



2019 UCF BASEBALL MEDIA GUIDE

Meet The Staff



GREG LOVELADY

23

- 🏆 head coach
- 🏆 3rd season at UCF
- 🏆 6th season as a head coach
- 🏆 miami '01
- 🏆 record at UCF 75-43 (.636)
- 🏆 career record 199-99 (.668)

Greg Lovelady was named the head baseball coach at UCF on July 11, 2016. He will enter his third season in charge at UCF for the 2019 season.

Prior to the 2019 season and just shy of his 40th birthday, Lovelady was named the top coach in the nation under 40 years of age by DI Baseball.

The 2018 campaign saw the Knights post some historic storylines. On March 6, the Knights downed the top-ranked team in the nation for the first time in program history with a 9-7 victory over Florida. UCF turned around and completed its first sweep of a No. 1 ranked opponent with a 4-2 win in Gainesville the next night.

Lovelady guided UCF to its fifth-longest winning streak in program history at 13 games during the 2018 season. The Knights also recorded the second most shutouts in a single campaign with nine.

There were plenty of individual accolades to go around. Rylan Thomas set the single-season record for UCF and The American with a 47-game on-base streak, which was a part of the second longest streak in program history at 55 games. Thomas and junior pitcher Thad Ward were named to The American All-Conference First Team, while Ray Alejo, Dallas Beaver, Tyler Osik and Matthew Mika garnered Second Team honors.

Pitching was the bedrock of the Knights' success in 2018. The pitching staff led the nation with nine shutouts and finished third in the country in hits allowed per nine innings, a school record 7.2. UCF's 3.32 ERA was among the top-15 nationally, while 9.8 strikeouts per nine innings ranked seventh and a 1.22 WHIP was ninth. The Black and Gold notched its second most punchouts in a single season with 556.

The Knights also wreaked havoc on the base paths with 109 stolen bases on the year, good for ninth in the country. Ray Alejo and Matthew Mika finished in the top two spots in The American with 34 and 27 swipes, respectively. The Knights also stole home on three occasions, led by Alejo with two.

Continuing to improve the culture and talent level at UCF, Lovelady brought in the 16th ranked recruiting class, per Collegiate Baseball, prior to the 2018 campaign. After replacing 20 graduating seniors, the Knights went 35-21 with a 13-10 mark in The American to finish in fifth place, but the season came to a close when the Black and Gold found itself in the first four out of the NCAA Tournament.

After the conclusion of the 2018 season, six Knights were taken in the MLB Draft. Thad Ward (5th, Boston Red Sox), JJ Montgomery (7th, Baltimore), Bryce Tucker (14th, San Francisco), Rylan Thomas (26th, Cincinnati Reds), Eric Hepple (27th, Colorado Rockies) and Cre Finrock (29th, Toronto Blue Jays) made it 10 draft picks during the Lovelady era.

In his first campaign with the Knights, Lovelady guided UCF to the American Athletic Conference regular-season title with an overall record of 40-22 and a 15-9 mark in league action, earning The American Coach of the Year honors in the process.

The Knights saw drastic improvements offensively and pitching in Lovelady's first year. UCF jumped up to 66th in the nation in scoring from 222nd in 2016, eighth in stolen bases up from 77th and 44th in runs from 189th. The pitching staff posted the fifth best ERA in the nation with a 3.0, compared to the 4.23 mark during the previous year. Pitchers took the team to 28th in strikeouts per nine innings, 24th in strikeouts-to-walks ratio and 10th in WHIP.

Lovelady oversaw four Knights selected in the 2017 MLB Draft, including Jason Bahr (5th Round, San Francisco Giants) and Robby Howell (10th Round, Cincinnati Reds).

Also in 2017, Lovelady coached Rylan Thomas (NCBWA, Perfect Game, Baseball America, DI

Baseball and College Baseball News) and Joseph Sheridan (College Baseball News and Perfect Game) to Freshman All-American honors. Senior Robby Howell was tabbed ABCA All-Region.



the lovelady file

name: Greg Lovelady
birthdate: Jan. 11, 1979 (Miami, Fla.)
hometown: Miami, Fla.
alma mater: The University of Miami '01
major: Sports Management
wife: Lindsay Lovelady
children: Noah (10), Gavin (6)
hired at UCF: July 11, 2016
playing career:
 Miami - 1998-01, Utica Blue Sox - 2001
coaching career:
 Miami - 2002-04 - assistant
 Wright State - 2005-06 - assistant
 Wright State - 2007-13 - associate head
 Wright State - 2014-16 - head
 UCF - 2017-present - head
career honors:
 National Champion - 1999, 2001
 College World Series - 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004
 Arnold Nevins Award - 2001
 NCAA Super Regionals - 2000, 2002
 NCAA Regionals - 2006, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017
 Conference Coach of the Year - 2014, 2017
 Head Coach of League Champion - 2015, 2016, 2017

lovelady's milestone wins

career
1st win 7-1, WSU vs. Michigan State, 2/16/14
50th win 6-5, WSU vs. Milwaukee, 3/22/15
100th win 4-0, WSU vs. Miami (OH), 4/13/16

UCF
1st win 17-6, vs. Siena, 2/17/17
50th win 6-1, at Bethune-Cookman, 2/27/18

lovelady's career

year	school	position	w-l	NCAA
2002	Miami	AC	35-30	Super Regional
2003	Miami	AC	45-18-1	CWS
2004	Miami	AC	51-14	CWS
2005	Wright State	AC	26-33	
2006	Wright State	AC	32-27	Regional
2007	Wright State	AHC	36-22	
2008	Wright State	AHC	30-23	
2009	Wright State	AHC	33-30	Regional
2010	Wright State	AHC	31-25	
2011	Wright State	AHC	36-19	Regional
2012	Wright State	AHC	37-21	
2013	Wright State	AHC	25-35	
2014	Wright State	HC	35-22	
2015	Wright State	HC	43-17	Regional
2016	Wright State	HC	44-15	Regional
2017	UCF	HC	40-22	Regional
2018	UCF	HC	35-21	Regional

Seasons as a full-time Division I coach: 17
Winning seasons: 15
NCAA Tournament appearances: 9
College World Series appearances: 2
Record as an assistant coach: 417-404-1
Record as a head coach: 199-99



In his career, Lovelady has coached 38 MLB Draft picks between his three coaching stops, including 14 Top-10 round selections and nine tabbed in the first five rounds. Three players under Lovelady's tutelage have gone in the first round, including the fifth overall pick in 2005 and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun.

