



*The site of this year's C-USA baseball tournament, Zephyr Field, last month played host to the largest crowd ever to see a college baseball game outdoors in Louisiana – 10,540 for Tulane's 10-8 victory over LSU.*

# 1998 CONFERENCE USA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



**Zephyr Field**

**Hosted by Tulane University and the New Orleans Zephyrs**

**OFFICIAL SOUVENIR GAME PROGRAM**  
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Mike Slive  
Commissioner



Brenda Weare  
Associate Commissioner



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Assistant Commissioner



Brian Teter  
Assistant Commissioner

Welcome to New Orleans and the 1998 Conference USA Baseball Championship. We are delighted to showcase Conference USA baseball to a terrific sports town and to all of the fans taking part in the tournament.

While it seems that only yesterday the league was formed, contributions from our institutions, coaches, student-athletes, administrators and fans, 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 third year, the league will continue to provide the best opportunities for our student-athletes.

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 AXA Equitable 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 programs.

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

Mike Slive  
Commissioner

## CONFERENCE USA 1997-98 CHAMPIONS

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

(The outdoor track and field championship is Thursday-Saturday in Tampa, Fla.)

CONFERENCE USA

**Nº 2475**

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## B L A Z E R S



Head Coach: 29 Pete Rancont (above right) Assistant Coaches: 42 Brian Pompili, 13 Frank Walton

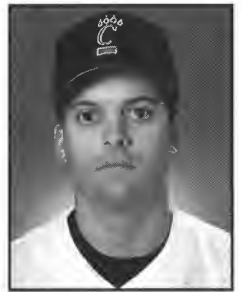
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Chris Martin	IF	6-1	160	Fr.	R-R	Birmingham, Ala.	23	Craig Boroski	P-IF	6-4	220	Sr.	R-R	Tifton, Ga.
3	Casey Long	OF	6-0	180	Fr.	R-R	Brandon, Miss.	24	Mike Terry	P-IF	6-3	200	Sr.	L-L	Tulsa, Okla.
4	Jeff Sparks	C	5-10	180	Fr.	R-R	Madison, Ala.	25	Rodney Eberly	IF	6-2	210	Sr.	L-R	Clarinda, Iowa
5	Will Smith	OF	5-9	180	So.	R-R	Billingsley, Ala.	26	Brian Winkelman	OF	6-1	210	Jr.	R-L	Montesano, Wash.
7	Brandon Eiff	OF	6-1	165	So.	L-L	Albuquerque, N.M.	27	Michael Stallings	P	6-0	175	Fr.	L-L	Alexander City, Ala.
9	Jason Kelly	OF	5-11	190	Sr.	R-R	Mobile, Ala.	28	Clay Aderholt	C	6-1	190	Sr.	R-R	Leeds, Ala.
10	Dan Harness	IF	6-0	190	Sr.	L-R	London, Ontario	31	Shaun Harris	C	5-11	180	So.	R-R	Theodore, Ala.
11	Brent Murphy	OF	6-1	180	Sr.	R-R	Garland, Texas	33	Travis Wessel	P	6-2	195	Sr.	L-L	Denison, Iowa
12	Lee Jolly	IF	6-2	195	Fr.	R-R	Cedartown, Ga.	34	Chris Donohoo	P	6-0	190	Sr.	L-L	Chattanooga, Tenn.
15	Matt Mitchell	OF-P	5-7	170	Jr.	L-L	Hueytown, Ala.	35	Darren Tinnerstet	P-OF	6-0	185	Fr.	L-L	Olympia, Wash.
16	Tighe Dickinson	P	6-1	195	Sr.	R-R	Montesano, Wash.	36	Patrick Stodghill	P	6-2	185	Fr.	R-R	Springville, Ala.
18	Dustin Wall	P	6-6	190	Fr.	R-R	Lilburn, Ga.	37	Vaughn Schulte	C	6-2	195	Sr.	R-R	Norway, Iowa
19	Matt Javinett	IF	6-4	220	Fr.	R-R	East Hartford, Conn.	39	Brent Laircey	IF	6-3	200	So.	L-R	Statesboro, Ga.
20	Shayne Carnes	OF	6-2	200	Sr.	L-L	Pleasant Grove, Ala.	40	Danny Hughes	P	6-6	205	Jr.	R-R	Las Vegas, Nev.
21	Scott Beyer	P	6-8	205	Jr.	R-R	Alpharetta, Ga.	43	Ryan Lundy	P	6-3	240	So.	R-R	Pelham, Ala.
22	Jeff Bell	IF	6-2	180	Sr.	R-R	Pinson, Ala.								

### Noting the Blazers

- UAB's 14-game winning streak from Feb. 25-March 21 not only vaulted the Blazers into *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper's Top 30, but it set a school record as well.
- 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.
- The 1998 team is on pace to rewrite the school's single-season record book. The Blazers have been ranked among the top 10 nationally in scoring and batting average during the season, and senior OF Shayne Carnes led the nation in RBI at one point.

