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Welcome to New Orleans and the second annual Conference USA Baseball Championship.

While it seems that only yesterday the league was formed, Conference USA has enjoyed two outstanding seasons. Through contributions from our institutions, coaches, student-athletes and administrators, Conference USA has become one of the top conferences in the nation. Our beginning has been truly memorable and consequently, promises a tremendous future for C-USA in collegiate athletics. As we complete our second year, the league will continue to provide the best opportunities for our student-athletes. The conference also welcomes the University of Houston for its first season of competition in 1996-97.

Conference USA is committed to the development of one of the top intercollegiate athletic conferences in the country. The league sponsors 18 championship sports: nine for men, eight for women and one combined. Conference USA has quickly established a solid tradition in postseason play in all sports, enhanced by automatic bids to the NCAA Championship in volleyball, men's soccer, men's and women's basketball and baseball. The C-USA football champion also enjoys a berth to the St. Jude Liberty Bowl.

Conference USA is equally committed to academic excellence with annual academic awards including the Commissioner's List, Academic Excellence Award, Team Academic Award and Student-Athlete Award of Excellence.

Conference USA baseball has provided plenty of action and excitement this season and our championship week will showcase the remarkable talents and abilities of our athletic programs.

On behalf of everyone involved with Conference USA, I hope you have a wonderful time in New Orleans!

Sincerely,

Michael L. Slive
Commissioner

Conference USA 1996-97 Champions

	Regular Season	Tournament
Football	Houston/Southern Miss	
Men's Cross Country		Cincinnati
Women's Cross Country		Louisville
Women's Soccer	Marquette	Cincinnati
Men's Soccer	UNC Charlotte/South Florida	South Florida
Volleyball	Louisville/South Florida	South Florida
Men's Indoor Track & Field		Houston
Women's Indoor Track & Field		Marquette
Rifle		Marquette
Women's Basketball	Louisville/Memphis/Tulane	Tulane
Men's Basketball	Cincinnati	Marquette
Men's Golf		Houston
Men's Tennis		Tulane
Women's Tennis		South Florida
Women's Golf		Memphis

(The outdoor track and field championship is May 15-17 in Hattiesburg, Miss.)



U A B B L A Z E R S



Head Coach: 29 Pete Rancont (above)
Assistant Coaches: 26 Jim Case, 5 Steve Gillespie

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
7	Brandon Eiff	P-OF	6-2	160	Fr.	L-L	Montgomery, Ala.	23	Craig Boroski	P-IF	6-4	225	Jr.	R-R	Tifton, Ga.
8	Lee Jolly	IF	6-2	180	Fr.	R-R	Cedartown, Ga.	24	Mike Terry	P-IF	6-3	185	Jr.	L-L	Tulsa, Okla.
9	David Grice	P	5-9	155	Sr.	L-L	Eugene, Ore.	25	Rodney Eberly	IF	6-2	200	Jr.	L-R	Clarinda, Iowa
10	Dan Harness	IF	5-11	180	Jr.	L-R	London, Ontario	27	Chris Mason	P	6-2	160	Sr.	R-R	Millbrook, Ala.
11	Brent Murphy	OF	6-1	180	Jr.	R-R	Garland, Texas	28	Clay Aderholt	C-P	6-0	195	Jr.	R-R	Leeds, Ala.
12	Will Smith	OF	5-11	170	Fr.	R-R	Billingsley, Ala.	30	Bob Carter	IF	6-1	190	Jr.	R-R	Freeport, Fla.
14	Jay Pearson	C	5-11	185	Jr.	R-R	Moody, Ala.	31	Shaun Harris	C	5-11	175	Fr.	R-R	Theodore, Ala.
15	Corey Hardin	OF	6-2	180	So.	L-R	Hueytown, Ala.	33	Scott McCrary	P	6-4	205	Sr.	R-R	Vacaville, Calif.
16	Tighe Dickinson	P	6-1	185	Jr.	R-R	Montesano, Wash.	34	Chris Donohoo	P	6-0	180	Jr.	L-L	Chattanooga, Tenn.
17	Mark Gray	P	6-1	197	Sr.	R-R	Trussville, Ala.	35	Jason Lindberg	P	6-1	170	Jr.	R-R	Saskatchewan, Canada
18	Dustin Wall	P	6-6	190	Fr.	R-R	Lilburn, Ga.	37	Vaughn Schulte	C	6-2	190	Jr.	R-R	Norway, Iowa
19	Shane Watts	IF	6-2	200	Sr.	R-R	Gadsden, Ala.	39	Brent Laircey	IF	6-3	175	So.	L-L	Statesboro, Ga.
20	Shayne Carnes	OF	6-2	190	Jr.	L-L	Pleasant Grove, Ala.	40	Jay Farmer	C	6-2	220	Fr.	R-R	Odenville, Ala.
21	Scott Beyer	P	6-7	185	So.	R-R	Duluth, Ga.	42	Ryan Hurst	IF	6-5	245	Jr.	R-R	Novato, Calif.
22	Jeff Bell	IF	6-1	170	Jr.	R-R	Pinson Valley, Ala.								

Noting the Blazers

- Infielder Jeff Bell put his name in the Conference USA Championship record books quickly. In the first game of the first round against UNC Charlotte, Bell clubbed three home runs. That one-game performance also earned him a tie for most homers in a tournament.
- UAB is in quest of its fourth conference tournament title in the 1990s. The Blazers won the 1991 Sun Belt Conference tourney and the 1992 and 1994 Great Midwest Conference championships.
- Right-hander Mark Gray became UAB's career leader in strikeouts earlier this season. Gray is a fifth-year senior.
- Pete Rancont is one of three C-USA coaches to be his school's leader in coaching victories.

