# 2020 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

130 Seasons | 38 NCAA Tournament Appearances | 11 College World Series Appearances | 15 MLB First Round Draft Picks



2	020 Schedule & Res	ults	
Februa	ary		(5-
14	WRIGHT STATE	SECN+	W, 9
15	WRIGHT STATE	SECN+	W, 6-
16	WRIGHT STATE	SECN+	W, 5-
21	OREGON STATE	SECN+	W, 6-
22	OREGON STATE	SECN+	W, 7-
23	OREGON STATE	SECN+	L, 2-
25	TEXAS SOUTHERN	SECN+	4 p.n
26	ALCORN STATE	SECN+	4 p.n
28	at Long Beach State		8 p.r
29	at Long Beach State		5 p.r
March			
1	at Long Beach State		1 p.r
Trustm 4	nark Park (Pearl, Miss.) vs. Southern Miss		6 p.r
5	QUINNIPIAC	SECN+	4 p.r
7	QUINNIPIAC	SECN+	2 p.n
В	QUINNIPIAC	SECN+	1 p.r
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10 11	vs. Texas Tech vs. Texas Tech		6 p.i 5 p.i
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13	ARKANSAS *	SECN+	6:30 p.r
14	ARKANSAS *	SEC Network	1 p.r
15	ARKANSAS *	SECN+	1 p.r
18	at Southeastern Louisiana		6 p.r
20	at LSU *	SEC Network	7 p.r
21	at LSU *	SECN+	6 p.r
22	at LSU *	SEC Network	2 p.r
	ns Field (Birmingham, Ala.)		
24	vs. UAB		6 p.i
27	KENTUCKY *	SECN+	6:30 p.r
28	KENTUCKY *	SECN+	2 p.r
29	KENTUCKY*	SECN+	1 p.r
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April			
3	at Auburn *	SECN+	6 p.ı
4	at Auburn *	SECN+	2 p.i
5	at Auburn *	SEC Network	11 a.r
7	UT MARTIN	SECN+	6:30 p.r
9	OLE MISS *	SECN+	6:30 p.r
10	OLE MISS *	SECN+	6:30 p.r
11	OLE MISS *	SEC Network	3 p.r
14	SOUTH ALABAMA	SECN+	6:30 p.r
16	at South Carolina *	ESPNU	6 p.r
17	at South Carolina *	SECN+	6 p.r
18	at South Carolina *	SECN+	2 p.ı
<b>Trustm</b> 21	n <b>ark Park (Pearl, Miss.)</b> vs. Ole Miss	SEC Network	6 р.і
24	TEXAS A&M *	SECN+	6:30 p.r
25	TEXAS A&M *	SECN+	2 p.r
26	TEXAS A&M *	SECN+	2 p.i 1 p.r
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1	at Alabama *	SECN+	6 p.ı
2	at Alabama *	SECN+	6 p.ı
3	at Alabama *	SECN+	1 p.r
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	MISSOURI*	SECN+	6:30 p.r
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5 8 9 10 12	MISSOURI * MISSOURI *	SEC Network	2 p.r 6:30 p.r
5 8 9 10 12	MISSOURI * MISSOURI * NORTH ALABAMA	SEC Network SECN+	<b>2 p.r</b> <b>6:30 p.r</b> 6:30 p.r 6:30 p.r

Mississippi State					
Record (SEC) H/A/N: Rankings:	C): 5-1 (0-0) 5-1 / 0-0 / 0-0 Baseball America - 4, CBN - 6 D1Baseball - 8, NCBWA - 6 Perfect Game - 6, USA Today - 6				
Head Coach: Record at MS Career Recor	. ,	Chris Lemonis 57-16 (2nd) 198-107-2 (6th)			
Batting Aver Runs Per-Gar Hits Per-Gan Slugging Per	me: ne:	.250 5.8 8.0 .370			
ERA: K's/BB Ratio Batting Aver	-	3.50 2.51/1 : .203			
First Year of Baseball: 1885 (130th season) Program Record: 2,697-1,577-29 (.630)					

Texas Southern	
Record (SWAC):	0-9 (0-0)
H/A/N:	0-0 / 0-9 / 0-0
Rankings:	
Head Coach:	Michael Robertson
Record at TSU (Yrs.):	264-321 (12th)
Career Record (Yrs):	435-491 (18th)
Batting Average:	.219
Runs Per-Game:	3.1
Hits Per-Game:	6.8
Slugging Percentage:	.314
ERA:	10.62
K's/BB Ratio:	1.08/1
Batting Average Agains	<b>t:</b> .359
The Rotation	
Tuesday, February 25, 20 MSU: KC Hunt, RHP, Fr. TSU: Camden Guarnere, RHI	

Alcorn State	
Record (SWAC):	2-2 (0-0)
H/A/N:	0-0 / 0-1 / 2-1
Rankings:	
Head Coach:	Bretton Richardson
Record at ASU (Yrs.):	57-141 (5th)
Career Record (Yrs):	Same
Batting Average:	.280
Runs Per-Game:	8.7
Hits Per-Game:	10.5
Slugging Percentage:	.393
ERA:	7.00
K's/BB Ratio:	1.50/1
Batting Average Again	st: .303

## **Gameday Information**

Texas Southern at No. 4 Mississippi State (Dudy Noble Field (Starkville, Miss.)

Alcorn State at No. 4 Mississippi State (Dudy Noble Field (Starkville, Miss.)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	
First Pitch:	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	
TV:			
Internet Stream:	SEC Network+	SEC Network+	
Radio:	96.1 FM	MSU Radio Network	
	(100.9 FM locally)		
Audio Stream:	HailState.com/plus	HailState.com/plus	

## The First Pitch

## What's Inside

 Mississippi State will play a pair of midweek games against teams from the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The Diamond Dawgs are 107-9 all-time against the SWAC.

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 For the second straight weekend, the MSU faithful showed up in record numbers with a February-best 12,034 fans showing up on Saturday versus Oregon State. Overall, 57,228 fans have flooded The Dude over the first two weekends.

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 Juniors Tanner Allen and Jordan Westburg each enter the week with 20-plus straight games reached base. Westburg (26) and Allen (24) carry those streaks over from the 2019 College World Series campaign.

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- Redshirt-freshman Christian MacLeod struck out 11 batters in his first career start versus Wright State on Saturday, February 15, the most by a Diamond Dawg in a season debut in program history. MORE ON PAGE 8
- Senior Riley Self owns 75 career relief appearances, a total that ranks No. 7 on MSU's career charts. He is just six appearances shy of cracking the top five.

## **MORE ON PAGE 8**

 The Voice of the Diamond Dawgs, Jim Ellis, enters his 42nd season on the airwaves and was awarded the Wilbur Snypp Award from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, which is awarded yearly to someone for contributions to the game of college baseball. MORE ON PAGE 9

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All times central and subject to change

\* - Southeastern Conference game

Rankings from Baseball America

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS



## 2019 Roster

N	lumerical						
#	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Exp.	. Hometown/High School (Previous School)
2	KC Hunt	RHP	L/R	6-3	201	Fr./Fr.	Wycoff, N.J./Ramapo
3	JT Ginn	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	So./So.	Brandon, Miss./Brandon
4	Rowdey Jordan	0F	S/R	5-10	185	Jr./Jr.	Auburn, Ala./Auburn
5	Tanner Allen	0F	L/R	5-11	190	Jr./Jr.	Theodore, Ala./UMS-Wright Prep
6	Kamren James	IF	R/R	6-2	192	Fr./Fr.	Southaven, Miss./DeSoto Central
7	Brandon Smith	RHP	R/R	6-3	213	So./So.	Richland, Miss./Richland
8	Drew McGowan	OF/RHP	L/R	6-1	182	Fr./Fr.	Hopkinsville, Ky./University Heights Academy
9	Landon Jordan	IF	L/R	6-0	194	So./So.	Poplarville, Miss./Hancock
10	Josh Hatcher	IF/OF	L/L	6-2	198	Jr./Jr.	Albany, Ga./Lee County
11	Jordan Westburg	IF	R/R	6-3	203	Jr./Jr.	New Braunfels, Texas/New Braunfels
13	Davis Rokose	LHP	L/L	6-0	195	Fr./Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga./Chattahoochee
14	Riley Self	RHP	R/R	6-4	241	Sr./Sr.	Coldwater, Miss./Magnolia Heights School
16	Jack Eagan	LHP	L/L	6-3	230	5th/Sr.	Wautoma, Wis./Wautoma (Madison C.C.)
17	Justin Foscue	IF	R/R	6-0	203	Jr./Jr.	Huntsville, Ala./Virgil Grissom
18	Chase Patrick	RHP	R/R	5-9	172	Jr./Jr.	Ellaville, Ga./Schley County (Chattahoochee C.C.)
19	Logan Tanner	C/RHP	R/R	6-0	218	Fr./Fr.	Lucedale, Miss./George County
20	Luke Hancock	C	L/R	5-11	190	So./So.	Houston, Miss./Houston
23	Landon Sims	RHP	R/R	6-2	216	Fr./Fr.	Cumming, Ga./South Forsyth
24	Will Bednar	RHP	R/R	6-2	229	Fr./Fr.	Valencia, Pa./Mars Area
26	Xavier Lovett	RHP	R/R	5-11	180	Fr./Fr.	Houston, Texas/ Westfield
27	Bryce Brock	0F	L/L	6-0	180	So./So.	Hernando, Miss./Lewisburg
28	Christian MacLeod	LHP	L/L	6-4	227	So./Fr.	Huntsville, Ala./Huntsville
29	Carlisle Koestler	RHP	R/R	5-11	191	Gr./Sr.	Vicksburg, Miss./Warren Central (Southeastern Louisiana)
30	Jared Shemper	LHP	R/L	6-0	225	Jr./Jr.	Germantown, Tenn./Christian Brothers (Wallace C.CDothan)
31	Tanner Leggett	IF	R/R	5-10	164	Jr./Jr.	Raymond, Miss./Central Hinds Academy (Northwest Mississippi C.C.)
32	Mason Land	IF	L/R	5-11	185	Fr./Fr.	Pensacola, Fla./J.M. Tate Senior
33	Brad Cumbest	0F	R/R	6-5	250	So./So.	Hurley, Miss./East Central
34	Hunter French	0F	R/R	5-9	173	Fr./Fr.	Southaven, Miss./DeSoto Central
36	Hunter Blalock	0F	R/R	6-5	219	So./Fr.	Madison, Miss./Madison Central
37	Eric Cerantola	RHP	R/R	6-5	222	So./So.	Oakville, Ontario/Ecole Secondaire Catholique Sainte-Trinite
40	Jaxen Forrester	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Jr./Jr.	Spanish Fort, Ala./Spanish Fort (East Mississippi C.C.)
44	Austin Kelly	C	R/R	6-0	201	Fr./Fr.	Leland, Miss./The Washington School
46	David Dunlavey	RHP	R/R	6-1	202	Gr./Sr.	Spartanburg, S.C./Spartanburg (Furman)
48	Houston Harding	LHP	L/L	6-1	222	Jr./Jr.	Walls, Miss./Evangelical Christian School
50	Brandon Pimentel	IF/OF	L/L	6-3	210	So./So.	El Paso, Texas/Socorro (Howard C.C.)
55	Spencer Price	RHP	R/R	6-2	240	Gr./Sr.	Olive Branch, Miss./DeSoto Central (Meridian C.C.)

