

# KEVIN O'SULLIVAN - HEAD COACH



## KEVIN O'SULLIVAN HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Second Season at Florida

Coming off a tremendous inaugural season at the helm of the University of Florida baseball program that was highlighted by tireless recruiting and solid coaching, Kevin O'Sullivan and his staff have the Orange and Blue positioned to make even more noise on the collegiate baseball scene in 2009.

Last spring in his first year as a head coach, he directed the Gators to their first NCAA Regional appearance since 2005 and a second-place finish in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division after being picked 11th in the 12-team league. O'Sullivan was just the fourth Florida skipper to lead the team into NCAA play in his debut season and guided the squad to series triumphs over both of the SEC's division winners and College World Series representatives, Georgia and LSU. Welcoming an incoming group of newcomers ranked fifth by Baseball America, O'Sullivan and his assistant coaches, Craig Bell, Don Norris and Brad Weitzel, have the Gators pointed in the right direction.

Three of his players, second baseman Josh Adams, outfielder Matt den Dekker and right-hander Patrick Keating, achieved first-team All-SEC status, Florida's most on the first squad since four



honorees in 1991. Adams was also a unanimous pick on the SEC All-Freshman Team and collected Freshman All-America acclaim from three different organizations. Keating became the first Gator pitcher to garner first-team All-South Region from the American Baseball Coaches Association since Justin Hoyman in 2004, while second-team honoree Adams was the first rookie on the squad since Brad Wilkerson in 1996. Meanwhile, den Dekker earned a berth on the league's first-ever All-Defensive Team and represented the 2008 USA Baseball National Team that was a perfect 24-0 on its summer tour. Outfielder Avery Barnes was among the SEC leaders in an assortment of categories during the season and garnered second-team honors.

When O'Sullivan took over the Gator program, one of his top priorities was turning around the team's pitching staff, which had registered a 5.27 earned run average and was the highest in the SEC during the 2007 campaign. Not only did the '08 squad lower its ERA to 4.39 overall, Florida led the league in conference play with a 4.00 ERA. Offensively, UF's team batting average went from .290 to .304, and the club's .305 showing in the 30 conference games was at the top of the chart. The Gators also increased their fielding percentage and turned a league-leading 72 double plays, the fourth-most in school history.

After managing just a 17-17 showing at McKethan Stadium in 2007, Florida rebounded with a 27-6 (.818) ledger under O'Sullivan. This was the highest home winning percentage since the 2003 squad went 31-6 (.839). The Orange and Blue sported a 9-1 series mark at home, highlighted by victories over Auburn (3-0), LSU (2-1), No. 5 Georgia (2-1) and No. 13 Vanderbilt (3-0), and posted a 6-1 win over third-ranked Florida State.

Seventeen members of O'Sullivan's team were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. The total matched the highest number of Academic All-SEC recipients for Florida baseball in school history, equaling the 17 in 2003, and marked the sixth-consecutive year that the team reached double-digit honorees. UF's total matched Kentucky for the second most in the league behind Mississippi State (23). An additional five student-athletes earned a spot on the league's Freshman Academic Honor Roll, tying the Gators' best performance.

Three members of last season's team, shortstop Cole Figueroa (sixth round, San Diego Padres), outfielder Barnes (40th round, Washington Nationals) and right-hander Josh Edmondson (41st round, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim), were chosen in the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft. In addition, eight signees from O'Sullivan's initial recruiting class heard their names called over the two-day event.

The University of Florida and Athletics Director Jeremy Foley announced O'Sullivan as its new baseball coach on June 14, 2007. O'Sullivan arrived in Gator Country after serving nine seasons as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Clemson, where he helped the Tigers

## THE KEVIN O'SULLIVAN FILE

**Full Name:** Kevin Michael O'Sullivan  
**Birthdate:** December 27, 1968 in Goshen, N.Y.  
**Hometown:** Jupiter, Fla.  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science - Education/Sports Medicine, University of Virginia, 1991  
Master of Science - Exercise Science & Wellness, Florida Atlantic University, 1995  
**Date announced as UF head coach:** June 14, 2007

