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## UofM and head football coach Ryan Silverfield finalize new contract

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The University of Memphis and head football coach Ryan Silverfield have agreed to a new, five-year contract through the 2028 season. Silverfield is entering his

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ninth season at Memphis and fifth as head coach in 2024. In 2023, Silverfield guided the Tigers to a 10-3 season, including a win in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, 36-26, over Iowa State. The 10-win season was

just the fifth in program history. “We are extremely excited to make this commitment to Coach Silverfield to keep him leading our football program into the future,” University of Memphis Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Laird Veatch said. “Coach Silverfield guided the team to one of the best seasons in program history in 2023 and we believe he’s laid the foundation to help Memphis ascend even higher in the expanded College Football Playoff era.”

Silverfield is the only head coach in program history with four bowl titles in his first four seasons. His four bowl titles are also the most for any head coach in school history.

His 31 victories are the second-most in program history for a head coach in his first four seasons, while those wins rank in a tie for fourth nationally among head coaches hired in 2020.

For his efforts in 2023, Silverfield was named the Tennessee Sports Writers Association (TSWA) Coach of the Year, becoming the first Memphis head coach to earn the honor twice

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## UofM announces free spring football and parking on April 20

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis Football will hold the program’s annual spring game, on Saturday, April 20th at 3 p.m. at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

The game, as well as parking, is free for all fans. Parking and tailgating for the spring game will be available on Tiger Lane and in Blue and Gold lots.

### Stadium Info

- Gates open for fans at 2 p.m., with kickoff scheduled for 3 p.m.
- Entrance to Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium will only be allowed through Tiger Lane and Gate B.
- Fans get to the home sideline for seating through Gate 3.
- Fans will be able to sit on the home sideline (West side) of the stadium.

### Parking/Tailgating

- Parking is free.
- Parking lots will open at 11 a.m.
- Parking on Tiger Lane and Blue and Gold lots.
- Tailgating will be allowed on Tiger Lane and in Blue and Gold lots.

### Students

- There will be a designated student tailgate area in the Gold Lot.
- A competition between the football team and students will happen at each timeout.

### Fan Appreciation

- The spring game will be a family friendly event with plenty of entertainment and a chance to meet the players on the field after the game.
- The Pouncers Pals Kids Zone

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## Showboats kick off season against San Antonio Brahmas Saturday at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (March 27, 2024) – The Memphis Showboats have announced the single-game themes for each of the five home games during the 2024 season at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. All 2024 Memphis Showboats home games will be fan and family friendly, as they were during the 2023 season.



The Showboats kick off their home schedule with a tilt against the San Antonio Brahmas on Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m. The home opener will be telecast on ESPN and broadcast on News Talk 98.9FM in Memphis. The first home game will feature a giant American flag, local dance team, local high school band, fan fest area in the concourse, and a surprise giveaway for a select

few fans. Fans are encouraged to arrive early, as parking will be at a premium with two additional events occurring at Liberty Park that day. The second home game of the season is Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. versus the Michigan Panthers. The Showboats will be honoring the incredible history of the Showboats franchise, recognizing the legendary Reggie White and Pepper Rodgers. In

addition, fans will receive free rally towels.

Home game number three is the rivalry game with Birmingham. This rivalry started in the 1980’s USFL and continues today, as the two teams battled it out last season for a playoff spot. Game time is slated for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4 and fans will receive a free Showboats bobblehead, while supplies last.

The Showboats will pay tribute to the incredible heroes in the Memphis community, on Sunday, May 26, as the Showboats host the DC Defenders. This Hats Off To Heroes Game will feature tributes to our local military bases, first responders, medical professionals and more. Please see sports page 4

## Memphis Showboats to hold pep rally Friday; \$10 tickets for home opener on Saturday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (April 2, 2024) – Fans are invited to meet the Memphis Showboats Friday to celebrate and get ready for the first home game of the season.

The Showboats will hold a pep rally from 4-5:30 p.m. Friday at Handy Park on Beale. Every member of the team and coaching staff will be in attendance. The Showboats’ mascot Skipper will be there, as will the Showboats cheerleaders.

This family-friendly event will include opportunities for photos, autographs and a chance to mingle with the Showboats. There will also be special giveaways throughout the event.

The Showboats open the home portion of their 2024 United Football League schedule at 11 a.m. Saturday at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, as they host the San Antonio Brahmas. Both Memphis and San Antonio won their season-openers, so both teams will be looking to remain undefeated.

Special \$10 Ticket Deal The Showboats have announced a special ticket offer for Saturday’s home-opener. Fans can purchase \$10 tickets for the showdown with the Brahmas by visiting the following link: fevo.me/boats10 or visiting TheUFL.com

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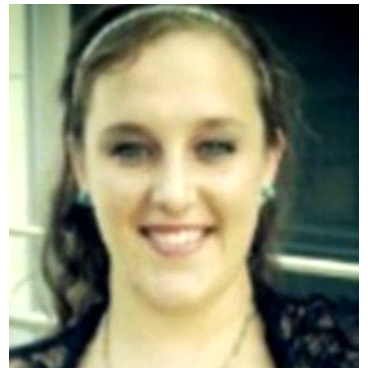
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## Third Circuit denies rehearing in SAF PA gun rights victory; Second Amendment affirmed

April 1, 2024 - The Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has denied a petition for a rehearing in the Second Amendment Foundation’s victory in a case challenging Pennsylvania statutes that prohibit law-abiding young adults from carrying firearms for self-defense and prevents them from acquiring a state license to carry (LTCF) because of their age. The case is known as Lara v. Evanchick.

The petition for an en banc rehearing had been filed by attorneys representing the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. SAF is joined in the case by the Firearms Policy Coalition and three private citizens, including Madison M. Lara, for whom the case is named. They are represented by attorneys David H. Thompson, Peter A. Patterson and John D.

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Writing for the majority, Circuit Judge Kent A. Jordan explained, “The petition for rehearing filed by appellant in the above-entitled case having been submitted to the judges who participated in the decision of this Court and to all the other available circuit judges of the circuit in regular

active service, and no judge who concurred in the decision having asked for rehearing, and a majority of the judges of the circuit in regular service not having voted for rehearing, the petition for rehearing by the panel and the Court en banc, is DENIED.”

“We’re satisfied with the court’s decision,” said SAF founder and Please see sports-Military 2

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