- 22 Chris Lemonis Head Coach (Second Season at Mississippi State, Sixth Overall; The Citadel, 1992)
- 21 Jake Gautreau Assistant Coach (Third Season; Tulane, 2011)
- 42 Scott Foxhall Assistant Coach (Second Season; College of Charleston, 2004)
- 0 Kyle Cheesebrough Volunteer Assistant Coach (Second Season; Louisville, 2010)

Roger Rodeheaver - Coordinator of Operations (Second Season; Indiana, 2010)

Tyler Younger - Coordinator of Player Development (Second Season; Methodist College, 2013)

Seth Diters - Strength and Conditioning Coach (Second Season; Springfield College, 2008)

Jason Wire - Associate Athletic Trainer (10th Season; St. Cloud State, 2006)

Bobby Austin - Graduate Assistant Coach (First Season; NC State, 2009)

## **Program Quick Facts**

School Information	
Location	Starkville, Mississippi
Founded	1878
Enrollment	22,201
President	Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Faculty Representative	Dr. Steven Turner
Director of Athletics	John Cohen
Twitter	@JohnCohenAD
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Southeastern - Western Division
Nickname	Bulldogs
Colors	Maroon and White

Stadium	
Name	Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium
Capacity	15,000+
Field Dimensions	Left-330, Left Center-385,
	Center-400 Right Center-380 Right-305

2019 Te	am Info	ormation
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Overall Record (SEC; Finish)	52-15 (20-10; T1st in West)
Home/Away/Neutral	37-5/10-6/5-4
Postseason	College World Series
Lettermen Returning/Lost	15/16
Position Starters Returning/Lost (120+	- ABs) 4/5
Pitchers Returning/Lost (Min. 5 app.)	7/9
Newcomers	19 (11 Freshmen, 8 Transfers)

## **Program Information**

First Year of Baseball First Year in SEC	1885 (130th season) 1933 (Charter Member)
All-Time Record (Win %)	2,697-1,577-29 (.630)
All-Time SEC Record (Win %) SEC Championships (Last) SEC Tournament Championships (Last)	959-822-3 (.539) 11 (2016) 7 (2012)
NCAA Tournaments (Last) NCAA Super Regionals (Last)	38 (2019) 9 (2019)
College World Series (Last)	11 (2019)

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# Pronunciation Guide

Hunter Blalock	BLAY-lock
Eric <b>Cerantola</b>	Sare-an-TOE-la
Jack <b>Eagan</b>	E-ginn (hard G)
Jaxen Forrester	Jackson Forest-er
Justin <b>Foscue</b>	Foss-Q
Jake <b>Gautreau</b>	Go-TRO (long o)
Rowdey Jordan	Rouw-D
Carlisle Koestler	Car-lie-ul Kess-lur
Chris <b>Lemonis</b>	Luh-MO-niss
Christian MacLeod	Mc-CLOUD
Brandon Pimentel	Pim-in-tell
Davis <b>Rokose</b>	Row-cohs



Sı	corecard Su	mmari	es						Probable starters based on previous games
Pos.	Name	Yr.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Avg.	R	Н	RBI	Notes
C	Luke Hancock	So.	L/R	5-11/190	.667		2		
									Two starts in 2020; 2019 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll
or	Logan Tanner	Fr.	R/R	6-0/218	.222	2	4	2	
		Made colle	giate de	ebut as defensiv	ve replacen	nent in	seaso	n opei	ner; has made four starts; first collegiate hit was a home run
1B	Josh Hatcher	So.	L/L	6-2/198	.248	5	4	3	
				Had game-wii	nning hom	e run i	n gam	e two	of Oregon State series; Has started all six games at first base
2B	Justin Foscue	So.	R/R	6-0/203	.316	6	6	10	
		G	olden S	pikes Award pr	eseason w	atch lis	t; Has	at lea	st one RBI in every game this season; 10 RBIs leads the team
SS	Jordan Westburg	So.	R/R	6-3/203	.318	6	7	1	
			Re	eached base in 6	63 of 66 gai	mes pla	ayed ir	2019;	Carries a career-long 26-game reached base streak into week
3B	Kamren James	Fr.	R/R	6-2/192	.261	2	6	4	
	Has started o	ıll six game	s at sho	ortstop; Tied for	team lead	in ave	rage (	.455),	on-base % (.500) and hits (5) in his first collegiate weekend
LF	Brandon Pimentel	So.	L/L	6-3/210	.174	3	4	5	
		Hit ga	me-wir	nning three-run	n home run	in gar	ne one	of Ore	egon State series; MSU baseball Student-Athlete of the Week
CF	Rowdey Jordan	So.	S/R	5-10/185	.318	7	7	3	
W	ent 59 straight at-bo	its without	a strike	out from March	h 16-April (	6, 201	9; Hit I	eadoff	for the first time in his career versus Wright State (2/14/20)
RF	Tanner Allen	So.	L/R	5-11/190	.125	2	1	1	
Star	ted 136 straight gan	nes to begin	n his car	eer, before miss	sing the fin	al two	game	es of th	e series with Wright State (injury); Returned in game two of
						0reg	on Sta	ite seri	es as a pinch hitter, then started in right field for game three

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Reached base six times on opening weekend; Has started five of six games in 2020

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Career Last Tl		 nneara	nces		
First ca					

Runners On Bas	Runners On Base (H-AB)					
Name	2018	2019	2020	Total	Avg.	
Allen, Tanner	48-143	55-152	0-3	103-298	.346	
Brock, Bryce		1-2	0-2	1-4	.250	
Cumbest, Brad		11-28	1-1	12-29	.414	
Foscue, Justin	19-89	48-146	4-10	71-245	.290	
Hancock, Luke		8-18	1-1	9-19	.474	
Hatcher, Josh	19-92	20-56	0-7	39-155	.252	
James, Kamren			4-15	4-15	.240	
Jordan, Landon		5-19	3-8	8-27	.296	
Jordan, Rowdey	34-102	44-142	2-6	80-250	.320	
Leggett, Tanner			0-3	0-3	.000	
McGowan, Drew			0-3	0-3	.000	
Pimentel, Brandon			3-14	3-14	.214	
Tanner, Logan			2-9	2-9	.222	
Westburg, Jordan	15-40	49-150	4-10	68-200	.340	

**Career Situational Statistics** 

Landon Jordan

Runners in Scor	ing Posi	tion (H-AB	3)		
Name	2018	2019	2020	Total	Avg.
Allen, Tanner	26-92	36-101	0-1	62-194	.320
Brock, Bryce		1-2	0-1	1-3	.333
Cumbest, Brad		6-17	0-0	6-17	.353
Foscue, Justin	12-45	32-102	2-6	46-153	.301
Hancock, Luke		9-25	0-0	9-25	.360
Hatcher, Josh	9-52	15-34	0-3	24-89	.270
James, Kamren			3-8	3-8	.375
Jordan, Landon		9-32	1-4	10-36	.278
Jordan, Rowdey	17-57	28-82	1-5	46-144	.319
Leggett, Tanner			0-1	0-1	.000
McGowan, Drew			0-0	0-0	.000
Pimentel, Brandon			3-8	3-8	.375
Tanner, Logan			1-3	1-3	.333
Westburg, Jordan	15-40	32-93	1-6	48-139	.345

## **Inside The Series**

## **Scouting The Opponent**

#### Texas Southern

- Outfielder Tyson Thompson (Sr.) was named to the All-SWAC preseason first team whereas infielders Oscar Ponce (R-Jr.) and Nic Garza (Sr.) made the second seam.
- Thompson is the leading returning bat this season for the Tigers. In his junior campaign, he led the offense with a .365 batting average and a .478 on-base percentage.

#### Alcorn State

- Senior outfielder Brandon Rembert was named to the Preseason All-SWAC first team. Last season, Rembert placed fifth in the conference with a .345 batting average.
- The Braves return the majority of their starting lineup from a season ago, as seven of the eight starters in the field return for 2020 campaign.

## Series Notes

### Texas Southern

- Tuesday will mark the third meeting between Texas Southern and Mississippi State with the previous two meetings coming in 2018 and 2019.
- Dudy Noble Field has hosted each of the meetings between the Bulldogs and Tigers.

#### Alcorn State

- Wednesday will be the 17th meeting all time between Alcorn State and Mississippi State with the first meeting coming in 1993.
- It will be the first time since 2015 and only the second time all time that Mississippi State and Alcorn State have played each other in the month of February.

Result

## Series History

Location

### Texas Southern

Year

reur	Locution	nesun
3/21/2018	Starkville, Miss.	W, 11-6
4/16/2019	Starkville, Miss.	W, 5-1
Alcorn State		
Year	Location	Result
3/3/1993	Starkville, Miss.	W, 21-5
3/21/1995	Starkville, Miss.	W, 17-3
3/1/1996	Starkville, Miss.	W, 15-3
3/5/1997	Starkville, Miss.	W, 16-1
2/24/1998	Starkville, Miss.	W, 18-4 (8)
3/16/1999	Starkville, Miss.	W, 21-1
3/21/2000	Starkville, Miss.	W, 13-0
4/24/2001	Starkville, Miss.	W, 12-4
4/20/2010	Starkville, Miss.	W, 27-4
3/1/2011	Starkville, Miss.	W, 8-1
3/27/2012	Starkville, Miss.	W, 6-2
3/19/2013	Starkville, Miss.	W, 7-6
4/15/2014	Starkville, Miss.	W, 16-2
2/24/2015	Starkville, Miss.	W, 10-2
3/1/2016	Starkville, Miss.	W, 14-0
3/20/2018	Starkville, Miss.	W. 17-0



# 22 CHRIS LEMONIS

Head Coach | Myrtle Beach, S.C. Second Season at Mississippi State (Sixth Overall)





After arguably the most successful first year by a Southeastern Conference head baseball coach, Chris Lemonis begins his second season as the leader of the Mississippi State baseball program.

The 18th head coach in the storied history of the program, a journey of nearly 40 years came full circle when he was introduced on June 25, 2018 on Adkerson Plaza inside Dudy Noble Field. The son of a 1973 State graduate, Lemonis resided in Starkville as a child and now leads one of the perennial powerhouses in college baseball.

In his first season at the helm of the Diamond Dawgs, Lemonis became the winningest first-year head coach in SEC history and in the process led the 2019 edition to the second-most victories in program history at 52 (54; 1989). The 40 victories over MSU's first 50 games marked the third-most in the first 50 games of a season in program history and set the tone for State's second straight trip to the College World Series.

Lemonis became one of just three SEC head coaches to advance to the College World Series in their inaugural season in the conference, joining Jake Gibbs (Ole Miss, 1972) and fellow Diamond Dawg skipper Pat McMahon (Mississippi State, 1998).

Four Diamond Dawgs earned All-America honors during Lemonis' first season, while left-handed pitcher Ethan Small was tabbed National Pitcher of the Year (College Baseball Foundation; American Baseball Coaches Association) and right-handed pitcher JT Ginn earned the National Freshman of the Year honor (Collegiate Baseball, Perfect Game). Ginn and Small each earned specialty awards from the SEC, as well, grabbing the conference's Freshman and Pitcher of the Year, respectively.

A school-record-tying 11 Diamond Dawgs heard their names called in the 2019 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft, including three taken in the first 10 rounds. Small became the 15th Diamond Dawg taken in the first round of the MLB Draft, while SEC career hits leader Jake Mangum (4th; New York Mets) and Colby White (6th; Tampa Bay) each heard their names called in the first 10 rounds. The 11 selections in the MLB Draft were No. 3 nationally in 2019.

Owning a head coaching record of 193-106-2, Lemonis was also a part of nearly 800 wins as an assistant coach and three trips to the College World Series. During his time at Indiana, Lemonis' teams averaged 35.3 wins per season, including a 40-win campaign during his final season in Bloomington. He averaged 39.2 victories per year during his career in an assistant role (784 wins), bolstered by a 44.9 wins-per-season average at Louisville. The Cardinals were college baseball's winningest program during that eight-year span and made the program's first three trips to Omaha.

