led Baylor's defense before taking over Auburn's defense in 2023.

His first Florida defense in 2024 helped the Gators to a late-season rally to win the team's final four games with wins over No. 21 LSU, No. 9 Ole Miss, rival Florida State and Tulane in the Gasparilla Bowl. The Gators' defense finished the season ranked ninth nationally in the red zone (.725), 11th in sacks per game (3.0) and fumbles recovered (11) and 13th with 25 turnovers gained. Florida forced at least one takeaway in 12 of the team's 13 games, including 10 consecutive games.

The Gator defense improved in nearly every statistical category from 2023 to 2024, including sacks (+17), tackles for loss (+28), forced fumbles (+11), pass breakups (+12), interceptions (+11) and turnovers gained (+18).

In his lone season at Auburn, the defense saw improvements and was among the best in the country and SEC in multiple categories.

Roberts guided Auburn to Top 50 finishes in scoring defense, sacks, tackles for loss and total defense. The Tigers also ranked in the Top 25 in third-down defense and first-downs allowed while ranking No. 1 in the SEC in red zone defense. In the conference, Auburn was second in third-down defense, third in pass defense and fourth in interceptions. According to Pro Football Focus (PFF), Roberts' defense graded high in pass coverage (17th), total defense (18th), rushing defense (19th) and tackling (24th).

In his three years at Baylor (2020-22) as the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers' coach, he helped the Bears capture the program's third Big 12 Title in program history and first BCS/New Year's Six bowl victory in the modern era.

In 2021, the defense was one of the nation's top units as one of three defenses to limit every opponent to 30 points or less. Baylor led the conference in interceptions (19), turnovers gained (27), turnover margin (0.93) and defensive touchdowns (3). Additionally, the Bears were second in the Big 12 in run defense (118.4 ypg), scoring defense (18.3 PPG), pass efficiency defense (121.54) and sacks per game (3.14).

En route to the conference title, BU held Oklahoma to its lowest scoring (14) and yardage (260) marks in five years under Lincoln Riley. Baylor became the first Big 12 team to hold OU without a passing TD since Nov. 22, 2014, which snapped a 65-game streak for the Sooners.

Roberts' defense also helped capture the 2022 Sugar Bowl while limiting Ole Miss to just seven points, an offense that averaged 28.9 points per game that season. The Bears had 10 sacks in the win to set a Sugar Bowl record as was Al Walcott's 96-yard interception return for a touchdown.

In his first season in Waco in 2020, the defensive unit finished second in the conference in pass defense (203.0 ypg), interceptions (12) and third in turnovers forced (17).



Roberts began his coaching career in 1990 as the head coach at Houston HS in Tennessee. He took over as the head coach at Burroughs HS in his native California in 1994 before spending seven seasons combined at Greensboro (1997), Tusculum (1998-2002) and Texas State (2003) before returning to California and the high school ranks as the head coach at Mount Whitney HS in 2004. Roberts took over the defense at Delta State in 2005 leading the Fighting Okra's defense for two seasons before being named the head coach in 2007. He made the jump to Southeastern Louisiana as the Lions' head coach in 2012. He served as Billy Napier's defensive coordinator at Louisiana for two seasons (2018-19) before leaving for Baylor.

Roberts played at UT Martin, where he was a linebacker. He and his wife, Didi, have three children - Reed, Reilly and Ryan.

THE ROBERTS FILE

BIRTHDATE: October 9, 1967

HOMETOWN: Visalia, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Golden West HS

COLLEGE: UT Martin, 1990; Memphis, 1992-8

FAMILY: Wife - Didi; Sons - Reed and Ryan; Daughter - Reilly

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1990-93 Houston HS (Tenn.) - Defensive Coordinator

1994-96 Burroughs HS (Calif.) - Head Coach

1997 Greensboro - Assistant Coach

1998-2002 Tusculum - Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator

2003 Texas State - Defensive Coordinator

2004 Mount Whitney HS (Calif.) - Head Coach

2005-06 Delta State - Defensive Coordinator

2007-11 Delta State - Head Coach

2012-17 Southeastern Louisiana - Head Coach

2018-19 Louisiana - Defensive Coordinator

2020-22 Baylor - Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

2023 Auburn - Defensive Coordinator

2024 Florida - Executive Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

2025 Florida - Executive Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1988-89 UT Martin

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CHAD LUNSFORD SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Chad Lunsford joins the Arkansas staff after most recently serving as the special teams coordinator for Auburn in 2025.

Auburn kicker Alex McPherson benefitted from working with Lunsford in his senior season, making a career-best 20 field goals. The Tigers owned one of the better teams units in the Southeastern Conference, allowing just six yards per punt return (5th in SEC) while ranking third in the league with 22.95 yards per kick return, including a kick return for a score.

Lunsford brings a wealth of head coaching experience to the Arkansas staff, having served as head coach at Georgia Southern (2018-21) and as an interim head coach at Florida Atlantic for the final two games in 2024.

He joined FAU in February of 2022 and was elevated to associate head coach in January of 2023. While with the Owls, he served as the team's special teams coordinator and tight ends coach.

In 2022, freshman punter Riley Thompson ended his season providing every punt for an average of 45.8 yards, ranking second among all C-USA punters and No. 10 nationally for that average. As units, the Owls were No. 14 in kickoff return defense and No. 21 in net punting.

The Owls were ranked No. 4 nationally in punt returns in 2023, a 32-spot leap while the kick return unit moved up 34 spots by averaging nearly three yards more per return than in 2022. Punter Logan Lupo was among the best in the American Conference in 2023 and 2024. His 44.5 yards per punt ranked third in 2024 and his 44.1 average was third in 2023. Punt returner LaJohntay Wester finished second nationally in punt return touchdowns and was a FWAAs First-Team All-American and Wester AAC Special Team Player of the Year and First-Team AAC selection.

As the head coach at Georgia Southern, Lunsford went 28-21 taking over as the interim head coach in 2017. In his first full season as the head coach, the Eagles went 10-3 capped by a win in the Camellia Bowl. His first three teams all earned bowl berths with wins in the Camellia Bowl in 2018 and in the New Orleans Bowl in 2020.

Prior to taking over as the head coach at Georgia Southern, Lunsford served as the special teams coordinator (2016), tight ends coach (2014-15) and wide receivers coach (2013) for the Eagles. Lunsford's work with the Eagles' special teams was quickly noticed, earning him a Broyles Award nomination in 2016 after the squad blocked seven kicks and kicker Younghoe Koo was named a Lou Groza Award finalist. Koo was named to the Pro Bowl in 2020 after a stellar season for the Atlanta Falcons. Lunsford immediately developed another NFL kicker for the Eagles, transforming Tyler Bass into a three-time All-Sun Belt performer before the Buffalo Bills selected him in the sixth round of the 2020 NFL Draft.

He earned his first SEC experience at Auburn 2009-12 in an off-field role as the Tigers' Director of Scouting and Player Personnel. The Tigers brought in three of the nation's top recruiting classes in 2010, 2011 and 2012. His work helped Auburn claim the 2010 BCS national championship and the SEC title.

His coaching career started in 1996 as a student assistant at Georgia Military College. He took over the tight ends at Appalachian State for two seasons (2001-02) before his first opportunity at Georgia Southern as the



team's slotbacks coach (2003-05). The Eagles landed the 2004 Southern Conference championship. He coached Georgia Southern's all-time leading receptions leader Raja Andrews, who caught 127 passes and set the program's single-season record with 873 yards.

After stints at Griffin HS (2006) and another at Georgia Military College (2007-08) followed by his time at Auburn, Lunsford found his way back to Georgia Southern in 2013 as the wide receivers coach.