### COACHING CAREER:

Assistant Coach, Florida Community College, 1992-93  
Assistant Coach, Florida Atlantic University, 1994-95  
Assistant Coach, University of Virginia, 1996-97  
Assistant Coach, Minnesota Twins Rookie League, 1998  
Assistant Coach, Clemson University, 1999-2001  
Assistant Head Coach, Clemson University, 2002  
Associate Head Coach, Clemson University, 2002-07  
Head Coach, University of Florida, 2007-present

### PLAYING CAREER:

Florida Community College, 1988-89  
University of Virginia, 1990-91

to nine-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and College World Series berths in 2000, 2002 and 2006. A native of Jupiter, Fla., O'Sullivan became the 21st head coach in school history.

"This is an exciting day and signals a new chapter for Gator baseball," Foley said. "What Kevin has accomplished as one of the top assistants in the nation with highly-respected recruiting skills and player development speaks for itself. He possesses the qualities in a head coach that we were looking for and is eager to hit the ground running. We are counting on Kevin to help return our program to the elite level of collegiate baseball."

Clemson's associate head coach since 2002, O'Sullivan and the Tigers advanced to NCAA Super Regionals in 2007 for the seventh time since the format was introduced in 1999 before succumbing to Mississippi State. At the time, the total represented the second-most in the nation. A week earlier, the Tigers claimed the Myrtle Beach Regional with an unblemished 3-0 record and ousted top-seeded Coastal Carolina.

Under his tutelage, 29 Tiger hurlers were chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft, including five in June '07. A school-record 11 Clemson players were taken over the two-day event, highlighted by junior left-hander Daniel Moskos going fourth overall to the Pittsburgh Pirates. During O'Sullivan's tenure, 11 pitchers were picked in the top-five rounds, including a trio of first-rounders: Mike Paradis (1999), Tyler Lumsden (2004) and Moskos.

O'Sullivan has also had numerous top-25 recruiting rankings, including the 2005 incoming class that was ranked No. 12 by Collegiate Baseball. That class boasted four of the top-50 freshmen in the country - David Kopp (No. 9), Stan Widmann (No. 14), Taylor Harbin (No. 17), and Brad Chalk (No. 34) - a quartet who was each drafted in June. His 2007 incoming class was ranked fourth by Baseball America as well. In fact, there were a total of seven players from the Sunshine State on the '07 Tiger roster.

In his first season at Clemson, O'Sullivan fine-tuned Paradis from having control problems his first two seasons to a first-round pick in 1999. He helped Ryan Mottl go 10-4 in 2000 and total 33 career wins, the third-most in school history. Those totals helped Mottl become a sixth-round pick by the Cincinnati Reds.

# KEVIN O'SULLIVAN - HEAD COACH



Under his guidance in 2001, Clemson had a 2.27 strikeout-to-walk ratio, fourth-best in school history. One of his pitchers, Steve Reba, led the ACC in wins in 2001 with a 12-3 record. Clemson has been among the top-25 in team ERA each of the last eight years.

He followed up 2001 with a 2002 season that saw Reba and Matt Henrie shine. They had 13 wins apiece and both earned All-America honors. O'Sullivan helped mold Reba and Henrie into a formidable one-two punch that led the Tigers to a third-place national finish. The 2002 team also featured B.J. LaMura, a hard-throwing right-hander who was instrumental in Clemson's late-season surge to Omaha. LaMura was a fifth-round draft pick, giving the club five pitchers from the 2002 squad who signed Major League contracts. That total does not include Jarrod Schmidt, who fashioned an 18-3 career record at Clemson and signed as well. The 2002 team established an ACC record for saves (26) in a season.

The 2003 team did not have any stars, but all five Tigers with at least 36.0 innings pitched sported an ERA between 3.19 and 4.30.

The '04 squad featured All-ACC reliever Patrick Hogan, who became just the third Tiger in history to record double-digits in saves. O'Sullivan coached Lumsden, who was a first-round draft pick that year. He also helped convert Collin Mahoney from a catcher into a hard-throwing reliever. Mahoney, who had not pitched since high school, saw considerable action that year and was later a fourth-round draft pick of the Detroit Tigers.