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CINCINNATI

B E A R C A T S



Head Coach: 11 Brian Cleary (above)
Assistant Coaches: 5 Erik Hagen, 9 T.C.
Brewer, 35 Chris Griffin



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Craig Bova	IF	5-8	155	Fr.	R-R	Findlay, Ohio	22	Matt Bechtol	C	6-4	220	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
3	Jason Campbell	IF	6-1	170	Jr.	R-R	Harrison, Ohio	23	Jody Schultian	P	6-3	170	So.	L-L	Moscow, Ohio
4	Jeff Leytze	OF	5-11	185	Fr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	24	Tony Cento	P	5-11	155	So.	L-L	Edgewood, Ky.
6	Scott Heller	IF	5-11	170	Jr.	R-R	Northbend, Ohio	25	Brad Hronek	IF-OF	5-10	190	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
7	Steve Sloan	C-IF	6-0	185	Jr.	L-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	26	Andy Mead	C	5-10	185	Fr.	R-R	Bradford, Ohio
8	Pat Zicka	P	6-3	185	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	29	Keith Becker	P	6-3	225	Sr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
10	Trevor James	OF	5-9	150	Sr.	R-R	Englewood, Ohio	31	Dan Feichtner	IF-C	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
12	J.D. Heilmann	P	5-9	180	Jr.	L-L	Cincinnati, Ohio	32	Joel Gallimore	P	6-3	220	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
13	Jud McMillin	IF	5-9	170	So.	R-R	West Harrison, Ind.	33	Shannon Morgan	P	6-1	195	Sr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
14	Neil Stefansky	OF	5-9	185	Sr.	L-R	Canton, Ohio	34	Casey McEvoy	P	6-3	215	So.	R-R	Florence, Ky.
15	Cary Daniel	OF	5-10	165	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	37	James Steele	P	6-5	230	So.	R-R	Youngstown, Ohio
16	Scott Neville	P	6-4	170	So.	R-R	Amelia, Ohio	38	George Vaughn	P	6-1	170	Fr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
17	John Carney	IF	5-10	165	Sr.	R-R	Boardman, Ohio	40	Bob Coppola	P	6-1	205	Fr.	L-L	Lowellville, Ohio
18	Paul Blomer	C-OF	5-10	180	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	41	Todd Ruprecht	P	6-0	175	Sr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
19	J.D. Varatta	P	5-11	175	Jr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	43	Bill Jung	P	6-1	185	Fr.	R-R	Springboro, Ohio
20	Corey Hinton	OF	6-0	195	So.	L-L	Cincinnati, Ohio	44	Kevin Metzger	P	6-4	215	Fr.	R-L	North Olmsted, Ohio
21	Chris McCoy	P	5-8	170	So.	R-R	Harrison, Ohio								

Noting the Bearcats

- Brian Cleary is the only first-year head coach in Conference USA, but he should feel right at home in Turchin Stadium for this week's tournament. Cleary was an assistant at Tulane for three seasons before joining the UC staff this summer.
- Cincinnati has made five NCAA Tournament appearances, most recently in 1974.
- The most famous baseball alum at UC – Hall of Fame left-hander Sandy Koufax, who pitched for the Bearcats in 1955. Koufax attended Cincinnati on a basketball scholarship, but played one season of baseball and went on to a legendary career with the Los Angeles Dodgers.





H O U S T O N

C O U G A R S



Head Coach: 9 Rayner Noble (above)
 Assistant Coaches: 3 Trip Couch, 21 Todd Whitting

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
4	Shane Nance	P-OF	5-8	165	Fr.	L-L	Houston, Texas
8	Ryan Ware	IF	5-11	188	Sr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
10	Shaun Skrehot	IF	5-10	170	Jr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
11	Scott McLeod	P-IF	6-1	223	Sr.	R-R	Round Rock, Texas
12	Goefrey Tomlinson	OF	6-1	187	Jr.	L-L	Fort Worth, Texas
13	Jerret Sykes	P	5-11	191	Fr.	L-L	Houston, Texas
15	Alex Jackson	P	5-10	150	Fr.	L-L	Houston, Texas
17	Dustin Carr	IF-OF	5-11	194	Sr.	R-R	Mt. Vernon, Texas
18	Erick Burke	P	6-3	180	Fr.	L-L	Houston, Texas
19	Eric Lee	OF	5-8	180	Fr.	S-R	Houston, Texas
22	Brandon Caraway	IF	5-11	172	Fr.	S-R	Houston, Texas
25	Duncan McAdoo	P	6-0	191	Fr.	R-R	Winnsboro, Texas
26	Jon McDonald	P	5-11	202	Jr.	L-L	Humble, Texas
28	Mike Medrano	OF	5-8	185	So.	L-R	Pearland, Texas

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
29	Morgan Stephens	IF-OF	5-10	170	Jr.	R-R	Irving, Texas
30	Matt Ferrell	IF	5-10	204	So.	L-L	Arlington, Texas
31	Robb Kirkland	P	5-9	166	Sr.	L-L	Devers, Texas
32	Robert Dieudonné	P-IF	5-10	176	Fr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
33	Scottie Scott	C	5-10	195	Fr.	R-R	Lynchburg, Va.
37	Scott Keithley	IF-C	5-10	200	Jr.	L-R	Alvin, Texas
39	Jason Schreiber	P	6-1	184	Sr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
40	Jeremy Swindell	P	6-0	190	Fr.	L-L	Houston, Texas
41	Tommy Marik	P	6-0	200	Sr.	R-R	Bellville, Texas
42	Bruce Rios	C	5-10	195	So.	R-R	Houston, Texas
43	Danny Crawford	P	6-5	225	Sr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
44	Mark Manbeck	P	6-1	192	Sr.	R-R	Round Rock, Texas
48	Jeff Hampton	P	6-3	215	Sr.	R-R	Houston, Texas

Noting the Cougars

- There are no Houston references in the C-USA championship records because this is the Cougars' first season in the conference. Houston competed last season in the Southwest Conference before beginning its first season of C-USA competition in 1996-97.
- Houston has made nine NCAA Tournament appearances, including two trips to the College World Series (1953, 1967). That ties the Cougars with Tulane for the most all-time NCAA trips among C-USA schools.
- The 1997 season marks the 30th anniversary of Houston's appearance in the College World Series championship game. Arizona State defeated UH for the national title that season.