Lunsford is married to the former Tiffany "Tippy" Hyde, the couple has three children - Sophie, Rhett and Josie.

THE LUNSFORD FILE

BIRTHDATE: February 24, 1977

HOMETOWN: Elberton, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL: Elbert County HS

COLLEGE: Georgia College, 2000

FAMILY: Wife - Tiffany "Tippy"; Daughters - Sophie and Josie; Son - Rhett

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1996 Georgia Military - Student Assistant

1997-99 Georgia Military - Running Backs

2000 Georgia Military - Running Backs/Linebackers

2001-02 Appalachian State - Tight Ends

2003-05 Georgia Southern - Slotbacks

2006 Griffin HS (Ga.) - Linebackers

2007-08 Georgia Military - Special Teams/Linebackers

2009-12 Auburn - Director of Scouting and Player Personnel

2013 Georgia Southern - Wide Receivers

2014-15 Georgia Southern - Tight Ends

2016 Georgia Southern - Special Teams Coordinator

2017 Georgia Southern - Interim Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator

2018-21 Georgia Southern - Head Coach

2022 Florida Atlantic - Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends

2023-24 Florida Atlantic - Associate Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/
Tight Ends

2024 Florida Atlantic - Interim Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends

2025 Auburn - Special Teams Coordinator

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DERON WILSON CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SECONDARY

Deron Wilson returns to The Hill after one season away coaching the defensive backs at Florida and working with defensive coordinator Ron Roberts. The Florida defense improved against the pass in Wilson's lone season back in Gainesville, allowing 222.9 yards per game.

Wilson coached the Arkansas secondary during the 2023-24 seasons, helping the Hogs' secondary become one of the most improved units on the team. In 2023, Arkansas was fourth in the league in passing yards allowed per game (202.8 ypg) and ranked third with 12 interceptions, including four pick-sixes that tied for the national lead.

The Hogs' secondary was arguably the most improved unit on the team in 2023. The Razorbacks ranked fourth in the SEC in passing yards allowed per game with 202.8 yards, the program's best effort since 2011 when they allowed 195.2 yards per game. Arkansas' 12 interceptions ranked third in the league and the team's four pick-sixes matched five other teams to lead all of FBS. The Hogs' defense scored five total touchdowns on the season, including Jaylon Braxton's fumble return for a score in the win at Florida.

Wilson's work alongside co-defensive coordinator Marcus Woodson was impactful for an entire defense that allowed 357.2 yards per game, the program's fewest yards allowed per game in a decade, but it was clear Wilson's fingerprints were all over a secondary that led the way. Wilson helped mold Braxton into one of the best young cornerbacks in the SEC. He earned Freshman All-SEC honors after posting 20 tackles and a team-best eight pass breakups. Cornerback Dwight McGlothern and safety Alfahiym Walcott led the Hogs with three interceptions each while Jayden Johnson's 62 tackles were third-most on the squad.

Wilson joined the Razorbacks' staff after serving one season at Florida as a quality control analyst working with the Gators' cornerbacks. In his lone season in The Swamp, Wilson worked alongside cornerbacks coach Corey Raymond to improve sophomores Jaydon Hill and Jalen Kimber. Hill led the Gators with two interceptions, including a pick-six against Missouri.

Prior to joining the staff at Florida, Wilson spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator at McNeese (2020-21). He was named the Cowboys' interim defensive coordinator a week prior to the spring season opener against Tarleton State. The Pokes played seven games in the spring of 2021 following the canceled 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wilson's secondary improved during the spring season, allowing 35 fewer yards passing compared to 2019. The defense improved even more during the Cowboys' fall 2021 season, giving up fewer points per game, rushing yards per game, passing yards per game and points per game. Defensive lineman Isaiah Chambers was named the Southland Conference's Defensive Player of the Year and joined defensive lineman Mason Kinsey, linebacker Kordell Williams and defensive back Andre Sam as the Cowboys placed four defenders on the All-Southland Conference first team.

Wilson coached at UTSA for four seasons, spending the final two as the Roadrunners' cornerbacks coach after starting as a graduate assistant. In Wilson's first season leading the unit, the Roadrunners' cornerbacks added to the team's 19 turnovers with seven of the team's nine interceptions. Cassius Grady matched the UTSA single-season record with four interceptions and finished with 45 tackles. Clayton Johnson picked off a pair of passes despite missing the final five games while Teddrick McGhee added one interception despite playing in just six games.

UTSA boasted one of the nation's top defenses in 2017, as the Roadrunners led Conference USA in seven different statistical categories and ranked in the Top 10 among all Football Bowl Subdivision teams in five. UTSA held eight of its 11 opponents to under 300 yards of total offense, including a school-record 149 yards in a 51-17 win over Southern, and five teams to less than 100 yards rushing, highlighted by a program-record 37 yards at Texas State in a 44-14 win.

During his time as a graduate assistant, Wilson helped tutor a secondary that saw three players – Michael Egwuagu, Nate Gaines and Jordan Moore – earn All-Conference USA honors as the Roadrunners earned bowl eligibility in back-to-back seasons.



Wilson was a standout cornerback at Southern Miss from 2010-12 and a Jim Thorpe Award Preseason Watch List honoree before an ankle injury sidelined him for his senior season in 2013. He helped lead the Golden Eagles to consecutive bowl games while starting 39 straight games. He finished his career with 171 tackles and eight interceptions, including four returned for touchdowns.

He was a Phil Steele Freshman All-American and earned C-USA All-Freshman Team and second-team all-conference accolades in 2010 after registering 35 tackles, three interceptions, 12 pass breakups, one blocked punt and a pair of defensive scores. As a sophomore, he helped the Golden Eagles to a C-USA title making 75 tackles with four interceptions and a team-best 17 passes defended to earn second-team all-league honors from Phil Steele.

Wilson earned a degree in interdisciplinary studies from Southern Miss in May 2013.

The New Orleans, La. native starred at O. Perry Walker HS earning all-district honors three times and all-area twice while being ranked as the No. 44 player in the state as a senior in 2008.

He is married to the former Paige Alexander and has twin children – a son, Deron Kadeem Wilson II, and a daughter, Dakota Marie Wilson.

THE WILSON FILE

BIRTHDATE: July 31, 1990

HOMETOWN: New Orleans, La.

HIGH SCHOOL: O. Perry Walker HS (La.)

COLLEGE: Southern Miss, 2013

FAMILY: Wife – Paige; Children – twins Deron Kadeem Wilson II (son), Dakota Marie Wilson (daughter)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-17 UTSA – Graduate Assistant/Defense

2018-19 UTSA – Cornerbacks

2020-21 McNeese – Defensive Coordinator

2022 Florida – Quality Control/CBs

2023-24 Arkansas – Secondary

2025 Florida – Defensive Backs

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2010-12 Southern Miss

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KYNJEE' COTTON

DEFENSIVE RUN GAME COORDINATOR/DL

Kynjee' Cotton comes to Arkansas after spending the 2024 and 2025 seasons with the Miami Dolphins as the assistant defensive line coach.

His two seasons in the NFL came after more than a decade of coaching in the collegiate ranks. His work with the 2024 Dolphins helped the team produce a top-five defense, ranking fourth in total defense allowing 314.4 yards per game. Cotton helped defensive tackles Calais Campbell and Zach Sieler produce at a high level with Sieler leading the team with 10.0 sacks and 13.0 tackles for loss. Campbell recorded 12 tackles for loss, second on the squad.

Cotton brings SEC experience, having spent the 2023 season at LSU as a senior defensive analyst and a year as a strength and conditioning assistant at Alabama early in his career (2013). His lone season with the Tigers was a 10-3 campaign ending with a No. 12 ranking in the final AP and Coaches polls.