Lovelady came to Orlando after spending three years as the head coach at Wright State, where he led the Raiders to consecutive runner-up finishes at NCAA Regionals in 2015 and 2016. As the Raiders' head coach, he has compiled a 124-56 record in three campaigns and was with the Raiders for a total of 12 years. Wright State has won the Horizon League Regular Season or Tournament Championship (or both) in each of Lovelady's three seasons at the helm. He was named the 2014 and 2016 Horizon League Coach of the Year, as well as the 2016 ABCA/Diamond Mideast Regional Coach of the Year.

Lovelady won a Wright State school record 46 games and its second straight Horizon League tournament title and reached his second straight NCAA Regional Final in Louisville, falling to the #2 ranked and host Cardinals 3-1. Along the way, WSU posted a 7-3 win over Ohio State.

Along with being named the Horizon League Coach of the Year for the second time, Lovelady was also selected as the ABCA/Diamond Mideast Regional Coach of the Year.

Eight Raiders were honored with Horizon League postseason awards, including the Freshman of the Year in Caleb Sampen, who was later named to the Louisville Slugger All-American Freshman Team. Senior Jesse Scholtens, who made history by pitching the first perfect game in WSU history at Dayton on March 11, was chosen First Team All-Horizon League and First Team ABCA/Rawlings All-Mideast Region while senior outfielder Ryan Fucci was also named First Team All-Horizon League and Third Team ABCA/Rawlings All-Mideast Region.

To cap the 2016 season, five Raiders were selected by the Major League Baseball Draft over a three-day period. Catcher Sean Murphy went to the Oakland A's in the third round followed by Scholtens to the San Diego Padres in the ninth round, shortstop Mitch Roman to the Chicago White Sox in the 12th round, pitcher Robby Sexton to the Boston Red Sox in the 14th round and Fucci to the Seattle Mariners in the 25th round.

In 2015, Lovelady guided the Raiders to new heights as Wright State won a then-record 43 games and advanced to the NCAA regional finals against host Illinois after beating Ohio and Notre Dame. 11 Raiders were honored by the Horizon League, including Andrew Elliott being named Relief Pitcher of the Year and Gabe Snyder selected as the Freshman of the Year. Elliott was later drafted by the Baltimore Orioles.

His first season at the helm paid dividends as he guided the Raiders to a 35-22, 25-4 record and the Horizon League regular-season title. 10 Raiders received postseason honors, including Lovelady, who was named the Horizon League Coach of the Year as his squad set a new record for wins in league play. In all, the Horizon League honored WSU with 10 Players of the Week throughout the season.

More honors came in after the season as Andrew Elliott was named Third Team All-American by ABCA as well as First Team All Mideast. Sean Murphy was chosen as a Freshman All-American by Louisville Slugger. Michael Timm received accolades as well, being named to the All-Mideast Second Team, CoSIDA District Academic All American and to the Horizon League Spring Academic Team. In June, Travis Hissong signed a contract with the New York Yankees.

Along with his success with the Raiders, Lovelady has also been involved with USA Baseball, including a lead role in the tryout phase for the 14U team that won a gold medal in Mexico in 2015 and for the 15U team in 2016.

Before being named head coach, Lovelady was on Rob Cooper's staff for nine seasons, the final seven as associate head coach. Lovelady served as the pitching coach and worked with the catchers while off the field, he was the recruiting coordinator for the program, helping WSU to NCAA Tournaments in 2006, 2009 and 2011.

lovelady's career

year	school	record	conf.	place	tourn.
2014	Wright State	35-22	25-4	1st	2nd
2015	Wright State	43-17	21-8	2nd	1st
2016	Wright State	46-17	23-6	1st	1st
3 seasons		124-56	69-18	4-4 in NCAA	
2017	UCF	40-22	15-9	1st	T-3rd
2018	UCF	35-21	13-10	5th	T-7th
2 seasons		75-43	28-19	0-2 in NCAA	

Seasons as a full-time head coach: 17
 Winning seasons: 15
 NCAA Tournament appearances: 9
 College World Series appearances: 2
 Record as an assistant coach: 417-404-1
 Record as a head coach: 199-99

During the 2012 campaign, career win #250 came for the duo of Cooper and Lovelady at UIC on April 22 in the form of a 4-3 decision. The Raiders also posted the program's second-longest winning streak ever as the Raiders reeled off 14 straight victories during March and April, outscored their opponents 185-67 in the process. Also, during that stretch, WSU took home the Joe Nuxhall Classic title for the first time. Two pitchers were honored with Horizon League honors as Michael Schum was selected as the Relief Pitcher of the Year and Jordan Marker was voted to the HL's second-team.

The 2011 season saw head coach Rob Cooper record his 200th coaching victory with an 8-2 decision at home over Youngstown State on March 26. That season also saw Jake Hibberd become his fourth Horizon League Player of the Year, Michael Schum pick up his second HL Relief Pitcher of the Year and Corey Davis named the second League Newcomer of the Year under Cooper and Lovelady.