Lemonis not only understands what it takes to get to Omaha as a coach but also as a student-athlete. A 1992 graduate of The Citadel, Lemonis added a 1990 appearance in the College World Series as a student-athlete. The appearance makes The Citadel one of just three schools in Southern Conference history (Duke, Wake Forest) and only current member of the conference to advance to Omaha.

One of the top recruiters and player development coaches in the country, Lemonis has seen success at every coaching stop. After helping his alma mater, The Citadel, to five NCAA Regional appearances in 12 seasons as an assistant coach, Lemonis joined college teammate Dan McDonald's staff at Louisville and quickly turned the Cardinals into a consistent Omaha contender.

After helping Louisville to seven postseason berths in eight years, the 2013 American Baseball Coaches Association/Baseball America Assistant Coach of the Year headed to Indiana to take his first head coaching job with the Hoosier program in 2015.

In each of his head coaching stops, Lemonis has led his team to the NCAA postseason in his first season at the helm. He helped the Hoosiers into the NCAA Tournament field during his initial season in Bloomington, before he guided Mississippi State to the College World Series in 2019 — his first season in Starkville.

Overall, Lemonis enters his 26th season as a collegiate coach in 2020, making one College World Series appearance as a head coach, taking three trips to Omaha as an assistant, earning 16 NCAA tournament berths and aiding in four 50-win seasons. His pupils have earned 29 All-America honors, 13 Freshman All-America laurels and 79 have signed professional baseball contracts, with 17 getting the call up to Major League Baseball.

### RECRUITING AND DEVELOPMENT

Widely regarded as one of the elite recruiters and developers of talent in all of college baseball, a total of 92 student-athletes have been selected in the Major League Baseball Draft under Lemonis' watch, with 17 of those reaching the highest level of professional baseball.

Since arriving at Louisville for the 2006-07 academic year, Lemonis has been a part of 12 nationally-ranked recruiting classes, including his first two classes at Mississippi State. His initial Diamond Dawgs recruiting class was tabbed as the No. 12 class nationally by Baseball America and Perfect Game, while it earned the No. 9 ranking from Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. In 2019, he and his staff brought in another top-10 ranked class, finishing as high as No. 6 by Baseball America.

In his first season at State, Lemonis saw a school-record-tying 11 Diamond Dawgs selected in the 2019 MLB First Year Player Draft, including the program's 15th first-round pick in left-handed pitcher Ethan Small. Sixteen of Lemonis' Indiana players were taken in the MLB Draft in the last four years and 14 signed professional contracts. He also recruited and coached nine of the Hoosier's school-record 10 MLB Draft choices in 2019.

From 2007-14, Lemonis saw seven-straight classes ranked among the top-30 nationally, including the No. 12 national class for the 2011 recruiting cycle. In 2017, Baseball America revisited the Cardinals' 2013 class, re-ranking it No. 2 in the nation after the on-field success under Lemonis' watch. In 2018, the publication tabbed an un-ranked 2014 recruiting class — which included 2015 National Freshman of the Year and 2017 Golden Spikes Award winner Brendan McKay — as the No. 1 class in the publication's re-rankings.

Lemonis mentored and or recruited 47 student-athletes that signed professional contracts after being selected in the MLB Draft during his eight years as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator at Louisville, including a school-record 10 selections in the 2010 MLB Draft. He helped produce 10 first or second round draft choices over a seven-year span.

To date, 15 Cardinals who were recruited by and played for Lemonis have gone on to reach the big leagues. Those players include Nick Burdi, Adam Duvall, Chris Dominguez, Cody Ege, Adam Engel, Chad Green, Dean Kiekhefer, Matt Koch, Trystan Magnuson, Justin Marks, Kyle McGrath, Brendan McKay, B.J. Rosenberg, Nick Solak and Tony Zych. Over \$28 million in signing bonuses were accrued by Lemonis' Louisville draftees.

### PERSONAL

Lemonis and his wife, the former Jill MacEldowney, have two daughters, Marissa and Makenzie. The Myrtle Beach, South Carolina native earned his Bachelor of Science in physical education from The Citadel in 1992 and received his Master of Arts in sport management in 1994.

He is also no stranger to Starkville, as he resided on campus as a newborn during his father's time as a student at State. His father, Thomas, was a 1973 Mississippi State graduate with a degree in electrical engineering

Hometown:	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Wife:	Jill
Children:	Marissa & Mackenzie
College:	The Citadel, 1992
Coaching Career	
2019-	Mississippi State Head Coach
2015-18	Indiana Head Coach
2007-14	Louisville Assistant Coach
2003-06	The Citadel Associate Head Coach
1995-2002	The Citadel Assistant Coach

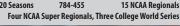
Record

Postseason

School

Mississippi State

2019	Mississippi State	52-15	College World Series
2018	Indiana	40-19	NCAA Regiona
2017	Indiana	34-24-2	NCAA Regiona
2016	Indiana	32-24	-
2015	Indiana	35-24	NCAA Regiona
Totals	Five Seasons	198-107-2	4 NCAA Regionals
		1 Super Regiona	al, 1 College World Series
As an As	ssistant Coach		
2014	Louisville	50-17	College World Series
2013	Louisville	51-14	College World Series
2012	Louisville	41-22	NCAA Regiona
2011	Louisville	32-29	
2010	Louisville	50-14	NCAA Regiona
2009	Louisville	47-18	NCAA Super Regiona
2008	Louisville	41-21	NCAA Regiona
2007	Louisville	47-24	College World Series
2006	The Citadel	34-27	
2005	The Citadel	25-34	
2004	The Citadel	39-28	NCAA Regiona
2003	The Citadel	32-25	
2002	The Citadel	31-26	
2001	The Citadel	38-24	NCAA Regiona
2000	The Citadel	39-20	
1999	The Citadel	41-20	NCAA Regiona
1998	The Citadel	37-24	NCAA Regiona
1997	The Citadel	37-21	
1996	The Citadel	33-26	
1995	The Citadel	39-21	NCAA Regiona
Totals	20 Concore	70 <i>A AEE</i>	15 NCAA Pagionale





Inheriting a team that is coming off of a trip to the College World Series doesn't always translate into immediate success, but Lemonis was able to build off of that momentum as he began writing his chapter in Mississippi State history.

Along with the second-most single-season victories (52) during the 2019 season, his team also posted the second-best 20-, 30- and 40-game starts (18-2, 25-5, 32-8) in program history. He joined Pat McMahon as the only two Diamond Dawg dugout bosses to lead the program to the College World Series in their initial campaign and his 52 wins were the most by a first-year SEC head coach in the conference's history.

State saw four student-athletes earn first-team All-SEC, tying for the fourth-most selections in a single season in program history behind the five selections in 1949, 1971 and 1977. Left-handed pitcher Ethan Small posted one of the most dominant seasons on the mound in program history, leading the nation in strikeouts and earning National and Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year honors. Right-handed pitcher JT Ginn was tabbed National Freshman of the Year and Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year after opening his career as the No. 2 starter in the weekend rotation.

Along with Small, Tanner Allen, Justin Foscue and Jake Mangum each earned top honors from the SEC, and Foscue, Mangum and Small each grabbed at least one first-team All-America honor. Small became Mississippi State's seventh unanimous first-team All-American, joining Jeff Brantley (1985) and Chris Stratton (2012) as the only pitchers to accomplish the feat.

On the team side of things, State's offense led the nation in doubles to mark the first time in program history the Diamond Dawgs led the NCAA in an offensive or pitching category. The 166 doubles set a school record and rank No. 4 all-time in SEC history. The offense also ranked among the top-five nationally in three other categories; hits (2nd; 755), runs (4th; 530) and batting average (5th; 315).

#### INDIANA

Lemonis left a strong legacy at Indiana as he tied for the most NCAA postseason appearances by a head coach in school history and owns three of the eight all-time NCAA Tournament appearances. The Hoosiers were the only Big Ten program to appear in three NCAA Regionals during his four-year span in the conference and one of two to make back-to-back appearances from 2015-18. He became the first coach in program history to earn three NCAA regional berths in his first four years, finishing with a 141-91-2 overall record.

During his time leading the Cream and Crimson, 41 student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, 25 were selected All-Big Ten and 14 signed professional contracts. His 2018 squad not only advanced to the NCAA Tournament, but produced a program-record 16 Academic All-Big Ten performers and three first-team All-Big Ten honorees.

The 2018 campaign saw Lemonis' squad compile a 40-19 record and earn an at-large berth as the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Austin Regional. The Hoosiers reached the regional title game after defeating Texas Southern and eliminating No. 25 Texas A&M. Indiana fell to eventual College World Series participant Texas, with a trio of Hoosiers earning all-regional honors. Eight IU student-athletes earned All-Big Ten honors – including three first teamers – representing the program's most since 2004.

The Hoosiers were among the Big Ten leaders in several categories in 2018, ranking first in earned run average (3.09), slugging percentage (.448), home runs (68) and total bases (905), second in batting average (.284) and third in runs scored (360). That season, IU was ranked by at least one of the major publications for 15 of the 16 weeks of the regular season, including nine-straight weeks in the top 15. Four Hoosiers were selected in the MLB Draft following just the eighth 40-win season in program history.

A season prior, the Hoosiers produced a 34-24-2 record and earned the No. 2 seed at the 2017 NCAA Lexington Regional. With the postseason appearance, Lemonis became the first coach in program history to make two regionals in his first three seasons as IU's skipper. Indiana finished as the highest rated RPI team in the Big Ten (34th), while seven Hoosiers garnered All-Big Ten honors.

In year two at the helm in 2016, Lemonis' club posted a 32-24 overall record and a 15-9 mark in Big Ten play. On a national level, the Hoosier pitching staff finished second in walks allowed per nine innings (2.31), fifth in WHIP (1.15) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (3.17), 11th in team ERA (3.09) and 25th in hits allowed per nine innings (8.02). Three IU student-athletes were tabbed All-Big Ten, including first-team selection Kyle Hart. The trio of Ryan Fineman, Luke Miller and Scotty Bradley each brought home all-freshman honors from the conference.

During Lemonis' debut season of 2015, Indiana won 12 of its last 17 games — nine coming against RPI top 50 teams — and earned an at-large berth into the NCAA Nashville Regional. Three Hoosiers earned a spot on the NCAA Regional all-tournament team, while two were tabbed All-Big Ten and a pair were selected to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Lemonis' squad owned a 12-5 mark vs. ranked opponents in 2015, including five top-15 wins.

#### LOUISVILLE

As an assistant coach, Lemonis' imprint in elevating the Louisville program to new heights was evident. The former Cardinals' recruiting coordinator aided Louisville to three College World Series appearances (2007, 13, 14) and a 359-159 (.693) record during his eight seasons there.

Louisville was college baseball's winningest program during the eight-year span that Lemonis was on staff, including back-to-back 50-win seasons in 2013 and 2014. Following the program's first trip to the College World Series in 2013, Lemonis was named the ABCA/Baseball America Assistant Coach of the Year.

Lemonis helped the Cardinals produce 18 All-Americans, 61 all-conference selections, a trio of conference player of the year award winners, two conference newcomer of the year honorees and the first national "of the year" award winner in the program's history. Louisville won four BIG EAST championships in the school's final five years in the conference, and he saw U of L set the school record for wins in a season three different times, including a then-program-best 51 victories during the 2013 season.

Louisville became a hot bed for professional talent during Lemonis' time in the Derby City, as 40 Cardinals were selected in the MLB Draft from 2007-14 and another seven inked free agent contracts with professional teams. Of those, 15 have made it to the big leagues, including three from the 2013 College World Series team.

