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MSU BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

ABOUT MISSISSIPPI STATE

Location: Starkville, Miss. (approx. 25,000)
Founded: February 28, 1878
Enrollment: 17,039 (fall, 2007)
President: Dr. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong (West Virginia 1968)
Faculty representative: Dr. Steven Turner (Mercer, 1975)
Director of athletics: Larry Templeton (Mississippi State, 1969)
Mascot: Bulldog
School colors: Maroon & White
Conference affiliation: Southeastern Conference (Western Division)
Baseball stadium: Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium
Stadium capacity: 15,000; seating (approx. 7,200)
Stadium dimensions: LF-330, LC-376, CF-390, RC-374, RF-326

BASEBALL STAFF

Head coach: Ron Polk (Grand Canyon University, 1965)
 Overall Record: 1,350-667-2 (.669/34 seasons) vs. SEC: 444-328 (.575/30 seasons)
 MSU Record: 1,116-555-2 (.668/28 seasons) vs. SEC: 410-303 (.575/28 seasons)
 NCAA Postseason Appearances: 23
 NCAA College World Series Appearances: 8
Assistant coach: Russ McNickle, 7th year (South Alabama, 1988)
Assistant coach: Tommy Raffo, 15th year (Mississippi State, 1990)
Coordinator of camps: Wade Hedges, 5th year (Florida Southern, 1996)
Administrative assistant: Greg Drye, 3rd year (Southern Miss, 1996)
Student assistant coach: Tyler Bratton (Mississippi State)
Athletic trainer: Allen Thompson (West Alabama, 2000)
Student managers: Clark Bradley, J.P. Davis, Baron Jones, Thomas Marino, Oliver Preus
Student trainer: Ben Stewart
Strength coach: John McCallister (West Virginia, 2000)
Media relations contact: Joe Dier (Mississippi State, 1975)

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 overall record: 38-22 (Home: 24-8, Away: 11-8, Neutral: 4-5)
2007 SEC record: 15-13 (Home: 7-7, Away: 4-10)
2007 SEC finish: 4th overall (2nd in SEC West)
2007 post-season play: 5-2 (NCAA Tallahassee Regional: 3-0; Starkville Super Regional: 2-0; NCAA College World Series: 0-2)
2007 final ranking: 8th (Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball, USA Today), 9th: NCBWA

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 20 (RHP-Ricky Bowen, SS-Jet Butler, LHP-Jesse Carver, RHP-Chad Crosswhite, C/1B-Ryan Duffy, 1B/OF-Jeff Flagg, OF-Mark Goforth, OF-Nick Hardy, OF/1B-Cade Hoggard, RHP-Greg Houston, RHP-Jared Koon, RHP-John Lalor, C-Brooks Lewis, LHP-Justin Pigott, 3B/1B-Connor Powers, SS/3B-Russ Sneed, OF-Andy Rice, 2B-Brandon Turner, RHP-Aaron Weatherford, LHP-Tyler Whitney)

LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING: 10 (C-Wynn Diggs, C-Edward Easley, RHP-Josh Johnson, 1B/OF/1B-Brian LaNinfa, OF-Joseph McCaskill, 1B/LHP-Mitch Moreland, 2B/OF-Jeffrey Rea, OF-Matt Richardson, 3B-Michael Rutledge, RHP-Mike Valentine)

POSITION STARTERS RETURNING: 4 (CF-Mark Goforth, 3B-Connor Powers, RF-Andy Rice, SS-Brandon Turner)

POSITION STARTERS/DH NOT RETURNING: 5 (C-Edward Easley, LF-Joseph McCaskill, 1B-Mitch Moreland, 2B-Jeffrey Rea, DH/1B-Brian LaNinfa)

PITCHERS RETURNING: 9 (RHP-Ricky Bowen, LHP-Jesse Carver, RHP-Chad Crosswhite, RHP-Greg Houston, RHP-Jared Koon, RHP-John Lalor, LHP-Justin Pigott, RHP-Aaron Weatherford, LHP-Tyler Whitney)

PITCHERS NOT RETURNING: 3 (RHP-Josh Johnson, RHP-Mike Valentine, RHP-Mitch Moreland)

NON-LETTERMEN RETURNING: 8 (2B-Will Coggin, C-Scott DeLoach, OF-Grant Hogue, RHP-Drew Hollinghead, OF/3B-Jason Nappi, SS/3B-Ryan Powers, LHP-Jared Wesson, LHP-Andy Wilson)

NON-LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING: 6 (OF-Leon Farmer, RHP-Kevin Hatch, LHP-Jarred Holloway, RHP-Matt Lea, C-Donny Stephens, C-Brent Tanner)

NEWCOMERS: 14 (OF-Luke Adkins, C/OF-Johnny Allen, OF-Brent Brownlee, RHP/SS-Michael Busby, OF-Ryan Collins, C-Cody Freeman, OF-Sean Johnson, LHP-Shawn Marquardt, LHP/1B-Forrest Moore, 1B-Tyler Moore, RHP/2B-Paxton Pace, SS/2B-Ryan Rubino, RHP-Lee Swindle, 3B/C-Bobby Triglia)

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MEDIA INFORMATION

The 2008 Mississippi State University Baseball Media Guide has been prepared to assist the media with its coverage of Bulldog Baseball. It should provide answers to most MSU baseball-related questions. Should you need additional information, please contact MSU Assistant Media Relations Director Joe Dier (662-325-8040/FAX 325-3600 • jbdier@athletics.msstate.edu).

CREDENTIALS: Media credentials for Mississippi State home baseball games are required for media covering games at Dudy Noble Field and are issued through the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office for working press only. Written requests by accredited media members on company letterhead should be submitted well in advance of the requested game(s) and directed to Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations Joe Dier (P.O. Box 5308, Mississippi State, MS 39762 — jbdier@athletics.msstate.edu). If needed, credentials can be left at the "Will Call" window at the stadium ticket office under the main grandstand, which opens two hours prior to SEC and weekend games and 90 prior to all other games.