Prior to the March 14, 2018 game against Miami at John Euliano Park, Lovelady held a special ceremony at home plate to honor his former skipper and longtime Hurricanes manager Jim Morris for his career accomplishments, contributions to the game and guidance during Lovelady's career.

lovelady and the mlb draft

miami hurricanes

year	pick	player
2002	5th, 135	Cincinnati
	5th, 144	LAA
	11th, 322	Texas
	15th, 457	San Francisco
	21st, 632	Minnesota
	23rd, 692	Minnesota
	47th, 1394	NYM
2003	35th, 1040	Toronto
2004	2nd, 54	Montreal
	10th, 299	CWS
	19th, 554	NYM
	26th, 771	Texas
	38th, 1133	LAA
	40th, 1207	Oakland

wright state raiders

year	pick	player
2005	1st, 5	Milwaukee
	1st, 18	San Diego
	4th, 126	Miami
	9th, 273	Baltimore
	10th, 305	CWS
	23rd, 685	Milwaukee
	24th, 711	Arizona
2006	43rd, 1289	Baltimore
	3rd, 94	NYM
2007	28th, 862	St. Louis

2008

pick	player
5th, 166	Philadelphia
6th, 198	Arizona
35th, 1061	Chicago Cubs
2010	
32nd, 961	Arizona
42nd, 1260	Cleveland
2015	
30th, 913	Baltimore
2016	
3rd, 83	Oakland
9th, 264	San Diego
12th, 356	CWS
14th, 356	Boston
25th, 747	Seattle

UCF knights

year	pick	player
2017	5th, 156	San Francisco
	10th, 287	Cincinnati
	23rd, 702	Cleveland
	37th, 1116	San Francisco
2018		
	5th, 160	Boston
	7th, 205	Baltimore
	14th, 406	San Francisco
	26th, 769	Cincinnati
	27th, 816	Colorado
	29th, 866	Toronto

Early-season wins over The Citadel and West Virginia helped catapult the Raiders to a sixth-straight 30-win season.

The 2010 season saw the Raiders win 30 or more games for the fifth straight year. Sophomore pitcher Casey Henn earn First Team All-Horizon League honors as he posted a 7-0 record with a league-leading 3.19 earned run average and 82 strikeouts in 84.2 innings while holding the opposition to a league-best .241 batting average. Senior pitcher Alex Kaminsky was named to the Second Team after winning five games with 88 strikeouts while senior catcher Gerald Ogrinc was selected to the First Team after throwing out 16 of 26 base stealers and recording five pickoffs to lead the league.

2009 saw freshman Michael Schum receive the Horizon League's Relief Pitcher of the Year award after leading the conference with a 1.95 ERA and 13 saves, striking out 57 in 74 innings. Schum was also named to the Second Team and the All-Newcomer Team.

In 2008, Lovelady led a pitching staff that saw Jon Durket earn First Team All-Horizon League honors. As a staff, Wright State ranked second in wins and led the Horizon League in Fewest Hits Allowed. Durket led the league in ERA and Alex Kaminsky led the league in wins and opponents batting average against.

In 2007, the Raiders boasted the most wins in the Horizon League (36) and held the second best team ERA. The Green and Gold boasted only the sixth pitcher in WSU history to win 10+ games in a season, Kyle Kearcher, and compiled the seventh highest win total in school history. The Green and Gold also set the school standard for league wins in a season with 21 victories.

In 2006, the Raiders pitching staff set a new school mark for pickoffs in a season (28) and came within 1/3 of an inning of breaking the school mark for innings pitched in a season. The Green and Gold own a team ERA of 5.14 over the past three seasons and have won 94 games in that span.

Lovelady has also started to shape his pitchers and catchers into major league form. Relief pitcher Joe Smith opted to leave WSU after a spectacular junior season and was taken with the 93rd overall pick in the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft by the New York Mets organization. Smith made his Major League debut on April 1, 2007, in St. Louis.

Lovelady went to WSU after a successful playing career and three-year stint with one of the nation's elite teams in Miami (FL). The Hurricanes won two national championships, in 1999 and 2001, with Lovelady as the catcher. A four-year letterman for the 'Canes, Lovelady captained the 2001 squad that won its second national championship in three years.

Lovelady hit a career best .314 with a 14-game hitting streak during his 1999 campaign. Lovelady was also a fan favorite in Coral Gables, receiving the Arnold Novins Award in 2001, an honor bestowed on the "Most Popular Player" as voted by the fans of Miami. The 'Canes made a postseason appearance during each of Lovelady's years as a player and coach in Coral Gables. UM Reached the College World Series five times and advanced to the NCAA super regional seven times while Lovelady was on campus.

Lovelady graduated from Miami in 2001 with a degree in Finance and a minor in Sports Management as a member of the university's deans list. Professionally, Lovelady played with the Utica Blue Sox, an affiliate of the Florida Marlins, and helped develop two UM catchers and numerous pitchers into major league draft choices.

Lovelady and his wife Lindsay have two sons, Noah Preston, who was born on December 16, 2008, and Gavin Philip, born on June 10, 2012

lovelady's all-time opponents

opponent	overall	pct.	wsu	UCF
Akron	1-1	.500	1-1	
Arizona State	0-1	.000	0-1	
Auburn	0-1	.000		0-1
Belmont	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0
Bethune-Cookman	4-0	1.000		4-0
Bowling Green	0-1	.000	0-1	
Bradley	2-1	.666	1-1	1-0
UC Irvine	1-0	1.000	1-0	
Central Michigan	3-0	1.000		3-0
Chicago State	3-0	1.000		3-0
Cincinnati	8-4	.666	4-2	4-2
UConn	3-3	.500		3-3
Dartmouth	1-2	.333		1-2
Dayton	6-0	1.000	6-0	
East Carolina	4-5	.444		4-5
Eastern Michigan	2-0	1.000	2-0	
Elon	3-0	1.000	3-0	
Florida	3-1	.750		3-1
Florida Atlantic	1-3	.250		1-3
Florida State	0-5	.000		0-5
Georgia	1-2	.333	1-2	
High Point	0-3	.000	0-3	
Houston	4-3	.571		4-3
Illinois	0-1	.000	0-1	
UIC	13-3	.812	13-3	
Jacksonville	3-1	.750		3-1
Kent State	0-1	.000	0-1	
Kentucky	0-1	.000	0-1	
Long Beach State	0-1	.000	0-1	
Louisville	0-2	.000	0-2	
Manhattan	3-0	1.000		3-0
Memphis	4-2	.666		4-2
Miami (Fla.)	3-3	.500	1-2	2-1
Miami (Ohio)	4-0	1.000	4-0	
Michigan State	1-2	.333	1-2	
Milwaukee	16-5	.762	16-5	
Missouri State	1-2	.333	1-2	
N.C. State	1-2	.333	1-2	
North Florida	1-1	.500		1-2
North Kentucky	6-1	.857	6-1	
Notre Dame	1-1	.500	1-1	
Oakland	16-1	.942	16-1	
Ohio	1-0	1.000	1-0	
Ohio State	1-1	.500	1-1	
Oklahoma	1-2	.333		1-2
Ole Miss	1-2	.333	1-2	
Oregon State	1-3	.250	1-3	
Rice	0-1	.000		0-1
Samford	0-1	.000		0-1
Savannah State	3-0	1.000		3-0
Siena	6-0	1.000		6-0
South Florida	4-6	.400		4-6
Stetson	2-1	.666		2-1
Stony Brooke	3-0	1.000		3-0
Toledo	6-2	.750	6-2	
Tulane	5-1	.833		5-1
Valpo	15-3	.833	15-3	
Virginia	1-0	1.000		1-0
Wagner	3-0	1.000		3-0
Western Michigan	1-0	1.000	1-0	
Wichita State	2-1	.666		2-1
Xavier	4-2	.666	4-2	
Youngstown	13-5	.722		13-5