From 2007-2014, Louisville accomplished many program firsts on its way to becoming a perennial Omaha contender. Fourteen different Cardinals produced 43 different All-America honors, including first-team All-Americans Nick Burdi (2013 & 2014), Chris Dominguez (2009), Kyle Funkhouser (2014) and Neil Holland (2010). Dominguez and Funkhouser led a crop of nine student-athletes to earn Freshman All-America accolades under Lemonis.

Dominguez claimed the 2008 (co) and 2009 BIG EAST Player of the Year award, marking just the second time in conference history a student-athlete won back-to-back Player of the Year awards (Steve Stanley, Notre Dame; 2001-02). Burdi won the first-ever national "of the year" award when he was tabbed the nation's top closer and winner of the 2014 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year.

Along with Dominguez, Jeff Gardner claimed the 2014 American Athletic Conference Player of the Year award, while Justin Marks (2007) and Jared Ruxer (2012) each earned BIG EAST Freshman of the Year awards. Thirty-eight different Louisville student-athletes totaled 61 all-conference honors, including a school-record 10 selections to the All-BIG EAST squads in 2012 and 2013. The 2010 (BIG EAST) and 2014 (AAC) squads each totaled a then-school-standard four first-team all-conference selections.

The accolades for Lemonis' pupils weren't limited to the regular season, as 27 Cardinals earned a total of 29 NCAA All-Region honors. The quartet of Dominguez (2007), Justin Marks (2009), Coco Johnson (2013) and Cole Sturgeon (2014) all claimed NCAA Regional MVP honors, with the 2009 squad grabbing a program-best five all-regional honors. On the conference level, Louisville saw 16 total all-tournament honors earned by 13 different Cards.

#### THE CITADEL

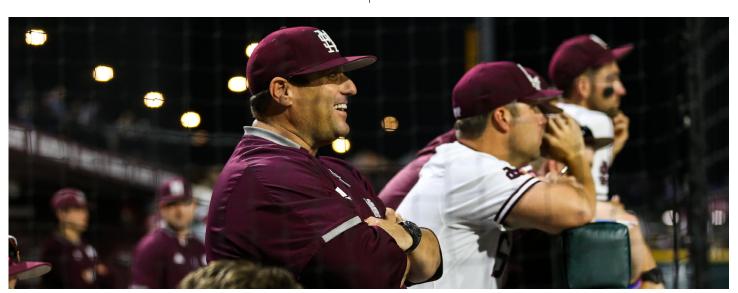
Lemonis arrived at The Citadel as a student-athlete, transitioned into an assistant coaching role and ultimately moved his way up to associate head coach before finishing his 17-year journey on the Charleston, South Carolina campus.

During his time at The Military College of South Carolina — one of the six United State senior military colleges — the Bulldogs made six of their 13 all-time appearances in the NCAA Tournament and made the program's only appearance at the College World Series. The 1990 team is one of just three Southern Conference programs (Duke, Wake Forest) and the only active member to make it to Omaha.

Lemonis' coaching tenure spanned 12 seasons (1995-2006), included seven All-Americans and two Freshman All-Americans, saw 17 student-athletes selected in the Major League Baseball Draft and ushered in 35 offensive school records. Two of his Bulldog pupils reached the big leagues — Britt Reames and Dallas McPherson — while Philip Hartig finished his career ranked No. 7 on the NCAA's career hits chart (360; 1998-2001), with his total now No. 10 all-time in NCAA history.

He was twice tabbed All-Southern Conference during his time as a student-athlete (1989-93) and led the team in home runs on three occasions, after redshirting as a freshman and appearing in just nine games his second year on campus. Following that, Lemonis started 162 games over his final three seasons and led the Bulldogs with a .367 average, 19 doubles, 52 runs, 10 home runs and 66 RBI as senior.

A member of the 1993 All-Southern Conference Tournament team, Lemonis still ranks in the top 15 all-time at The Citadel in RBIs (152), home runs (23) and slugging percentage (.538).







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 Overall	<b>2018</b> 39-29	<b>2019</b> 52-15	<b>2020</b> 5-1
vs. Top-5 Teams	10-1	7-4	J-1
vs. Top-10 Teams	10-1	5-6	
vs. Top-25 Teams	18-18	16-13	
Non-Conference	24-14	32-5	5-1
SEC SEC East	15-15	20-10	
SEC West	5-7 10-8	9-3 11-7	-
			5-1
At Home On the Road	16-7 10-17	37-5 10-6	5-1
At Neutral Sites	13-5	5-4	
In Day Games	18-15	25-7	5-1
In Night Games	21-14	27-8	
vs. Teams .500 Or Better	31-24	37-13	
vs. Teams Worse Than .500	8-5	15-0	5-1
vs. Left-Handed Starter	15-6	17-3	1-0
vs. Right-Handed Starter	24-23	35-12	4-1
When Starter Receives Decision	21-15	30-11	3-0
When Reliever Receives Decision	18-14	22-4	2-1
When Starter Goes 5+ Innings	25-12	31-10	2-1
When Starter Goes <5 Innings	14-17	21-5	3-0
When Scoring First	23-8	30-5	4-0
When Opponent Scores First	23-8 16-21	30-5 22-10	4-u 1-1
When Leading After 6 Innings	25-5		4-0
When Trailing After 6 Innings	25-5 7-22	41-2 5-12	4-0 1-0
When Tied After 6 Innings	7-2	6-1	0-1
When Leading After 8 Innings	32-3	47-1	5-0
When Trailing After 8 Innings	2-25	1-11	0-1
When Tied After 8 Innings	5-1	3-1	
In One-Run Games	7-6	11-6	
In Two-Run Games	10-1	5-3	
In 5+ Run Games	17-9	27-5	0-1
Weekend Series W-L-T	6-7	11-2-0	2-0-0
Series Sweeps/Times Swept	3/2	5/1	1/0
When Scoring 0-2 Runs	1-14	1-8	0-1
When Scoring 3-5 Runs	10-13	11-6	1-0
When Scoring 6-9 Runs	13-1	21-1	4-0
When Scoring 10+ Runs	15-1	19-0	-
Shutouts/Times Shut Out	3/3	5/3	
In Extra Innings	6-3	2-1	
When Opponent Scores 4 Runs Or Less	25-8	36-6	4-0
When Opponent Scores 5 Runs Or More	14-21	16-9	1-1
When Out-Hitting Opponent	28-8	45-4	4-0
When Out-Hit by Opponent	7-20	4-8	1-1
When Hits Are Equal	4-1	3-3	
When Hitting A Home Run	24-9	34-5	3-1
When Opponent Hits A Home Run	21-13	22-9	0-1
When Errorless	15-12	20-6	2-0
When Committing One Error	14-7	15-5 17-4	3-0 0-1
When Committing 2+ Errors	10-10		
When Opponent is Errorless When Opponent Commits One Error	9-14	12-9	3-1
When Opponent Commits 2+ Errors	17-11 13-4	13-5 27-1	2-0
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Game 1 of Weekend Game 2 of Weekend	7-8 9-6	11-3 10-4	2-0 2-0
Game 3 of Weekend	8-7	9-4	1-1
	1-0		
Monday Tuesday	1-0 4-2	7-0	
	6-3	9-1	
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Wednesday	1-1	2-3	
Wednesday Thursday		2-3 12-5	2-0
Mednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	1-1		2-0 2-0 1-1

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**NOTE:** Rankings based on Baseball America poll.

H	ow It Was Wo	n					(* - Walk-off hit)				
Belov	Below is a chart representing how the eventual game-winning run was recorded for Mississippi State in 2020.										
Gm	Opponent	Final	Player	Inn.	Outs	Play	Score at Time				
1.	Wright State	9-6	Justin Foscue	6	1	2RBI double to left field	5-6				
2.	Wright State	6-2	Kamren James	1	2	2RBI double to left field	1-0				
3.	Wright State	5-1	Justin Foscue	1	1	RBI ground out	1-0				
4.	Oregon State	6-2	<b>Brandon Pimentel</b>	8	0	3-run home run to right field	2-2				
5.	Oregon State	7-4	Josh Hatcher	4	0	Solo home run	4-2				
6.											

Career Game	Career Game-Winning Plays										
	2018	2019	2020	wo	Total		2018	2019	2020	WO	Total
Tanner Allen	5	9		1	14	Kamren James			1		1
Brad Cumbest		1			1	Rowdey Jordan	1	5			6
Justin Foscue	4	10	2		16	Jordan Westburg	3	6			9
Josh Hatcher	1	3	1		5						
Brandon Pimentel			1		1						
						W0 = Walk-off gam	e-winning <sub>l</sub>	olay			



## SEC Update

## **Standings**

					Wester	n Division					
	SEC	Pct.	GB	Division	<b>Overall</b>	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	L10	Streak
Texas A&M					8-0	1.000	8-0			8-0	W8
Arkansas					7-0	1.000	7-0			7-0	W7
Alabama					7-0	1.000	4-0	3-0		7-0	W7
Ole Miss					6-1	.857	6-1			6-1	W6
Mississippi State					5-1	.833	5-1			5-1	L1
Auburn					5-3	.625	5-3			5-3	L3
LSU					5-3	.625	5-2	0-1		5-3	W2
					Eastern	n Division					
	SEC	Pct.	GB	Division	<b>Overall</b>	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	L10	Streak
Florida					8-0	1.000	4-0	4-0		8-0	W8
Tennessee					7-0	1.000	4-0		3-0	7-0	W7
Georgia					7-1	.875	6-1	1-0		7-1	L1
Vanderbilt					6-2	.750	5-0		1-2	6-2	W5
South Carolina					5-2	.714	5-2			5-2	L1
Missouri					4-2	.667		3-1	1-1	4-2	W2
Kentucky					4-3	.571	4-0	0-3		4-3	W4

## Schedule/Results

## Tuesday, Feb. 25

UT Martin at Alabama – 4 p.m. Tennessee Tech at Kentucky – 4 p.m. North Florida at South Carolina — 4 p.m. Northern Kentucky at Tennessee  $-4:30\ p.m.$ Kennesaw State at Georgia – 5 p.m. Southern Miss at Ole Miss — 5 p.m. Texas Southern at Mississippi State — 5 p.m. Evansville at Vanderbilt - 5:30 p.m. Alabama A&M at Auburn — 6 p.m. Florida A&M at Florida — 6 p.m. Houston Baptist at Texas A&M - 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 26

 $Middle\,Tennessee\,at\,Alabama-4\,p.m.$ Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky – 4 p.m. UNC Asheville at Tennessee – 4:30 p.m. Alcorn State at Mississippi State  $-\overset{\cdot}{5}$  p.m. St. Louis at Vanderbilt – 5:30 p.m. Alabama A&M at Auburn – 6 p.m. Florida at Stetson — 6:30 p.m. Incarnate Word at Texas A&M - 7:30 p.m. Louisiana Tech at LSU — 7:30 p.m.

# Week-by-Week Polls

Week	BA	CB	D1	BW	PG	USA	RPI
Preseason	9	6	10	9	8	6	
Week 1 - Feb. 17	9	6	10	7	7		
Week 2 - Feb. 24	4	6	8	6	6		
Week 3 - March 2							
Week 4 - March 9							
Week 5 - March 16							
Week 6 - March 23							
Week 7 - March 30							
Week 8 - April 6							
Week 9 - April 13							
Week 10 - April 20							
Week 11 - April 27							
Week 12 - May 4							
Week 13 - May 11							
Week 14 - May 18							
Week 15 - May 25							
Week 16 - June 1							
Final Poll							

BA - Baseball America, CB - Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, D1 - D1Baseball, BW - National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, PG - Perfect Game, USA - USA Today Coaches Poll, RPI - NCAA RPI

(--) - No poll/RPI released by the publication.

