

A black and white photograph of Paul Mainieri, head coach of the LSU Tigers baseball team. He is standing on a baseball field, wearing a dark LSU Tigers jersey with the number 1 and light-colored pants. He has his hands on his hips and is smiling. The background shows a baseball field with bleachers and a fence.

# PAUL Mainieri

## HEAD COACH

**P**aul Mainieri plans to finish his collegiate baseball career in the same place it began over 31 years ago. Mainieri earned a letter in 1976 as a freshman outfielder at LSU, where he also met his future wife, Karen, then a Fighting Tiger cheerleader. He completed his playing career at the University of New Orleans, and, after enjoying great success as a head coach at St. Thomas (Fla.) University, the Air Force Academy and Notre Dame, Mainieri returned to Baton Rouge for the 2007 season eager to enhance the Fighting Tigers' storied tradition.

Mainieri, who directed Notre Dame to 533 wins and nine NCAA Tournament appearances in 12 seasons (1995-2006), was introduced on June 28, 2006 as LSU's 25th head baseball coach by athletics director Skip Bertman.

"When I began the search for a new LSU baseball coach, I was looking for a unique individual," said Bertman, who directed the Tigers to five national titles during a brilliant 18-year coaching tenure. "It would take someone special to lead this program, someone who would demand excellence in athletics and academics, someone who would represent LSU with dignity and class, and someone who would thrive in the high expectations of a championship program.

"I believe LSU has found that man, and his name is Paul Mainieri."



**“As a player Paul was a full-throttle guy. He was a total overachiever who did everything he could to help you win ball games. He maximized his talent to the highest level and does that as a coach as well. The Tigers will play the game the right way. He has no tolerance for lack of effort. His team will play the game the way LSU fans like to see it played.”**

- JIM HENDRY, CHICAGO CUBS GENERAL MANAGER

Mainieri has a clear vision for the future of the Fighting Tiger program.

“Make no mistake about it,” Mainieri said. “The goal is to return LSU to the pinnacle position in college baseball. I have all the confidence in the world that we can do that here.

“There are no excuses. We have what we need to win at LSU. Now it is my responsibility to go out there and find the young men that we can win with. I relish the opportunity to go into a living room and talk to people about coming to LSU and joining the great tradition and history.”

The 49-year-old Mainieri established an unparalleled standard of excellence during his tenure at Notre Dame, leading his teams to 11 40-win seasons, nine conference titles and a berth in the 2002 College World Series, marking the school’s first CWS trip since 1957.

Mainieri, a Miami, Fla. native, is ranked 22nd among active Division I coaches with 864 career victories. His

Irish teams combined for the nation’s fourth-best winning percentage during the decade of the 2000s (.728; 324-120-3), trailing only Rice (.752), Oral Roberts (.737) and Florida State (.734).

Mainieri has a 24-year head coaching record of 864-492-4 (.637).

“I have known Paul for over 30 years,” Bertman said, “dating back to my days in Miami when I knew his father, the legendary Demie Mainieri at Miami-Dade North Community College. Paul’s strong baseball pedigree is one of his most admirable and valuable traits. He has Louisiana roots. He played at LSU and at UNO. He understands our culture and he appreciates the nuances of our people.”

“I mentioned to Skip that I felt like I was coming home,” Mainieri said. “I spent one very special year here at LSU. I loved LSU. I loved every second of it.”

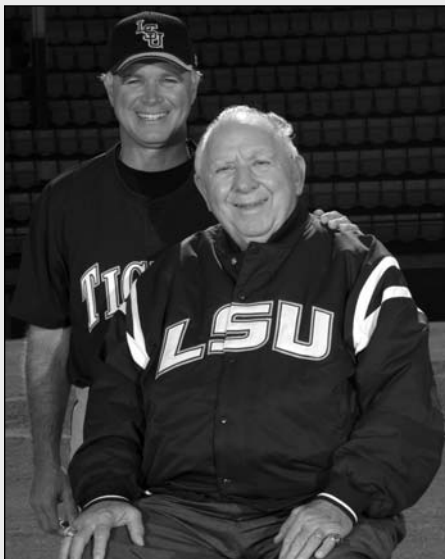
Mainieri led to Notre Dame to an NCAA Regional in each of his last eight seasons, making the Irish one of 10 teams to appear in each of the past eight

NCAA Tournaments - the others include Miami, Texas, Rice, Cal State Fullerton, Florida State, Stanford, Clemson, Tulane and Oral Roberts. Notre Dame also joined six other schools (LSU, Miami, Rice, South Carolina, Stanford and Texas) as the only programs to reach an NCAA Regional final every season from 2000-05.