d1baseball under 40 list

	name	school	age
1.	Greg Lovelady	UCF	39
2.	Jeff Duncan	Davidson	39
3.	Matt Riser	Southeastern Louisiana	34
4.	Shawn Stiffler	VCU	39
5.	Jeff Mercer*	Indiana	33
6.	Justin Blood	Hartford	39
7.	Ben Orloff	UC Irvine	31
8.	T.J. Bruce	Nevada	36
9.	Joe Vazquez	Alabama State	39
10.	Rucker Taylor	Davidson	34

* D1 Baseball's list came out on Dec. 6, 2018, prior to Lovelady's 40th birthday on Jan. 11, 2019.

^ Mercer was an assistant on Lovelady's staff for three seasons at Wright State and took over the head job of the Raiders when Lovelady departed for UCF in 2016.



lovelady vs. ranked opponents

opponent	top 25	top 10	top 5	no. 1
Arizona State	0-1			
East Carolina	1-3			
Florida	3-1	3-1	3-1	2-0
Florida State	0-5	0-4	0-2	
Houston	4-3			
Illinois	0-1	0-1	0-1	
Louisville	0-2	0-2	0-2	
Miami (Fla.)	1-2			
N.C. State	1-2	1-2		
Ohio State	1-1			
Ole Miss	1-2			
Oregon State	1-3	1-3	1-3	
South Florida	2-1			
Stetson	1-0			
Virginia	1-0			
totals	17-27	5-13	4-9	2-0



RYAN KLOSTERMAN

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- 👑 assistant coach
- 👑 8th season at UCF
- 👑 3rd season under Greg Lovelady
- 👑 hitting, infielders, recruiting
- 👑 3rd base during games
- 👑 vanderbilt '04

Ryan Klosterman is in his eighth season as a UCF assistant coach and his third season under UCF head coach Greg Lovelady. Klosterman serves as the Knights' hitting coach and recruiting coordinator. While at UCF, Klosterman has coached a total of 23 players that have been drafted, 3 of which have made it to the Major Leagues and 4 others have garnered the distinct honor of being named an All American.

In 2018, the Knights launched 42 home runs, led by Rylan Thomas' 13. Thomas set the single-season program record with a 47-game on-base and set the American Athletic Conference single-season and career on-base streak at 55 games. Combined with Tyler Osik's team-high 56 RBI, the Knights had two 50-RBI players for the first time since 2011. Klosterman also played a vital role when the Knights were on the base paths where they stole 109 bases in 2018, marking its first back-to-back seasons of 100-plus steals in a decade. Ray Alejo and Matthew Mika topped the league with 34 and 27 steals, respectively.

Much of the Knights' success was attributed to the 2018 signing class that was ranked 16th by Collegiate Baseball and 23rd by Baseball America.

In his first year under Lovelady in 2017, Klosterman took the Knights' offense to higher levels, finishing the year with .278 batting average, more than 20 points above the mark from 2016. UCF climbed up to 66th in the country in scoring with 6.3 runs per game and finished eighth in the country in stolen bases with a total of 106.

Rookie first baseman Rylan Thomas garnered Freshman All-American honors (College Baseball News, Perfect Game, Baseball America, DI Baseball) in 2017 as he finished the year ranked in the top-five in The American with a .343 batting average (4th), 13 homers (5th), a .447 on-base percentage (5th), 55 RBI (4th), and 6 sacrifice flies (4th).

During his first four campaigns as an assistant coach at UCF, Klosterman oversaw the Knights' infielders and team defense. In 2016, under former head coach Terry Rooney, he served as associate head coach adding the roles of recruiting coordinator and hitting coach to his duties. The UCF defense turned 59 double plays in 2016, which ranked 16th nationally and fourth in program history. Junior slugger Matt Diorio thrived under Klosterman's guidance and was selected in the 16th round of the MLB Draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

During the 2015 season the Knights rose to a program-best No. 6 national ranking by Baseball America. Klosterman helped mentor an offense anchored by American Athletic Conference First Team members Dylan Moore, Erik Barber and Tommy Williams and led the nation in a number of offensive categories through the first half of the season.

The Knights had a strong defense in 2014 that combined to post a .970 fielding pct. Moore (.990) and James Vasquez led the UCF infield, defensively. Both were named to The American All-Conference Second Team. Moore committed just three errors in 58 games, while tallying 101 putouts and 186 assists.

In 2013, Vasquez shined defensively under Klosterman's tutelage as he held a team-best .987 fielding percentage in 58 starts. Overall, the Knights recorded a .968 fielding percentage and turned 41 double plays. Third baseman Chris Taladay was selected C-USA Player of the Year after hitting .342 on with 43 RBIs.