In 2022, Cotton helped transform Travis Bell into an All-ASUN performer at Kennesaw State. Bell then became the first NFL Draft pick in program history when he was taken in the seventh round by Chicago in the 2023 NFL Draft. Cotton spent three seasons (2019-21) at Samford coaching defensive ends. During the spring season of 2021, he helped Nelson Jordan earn Second-Team All-Southern Conference honors after leading the team with 7.5 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks.

Cotton coached the defensive line at West Georgia in 2018 after spending two seasons at North Carolina as a defensive quality control. He earned his first on-field coaching position at Birmingham Southern in 2015 as the team's defensive line coach after spending the 2014 season as a graduate assistant at UAB. Cotton was a strength and conditioning intern at the University of Alabama during the fall of 2013, where he worked with football, baseball and rowing. His coaching career began as a student assistant at Alabama State in 2012.

He was a four-year letterman at Alabama State as a defensive lineman. He served as a team captain and was named Second-Team All-Southwestern Athletic Conference as a senior. He is married to his wife, Chatil.



THE COTTON FILE

HOMETOWN: Daphne, Ala.

HIGH SCHOOL: Daphne HS (Ala.)

COLLEGE: Alabama State, 2012

FAMILY: Wife - Chatil

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012 Alabama State - Student Assistant
2013 Alabama - Strength & Conditioning
2014 UAB - Graduate Assistant
2015 Birmingham Southern - Defensive Line
2016-17 North Carolina - Defensive Quality Control
2018 West Georgia - Defensive Line
2019-21 Samford - Defensive Ends
2022 Kennesaw State - Defensive Ends
2023 LSU - Senior Defensive Analyst
2024-25 Miami Dolphins - Assistant Defensive Line

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2008-11 Alabama State

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EDDIE HICKS CORNERBACKS

Eddie Hicks comes to Arkansas from Cincinnati, where he coached the Bearcats' cornerbacks in 2025.

The Cincinnati defense allowed 24.8 points per game to help the Bearcats earn an invitation to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. Senior Logan Wilson broke up six passes to lead the team's cornerbacks and help the Bearcats post a coverage grade of 77.5 according to Pro Football Focus.

Hicks spent two seasons at LSU as the Tigers' lead defensive analyst (2023-24). The Tigers won 19 games during his two seasons, including a 10-3 mark in 2023. He coached at Jacksonville State as the Gamecocks' cornerbacks coach in 2022 with the team going 9-2 in their final season in FCS. The defense allowed just 216.0 passing yards per game while intercepting eight passes.

Over his three seasons at Charlotte coaching the cornerbacks, the 49ers set a school record for wins (7) and the program's longest winning streak (5) while also earning the first bowl game in school history with a trip to the 2019 Bahamas Bowl. The 2019 49ers defense was the second-best against the pass in Conference USA, allowing 189.0 yards per game. Cornerback Nafees Lyon, who was the nation's top DB against post routes according to Pro Football Focus, earned All-Conference USA honorable mention. Fellow defensive back Lance McMillan was a C-USA All-Freshman Team selection.

Hicks returned to his alma mater, Southern Miss, in 2018 as the Golden Eagles' cornerbacks coach. His work helped the defense lead Conference USA and rank 10th nationally in passing defense, yielding just 175.6 yards per game. The Eagles' 14 interceptions ranked fourth in the league with Ky'el Hemby's six picks paced C-USA.

Hicks earned his first on-field coaching position at Murray State in 2015 as the Racers' defensive backs coach before moving onto Austin Peay, where he coached for two seasons (2016-17). At Austin Peay, he was part of one of the most remarkable turnarounds in college football as the Gobs bounced back from consecutive winless seasons to go 8-4 in 2017. That team snapped a 29-game losing streak in 2017 en route to the program's first winning record in a decade.

He began his coaching career in 2012 as a graduate assistant at Alcorn State before spending a year at Cincinnati as a graduate assistant in 2013 and a year at Cal in 2014 as a defensive quality control.

Hicks played at Southern Miss, graduating in 2009. He registered 238 tackles and 13 interceptions during his career, earning All-Conference USA accolades in 2008 and 2009 with an All-Freshman team nod in 2006. His Golden Eagles teams played in four bowl games during his tenure, winning the GMAC Bowl in 2006 and New Orleans Bowl in 2008.

He and his wife, JoTrina, have two sons - Eddie IV and Jayvion - and one daughter - Emani.



THE HICKS FILE

BIRTHDATE: March 24, 1987

HOMETOWN: Clarksdale, Miss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Clarksdale HS

COLLEGE: Southern Miss, 2009

FAMILY: Wife - JoTrina; Sons - Eddie IV and Jayvion; Daughter - Emani

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012	Alcorn State - Graduate Assistant
2013	Cincinnati - Graduate Assistant
2014	Cal - Defensive Quality Control
2015	Murray State - Defensive Backs
2016-17	Austin Peay - Cornerbacks
2018	Southern Miss - Cornerbacks
2019-21	Charlotte - Cornerbacks
2022	Jacksonville State - Cornerbacks
2023-24	LSU - Lead Defensive Analyst
2025	Cincinnati - Cornerbacks

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2006-09 Southern Miss

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

DAVID JOHNSON ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/RUNNING BACKS

David Johnson joins the Arkansas staff from Florida State, where he coached the Seminoles running backs and served as the program's recruiting coordinator since 2020.

Throughout his career, he has coached 19 all-conference players who have earned a combined 29 all-conference honors, including Special Teams Player of the Year. At least one Johnson coached player heard his name called in seven consecutive drafts (2018-24).

Florida State's rushing attack led the ACC in yards per game this past season, averaging 218.7 yards while scoring a league-best 31 rushing touchdowns.

While at Florida State, Johnson helped build the Seminoles back into a national power in 2023 when the team went 13-0 during the regular season, including an ACC Championship. The Seminoles averaged 34.6 points per game - bolstered by 20 different players scoring at least one touchdown to match a program record - and ranked 18th in the country. The Seminoles also led the ACC with 61 total touchdowns scored, including 32 on the ground. Trey Benson finished the season with 1,133 all-purpose yards to go with 14 rushing touchdowns and one receiving score. His 14 rushing TDs total tied for seventh on FSU's single-season list and ranked second in the ACC and 15th nationally that year. Lawrance Toafili earned ACC Championship Game MVP after running for a career-high 118 yards, including a career-long 73-yard run, and the go-ahead touchdown in Florida State's 16-6 victory.

Johnson's running backs contributed to one of the most explosive offenses in the nation in 2022 while helping lead FSU to a 10-3 record and a final ranking of No. 10 in the Coaches Poll and No. 11 in the AP poll. Florida State led the nation averaging 7.5 plays of 20-plus yards per game, the program's highest season average since the 2013 national championship season. The team's 214.1 rushing yards per game were the most by a FSU team since 1995, fueled by eight games of 200+ yards rushing, including seven consecutive to end the regular season.

The Seminoles' offense led the ACC in eight different categories: third-down offense, yards per pass, yards per play, yards per rush, total offense, yards per completion, rushing offense and scoring offense. FSU was the first team to lead the ACC in scoring and total offense in the same season since 2019 and was one of only two teams nationally to lead its conference in yards per rush, yards per pass and yards per play in 2022.

Florida State's average of 214.1 rushing yards per game was the program's most since 1995, fueled by eight 200-yard rushing games, including a school-record-tying seven consecutive to end the regular season. In the season opener, FSU had three 100-yard rushers for the first time in school history and in the regular season finale, a 45-38 win over Florida, the Seminoles' five rushing touchdowns were the most by a Gator opponent since 1997.