Fifty of Mainieri’s Notre Dame players were drafted or signed free-agent contracts, and 18 were selected in the first 10 rounds of the Major League draft. His Irish players also combined for 14 All-America and 10 Academic All-America seasons.

Mainieri’s Notre Dame teams combined for a 100-percent graduation rate (71 of 71) among players who completed their eligibility. Twelve players who signed professionally after their junior year returned to Notre Dame to complete their degree requirements.

Notre Dame was the only Division I baseball program to produce Academic All-Americans each year from 2000-04,



Paul with his father Demie Mainieri

## Mainieri's Mentors

Paul Mainieri grew up around the game of baseball on a daily basis and, as the son of a Hall of Fame coach, had the good fortune to be exposed to several outstanding coaches.

Mainieri cites three primary influences in his development as a coach, headed by his father Demie Mainieri, who coached Miami-Dade North Community College to 1,018 wins and a national title in his 30-year career.

"My father laid the foundation for identifying the correct reasons to enter into the coaching profession," says Mainieri.

"Despite his success that he may have encountered, my father emphasized to me that a coach was a teacher first and foremost. Watching how he made such a positive impact on young people's lives was the greatest factor for me wanting to follow in his footsteps."

Mainieri spent his final two seasons as an infielder at the University of New Orleans, where he had the good fortune of playing for current UNO athletic director Ron Maestri. "Coach Maestri showed me how a high intensity level and work ethic can translate into success," recalls Mainieri, whose 2002 squad opened at the Ron Maestri/UNO Classic.

"He used to do the little things-like drag the field and go into the community to raise support - and his

charisma resulted in the construction of a beautiful ballpark for our team," says Mainieri.

"He pushed his team hard but would do anything for his players, and his players were very loyal to him. Coach Maestri also relayed to me the importance of recruiting the best athletes - meaning shortstops - and we had six or seven high school shortstops in our everyday lineup."

During his early days in coaching, Mainieri had the chance to meet former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda and has maintained a friendship with one of the game's greatest ambassadors.

"Tommy has advised me in so many areas, it's hard to specify any areas of emphasis," says Mainieri of Lasorda, who spoke at the Notre Dame pep rally prior to the 2001 Tennessee football game and served as the keynote speaker at the Notre Dame baseball team's "Opening Night Dinner" on Feb. 18, 2002. "I think from him I really realized how important it is to bring joy to the ballpark every day. The players definitely follow your lead as the coach and the enthusiasm you show for your job will rub off on them."

Mainieri readily credits his success to the guidance of those three Hall of Famers. "To this day, I still regularly call each of these men to ask for their advice," he says. "I think it's safe to say I've learned from the best!"

with two honored every season from 2000-03. The 2006 squad combined for an impressive 3.28 team GPA during the spring semester.

"At Notre Dame, Coach Mainieri achieved things that were never before accomplished in South Bend," Bertman said. "He was undeterred by the natural weather impediments of a Northern school in the sport of baseball. And while other coaches in the North and Midwest complain about their plight, Coach Mainieri never complains. He just wins."

Notre Dame was one of just four schools from 1998-2001 that produced two pitchers - Brad Lidge ('98, Houston Astros) and Aaron Heilman ('02, New York Mets) - who were drafted in the first

round, with both players advancing to the Major Leagues. Mainieri and his staff consistently have molded players into top prospects, as Lidge was just a 42nd-round pick out of high school while Heilman was a 54th-round pick.

Three of Mainieri's former Notre Dame players - Lidge, Heilman and Christian Parker (New York Yankees) - have pitched in the Major Leagues, with Lidge emerging as one of the game's elite closers.

Seven other recent Irish players developed into high draft picks despite going undrafted as prep players: pitchers Tim Kalita (7th round in '99), Danny Tamayo (10th round, '01), J.P. Gagne (13th round, '03) and Jeff Samardzija

(5th round, '06), shortstop Alec Porzel (13th round, '01), centerfielder Steve Stanley (2nd round, '02) and first baseman Craig Cooper (7th round, '06).