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LOUISVILLE

C A R D I N A L S



Head Coach: 1 Lelo Prado (above)
 Assistant Coaches: Brian Mundorf, Larry Owens, Keith Chester



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Matt Jarboe	IF	5-9	146	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.	20	Kevin McMurry	IF	5-10	167	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
3	Luke Williams	IF-OF	5-9	154	Fr.	R-R	Niles, Ohio	21	Alec Possidente	P	6-1	210	Jr.	R-R	Stamford, Conn.
5	Travis Kahoalii	IF	5-9	168	Jr.	S-R	Davis, Calif.	22	Jeff Schuster	C	6-0	190	Sr.	L-R	Brunswick, Ohio
7	David Sonson	P	5-9	192	Sr.	R-R	Poquoson, Va.	23	Shawn Hoover	P	6-1	210	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
8	Troy Hilpp	IF-OF	5-11	161	Fr.	R-L	Louisville, Ky.	24	Kevin Bennett	OF	6-1	198	Jr.	R-R	Folsam, Calif.
9	Danny Haas	OF	5-10	169	Jr.	L-R	Paducah, Ky.	25	Brad Mattingly	P-IF	5-11	185	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
10	Jason Snyder	P	5-11	196	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ohio	27	Todd Raithel	P	6-0	175	Fr.	R-R	Harmony, Pa.
11	Josh Salmon	P	5-10	177	Jr.	L-L	Tampa, Fla.	28	Scott Stauffer	P	6-1	173	Jr.	L-L	Geneva, Ind.
13	Tim Harper	OF	5-10	190	Jr.	R-R	Greenwood, Ind.	34	David Ramirez	P	5-11	207	Sr.	L-R	Tampa, Fla.
15	Sean Quigley	IF	5-10	181	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	35	Brian Bentley	P	6-1	175	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
16	Mark Kruthoffer	P	5-6	162	Jr.	R-L	Lexington, Ky.	36	Matt Berger	IF	6-0	205	Sr.	R-R	Fort Mitchell, Ky.
17	James McAuley	C	5-10	173	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	41	Doug Lorenz	IF	6-3	204	So.	L-L	Covington, Ky.
18	Jason Brandon	P	6-2	180	Fr.	R-R	Florence, Ky.	46	Mike Aucella	P	5-10	184	Fr.	R-L	Westfield, Mass.
19	Damon Ramirez	C	5-11	191	Jr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.								

Noting the Cardinals

- Louisville won the first game ever played in the Conference USA baseball championship a year ago, defeating Cincinnati, 4-2, in the tournament play-in game.
- The last time Louisville played in a tournament at Tulane's Turchin Stadium – the 1992 Metro Conference Tournament – the Cardinals reached the championship game before losing to Tulane in the finals.
- Louisville coach Lelo Prado is no stranger to championship baseball. As head coach at the University of Tampa, Prado captured two NCAA Division II national titles.
- Earlier this season, infielder Matt Berger became Louisville's career leader in home runs.

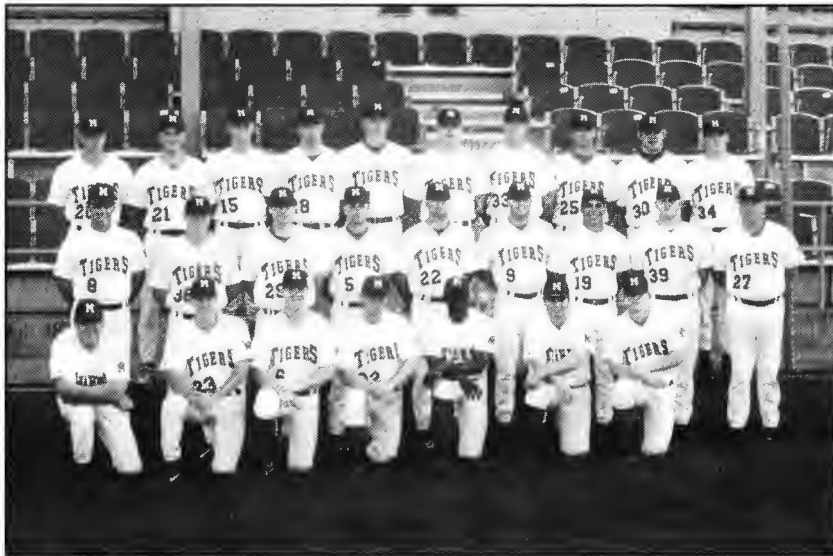


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MEMPHIS TIGERS



Head Coach: 27 Jeff Hopkins (above)
Assistant Coaches: 8 Rob McDonald, 24 Eric Page