Mississippi State is scheduled to make one appearance this season in Pearl, Miss., at Trustmark Park, the home of the Mississippi Braves, Atlanta's Class AA affiliate in the Southern League. MSU is the designated home team for an April 15 **Governor's Cup** game (formerly the Entergy Mayor's Trophy series) matchup with instate rival Ole Miss. Requests for media credentials for the games should be directed to the **Mississippi Braves** ticket office (888-272-8374).

Credentials are also required for photographers and videographers. On-field photographers must operate from designated photo zones and are restricted from entering the field of play and team dugouts. Flash photography is not permitted at Dudy Noble Field.

RON POLK INTERVIEWS: Whether at home or on the road, Bulldog head baseball coach Ron Polk is generally available for postgame comment and brief interviews following each Mississippi State game. Media members are encouraged to conduct all interviews immediately following Polk's radio show in the press box.

Brief pregame interviews with Polk can usually be conducted on the field approximately two hours prior to the start of the game. Please call in advance to confirm Polk's availability.



The Joe Phillips Press Box at Dudy Noble Field

Coach Polk will also be available for additional non-gameday interviews throughout the week. The best time to reach Polk by telephone is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. weekdays. These interviews can also be arranged through **April Edwards** of the MSU Baseball Office (662) 325-3597.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS: Mississippi State welcomes media representation at all baseball games and practices. Media members should contact the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office for practice times and to make known requests for player interviews. In most cases, players will be available for a brief time before and for a lengthier time following practices.

To arrange pregame interviews with players, please make advance contact with Joe Dier. Players are generally available for brief pregame interviews approximately two hours prior to each game near the dugout. Telephone interviews can also be scheduled with players on a call-back basis during the week, also with advance arrangement through the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office.

At home games, MSU players requested for interviews are available in the press box approximately 15 minutes following each Bulldog baseball game. For media members operating under tighter deadlines for late games, players may also be available for brief postgame interviews on the field following the prescribed 10-minute cooling off period. The Mississippi State locker room and dugout areas at Dudy Noble Field are restricted to team officials and are not open to the media.

PARKING: Media members are advised the MSU Athletic Department does not provide reserved media parking at Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium and that traffic around the stadium is heavily congested before and after most home games. It is recommended that media utilize the paved parking area east of the stadium and Humphrey Coliseum. MSU baseball media credentials will be honored at all public entrances to the stadium.

PRESS BOX SERVICES: The MSU Media Relations Office provides pregame notes, statistics and scorecards in the Joe Phillips Press Box prior to each game at Dudy Noble Field. A complete box score along with a play-by-play is available approximately 15 minutes after each game. Wired and wireless internet connections are available for media use in the press box.

RADIO: MSU provides a radio booth for the broadcast entity designated by the visiting SEC team. Two telephone lines and an ISDN line are available for use in the visiting radio booth in the **Joe Phillips Press Box**. Telephone lines will also be made available for use by radio networks of non-conference opponents on a reciprocating basis. Please contact Associate Athletics Director **Jim Ellis** (662-325-8950) in advance to confirm arrangements for the use of telephone lines.

SATELLITE FEEDS: The MSU Television Center will provide highlight packages via satellite following most of MSU's home Friday night SEC games. Contact **Bennie Ashford** (662-325-1332) of the MSU Television Center for specific uplink schedules and additional information to access this video service.

THE JOE PHILLIPS PRESS BOX: The press box at Dudy Noble Field is named in honor of Joe Phillips, a pioneer in radio broadcasting in Mississippi and a driving force behind the formation of Mississippi State University's radio networks for sports broadcasts. It features media seating in three compartments as well as two radio booths.

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MSU Athletic Media Relations office locations

(B) **Bryan Administration Building** (football, women's basketball, men's & women's tennis, women's cross country, indoor & outdoor track)

(C) **Humphrey Coliseum** (men's basketball, soccer, softball)

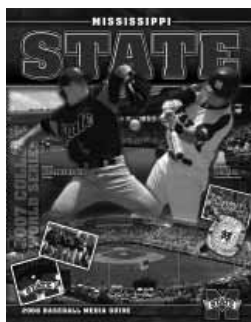
(BCOB) **Baseball Coaches Office Building** (baseball, volleyball)

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THE BOB HARTLEY MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP



Bob Hartley

Providing training opportunities for young SIDs

For more than half a century **Robert M. "Bob" Hartley** dedicated his life's work to promoting Mississippi State University athletics. From his hiring as the school's first sports publicity director in August 1946 to his initial "retirement" as assistant athletic director for communications in June 1985, through his later years as an invaluable consultant for the Mississippi State University Department of Athletics, the man we called "Hart" gave special meaning to the words "loyalty" and "devotion to duty."

Mr. Bob's labors of love with MSU have not gone unrecognized. He has taken his place among college athletics' greats as a member of both the university's and the state's sports halls of fame and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame.

His willingness to generously give of his talent, his time and his friendship serves as an inspiration to the countless lives he touched and to those that aspire to follow in his footsteps.

In that respect, the Bob Hartley Memorial Fellowship was created by the MSU Department of Athletics to provide hands-on training opportunities for young media relations practitioners.

Jay Middleton was selected as the sixth recipient of the Bob Hartley Memorial Fellowship for the 2007-2008 academic year. A native of Tupelo, Miss., Middleton enters his fifth season working with the Mississippi State athletic media relations office. Middleton worked as a student assistant from 2003-2006 and enters his second year as a graduate assistant. Middleton has served the last two years as the primary contact for the men's tennis and women's golf programs at MSU. Among other duties, he works with MStateAthletics.com, MSU's official athletic website, and Maroon to the Max, a video streaming service provided to MSU fans worldwide. Most recently, he earned national recognition for the 2007 men's tennis media guide, voted third-best tennis publication in the nation by CoSIDA.