In 2012, infielders D.J. Hicks, Travis Shreve, Darnell Sweeney and Chris Taladay all had strong campaigns leading the Knights to the championship final in the Coral Gables Regional. The Knights registered a .972 fielding percentage, the second-highest mark at UCF since 2001. Working with Hicks during his first full year at first base, Klosterman's guidance saw the All-C-USA First Teamer commit just two errors in 62 games while notching 537 putouts and 31 assists. Four Knights position players moved on to professional careers after the 2012 season; Darnell Sweeney was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 13th round, DJ Hicks was drafted by Minnesota in the 17th round, OF Ronnie Richardson was drafted by the Padres in the 18th round and Travis Shreve signed with an independent team.

Prior to his coaching days in Orlando, Klosterman was picked by the Toronto Blue Jays in the fifth round of the 2004 Major League Baseball Draft. He spent eight years playing minor league baseball, most recently at the Triple-A level for the New Orleans Zephyrs of the Florida Marlins Organization before retiring and coming to UCF.

Klosterman, a Central Florida native, was a standout infielder at South Lake High School before going on to a successful collegiate career as an infielder at both Clemson and Vanderbilt from 2001-04.

In his junior season with the Commodores, Klosterman was named to the All-SEC First Team as a shortstop, while also being voted as the team's Most Valuable Player and Defensive Player of the Year. That same year, Klosterman helped lead the Commodores to the NCAA Super Regional in Austin after batting .346 with 91 hits, 72 runs scored and eight triples. Klosterman's eight triples remain a Vanderbilt single-season record. In addition to his success on the field, Klosterman was also honored with a spot on the 2004 Verizon Academic All-District IV Second Team and was a member of the Dean/s List and the Student-Athlete Honor Roll.

Klosterman graduated from Vanderbilt in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in human and organizational development with an emphasis in leadership and organizational effectiveness.

He is married to the former Kaitlyn Arpin and currently reside in Orlando, Fla. with their daughter Kinsley Ann and son Cohen Ryan.

the klosterman file

name: Ryan Klosterman
birthdate: May 28, 1982 (Eau Clair, Wis.)
hometown: Orlando, Fla.
alma mater: Vanderbilt University '04
major: Human and Organizational Leadership
wife: Kaitlyn Klosterman
children: Kinsley (9), Cohen (under 1 year)
hired at UCF: July 15, 2011
playing career:
 Clemson - 2002, Vanderbilt - 2003-04, Auburn Doubledays - 2004, Lansing Lugnuts - 2005, New Hampshire Fisher Cats - 2006-08, Dunedin Blue Jays - 2006, New Orleans Zephyrs - 2009-11, Jacksonville Suns - 2009, Jupiter Hammerheads - 2010
coaching career:
 UCF - 2011- present - assistant
career honors:
 NCAA Super Regional - 2004
 NCAA Regional - 2002, 2003, 2012, 2017
 All-SEC First Team - 2004
 Vanderbilt Team MVP - 2004
 Verizon Academic All-District - 2004
 Vanderbilt Record for Triples in a Season - 2004
 American Athletic Conference title - 2017

klosterman's career

year	school	position	w-l	NCAA
2011	UCF	AC	39-23	
2012	UCF	AC	45-17	Regional
2013	UCF	AC	29-30	
2014	UCF	AC	36-23	
2015	UCF	AC	31-27	
2016	UCF	AC	25-34	
2017	UCF	AC	40-22	Regional
2018	UCF	AC	35-21	

Seasons as a full-time Division I coach: 8
 Winning seasons: 6
 NCAA Tournament appearances: 2
 Record as an assistant coach: 280-197



NICK OTTE

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- 👑 assistant coach
- 👑 1st season at UCF
- 👑 1st season under greg lovelady
- 👑 pitchers
- 👑 1st mound visit
- 👑 indiana '02

Nick Otte joined UCF Baseball in July of 2018. Otte will be responsible for overseeing the progress and development of the pitchers on the UCF staff.

Otte has guided 14 draft picks over his 15-year coaching career. In 2017, pitcher Zac Lowther became the highest draft pick in Xavier history as the 74th selection in Compensatory Round B.

Otte has five top-10 round draft picks to his credit. Otte arrived in Orlando after spending nine seasons on staff at Xavier, where he served as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator.

He was promoted to associate head coach prior to the 2018 campaign. The Musketeers were three-time Big East champions and reached the NCAA Tournament 2014, 2016, 2017.

Under Otte's guidance, Xavier has posted six of the top-10 team ERA's in school history. The Musketeers have also had their two highest-ever draft picks, both pitchers, during Otte's time on staff.

In 2017, the XU pitching staff set a single season school record for strikeouts (461) as junior Zac Lowther posted one of the most dominant seasons by a starter in school history. The lefty, who was drafted 74th overall by the Baltimore Orioles, set XU's single season mark with 123 punchouts in 83.1 innings.

The 2012 pitching staff closed the season with a 3.87 ERA, third-best in program history. Otte's staffs have also set top-10 marks in 2013 (3.95), 2011 (4.25), 2014 (4.47), 2017 (4.50) and 2016 (4.57).

Otte has been instrumental in the success of several future professional pitchers at XU, including three MLB Draft selections off the 2017 roster: Zac Lowther (Comp. Round B, 74th Pick), Garrett Schilling (18th Rd.), Greg Jacknewitz (22nd Rd.)

Former XU pitchers Jacob Bodner (2015, 27th Rd.), Vinny Nittoli (2014, 25th Rd.), Seth Willoughby (2012, 4th Rd.) and Tommy Shirley (2010, 9th Rd.) have also been drafted during Otte's time with the program.

Prior to joining the Musketeers, Otte spent three seasons at Miami (Ohio). With the RedHawks, Otte was responsible for overseeing the progress and development of the outfielders. Additionally, he designed and implemented a year-long speed development program for the team, as well as a strength and power program for the pitching staff.

Otte spent his previous two years as the first assistant at Georgetown College, overseeing several aspects of the team. He served as the recruiting coordinator, strength and conditioning coordinator and pitching coach while also coordinating outfield play and base running. Otte coached the Mid-South Conference and Region IX Player of the Year and, in his second year, helped the team's ERA plummet from 5.23 to 4.13.