Benson led the running backs with five 100-yard rushing games and led the league with his average of 5.5 yards per carry to earn Second-Team All-ACC. Treshaun Ward, who recorded a pair of 100-yard rushing games, was an honorable mention all-conference selection and semifinalist for the Burlsworth Trophy despite missing four games due to injury. Johnson's running backs combined for 2,283 rushing yards and 24 scores.

The 2021 season featured a breakout performance by All-ACC running back Jashaun Corbin. The redshirt sophomore gained 1,159 all-purpose yards with an average of 6.2 yards per carry to lead the ACC and rank 16th nationally among ball carriers with at least 10 rushing attempts per game. Corbin's speed was on display with touchdown runs of 89 yards against Notre Dame and 75 yards against Louisville. He was the only player in the ACC and one of six in the FBS with multiple 75-yard runs during the 2021 season and only the fourth player in FSU history with multiple 75-yard touchdown runs in a season.

In his first year at Florida State, Johnson coached a room full of newcomers as Florida State's running back room returned zero scholarship players from the 2019 season. He utilized the group's youth and versatility to account for 1,855 all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns.

The Seminoles averaged 199.9 rushing yards per game, the program's best since 2016. In the season finale, a 56-35 win over Duke, Florida State rushed for six touchdowns - just the second time in program history with six rushing touchdowns in a league game - and 346 yards - the most by Florida State since 2012.

Prior to Florida State, Johnson coached at Tennessee for two years, leading the Volunteers' wide receivers in 2018 before taking of the team's running backs in 2019. RB Eric Gray broke UT's single-game true freshman rushing record with 246 yards against Vanderbilt, a total that ranked fifth on the Vols' all-time list. Nationally, it was the ninth-highest single-game total, and most by a true freshman, in 2019. Gray earned Gator Bowl MVP after recovering an onside kick and scoring the game-winning touchdown 30 seconds later. The 2018 team ranked sixth in the SEC with an average of 7.9 yards per catch and had four different receivers average more than 14.0 yards per reception, led by Josh Palmer's 21.04 average.

He coached alongside Silverfield at Memphis during the 2016-17 seasons as the Tigers' wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator. He developed former walk-on Anthony Miller into a consensus All-American in 2017 after Miller led the country with 18 receiving touchdowns, ranked third with 1,462 receiving yards and fifth with 96 receptions. Miller was selected 51st overall in the 2018 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears. Memphis concluded the 2017 season ranked second in the country in points per game (45.5), fourth in total offense (523.1), sixth in passing efficiency (160.2) and seventh in passing yards per game (335.0).

The 2016 season was Miller's breakout year as he re-wrote Memphis' single-season records with 95 catches, 1,434 yards and 14 touchdowns. Those numbers all improved in Johnson's



second season working with Miller. The 2016 Tigers ranked 14th in the country with 304.4 passing yards per game, and their 38.8 points-per-game average was 15th.

Johnson spent four seasons at Tulane coaching running backs and tight ends. The Green Wave played in the team's first bowl game in over a decade in 2013 when RB Orleans Darkwa earned MVP honors in the New Orleans Bowl after scoring three touchdowns. Johnson also developed a pair of Freshman All-Americans in RB Sherman Badie and TE Charles Jones.

Johnson began his coaching career at his alma mater, John F. Kennedy HS in Louisiana, as the team's wide receivers and tight ends coach before becoming the offensive coordinator at O. Perry Walker HS (La.). As offensive coordinator at John F. Kennedy HS and O. Perry Walker HS, He helped direct O. Perry Walker to three straight district championships and the 2002 state championship game while coaching All-American Craig Davis, a first-round selection by the Chargers in 2007 after winning a national championship at LSU, and Mike Wallace, who was taken in the third round in 2009 out of Ole Miss.

Johnson got his first taste of college football at Millsaps College for four seasons (2005-08) as the wide receivers and tight ends coach. He returned to high school football in 2009 when he began a successful stint as the head coach at St. Augustine HS (La.). He led the Purple Knights to district titles in 2010 and 2011, earning the district's Coach of the Year honor in 2011. During his time at St. Augustine, he coached future NFL players and All-Americans Tyrann Mathieu and Leonard Fournette Jr.

Johnson played at Nicholls State, where he earned All-Southland Conference honorable mention as a wide receiver in 1992 and again as a wide receiver and punt returner in 1993. He led the Colonels in each of those seasons, combining for 50 receptions for 990 yards and eight touchdowns over those two years.

Johnson and his wife, Akeia, have two sons - Jermaine and Karaaz - and one daughter - De'Von.

THE JOHNSON FILE

BIRTHDATE: August 7, 1971
HOMETOWN: New Orleans, La.
HIGH SCHOOL: John F. Kennedy HS (La.)
COLLEGE: Nicholls State, 1995
FAMILY: Wife - Akeia; Sons - Jermaine and Karaaz; Daughter - De'Von

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1997-99 John F. Kennedy HS (La.) - Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
 2000-04 O. Perry Walker HS (La.) - Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
 2005-08 Millsaps College - Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
 2009-11 St. Augustine HS (La.) - Head Coach
 2012-15 Tulane - Running Backs/Tight Ends
 2016-17 Memphis - Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator
 2018 Tennessee - Wide Receivers
 2019 Tennessee - Running Backs
 2020-25 Florida State - Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1991-93 Nicholls State

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

MARCUS JOHNSON OFFENSIVE LINE

Marcus Johnson is no stranger to the SEC, having played at Ole Miss with coaching stops at Mississippi State and Missouri on his resume.

He spent the 2025 season with Ohio State as the program's assistant offensive line coach. The Buckeyes' offense has been among the nation's best all season averaging 34.9 points per game while earning a spot in the College Football Playoff. The OSU offensive line has allowed only 11.0 sacks through 13 games this season. Luke Montgomery and Austin Siereveld were both named to the All-Big Ten second team.

Prior to Ohio State, Johnson spent two seasons at Purdue leading the offensive line. His first Boilermakers' line helped produce the best running attack at Purdue in over a decade despite battling injury to multiple linemen during the 2023 season. The team ran for 2,029 yards - the most since 2012 - and produced consecutive 300-yard rushing games for the first time since 1968, including the most in a Big Ten game that season with 353 yards vs. Minnesota. Gus Hartwig and Marcus Mbow picked up All-Big Ten Honorable Mention recognition for their efforts.

At Missouri, Johnson was promoted in May 2021 to Assistant Head Coach and Run Game Coordinator after helping the 2020 Tigers average 135.2 yards rushing per game and score 21 touchdowns. His first o-line ranked fourth in the SEC and 30th nationally allowing only 1.6 sacks per game. The Tigers improved in the run game in 2021, averaging 179.8 yards per game with 22 scores while RB Tyler Badie set a school record with 1,604 yards, including five 200-yard games. Johnson's OL improved in protection as well, yielding 1.4 sacks per game to rank third in the league and 20th nationally. Center Michael Maietti earned Second-Team All-America honors from Pro Football Focus along with All-SEC honors.

Johnson coached the offensive line for two seasons at Mississippi State (2018-19), helping the Bulldogs to berths in the Outback Bowl and Music City Bowl. The Bulldogs' running game was among the best in the league both years Johnson was in Starkville, ranking second in the league in 2018 rushing yards per game and third in 2019 when RB Kylin Hill All-SEC first team honors after running for 1,350 yards and 10 scores.

Johnson's first offensive line at MSU was anchored by First-Team All-American Elgton Jenkins, who was picked 44th overall by Green Bay in the 2019 NFL Draft.

At Duke, Johnson began his coaching career under his former college coach, David Cutcliffe. Johnson joined the staff in 2011 as an assistant strength and conditioning coach before moving to an offensive quality control role for three seasons then taking over his first on-field coaching job as the offensive line coach in 2016. He developed center Austin Davis into an All-ACC performer in 2017.