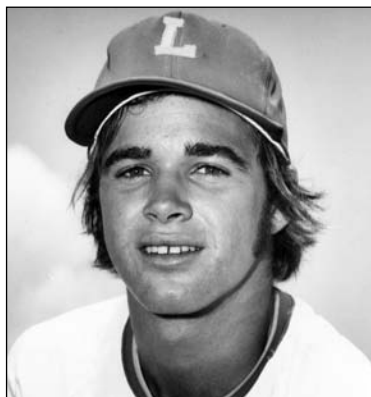
In the Mainieri era, nine of 13 Irish players who were drafted out of high school went on to be drafted in a higher round at Notre Dame while 24 who were undrafted as prep players went on to be drafted as members of the Irish program.

The 12 years of the Mainieri era at Notre Dame include 83 noteworthy players who have gone on to distinguish themselves after their Irish careers. Among that group are: three pitchers who have reached the Major Leagues; 16 other current professional players (plus 29 former pro players); nine



## Playing Days at LSU

Mainieri began his collegiate playing career at LSU, earning a letter as a Tiger outfielder in 1976. From LSU, he transferred to Miami-Dade Junior College for a season and then played two seasons at the University of New Orleans.



## Aim High

Mainieri was the first civilian baseball coach at the Air Force Academy.



Paul and his wife Karen with their children, Alexandra, Nicholas, Samantha and Thomas.

## The Paul Mainieri File Pronunciation: Muh-NAIR-ee

Career Record: 864-492-4 (.637, 24 seasons)  
 at Notre Dame: 533-213-3 (.714, 12 seasons)  
 at Air Force: 152-158 (.490, six seasons)  
 at St. Thomas: 179-121-1 (.598, six seasons)

### Personal

Birthdate: August 29, 1957  
 Hometown: Miami, Florida  
 Education: 1980 - B.S. in physical education from Florida International University  
 1982 - M.S. in sports administration from St. Thomas (Fla.) Univ.  
 Family: Married to the former Karen Fejes of New Orleans, La.  
 Children: Nicholas (23), Alexandra (22), Samantha (20) and Thomas (12)

### Coaching Awards

ABCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year - 2001, 2002, 2006  
 Big East Coach of the Year - 2001  
 College Baseball Insider National Coach of the Year - 2000

lawyers/current law-school students; five medical/dental-school students; seven others who have received a master's degree (including two MBAs); three engineers; five involved in medical sales; 11 college/high school coaches; three teachers; three commodities brokers; a sports agent; a contractor; and a town mayor - plus others who are involved in areas such as youth services, accounting, sales, athletic administration, technology, advertising, graphic design, banking and consulting.

In 12 seasons of Big East Conference play, the Irish won more league games (192-67-2, .740) than any other team in the conference. Mainieri owns the top career Big East winning percentage

(.740) in the 22-year history of the league and four of his teams posted 20-plus wins in Big East play (no other school has won more than 18 Big East games in a season).

The most recent season in the Mainieri era saw the 2006 team reach 45 wins (45-17-1) for the sixth time in the past seven seasons (all but '05). The 2006 squad ranked among the national top-30 in all three major categories (batting avg., ERA and fielding pct.) for most of the season.

The wide-reaching excellence of the Notre Dame baseball program was reinforced at the athletic department's 2006 awards recognition showcase, as the baseball team was the first recipient

of the Notre Dame athletics "Trophy Award" - honoring one varsity team for community service dedication during the academic year. The 32 members of the Notre Dame squad combined to total nearly 200 hours of community service in 2005-06.

"One thing I can guarantee is that LSU fans will always be proud of the way their Tigers play under Coach Mainieri," Bertman said. "He brings out the best in his players in more ways than one. He makes them sound players and he produces winning teams and good citizens."

Mainieri was honored in 2005 with a 25-year coaching certificate at the American Baseball Coaches Association



### Fighting Irish

Mainieri directed Notre Dame to nine conference titles and a 2002 College World Series appearance.



### Wake Up The Echoes

Mainieri's Notre Dame players recorded a 100% graduation rate.



### Leading the Tigers

Mainieri was named LSU's 25th baseball coach on June 28, 2006.

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**“When he (Mainieri) called me and asked me for advice, I told him that there might not be a job with more pressure in the country. The first thing he said is ‘I’m not afraid of the job.’ That’s huge and that tells me he’s ready for the challenge.”**

RON MAESTRI, NEW ORLEANS ZEPHYRS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MAINIERI’S COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

## Mainieri Proteges

Paul Mainieri’s influence extends throughout the game of baseball, as six of his former assistant coaches and six of his former players presently work as coaches or administrators:

### Former Assistant Coaches

Brian O’Connor	Head Coach, Virginia
David Grewe	Head Coach, Michigan State
Cory Mee	Head Coach, Toledo
Dave Schrage	Head Coach, Notre Dame
Eric Campbell	General Manager, Team USA
Al Avila	Asst. General Manager, Detroit Tigers

### Former Players

Marty Smith	Head Coach, Central Florida CC
Rick Hitt	Head Coach, South Florida CC
Elvis Dominguez	Head Coach, Eastern Kentucky
John Corbin	Asst. Coach, Eastern Kentucky
Mike Kazlausky	Asst. Coach, Air Force
J.J. Brock	Asst. Coach, Toledo

convention and was voted to the position of the ABCA’s chair of the Division I Baseball Coaches. He is also a member of the ABCA executive committee.