# C I N C I N N A T I

## B E A R C A T S



Head Coach: 11 Brian Cleary (above right)

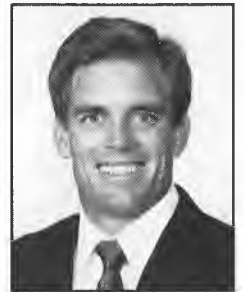
Assistant Coaches: 9 T.C. Brewer, 12 David Sinnes, 15 Cary Daniel

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
3	Anthony Snowell	OF	5-7	163	So.	L-R	Sharon, Pa.	24	Tony Cento	P	5-11	155	Jr.	L-L	Edgewood, Ky.
5	John Ruebel	C	5-11	194	Fr.	R-R	West Chester, Ohio	26	Mike Heis	P	5-8	167	So.	L-L	Cincinnati, Ohio
6	Scott Heller	IF	5-11	170	Sr.	R-R	North Bend, Ohio	29	Nolan Landy	P	5-11	204	Jr.	R-R	Warwick, R.I.
10	Brandon Moore	SS	6-1	171	Jr.	R-R	Phoenix, Ariz.	30	Kevin Wilson	SS	6-1	177	Fr.	S-R	Yardley, Pa.
12	Bob Coppola	P	6-1	205	So.	L-L	Lowellville, Ohio	32	Joel Gallimore	P	6-3	220	Sr.	R-R	Batavia, Ohio
13	Jud McMillin	IF	5-9	170	Jr.	R-R	West Harrison, Ind.	34	Casey McEvoy	P	6-3	215	Jr.	R-R	Florence, Ky.
16	Scott Neville	P	6-4	170	So.	R-R	Amelia, Ohio	35	Kyle DiEduardo	P	6-0	170	Fr.	R-R	Boca Raton, Fla.
17	Curtus Moak	IF-P	6-0	171	Fr.	L-L	Hamilton, Ohio	36	Kevin Youkilis	IF	6-0	227	Fr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio
19	J.D. Varatta	P	5-11	175	Sr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	37	James Steele	P	6-5	230	Jr.	R-R	Youngstown, Ohio
20	Corey Hinton	OF	6-0	195	Jr.	L-L	Cincinnati, Ohio	38	Greg Dikos	C-IF	6-1	197	Jr.	R-R	Mishawaka, Ind.
21	Matt Singer	OF	6-1	206	Fr.	L-L	Cincinnati, Ohio	41	Matt Reynolds	C	6-1	215	So.	R-R	Elmira, N.Y.
22	Matt Bechtol	C	6-4	220	Sr.	R-R	Cincinnati, Ohio	44	Craig Tewes	OF	6-1	216	Fr.	L-L	Erlanger, Ky.
23	Jody Schultian	P	6-3	170	Jr.	L-L	Moscow, Ohio								

### Noting the Bearcats

- Cincinnati coach Brian Cleary is a former member of the Tulane staff. He was an assistant coach with the Green Wave for three seasons before joining the UC staff in 1996.
- Cincinnati played a three-game exhibition series in Taiwan against college teams from the Far East last fall.
- The Bearcats took two of three games at Louisville in April, its first series victory in Conference USA since 1996.
- 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 right) Assistant Coaches: 3 Trip Couch, 21 Todd Whitting

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Justin Syfert	IF	5-5	146	Fr.	R-R	League City, Texas	28	Mike Medrano	OF	5-7	180	Jr.	L-R	Pearland, Texas
3	Sean Allen	IF	5-9	175	Fr.	S-R	Carlsbad, N.M.	29	Randall Collum	C	5-9	170	Fr.	R-R	Sugar Land, Texas
4	Shane Nance	P-OF	5-7	176	So.	L-L	Houston, Texas	31	Nick Torina	P	5-9	186	Fr.	L-L	Houston, Texas
8	Kris Wilken	IF-P	5-10	178	Fr.	S-R	Albuquerque, N.M.	32	Robert Dieudonné	P-IF	5-10	178	So.	R-R	Houston, Texas
10	Shaun Skrehot	SS	5-10	168	Sr.	R-R	Houston, Texas	33	Scottie Scott	C	5-9	201	So.	R-R	Lynchburg, Va.
12	Brandon Caraway	2B-LF	5-10	168	So.	S-R	Houston, Texas	37	Greg Runser	P	6-0	222	Fr.	R-R	The Woodlands, Texas
13	Jerret Sykes	P	5-11	191	So.	L-L	Houston, Texas	40	Jeremy Swindell	P	5-11	194	So.	L-L	Houston, Texas
15	Alex Jackson	P	5-10	160	So.	L-L	Houston, Texas	41	Jason Pekar	OF-IF	6-1	208	Fr.	R-R	Stafford, Texas
18	Erick Burke	P	6-3	206	So.	L-L	Houston, Texas	42	Bruce Rios	C	5-10	199	Jr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
19	Eric Lee	OF	5-9	180	So.	S-R	Houston, Texas	43	Bryan Moore	P	6-7	195	Jr.	R-R	Garden Grove, Calif.
20	Kyle Crowell	P	5-10	171	Fr.	R-R	Webster, Texas	45	Jayne Sperring	P-1B	6-3	210	Fr.	R-R	Houston, Texas
25	Duncan McAdoo	P	6-0	195	So.	R-R	Winnsboro, Texas	48	Jarrold Bitter	C-1B	6-0	212	Fr.	R-R	Tyler, Texas
26	Jon McDonald	P	5-11	195	Sr.	L-L	Humble, Texas								

## Noting the Cougars

- Houston made its Conference USA baseball debut with a bang last year, winning the C-USA Tournament. In the championship game, a 22-7 victory over UNC Charlotte, the Cougars set tourney records for runs and hits.
- The Cougars are, along with South Florida, one of the youngest teams in Conference USA, starting four freshmen in the field on a regular basis. Still, 17 of UH's 29 non-conference games were against nationally ranked clubs.
- Houston has made 10 NCAA Tournament appearances – the most of any Conference USA school. Included in that tournament history is two trips to the College World Series (1953, 1967).
- Houston athletic director Chet Gladchuk held the same position at Tulane from 1988-90.