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
1	Cameron Jones	IF	5-10	185	Sr.	S-R	Midwest City, Okla.	22	Jody McKibben	P	6-2	200	Sr.	L-L	Memphis, Tenn.
4	Chad Harville	P	5-10	175	Jr.	R-R	Savannah, Tenn.	23	Cary Hiles	OF-P	5-10	168	Jr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
5	Randy Meadows	IF	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Nesbit, Miss.	25	Mike Barbara	OF	6-2	200	Jr.	R-R	San Jose, Calif.
6	Nick Roberts	IF	5-9	173	Fr.	R-R	Guston, Ky.	28	Dave Erwin	P	6-3	215	Sr.	R-R	Covington, Tenn.
7	Ryan Ballard	C	6-3	215	Jr.	R-R	Cordova, Tenn.	29	Mike McKnight	P	6-1	207	Jr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
9	Jeff Jenkins	C	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Baton Rouge, La.	30	Craig House	P-OF	6-1	200	So.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
15	Josh Stewart	P	6-3	210	Fr.	L-L	Ledbetter, Ky.	32	Daryn Miller	OF	5-10	190	Sr.	R-R	Peoria, Ill.
17	Darryle Crutcher	P-OF	6-0	192	Sr.	R-L	Memphis, Tenn.	33	Heath Bender	IF	6-5	230	Sr.	L-L	Rock Island, Ill.
18	Craig Hopkins	C	5-10	190	So.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.	34	Lee Ochs	P	6-1	195	So.	R-R	Canon City, Colo.
19	Rohrk Cutchlow	C	6-1	216	Jr.	R-R	Littleport, Iowa	36	John Tompkins	OF-P	6-0	210	So.	R-R	Livingston, Texas
20	Ronnie Barassi	IF	6-0	205	Sr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.	41	Russ Bratton	P	6-6	235	So.	R-R	Columbia, Tenn.
21	Houston Black	P	6-0	190	Sr.	R-R	Germantown, Tenn.	44	Mark Holley	IF	6-1	225	Jr.	R-R	Millington, Tenn.

Noting the Tigers

- For the second straight year, Memphis has an extended stay in the tournament's host city. Last year, the Tigers met Southern Miss in the final regular-season series in Hattiesburg, which also was the site of the C-USA Championship. This year, Memphis played tournament host Tulane on the final regular-season weekend.
- Memphis coach Jeff Hopkins is one of three Conference USA baseball coaches to be working at his alma mater. The others are Houston's Rayner Noble and Southern Miss coach Hill Denson.
- Memphis pitcher Chad Harville was named first-team All-Conference USA in 1996 as a reliever. This year, Harville has been used primarily as a starter.

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UNC CHARLOTTE

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Head Coach: 49 Loren Hibbs (above)
Assistant Coaches: 1 Jay Matthews, 8 Mike Shildt, 37 Matt Criss

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Vinnie Diaco	OF	5-10	160	Jr.	R-R	Cornelius, N.C.	22	Nick Rhodes	OF	5-11	185	Sr.	R-R	Fairfax Station, Va.
3	Kevin Hill	OF	5-11	170	Fr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.	23	Gerald Parr	IF	5-11	180	Jr.	S-R	Greensboro, N.C.
4	Bo Robinson	IF	6-1	180	Jr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.	24	James Matan	IF	6-3	215	Jr.	R-R	Kensington, Md.
6	Larry Ballard	IF	6-2	185	Fr.	L-R	China Grove, N.C.	25	Adam Reikowski	P	6-6	225	So.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.
7	Jason Hill	IF	6-2	200	So.	L-L	Charlotte, N.C.	26	Gary Shuford	P	6-2	205	Sr.	R-R	Shelby, N.C.
9	Thomas Hopkins	OF	6-0	180	Fr.	L-R	Charlotte, N.C.	27	Brannon Player	P	6-4	225	Sr.	R-R	Rockingham, N.C.
10	Joe Lopez	P	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Miami, Fla.	28	Ryan Kelly	P	6-4	200	Fr.	R-R	Selma, N.C.
11	Joey Hammond	IF	6-1	180	So.	R-R	Frederick, Md.	29	Dan Donnick	P	6-2	175	So.	R-R	Waldorf, Md.
12	Chris Kunicki	IF	5-9	145	Fr.	L-R	Knoxville, Tenn.	30	Jimmy Anderson	OF	6-2	185	Sr.	L-L	Upper Marlboro, Md.
13	Bo Murray	P	6-2	185	So.	L-L	Chevy Chase, Md.	31	Ryan Baker	P	6-0	185	Fr.	R-R	Linthicum, Md.
14	John McKay	P	6-2	180	Fr.	R-R	Baltimore, Md.	32	Josh Cuthbertson	OF	6-0	195	Fr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.
16	Hunter Coleman	OF	5-10	170	Sr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.	33	Dewey Norwood	OF	6-3	195	Sr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.
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20	Chris Junghans	C	6-2	195	Sr.	R-R	Waldorf, Md.	38	John Whittington	P	6-0	220	So.	R-R	Upper Marlboro, Md.
21	David Miller	P	6-4	195	Jr.	R-R	Mt. Pleasant, N.C.	44	Jamie Haywood	IF	6-2	220	Jr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.

Noting the 49ers

- Infielder Joey Hammond was named to the C-USA Championship all-tournament team last year. Hammond was the tournament's fifth-leading hitter with a .571 average (12 of 21), and his 12 hits were second-most in the tournament.
- The 49ers' only conference championship and NCAA Tournament berth came in 1993, when UNCC came through the loser's bracket to win the Metro Conference tournament.
- The UNCC athletic department has one interesting tie to Tulane baseball. New 49ers volleyball coach Julie Ibieta, herself a New Orleans native, is the wife of former Tulane pitcher Juan Ibieta.