The 2005 Tiger pitching staff came on strong in the season's latter stages. The Tigers registered a 3.94 ERA, Clemson's lowest in nine years. Josh Cribb fired two shutouts and notched a 97-24 strikeout-to-walk ratio, while Stephen Faris compiled a 2.60 ERA on his way to second-team All-ACC accolades.

His 2006 staff was sixth in the nation in ERA (3.26) and featured the weekend rotation of Faris, Cribb, and Jason Berken, who combined for a 27-6 record and 2.85 ERA. The trio was instrumental in leading the Tigers to the ACC Championship, a trip to Omaha and a No. 5 final ranking in all three polls. In addition, Moskos tallied 10 saves and became an effective closer under the direction of O'Sullivan.

He spent the 1998 season with the Twins' Rookie League team in Fort Myers, Fla., that reached the playoffs for the first time. He was also responsible for the development of the pitchers.

O'Sullivan was the pitching coach at Virginia in 1996 and 1997, where he coached All-America and first-rounder Seth Greisenger. In '96, the Cavaliers won their first-ever ACC Tournament title and were 44-21 overall. He coached a total of three pitchers in the two years who were drafted in the top-five rounds, including a first, second, and fifth-round pick to go along with a 14th-rounder in 1997. O'Sullivan, who helped in the recruitment of student-athletes at Virginia, coached players picked in the third and 44th rounds in 1997 as well.

His talents were noticed in the summers of 1996 and 1997, when he coached in the Valley League and the Cape Cod League, respectively. O'Sullivan coached the Bourne Braves to the second-best overall record on the Cape while garnering manager-of-the-year honors. He also coached Major League star left-hander Mark Mulder in the summer of 1997. On that staff alone, eight pitchers were drafted.

In 1996, while coaching Waynesboro of the Valley League, he led his team to the pennant and was manager-of-the-year, meaning he earned that honor both years as a head coach in the summer leagues. He also coached 14 players in the two summers that were

drafted, including a pair of first-round picks. O'Sullivan coached at Florida Atlantic during the 1994 and 1995 seasons, where he was responsible for the hitters, catchers, infielders and outfielders. From 1992-93, he was an assistant at Florida Community College as the hitting and catching instructor.

In two years at Virginia, nine at Clemson and one at Florida, he coached 40 pitchers who have been drafted or signed pro contracts. This list includes four first-rounders, 13 top-five-rounders, 21 top-10-rounders and six All-Americans.

O'Sullivan graduated with honors from Virginia with a bachelor's degree in education/sports medicine in 1991. In Charlottesville, he was a member of UVa's Captain Council and Student-Athlete Mentor Program. He later earned a master's degree in exercise science & wellness from Florida Atlantic.

O'Sullivan starred at Virginia as a catcher in 1990 and 1991, where he hit a combined .351. He was a First-Team All-ACC and All-ACC Tourney recipient both years and earned a berth on the ACC Academic Honor Roll in 1990. He also played for Florida Community College in 1988 and 1989.



## GATOR HEAD COACHES

"The University of Florida has enjoyed a lot of success with young, talented coaches and those were the characteristics we were looking for in the person to lead our baseball program. We found that person in Kevin O'Sullivan." - UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley

O'Sullivan is one of 12 different current Gator head coaches who entered their first season at UF with five or fewer previous years as a collegiate head coach:

Sport	Head Coach	Prior Experience	With the Gators
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>Kevin O'Sullivan</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>2007-08 was his first year; NCAA Regionals</b>
Men's Basketball	Billy Donovan	2 years	2006 & 2007 NCAA Champions
Women's Basketball	Amanda Butler	2 years	2007-08 was her first year; Women's NIT
Football	Urban Meyer	4 years	2006 & 2008 National Champions
Women's Golf	Jill Briles-Hinton	none	Five top-10 NCAA finishes in last seven years
Gymnastics	Rhonda Faehn	none	No. 1 ranking in 2007; third at 2007 & '08 NCAAs
Soccer	Becky Burleigh	5 years	1998 NCAA Champions
Softball	Tim Walton	3 years	No. 1 ranking & College World Series in 2008
Swimming & Diving	Gregg Troy	none	9 & 8 straight top-10 NCAA finishes for men & women
Women's Tennis	Roland Thornqvist	5 years	2003 NCAA Champions
Track & Field	Mike Holloway	none	12 national champions; 23 All-Americans
Volleyball	Mary Wise	4 years	18 straight SEC Titles; 7 Final Fours