# L O U I S V I L L E

## C A R D I N A L S



Head Coach: 1 Lelo Prado (above right)

Assistant Coaches: 12 Brian Mundorf, 13 Keith Chester

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Matt Jarboe	2B	5-10	155	So.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.	21	Alec Possidento	P	6-2	215	Sr.	R-R	Stamford, Conn.
3	Luke Williams	OF	5-11	170	Fr.	R-R	Niles, Ohio	23	Shawn Hoover	P	6-7	220	So.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
4	Matt Baldwin	IF-OF	5-10	165	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.	25	Brad Mattingly	P	6-0	190	So.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
5	Travis Kahoalii	SS	5-9	170	Sr.	R-R	Davis, Calif.	26	Todd Raithel	P	6-0	180	So.	R-R	Harmony, Pa.
6	Chris Detweiler	IF-OF	5-8	155	Fr.	L-R	Solon, Ohio	27	Matt Jagers	IF	5-10	185	Fr.	L-L	New Albany, Ind.
7	Brian Bentley	P	6-2	185	So.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.	28	Scott Stauffer	P	6-1	175	So.	L-L	Geneva, Ind.
8	Troy Hilpp	OF	5-11	170	So.	R-L	Louisville, Ky.	29	Damon Ramirez	C	5-11	205	Sr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.
9	Rob Partin	3B	6-0	209	So.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.	30	Sean Green	P	6-5	210	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
10	Antonio Castellvi	P	5-10	170	Fr.	L-L	Tampa, Fla.	32	Kevin Fishback	OF	6-4	205	Fr.	R-R	Bowling Green, Ky.
11	Josh Salmon	P	5-10	180	Sr.	L-L	Tampa, Fla.	33	Gene Hess	P	6-2	215	Fr.	L-L	Euclid, Ohio
13	Tim Harper	OF	5-11	200	Sr.	R-R	Greenwood, Ind.	34	David Fife	P	5-11	170	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
15	Sean Quigley	3B	6-0	190	So.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	36	Tony Taylor	C	6-0	195	So.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.
16	Brian Spiezio	IF	5-11	175	Jr.	S-R	Lutz, Fla.	38	Matt James	OF	5-10	185	Fr.	R-R	Clarksville, Ind.
17	James McAuley	C	6-0	185	So.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	41	Doug Lorenz	1B	6-3	220	Jr.	L-L	Covington, Ky.
18	Denny Williams	P	6-7	215	Fr.	R-R	Louisville, Ky.	46	Mike Aucella	P	5-11	190	So.	R-L	Westfield, Mass.
19	Key Voshell	IF	5-11	185	Jr.	R-R	Milford, Ohio								

### Noting the Cardinals

- This will not be Louisville's first visit to a Class AAA ballpark this year. The Cardinals played home games at Cardinal Stadium, which also is home to the Louisville Redbirds, the Class AAA affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers.
- Louisville won the first game ever played in the Conference USA baseball championship in 1996, defeating Cincinnati, 4-2, in the tournament play-in game.
- 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.
- Senior outfielder Tim Harper ranks in the school's all-time top 10 in doubles, home runs and RBI.

# M E M P H I S T I G E R S



Head Coach: 26 Jeff Hopkins (above right)

Assistant Coaches: 9 Rob McDonald, 19 Eric Page, 18 Justus Scott

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
1	Cary Hiles	OF-P	5-10	172	Sr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.	24	Nick Austein	C	5-11	165	Fr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
2	Sam Neely	P	6-0	175	Fr.	R-R	Jackson, Tenn.	25	Mike Barbara	OF	6-2	200	Sr.	R-R	San Jose, Calif.
4	Nick Roberts	IF	5-9	173	So.	R-R	Guston, Ky.	27	Ryan Ballard	C	6-3	215	Sr.	R-R	Cordova, Tenn.
5	Randy Meadows	SS	6-0	185	Sr.	R-R	Nesbit, Miss.	28	Steve Hecker	P	6-3	210	Fr.	R-R	Buffalo Grove, Ill.
6	Rohrk Cutchlow	C	6-1	216	Sr.	R-R	Littleport, Iowa	29	Mike McKnight	P	6-1	200	Sr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
7	Ben Davis	OF	5-8	180	So.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.	30	Craig House	OF-P	6-2	205	Jr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
8	Hiram Damwijk	IF	5-11	180	Jr.	R-R	Sylmar, Calif.	31	Jonathan Leicester	3B-P	6-2	205	Fr.	R-R	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
10	Layne Dawson	P	6-1	165	Fr.	R-R	Somerville, Tenn.	32	Scott Neely	OF	5-9	180	Jr.	R-R	Nashville, Tenn.
12	Jeremy Beck	P	6-3	195	Jr.	R-R	Knoxville, Tenn.	34	Phillip Isaacman	P	6-3	205	Jr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.
14	Craig Hopkins	C	5-10	205	Jr.	R-R	Memphis, Tenn.	36	David Messerly	1B	6-3	205	Jr.	L-L	Chattanooga, Tenn.
15	Josh Stewart	P	6-3	215	So.	L-L	Ledbetter, Ky.	39	Mike Poor	1B	6-5	230	Jr.	R-R	El Segundo, Calif.
17	Jason Lovell	3B	6-1	195	Jr.	R-R	Columbia, Tenn.	41	Russ Bratton	P	6-6	225	Jr.	R-R	Columbia, Tenn.
21	Chris Becerra	OF	5-11	195	Jr.	L-L	Boyes Hot Springs, Calif.	44	Gabe Council	P	6-5	220	Fr.	L-L	Memphis, Tenn.
23	Jay Fik	1B	6-5	215	Fr.	L-L	Memphis, Tenn.	45	Patrick Stiles	P	6-1	241	Sr.	R-R	Fayette, Ala.