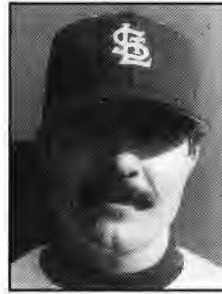


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SAINT LOUIS

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4	Mark Campbell	OF	5-10	170	So.	L-L	Chesterfield, Mo.	24	Adam Shea	C	6-1	200	Fr.	S-R	Chesterfield, Mo.
5	Derek Dust	OF	6-3	185	Fr.	R-R	Collinsville, Ill.	25	Ryan Mason	IF	6-0	185	Fr.	R-R	Manchester, Mo.
6	Eric Koettker	IF	5-9	170	Sr.	S-R	St. Louis, Mo.	26	Ross Noecker	P	6-0	180	So.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.
7	Jason Wood	OF	6-0	170	So.	R-R	Granite City, Ill.	29	Brett Bredensteiner	OF	6-1	190	Jr.	R-R	St. Charles, Mo.
9	Matt Wunderlich	C	5-10	160	So.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.	31	Michael Schaeffer	P	6-2	210	Jr.	L-L	Ballwin, Mo.
10	Adam Gabris	IF	6-2	195	Sr.	R-R	Ballwin, Mo.	33	Shawn Phenev	OF	6-4	195	Sr.	L-L	Oakville, Mo.
11	Brian Haddock	IF	5-10	170	So.	L-L	St. Louis, Mo.	37	Drew Graefe	P	6-1	200	So.	R-R	Chesterfield, Mo.
13	Scott Keller	P	6-4	180	Fr.	R-R	Orlando, Fla.	41	Jason Stanfield	P	6-1	197	Jr.	R-R	Hillsboro, Mo.
14	Roy Tippett	P	6-1	185	Jr.	R-R	Milstadt, Ill.	42	Pete Sansone	P	6-1	185	Fr.	R-R	Ballwin, Mo.
15	Michael Portell	IF	6-0	170	Jr.	R-R	Festus, Mo.	44	Darin Cissell	OF	6-0	200	Jr.	S-R	St. Charles, Mo.
16	Ben Nelson	IF	6-3	205	So.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.	45	Tony Hausladen	IF	6-4	225	Sr.	L-R	St. Louis, Mo.
18	Chris Weckherlin	OF	5-10	180	Sr.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.	51	Nick Crocker	P-OF	6-2	200	Fr.	L-L	Carlyle, Ill.
21	Jeff Stopper	P	6-0	170	Fr.	R-R	Clayton, N.Y.								

Noting the Billikens

- Infielder Tony Hausladen is Saint Louis' career leader in home runs and RBI. He passed the RBI mark last season, and became the Billikens' home run king earlier this year. In 1996, Hausladen ranked fourth nationally in home runs per game and 13th in RBI per game.
- Saint Louis is one of only two Conference USA teams to appear in the College World Series, doing so in 1965. SLU beat intrastate rival Missouri twice to reach the CWS. The Billikens finished fourth nationally that season.
- Conference USA is looking for its first national statistical leader in baseball, but it has a chance in 1997 with outfielder Brett Bredensteiner, who has ranked as high as second nationally in triples per game this season.

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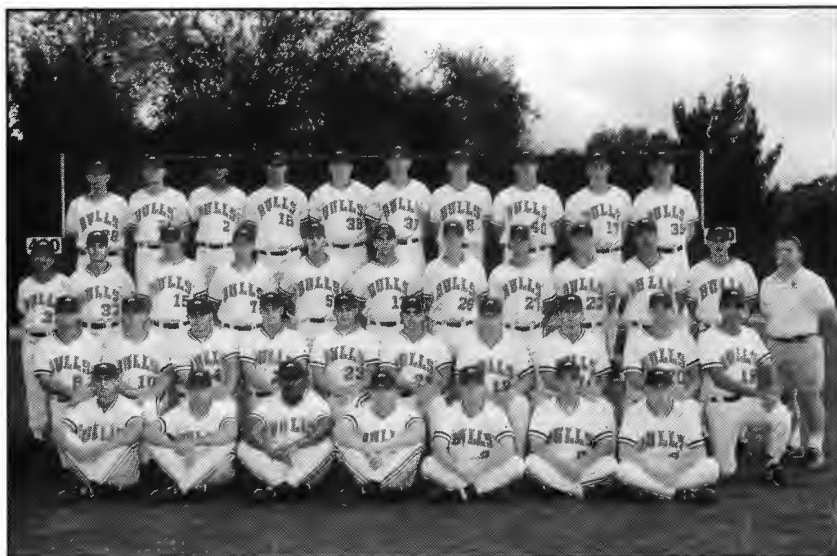
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B U L L S



Head Coach: 33 Eddie Cardieri (above)
Assistant Coaches: 32 Mark Rose, 34 Ed Stabile, 31 Bryan Peters