Otte also spent time at IPFW as the head assistant for two seasons while pursuing a master's degree. He served as the pitching coach, strength and conditioning coordinator and prepared advanced scouting reports.

During the summers of 2002 and 2004, Otte was a head coach and pitching instructor at IMG Academies in Bradenton, Fla.

A four-year letter winner at Indiana, Otte was a scholarship student-athlete on the mound for head coach Bob Morgan. Current Xavier head coach Scott Googins was an assistant at IU during three of Otte's four years as a player.

Upon his graduation, Otte ranked in the top 10 at IU for career wins (17) and single season wins (eight in '99 and '01). Otte graduated from Indiana in 2002 with a B.S. in public health education and a minor in human development and family studies.

He and his wife, Erin, reside in Orlando with their daughters, Anna and Paige.

the otte file

name: Nick Otte
birthdate: April 13, 1979
hometown: Kettering, Ohio
alma mater: Indiana University '02
major: Public Health Education
wife: Erin Otte
children: Paige (10) and Anna (12)
hired at UCF: July 11, 2018
playing career:
 Indiana - 1998-02

coaching career:
 IPFW - 2003-04 - assistant
 Georgetown College - 2005-06 - assistant
 Miami (Ohio) - 2007-09 - assistant
 Xavier 2010-17 - assistant
 Xavier - 2018 - associate head coach

career honors:
 NCAA Regional - 2014, 2016, 2017
 Big East title - 2014, 2016, 2017

otte's career

year	school	position	w-l	NCAA
2003	IPFW	AC	17-31-1	
2004	IPFW	AC	20-28	
2007	Miami (Ohio)	AC	32-24	
2008	Miami (Ohio)	AC	18-36	
2009	Miami (Ohio)	AC	30-25	
2010	Xavier	AC	26-32	
2011	Xavier	AC	30-27	
2012	Xavier	AC	28-28	
2013	Xavier	AC	32-26	
2014	Xavier	AC	30-29	Regional
2015	Xavier	AC	15-38	
2016	Xavier	AC	32-30	Regional
2017	Xavier	AC	34-27	Regional
2018	Xavier	AHC	20-35	

Seasons as a full-time Division I coach: 14
 Winning seasons: 7
 NCAA Tournament appearances: 3
 Record as an assistant coach: 364-416-1



TED TOM

- 👑 assistant coach
- 👑 2nd season at UCF
- 👑 2nd season under Greg Lovelady
- 👑 outfielder, base running, camps
- 👑 1st base
- 👑 shawnee state '04

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Ted Tom was named an assistant coach for UCF in July of 2017. His duties include working with the outfielders and running Greg Lovelady Camps.

In his first campaign with UCF, Tom had to work with a brand new outfield. Regulars Tyler Osik and Ray Alejo flourished during their first year under Tom. Senior Max Wood stepped up over the final 19 games of the year, including a walk-off winner in the regular-season finale against Tulane.

Tom oversaw a pair of All-Conference selections. Alejo finished the year ranked fifth in the nation with 34 stolen bases. Osik led the team with 56 RBI, good for third in The American. Both players were tabbed to the conference's second team.

Prior to arriving in Orlando, Tom spent three seasons at fellow American Athletic Conference member Cincinnati. He joined the Bearcats as the director of baseball operations in 2015, covering the day to day operations, video and scouting for one season.

In 2016, Tom was promoted to assistant coach and remained in that role for his final two years at Cincinnati. He played an integral part in raising the UC team batting average by 16 points and taking the team scoring average up to five runs per game.

Tom joined UCF after seven seasons as the head coach at his alma mater Shawnee State University, where he compiled a record of 203-193.

In 2011, the Bears entered the Mid-South Conference and ended their first season in the new conference with a bang. After finishing the regular season as the 2nd place team in the Eastern Division, the Bears went undefeated in the conference tournament to advance to the NAIA Opening Round. This marked the Bears return to the National Tournament for the first time in 11 years.

The 2011 season was highlighted by the play of senior catcher Phillip Butler. Butler earned MSC Player of the Year honors while also earning 1stTeam All-MS-C as he led the conference in almost every offensive category including homeruns and RBI's. He was also named to the NAIA All-American 1stTeam becoming the first player in school history to not only make 1stTeam but also become a two-time All-American. Four players, including Butler, earned MSC All-Conference honors. Junior Cody Morrison earned 1stTeam All-MS-C while juniors Danny Gesick and Kendal Coleman made Honorable Mention. Josue Ahorrio, Aaron Suydam, AJ Gomez, and Jordan Stum each earned MSC Scholar Athlete awards.

The 2010 season marked the Bears final season in the American Midwest Conference and what a finale it became. The Bears became the first team in school history to win the Regular Season Championship which allowed them to host the conference tournament in the friendly confines of Branch Rickey Park. Tom earned AMC Coach of the Year honors for his team's performance. For only the second time in school history, the AMC Conference Player of the Year Award went to an SSU Bear. Sophomore outfielder Danny Gesick earned Player of the Year Honors as he led the conference in homeruns and runs batted in. Gesick and junior catcher, Phillip Butler each earned Honorable Mention All-American honors becoming two of only 12 other Bears to earn All-American Honors. Ten of Tom's players earned AMC All-Conference selections. Gesick, Butler, senior first baseman Brian Ramey, sophomore right hand pitcher Austin Dunfee, sophomore infielder Adam Wamsley each earned 1stTeam All-AMC. Junior right hand pitcher Andrew Carter and sophomore third baseman Nick Ball earned 2ndTeam Honors while sophomore outfielder Quentin Everman, junior designated hitter Ricky Masson, and sophomore infielder Jordan Maier each earned Honorable Mention awards. Wamsley was the AMC Gold Glove winner at shortstop. Ramey also became a two-time recipient of the NAIA Scholar Athlete award for his work in the classroom.