## Noting the Tigers

- Memphis hit only 18 home runs last season, but the Tigers have more than doubled that total in 1998.
- Tiger shortstop Randy Meadows was voted the 1997 National Defensive Player of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper. Meadows made only five errors last season.
- Junior pitcher Craig House has ranked among the national leaders in earned run average for much of the season. Besides exceeding his pitching totals for victories, strikeouts and innings pitched this season, he also has improved on his hitting numbers in home runs and RBI.
- Seventeen of the 28 players on the Memphis roster are from Tennessee, including nine from Memphis.





# U N C C H A R L O T T E

4 9 E R S



Head Coach: 49 Loren Hibbs (above right)

Assistant Coaches: 1 Jay Matthews, 8 Mike Schildt, 37 Matt Criss

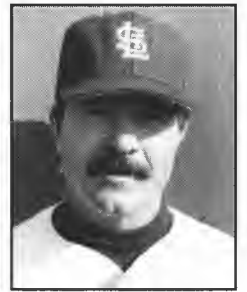
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	Vinnie Diaco	OF	5-11	185	Sr.	R-R	Cornelius, N.C.	20	Tim Nalls	IF	6-1	10	Fr.	L-R	Tampa, Fla.
3	Kevin Hill	OF	5-11	175	Fr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.	21	David Miller	P	6-4	215	Jr.	R-R	Mt. Pleasant, N.C.
4	Bo Robinson	IF	6-1	195	Sr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.	22	Paul Poplin	P	6-0	180	So.	R-R	Norwood, N.C.
6	Eric Shanks	IF	5-11	165	Fr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.	23	Gerald Parr	2B	6-0	175	Sr.	S-R	Greensboro, N.C.
7	Jason Hill	1B	6-2	200	Jr.	L-L	Charlotte, N.C.	24	James Matan	OF	6-3	230	Sr.	R-R	Kennington, Md.
9	Thomas Hopkins	OF	6-0	190	So.	L-R	Charlotte, N.C.	25	Adam Reikowski	P	6-6	225	Jr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.
10	Dan DeCola	C-OF	6-2	185	Fr.	R-R	Chicora, Pa.	26	Brian Treadway	P	6-3	190	Fr.	R-R	Oxford, Ohio
11	Joey Hammond	SS	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Fredrick, Md.	29	Dan Donnick	P	6-2	190	Jr.	R-R	Waldorf, Md.
12	Jason Stanford	P	6-1	180	Jr.	L-L	Tucson, Ariz.	30	Jeff Radziewicz	OF-1B	6-3	220	Fr.	L-L	Easton, Md.
13	Bo Murray	P	6-2	190	Jr.	L-L	Chevy Chase, Md.	31	Ryan Baker	P	6-0	195	So.	R-R	Linthicum, Md.
14	John McKay	P	6-3	190	So.	R-R	Baltimore, Md.	32	Josh Cuthbertson	OF	6-0	200	So.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.
16	Victor Puentes	OF	5-8	150	Fr.	R-R	Stafford, Va.	34	Jacob Noble	P	6-2	190	So.	R-R	Norwood, N.C.
17	Brett Snotherly	OF	5-9	165	Fr.	L-R	Asheboro, N.C.	35	Kirby Southerland	C	6-3	220	So.	R-R	Mt. Olive, N.C.
18	Brannon Hamby	P	6-2	180	Fr.	R-R	Icard, N.C.	38	John Whittington	P	6-0	185	Jr.	R-R	Upper Marlboro, Md.
19	Ryan Sharp	P	6-2	190	So.	R-R	Salisbury, N.C.	44	Jamie Haywood	IF	6-2	220	Sr.	R-R	Charlotte, N.C.

## Noting the 49ers

- Junior infielder Joey Hammond is the only active player in Conference USA who has been named to the all-tournament team each of the last two years.
- Senior outfielder James Matan is one of 12 semifinalists for the Rotary Smith Award given to the nation's top college baseball player. Matan became UNCC's single-season and career leader in home runs with one swing of the bat. Against Saint Louis on April 18, he surpassed both marks with his 19th home run this year and 40th career.
- 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.

