

# MISSISSIPPI ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

## OFFENSE

### **Off Coor/Quarterbacks: Kent Austin, 2nd year**

Helped develop Ole Miss QB Jevan Snead who earned Honorable Mention All-SEC in his first year as a starter. Former QB at Ole Miss from 1981-'85 and ranks among the school's all-time passing leaders. HC of Saskatchewan Roughriders in '07 and led team to a Grey Cup victory. Spent 15 years overall in the CFL as a coach and player (10 yrs) and also won the Grey Cup as QB of the Roughriders in 1989.

### **Running Backs: Derrick Nix, 2nd year**

Brother of DC Tyrone. Offensive Asst and Quality Control coach for Atlanta Falcons in 2007. Began coaching career as a Graduate Asst at his alma mater Southern Miss in 2003, then elevated to TE coach in '04 and RB coach in '05 & '06.

### **Wide Receivers: Ron Dickerson, 2nd year**

Asst HC & DB coach at UL Monroe from 2005-'07. RB/Sp Tms coach at SW Missouri St from 2002-'04. Offensive and Sp tms intern with TB Buccaneers in 2001. Played in NFL 2 years with KC Chiefs and 1 year with Philadelphia Eagles.

### **Tight Ends/Sp Tms: James Shibest, 2nd year**

Sp Tms coach at Arkansas from 2000-'07 and also worked with TEs there from '00-'01 and from '06-'07. Worked with WRs from '02-'05. Won 2 JUCO Nat'l Championships as the Head Coach of Butler CC from '96-'99 with a 34-10 record.

### **OL/Running Game Coor: Mike Markuson, 2nd year**

OL coach and Run Game Coor at Arkansas from 1998-'07. Helped Ark lead the SEC in rushing in 4 of 5 years from 2003-2007. Helped develop 1st Tm AAC Jonathan Luigs who won the Rimington Trophy '07 and also Pro-Bowler Shawn Andrews. Has coached under Nutt since '93 when he was the OL coach at Murray St. OC at Boise St under Nutt in '97.

## DEFENSE

### **Defensive Coor/LBs: Tyrone Nix, 2nd year**

Ole Miss' defense improved from allowing 28.5 ppg and 423 ypg in 2007 to 19.0 ppg and 307 ypg in 2008 in Nix's first season. DC at South Carolina from 2005-'07. Coached at his alma mater Southern Miss for 10 years from 1995-'04 including the last 4 years as DC there. Standout LB at Southern Miss from '90-'93.

### **Defensive Line: Terry Price, 1st year**

Returns to Ole Miss in 2009 after a 10 year stint at Auburn as the Defensive Ends coach. DE coach at Ole Miss from 1995-98 under Tommy Tuberville. DL and strength coach at Western Kentucky in 2004.

### **CBs/Recruiting Coor: Chris Vaughn, 2nd year**

Prior to coming to Ole Miss, spent 9 years as an asst at Arkansas. Recruiting Coor/Safeties coach '03-'05 and again in '07. Director of On-Campus recruiting in '06. OLB coach at Ark from 2000-'04 & SS coach from '01-'03. Graduate Asst at Arkansas in '99. Played LB at Murray St under HC Nutt.

### **Safeties: Kim Dameron, 2nd year**

Defensive Coordinator at UL Monroe from 2005-'07. DC at Stephen F. Austin from 2001-'04. DC at Eastern Illinois from 2000-'01. Coached DBs for Toronto Argonauts in 1999. Has been DC at 5 different schools in his career.

### **Strength & Conditioning: Don Decker, 2nd year**

Prior to coming to Ole Miss in 2008, spent 15 years at Arkansas including the last 10 years as the Head of Strength & Conditioning. Assistant Strength Coach for 5 years prior to becoming Head Strength coach. Head Strength coach at Kent St from '91-'92.