Johnson was a Second-Team All-SEC offensive lineman at Ole Miss as a senior team captain. He was a second-round selection by Minnesota in the 2005 NFL Draft before playing four seasons for the Vikings and one season for Tampa Bay.

He and his wife, Veullana, have three children - London, Meraki and Violette.



THE JOHNSON FILE

BIRTHDATE: Dec. 1, 1981

HOMETOWN: Coffeeville, Miss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Coffeeville HS (Miss.)

COLLEGE: Ole Miss, 2004

FAMILY: Wife - Veullana; Children - London, Meraki and Violette

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-12 Duke - Assistant Strength & Conditioning
 2013-15 Duke - Offensive Quality Control
 2016-17 Duke - Offensive Line
 2018-19 Mississippi State - Offensive Line
 2020 Missouri - Offensive Line
 2021-22 Missouri - Assistant Head Coach/Run Game Coordinator/OL
 2023-24 Purdue - Offensive Line
 2025 Ohio State - Assistant Offensive Line

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2001-04 Ole Miss
 2005-08 Minnesota Vikings
 2009 Tampa Bay Buccaneers

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

JEFF MYERS RUN GAME COORDINATOR/OFFENSIVE LINE

Jeff Myers was named Arkansas' run game coordinator and offensive line coach by Head Coach Ryan Silverfield, joining the Razorbacks' staff from Memphis.

Myers coached the Tigers for three seasons with Silverfield, earning the title of running game coordinator in 2024. His offensive lines were an integral part of the Tigers' success on offense, including three-straight seasons ranking in the Top 20 nationally in scoring offense. His offensive line protected at an elite level when the Tigers won 21 games combined in 2023 and 2024 as one of just 18 teams in the country to allow fewer than 20 sacks in consecutive seasons, giving up 19 during the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

In 2025, Myers' offensive line was anchored by First-Team All-American Conference lineman Travis Burke. Burke and his fellow linemen paved the way for a Tigers' offense that averaged 420.7 yards per game while averaging 34.6 points per game. The running game was key for Memphis with 186.1 yards per game, including 77 runs of 10+ yards.

The 2024 Tigers won 11 games, capped by a Frisco Bowl victory over West Virginia, and were led by an offense that averaged a league-best 35.7 points per game. Tackle Xavier Hill earned first-team honors from the league's coaches with guard Jonah Gambill and center Trent Holler picking up third-team recognition.

The offense was among the nation's elite in numerous categories, ranking 16th overall in total yards per game (444.5 ypg), 20th in passing yards per game (270.5 ypg) and second in turnover margin (1.38) with only eight turnovers in 13 games. RB Mario Anderson Jr. benefitted from Myers' offensive line, averaging 104.8 rushing yards per game to gain 1,362 yards and score 18 rushing touchdowns - 10th nationally. Senior QB Seth Henigan appreciated the protection, as the Tigers allowed only 19 sacks to help Henigan pass for 3,502 yards and 25 touchdowns. Two of Myers' linemen picked up all-conference honors with tackle Xavier Hill getting a second-team nod and center Jacob Likes being named to the conference's third team.

Myers' first offensive line at Memphis in 2023 paved the way for an offense that ranked sixth nationally in scoring (39.4 ppg), 10th in passing offense (306.5 ypg) and 14th in total offense (458.5 ypg). Memphis finished off the program's fifth 10-win season with a 36-26 win over Iowa State in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. Henigan was kept clean by his o-line, who allowed only 19 sacks all season, to throw for 3,883 yards - fourth-most in FBS - and 32 scores - sixth-most in FBS. First-Team All-American Conference RB Blake Watson topped the 1,000-yard mark with 1,152 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Before joining the Tigers' staff, Myers spent seven seasons at Iowa State, the last five as the Cyclones' offensive line coach. The Iowa State offense during his tenure were among the best in school history. Seven of his offensive linemen earned All-Big 12 honors during his time leading the unit. Julian Good-Jones (2019), Colin Newell (2020) and Trevor Downing (2021) were all named First-Team All-Big 12 while Downing was named a Freshman All-American by The Athletic in 2019 and Darrell Simmons in 2020.

The Cyclones' offense in 2020 was elite in leading the squad to a first-place finish in the Big 12, making the Big 12 championship game and qualifying for a New Year's Six bowl for the first time in school history - a 24-17 win over Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

Iowa State broke the school record for total offense (444.3) and posted the third-best scoring offense (32.2) in program history in 2019 and followed it up with the second-best scoring offense (32.9) and third-best total offense (436.3) totals in Cyclone history in 2020.

Myers developed a young offensive line into a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award in 2020, the award given annually to the nation's top offensive line. The group allowed the fewest sacks in the Big 12 (14) and aided the team in breaking the school record for rushing touchdowns in a season with 31, scoring two or more rushing touchdowns in 11 of 12 games.



In 2019, Myers was named to 247Sports 30Under30 list as one of the profession's young, rising stars.

Myers' o-line led the way for a pair of 1,000-yard rushers at Iowa State in All-Americans David Montgomery and Breece Hall. Montgomery, a third-round pick by the Chicago Bears in 2019, and Hall, one of only two consensus All-Americans in Iowa State history. Hall was the nation's leading rusher in 2020 (1,572) and broke the all-time NCAA FBS record for consecutive games with a rushing touchdown (24).

He began his coaching career in 2015 as a graduate assistant at Toledo before heading to Iowa State as a graduate assistant during the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Myers played at Toledo, graduating in 2014. The Massillon, Ohio native was a three-year starter on the offensive line for the Rockets, starting 38 consecutive games. He earned All-MAC honors twice and was named team captain in 2014 when Toledo went 9-4 with a GoDaddy Bowl win capping the season.

Myers and his wife, Lauren, have one daughter, Kalani.

THE MYERS FILE

BIRTHDATE: April 1, 1992
HOMETOWN: Weston, Ohio
HIGH SCHOOL: Massillon Washington HS
COLLEGE: Toledo, 2014
FAMILY: Wife - Lauren; Daughter - Kalani

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 Toledo - Graduate Assistant
2016-17 Iowa State - Graduate Assistant
2018 Iowa State - Offensive Quality Control
2018-22 Iowa State - Offensive Line
2023 Memphis - Offensive Line
2024-25 Memphis - Running Game Coordinator/Offensive Line

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2010-14 Toledo

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

LARRY SMITH WIDE RECEIVERS

Larry Smith has been tabbed to lead the Arkansas wide receivers by Head Coach Ryan Silverfield.

Smith spent the last three seasons as the wide receivers coach on Silverfield's Memphis staff after joining the Tigers from UAB.

The Tigers' receiving corps was led by transfer Cortez Braham Jr. in 2025. Braham Jr. earned First-Team All-American Conference honors after leading the team with 63 receptions for 889 yards and eight touchdowns. Memphis' top four pass catchers all came from Smith's room with Braham Jr., Jamari Hawkins (34 catches, 591 yards), Marcello Bussey (24, 253) and Brady Kluse (21, 230) combining for nearly 70% of the Tigers' receiving yards.

Memphis posted the program's second consecutive 10-win season in 2024, going 11-2 with a Frisco Bowl win over West Virginia. Roc Taylor led the Tigers and ranked second in the American Conference with 950 yards to earn first-team all-conference honors. Taylor teamed up with Demeer Blankumsee (45 catches, 677 yards) and Koby Drake (39, 484) to form one of the best receiving trios in the league with all three ranking in the Top 25 for receptions and yards.

