

Archbishop Shaw 1987 State Championship Reunion
July 29, 2017 @ Boomtown Casino on the Westbank

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR NEWS PUBLICATION. All questions or contacts for direct comments can be directed to Mike Fahrenholt at (504) 450-2260. Photos are attached for approved publication.

On Saturday July 29th, Archbishop Shaw High School in conjunction with the Archbishop Shaw Alumni Association, held a 30th year celebration to honor all team members associated with the 1987 State Football Championship. The accomplishment is the only State Football Championship in the Eagles' school history.

Archbishop Shaw upset the Covington Lions 14-6 on December 12, 1987 to capture the coveted state crown. In attendance for the celebration was the entire 1987 coaching staff: Joseph Schiro, Richard Walker, Lou Valdin (Class 1975), Darren Barbier (Class 1978), and Mike Silva (Class 1978), and Head Coach Hank Tierney.

With approximately 200 alumni in attendance ranging from the 1960's to 2016, the night started with inspirational remarks from new Archbishop Shaw High School Principal Mark Williams (Class 1985). Additionally, Mr. Willie Marque (Class 1972) with the Archbishop Shaw Alumni Association, alongside 1987 Team Captains Robbie Autin, Michael Sepcich, Eric Chuter and Robby Green (all Class 1988), presented Coach Hank Tierney with their 2017 Honorary Alumnus Award.

Also in attendance during the presentation was new Eagles Head Coach Tommy Connors and entire coaching staff, along with Coach Joe Zimmerman who previously led the Eagles in the 1970 and 1980 eras.

Vance Joseph, Quarterback of the 1987 Championship team, was recognized as the Alumni Association's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for his accomplishments with becoming Head Coach of the NFL Denver Broncos.

The event was coordinated by Lillie and Mike Fahrenholt (Class 1991), along with the assistance of Archbishop Shaw's Director Fr. Lou Molinelli.

1987 Championship Roster Team Members in attendance:

- **Class 1988 Seniors:** Ron Austin, Ross Fayard, Ched Guidry, COL Scott Nolan, Craig Boudreaux, Glen Lawson, Michael Verges, Scott Benoit, Scott Pomes, Ty Delger. Team Captains Robbie Autin, Michael Sepcich, Eric Chuter and Robby Green.
- **Class 1989 Juniors:** Pat Campbell, Joseph Baptiste, Kevin Cadriere, Mark Letulle, Victor Balbuena.
- **Class 1990 Sophomores:** Ryan Robinson, Chris Alario, Frank Taulli, Jared Austin, Mark Liviccari, Rob Valle, Clarence Ward, Brett Adams
- **Class 1991 Freshman:** Kendall Bussey, Pat Riley, Murray White

PHOTO ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) **Shaw Current Coaches:** Left to Right are Head Coach Tommy Connors (Class 2006), Steven Weins, Paul Hatty (Class 2016), former Head Coach Joseph Zimmerman, Chuck Stall, Beau Briner (Class 2003), and former head Coach Hank Tierney.
- 2.) **Shaw Three Coaches:** Joseph Zimmerman, Tommy Connors (Class 2006), and Hank Tierney.
(Also included second photo of all three coaches)
- 3.) **Shaw 87 Coaching Staff:** Left to Right *(with championship trophy)* are Joseph Schiro, Lou Valdin (Class 1975), Darren Barbier (Class 1978), Head Coach Hank Tierney, Richard Walker, and Mike Silva (Class 1978).
- 4.) **Shaw all alum:** All alumni in attendace, ranging from Class members of 1967 to 2016.
- 5.) **Shaw 87 Team:** All 1987 team roster members with championship trophy.
- 6.) **Shaw Coach Hank:** Hank Tierney accepting 2017 Honorary Alumnus Award.
- 7.) **Shaw Mark Williams:** Archbishop Shaw Principal Mark Williams (Class 1985) addressing attendees.
- 8.) **Shaw Cake:** Boomtown Casino prepared treat for all attendees.