Jay Middleton

Middleton earned his bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in public relations in the summer of 2006 from State and is currently seeking a master's degree in business administration.

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Mary Alexander, Assistant to the President/Interim Director of Diversity and Equity Programs, 106 McArthur Hall, P.O. Box 6199, Mississippi State, MS 39762, office telephone number (662) 325-2493, campus mailstop 9609, has been designated as the responsible employee to coordinate efforts to carry out responsibilities and make investigation of complaints relating to discrimination in conforming with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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MSU BASEBALL RADIO NETWORK

Baseball fans throughout the Magnolia State and beyond can follow the exploits of the Baseball Bulldogs throughout the 2008 season thanks to the **Mississippi State University Baseball Radio Network**, one of the nation's largest and oldest collegiate baseball radio networks, and "**Mississippi State Baseball with Ron Polk**", a weekly television show.

A collection of nearly two dozen radio outlets throughout Mississippi carries the broadcasts of a 40-game network schedule (all 30 SEC weekend contests and 10 selected non-conference weeknight games) plus all postseason competition. The broadcasts of the entire Bulldog Baseball schedule of games are carried in the Golden Triangle area by 100,000-watt **WFCA-FM** (107.9) in French Camp, Miss., in its ninth season as the flagship station of the MSU Baseball Radio Network.

Additionally, most MSU baseball network radio broadcasts are also available via the internet through the official web site of Mississippi State University Athletics (www.MStateAthletics.com).

Each broadcast concludes with a postgame interview featuring MSU head baseball coach Ron Polk.

Credit for the emergence and steady growth of the MSU Baseball Radio Network goes to veteran MSU sports broadcaster, **Jim Ellis**, now in his 30th season behind the microphone as the "Voice of the Baseball Bulldogs".

Ellis, who joined the MSU Athletic Department staff in 2003 as associate athletic director for external operations, is a native of West Point, Miss. A 1969 graduate of Mississippi State, Ellis also serves as the general manager of the Bulldog Sports Network.

Ellis produces and provides color analysis for Mississippi State's football and basketball radio network broadcasts and produces MSU's weekly football and basketball coaches television programs.

MSU's popular weekly baseball television coach's show returns for its 21st season in 2008. "**Mississippi State Baseball with Ron Polk**" is a joint production of the Mississippi State University Television Center and the Bulldog Sports Network. The 30-minute television program spotlighting the Baseball Bulldogs is hosted by Jim Ellis and features head baseball coach Ron Polk.

The half-hour show, which includes the latest baseball game highlights and commentary by the Bulldog skipper, also features interviews with Bulldog coaches and players along with insightful looks into the unique world of MSU baseball.

The show is produced at the Mississippi State University Television Center by **Bennie Ashford**, Coordinator of Electronic Media for Mississippi State University athletics. Ashford also coordinates the video board production at Dudy Noble Field and the video highlights package uplinked after most SEC Friday games.



Jim Ellis

MSU Baseball Radio Network

- Amory ▲ WWZQ (AM 1240)
- Batesville ▲ WBLE-FM (100.5)
- Clarksdale ▲ WKDJ-FM (96.5)
- Cleveland ▲ WCLD (AM 1490)
- Flora ▲ WYAB-FM (93.1)
- French Camp ▲ WFCA-FM (107.9)
- Greenville ▲ WDMS-FM (100.7)
- Grenada ▲ WOHT-FM (92.3)
- Gulfport ▲ WTNI (AM 570)
- Hattiesburg ▲ WMXI-FM (98.1)
- Hernando ▲ WVIM-FM (95.3)
- Indianola ▲ WNLA-FM (105.5)
- Jackson ▲ WJDX (AM 620)
- Louisville ▲ WLSM-FM (107.1)
- McComb ▲ WAKK-FM (104.9)
- Memphis ▲ ESPN (AM-730)
- Meridian ▲ WMOX (AM 1010)
- Monticello ▲ WRQO-FM (102.1)
- Philadelphia ▲ WWSL-FM (102.3)
- Tupelo ▲ WAQB-FM (90.9)
- Vicksburg ▲ WVBG-FM (101.3)
- West Point ▲ WKBB-FM (100.9)
- West Point ▲ WROB (AM 1450)
- Winona ▲ WONA-FM (95.1)