Basebal	Ameri	ica		Collegiate Baseball			D1Baseball			NCBWA			Perfect Gan	1e			USA Today/Coa	ches					
Florida	8	8-0	2	1.	UCLA	7-0	10	1.	Florida	8-0	2	1.	Florida	8-0	5	1.	Florida	8-0	13	1.	Vanderbilt		
. Texas Tech	6	6-1	4	2.	Florida	8-0	14	2.	Vanderbilt	6-2	4	2.	Arkansas	7-0	6	2.	Louisville	4-3	1	2.	Louisville		
. Vanderbilt	6	6-2	5	3.	Arkansas	7-0	9	3.	Louisville	4-3	3	3.	Texas Tech	6-1	1	3.	Vanderbilt	6-2	2	3.	Texas Tech		
. Mississippi	State 5	5-1	9	4.	Texas Tech	6-1	1	4.	Georgia	4-1	5	4.	Vanderbilt	6-2	4	4.	Texas Tech	6-1	3	4.	Georgia		
Michigan	4	4-3	1	5.	Vanderbilt	6-2	5	5.	Texas Tech	6-1	6	5.	Georgia	7-1	3	5.	Arkansas	7-0	4	5.	Arkansas		
Miami (Fla.)	4	4-3	3	6.	Mississippi State	5-1	6	6.	Arkansas	7-0	7	6.	Mississippi State	5-1	7	6.	Mississippi State	5-1	7	6.	Mississippi State		
Louisville	4	4-3	6	7.	Louisville	4-3	4	7.	Miami	4-3	1	7.	UCLA	7-0	11	7.	UCLA	7-0	9	7.	Miami (Fla.)		
Arizona Stat		5-3	8	8.	Georgia	7-1	7	8.	Mississippi State	5-1	10	8.	NC State	7-0	12	8.	Arizona State	5-3	8	8.	UCLA		
Arkansas	7	7-0	11	9.	Michigan	4-3	3	9.	Florida State	6-1	12	9.	Louisville	4-3	8	9.	Georgia	7-1	10	9.	Auburn		
). Georgia	7	7-1	7	10.	NC State	7-0	16	10.	UCLA	7-0	14	10.	Miami (Fla.)	4-3	2	10.	Duke	6-1	11	10.	Florida		
. UCLA	7	7-0	10	11.	Florida State	6-1	15	11.	LSU	5-3	11	11.	Arizona State	5-3	14	11.	Miami	4-3	6	11.	Michigan		
. Florida State	6	6-1	14	12.	Arizona State	5-3	11	12.	Arizona State	5-3	13	12.	Florida State	6-1	15	12.	Michigan	4-3	12	12.	LSU		
3. Ole Miss	6	6-1	15	13.	Miami (Fla.)	4-3	2	13.	NC State	7-0	15	13.	Texas A&M	8-0	19	13.	Auburn	5-3	5	13.	Arizona State		
4. LSU	5	5-3	13	14.	Ole Miss	6-1	19	14.	Duke	6-1	16	14.	Duke	6-1	18	14.	Florida State	6-1	14	14.	Florida State		
5. Oklahoma	7	7-2	16	15.	Texas A&M	8-0	21	15.	Ole Miss	6-1	17	15.	Ole Miss	6-1	20	15.	Oklahoma	7-2	15	15.	Stanford		
5. Duke	6	6-1	17	16.	Texas	8-0	22	16.	Michigan	4-3	9	16.	LSU	5-3	13	16.	Ole Miss	6-1	16	16.	North Carolina		
7. NC State	7	7-0	18	17.	UCF	7-1	NR	17.	Georgia Tech	6-1	19	17.	East Carolina	6-1	16	17.	NC State	7-0	19	17.	Oklahoma State		
3. Dallas Baptis	t 6	6-1	23	18.	Auburn	5-3	8	18.	Texas A&M	8-0	20	18.	Michigan	4-3	9	18.	Texas A&M	8-0	21	18.	NC State		
9. Georgia Tech	6	6-1	21	19.	LSU	5-3	12	19.	UCF	7-1	NR	19.	Georgia Tech	6-1	22	19.	Tennessee	7-0	NR	19.	East Carolina		
). East Carolina	6	6-1	25	20.	North Carolina	6-2	13	20.	Auburn	5-3	8	20.	Oklahoma	7-2	24	20.	North Carolina	6-2	17	20.	Duke		
1. UCF	7	7-1	NR	21.	TCU	5-1	20	21.	East Carolina	6-1	21	21.	Auburn	5-3	10	21.	East Carolina	6-1	22	21.	Texas A&M		
2. North Caroli	a 6	6-2	19	22.	Pepperdine	7-0	NR	22.	Oklahoma	7-2	23	22.	Dallas Baptist	6-1	27	22.	LSU	5-3	20	22.	Georgia Tech		
3. Oklahoma St	ate 5	5-2	24	23.	Tennessee	7-0	NR	23.	Dallas Baptist	6-1	NR	23.	North Carolina	6-2	17	23.	Texas	8-0	23	23.	Ole Miss		
4. Auburn	5	5-3	12	24.	East Carolina	6-1	23	24.	Tennessee	7-0	NR	24.	Tennessee	7-0	NR	24.	Oklahoma State	5-2	24	24.	Wake Forest		
5. Arizona	5	5-2	22	25.	Long Beach State	5-2	NR	25.	Long Beach State	5-2	NR	25.	UCF	7-1	NR	25.	Virginia	5-3	25	25.	Oregon State		
				26.	Clemson	7-0	NR					26.	TCU	5-1	25								
				27.	Central Michigan	5-2	24					27.	Texas	8-0	30					Pres	eason Poll		
				28.	Oklahoma State	5-2	28					28.	Oklahoma State	5-2	29								
				29.	Tulane	6-1	NR					29.	Clemson	7-0	NR					202	0 Opponents in Bold	1	
				30.	Georgia Tech	6-1	29					30.	Arizona	5-2	23								



## **Hitting Totals/Streaks**

2	3	4	5+	2020	Career
3				3	31
2				2	39
2				2	5
2				2	2
1				1	40
1				1	24
1				1	3
	1			1	1
					50
					3
12	1			13	
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MULTI-RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	2020	Career
Justin Foscue	2	1			3	24
Kamren James	2				2	2
Brandon Pimentel	1	1			2	2
Rowdey Jordan	1				1	25
Josh Hatcher	1				1	12
Jordan Westburg						22
Tanner Allen						21
Luke Hancock						3
Landon Jordan						3
Brad Cumbest						2
TEAM	7	2			9	

HITTING STREAKS	Current	2020 Long	Career
Rowdey Jordan		5	7
Kamren James		4	4
Brandon Pimentel		4	4
Jordan Westburg		4	12
Josh Hatcher		3	6
Justin Foscue	3	3	10
Landon Jordan		2	4
Luke Hancock	1	1	3
Logan Tanner		1	1
Brad Cumbest		1	2
Tanner Allen	1	1	14
Bryce Brock			1
Spencer Price	1		1

CURRENT	2020	CAREER
11*	6	18
26*	6	26
	5	15 (2x)
	5	8
	4	4
	4	4
24*	3	24
	3	6
1	1	1
	1	4
1	1	12
		1
1		1
	11* 26* 24* 1	11* 6 26* 6 5 5 4 4 24* 3 3 1 1 1

<sup>\* -</sup> Streak began in 2019

## **News and Notes**

#### **Loud Debut for MacLeod**

- Redshirt-freshman Christian MacLeod made his collegiate debut in a start on the mound against Wright State on Saturday, Feb. 15 and quickly made his mark.
- The left-hander tossed five scoreless innings and allowed just three base runners. His first collegiate victory helped him secure SEC Co-Freshman of the Week and Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week honor roll honors.
- MacLeod missed the 2019 campaign due to illness.

#### **Rookie Record for MacLeod**

- With 11 strikeouts in his collegiate debut, redshirt-freshman
   Christian MacLeod struck out the most batters in a debut at Mississippi State since at least 1985.
- Among pitchers making their collegiate debut in a start, his 11
  punch outs bested *John Lalor*'s and *Will Cox*'s eight strikeout
  efforts.

K	Name	Opponent (Date)
8	John Lalor	Jackson State (March 9, 2005)
8	Will Cox	Mississippi Valley State (2/26/2012)

- Scott Tanksley (1993) and Brandon Woodruff (2012) each struck out eight in their first career starts, but it they had each made relief appearances prior to those starts.
- In Mississippi State history, only four freshman have struck out more batters in a game than MacLeod's 11 versus Wright State, as his total is tied for No. 6 since at least 1985.

K	Name	Opponent (Date)
15	Eric DuBose	LSU (5/12/1995)
14	Eric DuBose	vs. Auburn (5/18/1995)
13	Paul Maholm	South Carolina (4/14/2001)
12	Nick Routt	Auburn (4/4/2009)
12	Chris George	Tennessee (4/9/1989)
11	Christian MacLeod	Wright State (2/15/2020)
11	JT Ginn	at Florida (3/6/2019)
11	Mark Freed	UAB (4/14/1998)
10	Paul Maholm	Auburn (3/10/2001)
10	Nelson Arriete	vs. Ole Miss (4/17/1988)
	15 14 13 12 12 11 11 11	15 Eric DuBose 14 Eric DuBose 13 Paul Maholm 12 Nick Routt 12 Chris George 11 Christian MacLeod 11 JT Ginn 11 Mark Freed 10 Paul Maholm

#### **Reliable Riley**

- Senior Riley Self continues to climb the all-time relief appearances chart, sitting at No. 7 on State's all-time list.
- The right-hander has made 74 appearances: 31 as a freshman, 18 as a sophomore, 23 during his junior season and two in 2020, thus far.
- Self owns a 12-2 overall record and nine saves in 101 2/3 innings of work over his 74 appearances.

<u>Pla</u>	yer (Seasons)	RA
1.	Van Johnson (1995-98)	115
2.	Jon Harden (1989-92)	110
3.	Caleb Reed (2009-12)	92
4.	Ross Mitchell (2012-15)	86
5.	Jonathan Holder (2012-14)	81
6.	Chad Girodo (2010-13)	78
7.	Riley Self (2017-present)	75
	Scott Tanksley (1993-95)	75
9.	Pete Young (1987-89)	72
10.	Scott Polk (1995-99)	71
	Saunders Ramsey (2002-05)	71

### Starting with a Sweep

- Mississippi State opened the 2020 season with a sweep of Wright State at Dudy Noble Field to mark the first back-to-back season opening sweeps since the 2010-11 seasons.
- The Diamond Dawgs opened the 2019 season with a threegame sweep of Youngstown State, marking the first time since 2015 the Bulldogs swept a series to open a season.
- In all, State has opened a season with a perfect home weekend on 14 occasions since 1990, when most college teams began starting the season with weekend series.
- Other season-opening sweeps include; 2015, 213, 2010, 2011, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2001, 1999, 1995 and 994.
- Of the 31 seasons since 1990, State has opened the year at home on 23 occasions.

#### Westy Works His Way On

- After finishing the 2019 season on a 20-game reached base streak, Jordan Westburg has brought that streak into the new season, extending it to 26 games through the first two weekends.
- With hits in each game of the first four games of the 2020 season, Westburg moved his hitting streak to a career-best 11 games before going hitless in the second game versus Oregon State.
- Westburg has reached base in 69 of 72 games over the past two seasons, including four reached base streaks of at least 10 games:

Streak	Span
14 games	Feb 15-March 8, 2019
15 games	March 13-April 5, 2019
14 games	April 7-May 3
26 games	May 4, 2019-present

## **Making the Debut**

- On opening weekend, 11 student-athletes put on maroon & white for the first time, including five freshmen who made their collegiate debuts.
- In all, 12 Diamond Dawgs have made their first-career appearance in 2020.

