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Social Distance: Tucker Beathard finds his voice with ‘KING’

Country music artist Tucker Beathard grew up straddling the line between sports and music.

His grandfather, Bobby Beathard, is a Hall of Fame NFL Executive. His father, Casey Beathard, is a renowned country music songwriter, with hits like Kenny Chesney’s ‘The Boys of Fall.’ His brother, C.J., is a backup QB for the San Francisco 49ers and was a star at Iowa, where he was a two-year starter and guided the Hawkeyes on the brink of a Playoff berth in 2015.

Tucker was set to embark on a baseball career at Middle Tennessee State, before changing his tune at the last moment to focus on music, gaining immediate attention as a breakout artist with his top-5 hit ‘Rock On’ in 2016.

Fast forward a few years, and the 25-year-old is set to release the second installment of his debut double album, KING, on Aug. 21, a 13-track set that pays tribute to his late brother, Clayton King Beathard, who was murdered outside of a Nashville bar on Dec. 21. Clay, 22, was the starting quarterback at Long Island University and a 2016 graduate of Battle Ground Academy in Nashville.

Tucker has co-producer, co-writer and lead guitar and drum credits throughout the 13-song album. He co-wrote the powerful final song, “I Ain’t Without You,” with his father, as a message to his late brother — or to anyone struggling to cope through unexpected tragedy.

“That’s the beautiful thing bout songwriting and music, for me at least,” Tucker told Josh Pate on 247Sports’ latest edition of the Social Distance interview series. ‘It’s my outlet, it’s my way of expressing internal thing and having that therapeutic aspect through songs. That’s what comes natural to me. It’s the only thing I really know how to do, is write about things that are true to me.

“Getting my world rocked like it did in December, that’s what music is there for. Instead of just burying all that inside, luckily I could release some of it through songs.”

Beathard’s first installment of the project, “Nobody’s Everything,” was released independently. He has since signed a major recording deal with Warner Music Nashville.

247Sports’ complete interview with Beathard is available in the video player (above), as well as on YouTube. For more information, visit tuckerbeathard.com or follow him on

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