Mainieri serves on the NCAA Division I Baseball Issues Committee, and he is a member of the NCAA Academic Enhancement Working Group.

Mainieri established in 2002 the Opening Night Dinner at Notre Dame, and the event has featured an impressive lineup of keynote speakers: Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda, Chicago Cubs GM Jim Hendry, award-winning author and lifelong baseball fan John Grisham, legendary baseball pitcher Roger Clemens and Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis.

A former Chicago White Sox farmhand, Mainieri was the first civilian baseball coach at Air Force and averaged 26 wins in six seasons (1989-’94) for a program that averaged just 15 wins in the six previous years. He is the only Air Force baseball coach to post six straight 20-win seasons and his 1994 squad led

the nation in hitting (.360), slugging (.623) and triples (0.76 per game).

Mainieri guided the 1993 Air Force team to its first winning season in nearly a decade (28-22), with a school-record 21 wins at home. He coached three All-Americans, two Freshman All-Americans and two Academic All-Americans with the Falcons.

Mainieri coached six seasons at St. Thomas (Fla.) University where - in 1983 at the age of 24 - he took over a program that had yet to post a winning season. Mainieri led St. Thomas to four seasons that ended with the team ranked in the final NCAA Division II poll. The 1984 Sunshine State Conference coach of the year saw his St. Thomas teams average 30 wins per season (after an average of just 18 wins in the six previous years).

Fifteen of Mainieri’s St. Thomas players entered pro baseball, with Joe Klink, Dane Johnson (Chicago White Sox, ’94) and Dan Rohrmeier (Seattle Mariners, ’97) each going on to appear on Major League rosters. Klink played

"Coach Mainieri knows the game but he knows his players even better. He knows how to manage players extremely well - knowing who he has to push harder and who he needs to give space, always getting the best out of his players. His door was always open and he was willing to listen to whatever was on your mind - all while treating everyone with the respect they deserved and caring about the person and his life, not just the player."

- AARON HEILMAN, NEW YORK METS RELIEVER; NOTRE DAME PITCHER (1998-2001)

with the 1987 Minnesota Twins and 1989 Oakland A's World Series championship teams while also pitching with the Florida Marlins in 1994.

Mainieri's coaching career began at his alma mater, Columbus High School in Miami, where he served as assistant baseball and football coach for three years before taking over at St. Thomas in the fall of 1982. He also spent the final three years at St. Thomas as director of athletics.

A four-year letterwinner in college, Mainieri played one season at LSU, one for his father at Miami-Dade and two at the University of New Orleans. The second baseman helped the Privateers win two Sun Belt Conference titles and advance to the 1979 NCAA Tournament during his senior season.

After completing his undergraduate degree requirements at Florida International (1980), Mainieri played two minor-league seasons before earning a

master's in sports administration from St. Thomas in 1982.

Born August 29, 1957, in Morgantown, W.Va., Mainieri and wife Karen have four children: Nicholas (23, a Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Fighting Irish football staff; Alexandra (22, a senior at Ball State University); Samantha (20, a cheerleader at Notre Dame); and Thomas (12, named after his godfather, Los Angeles Dodgers Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda.)