Network broadcast schedule

- MAR. 9 BAYLOR (1:30 p.m.)**
- MAR. 14 OLE MISS (6:30 P.M.)**
- MAR. 15 OLE MISS (2 P.M.)**
- MAR. 16 OLE MISS (1:30 P.M.)**
- Mar. 21 at South Carolina (6 p.m.)
- Mar. 22 at South Carolina (3 p.m.)
- Mar. 23 at South Carolina (12:30 p.m.)
- Mar. 25 SOUTH ALABAMA (6:30 p.m.)**
- Mar. 26 SOUTH ALABAMA (6:30 p.m.)**
- Mar. 28 GEORGIA (6:30 p.m.)**
- Mar. 29 GEORGIA (2 p.m.)**
- Mar. 30 GEORGIA (1:30 p.m.)**
- Apr. 1 AUSTIN PEAY (6:30 p.m.)**
- Apr. 4 at Kentucky (5:30 p.m.)
- Apr. 5 at Kentucky (5:30 p.m.)
- Apr. 6 at Kentucky (12 p.m.)
- Apr. 8 MEMPHIS (6:30 p.m.)**
- Apr. 11 VANDERBILT (6:30 p.m.)**
- Apr. 12 VANDERBILT (2 p.m.)**
- Apr. 13 VANDERBILT (1:30 p.m.)**
- Apr. 15 % vs. Mississippi (6:30 p.m.)
- Apr. 18 at Alabama (6:30 p.m.)
- Apr. 19 at Alabama (4 p.m.)
- Apr. 20 at Alabama (2 p.m.)
- Apr. 22 at Southern Miss (6:30 p.m.)
- Apr. 23 at Southern Miss (6:30 p.m.)
- Apr. 25 TENNESSEE (6:32 p.m.)**
- Apr. 26 TENNESSEE (1 p.m.)**
- Apr. 27 TENNESSEE (1:30 p.m.)**
- May 2 at Auburn (6:30 p.m.)
- May 3 at Auburn (6:30 p.m.)
- May 4 at Auburn (1:30 p.m.)
- May 6 at Middle Tennessee St. (6 p.m.)
- May 9 at Louisiana State (7 p.m.)
- May 10 at Louisiana State (3 p.m.)
- May 11 at Louisiana State (1 p.m.)
- May 13 at Memphis (6:30 p.m.)
- May 15 ARKANSAS (6:30 p.m.)**
- May 16 ARKANSAS (6:30 p.m.)**
- May 17 ARKANSAS (3 p.m.)**

% - Trustmark Park (Pearl, Miss.)
SEC/NCAA postseason games also include
Home games shown in bold - All game times CT

M2M: MAXIMUM VIDEO & AUDIO COVERAGE OF BULLDOG BASEBALL

Bulldog fans around the world can watch most of Mississippi State's 31 home games in 2008 live on the internet (www.MStateAthletics.com). The new premium extension of MSU's athletics department web site, "**Maroon to the Max**," will provide live four-camera video streaming of most MSU home games backed with the audio simulcast with the MSU Baseball Radio Network broadcast. Games not shown live will be shown on a delayed same-day broadcast basis.

Subscribers can also listen to the radio network broadcasts of all games played by the Baseball Bulldogs.



2008 MSU BASEBALL SCHEDULE



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Feb. 22	at North Florida	Jacksonville, Fla. (Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville)	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 23	at North Florida	Jacksonville, Fla.	12:00 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 24	at North Florida	Jacksonville, Fla.	12:00 p.m.
Tue.	Feb. 26	UAB	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 29	Air Force	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 1	Air Force	Dudy Noble Field	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 2	Air Force	Dudy Noble Field	1:30 p.m.
Tue.	Mar. 4	Arkansas-Little Rock	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 5	Arkansas-Little Rock	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 7	Baylor (Cadence Bank Challenge)	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 8	Baylor (Cadence Bank Challenge)	Dudy Noble Field	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 9	Baylor (Cadence Bank Challenge)	Dudy Noble Field	1:30 p.m.
Tue.	Mar. 11	Mississippi Valley State	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 12	Mississippi Valley State	Dudy Noble Field	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 14	Mississippi	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 15	Mississippi	Dudy Noble Field	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 16	Mississippi	Dudy Noble Field (CSS TV)	1:30 p.m.
Tue.	Mar. 18	at UAB	Birmingham, Ala.	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 21	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 22	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 23	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	12:30 p.m.
Tue.	Mar. 25	South Alabama	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 26	South Alabama	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 28	Georgia (Super Bulldog Weekend)	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 29	Georgia (Super Bulldog Weekend)	Dudy Noble Field	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 30	Georgia (Super Bulldog Weekend)	Dudy Noble Field (CSS TV)	1:30 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 1	Austin Peay	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 2	Austin Peay	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 4	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 5	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 6	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	12:00 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 8	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn. (AutoZone Park)	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 11	Vanderbilt	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 12	Vanderbilt	Dudy Noble Field	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 13	Vanderbilt	Dudy Noble Field	1:30 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 15	vs. Mississippi - Governor's Cup	Pearl, Miss. (Trustmark Park) (CSS TV)	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 18	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 19	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 20	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (CSS TV)	2:00 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 22	at Southern Miss	Hattiesburg, Miss.	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 23	at Southern Miss	Hattiesburg, Miss.	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 25	Tennessee	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 26	Tennessee	Dudy Noble Field	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 27	Tennessee	Dudy Noble Field	1:30 p.m.
Fri.	May 2	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	May 3	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	6:00 p.m.
Sun.	May 4	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala. (CSS TV)	2:00 p.m.
Tue.	May 6	at Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	May 7	at Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	May 9	at Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La. (COX TV)	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	May 10	at Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La. (RSN/SEC TV)	3:00 p.m.
Sun.	May 11	at Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	1:00 p.m.
Tue.	May 13	Memphis	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Thu.	May 15	Arkansas	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	May 16	Arkansas	Dudy Noble Field	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	May 17	Arkansas	Dudy Noble Field (RSN/SEC TV)	3:00 p.m.
	May 21-25 ---	SEC Tournament	Hoover, Ala. (Regions Park)	
	May 30-June 2 ---	NCAA Regionals	Sites to be announced	
	June 6-8 or 7-9 ---	NCAA Super Regionals	Sites to be announced	
	June 14-24/35 ---	NCAA College World Series	Omaha, Neb. (Rosenblatt Stadium)	

All game times are 02-central time and subject to change



2008 OUTLOOK

The Diamond Dogs opened plenty of eyes in 2007 when State, picked for a last-place finish in the Southeastern Conference, staged an impressive late-season surge that powered MSU to its eighth appearance in the prestigious NCAA College World Series.

The Bulldogs reeled off five straight NCAA regional and super regional wins to make a return trip to Rosenblatt Stadium.

So what does Mississippi State do for an encore in 2008?