# S A I N T L O U I S

## B I L L I K E N S



Head Coach: 17 Bob Hughes (above right)

Assistant Coaches: 19 Dan Nicholson, Mark Valle

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
2	John McLaughlin	OF	6-0	185	Fr.	R-R	Glencoe, Mo.	23	Ryan Hirsch	SS	6-0	170	Sr.	S-R	Chesterfield, Mo.
3	Tim Diebold	P	5-11	165	Sr.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.	24	Adam Shea	C	6-1	200	So.	S-R	Chesterfield, Mo.
4	Mark Campbell	P-OF	5-10	170	Jr.	L-L	Chesterfield, Mo.	25	Ryan Mason	3B	6-0	185	So.	R-R	Manchester, Mo.
5	Eric Constable	OF	5-10	165	Fr.	R-R	Chesterfield, Mo.	26	Ross Noecker	P	6-0	180	Jr.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.
6	Nick Steiner	IF	5-11	175	Fr.	R-R	Chesterfield, Mo.	27	Mike Rieke	P	6-0	170	Fr.	R-R	Kansas City, Mo.
7	Jason Wood	OF	6-0	170	Jr.	R-R	Granite City, Ill.	29	Brett Bredensteiner	OF	6-1	190	Sr.	R-R	St. Charles, Mo.
9	Matt Wunderlich	C	5-10	160	Jr.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.	31	Michael Schaeffer	P	6-2	210	Sr.	L-L	Ballwin, Mo.
10	Brandon Shockley	F	6-1	165	Fr.	L-R	Chesterfield, Mo.	33	Daniel Shouse	P	6-3	200	Fr.	L-L	Ballwin, Mo.
11	Brian Haddock	1B	5-10	170	So.	L-L	St. Louis, Mo.	34	Jason Schlautman	IF	6-1	195	So.	R-R	Chesterfield, Mo.
13	R.J. Cree	F	5-11	160	Fr.	R-R	Dallas, Texas	35	Jeremiah Harrington	P	6-4	190	Fr.	R-R	Los Angeles, Calif.
14	Roy Tippett	P	6-1	185	Sr.	R-R	Milstadt, Ill.	37	Drew Graefe	P	6-1	200	Jr.	R-R	Chesterfield, Mo.
15	Michael Portell	1B	6-0	170	Sr.	R-R	Festus, Mo.	41	Jason Stanfield	P	6-1	197	Sr.	R-R	Hillsboro, Mo.
16	Ben Nelson	F	6-3	205	Jr.	R-R	St. Louis, Mo.	42	Matt Reilly	P	5-10	175	So.	R-R	Ballwin, Mo.
18	Philip Winter	OF	6-0	175	Fr.	L-R	Manchester, Mo.	44	Mike Orrico	IF	6-0	190	Fr.	L-L	Boca Raton, Fla.
20	Dustin Deschamp	C	6-2	195	Fr.	L-R	Chesterfield, Mo.	45	Brad Henry	P-OF	6-2	205	Fr.	L-L	Mt. Sterling, Ill.
21	Jeff Stopper	P	6-0	170	So.	R-R	Clayton, N.Y.	51	Nick Crocker	P-OF	6-2	200	So.	L-L	Carlyle, Ill.
22	Kevin Leighton	C	6-4	210	Sr.	R-R	King of Prussia, Pa.								

### Noting the Billikens

- Saint Louis' roster is loaded with players from Missouri. Twenty-four of the 33 players on the Billiken roster call Missouri home, including five from St. Louis and nine from suburban Chesterfield. Of the other nine players, four are from Illinois and one each hail from five other states.
- Senior right fielder Brett Bredensteiner is on pace to set as many as seven career records at Saint Louis, including at bats, runs, hits, doubles, triples, home runs and RBI. Bredensteiner was a preseason All-Conference USA pick.
- 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.

# S O U T H F L O R I D A

B U L L S



Head Coach: 33 Eddie Cardieri (above right) Assistant Coaches: 32 Mark Rose, 31 Bryan Peters, 34 Brian Bridges

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
3	Tim Crosby	IF	5-8	164	So.	S-R	Dade City, Fla.	22	Sean Lynch	OF	5-11	187	Sr.	L-R	Farmingville, N.Y.
4	Bobby Barnes	OF	5-9	181	So.	R-R	Sarasota, Fla.	23	Pete Ashley	P	5-10	179	So.	R-L	Sarasota, Fla.
5	Mike Eylward	IF	6-2	178	Fr.	R-R	Clearwater, Fla.	24	Joey Ricciardi	P	6-1	230	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.
6	Shawn West	IF	5-11	185	Sr.	R-R	Apopka, Fla.	26	Jason Brown	P	6-1	166	Fr.	R-R	Odessa, Fla.
7	Johnny Raburn	IF	6-0	150	Fr.	S-R	Riverview, Fla.	27	Bill Eaton	OF	6-0	168	Sr.	R-R	Lake Worth, Fla.
8	Jeremy Earle	C	6-1	190	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	28	Charlie Sickmeir	P	5-11	175	Fr.	R-R	Evansville, Ind.
9	Matt Tumulty	IF	5-10	148	So.	R-R	St. Petersburg, Fla.	29	Matt Divine	P	5-10	191	Sr.	R-R	West Palm Beach, Fla.
10	Ben Drawdy	IF	5-10	160	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	30	Otis Dixon	OF	5-9	195	Fr.	L-L	Clearwater, Fla.
13	Brian Werner	P	5-11	183	Jr.	R-R	Miami, Fla.	35	Luis Ramos	P	6-1	216	Jr.	R-R	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
15	Paul Giambalvo	P	6-1	176	Sr.	R-R	Winter Park, Fla.	37	Shannon Royal	P	6-0	194	Fr.	L-L	Ft. Myers, Fla.
17	David Richtberg	P	6-2	199	Fr.	R-R	Stony Brook, N.Y.	38	John Vigue	P	5-11	165	Fr.	R-R	Seminole, Fla.
20	Mike Pilger	IF	6-0	188	Jr.	R-R	Springfield, Ill.	39	Keith Strickland	P	6-4	171	Fr.	L-L	Port St. Lucie, Fla.
21	Kevin Boles	C	5-10	188	Sr.	L-R	Sarasota, Fla.								