# CRAIG BELL - ASSISTANT COACH



## CRAIG BELL ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH

*Second Season at Florida*

Craig Bell is in his second season with the Gator baseball program after serving as the Seattle Mariners' Supervising Area Scout for Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina in the years spanning 2000-07. At Florida, he is involved in all facets of the team and helped to develop a 2008 squad with limited expectations into a group that earned the second seed at the NCAA Tallahassee Regional and secured a third-place finish in the powerful Southeastern Conference. Bell had previously been an Associate Professional Scout in the Sunshine State for the Cincinnati Reds from 1993-2000. He also has extensive experience scouting in



Canada, the Dominican Republic and within the Cape Cod Baseball League each summer.

"The one word that describes Craig is 'instincts,'" head coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "His instincts as a coach and an evaluator are solid. He has surrounded himself with great people. He has on the field teaching knowledge on all aspects of the game. We have to be able to evaluate the right player and not go after the guy that's going to

### THE CRAIG BELL FILE

**Birthdate:** January 14, 1966

**Hometown:** West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Education:** Associate of Arts - Palm Beach Community College, 1987

Bachelor of Science - Physical Education, University of North Florida, 1989

#### COACHING CAREER:

Head Coach, Palm Beach Post 12 in American Legion, 1990-95

Head Coach, Palm Lakes High School, 1990-98

Assistant Coach, Wellington High School, 1999-2000

Assistant Coach, University of Florida, 2007-present

#### PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professional Scout, Cincinnati Reds, 1993-2000

Supervising Area Scout, Seattle Mariners, 2000-07

#### PLAYING CAREER:

Palm Beach Community College, 1986-87

University of North Florida, 1988-89

sign (professionally) and not show up. He has the right mentality to make sure these kids have the right makeup we're looking for and have the toughness that we need to win in the Southeastern Conference."

"I am excited that Craig joined the staff," O'Sullivan continued. "He brings a unique perspective through his involvement in professional baseball and his background here in the state of Florida. Craig is a great fit with my vision for the Gator program and his experiences have enabled him to put together a tremendous amount of contacts throughout the country."

Bell was an assistant coach at Wellington High School in Palm Beach County, Fla., in 1999-2000 and helped the Wolverines to the Class 6A state championship. He was the head coach of the Palm Beach Lakes High School baseball team between 1990-98 and also coached Palm Beach Post 12 in American Legion from 1990-95. Bell earned Coach of the Year accolades from The Palm Beach Post and The Sun Sentinel in both 1994 and 1995 and collected the Palm Beach County Coaches' Association's Class 6A top coaching honor in 1994 and 1997. During his coaching career, he has had 32 players chosen in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, including four first-round picks, with a total of 23 signing contracts.

Bell earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of North Florida in 1989, and was a member of the Ospreys' baseball team during the 1988 and 1989 seasons while fellow Florida staff member Brad Weitzel was an assistant coach at UNF. In addition, he was a two-year letterwinner on the diamond at Palm Beach Community College, where he earned his associate of arts degree in 1987.

Bell, a 43-year-old native of West Palm Beach, Fla., is married to the former Karri Roy of Pontiac, Mich. The couple has two sons, Ryan, 15, and Kyle, 10.





## BRAD WEITZEL

ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH

Second Season at Florida

Brad Weitzel is in his second season at Florida following a breakthrough 2008 campaign in which the Gators returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the program was the runner-up at the 2005 NCAA College World Series. His efforts were instrumental in helping UF improve across the board in hitting, pitching and fielding on its way to a third-place showing in the Southeastern Conference after preseason projections had the club expected to finish near the bottom of the league. In 30 league games, the Gators boasted an SEC-best .305 batting average and also registered the lowest team earned run average (4.00).

Named the Florida Diamond Club Scout of the Year in 1998, 1999 and 2004, Weitzel became a member of the Gator staff in June 2007 after serving as the Florida Area Scout for the Minnesota Twins since 1991. Twelve of his signees have reached the Major Leagues, including Doug Mientkiewicz of the Pittsburgh Pirates and A.J. Pierzynski of the Chicago White Sox. Weitzel was a coach for Minnesota's organization in the Instructional League between 1996 and 2001, coached with the Gulf Coast League Twins in 1996 and was the team's pitching coach in 2000.