Taylor picked up Second-Team All-American Conference honors in 2023 thanks to a 1,000-yard season. He caught 69 passes for 1,083 yards and four touchdowns before finishing the season 20th in FBS with 83.3 yards per game. The Memphis offense was explosive, ranking sixth nationally in scoring (39.4 ppg), 10th in passing yards per game (306.5), 14th in total offense (458.5) and 17th in both passing efficiency (154.79) and completion percentage (.667) to help the Tigers go 10-3 with a Liberty Bowl win over Iowa State.

Smith served seven seasons on staff at UAB as the Blazers' wide receivers coach beginning in 2016. He helped lead the program back to the playing field in 2017 after the program was shut down. UAB played in three bowl games and captured a pair of Conference USA crowns during his tenure.

In 2022, Smith's wide receivers earned all-conference accolades, as both Trea Shropshire and Tejuan Palmer picked up honorable mention recognition. Shropshire reeled in a team-best 41 passes for 923 yards and six scores, while Palmer was second on the team with 30 catches for 479 yards and two touchdowns.

Smith's wide receivers played a vital role in UAB's success during the 2021 season, highlighted by Trea Shropshire who led the nation and set a school record in yards per reception at 26.04. He finished the season with 27 catches for 703 yards and seven touchdowns. The standout wide receiver also caught the game-winning touchdown in UAB's 31-28 victory over No. 13 BYU in the Independence Bowl to cap a 9-4 season. The victory over BYU marked UAB's highest ranked victory in school history.

In 2020, led by the trio Austin Watkins Jr., Myron Mitchell and Shropshire, the receiving corps was responsible for nine of the team's 14 receiving touchdowns. Watkins Jr. led the group with 34 receptions for 468 yards and three touchdowns to earn First-Team All-CUSA. Mitchell earned Conference USA honorable mention accolades after compiling 29 catches for 436 yards. Shropshire lit up the Conference USA Championship game, catching five passes for 180 yards and a touchdown in the Blazers' 22-13 win to capture the program's second conference crown in three years.

Smith's wide receivers were among the most productive in the nation in 2019, led by Watkins Jr., Myron Mitchell and Kendall Parham. The three wide receivers combined for 120 of UAB's 192 catches and 2,254 of the 2,815 yards. Watkins Jr. paced the group with 57 catches for 1,092 yards, and in the process became just the third player in UAB history to surpass 1,000 receiving yards in a season - joining Roddy White and Derrick Ingram. Watkins Jr. was named Second-Team All-Conference USA. Mitchell also earned all-conference accolades, finishing with 34 catches for 554 yards for an honorable mention nod. Parham finished sixth nationally in yards per reception at 20.97 (29 catches for 608 yards).

In 2018, Smith helped guide the Blazers to their best season in program history as UAB finished 11-3 overall and won the program's first Conference USA title and bowl game.

Smith's group was led by Xavier Ubosi, who wrote his name into the UAB record book at the Boca Raton Bowl, thanks to seven receptions for 227 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Blazers to a 37-13 victory over Northern Illinois. Ubosi set the then-Boca Raton Bowl record for receiving yards with 227, the third most in a single game in school history at UAB. He finished the season with team bests in receiving yards (839) and touchdowns (7).

Overall, the Blazers established 21 school records during the 2018 campaign, including total points (419), total touchdowns (53), total yards (5,680) and single-game yards (668 vs. UTSA). The top four wide receivers in Ubosi, Andre Wilson, Collin Lisa and Kailon Carter combined for 123 catches, 2,285 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Smith's first season coaching wide receivers at UAB came in 2017 as he helped guide the Blazers to an 8-5 overall record in UAB's first year back on the playing field after a two-year hiatus.

He oversaw the development of standout Andre Wilson who finished the season with 54 catches for 677 yards and six touchdowns. Wilson's 54 catches were the fifth-most in a single season at UAB, while his 677 yards ranked 10th all-time. His efforts earned him an All-CUSA honorable mention nod from the league's coaches.



A former Vanderbilt quarterback, Smith began his coaching career at Jacksonville State in 2013 as a graduate assistant before being promoted to the Gamecocks' quarterbacks coach. In 2015, he helped turn QB Eli Jenkins into All-American when he passed for nearly 4,000 yards and 36 touchdowns to lead the Gamecocks to the FCS National Championship Game for the first time in program history.

Smith started 27 games at Vanderbilt during his career, helping lead the program back to the postseason for the first time in over 25 years in 2008 and again in 2011. He earned his first career start in the Music City Bowl as a freshman with his final start coming in the Liberty Bowl as a senior.

He and his wife, Nichele, have two sons - Tripp and Karter.

THE SMITH FILE

BIRTHDATE: February 22, 1989

HOMETOWN: Prattville, Ala.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prattville HS

COLLEGE: Vanderbilt, 2011

FAMILY: Wife - Nichele; Sons - Tripp and Karter

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2013 Jacksonville State - Graduate Assistant
2014-15 Jacksonville State - Quarterbacks
2016-22 UAB - Wide Receivers
2023-25 Memphis - Wide Receivers

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2007-11 Vanderbilt

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

MITCH STEWART QUARTERBACKS

Head Coach Ryan Silverfield selected a familiar name when he tabbed Mitch Stewart as Arkansas' quarterbacks coach.

Stewart spent each of the last two seasons on Silverfield's staff at Memphis, serving as a senior offensive analyst in 2024 before being promoted to QB coach in 2025.

In 2025, Stewart took a new starting quarterback in Brendon Lewis and helped the Tigers to an 8-5 record, including a six-game winning streak to open the season. Lewis was steady after transferring from Nevada, passing for 2,673 yards while completing 68.8% of his passes (253-for-368) with 16 touchdowns and seven interceptions to go with 660 yards rushing and nine more scores. The Dallas native rushed for a season-best 103 yards in a win over Arkansas.

The Tigers went 11-2 capped by a victory over West Virginia during Stewart's first season in Memphis in 2024. He helped a successful offense rank 20th in the nation in passing yards per game with 270.5 yards, 26th nationally in first downs with 300 and 17th in third-down conversion percentage (.461). Quarterback Seth Henigan finished off an impressive career with 3,502 yards passing with 25 touchdowns and six interceptions while completing 64.8% of his passes (309-for-477).

Prior to Memphis, Stewart served as the offensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee for two seasons (2022-23). In 2023, the Blue Raiders ranked 14th nationally in completion percentage (67.4%) while passing for 3,192 yards and averaging 266.1 yards per game to rank 34th among FBS teams and fourth in Conference USA. Stewart paired the team's passing attack with a solid run game, averaging 125.1 yards per game, to rank fifth in C-USA in total offense with 391.1 yards per game. QB Nicholas Vattiatto finished second in the league with 257.7 passing yards per game, throwing for 3,092 yards to become just the second Blue Raider in program history to eclipse 3,000 passing yards.

In his first season calling plays for the Blue Raiders in 2022, Stewart directed an offense that featured WR Jaylin Lane, who caught 69 passes to rank 10th all time in a single season at Middle Tennessee, and QB Chase Cunningham, who passed for 3,156 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Stewart joined the staff at Samford in 2020 as the wide receivers coach before adding the offensive coordinator duties in 2021. The Bulldogs operated a high-powered offense during his two seasons. During his season as the offensive coordinator, Samford ranked sixth nationally in the FCS in completion percentage, eighth in red zone offense, ninth in passing offense and 11th in total offense. Stewart's offense scored 52 points at Florida, including 42 in the first half, to match the most points scored by an FCS team against an FBS opponent and were the most points ever allowed by Florida against a non-conference, non-Power Five opponent since its induction in 1906.

A pair of Bulldogs - WR Montrell Washington and QB Liam Welch - ranked in the top 50 nationally in numerous offensive categories. Washington led the NCAA in all-purpose yards (1,938) and became the first FCS player since 1998 to have a rushing, receiving and kick-return touchdown against a P5 team. Stewart coached four All-Conference players during the spring season of 2021, including Welch who picked up SoCon Offensive Player of the Year honors and was a Second-Team All-American.