## Mainieri Coaching Record

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	NOTES/HONORS
1983	St. Thomas (Fla.)	19-25-1	.445	
1984	St. Thomas (Fla.)	37-14	.725	Ranked top 10 Div. II, set school record for wins, Sunshine State Conference Coach of Year
1985	St. Thomas (Fla.)	31-21	.596	Ranked top 10 Division II
1986	St. Thomas (Fla.)	23-24	.489	
1987	St. Thomas (Fla.)	35-21	.625	Ranked top 10 Div. II, among national leaders with .340 team batting avg.
1988	St. Thomas (Fla.)	33-16-1	.670	Ranked top 10 Division II
<b>St. Thomas Totals (6 years)</b>		<b>179-121-1</b>	<b>.596</b>	<b>Winningest coach in St. Thomas history</b>
YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	NOTES/HONORS
1989	Air Force	27-27	.500	Set school records for Western Athletic Conference wins (13)
1990	Air Force	26-34	.433	
1991	Air Force	22-27	.449	
1992	Air Force	23-24	.489	
1993	Air Force	28-22	.560	Team led nation in triples, second-most wins in team history, best AFA record since '82
1994	Air Force	26-24	.520	Team led nation with .360 batting average
<b>Air Force Totals (6 years)</b>		<b>152-158</b>	<b>.490</b>	<b>Second-winningest coach in Air Force history</b>
YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	NOTES/HONORS
1995	Notre Dame	40-21	.656	Midwestern Collegiate Conf. Western Div. champs, most wins by first-year ND coach
1996	Notre Dame	44-18	.710	Participated in NCAA South I Regional (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)
1997	Notre Dame	41-19	.683	BIG EAST National Division champions, top winning percentage (15-6) in Big East
1998	Notre Dame	41-17	.707	Notre Dame's 10th straight 40-win season; Irish finish 12th in nation for team ERA
1999	Notre Dame	43-18	.705	National Coach of the Year (CBI); BIG EAST regular-season champ (20-5); NCAA host
2000	Notre Dame	46-18	.719	Reached title game of NCAA Starkville Regional; fourth-most wins in school history
2001	Notre Dame	49-13-1	.786	Big East/Midwest Region Coach of the Year; #1 ranking; Big East champs; NCAA host
2002	Notre Dame	50-18	.735	Mideast Region Coach of the Year; Big East champs; College World Series participant
2003	Notre Dame	45-18	.714	First Big East Tournament repeat champion since 1986; NCAA Regional participant
2004	Notre Dame	51-12	.809	First team to win three straight BIG EAST Tournament titles; NCAA Regional participant; school-record win total for 3rd time in 4 years
2005	Notre Dame	38-24-1	.611	Extended unprecedented run of Big East Tournament titles to 4; NCAA Regional finalist
2006	Notre Dame	45-17-1	.722	ABCA Mideast Region Coach of the year; extended unprecedented run of Big East Tournament titles to 5; NCAA Regional participant; Big East regular-season champs; set ND record with 23-game win streak (nation's longest in '06)
<b>Notre Dame Totals (12 Years)</b>		<b>533-213-3</b>	<b>.714</b>	<b>50 of his ND players have been drafted or signed professional free-agent contracts</b>

**24-year Head Coaching Record: 864-492-4 (.637)**  
**17-year Division I Coaching Record: 685-371-3 (.648)**



# TERRY Rooney

#26 | PITCHING COACH/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Terry Rooney, Notre Dame's pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for the past three seasons, will serve in the same capacity at LSU.

Rooney, 33, arrived in the fall of 2003 at Notre Dame, where his primary role centered on instructing the program's highly-regarded pitching staff while also serving as the program's recruiting coordinator. His earlier eight seasons as a Division I assistant included serving as pitching coach with four programs - George Washington, James Madison, Old Dominion and Stetson - with additional recruiting coordinator responsibilities in four of those seasons.

Rooney's recruiting skills and guidance as a pitching coach have combined to yield several noteworthy success stories. In each of the past nine seasons, at least one of his former pitchers has gone on to sign a professional contract despite not being drafted out of high school. Sixteen of his former pitchers have been MLB draft picks, with seven selected in the first 10 rounds.

Rooney, a Fairfax, Va. native, has been involved in seven recruiting classes that have been ranked among the national leaders, including Notre Dame's group of 2006 freshmen that were rated as the nation's seventh-best recruiting class.

Upon his arrival at Notre Dame, Rooney set about educating the Irish pitchers on the concept of "offensive pitching" that focuses on aspects that the staff can control - being mechanically sound, working to advantage counts, high first-pitch strike percentages and controlling the running game.

The Irish pitchers quickly bought in to Rooney's plan, yielding a 3.43 ERA in 2004 that ranked ninth in the nation - the program's fifth straight season among the nation's Top 20 ERA leaders (matched only by Texas and Rice). An emphasis on limiting free passes in '04 yielded just 162 walks for an average of 2.63 walks per nine innings that ranks second in the Notre Dame record books.

Rooney's 2006 staff set or tied four Notre Dame records -- strikeouts thrown (504), saves (18), staff



strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.95; 504/171) and fewest wild pitches (0.38/gm).