"When we put this staff together, what I wanted to do was have a well-rounded staff," head coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "Some guys

get labeled as a hitting coach or an infielder's coach. In coaching, you use a player's strengths to put him in the right situation. Coaching is no different."

"When I put this staff together, Brad was at the top of my wish list. We each have the same coaching background. His hitting, fielding, and base-running philosophies are all what I would teach



if my expertise was in those areas of the game. It would be a great mistake to limit either Brad or Craig (Bell) to coaching only one area on the field. They must have constant communication between each other about where they're at with certain kids and we will do that on a daily basis. I'm going to let these guys go and do what they do best."

An assistant coach at the University of North Florida from 1987-91, Weitzel oversaw an Ospreys' pitching staff which appeared in both the 1989 and 1991 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) World Series. UNF's staff in 1988 registered a 2.98 earned run average over 64 games, lowest in the NAIA, and the following year's squad compiled a 2.88 ERA on its way to a third-place finish at the championship tournament. The 1990 edition of Osprey hurlers led the nation with a 2.21 ERA and the '91 club notched another third-place showing at the World Series.

Weitzel served as pitching coach for the Erie (Pa.) Sailors of the New York-Penn League in 1990 and guided the squad to a runner-up performance in the best-of-three championship series versus the Oneonta Yankees. He was also an assistant at Palm Beach (Fla.) Community College from 1984-87.

### THE BRAD WEITZEL FILE

**Birthdate:** November 16, 1957

**Hometown:** Salamanca, N.Y.

**Education:** Associate of Arts - Palm Beach Community College, 1980

Bachelor of Science - Health and Physical Education, University of Georgia, 1983

Master of Science - Health Education, Nova Southeastern University, 1987

#### COACHING CAREER:

Assistant Coach, Palm Beach Community College, 1984-87

Pitching Coach, Erie (Pa.) Sailors, 1990

Assistant Coach, University of North Florida, 1987-91

Coach, Minnesota Twins, Instructional League, 1996-2001

Coach, Gulf Coast League Twins, 1996 & 2000

Assistant Coach, University of Florida, 2007-present

#### PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL EXPERIENCE:

Florida Area Scout, Minnesota Twins, 1991-2007

#### PLAYING CAREER:

Palm Beach Community College, 1979-80

University of Georgia, 1981-82

#### WEITZEL'S MAJOR LEAGUERS

##### Signed (12)

Cleatus Davidson  
Gus Gandarillis  
Doug Mientkiewicz  
Jason Miller  
Kevin Ohme  
Juan Padilla  
Danny Perkins  
A.J. Pierzynski  
Robert Radlosky  
Fred Rath  
Denard Span  
Tommy Watkins

##### Drafted (2)

Lance Carter  
Steve Pearce

Weitzel coached current Gator assistant Craig Bell all four years of his collegiate career, in 1986-87 at Palm Beach and in 1988-89 at UNF, and coached O'Sullivan when the UF skipper was a member of the 1987 Jupiter (Fla.) American Legion team.

Weitzel earned his master's degree in health education from Nova Southeastern University (1987) and his bachelor's degree in health and physical education (1983) from the University of Georgia, where he was an infielder for the Bulldogs under head coach Steve Webber in 1981-82. He received an associate of arts degree from Palm Beach in 1980 and was a two-year letterwinner on the baseball team for head coach Dusty Rhodes during the 1979 and 1980 seasons.

Weitzel and his wife, Lori, have been married for over 25 years and are the parents of 14-year-old twins, Layne and Lucas.





# DON NORRIS - VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH/FLORIDA BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF



**DON NORRIS**  
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH  
*Third Season at Florida*

Don Norris is in his third season as a Volunteer Assistant Coach with the University of Florida baseball program. He serves as the Gators' first base coach and also helps instruct all players. Norris' efforts last year enabled UF to reach the NCAA Tallahassee Regional and secure a runner-up showing in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division. He arrived in Gainesville during the fall of 2006 after working at George Washington University for one year with the Colonials' hitters and defense. Norris' appointment at GW marked his second time as a member of Steve Mrowka's coaching staff, as he previously served as an assistant for five years while Mrowka was the head coach at Georgia College & State University.