Will Bednar \*

David Dunlavev

Jaxen Forrester

Kamren James \*

Carlisle Koestler

Tanner Leggett

Drew McGowan \*

Chase Patrick Brandon Pimentel

Jared Shemper

Landon Sims \*

Logan Tanner \*

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## Uni Watch

 The old adage stats, "look good, feel good." And, when you feel good you usually preform well. Below is a list of how MSU has done in each of its uniforms over the past two seasons;

UNIFURIN	2019	2020
Black '85s	10-0	1-1
Maroon '85s	14-5	2-0
White '85s	9-3	
White Block State	8-1	2-0
Grey Vests	2-1	
White Pinstripes	4-1	
Grey Pinstripes	4-4	
Alex Wilcox Uniforms	1-0	

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes freshmen who made collegiate debut.



- Eight former Diamond Dawgs ended the 2019 Major League Baseball season on active rosters, while a ninth was a part of the 40-man roster.
- Entering the 2020 MLB season, those nine remain on the 40-man rosters for their respective teams, while eight others earned invitations to big league training camp.
- Adam Frazier (Pittsburgh), Kendall Graveman (Seattle), Jonathan Holder (New York Yankees), Dakota Hudson (St. Louis), Nate Lowe (Tampa Bay), Mitch Moreland (Boston), Hunter Renfroe (Tampa Bay), Chris Stratton (Pittsburgh) and Brandon Woodruff (Milwaukee) each enter Spring Training on the 40-man rosters of their respective teams.
- Ben Bracewell (Oakland), Gavin Collins (Cleveland), Jack Kruger (Los Angeles Angels), Jacob Lindgren (Chicago White Sox), Jake Mangum (New York Mets), Jacob Robson (Detroit), Brent Rooker (Minnesota) and Ethan Small (Milwaukee) earned non-roster invitations to MLB Spring Training.

### SEC's Winningest First-Year Skipper

Head coach Chris Lemonis will be the first person to tell you
he inherited a very talented roster upon arrival in Starkville,
but in his first season he posted the most wins by a first-year
Southeastern Conference head coach in conference history.

Wins	Head Coach, School	Season
52	Chris Lemonis, Mississippi State	2019
44	Smoke Laval, LSU	2002
43	Nick Mingione, Kentucky	2017
43	Chad Holbrook, South Carolina	2013
43	Joe Arnold, Florida	1994
43	June Raines, South Carolina	1977

**NOTE:** The list below includes head coaches in their first year as a head coach in the conference, not at an SEC school.

### Big League Talent

- Mississippi State is great at turning out major league talent, with 61 Diamond Dawgs reaching the highest level of the sport, but it is also great at keeping student-athletes from the draft.
- The 2020 roster features four Bulldogs that had been drafted prior to the season,

Name (Pos.)	Year	Round	<u>Organization</u>
Tanner Allen (IF/OF)	2017	36th	Chicago Cubs
	2019	34th	Colorado Rockies
Eric Cerantola (LHP)	2018	30th	Tampa Bay Rays
JT Ginn (RHP)	2018	1st	Los Angeles Dodgers
Josh Hatcher (IF/OF)	2017	39th	Los Angeles Angels

 In 2019, Mississippi State saw a program-record 11 studentathletes drafted in the MLB First Year Player Draft, including junior Tanner Allen for the second time in his career.

#### Filling the New Dude

- Mississippi State opened the new Dudy Noble Field in stying, averaging a school-record 8,899 fans over 41 home dates in 2019, besting the 8,127 average from the 2014 season.
- That average is helped by 10 crowds of 10,000-plus in 2019, which is the most in a single season in program history.

#### 10 2019

- 8 2016
- 5 2013
- 4 2014, 2007
- Along with the home crowd success, Mississippi State and Ole Miss drew a facility-record crowd of 8,638 fans for the 2019 Governor's Cup at Trustmark Park in Pearl, Mississippi on April 23.
- State has added two more 10,000-plus crowd to start the 2020 season, as they packed 11,006 fans into the stands versus Wright State on February 15. The Dawgs then set a February program-record with 12,034 versus Oregon State on Feb. 22.
- The 10,000-plus crowd was the 60th all-time at Dudy Noble Field and ranks No. 34 on the all-time attendance charts at Dudy Noble Field.

### Ellis Enters Year 42, Honored by NCBWA

- The 2020 season marks year No. 42 for long-time MSU radio broadcaster Jim Ellis as the play-by-play announcer for Mississippi State baseball
- Ellis began his tenure in 1979 and is tied for the second-longest tenured broadcaster in Division I college baseball, trailing only Dave Nitz at Louisiana Tech (46 seasons). Ellis' 42 years are tied with Ole Miss' David Kellum and Southern Miss' John Cox.
- The new Dudy Noble Field features home and visiting radio booths inside the Jim Ellis Radio Suite, named for the iconic "Voice of the Diamond Dawgs.
- In February, Ellis was named the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Wilbur Snypp Award winner. The award is given yearly for outstanding contributions to college baseball.



#### **Tanner Allen**

Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-America (second team)
D1Baseball Preseason All-America (third team)
NCBWA Preseason All-America (third team)
Perfect Game Preseason All-America (third team)
Preseason All-SEC (second team)

#### Jim Ellis

 $NCBWA\ Wilbur\ Snypp\ Award\ (outstanding\ contributions\ to\ college\ baseball)$ 

#### Justin Foscue

MLBPipeline's Top-100 2020 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 58)
Baseball America Preseason All-America (second team)
Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-America (second team)
D1Baseball Preseason All-America (second team)
NCBWA Preseason All-America (first team)
Perfect Game Preseason All-America (second team)
Preseason All-SEC (first team)

#### JT Ginn

MLBPipeline's Top-100 2020 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 15)
Baseball America Preseason All-America (first team)
Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-America (second team)
D1Baseball Preseason All-America (second team)
NCBWA Preseason All-America (third team)
Perfect Game Preseason All-America (second team)

#### Josh Hatcher

Preseason All-SEC (second team)

#### **Rowdey Jordan**

Preseason All-SEC (second team)

#### Christian MacLeod

SEC Co-Freshman of the Week (Feb. 17)
Collegiate Baseball National Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 17)

## Jordan Westburg

MLBPipeline's Top-100 2020 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 42)
Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-America (third team)
Perfect Game Preseason All-America (third team)
Preseason All-SEC (second team)





# Going Yard

Below is a listing of all of the home runs for the 2020 season, including expanded data for those home runs that MSU hits at home.

			0n	Exit	Launch			
Gm	Name	Inn.	Base	Velocity	Angle	Distance		
2	Tanner, Logan *	2		100	19	368 feet		
4	<b>Brandon Pimentel</b>	8	3	105	19	372 feet		
5	Josh Hatcher *	4		99	38	350 feet		
6	Justin Foscue	4		99	33	377 feet		

Four (4) total home run in 2020

(\* - Home run led off an inning  $| \land$  - Leadoff home run (bottom/top 1st)

The Last Time	# - SEC Tournament $\mid$ % - NCAA Regional $\mid$ ^ - NCAA Super Regional $\mid$ \$ - College World Series
A MISSISSIPPI STATE TEAM	
Won 10+ Consecutive SEC Games	
Lost 5+ Consecutive Games	
Swept a Three-Game Series	Wright State; February 14-16, 2020
	Wright State; February 14-16, 2020
at Home	at Ole Miss; May 10-12. 
at Home	. Vanderbilt; March 16-18, 2018 at Arkansas; April 18-20, 2019
	at Southern Miss; Feb. 16-18, 2018
on The Road	Southeastern Louisiana; Feb. 26-28, 2010 at Southern Miss; Feb. 16-18, 2018
at Home	
Won An Extra-Inning Game	
Won Consecutive Games Via A Walk-Off	W, 5-4 - vs. Auburn, June 16, 2019 S Marshall Gilbert RBI single in the ninth inning. May 10-11, 2014; Tennessee, W, 1-0 (10 innings) and W, 4-3 (12 innings) Seth Heck RBI single in the 10th inning Cody Walker bases loaded walk in the 12th inning
Won Consecutive Games Via A Walk-Off.  A MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFENSE  Scored 30+ Runs Scored 25+ Runs Scored 20+ Runs	W, 5-4 - vs. Auburn, June 16, 2019 S  Marshall Gilbert RBI single in the ninth inning.  May 10-11, 2014; Tennessee, W, 1-0 (10 innings) and W, 4-3 (12 innings).  Seth Heck RBI single in the 10th inning.  Cody Walker bases loaded walk in the 12th inning.  32 - Jackson State; April 29, 1988.  27 - Alcom State; April 20, 2010.
Won Consecutive Games Via A Walk-Off.  A MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFENSE  Scored 30+ Runs Scored 25+ Runs Scored 20+ Runs Scored 15+ Runs	W, 5-4 - vs. Auburn, June 16, 2019 \$ Marshall Gilbert RBI single in the ninth inning. May 10-11, 2014; Tennessee, W, 1-0 (10 innings) and W, 4-3 (12 innings). Seth Heck RBI single in the 10th inning Cody Walker bases loaded walk in the 12th inning  32 - Jackson State; April 29, 1988 27 - Alcom State; April 20, 2010 24 - South Carolina; May 16, 2015
Won Consecutive Games Via A Walk-Off.  A MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFENSE  Scored 30+ Runs Scored 25+ Runs Scored 20+ Runs Scored 10+ Runs In An Inning. Scored 10+ Runs In An Inning.	W, 5-4 - vs. Auburn, June 16, 2019 \$ Marshall Gilbert RBI single in the ninth inning. May 10-11, 2014; Tennessee, W, 1-0 (10 innings) and W, 4-3 (12 innings) Seth Heck RBI single in the 10th inning Cody Walker bases loaded walk in the 12th inning  32 - Jackson State; April 29, 1988 27 - Alcom State; April 20, 2010 24 - South Carolina; May 16, 2015 24 - South Carolina; May 16, 2015 10 - ULM (4th); April 3, 2019
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Won Consecutive Games Via A Walk-Off.  A MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFENSE  Scored 30+ Runs  Scored 25+ Runs  Scored 20+ Runs  Scored 15+ Runs  Scored 10+ Runs In An Inning.  Scored 9+ Runs In An Inning  Scored 9+ Runs In An Inning  Had 30+ Hits  Had 25+ Hits  Had 20+ Hits	W, 5-4 - vs. Auburn, June 16, 2019 \$   Marshall Gilbert RBI single in the ninth inning
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A MISSISSIPI	I STATE PITCHING STAFF
Held Opponent T	o 1 Hit
	atters
	Batters         .15 - Wright State; February 16, 2020           /alk         .at Texas A&M-2 May 4, 2019
	onent
	at Home
	on The Road
	recural site Game vs. Washington; June 16, 2018 \$ Postseason Game
	Recorded Back-To-Back Shutouts
	Opponent
	At Home
	Neutral Site
	I STATE BATTER HAD
	Brad Freeman; South Alabama, Feb. 17, 1998. Marshall Gilbert; vs. Auburn, June 16, 2019 \$
	8 - Jordan Westburg, Tanner Allen & Rowdey Jordan vs. LSU, May 22, 2019 #
	4 - Tanner Allen & Jake Mangum; South Carolina, May 16, 2019
+ Doubles	
+ Triples	
	tun
.eadoff Home Ru	n ( <i>Top or bottom of 1st inning</i> )
	lun Elijah MacNamee (2-run HR); at Vanderbilt, June 8, 2018
	ISlamNever
0+ RBIs	
10+ Total Bases	
+ Hit By Pitche	
	I STATE PITCHER HAD
	J.T. Peatross; Mississippi College (1-0), 1918
Complete Gam	e (9 Inn.)
	Complete-Game 1-Hitter
	Consecutive Complete Games
	e Shutout
	at Home
	SEC Game
	as a Freshman
	Postseason Game B.J. Wallace; vs. Nicholls State (1-0), May 21, 1992 %
5+ Strikeouts	
0+ Strikeouts	11 - Christian MacLeod; Wright State, February 15, 2020
ecorded Two Sa	ves In One Day
A MISSISSIPI	I STATE DEFENSE
	e Plays
	e Plays
	lay
Turned A Triple F	lay

# Hit It Hard

# **Top 10 Exit Velocities**

Below is a listing of the top-10 hardest hit balls by MSU in 2020.