The 2006 Irish staff also allowed just 18 home runs all season for the best HR average by Notre Dame in the 12-season Mainieri era (0.29 HR allowed/gm). The '06 staff ranked third-best in the Mainieri era in ERA (3.52; 20th in the nation for '06) and opponent batting average (.249). Notre Dame's team ERA finished in the nation's Top 20 in two of Rooney's three seasons with the Irish.

Rooney supervised the development in 2006 of right-hander Kyle Weiland, who was third in the nation in with 16 saves and earned first-team Freshman all-America recognition.

The 2006 Major League Baseball Draft marked the first time three Irish pitchers were selected by MLB clubs - righthander Jeff Samardzija (fifth round, Chicago Cubs), righthander Jeff Manship (14th round, Minnesota Twins) and lefthander Tom Thornton (21st round, Detroit Tigers).

Notre Dame pitchers Grant Johnson (second round, Chicago Cubs) and Chris Niesel (ninth round, Cleveland Indians) were chosen in the 2004 MLB draft, marking the first time in school history two pitchers were selected in the first 10 rounds.

Rooney's two seasons at Stetson - including the final season as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator - included two NCAA appearances and 40-win seasons with four pitchers earning all-conference honors. The '03 staff posted a 4.43 ERA and a 2:1 strikeouts-to-walks ratio. The season highlight came in NCAA Regional action at Georgia Tech when Adam Blair's 10 strikeouts helped defeat the seventh-ranked Yellow Jackets, 4-3. A team-record five Stetson players were selected in the '03 draft, including two pitchers. The '02 Stetson staff racked up 422 strikeouts, led by 12-game winner Roger Lincoln.

Rooney also produced at Stetson a recruiting class ranked No. 12 in the nation by Baseball America magazine,

marking the highest rating in the history of the program. Three members of that class were selected in the first 10 rounds of the '06 MLB draft.

During Rooney's two seasons at Old Dominion (2000-01), ODU earned an NCAA Regional berth as a No. 2 seed in 2000. He assembled a recruiting class for the '01 season that was nationally-ranked, and four of the pitchers he coached went on to pro baseball. Most notably among the recruiting class was Justin Verlander, now one of the American League's top pitchers with the Detroit Tigers.

Rooney's two years at James Madison (1998-99) included a pair of nationally-ranked recruiting classes, as he first assumed the role of pitching coach/recruiting coordinator in 1999. Two of his JMU pitchers were later drafted in the first 10 rounds despite not being drafted out of high school. Six of the '99 JMU freshmen went on to sign pro contracts, including three that were drafted in rounds 1-5.

Rooney's coaching career began in 1997 at George Washington after he had completed his playing career in Radford. His experience in top wood-bat summer leagues included serving as head coach for the Waynesboro (Va.) Generals 1998 Valley League champs, in addition to being an assistant with Valley League champion Staunton (1996) and Cape Cod League Cotuit (1997).

Rooney has served as a baseball clinic instructor, and he has authored a video produced by Championship Books and Videos: 30 Minutes to Better Pitching: A Championship Workout.

A 1996 Radford graduate with a degree in social science, Rooney ranks second in Radford history with 79 appearances and posted an 8-2 career record. He played one season at Davis & Elkins (W.Va.) College, compiling a 4-2 record.

## The Rooney File

Year at LSU: First  
Birthdate: Nov. 29, 1973  
Hometown: Fairfax County, Va.  
Education: Radford, 1996 - B.A. in social science

### Playing Career

1994-96 Radford  
1993 Davis & Elkins (W.Va.) College

### Coaching Experience

2004-06 Notre Dame (pitching coach)  
2002-03 Stetson (pitching coach)  
2000-01 Old Dominion (pitching coach)  
1998-99 James Madison (pitching coach)  
1997 George Washington (pitching coach)



# CLIFF Godwin

#23 | HITTING COACH

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Cliff Godwin, the Notre Dame hitting coach in 2006, joins the LSU staff this season. He will supervise the Tigers' offense as hitting coach while also working with the catchers and assisting Terry Rooney in the baseball program's recruiting effort.

Godwin, a former standout catcher at East Carolina, joined the Notre Dame staff as an assistant coach in the fall of 2005. Under Godwin's direction, the 2006 Notre Dame hitters compiled the program's best plate discipline ratio (BB + HBP - Ks) since 1990, finishing at +66 with 247 walks, 100 times hit-by-pitch and just 281 strikeouts (4.5 per game). Notre Dame posted a .313 team batting average.