For starters, veteran Mississippi State skipper Ron Polk and the MSU staff must find replacements for many of the starring cast members from that CWS edition. Seven seniors

completed their collegiate baseball careers with Mississippi State in 2007, including starting rotation pitcher **Josh Johnson** and three regulars in the MSU batting order — designated hitter/first baseman **Brian LaNinfa**, outfielder **Joseph McCaskill** and second baseman/outfielder **Jeffrey Rea**, who in 2007 set the school career record for hits. Following stellar junior campaigns, two other star performers answered the call to join the ranks of professional baseball. Catcher **Edward Easley**, winner of the **2007 Cellular South Ferriss Trophy** as Mississippi's top collegiate player, and the recipient of the **Coleman Johnny Bench Award** given to the nation's top catcher, signed with the **Arizona Diamondbacks** after being selected in the supplemental first round. Late in the summer first baseman/outfielder/pitcher **Mitch Moreland**, one of four Diamond Dogs taken in the 2007 draft, signed with the **Texas Rangers**.

When the dust settled on 2007 fall baseball drills at MSU, State's 42-player roster included 20 returning letter-winners — three of them starting position players and eight of them among the 12 pitchers that took the mound for the Diamond Dogs in 2007.

"We lost some key position players to graduation and professional baseball, but I like our lineup," said Polk, who begins his 29th season as State's skipper in 2008. "We return just about all of our pitching staff from last year's team, and return nine position players that have experience as starters."

Mississippi State's 118th baseball edition will again feature a blend of expe-



Third baseman Connor Powers (left) was named to the 2007 Freshman All-SEC team while both pitcher Ricky Bowen (center) and second baseman Brandon Turner (right) earned Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America honors after helping lead State to a berth in the College World Series.

rienced talent and eager but untested athletes vying for openings in the MSU lineup. The roster includes 14 newcomers and seven other returning players awaiting their first college playing time.

The MSU infield will take on a new look with replacements needed for starters at first base, second base and behind the plate.

At first base, where **Mitch Moreland** drew 51 starts last year, the Bulldogs' prime candidate is junior **Tyler Moore**. Moore comes to MSU with outstanding credentials. He was named the **2005 Mississippi High School Player of the Year** and following his sopho-

more season at Meridian Community College he was honored as **2007 NJCAA Division II Player of the Year**.

Though a primary outfielder, rangy power-hitting junior **Jeff Flagg** (.312, 5 HR, 23 RBI) is in the mix at first base. Sophomore third baseman **Connor Powers** and sophomore outfielder **Cade Hoggard** have prepped for playing time at first base, as has freshman lefty **Forrest Moore**.

The likely starter at second base is sophomore **Brandon Turner** (.399, 83 hits, 48 RBI), who has settled in. Turner opened the 2007 season at second base, made the move to shortstop in game two and remained there until returning to second base for State's nine SEC and NCAA postseason games. He earned all-American accolades as a freshman after posting the SEC's second-high batting average and has been accorded an assortment of preseason honors.

A pair of returning redshirted players, junior **Will Coggin** and freshman **Ryan Powers**, a primary shortstop, back up Turner at second. So, too, do a pair of true freshmen, **Paxton Pace** and **Ryan Rubino**.

The Bulldogs return all three of the players that as freshmen combined to start all 60 MSU games at shortstop. Turner drew the lion's share of those starts — 38 games. But with late-season lineup changes, **Jet Butler** (.245, 12 RBI) started 20 of MSU's final 22 games at shortstop, including all nine of MSU's SEC and NCAA postseason games, and figures to challenge for starting status in the middle infield. Butler also drew a pair of starts as the DH. Primary third base-

SQUAD BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

SENIORS (5): Jesse Carver (RS), John Lalor, Justin Pigott (RS), Andy Rice, Andy Wilson (RS)

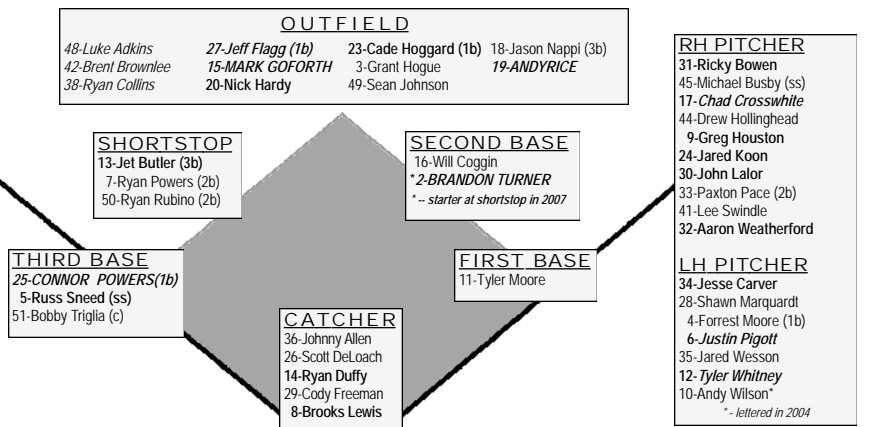
JUNIORS (16): Luke Adkins, Johnny Allen, Chad Crosswhite (RS), Will Coggin (RS), Scott DeLoach (RS), Jeff Flagg (RS), Mark Goforth, Nick Hardy (RS), Grant Hogue (RS), Sean Johnson, Jared Koon (RS), Brooks Lewis (RS), Tyler Moore, Lee Swindle, Aaron Weatherford, Jared Wesson (RS)

SOPHOMORES (10): Ricky Bowen (RS), Jet Butler, Ryan Duffy (RS), Cade Hoggard (RS), Drew Hollinghead (RS), Greg Houston, Connor Powers, Russ Sneed (RS), Brandon Turner (RS), Tyler Whitney

FRESHMEN (11): Brent Brownlee, Michael Busby, Ryan Collins, Cody Freeman, Shawn Marquardt, Forrest Moore, Jason Nappi (RS), Paxton Pace, Ryan Powers (RS), Ryan Rubino, Bobby Triglia

RS — career includes a redshirt season

2008 MSU PERSONNEL CHART



NOTE: Players listed alphabetically by primary position (secondary positions shown in parenthesis). 2007 starting position players shown in bold, caps and italics; returning lettermen shown in bold.



man **Russ Sneed** drew a pair of game-opening assignments at shortstop as a freshman, including a stint on opening day. He saw the bulk of his rookie season playing time (nine starts) at third base.