Exit Velocity	Name	Opponent	Result
109.7	Jordan Westburg	Wright State (2/15)	Fly out
106.4	Justin Foscue	Oregon State (2/21)	Single
106.3	Logan Tanner	Wright State (2/15)	Double
105.6	Brandon Pimentel	Oregon State (2/23)	Line out
105.4	Josh Hatcher	Wright State (2/14)	Double
105.1	<b>Brandon Pimentel</b>	Oregon State (2/21)	Home Run
104.7	Jordan Westburg	Oregon State (2/21)	Double
104.6	Tanner Allen	Wright State (2/14)	Ground Out
104.2	Landon Jordan	Wright State (2/15)	Line out
103.7	Landon Jordan	Oregon State (2/23)	Ground out

# **Individual Exit Velocities**

Below is a listing of each MSU student-athlete's average and top exit velocity of the 2020 season.

Name	Average EV	Top EV
Allen, Tanner	92.5	104.6
Brock, Bryce	75.5	75.5
Cumbest, Brad	87.9	87.9
Foscue, Justin	90.4	106.4
Hancock, Luke	76.7	57.7
Hatcher, Josh	94.9	105.4
James, Kamren	88.3	89.2
Jordan, Landon	98.1	104.2
Jordan, Rowdey	87.9	102.1
McGowan, Drew	85.1	92.8
Pimentel, Brandon	90.9	105.6
Tanner, Logan	89.9	106.3
Westburg, Jordan	94.4	109.7

# **Barrel Count**

Below is a listing of each MSU student-athlete's total barreled balls in 2020.

Name	2020 Barrels	2019 Barrels
Allen, Tanner	1	24
Brock, Bryce		1
Cumbest, Brad		3
Foscue, Justin	2	29
Hancock, Luke		2
Hatcher, Josh	3	8
Jordan, Landon	3	4
Jordan, Rowdey	2	15
McGowan, Drew		
Pimentel, Brandon	3	3
Tanner, Logan	1	1
Westburg, Jordan	2	20

**NOTE:** A barreled ball is 98-plus exit velocity and a 10-35 degree launch angle. Barreled balls include all balls put in play.



Record: 5-1 Home: 5-1 Away: 0-0 SEC: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	е	fld%
11 Westburg, Jordan	.318	6-6	22	6	7	2	0	0	1	9	.409	3	2	3	0	.444	0	0	1-1	8	12	2	.909
4 Jordan, Rowdey	.318	6-6	22	7	7	1	0	0	3	8	.364	4	0	8	0	.407	1	0	0-0	12	0	0	1.000
17 Foscue, Justin	.316	6-6	19	6	6	3	0	1	10	12	.632	7	0	0	0	.500	0	0	1-1	9	14	1	.958
6 James, Kamren	.261	6-6	23	2	6	1	0	0	4	7	.304	1	0	7	0	.292	0	0	0-0	2	8	1	.909
10 Hatcher, Josh	.238	6-6	21	4	5	1	0	1	3	9	.429	2	0	7	0	.292	1	0	0-0	35	8	1	.977
19 Tanner, Logan	.222	6-4	18	2	4	1	0	1	2	8	.444	2	0	4	1	.300	0	0	0-0	62	2	0	1.000
50 Pimentel, Brandon	.174	6-6	23	3	4	1	0	1	5	8	.348	2	0	9	0	.240	0	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000
																				•			
20 Hancock, Luke	.667	2-2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.667	0	1	0	0	.750	0	0	0-0	12	3	0	1.000
9 Jordan, Landon	.294	6-5	17	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	.294	4	0	3	0	.429	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
33 Cumbest, Brad	.250	4-1	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	3	0	.250	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
5 Allen, Tanner	.125	3-2	8	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	.125	1	1	2	1	.300	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
8 McGowan, Drew	.000	3-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
31 Leggett, Tanner	.000	2-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
27 Brock, Bryce	.000	5-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	1	0-1	4	0	0	1.000
Totals	.250	6	192	35	48	11	0	4	30	71	.370	26	4	53	2	.348	2	1	2-3	162	52	5	.977
Opponents	.203	6	197	22	40	9	2	1	18	56	.284	29	3	73	4	.313	1	0	4-8	147	50	6	.970

LOB - Team (43), Opp (46). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (2). Picked off - James 1.

# (All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	арр	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
37 Cerantola, Eric	1.00	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	9.0	5	2	1	8	14	2	0	0	.156	3	0	0	0	0
28 MacLeod, Christian	1.80	2-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	10.0	6	2	2	2	18	2	0	0	.171	2	0	0	1	0
24 Bednar, Will	3.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	6.0	4	2	2	4	9	1	0	0	.174	2	1	0	0	0
55 Price, Spencer	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
40 Forrester, Jaxen	2.45	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	.231	2	0	0	0	0
46 Dunlavey, David	3.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	.200	1	0	0	0	0
14 Self, Riley	3.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	.182	0	1	0	0	0
29 Koestler, Carlisle	5.40	0-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	7	3	3	3	7	2	0	0	.318	0	0	1	0	0
23 Sims, Landon	6.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	2	2	2	6	1	0	0	.182	2	1	0	0	0
18 Patrick, Chase	6.00	1-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	.222	0	0	0	0	0
3 Ginn, JT	6.00	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	3.0	3	2	2	2	4	0	1	0	.273	1	0	2	0	0
30 Shemper, Jared	10.80	0-1	3	0	0	0/0	1	3.1	4	4	4	3	3	0	0	0	.308	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	3.50	5-1	6	6	0	0/0	1	54.0	40	22	21	29	73	9	2	1	.203	14	3	3	1	0
Opponents	5.51	1-5	6	6	0	0/0	0	49.0	48	35	30	26	53	11	0	4	.250	2	4	1	2	1

PB - Team (1), Tanner 1, Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - Hancock (3-4), Ginn (3-3), Tanner (1-2), Koestler (1-2), Dunlavey (0-1), MacLeod (0-1), Patrick (0-1).



# Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Inns	Overall	SEC	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
Feb 14, 2020	WRIGHT STATE	W	9-6	9	1-0-0	0-0-0	Patrick (W 1-0)	9509	3:26
Feb 15, 2020	WRIGHT STATE	W	6-2	9	2-0-0	0-0-0	MacLeod (W 1-0)	11006	3:01
Feb 16, 2020	WRIGHT STATE	W	5-1	9	3-0-0	0-0-0	Cerantola (W 1-0)	8173	2:42
Feb 21, 2020	OREGON STATE	W	6-2	9	4-0-0	0-0-0	Dunlavey (W 1-0)	8297	3:24
Feb 22, 2020	OREGON STATE	W	7-4	9	5-0-0	0-0-0	MacLeod (W 2-0)	12034	3:20
Feb 23, 2020	OREGON STATE	L	2-7	9	5-1-0	0-0-0	Shemper (L 0-1)	8209	2:56

() extra inning game



# Non-Starter Statistics

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	е	fld%
33 Cumbest, Brad	.500	3-0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.000	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
19 Tanner, Logan	.000	2-0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	8	1	0	1.000
31 Leggett, Tanner	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
9 Jordan, Landon	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
27 Brock, Bryce	.000	4-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	0-1	4	0	0	1.000
5 Allen, Tanner	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
8 McGowan, Drew	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Totals	.100	6	10	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	.200	0	1	4	0	.182	0	1	0-1	18	5	0	1.000
Opponents	.000	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	4	0	.286	0	0	0-0	1	4	0	1.000

# (All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-I	app g	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
55 Price, Spencer	0.00	0-0	2 (	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
40 Forrester, Jaxen	2.45	0-0	3 (	0	0/0	0	3.2	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	.231	2	0	0	0	0
24 Bednar, Will	3.00	0-0	2 (	0	0/0	0	6.0	4	2	2	4	9	1	0	0	.174	2	1	0	0	0
46 Dunlavey, David	3.00	1-0	1 (	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	.200	1	0	0	0	0
14 Self, Riley	3.00	0-0	3 (	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	.182	0	1	0	0	0
23 Sims, Landon	6.00	0-0	3 (	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	2	2	2	6	1	0	0	.182	2	1	0	0	0
18 Patrick, Chase	6.00	1-0	2 (	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	.222	0	0	0	0	0
30 Shemper, Jared	10.80	0-1	3 (	0	0/0	1	3.1	4	4	4	3	3	0	0	0	.308	1	0	0	0	0
29 Koestler, Carlisle	13.50	0-0	1 (	0	0/0	0	2.0	5	3	3	1	3	2	0	0	.455	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4.97	2-1	6 (	0	0/0	1	29.0	24	16	16	15	33	5	1	1	.222	8	3	0	0	0
Opponents	3.52	1-1	6 (	0	0/0	0	23.0	19	12	9	12	24	3	0	2	.218	0	1	0	0	1

# Team Game-by-Game

# Batting (All games)

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	cs	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	ро	а	е	lob	avg
Feb 14	WRIGHT STATE	35	9	10	5	2	0	0	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	27	17	1	8	.286
Feb 15	WRIGHT STATE	35	6	13	6	4	0	1	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	27	6	1	8	.329
Feb 16	WRIGHT STATE	31	5	7	5	3	0	0	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	6	27	7	1	5	.297
Feb 21	OREGON STATE	30	6	8	5	1	0	1	12	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	16	27	8	0	6	.290
Feb 22	OREGON STATE	31	7	7	7	0	0	1	10	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	27	8	0	13	.278
Feb 23	OREGON STATE	30	2	3	2	1	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	27	6	2	3	.250
Totals		192	35	48	30	11	0	4	71	26	0	2	1	4	1	2	2	53	162	52	5	43	.250

# Pitching (All games)

Date	Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	w-l	sv	era
Feb 14	WRIGHT STATE	9.0	8	6	6	8	10	2	1	0	4	2	1	2	0	9-6	1-0	1	6.00
Feb 15	WRIGHT STATE	9.0	4	2	2	3	15	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6-2	2-0	1	4.00
Feb 16	WRIGHT STATE	9.0	4	1	1	3	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5-1	3-0	1	3.00
Feb 21	OREGON STATE	9.0	6	2	2	4	10	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6-2	4-0	1	2.75
Feb 22	OREGON STATE	9.0	8	4	4	3	13	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	7-4	5-0	1	3.00
Feb 23	OREGON STATE	9.0	10	7	6	8	10	2	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	2-7	5-1	1	3.50
Totals		54.0	40	22	21	29	73	9	2	1	14	3	3	5	0	35-22	5-1	1	3.50





## **Dudy Noble Field**

#### Biography

The largest on-campus facility in college baseball, Dudy Noble Field will see the 54th season of Mississippi State baseball at its current site in 2020. With over 1,600 games played at the venue, the Diamond Dawgs have a .729 winning percentage at the facility, which recently received a \$68-million upgrade.