## Noting the Bulls

- South Florida is the only baseball program in Conference USA to advance to the NCAA Tournament in each of the league's first two years. Both times, it made the field of 48 as an at-large selection.
- In his 15th season as a head coach and his 13th at South Florida, Eddie Cardieri is the dean of C-USA coaches. He has more than 500 career victories and has led the Bulls to seven NCAA Tournament appearances.
- USF has started as many as five freshmen in the field this year, and 12 of the 25 players on the Bulls' roster are freshmen.
- Senior outfielder Mike Pilger is ranked in USF's career top five in stolen bases and doubles.

# S O U T H E R N M I S S

## G O L D E N E A G L E S



Head Coach: 44 Corky Palmer (above right) Assistant Coaches: 21 Scott Dwyer, 34 Dan Wagner, 17 Greg Bennett, 25 Michael Federico

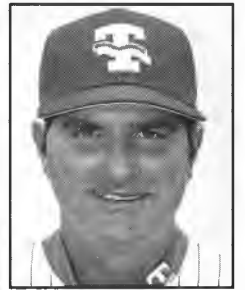
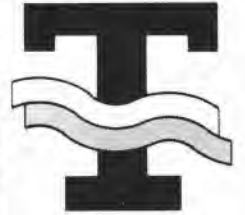
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
4	Eric McMaster	2B	5-8	150	Jr.	R-R	Arvada, Colo.	24	Jeremy Albritton	OF-C	6-2	200	Jr.	R-R	Bogue Chitto, Miss.
5	Matt Baltz	IF	5-9	170	Jr.	R-R	Baton Rouge, La.	26	Dusty Haley	3B-OF	5-11	191	So.	R-R	Terry, Miss.
7	Jordan Nilsen	OF	6-1	170	Jr.	L-L	Seattle, Wash.	27	Brady Mills	OF-3B	6-0	190	Sr.	R-R	Henderson, Texas
9	David Grice	P	5-10	170	Sr.	L-L	Eugene, Ore.	28	David Vilardi	P-IF	6-3	205	Fr.	S-R	Fishkill, N.Y.
10	Nahum Renteria	SS	5-10	185	Jr.	R-R	Whittier, Calif.	29	Tyler Kee	P	6-1	195	Jr.	R-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.
11	J.J. Thoms	IF	6-1	185	So.	R-R	Richton, Miss.	30	Eric Adams	P	6-2	205	Sr.	R-R	Kosciusko, Miss.
12	Jeff Davis	OF	6-1	175	Jr.	R-R	Semmes, Ala.	32	Danny Shupe	P	6-2	188	Jr.	R-R	Natchez, Miss.
13	Jason Schemmel	P	6-0	175	So.	L-L	Madison, Miss.	33	Brian Wagner	C	6-1	180	Sr.	R-R	Lodi, Calif.
14	Earl Johnston	P	6-2	166	So.	R-R	Hattiesburg, Miss.	35	Scott Pfaff	P	6-0	195	Jr.	R-R	Jamestown, N.D.
18	Steven Hester	IF	6-0	186	Jr.	R-R	Jackson, Miss.	37	Cliff Wren	C-P	6-1	220	Jr.	R-R	Petal, Miss.
19	Donovan Marbury	P	6-0	185	Sr.	R-R	Brookhaven, Miss.	38	Jason Fortenberry	P	6-3	210	Sr.	L-L	Belle Chasse, La.
20	Scott Cheek	3B	6-0	190	Jr.	L-R	Jackson, Miss.	39	Josh Walker	P	6-2	187	Jr.	R-R	Gardnerville, Nev.
22	Scott Stover	P	6-3	180	Jr.	R-R	Derby, Kan.	40	Carter Hitt	P	6-2	170	Jr.	R-R	Collins, Miss.
23	Jeremy Schied	1B	6-0	200	Sr.	L-L	Rock Springs, Wyo.	43	DeQuincy Scott	1B	6-2	275	Fr.	L-L	LaPlace, La.