In 2009, he led the Baseball Bears to a 25-30 record and for the first time since 2003, a winning record (18-16) in the American Midwest Conference. Four of his players earned All-AMC honors and two more earned NAIA Scholar Athlete Awards including: senior outfielder Drew Howard (1stTeam), senior third baseman Logan Crabtree (2ndTeam), sophomore pitcher Andrew Carter (2ndTeam), junior first baseman Brian Ramey (2ndTeam) and NAIA Scholar Athlete) and junior catcher Mike Roelker (NAIA Scholar Athlete).

In Tom's first season, the Bears finished 16-29 with a 10-16 conference mark. Three of his players earned All-AMC honors including: Jon Venters (2ndTeam), Drew Howard (HM), and Zac Alexander (HM). Jeremy Blackston earned the honor of NAIA Scholar Athlete as well. Jon Venters

has gone on to sign a professional contract to play in the Can Am Independent League marking Tom's first Bear professional player.

Prior to Shawnee State, Tom spent 2007 as the outfield instructor at the IMG Baseball Academies in Bradenton, FL where he also was a head coach in Florida Collegiate Instructional League.

Ted spent the 2005 and 2006 seasons as the volunteer assistant coach at Indiana University. While there, his responsibilities included outfield play, coaching first base, and assisting with the hitters while also working on Sembower Field. During this time, he earned his master's degree in athletic administration.

Tom graduated from Shawnee State with a degree in Sport Management with minors in business and sport coaching in 2004 and having been a red-shirt member of the 2000 team that finished 5th in the NAIA World Series. As a player, Tom earned All-AMC honors as well as the Joe Smith Memorial Award which is given to the outstanding senior student that best exemplifies the attitude and sportsmanship of Smith. In the summer of 2003, he played for the Clarinda A's in the MINK Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League.

Tom also has extensive experience in summer baseball. In 2008, he was the mentor of the Southern Ohio Copperheads in the Great Lakes League. During 2006, he was the head coach of the Outer Banks Daredevils of the Coastal Plain League. He was the head coach of the Miami Valley Express U-17 team during 2002 that went to the CABA World Series.

Ted is married to the former Lisa Dingus of South Webster, Ohio. The couple have two children, Henry and Adaline Lee.

the tom file

name: Ted Tom
birthdate: Nov. 11, 1980 Lancaster, Ohio
hometown: Lancaster, Ohio
alma mater: Shawnee State '04
major: Sport Studies
wife: Lisa
children: Henry (8), Adaline (5)
hired at UCF: July 18, 2017
playing career:
 Shawnee State - 2001-04

coaching career:
 Indiana - 2005-06 - volunteer
 IMG Academy - 2007 - outfield instructor
 Shawnee State - 2008-14 - head coach
 Cincinnati - 2015-17 - director of operations
 Cincinnati - 2017 - interim head coach
 UCF - 2018-present - assistant

career honors:
 All-American Midwest First Team - 2004
 America Midwest title - 2010
 America Midwest Coach of the Year - 2010
 Mid-South Conference title - 2011
 NAIA Regional - 2011

tom's career

year	school	position	w-l	NCAA
2005	Indiana	VC	26-30	
2006	Indiana	VC	21-31	
2017	Cincinnati	IHC	28-30 (0-2)	
2018	UCF	AC	35-22	

Seasons as a full-time Division I coach: 4
 Winning seasons: 1
 NCAA Tournament appearances: 0
 Record as an assistant coach: 110-111
 Record as a head coach: 0-2



DREW ROBERTS

- 🏆 director of operations
- 🏆 3rd season
- 🏆 xavier '07

Drew Roberts joined UCF Baseball as the Director of Operations on August 18, 2016. Prior to arriving in Orlando, Roberts served as head coach for St. Andrews University from 2012–2016.

At the helm for St. Andrews, Roberts finished each of his four regular seasons above .500, posting an overall record of 107–99. Under his tutelage, 12 players received All-Conference Team awards including Conference Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors. Roberts also served as the recruiting coordinator for St. Andrews from 2010–2012.

Roberts started his collegiate coaching career as a Graduate Assistant Coach with Ohio University (2008–2010) where he received his Master's Degree in Coaching Education. He also holds a B.A. in Public Relations from Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH).

Roberts was a decorated student-athlete at Xavier, receiving many accolades such as Pre-season Atlantic 10 (A-10) Conference Rookie of the Year, multiple A-10 Conference Player of the Week awards, A-10 Commissioners Award, and the Athletic Advisory Board Award for Community Service.

In the Summer of 2016, Roberts led a team of high school players from around the nation to a competition in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands where the squad won the Robur58 Series. The Robur58 series was part of an international competition organized by Student Athlete World, an organization founded by former college coaches.



JEREMY FRADIN

- 🏆 sports performance
- 🏆 1st season
- 🏆 san diego state '12

Jeremy Fradin joined UCF Athletics in Fall of 2018 and serves as an assistant sports performance coach.

Fradin came to UCF from Southern Utah University, where he worked directly with football and softball.

Prior to SUU, Fradin worked for the Arizona Diamondbacks as a head strength and conditioning coach (Northwest League – Short-Season A) in Hillsboro, Oregon, and as a head athletic trainer (Pioneer League – Adv. Rookie) in Missoula, Montana.

During his time with the Diamondbacks, Fradin was responsible for the preparation, health, and maintenance for all players along with evaluating and implementing daily soft tissue and manual maintenance programs. Responsible for the rehabilitation of players, Fradin evaluated numerous forms of athletic injuries in a real time setting while developing and implementing injury prevention and injury rehabilitation programs. Additionally, the Organization looked to Fradin to create in-season and off-season strength and conditioning regimens for their players.

Prior to the Diamondbacks, Fradin spent time at the University of Texas at Austin as a part-time assistant strength & conditioning coach while earning his Masters as he assisted in designing the men's tennis pre competition and off season regimens and was responsible for the long-term rehabilitation of Longhorn football players.

Fradin earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from San Diego State University in 2012 and received a Masters of Exercise Physiology with an emphasis in Sport Science and Nutrition from the University of Texas at Austin in 2014. Fradin is also a certified athletic trainer (ATC), certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS), active release technique provider (upper & lower extremity), sports performance coach (level I), and a postural restoration institution certificate (myo, pelvic, postural).