A trio of freshmen --- redshirt **Ryan Powers**, true freshman **Ryan Rubino** and primary pitcher **Michael Busby** all provide depth.

Sophomore **Connor Powers** (.306, 8 HR, 37 RBI) enters the season as the leading candidate at third base. An SEC All-Freshman team selection, Powers opened the season and held down the hot corner for 51 games before giving way to **Russ Sneed** (.315, 9 RBI) down the stretch. Powers and Sneed give State a solid tandem at third base, where they'll be backed up by true freshman **Bobby Triglia**, redshirt freshman and primary outfielder **Jason Nappi**, and **Jet Butler**.

The Bulldogs enter the season experience-thin behind the dish, where now-departed Edward Easley started all 60 games last year and 124 during his three-year MSU career.

But talented third-year sophomore **Ryan Duffy** (.250) and an impressive walk-on from the junior college ranks, **Johnny Allen**, finished fall as the leading candidates to assume MSU's catching duties. Duffy saw limited playing time at first base and at the plate as the DH. Allen (.363, 11 HR, 43 RBI), meanwhile, earned junior college all-state and all-region honors at Pearl River Community College.

Junior **Brooks Lewis** made a pair of brief appearances behind the plate for the Bulldogs in 2007, and State picks up added depth from junior college redshirt **Scott DeLoach**, true freshman **Cody Freeman** and **Bobby Triglia**, a primary third baseman.

The Bulldogs have the experience to be solid in the outfield. Five players with experience in starting roles return. Senior **Andy Rice** (.209) started 28 games each of the last two seasons while battling the injury bug. Junior **Mark Goforth** (.282, 16 RBI, 12 SB) capably patrolled center field for the Bulldogs and started 47 games in his first season with the Diamond Dogs. Power-hitting corner outfielder **Jeff Flagg** (.312, 5 HR, 23 RBI) drew 14 starts in right and 13 more in left.

Junior **Nick Hardy** (.216) drew four starts in center field and two more in right while sophomore **Cade Hoggard** (.276) was a five-game starter in right. Both had to overcome injuries that limited playing time.

There are a host of others eager to break into the Bulldog lineup in the outfield. Redshirt **Grant Hogue** and newcomer **Sean Johnson**, enter the year seasoned with experience from the Mississippi junior college ranks. Freshman **Jason Nappi**, the beneficiary of a redshirt year in the MSU program, enters the season eager to make his collegiate debut. True freshmen **Brent Brownlee** and **Ryan Collins**, provide quality depth in their initial seasons in the MSU program.

Luke Adkins, a junior outfielder, will sit out the 2008 as a redshirt after transferring from Southern miss.

The Diamond Dogs' strength in 2008 appears situated firmly on the pitching, where two of the team's weekend starters and one of the nation's more talented relief pitchers ply their talents.

Junior righty **Chad Crosswhite** (8-5, 2 saves, 4.69) returns to the rotation after successfully making a mid-season transition from the bullpen to starting rotation. Crosswhite led the MSU staff with eight wins. Senior **Justin Pigott** (7-7, 4.51), the prototypical "crafty lefty", returns as the leader of the MSU pitching staff. Pigott, who tossed a pair of complete-games and led the MSU staff with 113-2/3 innings pitched and 76 strikeouts, enters his final collegiate season with 16 wins and a 3.34 earned run average in 50 career games.

Sophomore southpaw **Tyler Whitney** (5-1, 5.72), junior righty **Jared Koon** (0-0, 9.69) and senior lefty **Jesse Carver** (0-0, 8.87) all hit the field as midweek starters last spring.

Sophomore **Ricky Bowen** (5-2, 5 saves, 3.00 ERA) made 27 relief appearances en route to **Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American** honors, and is being eyed as a possible replacement for departed starter **Josh Johnson** in MSU's weekend rotation.

Bowen tallied five saves. So, too, did **Aaron Weatherford** (3-2, 3.53), who made the switch from opening day starting pitcher to relief ace. Weatherford, projected as a high selection in MLB's June draft, was deadly out of the bullpen, where he compiled a 1.82 ERA and notched five saves in 14 relief appearances.

Senior **John Lalor** (3-1, three saves, 4.17) is also expected to play a key role once again in MSU's pitching plans. The lanky right-hander totaled a bullpen

staff-high 49-2/3 innings in 21 relief appearances and enters his final season at MSU with 129 career strikeouts, second-most among MSU's current pitchers. Sophomore **Greg Houston** (1-1, 1 save, 5.33) is poised to build on a solid rookie campaign that saw the right-hander average nearly a strikeout per inning in his relief appearances. A fourth senior pitcher also returns for his final campaign, left-hander **Andy Wilson**, who saw the bulk of his career time on the mound as a true freshman in 2004.

Injuries have slowed the start of junior lefty **Jared Wesson**'s MSU career, but the former junior college pitcher is ready to take the hill in 2008. Third-year sophomore right-hander **Drew Hollinghead** will also be looking to make his debut in a Bulldog uniform this year.