### Noting the Golden Eagles

- Southern Miss head coach Corky Palmer is the only first-year head coach in Conference USA, but he is no stranger to the league. Palmer was an assistant for USM for three years before moving into the top job last summer, only the third head baseball coach the Golden Eagles have had in the last 39 years.
- USM's 29 players hail from 13 different states.
- The C-USA Tournament is USM's fourth trip to New Orleans this year. The Eagles have been to town for the Winn-Dixie Showdown and regular-season meetings with Tulane and the University of New Orleans.
- Cliff Wren, who has played six different positions this year, hit for the cycle against UNO in the Superdome Feb. 27.

# T U L A N E

## G R E E N W A V E



Head Coach: 10 Rick Jones (above right) Assistant Coaches: 3 Rob Cooper, 21 Jim Schlossnagle, 15 Buddy Gouldsmith

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B-T	Hometown
1	Marcelo Llorente	IF	5-9	170	Sr.	R-R	Miami, Fla.	23	Jeremiah Hood	P	6-2	215	Fr.	R-R	San Diego, Calif.
2	Andy Cannizaro	SS	5-10	165	Fr.	R-R	Mandeville, La.	24	Brian Hughes	OF	5-9	180	Sr.	R-R	Metairie, La.
4	Brad Warner	P	6-5	230	Fr.	R-R	Los Angeles, Calif.	26	Brian Wheaton	C	5-10	185	So.	R-R	Opelousas, La.
5	Steve Shirley	3B	6-1	193	Fr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	28	Mike Pursell	IF	6-0	180	Sr.	L-R	Pensacola, Fla.
7	Jason Sparks	OF	5-11	210	Jr.	R-R	Tampa, Fla.	29	Scott Bell	P	6-5	210	Sr.	R-R	New Orleans, La.
8	Mickey McKee	IF	5-11	175	So.	R-R	Houston, Texas	30	Barth Melius	P	6-0	180	Fr.	R-R	Metairie, La.
9	Jay Heintz	OF	5-9	165	Fr.	L-L	Aurora, Colo.	31	Jared Berkowitz	P	6-0	180	So.	L-L	Scottsdale, Ariz.
11	Jared Robinson	P	6-0	175	Sr.	S-L	Tallahassee, Fla.	33	Dan McCollum	C	5-9	210	Sr.	S-R	Charlotte, N.C.
13	Alex Lontayo	P	6-1	190	Sr.	L-L	San Diego, Calif.	34	Paul Boudreaux	OF	6-0	205	Jr.	R-R	Metairie, La.
14	Josh Baugh	OF	5-8	170	Fr.	L-L	San Antonio, Texas	35	Josh Bobbitt	P	6-2	185	Sr.	R-L	Wichita Falls, Texas
16	Craig Brown	OF-P	5-9	170	Sr.	L-L	Tampa, Fla.	36	Ben Long	P	6-2	150	Fr.	R-R	Grapevine, Texas
17	Jake Whitfield	P	6-4	210	Sr.	L-L	Tallahassee, Fla.	37	Doug Walker	P	6-4	217	Fr.	R-R	Little Rock, Ark.
18	Chad Sutter	C	6-2	223	Jr.	R-R	Kennesaw, Ga.	38	Jake Burnham	OF	6-1	195	Jr.	R-R	Eugene, Ore.
19	David Stinson	P	6-2	165	So.	R-R	Tallahassee, Fla.	40	Todd Ardoin	P	6-1	204	Sr.	R-R	Ville Platte, La.
20	Dylan Putnam	P	6-2	193	Fr.	R-R	Ann Arbor, Mich.	42	Keith Graffagnini	1B	6-1	220	Sr.	R-R	New Orleans, La.
22	Raul Echeverz	P-OF	6-3	183	Jr.	L-L	Houston, Texas	43	TJ Iarocci	IF	5-11	170	So.	L-R	Carefree, Ariz.

### Noting the Green Wave

- This marks the third time Tulane has hosted a conference baseball tournament. In 1992, the Green Wave hosted and won the Metro Conference Tournament, and last year, it reached the semifinals of the C-USA tourney.
- Tulane has 12 seniors on its 1998 roster, its most experienced club since the 1986 team also had 12 seniors.
- Junior OF Jason Sparks, a first-year member of the Green Wave program, caught fire at midseason, hitting 11 home runs in an 11-game span. Sparks' three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth gave Tulane a 10-8 victory over No. 3 LSU April 7 before 10,540 at Zephyr Field, the largest crowd to see a college game outdoors in Louisiana.
- Tulane has won four conference tournament titles – the 1979, 1982 and 1992 Metro crowns and 1996 in C-USA.