The field is named in honor of longtime MSU baseball coach, athletics director and ABCA Hall of Famer Clarke Randolph "Dudy" Noble. On April 27, 1998 the facility was renamed Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium, honoring another ABCA Hall of Famer, former Bulldog skipper Ron Polk, and the late Gordon DeMent, a successful businessman and longtime fan of the Diamond Dawgs from Indianola, Mississippi.

#### The Origin

From 1929 until 1964, Mississippi State hosted its baseball games at the original on-campus venue, Hardy Field, which was located several hundred yards to the south of the Bulldogs' home football venue, Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field. The baseball field was closed following the 1964 season to make way for the construction of Dorman Hall and for the next two seasons the Diamond Dawgs played their home games at Redbird Park in Columbus, Mississippi, capturing SEC titles both seasons at their temporary home.

The tin-roofed grandstand and 2,000-seat bleachers from the original Dudy Noble Field were transported to the stadium's present site, which became playable for the 1967 season. Since that time, facility enhancements have followed at a steady pace to make the "Carnegie Hall of College Baseball" one of the finest all-around facilities on the road to Omaha. Among with numerous upgrades, the current site has seen two complete demolitions and reconstructions, the latest occurring during a three-year span (2017-19) and opening prior to the start of the 2019 campaign.

#### Leading the Attendance Boom

With a laundry list of legendary names on its all-time roster, it comes as no surprise that Mississippi State ranks among the nation's attendance leaders year in and year out. The Dudy Noble Field faithful have sold out the reserved seating allotment every season since 1987.

Along with routinely hosting some of the largest crowds in the SEC, ten of the last 12 three-day Super Bulldog Weekend series have drawn more than 25,000 fans.

MSU eclipsed the 200,000 mark in paid attendance at Dudy Noble Field for six-straight seasons between 2012-17, marking the first such occurrence in the program's history. In 2013, the Diamond Dawgs' five-millionth fan walked through the turnstiles at Dudy Noble Field. Since home attendance figures were charted starting in 1976, the "Carnegie Hall of College Baseball" has seen 6,570,338 fans rush through the gates.

In 19 of the last 20 seasons, Mississippi State has averaged 6,000 fans per game, including a record average of 8,899 during the 2019 campaign. Overall, State has eclipsed the 200,000-fan mark 12 times since 2002, with a school-record 373,784 viewing the 2019 home schedule.

Of the top 25 all-time college baseball on-campus attendances, Dudy Noble Field finds itself on the list 19 times, most notably owning the all-time on-campus attendance record of 15,586 on April 12, 2014. The Bulldogs own 15 of the top 16 marks in NCAA on-campus history and are the only NCAA baseball program to boast on-campus attendances of 14,000 or more. The five largest NCAA Super Regional crowds have all assembled in Starkville, Mississippi, as well.

From April 11-13, 2014, the Bulldog faithful flooded the gates at Dudy Noble Field to the tune or 39,181 fans for a three-game series versus Ole Miss. The nearly 40,000 fans on the weekend set an NCAA on-campus attendance record for a three-game series.

Dudy Noble Field has ushered in crowds of 10,000 or better 61 times, including 2007 NCAA Super Regional-record draws of 13,715 and 12,620 for nationally-televised, late-morning games against Clemson. In 2019, the first season of the "New Dude," the Diamond Dawgs garnered crowds of 10,000-plus a school-record 10 times.

Mississippi State has hosted 25 postseason events at the facility, including three NCAA District III Tournaments (1973-75), five SEC tournaments (1979, 81, 83, 88 & 95), 15 NCAA Regionals (1979, 84-85, 87-89, 90, 92, 97, 2000, 03, 13, 16 & 19) and three NCAA Super Regionals (2007, 16 & 19).

#### The Left Field Lounge

The aura of Mississippi State baseball at Dudy Noble Field is certainly not confined to the loyal legions in the impressive grandstand, pro-style luxury sky suites or luxurious Left Field Lofts.

In fact, some of the more highly-prized seats at Bulldog baseball games are found beyond the outfield fence in the Left Field Lounge™. Waiting lists greet those seeking to purchase one of the 96 outfield lounges in the iconic two-level outfield tailgate.

Once a colorful assortment of pickup trucks, motor homes, and trailers — most equipped with grills — lined the outfield fence, completing a circle of humanity at Dudy Noble Field. Now, the permanent lounge spaces are connected to the concourse, allowing everyone to stroll through and experience the iconic lounge culture.

What began in the late 1960s as a popular gathering spot for baseball-loving MSU supporters now forms college baseball's largest tailgate party.

#### The "New Dude"

The second demolition at the current site occurred following the 2017 season and the \$68 million facility opened its gates for the 2019 campaign. Architect Wier Boerner Allin, along with consultants Populous and famed stadium architect/State alum Janet Marie Smith designed the project, while construction manager ICM and general contractor JESCO Construction, Inc. oversaw the construction.

Covering 12 acres of land on the Mississippi State University campus, the 230,000 square foot facility carries on Dudy Noble Field's legacy as the "Carnegie Hall of College Baseball." Installation of the second largest scoreboard in college baseball, measuring 43 feet wide by 60 feet high, started the project in 2017. The board, which was the largest in college baseball upon instillation, is larger than boards owned by three Major League Baseball teams. The addition of 96 permanent Left Field Lounge rigs encircling the outfield followed during the fall of 2018.

The concourse and lower-level grandstands were in place for the 2018 season, with the Diamond Suites, upper-deck reserved seating area and three unique club areas – Farm Bureau Triple Crown Club, Charlie and Dana Stephenson Omaha Club and The Rooftop Club – were completed prior to the 2019 campaign. The newest version of Dudy Noble Field also features increased restroom facilities and concession points of sale.

The player spaces also received an upgrade, expanding to cover 18,000 square feet underneath the facility. The fully-equipped Bruce and Julie Martin Locker Room includes an embedded equipment room, houses 40 wooden lockers and features an oversized, dimensional halo-lit '85 Script Mississippi State sign is suspended overhead in the middle of the room.

The more spacious locker room includes an attached training room with whirlpool and fully-functional fueling station. The Mitch Moreland Hitting Tunnel, which is equipped with HitTrax, and Turner & Gloria Wingo Team Lounge are easily accessed from the home dugout, with the eye-popping player entrand Hassell H. Franklin Omaha Room greeting players as they enter the facility. The Pat McMahon Pitching Lab is also housed under the stadium, featuring arm care and conditioning equipment, one oversized turfed mound with three pitching rubbers and state of the art video equipment.

Top-25 Crowds	
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	Attendance	<b>Opponent</b>	Date
1.	15,586 *	Ole Miss	April 12, 2014
2.	15,078	Texas A&M	April 16, 2016
3.	14,991	Florida	April 22, 1989
4.	14,562	Auburn	April 20, 2013
5.	14,378	LSU	April 16, 1988
6.	13,761	Arkansas	April 25, 1992
7.	13,715 ^	Clemson	June 9, 2007
8.	13,691	Kentucky	April 8, 2017
9.	13,617	Georgia	April 8, 2006
10.	13,452 ^	Arizona	June 11, 2016
11.	13,224	Ole Miss	April 11, 2014
12.	13,132 ^	Stanford	June 8, 2019
13.	13,123	Ole Miss	April 15, 2000
14.	13,004	Florida	April 18, 2015
15.	12,913 ^	Arizona	June 10, 2016
16.	12,708	Auburn	April 24, 1993
17.	12,620 ^	Clemson	June 8, 2007
18.	12,360	Georgia	April 6, 2002
19.	12,343	Auburn	March 23, 2019
20.	12,034	Oregon State	February 22, 2020
21.	11,763	Auburn	April 12, 2003
22.	11,648	LSU	March 30, 2019
23.	11,597 ^	Stanford	June 9, 2019
24.	11,515	Ole Miss	April 2, 2016
25.	11,511	Central Michigan	June 1, 2019

- \* NCAA on-campus attendance record
- ^ NCAA Regional
- # NCAA Super Regional

**NOTE:** Mississippi State owns 61 crowds of 10,000-plus in the history of the program. The top seven (7) crowds in Dudy Noble Field history are also the top seven (7) on-campus crowds in NCAA history.



## Media Roster



2 | KC Hunt RHP | L/R | Fr./Fr.



9 | Landon Jordan IF | L/R | So./So.



Poplarville, Miss.



18 | Chase Patrick RHP | R/R | Jr./Jr. Ellaville, Ga.



28 | Christian MacLeod LHP | L/L | So./Fr. Huntsville, Ala.



36 | Hunter Blalock OF | R/R | So./Fr. Madison, Miss.



3 | JT Ginn RHP | R/R | So./So. Brandon, Miss.



10 | Josh Hatcher IF/OF | L/L | Jr./Jr. Albany, Ga.



19 | Logan Tanner C/RHP | R/R | Fr./Fr. Lucedale, Miss.



29 | Carlisle Koestler RHP | R/R | Gr./Sr. Vicksburg, Miss.



37 | Eric Cerantola RHP | R/R | So./So. Oakville, Ontario



4 | Rowdey Jordan OF | S/R | Jr./Jr. Auburn, Ala.



11 | Jordan Westburg IF | R/R | Jr./Jr. New Braunfels, Texas



20 | Luke Hancock C | L/R | So./So. Houston, Miss.



30 | Jared Shemper LHP | R/L | Jr./Jr. Germantown, Tenn.



40 | Jaxen Forrester RHP | R/R | Jr./Jr. Spanish Fort, Ala.



5 | Tanner Allen OF | L/R | Jr./Jr. Theodore, Ala.



13 | Davis Rokose LHP | L/L | Fr./Fr. Johns Creek, Ga.



23 | Landon Sims RHP | R/R | Fr./Fr. Cumming, Ga.



31 | Tanner Leggett IF | R/R | Jr./Jr. Raymond, Miss.



44 | Austin Kelly C | R/R | Fr./Fr. Leland, Miss.



Spartanburg, S.C.



6 | Kamren James IF | R/R | Fr./Fr. Southaven, Miss. Richland, Miss.



14 | Riley Self RHP | R/R | Sr./Sr. Coldwater, Miss.



24 | Will Bednar RHP | R/R | Fr./Fr/ Valencia, Pa.



32 | Mason Land IF | L/R | Fr./Fr. Pensacola, Fla.



46 | David Dunlavey RHP | R/R | Gr./Sr.



7 | Brandon Smith RHP | R/R | So./So.



16 | Jack Eagan LHP | L/L | 5th/Sr. Wautoma, Wis.



26 | Xavier Lovett RHP | R/R | Fr./Fr. Houston, Texas



33 | Brad Cumbest OF | R/R | So./So. Hurley, Miss.



48 | Houston Harding LHP | L/L | Jr./Jr. Walls, Miss.



8 | Drew McGowan OF/RHP | L/R | Fr./Fr. Hopkinsville, Ky.



17 | Justin Foscue IF | R/R | So. Huntsville, Ala.



27 | Bryce Brock OF | L/L | So./So. Hernando, Miss.



34 | Hunter French OF | R/R | Fr./Fr. Southaven, Miss.



50 | Brandon Pimentel IF/OF | L/L | So./So. El Paso, Texas



55 | Spencer Price RHP | R/R | Gr./Sr. Olive Branch, Miss.



22 | Chris Lemonis Head Coach Second Season



22 | Jake Gautreau Assistant Coach Third Season



42 | Scott Foxhall . Assistant Coach Second Season



0 | Kyle Cheesebrough Assistant Coach Second Season