Norris is quite familiar with the SEC, having played at the University of Georgia and later serving as an assistant on the Bulldog coaching staff for four seasons. His work with the hitters and infield defense helped the Red and Black to a third-place finish at the

2004 NCAA College World Series, a share of the SEC title and a final national ranking of fourth. During the Dawgs' run to Omaha, Norris also served as the club's third base coach. UGA's entire starting infield earned All-SEC honors while posting a .971 fielding percentage, the second-highest in school history. From 2001-03, Norris served as Georgia's director of baseball operations, where he handled alumni relations, camps and assisted in various other duties. He was elevated to assistant coach in July, 2003.

A native of Lakeland, Fla., Norris was a member of Mrowka's staff at Division II GC&SU from 1996-01. He was in charge of hitting and the infielders, and also served as the recruiting coordinator for the Bobcats. In 2001, GC&SU posted a 41-18 record and a final national ranking of 10th in Collegiate Baseball's NCAA Division II poll.



From 1993-2001, Norris coached summer baseball, spending seven seasons in the elite Cape Cod Baseball League and two in the Northeast Collegiate League. He managed the Orleans (Mass.) Cardinals in the CCBL from 1997-2001. At the time, Norris was one of only 25 managers in the league's history with 100 victories. In 1999, he led Orleans to the playoffs with a 29-16 mark and had seven of his players named to the CCBL East All-Star team, including league MVP, and current member of the San Francisco Giants, Lance Niekro. Norris' 2000 squad saw 16 players drafted, including one player in each of the first 10 rounds. A total of 19

## THE DON NORRIS FILE

**Birthdate:** July 1, 1969  
**Hometown:** Lakeland, Fla.  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts - Environmental Health Science, University of Georgia, 1992  
Master of Arts - Education, Valdosta State, 1994

### COACHING CAREER:

Graduate Assistant Baseball Coach, Valdosta State, 1993-94  
Head Coach, Gordon College, 1995  
Assistant Coach, Northwest Shoals Community College, 1996  
Assistant Coach, Georgia College & State University, 1997-2001  
Assistant Coach, University of Georgia, 2003-05  
Assistant Coach, George Washington University, 2005-06  
Volunteer Assistant Coach, University of Florida, 2006-present

### PLAYING CAREER:

Polk Community College, 1988-89  
University of Georgia, 1990-91

players from his three Orleans teams were drafted, which tied the most of any CCBL team during that span. He also coached current Major Leaguers Ben Sheets (Milwaukee Brewers) and Mark Teixeira (Texas Rangers).

Norris earned his bachelor's degree in environmental health science from Georgia in 1992. He began his collegiate career at Polk Community College (Winter Haven, Fla.) before transferring to UGA in 1990. Norris was an infielder for the Bulldogs from 1990-91 and was a member of their 1990 national championship team.

Following his collegiate playing career, Norris worked as a graduate assistant baseball coach at Valdosta State University and earned his master's degree in education in 1994. He spent the 1995 season as the head coach at Gordon College in Barnesville, Ga. In 1996, Norris was an assistant coach at Northwest Shoals Community College in Muscle Shoals, Ala., before joining Mrowka at GC&SU.

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STUDENT TRAINER



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STUDENT MANAGER



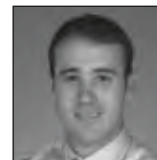
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**JOHN BARRETT**  
BASEBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

*Fifth Season at Florida*

John Barrett is in his fifth season as the Head Athletic Trainer for the Gator baseball program and is responsible for prevention, care and rehabilitation of injuries. Barrett oversees the management of the baseball facility training room and also serves as a supervising trainer for Florida's softball team. In addition, he serves as an Approved Clinical Instructor for the undergraduate athletic training education program in UF's Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology within the College of Health and Human Performance and serves on the UAA's Medical Advisory Committee.