The '06 Irish squad finished with the program's third-best totals in two categories: 10.81 hits per game and 100 times hit-by-pitch.

Godwin coached in 2006 Big East Player of the Year Craig Cooper, a consensus All-American who hit .425 (No. 6 in the nation). Cooper was a seventh-round draft selection as a senior, marking the first time he had been drafted in his career.

Prior to serving as director of baseball operations at Vanderbilt during the 2004-05 academic year, Godwin spent one season as a volunteer assistant coach at UNC Wilmington (2003-2004). His duties at Vanderbilt included helping organize daily activities associated with the baseball program and serving as liaison to the Bullpen Club support group.

Godwin was part of the historic UNCW season in 2004, as the Seahawks claimed their first Colonial Athletic Association conference title and advanced to the final game of the NCAA regional in Kinston, N.C.

Godwin is credited with making a big impact on the young UNCW catchers in 2004. Neal Eichhorn earned all-conference honors that season while Chris Hatcher went on to become a 2005 all-conference catcher and the fifth-round draft pick of the Florida Marlins in 2006. Godwin also assisted with the hitters and was the first-base coach on Mark Scalf's staff.

An all-region catcher and two-time Academic All-American at East Carolina (1997-2001), Godwin was a



three-year team captain who started 126 games in his final three seasons. He earned all-East Region honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association in 2001 after batting .322 with 15 home runs and 45 RBI.

The lefthanded-swinging Godwin was also named first team all-Colonial Athletic Association in 2001, when his other season stats included 14 doubles and 23 walks in 57 games played. One of three ECU players to ever receive Academic All-America honors, Godwin was a third-team Academic All-American in 1999 before being named to the second team in 2001.

Godwin helped Keith LeClair's ECU teams post a record of 169-76 in four seasons, including 46-plus wins in each of his final three years (46-16 in 1999, 46-18 in 2000, 47-13 in 2001). Godwin's career totals with the Pirates included 24 home runs, 31 doubles and 95 RBI.

East Carolina won two Colonial Athletic Association tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament every season from 1999-2001. The Pirates were the top seed in their regional all three years (including 1999 at LSU), advancing to the Super Regional in 2001 before being eliminated by Tennessee. Godwin was named all-tournament at the 2001 NCAA Regional, hosted by ECU in Wilson, N.C.

Godwin - who spent 2003 as an assistant coach at Kinston (N.C.) High School - played two seasons of professional baseball (2001-02) for the Frontier League's Gateway Grizzlies (based in Sauget, Ill.).

He had the unique experience of serving as head coach for the 2005 Wilmington Sharks, a collegiate summer team in the wood-bat Coastal Plains League. The Sharks finished second in the first-half standings of the CPL's South Division with a 23-15 record. Godwin also served as a head coach in the 2005 CPL All-Star Game, guiding his team to a 5-3 victory.

The Snow Hill, N.C., native was a three-sport standout at Greene Central High School, earning all-conference honors in football, basketball and baseball. He also was an all-state performer in baseball, starred on the hardwood as a shooting guard for his father's team and quarterbacked the Greene Central football team to the best season in the school's history, receiving 1995 conference player of the year honors.

Godwin graduated magna cum laude from East Carolina in December of 2000, with a science degree in management information systems. He received the Pat Draughon Postgraduate Scholarship and - after completing his final season - received his MBA from ECU in 2002.

## The Godwin File

Year at LSU: First  
 Birthdate: Feb. 2, 1978  
 Hometown: Snow Hill, N.C.  
 Education: East Carolina, 2000 - B.S. in management information systems  
 East Carolina, 2002 - Master's in business administration

### Playing Career

1997-2001 East Carolina

### Coaching Career

2006 Notre Dame (assistant coach)  
 2005 Vanderbilt (director of operations)  
 2004 UNC-Wilmington (assistant coach)  
 2003 Kinston (N.C.) High School (assistant coach)





# BLAIR Barbier

#4 | VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT

Blair Barbier, a former all-SEC infielder at LSU, joins Paul Mainieri's staff as volunteer coach after one season at McNeese State, where he helped lead the Cowboys to the 2006 Southland Conference title.

Barbier worked with the outfielders and catchers at McNeese State, and he assisted with hitting and recruiting.

The 29-year-old New Orleans native was a four-year letterman for the Tigers and started for the 1997 LSU national championship team as a second baseman and for the 2000 NCAA championship squad as a third baseman. The LSU team captain, he was the driving force behind the Tigers' drive to the World Series title in 2000, as he was named to the CWS all-tournament team.