Stewart was the head coach at Murray State for five seasons (2015-19) after joining the Racers in 2010 as the wide receivers coach before taking over playcalling duties in 2011.

During his tenure at Murray State, Stewart saw five players make it to the NFL, including LB Quincy Williams who heard his name called in the third round of the 2019 NFL Draft by Jacksonville to become the Racers' earliest pick in program history.

Stewart led the Racers to their best finish in seven years during the 2018 season, which included a 4-0 start and a win over No. 19 Southeast Missouri State - a 31-point comeback victory to become the largest comeback in program history. Six Racers earned All-OVC honors that season along with WR Malik Honeycutt and OL Levi Nesler picking up All-America honors.

During the 2017 season, Stewart coached the Racers to an upset over then No. 24 UT Martin to mark his third ranked win in two seasons. DB D'Montre Wade was named to the All-OVC First Team while WR Jordon Gandy, kicker Gabriel Vicente and QB Shuler Bentley also earned All-OVC recognition. DB Zach Shipley was placed on the Google Cloud Academic All-America list.

In his second season at the helm of the Racers in 2016, Stewart led the program to consecutive ranked wins for the first time in program history with wins over No. 15 Eastern Illinois and No. 25 Tennessee State. Stewart coached quarterback KD Humphries to become the program's all-time leader in passing yards, passing touchdowns, pass attempts and completions. Kicker Connor Mitchell set a school record for the most field goals made in a single game with six to earn National Special Teams Player of the Week from STATS. Mitchell's 1.8 field goals made per game led the FCS.

In his first season leading Murray State, the Racers posted the second-best passing offense in the nation (347.3 ypg) and the 12th ranked offense while leading the team to its first road win since the 2012 season with a thrilling 46-43 overtime win at Tennessee State. Four players were named to All-OVC teams with QB KD Humphries finishing seventh in the STATS Offensive Player of the Year voting.

As the offensive coordinator for the Racers for four seasons, Stewart produced one of the nation's best offenses. In 2014, Murray State's passing game was ranked third in the FCS (327.2 ypg) after recording the most rushing yards in a single season (1,886) in nearly a decade the



season prior. In his first two seasons as the offensive coordinator, the Racers' offense was the only team in the FCS to rank in the top five in total offense both seasons.

In 2012, Stewart coached QB Casey Brockman to All-American honors for the second-consecutive season and led him to program records in passing attempts, pass completions, passing yards and passing touchdowns.

During his first season calling plays, Stewart led Murray State's offense to 5,070 yards of total offense, including a 707-yard effort against Tennessee State.

Stewart spent the 2010 season as the wide receivers coach for the Racers and coached Marcus Harris, who produced the second-best single season in receptions, tied for second in total yards and eighth in total touchdowns in school history. Harris left Murray State as the all-time leader in receptions (216) and yards (2,471) and while earning All-American honors from the Associated Press and The Sports Network. In the same year, Stewart coached Arthur Brackett to a freshman record 62 catches in a single season for 617 yards and three touchdowns. Brackett nearly broke an FCS freshman record (15) with 13 catches against Jacksonville State.

Prior to his stint at Murray State, Stewart spent three seasons as a member of the Georgia Southern coaching staff and worked primarily with the wide receivers and handled team travel. In his second season with the Eagles, the offense led the Southern Conference and ranked 20th nationally in passing offense. WR Raja Andrews shattered three single-season records, one single-game mark and the career receptions record at Georgia Southern.

Stewart began his coaching career as the offensive coordinator at Newnan High School in Newnan, Ga., helping lead the team to its first region title in 14 years while qualifying for the state playoffs.

A four-year player at Valdosta State as a quarterback, Stewart was a part of the Blazers' 2004 national championship team and the 2002 national runner-up squad. He earned his degree in business education in 2005.

Stewart and his wife, Rikki, have two daughters, Stella and Emerson.

THE STEWART FILE

BIRTHDATE: Nov. 8, 1982

HOMETOWN: Opelika, Ala.

HIGH SCHOOL: Northgate HS (Ga.)

COLLEGE: Valdosta State, 2005

FAMILY: Wife - Rikki; Daughters - Stella and Emerson

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006	Newnan HS (Ga.) - Offensive Coordinator
2007-09	Georgia Southern - Wide Receivers
2010	Murray State - Wide Receivers
2011-14	Murray State - Offensive Coordinator
2015-19	Murray State - Head Coach
2020	Samford - Wide Receivers
2021	Samford - Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2022-23	Middle Tennessee - Offensive Coordinator/Inside Receivers
2024	Memphis - Senior Offensive Analyst
2025	Memphis - Quarterbacks

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2001-05 Valdosta State

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

MORGAN TURNER TIGHT ENDS

Morgan Turner will be in his fourth season at Arkansas after being retained by Head Coach Ryan Silverfield to coach the Hogs' tight ends.

Arkansas' tight ends produced in a big way for the offense in 2025 led by Second-Team All-SEC selection Rohan Jones. Jones paired with Jaden Platt to catch 40 passes for 815 yards and eight touchdowns. Jones was explosive, averaging a team-best 27.3 yards per reception.

Before arriving at Arkansas, Turner spent 13 seasons at Stanford, including 10 seasons as the program's tight ends coach. During his tenure in Palo Alto, Turner built Stanford into a national brand among tight ends by producing numerous NFL tight ends such as Dalton Schultz, Austin Hooper, Coby Fleener, Levine Toilolo, Zach Ertz, Kaden Smith and most recently Colby Parkinson.

Turner's tight ends in 2024 featured a variety of skillsets and body types led by Luke Hasz, Andreas Paaske and Ty Washington, who combined for seven of the team's 16 touchdown passes. Hasz's four touchdown catches led the team with his 324 yards fourth-best on the squad. He and Paaske each caught two touchdown passes in the win at Mississippi State. The two-score game was the first of Paaske's career and his first two touchdowns as a Razorback after transferring from Eastern Michigan. Paaske's steady development throughout the season was evident as the Denmark native saw his playing time increase as a key piece of the team's run blocking.

Turner displayed his ability to build depth in his tight end room during his first season with the Razorbacks with four different tight ends drawing at least three starting assignments. Turner quickly got true freshman Luke Hasz up to speed to start the first five games of the season before a season-ending injury cut his freshman campaign short. Hasz was impressive in his first five collegiate games, catching 16 passes for 253 yards and three touchdowns. His most impressive performance came on the road at LSU in a night game that saw him haul in six passes for 116 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Ty Washington was the next man up, earning three straight starts before an injury ended his season at Florida. Washington caught 11 passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns, all in a four-game span. He jumped on the scene with a seven-catch, 90-yard effort that included a pair of touchdowns at Ole Miss. Nathan Bax and Francis Sherman each started three games during their final college seasons.

The latest in Turner's long line of productive tight ends is junior Benjamin Yurosek, who caught 49 passes for 445 yards and a touchdown this past season to earn second-team All-Pac-12 honors. Yurosek's 49 receptions were second-most on the Cardinal roster and second-most among all tight ends in the Pac-12. Yurosek's sophomore campaign in 2021 was even better, leading the Cardinal with 658 receiving yards to earn honorable mention All-Pac-12. He averaged 15.3 yards per reception, recorded three games of 90+ yards receiving and hauled in 13 receptions of 20+ yards - all three ranked among the top three tight ends in the Power 5.

Parkinson is the latest of Turner's tight ends to make an impact in the NFL as a fourth-round selection by Seattle in 2020. He was a semifinalist for the Mackey Award - given annually to the nation's top tight end - and earned second-team All-Pac-12 recognition in 2019 after catching 48 passes for 589 yards and a score.