An Aberdeen, Miss., native and a 1997 graduate of Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in fitness management, Barrett also earned a master's degree in sport administration from MSU in 1999. He is currently a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the American College of Sports Medicine. Barrett is a member of the Southeastern Athletic Trainers' Association, the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida, the College Athletic Trainers' Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He has been recognized as an American Red Cross Professional Rescuer with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification.

Before moving down to the Sunshine State in July 2004, he had served as an assistant athletic trainer at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., since 1999. Although Barrett's primary responsibilities were providing coverage to the Bison men's basketball, women's crew, women's lacrosse and women's soccer programs, he assisted other staff members with student-athletes competing on 26 varsity teams at eight different venues on campus.

During his time in Pennsylvania, he had athletic training responsibilities for women's basketball and softball for three seasons apiece and handled the day-to-day care of the men's lacrosse student-athletes for one season. Barrett oversaw the school's student athletic trainer work-study program and was instrumental in the



development of new student policy and procedures and athletic trainer primer manuals. He also created a comprehensive sports medicine directory for use by Patriot League staffs.

Barrett previously worked as a student athletic trainer with the Mississippi State University baseball program during the 1994-95 season, served as an athletic trainer at several Bulldog baseball camps and was the camp's medical director in 1998. During his graduate studies, Barrett served as a graduate assistant instructor for MSU's Health Physical Education Recreation and Sport Department, as well as an outreach athletic trainer at Starkville Academy

in conjunction with the Oktibbeha County Hospital Sports Medicine Department.

His professional experiences include being selected as a volunteer athletic trainer at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., working as an athletic training intern with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League and serving as an athletic trainer on the medical team for the 1999 Mississippi State Games.

Barrett and his wife, the former Aimee Juedemann of St. Louis, Mo., reside in Gainesville. They have a toddler named Kayla Jean Barrett.



**STEVE ORRIS**  
BASEBALL STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COORDINATOR

*Sixth Season at Florida*

Steve Orris is in his sixth season as the Strength and Conditioning Coordinator for the baseball program at the University of Florida. His responsibilities include designing and implementing year-round strength, speed and conditioning workouts for the Gators in the Griffin/Oakley Strength and Conditioning Center. Orris guides each student-athlete through an individual training program designed to enhance strength as well as explosive power, speed, agility, endurance, coordination, balance and flexibility.

He also oversees the conditioning program for the nationally-ranked UF softball squad which advanced to the 2008 NCAA Women's College World Series for the first time in school history and claimed the Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament titles. During his tenure with the Gators, Orris has produced two SEC Players of the Year (Matt LaPorta in 2005 & 2007 and Kristen Butler in 2006) and two SEC Pitchers of the Year (Justin Hoyman in 2004 and Stacey Nelson in 2008).

Orris is officially certified through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist and is recognized by USA Weightlifting as a Sports Performance Coach. In addition, he has completed American Red Cross CPR training and earned his Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification.

Prior to his arrival in Gainesville, Orris was a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coordinator at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., from 2001-03. He worked primarily with the Pride baseball, men's basketball, softball, wrestling and volleyball teams. His programs included strength training, with free weights and

machines, Olympic-style weightlifting, plyometrics, speed, agility and quickness, conditioning and flexibility routines.

Previously, Orris spent between July 2003 and February 2004 as a volunteer assistant for the Gators. During his career, the Pembroke Pines, Fla., native has completed internships with the New Orleans Zephyrs, the AAA affiliate of the Houston Astros, and the Miami Dolphins.

A 2000 graduate of Florida Atlantic University with a bachelor's degree in exercise science, Orris earned a master's degree in health



education from Hofstra University in 2003. He and his wife, the former Michelle Ortega of Miramar, Fla., who is a dentist in the area, reside in Gainesville. The couple has a daughter Meilani Liu (1), and also has an English bulldog named Sirena.



# FLORIDA BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF



## **EDMUND BOYD** BASEBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER

*Third Season at Florida*

Edmund Boyd is in his third season as UF's Baseball Equipment Manager, a position he undertook in December of 2006. His main responsibilities revolve around ordering and accounting all of Florida's baseball equipment from Easton, New Era, Nike, Rawlings and Russell Athletic, while also directing actual game-day equipment efforts for the team. Boyd oversees a staff of seven student managers and runs a state-of-the-art area within the baseball complex which houses everything needed by the student-athletes.