During Barbier's playing career, LSU compiled a 198-73-1 mark in four seasons (1997-2000), capturing two national championships, four NCAA Regional titles, one NCAA Super Regional title and one Southeastern Conference championship.

Following his collegiate career, Barbier played four years of professional baseball in the Chicago Cubs organization.

A 2002 graduate of LSU with a degree in finance, Barbier was a two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll. He was named Freshman all-America and all-SEC in 1997 after batting .353 with 23 doubles, 15 homers and 57 RBI.

Barbier posted a .307 career batting average with 46 home runs, 62 doubles, 260 runs and 199 RBI in 259 games.

Barbier was a four-year letterman at Brother Martin High School in both baseball and football, earning all-district and all-state honors in baseball.

Barbier is married to Lacie Callais, a former LSU Golden Girl.



## The Barbier File

Year at LSU: First  
 Birthdate: Feb. 13, 1978  
 Hometown: New Orleans, La.  
 Wife: Lacie  
 Education: LSU, 2002 - B.S. in finance

**Playing Career**  
 1997-2000 LSU

**Coaching Career**  
 2006 McNeese State (assistant coach)

## Barbier's Back at the Box

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## BEAU Lowery

ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC TRAINER

Beau Lowery is entering his second year as an Associate Athletic Trainer and Rehabilitation Coordinator at LSU. His primary responsibilities are working with the baseball program while also overseeing men's golf and cheerleading.

Lowery graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1998 with a bachelor's in physical therapy. Following graduation from physical therapy school, he worked as a physical therapist at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, Miss. While working in Laurel, Lowery finished his athletic training internship at Jones County Junior College and Jones County High School in June 2000. Lowery then became the outpatient physical therapy coordinator of South Central Regional Medical Center and the athletic trainer for Laurel High School.

Prior to his work at LSU, Lowery worked with the Pittsburgh Steelers for three summers. While a graduate assistant at LSU he earned his master's degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in motor behavior, and he worked with the women's soccer and gymnastics programs.

Lowery is also certified in Sports Physical Therapy through the American Physical Therapy Association.

### The Lowery File

Appointed at LSU:	June 2005
Birth Date:	February 15, 1976
Wife:	Misty
Hometown:	Seminary, Miss.
High School:	Seminary High School
College:	University of Mississippi, 1998
Postgraduate:	LSU, 2005



## JEREMY Phillips

ASSISTANT STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COORDINATOR

Jeremy Phillips is in his first season as a member of the LSU strength and conditioning staff, arriving in Baton Rouge in October 2006. He supervises the strength and conditioning regimen of the LSU baseball program, and he also works with the Fighting Tiger football squad.

Phillips, an offensive tackle at Georgia Tech from 2000-03, came to LSU from the University of Georgia, where he assisted with coordination of the football strength and conditioning program.

Prior to working at Georgia, he served as an assistant at Georgia Tech (2003-06), where implemented the football strength and conditioning program while also serving as an assistant offensive line coach.

Phillips received a bachelor's degree in management from Georgia Tech in 2004, and he earned a master's degree in exercise science from Georgia State in 2006.

He collaborated with three other authors to produce an article published in *Strength and Conditioning Research Journal* entitled "Metabolic and thermoregulatory responses to a simulated football practice in the heat."

Phillips played in four bowl games during his football career at Georgia Tech: the 2000 Peach Bowl, the 2001 Seattle Bowl, the 2002 Silicon Valley Classic and the 2003 Humanitarian Bowl.



## Matthew Montgomery

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Matthew Montgomery is in his third season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Springhill, La.

Montgomery prepped at Springhill High School, where he earned four letters in baseball as a second baseman. He was a four-time all-district selection and a member of the academic honor roll. Montgomery is majoring in kinesiology at LSU. He was born on June 10, 1986.



## Jonathon Moore

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Jonathon Moore is in his second season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Crestview, Fla., Moore prepped at Crestview High School, where he earned two letters in baseball as a pitcher and helped lead the team to the state playoffs in 2003.

Prior to coming to LSU, Moore served as the equipment manager for two seasons at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in Niceville, Fla. Moore, nicknamed "Pony," is majoring in general studies at LSU. He was born on August 4, 1985.



## Chris Brandt

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Chris Brandt is in his first season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Baton Rouge, Brandt graduated from Edgewater High School in Orlando, Fla., where he lettered in baseball and football.

Brandt is majoring in mass communication at LSU. He was born on August 10, 1988.



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