SAM WICHAEL

- 🏆 athletic trainer
- 🏆 4th season
- 🏆 cedarville '11

Michaël joined the UCF sports medicine team in September 2015. He currently serves as the athletic trainer for the baseball program.

Prior to coming to Orlando, Michaël spent 2014 at Florida where he worked with the National Champion softball team and SEC East Champion baseball team.

He earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training from Cedarville University in 2011. He worked with the men's basketball team and served as an intern at near by Wittenberg University.

As a part of obtaining his master's degree in exercise science and human performance from Delta State in 2013, Michaël served two years as a graduate assistant, covering baseball and men's basketball and helping the Statesmen earn a trip to the Division II College World Series in 2012.

Michaël is an ATC and is a Florida licensed athletic trainer. He has also obtained his Corrective Exercise Specialist certification and is Graston certified.

He resides in Orlando and enjoys fishing, sports and spending time with his wife Amye-Marie.



BRYAN HILL

- 🏆 equipment manager
- 🏆 4th season
- 🏆 albany '06

Absolute. Legend.

Hill is in his third season with UCF baseball. He serves as the primary equipment manager for Knights baseball, men's soccer, rowing and track & field.

He made prior stops at VCU, Kennesaw State, Holy Cross and SUNY Albany as the head equipment manager.

Hill earned his degree in urban studies from Albany in 2006.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BHILL?

After a slight oversight on Opening Knight in 2017, in which Hill was not announced with the remainder of the UCF Baseball staff, the Knights began an in-game promotion named "Where in the World is BHill."

A seasoned world traveler, Hill will appear on the video board in various places around the world. Fans will have to guess Hill's location three times in order to win a prize pack.



IAN MACDOUGALL

- 🏆 athletic communications
- 🏆 2nd season
- 🏆 wabash '14

MacDougall joined UCF in July of 2017 as the assistant director for communications. He handles the primary duties for Knights baseball and volleyball.

MacDougall was named the AVCA Southeast Region SID of the Year for the 2017 volleyball season.

Prior to landing in Orlando, MacDougall spent two years at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, where he covered a litany of sports, including women's basketball, soccer and softball, and assisted with men's basketball and volleyball. Advancing from communications intern to assistant to assistant director over a span of a year and a half, he was responsible for graphic design, video production, written content and media relations for the Islanders.

MacDougall earned his bachelor's degree in history with a minor in French at Wabash College, where he was a kicker for the Little Giants football team and an assistant for the sports information department. After his undergraduate career, he began his master's degree in sports management and played one season at Purdue University, while assisting the Boilermakers athletic communications team.

The Westfield, Ind., native is married to his high school sweetheart Rachel, who played basketball at Western Illinois. The couple reside in Orlando.



CARLY PLACE

- 🏆 academics
- 🏆 3rd season
- 🏆 mount saint mary's 13

Carly Place joined the full-time staff at UCF Academic Services for Student Athletes (ASSA) in June 2016. She serves as the academic advisor for volleyball, men's golf and men's tennis, and also coordinates orientation and

the CAP program.

Previously, she worked as an intern with ASSA starting in June 2015, working with men's basketball and baseball, while serving as the assistant tutor coordinator.

Prior to joining UCF, Place attended Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland. She earned a Bachelor's of Science in Sport Management and Minor in Communications. She also played tennis for all four years and was a SAAC representative.

Carly went on to receive her Master's of Business Administration from East Carolina University. She worked in the Office of Student Development during her time at ECU as the assistant tutor coordinator, as well as an assistant academic advisor with the softball and swimming and diving teams.

Favorite Quote: "Let him who would enjoy a good future waste none of his present."
 - Roger Babson



DAVID HANSEN

- 🏆 coo/sport admin
- 🏆 13th season
- 🏆 florida '92

David Hansen joined UCF as senior associate athletics director for internal operations in June 2006. He was promoted to Executive Associate A.D./COO in January 2016. Hansen's primary duties include overseeing

facility development and home event operations, while overseeing two Knights athletics teams.

Hansen directs the Athletics facility master planning process and serves on UCF's Master Planning Committee. Since 2006, UCF Athletics has completed building projects totaling over \$70 million. The Athletics Facility Plan calls for continued aggressive development in the near future.

He serves as the sport administrator for the Knights' football and rowing programs. Prior to joining the UCF staff, Hansen served as the deputy director of athletics at The University of Southern Mississippi. Hansen was the Golden Eagles' chief operating and financial officer and also directed all facility projects while overseeing the men's basketball and baseball programs.

Hansen arrived at Southern Miss in 1999 as the school's associate athletics director for internal affairs. In 2003, he was promoted to senior associate athletics director and two years later became the Golden Eagles' deputy director of athletics.

Before moving to Southern Miss, Hansen worked at the University of Louisiana at Monroe as the assistant athletics director for internal operations. He originally joined the ULM staff in 1994 as the director of facilities & football operations.

A native of Gainesville and a 1992 graduate of the University of Florida, he worked at his alma mater as assistant football equipment manager from 1992-94. In 1990, Hansen spent time as an operations/sales assistant for the Blockbuster Bowl in South Florida.

Hansen and his wife Trudy have four children, Kevin, Casey, Brian and Sean. The Hansens reside in Oviedo.

TED'S TROOP

- 🏆 peter amalbert
- 🏆 peter duros
- 🏆 kevin cardaci

When Ted Tom joined the UCF staff in 2017, he was tasked with taking over the student managers. As he mentored this young group of students, they decided to brand themselves as Ted's Troop.

The 2019 edition of The Troop features a trio of leaders in Peter Amalbert, Peter Duros and Kevin Cardaci. These three are in charge of various duties, including overseeing the remainder of the student manager force.

Starting this season, Amalbert started managing the program's FlightScope software and flight tracker information, which will bring enhanced analytics for the coaching staff to scour through.

In addition to assisting practice set up and guiding the other student managers, Duros and Cardaci assist the coaching staff with charting of pitchers and hitters.



Peter Amalbert



Kevin Cardaci



Peter Duros