Schultz was a fourth-round pick by the Dallas Cowboys in 2018 after earning All-Pac-12 First Team leading a talented group of tight ends for Stanford in 2017. The unit snagged 12 of the team's 23 touchdown passes that season. Hooper is Turner's most recent All-American, having earned the distinction in 2015 after being named a finalist for the Mackey Award and first-team All-Pac-12 for catching 34 passes for 438 yards and six TDs. The Atlanta Falcons picked him in the third round of the 2016 draft.



In 2012, Turner assisted Ertz in becoming a unanimous All-American, Mackey Award finalist, first-team All-Pac-12 and a second-round pick by the Philadelphia Eagles. Ertz led all FBS tight ends in 2012 in receiving yards (898) and catches (69) to go along with six touchdowns. Along with Toilolo, Stanford tight ends led the nation that season in productivity catching a combined 93 passes for 1,291 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Turner has also displayed the ability to land elite recruits while also developing tight ends. He recruited Parkinson and Schultz, who were four-star tight ends coming out of high school and molded them into top NFL draft picks. He developed three-star recruits Hooper and Yurosek into All-Pac-12 performers for the Cardinal with Hooper eventually becoming a third-round NFL selection.

Before taking over the tight ends, Turner spent two seasons at Stanford as an offensive assistant and one as a sports performance intern. Prior to Stanford, he coached quarterbacks at Indiana State for one season (2009) after getting his start in coaching at Central (Ill.) High School in 2008 as the team's quarterbacks coach and scout team coordinator.

Turner graduated from Illinois in 2009, earning a bachelor's degree in finance. The Champaign, Ill. native served as a student coach for the Illini football team in 2004 and is the son of longtime NFL and collegiate head coach Ron Turner.

Turner and his wife, Melissa, have three children, two sons, Nico and Landon, and a daughter, Mia.

THE TURNER FILE

BIRTHDATE: August 27, 1985

COLLEGE: Illinois, 2009 B.S. Finance

FAMILY: Wife - Melissa; Sons - Nico and Landon; Daughter - Mia

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2009 Indiana State (Quarterbacks)

2010 Stanford (Sports Performance Intern)

2011-12 Stanford (Offensive Assistant)

2013-22 Stanford (Tight Ends)

2023-pres. Arkansas (Tight Ends)

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LANDIUS WILKERSON DEFENSIVE LINE

Landius Wilkerson joins the Arkansas staff from Tulane, where he served each of the last two seasons as the defensive line coach.

The Green Wave made their first appearance in the College Football Playoff during the 2025 season after winning the American Conference championship game to claim their 11th victory of the season. Wilkerson's defensive line was part of one of the nation's best pressure units with the Wave recording 36.0 sacks to rank 16th nationally and 22nd nationally in tackles for loss with 85.0. First-Team All-American Conference DL Santana Hopper led the defensive line with 4.5 sacks and was one of four Tulane players ranked in the top 20 in the American Conference. Hopper led all American Conference d-linemen with 10.5 tackles for loss and ranked fifth in the league overall. DL Tre'Von McAlpine picked up second-team all-conference honors after posting 35 stops with a pair of TFLs and one sack.

In Wilkerson's first season in New Orleans, Tulane went 9-5 with an appearance in the American Conference championship game. Tulane's defense was one of the best in the American Conference, finishing second in total defense and second in sacks. Three members of the Green Wave's defensive line earned all-conference recognition following the season with Patrick Jenkins earning first-team honors alongside Kam Hamilton and Adin Huntington, who earned third-team accolades. Jenkins and Hamilton led the squad with 4.5 sacks apiece with Huntington recording four sacks of his own. The trio also combined for 17.5 tackles for loss.

Wilkerson led the defensive line at South Alabama for three seasons, developing Bubba Thomas into a four-year starter and eventual Super Bowl LX champion with the Seattle Seahawks. Wilkerson's first d-line was led by Thomas as a freshman with the Georgia native earning honorable mention All-Sun Belt Conference after 49 tackles with 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks. Thomas again picked up an honorable mention all-conference nod in 2022 and wrapped up his career as a second-team All-Sun Belt Conference member.

During Wilkerson's time in Mobile, the Jaguars won 10 games in 2022 and received bowl bids in each of his last two seasons, including a win over Eastern Michigan in the 2023 68 Ventures Bowl.

Wilkerson spent one season at FCS level Chattanooga, coaching the Mocs' defensive line while serving as the program's recruiting coordinator. The team played just one game during the fall before

He coached defensive ends the previous two seasons at Jacksonville State, helping the Gamecocks finish .500 or better both years including going 9-4, with a 7-1 league record to claim the Ohio Valley Conference championship, after advancing to the second round of the FCS playoffs in 2018. That fall, his efforts contributed to JSU finishing second nationally in third-down conversion defense while also ranking among the top 15 in tackles for loss (seventh) and total defense (15th).

He was an assistant at Division III Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala. from 2010-17, a stretch that saw the Hawks finish with a winning record each year en route to a 42-12 overall mark highlighted by a 31-5 record in the USA South Conference over his final five seasons. Wilkerson helped Huntingdon win the league title after going 7-0 in both 2015 and 2017, with the program competing in the NCAA Division III playoffs each of his last three years on the staff featuring a victory in the first round in 2015.



Under his direction, defensive lineman D.J. Chappell became the Hawks' first All-American in school history in 2012 while d-lineman Heath McCray was an honorable mention All-America selection in 2015. In five years, Wilkerson had one individual named the USA South Defensive Rookie of the Year and six all-conference performers.

As an offensive lineman at Alabama State, Wilkerson was a team captain and three-year starter, earning All-Southwestern Athletic Conference honors while helping the Hornets claim the league title in 2004. He also participated in track before receiving his undergraduate degree from ASU in mathematics education in 2005. He earned his master's degree in instructional leadership from Tennessee Tech in 2008.

Wilkerson began his coaching career as an assistant at McMinn Central HS (Tenn.), coaching at his alma mater for five seasons.

He and his wife Melody have two daughters, McKenzie and Ava.

THE WILKERSON FILE

BIRTHDATE: Aug. 3, 1982

HOMETOWN: Etowah, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL: McMinn Central HS (Tenn.)

COLLEGE: Alabama State, 2005

FAMILY: Wife - Melody; Daughters - McKenzie and Ava

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005-09 McMinn Central HS (Tenn.)

2010-17 Huntingdon College - Defensive Line

2018-19 Jacksonville State - Defensive Ends

2020 Chattanooga - Defensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator

2021-23 South Alabama - Defensive Line

2024-25 Tulane - Defensive Line

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2000-04 Alabama State

COACHING STAFF

2026 ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

NOAH FRANKLIN **HEAD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH**

Noah Franklin has been named as the program's new Head Strength and Conditioning coach.

Franklin rejoins Silverfield's staff after eight seasons in Memphis, including the last six as the Director of Athletic Performance. He originally joined the Tigers' staff in 2012 as a graduate assistant working with the team's offensive line before moving into a full-time role as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

He joined the Oakland Raiders' staff in 2014. With the Raiders, he worked on the creation of player workouts and programming while also leading the development and implantation of workouts for the team's practice squad.

Franklin was an offensive lineman at Oklahoma State, earning his degree in December of 2010. He spent time in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers and Detroit Lions before beginning his coaching career as a graduate assistant at ULM.

He and his wife, Taylor, have two children - a son, Max, and a daughter, Hailey.



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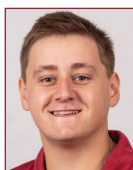
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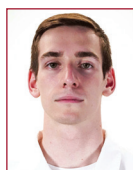
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