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
0	Todd Silverman	P	5-5	145	Sr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	18	Scott Glaser	P	5-10	163	Jr.	R-L	Brandon, Fla.
1	Mike Diaz	OF	5-9	138	Jr.	L-L	Tampa, Fla.	19	Jorge DeLeon	IF	6-0	177	Sr.	R-R	Guayama, PUR
3	Tim Crosby	IF	5-8	164	Fr.	S-R	Dade City, Fla.	20	Mike Pilger	IF	6-0	186	So.	R-R	Springfield, Ill.
4	Sean Lynch	OF	5-11	183	Jr.	L-R	Farmingville, N.Y.	21	Pat Ryan	P	6-2	195	Sr.	R-R	Apopka, Fla.
5	Jason Dellaero	IF	6-2	192	Jr.	S-R	Brewster, N.Y.	22	Steven Boyles	P	6-0	164	Sr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.
6	Shawn West	IF	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Apopka, Fla.	23	Pete Ashley	P	5-10	182	Fr.	L-L	Sarasota, Fla.
7	Ross Gload	IF	6-1	196	Jr.	L-L	East Hampton, N.Y.	24	Bobby Barnes	OF	5-9	183	Fr.	R-R	Sarasota, Fla.
9	Matt Tumulty	IF	5-10	148	Fr.	R-R	St. Petersburg, Fla.	25	Jimmie Romano	C	5-10	173	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.
10	Bobby Lentz	OF	5-11	172	Sr.	R-R	Brandon, Fla.	27	Bill Eaton	OF	6-0	162	Jr.	R-R	Lake Worth, Fla.
12	Brian Crisorio	IF	6-0	183	Fr.	R-R	Clearwater, Fla.	28	Eric Busch	P	6-1	193	So.	R-R	Clearwater, Fla.
13	Kevin Boles	C	5-10	178	Jr.	L-R	Sarasota, Fla.	29	Matt Divine	P	5-11	193	Jr.	R-R	W. Palm Beach, Fla.
15	Paul Giambalvo	P	6-1	161	Jr.	R-R	Winter Park, Fla.	35	Luis Ramos	P	6-1	203	So.	R-R	Rio Piedras, PUR
16	Dan Stern	P	6-5	181	Jr.	R-R	Bristol, Conn.	37	Dwayne Dobson	P	6-4	205	Jr.	R-R	Clearwater, Fla.

Noting the Bulls

- South Florida has proven to be either feast or famine in conference tournament play the last five years. After three straight years of two losses and out, the Bulls went through the final Metro Conference tournament (1995) unbeaten, then reached the finals of the inaugural C-USA Championship last year.
- The Bulls had to battle out of the loser's bracket on its side of the draw last year, and as a result played six games, two more than any other school. That's part of the reason USF established tournament records for runs, hits, RBI, doubles and home runs in a tournament.
- USF was one of two C-USA teams to advance to NCAA Tournament play last season.



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SOUTHERN MISS

GOLDEN EAGLES



Head Coach: 31 Hill Denson (above)

Assistant Coaches: 44 Corky Palmer, 21 Scott Dwyer, 34 Dan Wagner

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
5	Matt Baltz	IF	5-9	160	So.	R-R	Baton Rouge, La.	26	Dusty Haley	IF	5-11	180	Fr.	R-R	Terry, Miss.
6	Erik Farias	IF	5-9	165	Sr.	R-R	Oxnard, Calif.	27	Brady Mills	OF	5-11	190	Jr.	R-R	Henderson, Texas
10	Jared Martin	IF	5-11	170	Sr.	S-R	Tallahassee, Fla.	28	Chris Hesse	OF	6-2	210	Sr.	R-R	Omaha, Neb.
12	Jeff Davis	OF	6-0	160	So.	R-R	Semmes, Ala.	29	Heath Cantrelle	P	6-2	200	Sr.	R-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.
13	Jason Schemmel	P	6-0	170	Fr.	L-L	Madison, Miss.	30	Eric Adams	P	6-1	185	Jr.	R-R	Kosciusko, Miss.
14	Earl Johnston	P	6-2	160	Fr.	R-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.	32	Jeff Todd	IF	6-0	180	Jr.	R-R	Columbus, Ohio
16	Caleb Brown	P	6-1	180	Jr.	L-L	Abilene, Texas	35	Brandon Parker	P	6-1	200	Jr.	R-R	Long Beach, Miss.
17	Tyler Kee	P	6-1	165	So.	R-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.	36	Nathan Dillon	IF	6-3	210	Fr.	R-R	Laurel, Miss.
19	Donovan Marbury	P	5-11	175	Jr.	R-R	Brookhaven, Miss.	37	Cliff Wren	C	6-1	210	So.	R-R	Petal, Miss.
20	Kyle Logan	OF	6-0	195	Sr.	L-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.	38	Jason Fortenberry	P	6-2	195	Jr.	L-L	Belle Chasse, La.
22	Tommy Brewer	P	5-11	180	Jr.	R-R	Lakeland, Fla.	39	Lance Smith	P	6-2	205	Sr.	R-R	Petal, Miss.
23	Jeremy Schied	IF	6-0	185	Jr.	L-L	Rock Springs, Wyo.	40	Brian McLelland	P	6-2	210	Fr.	R-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.
24	Jeremy Albritton	C	6-2	195	So.	R-R	Bogue Chitto, Miss.	42	Braxton Whitehead	C	6-2	215	Jr.	R-R	Meadeville, Miss.
25	Michael Federico	C	5-8	175	Sr.	R-R	Pearl River, La.								

Noting the Golden Eagles

- Jeff Davis had a huge C-USA Championship in 1996, going 10 for 16, including a four-hit game against Saint Louis and a pair of doubles vs. Memphis. Davis and Cliff Wren earned all-tournament honors a year ago.
- Southern Miss is looking for its first *outright* conference tournament title. In 1991, the Golden Eagles were scheduled to meet Florida State for the Metro Conference tournament championship, but the game was rained out and the teams were declared co-champs.
- Southern Miss assistant coach Dan Wagner played at Tulane from 1983-86, setting school career records for games played, runs, hits, doubles, triples, home runs and RBI.