MSU's recruiting class for 2008 includes four pitchers --- righties **Michael Busby** and **Paxton Pace** and lefties **Shawn Marquardt** and **Forrest Moore** from the prep ranks and right-handed junior college transfer **Lee Swindle**, who earned all-American status last spring at Meridian Community College. Moore enters his rookie season after being selected by the Detroit Tigers (33rd round) in last spring's MLB draft.

PRESEASON RANKINGS & HONORS

Mississippi State has been included in the preseason rankings of several publications. **Collegiate Baseball** ranked MSU 27th, while the **National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association** (NCBWA) placed MSU at No. 24 and **Rivals.com** tabbed MSU at No. 19.

Sophomore second baseman **Brandon Turner** was named by **Collegiate Baseball** to the preseason **Louisville Slugger TPX 2008 All-American** team.

Turner joined teammate **Aaron Weatherford** on the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-American team and both were included on the initial watch list for the **2008 Brooks Wallace Award**.

UNIFORM NUMBER CHANGES

Nine members of the 2008 Mississippi State team will be sporting new jersey numbers. They are, with their previous numbers shown in parenthesis: 3-**Grant Hogue** (40), 7-**Ryan Powers** (33), 8-**Brooks Lewis** (48), 9-**Greg Houston** (51), 12-**Tyler Whitney** (16), 16-**Will Coggin** (42), 18-**Jason Nappi** (26), 24-**Jared Koon** (4), and 26-**Scott DeLoach** (50).

Also rejoining the MSU team as a student assistant is 40-**Tyler Bratton** (16).

SCHEDULE NOTES

MSU's 2008 home schedule includes 31 games at Dudy Noble Field, including an early-season 14-game homestand ... MSU's season-opening series at **North Florida** (Feb. 22-24) marks the first time since 2000 that State has opened its season away from home ... Baylor, coached by former MSU assistant **Steve Smith**, is State's opponent in the seventh annual **Cadence Bank Classic** ... MSU's finale series at Dudy Noble Field against Arkansas (May 15-17) will be a Thursday through Saturday series.

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North Florida • Feb. 21-24

Radisson Hotel - Butler Blvd.
4700 Salisbury Road • Jacksonville, FL 32256
Phone: (904) 281-9700 • FAX: (904) 281-1957

South Carolina • Mar. 20-23

Columbia Marriott
1200 Hampton Street • Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 771-7000 • FAX: (803) 758-2456

Kentucky • Apr. 3-6

Hilton Suite-Lexington Green
245 Lexington Green Circle • Lexington, KY 40503
Phone: (859) 271-4000 • FAX: (859) 273-2975

Alabama • Apr. 18-20

Courtyard by Marriott
4115 Courtney Drive • Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Phone: (205) 750-8384 • FAX: (205) 750-8389

Southern Miss • Apr. 22-23

Holiday Inn & Suites
10 Gateway Drive • Hattiesburg, MS 39405
Phone: (601) 296-0302 • FAX: (601) 296-0343

Auburn • May 1-4

Hilton Garden Inn
2555 Hilton Garden Drive • Auburn, AL 36830
Phone: (334) 502-3500 • FAX: (334) 502-3572

Middle Tennessee • May 6-7

Doubletree Hotel
1850 Old Fort Parkway • Murfreesboro, TN 37219
Phone: (615) 895-5555 • FAX: (615) 895-3557

Louisiana State • May 8-11

Baton Rouge Marriott
5500 Hilton Drive • Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Phone: (225) 924-5000 • FAX: (225) 926-8152



2008 MSU BASEBALL ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name (Pos.)
48	ADKINS, Luke (of)
36	ALLEN, Johnny (c)
31	BOWEN, Ricky (rhp)
42	BROWNLEE, Brent (of)
45	BUSBY, Michael (rhp/ss)
13	BUTLER, Jet (ss/3b)
34	CARVER, Jesse (lhp)
16	COGGIN, Will (2b)
38	COLLINS, Ryan (of)
17	CROSSWHITE, Chad (rhp)
26	DeLOACH, Scott (c)
14	DUFFY, Ryan (c)
27	FLAGG, Jeff (of/1b)
29	FREEMAN, Cody (c)
15	GOFORTH, Mark (of)
20	HARDY, Nick (of)
23	HOGGARD, Cade (of/1b)
3	HOGUE, Grant (of)
44	HOLLINGHEAD, Drew (rhp)
9	HOUSTON, Greg (rhp)
49	JOHNSON, Sean (of)
24	KOON, Jared (rhp)
30	LALOR, John (rhp)
8	LEWIS, Brooks (c)
28	MARQUARDT, Shawn (lhp)
4	MOORE, Forrest (lhp/1b)
11	MOORE, Tyler (1b)
18	NAPPI, Jason (of/3b)
33	PACE, Paxton (rhp/2b)
6	PIGOTT, Justin (lhp)
25	POWERS, Connor (3b/1b)
7	POWERS, Ryan (ss/2b)
19	RICE, Andy (of)
50	RUBINO, Ryan (ss/2b)
5	SNEED, Russ (3b/ss)
41	SWINDLE, Lee (rhp)
51	TRIGLIA, Bobby (3b/c)
2	TURNER, Brandon (2b)
32	WEATHERFORD, Aaron (rhp)
35	WESSON, Jared (lhp)
12	WHITNEY, Tyler (lhp)
10	WILSON, Andy (lhp)