A native of Fresno and then Ridgecrest, Calif., Boyd earned his bachelor's degree in administrative management in 1989 from the University of Arkansas and received his master's in recreation management from UA in 1990. From 1991-99, he worked in the intramural sports program at the University of Florida and assisted in game-day operations for the Gator baseball and football programs between 1991 and 2006. Boyd was also the Regional Manager for DeConna Ice Cream for six years spanning 2000-06. He resides in Gainesville with his wife, Barbara, and has two children: Tommy (8) and Katherine (3).



## **DAVE HOUTS** DIRECTOR OF VIDEO SERVICES

*31st Season at Florida*

Dave Houts has been associated with the Gator athletic program since 1977, and became a full-time member of the University Athletic Association as Director of Video Services in 1989. During his time at Florida, Houts has been instrumental in developing the video digital technologies and facilities that serve a variety of Gator athletic teams, including baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, men's and women's golf, soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving and volleyball. These technologies have significantly contributed to the numerous NCAA and SEC championships brought back to Gainesville by the Orange and Blue. For his

efforts, the Collegiate Sports Video Association (CSVA) recognized Houts as the 2006 SEC Video Coordinator of the Year.

The Pontiac, Mich., native has also worked with the National Football League, Major League Baseball, NASCAR, the 1996 Summer Olympics, as well as on such movies as Parenthood and Just Cause. Houts was a member of the United States Peace Corps' Brazil Amazon Project before earning his bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Western Michigan in 1971. Houts was a Vietnam Era veteran with the Army Engineering Center at Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

He received his bachelor of science degree in journalism in 1975 from UF, where he earned academic honors. Houts and his wife, Beth, have two children, Matthew (31) and Sara (18). Matthew graduated from Florida in 2001 and Sara is a sophomore at Santa Fe Community College.



## **ANN HUGHES** BASEBALL ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

*28th Season at Florida*

Ann Hughes is in her 28th year at the University of Florida and is currently the Assistant Director of Student Services for the Office of Student Life. She coordinates housing and orientation for all of the Gator student-athletes, is responsible for international student-athlete services and assists with the graduation studies. In addition to working as the Academic Counselor for the Gator baseball team for the past 14 years, Hughes also acts in the same capacity for the men's and women's golf student-athletes. When she started working with UF in 1981 as an Academic Counselor, Hughes was one of the first full-time

academic counselors for female student-athletes in the nation.

Prior to coming to Florida, Hughes worked at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a graduate intern in 1981. She worked directly with the football and basketball student-athletes in academic advising and coordinating official visits for their recruits. In 1979, Hughes worked in San Diego, Calif., with the Aztec Athletic Foundation of San Diego State University and the Holiday Bowl. She also worked with the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks in 1977 as a Public Relations Assistant.

A native of Tacoma, Wash., Hughes graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle, where she received a bachelor's degree in history in 1978. She continued her education at Ohio University, earning her master's in education and sports administration in 1979. While at these institutions, Hughes she also worked in their athletic departments as a student and graduate assistant in the athletics director's office. She has served on the Executive Board of the National Association of Athletic Advisors for Athletics and was awarded their Distinguished Service Award in 1997.



## **SAMANTHA SCALES** COORDINATOR - BASEBALL COMPLEX & OPERATIONS

*Second Season at Florida*

Samantha Scales is in her second season with the Gator baseball program as the Coordinator for Baseball Complex & Operations. She manages UF's team travel arrangements by organizing flights, bus trips and hotel accommodations, oversees the budget and assists all members of the coaching staff in their day-to-day tasks and recruiting paperwork.

Scales' other responsibilities include serving as a game manager, coordinating maintenance within the \$13-million-dollar facility, as well as hiring and managing the ushers for home games at

McKethan Stadium. In addition, she is involved with everything related to the Gator baseball camps which are held several times per year.

An Orlando, Fla., native and a 2004 graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in sport management, Scales also earned a master's degree in sport management from UF in 2007. She previously worked for two years in the operations department of the University Athletic Association and has experience with all 20 of the Gators' varsity sports in numerous capacities.