# HISTORY

## Championship Records

### INDIVIDUAL

#### Batting Average

**Game:** 1.000, Jeff Davis, USM vs. SLU, 1996;  
1.000, Jason Michonski, USF vs. UNCC, 1996

**Series (min. 10 AB):** .714 (10-14), Jason Michonski, USF, 1996

#### At Bats

**Game:** 7, by three players

**Series:** 27, Chris Heintz, USF, 1996 (6 games)

#### Runs

**Game:** 5, Joey Anderson, UNCC vs. LOU, 1996; 5, Goefrey Tomlinson, HOU vs. UNCC, 1997

**Series:** 10, Chris Heintz, USF, 1996; Goefrey Tomlinson, HOU, 1997 (5 games)

#### Hits

**Game:** 5, Joey Hammond, UNCC vs. LOU, 1996

**Series:** 13, Chris Heintz, USF, 1996 (6 games)

#### Runs Batted In

**Game:** 7, Kevin Kaczmarek, LOU vs. USF, 1996

**Series:** 10, Chris Heintz, USF, 1996 (6 games); 10, Cliff Wren, USM, 1996 (4 games)

#### Doubles

**Game:** 3, Brent Murphy, UAB vs. HOU, 1997

**Series:** 5, Dustin Carr, HOU, 1997 (5 games)

#### Triples

**Game:** 1, by five players

**Series:** 1, by five players

#### Home Runs

**Game:** 3, Jeff Bell, UAB vs. UNCC, 1996

**Series:** 3, Jeff Bell, UAB, 1996 (2 games); 3, Jason Fitzgerald, TUL, 1996 (4 games)

#### Total Bases

**Game:** 12, Jeff Bell, UAB vs. UNCC, 1996

**Series:** 23, Chris Heintz, USF, 1996 (6 games)

#### Stolen Bases

**Game:** 2, by 10 players

**Series:** 4, Vinnie Diaco, UNCC, 1997 (5 games); 4, Brian Hughes, TUL, 1997 (4 games)

#### Walks

**Series:** 6, Gio Cafaro, USF, 1996 (6 games)

#### On-Base Percentage

**Series (min. 10 AB):** .722, Jason Michonski, USF, 1996 (5 games)

#### Slugging Percentage

**Series:** 1.500, Jeff Bell, UAB, 1996 (2 games)

#### Pitching

##### Victories

**Series:** 1, by 32 players

##### Earned Run Average

**Series (min. 5 IP):** 0.00, by five players

##### Innings Pitched

**Game:** 9.0, by five players

**Series:** 12.1, Mark Roberts, USF, 1996; 12.1, Brannon Player, UNCC, 1997

##### Fewest Hits

**Game (min. 9 IP):** 4, Eric Adams, USM vs. CIN, 1997

##### Strikeouts

**Game:** 13, Jason Navarro, TUL vs. CIN, 1997

**Series:** 15, Mark Roberts, USF, 1996

### TEAM

#### Most Victories

**Series:** 4, Tulane, 1996; 4, South Florida, 1996; 4, Houston, 1997

#### Most Games Played

**Series:** 6, South Florida, 1996

#### Batting Average

**Series:** .366, UAB, 1996 (2 games)

#### Runs Scored

**Game:** 23, UNC Charlotte vs. Louisville, 1996

**Series:** 62, South Florida, 1996 (6 games)



*Houston, in its first year in Conference USA, won the 1997 tournament title, defeating UNC Charlotte 22-7 in the championship game.*

## 1996 CHAMPIONSHIP

(at Pete Taylor Park, Hattiesburg, Miss.)

**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

#### Hits

**Game:** 23, Houston vs. UNC Charlotte, 1997

**Series:** 82, South Florida, 1996 (6 games)

#### Runs Batted In

**Game:** 20, Houston vs. UNC Charlotte, 1997

**Series:** 53, South Florida, 1996 (6 games)

#### Doubles

**Game:** 7, Houston vs. UNC Charlotte, 1997

**Series:** 21, Houston, 1997 (5 games)

#### Triples

**Game:** 1, by five teams

**Series:** 1, by five teams

## 1997 CHAMPIONSHIP

(at Turchin Stadium, New Orleans, La.)

**Tuesday, May 13**

Saint Louis 9, Memphis 2

Cincinnati 8, Louisville 5

**Wednesday, May 14**

South Florida 5, UAB 2

Houston 13, Saint Louis 4

UNC Charlotte 14, Southern Miss 9

Tulane 10, Cincinnati 0

**Thursday, May 15**

UAB 6, Saint Louis 2

Southern Miss 5, Cincinnati 0

Houston 2, South Florida 0

UNC Charlotte 8, Tulane 6

**Friday, May 16**

UAB 5, South Florida 3

Tulane 6, Southern Miss 2

**Saturday, May 17**

UAB 6, Houston 5

Tulane 13, UNC Charlotte 4

Houston 10, UAB 8

UNC Charlotte 9, Tulane 2

**Championship – Sunday, May 18**

Houston 22, UNC Charlotte 7

#### All-Tournament Team

IF: Keith Graffagnini, Tulane

IF: Joey Hammond, UNC Charlotte

IF: Jason Hill, UNC Charlotte

IF: Shaun Skrehot, Houston

OF: Jason Fitzgerald, Tulane

OF: Nick Rhodes, UNC Charlotte

OF: Goefrey Tomlinson, Houston

DH: Jason Schreiber, Houston

C: Scottie Scott, Houston (**MVP**)

P: Gary Shuford, UNC Charlotte

RP: Chris Mason, UAB

#### Home Runs

**Both Teams, Game:** 6, South Florida vs. UNC Charlotte, 1996; 6, UNC Charlotte vs. UAB, 1996

**Game:** 5, UAB vs. UNC Charlotte, 1996; 5, South Florida vs. UNC Charlotte, 1996

**Series:** 11, South Florida, 1996 (6 games)

**Series Total:** 56, 1996

#### Stolen Bases

**Game:** 9, Southern Miss vs. Cincinnati, 1997

**Series:** 10, UNC Charlotte, 1996 (4 games)

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