2008 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High school/junior college)
2	Brandon TURNER	2b	6-0	189	L-R	So.	1L	Cleveland, Tenn. (Walker Valley High School)
3	Grant HOGUE	of	6-0	193	S-R	Jr.	RS	Hattiesburg, Miss. (Oak Grove HS/Pearl River CC)
4	Forrest MOORE	lhp/1b	6-1	191	L-L	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Parkview Baptist High School)
5	Russ SNEED	3b/ss	6-2	213	R-R	So.	1L	Senatobia, Miss. (Magnolia Heights School)
6	Justin PIGOTT	lhp	5-11	186	S-L	Sr.	3L	Picayune, Miss. (Picayune Memorial High School)
7	Ryan POWERS	ss/2b	6-1	205	R-R	Fr.	RS	Beacon, N.Y. (Beacon High School)
8	Brooks LEWIS	c	5-9	190	R-R	Jr.	1L	Heidelberg, Miss. (Heidelberg Academy)
9	Greg HOUSTON	rhp	6-1	180	R-R	So.	1L	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover High School)
10	Andy WILSON	lhp	6-1	177	L-L	Sr.	1L	Columbus, Ga. (Columbus High School)
11	Tyler MOORE	1b	6-1	209	R-R	Jr.	JC	Brandon, Miss. (Northwest Rankin HS/Meridian CC)
12	Tyler WHITNEY	lhp	6-0	172	L-L	So.	1L	Lakeland, Tenn. (home-schooled)
13	Jet BUTLER	ss/3b	6-2	189	S-R	So.	1L	Pensacola, Fla. (Tate High School)
14	Ryan DUFFY	c	6-0	219	L-R	So.	1L	West Melbourne, Fla. (Barron Collier High School)
15	Mark GOFORTH	of	6-0	204	L-R	Jr.	1L	Covington, Tenn. (Covington HS/Birmingham-Sou.)
16	Will COGGIN	2b	5-9	185	R-R	Jr.	RS	Booneville, Miss. (Booneville HS/Northeast Miss. CC)
17	Chad CROSSWHITE	rhp	6-0	203	R-R	Jr.	2L	Brandon, Miss. (Madison Ridgeland Academy)
18	Jason NAPPI	of/3b	6-0	209	R-R	Fr.	RS	Birmingham, Ala. (Mountain Brook High School)
19	Andy RICE	of	6-1	205	L-L	Sr.	2L	Amory, Miss. (Amory High School/Itawamba CC)
20	Nick HARDY	of	6-0	185	R-R	Jr.	1L	Flora, Miss. (Madison Central HS/Meridian CC)
23	Cade HOGGARD	of/1b	6-2	210	R-R	So.	1L	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford High School)
24	Jared KOON	rhp	6-4	212	R-R	Jr.	1L	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo High School/Itawamba CC)
25	Connor POWERS	3b/1b	6-2	230	R-R	So.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Benet Academy)
26	Scott DELOACH	c	6-4	205	R-R	Jr.	RS	Madison, Miss. (Madison Central HS/Itawamba CC)
27	Jeff FLAGG	of/1b	6-6	246	R-R	Jr.	2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bishop Kenny High School)
28	Shawn MARQUARDT	lhp	5-10	179	R-L	Fr.	HS	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel High School)
29	Cody FREEMAN	c	6-0	187	R-R	Fr.	HS	Collinsville, Miss. (West Lauderdale High School)
30	John LALOR	rhp	6-7	239	R-R	Sr.	3L	Germantown, Tenn. (Houston High School)
31	Ricky BOWEN	rhp	6-3	197	R-R	So.	1L	Jasper, Ala. (Sumiton Christian School)
32	Aaron WEATHERFORD	rhp	6-0	187	R-R	Jr.	2L	Crystal Springs, Miss. (Fairhope [Ala.] HS)
33	Paxton PACE	rhp/2b	5-10	195	R-L	Fr.	HS	Collinsville, Miss. (West Lauderdale High School)
34	Jesse CARVER	lhp	6-0	183	L-L	Sr.	1L	Starkville, Miss. (Starkville High School)
35	Jared WESSON	lhp	6-3	192	L-L	Jr.	RS	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo High School/Itawamba CC)
36	Johnny ALLEN	c	6-2	221	R-R	Jr.	JC	Grenada, Miss. (Grenada High School/Pearl River CC)
38	Ryan COLLINS	of	6-0	189	L-L	Fr.	HS	Callaway, Fla. (Rutherford High School)
41	Lee SWINDLE	rhp	6-1	202	R-R	Jr.	JC	Eupora, Miss. (Eupora High School/Meridian CC)
42	Brent BROWNLEE	of	6-0	178	R-R	Fr.	HS	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford High School)
44	Drew HOLLINGHEAD	rhp	6-2	204	R-R	So.	SQ	Leakesville, Miss. (Greene County High School)
45	Michael BUSBY	rhp/ss	6-2	198	R-R	Fr.	HS	Vicksburg, Miss. (Porters Chapel Academy)
48	Luke ADKINS	of	5-8	169	L-L	Jr.	Tr.	Nettleton, Miss. (Nettleton High School/USM)
49	Sean JOHNSON	of	5-10	184	R-R	Jr.	JC	Senatobia, Miss. (Senatobia HS/Northwest Miss. CC)
50	Ryan RUBINO	ss/2b	6-0	174	R-R	Fr.	HS	Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee High School)
51	Bobby TRIGLIA	3b/c	6-2	203	R-R	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- 23-Cade HOGGARD (HOG-erd)
- 9-Greg HOUSTON (HOWS-ton)
- 30-John LALOR (LAW-ler)
- 28-Shawn MARQUARDT (MAR-KWART)
- 18-Jason NAPPI (rhymes with happy)
- 6-Justin PIGOTT (PIE-gut)

COACHING STAFF

- 1 — Ron Polk, head coach
- 22 — Tommy Raffo, assistant coach
- 46 — Russ McNickle, assistant coach
- 47 — Wade Hedges, coordinator of camps
- 43 — Greg Drye, administrative assistant
- 40 — Tyler Bratton, student assistant

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Allen Thompson

STUDENT TRAINER

Ben Stewart

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- Clark Bradley
- J.P. Davis
- Baron Jones
- Thomas Marino
- Oliver Preus