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GREEN WAVE



Head Coach: 10 Rick Jones (above)
 Assistant Coaches: 3 Rob Cooper, 2 Bryan Ferree, 21 Jim Schlossnagle

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
1	Marcelo Llorente	IF	5-10	170	Jr.	R-R	Miami, Fla.	23	Scott Wilson	IF	6-2	190	Sr.	R-R	Carlsbad, Calif.
4	Brad Warner	P	6-3	210	Fr.	R-R	Los Angeles, Calif.	24	Brian Hughes	OF	5-8	175	Jr.	R-R	Metairie, La.
5	Land Bridgers	IF	5-10	170	So.	R-R	Atlanta, Ga.	26	Brian Wheaton	C	5-9	175	Fr.	R-R	Opelousas, La.
7	Kevin Cunane	OF	6-3	244	Sr.	R-R	Gloucester City, N.J.	28	Mike Pursell	IF	5-11	170	Jr.	L-R	Pensacola, Fla.
8	Trey Guillot	OF	5-10	160	So.	L-L	Chalmette, La.	29	Scott Bell	P	6-4	200	Jr.	R-R	New Orleans, La.
9	Michael Johns	IF	6-2	185	Sr.	R-R	Fernadina Beach, Fla.	30	Bill Barnes	P	6-2	195	Jr.	L-L	Glensview, Ill.
11	Jared Robinson	P	6-0	170	So.	S-L	Tallahassee, Fla.	31	Jared Berkowitz	P	5-10	170	Fr.	L-L	Scottsdale, Ariz.
13	Alex Lontayo	P-IF	6-1	190	Jr.	L-L	San Diego, Calif.	33	Dan McCollum	C	5-8	196	Jr.	S-R	Avon, Conn.
14	Eric Alleman	OF	5-8	159	Jr.	R-R	Thibodaux, La.	34	Paul Boudreaux	OF	6-1	190	So.	R-R	Metairie, La.
15	Richard Punches	P	6-0	165	Fr.	L-L	Natchez, Miss.	35	Josh Bobbitt	P	6-2	210	Jr.	R-L	Wichita Falls, Texas
16	Craig Brown	OF-P	5-9	165	Jr.	L-L	Tampa, Fla.	37	Ryan Frazine	P	6-3	175	So.	R-R	Metropolis, Ill.
17	Brian Thomas	IF	6-1	195	Fr.	L-L	Springfield, Va.	38	Jason Navarro	P	6-4	230	Jr.	L-L	West Monroe, La.
18	Chad Sutter	C	6-1	200	So.	R-R	Kennesaw, Ga.	40	Todd Ardoin	P	6-1	195	Jr.	R-R	Ville Platte, La.
19	Chris Jones	P	6-0	190	Fr.	R-R	Baton Rouge, La.	42	Keith Graffagnini	IF	6-1	210	Jr.	R-R	New Orleans, La.
20	Jason Fitzgerald	OF	6-1	195	Jr.	L-L	New Orleans, La.	43	T.J. Iarocci	IF	5-11	190	Fr.	S-R	Carefree, Ariz.
22	Raul Echeverz	P	6-3	180	So.	L-L	Houston, Texas								

Noting the Green Wave

- This marks the second time Tulane has hosted a conference baseball tournament, and Green Wave fans are hoping for a repeat performance. In 1992, Tulane hosted the Metro Tournament and, despite coming in as the No. 4 seed, went through the event unbeaten.
- Jason Fitzgerald, the 1996 Conference USA Championship most valuable player, is one of three returning starters who were named to last year's all-tournament team, joining infielder Mike Pursell and catcher Chad Sutter. Relief pitcher Todd Ardoin also was named to the team.
- The championship game Sunday will be the first live national telecast from Turchin Stadium.

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HISTORY

Championship Records

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Batting Average, Game (min. 5 at-bats)

1.000, Jeff Davis, USM (vs. SLU), 1996
1.000, Jason Michonski, USF (vs. UNCC), 1996

Batting Average, Series

.714, Jason Michonski, USF (10-for-14), 1996
.625, Jeff Davis, USM (10-for-16), 1996

At Bats, Game

6, by 11 players

At Bats, Series

27, Chris Heintz, USF (6 games), 1996
26, Ross Gload, USF (6 games), 1996

Runs, Game

5, Joey Anderson, UNCC (vs. LOU), 1996
4, Jason Fitzgerald, TUL (vs. SLU), 1996
4, Chris Heintz, USF (vs. UNCC), 1996

Runs, Series

10, Chris Heintz, USF (6 games), 1996
8, Joey Anderson, UNCC (4 games), 1996
8, Gio Cafaro, USF (6 games), 1996
8, Joey Hammond, UNCC (4 games), 1996

Hits, Game

5, Joey Hammond, UNCC (vs. LOU), 1996
4, by six players

Hits, Series

13, Chris Heintz, USF (6 games), 1996
12, Joey Hammond, UNCC (4 games), 1996
11, Jason Fitzgerald, TUL (4 games), 1996

RBI, Game

7, Kevin Kaczmarek, LOU (vs. USF), 1996
6, Ronnie Barassi, MEM (vs. SLU), 1996
6, Chris Heintz, USF (vs. UNCC), 1996

RBI, Series

10, Chris Heintz, USF (6 games), 1996
10, Cliff Wren, USM (4 games), 1996

Doubles, Game

2, by five players

Doubles, Series

4, Kevin Boles, USF (5 games), 1996
3, by five players

Triples, Game and Series

1, by three players

Home Runs, Game

3, Jeff Bell, UAB (vs. UNCC), 1996
2, by five players

Home Runs, Series

3, Jeff Bell, UAB (2 games), 1996
3, Jason Fitzgerald, TUL (4 games), 1996

Total Bases, Game

12, Jeff Bell, UAB (vs. UNCC), 1996
10, Jason Fitzgerald, TUL (vs. SLU), 1996
10, Chris Heintz, USF (vs. UNCC), 1996

Total Bases, Series

23, Chris Heintz, USF (6 games), 1996
20, Jason Fitzgerald, TUL (4 games), 1996

Stolen Bases, Game

2, Kelly Ray, UAB (vs. USF), 1996
2, Mike Pilger, USF (vs. UNCC), 1996
2, Jeff Schuster, LOU (vs. CIN), 1996

Stolen Bases, Series

3, Joey Anderson, UNCC (4 games), 1996
3, Gio Cafaro, USF (6 games), 1996
3, Mike Pilger, USF (6 games), 1996

Walks, Series

6, Gio Cafaro, USF (6 games), 1996
5, by 5 players

On-Base Percentage, Series

.722, Jason Michonski, USF (5 games), 1996
.667, Joey Anderson, UNCC (4 games), 1996

Slugging Percentage, Series

1.500, Jeff Bell, UAB (2 games), 1996
1.286, Jason Michonski, USF (5 games), 1996

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Victories, Series

1, by 15 players

ERA, Series (min. 5 IP)

0.00, Jack Cressend, TUL (9.0 IP), 1996
1.42, Luis Ramos, USF (5.1 IP), 1996

Innings Pitched, Game

9.0, by four players

Tulane won the inaugural Conference USA baseball tournament title, defeating South Florida 2-0 in the championship game.



Innings Pitched, Series

12.1, Mark Roberts, USF, 1996
11.0, Eric Findley, LOU, 1996

Fewest Hits, Game (min. 9 IP)

5, Jack Cressend, TUL (vs. USF), 1996
6, Adam Danner, USF (vs. UNCC), 1996

Most Strikeouts, Game

11, Jack Cressend, TUL (vs. USF), 1996
10, Chad Bradford, USM (vs. MEM), 1996

Most Strikeouts, Series

15, Mark Roberts, USF, 1996
13, Chad Bradford, USM, 1996

TEAM

Most Victories

4, Tulane, 1996
4, South Florida, 1996

Most Games Played

6, South Florida, 1996

Highest Batting Average

.366, UAB (2 games), 1996
.357, South Florida (6 games), 1996

Most Runs, Game

23, UNC Charlotte (vs. LOU 3), 1996
17, South Florida (vs. UNCC 6), 1996
17, UNC Charlotte (vs. UAB 9), 1996

Most Runs, Series

62, South Florida (6 games), 1996
48, UNC Charlotte (4 games), 1996

Most Hits, Game

22, UNC Charlotte (vs. UAB), 1996
20, by three teams

Most Hits, Series

82, South Florida (6 games, 230 AB), 1996
58, UNC Charlotte (4 games, 165 AB), 1996

Most RBI, Game

17, UNC Charlotte (vs. LOU), 1996
15, UNC Charlotte (vs. UAB), 1996

Most RBI, Series

53, South Florida (6 games), 1996
39, UNC Charlotte (4 games), 1996

Most Doubles, Game

6, UAB (vs. UNCC), 1996
5, UNC Charlotte (vs. UAB), 1996
5, Tulane (vs. SLU), 1996

Most Doubles, Series

17, South Florida (6 games), 1996
11, Tulane (4 games), 1996

Most Triples, Game and Series

1, by three teams

Home Runs, Both Teams, Game

6, USF vs. UNCC, 1996
6, UNCC vs. UAB, 1996

Home Runs, Game

5, UAB (vs. UNCC), 1996
5, South Florida (vs. UNCC), 1996

Home Runs, All Teams, Series

56 (6 grand slams), 1996

Home Runs, Series

11, South Florida (6 games), 1996
9, Tulane (4 games), 1996

Stolen Bases, Game

5, UAB (vs. USF), 1996
4, UNC Charlotte (vs. USF), 1996
4, South Florida (vs. UNCC), 1996

Stolen Bases, Series

10, UNC Charlotte (4 games), 1996
7, South Florida (6 games), 1996

1996 Championship

In a week filled with incredible hitting statistics, the championship game of the inaugural Conference USA baseball tournament proved to be a pitcher's duel.

Tulane right-hander Jack Cressend outdueled South Florida's Mark Roberts, 2-0, as the Green Wave earned C-USA's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

The tournament produced 56 home runs, including six grand slams, but Cressend kept the ball in the park and then some against the potent USF offensive attack, pitching a five-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

An RBI double by Craig Brown and a solo home run by Paul Boudreaux proved to be all the offense Tulane would need.

Tuesday, May 14

Louisville 4, Cincinnati 2

Wednesday, May 15

UNC Charlotte 17, UAB 9
Louisville 13, South Florida 9
Tulane 14, Saint Louis 5
Southern Miss 9, Memphis 4

Thursday, May 16

South Florida 9, UAB 7
Saint Louis 9, Memphis 8 (10 innings)
UNC Charlotte 23, Louisville 3
Tulane 9, Southern Miss 5

Friday, May 17

South Florida 14, Louisville 11
Southern Miss 9, Saint Louis 5

Saturday, May 18

South Florida 13, UNC Charlotte 2
Tulane 10, Southern Miss 8
South Florida 17, UNC Charlotte 6

Championship – Sunday, May 19

Tulane 2, South Florida 0

All-Tournament Team

1B: Cliff Wren, Southern Miss
2B: Mike Pursell, Tulane
SS: Joey Hammond, UNC Charlotte
3B: Chris Heintz, South Florida
OF: Joey Anderson, UNC Charlotte
OF: Jason Fitzgerald, Tulane (MVP)
OF: Jason Michonski, South Florida
C: Chad Sutter, Tulane
DH: Jeff Davis, Southern Miss
P: Jack Cressend, Tulane
RP: Todd Ardoin, Tulane

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