



COACHING STAFF

DAN HARTLEB

HEAD COACH // 11TH SEASON



HARTLEB FILE

BORN

Feb. 15, 1966

HOMETOWN

Hamilton, Ohio

FAMILY

Wife, Gina;
Children, Zak and Haley

EDUCATION

John A. Logan CC, 1986, A.S.

Southern Illinois, 1989
B.S., Advertising

Southern Illinois, 1996
M.S., Higher Educational
Administration

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-PRESENT

Illinois
Head Coach

2001-2005

Illinois
Associate Head Coach

1991-2000

Illinois
Assistant Coach

1989-90

Southern Illinois
Graduate Assistant

Dan Hartleb completed his 10th season as head coach at Illinois and 25th season on the Illini coaching staff in 2015. Hartleb ranks among the winningest coaches in school history, as he is currently third with 326 career victories. He has won a pair of Big Ten titles (2011, 2015) and owns a conference record of 151-108.

Hartleb took Illinois to its first-ever Super Regional in 2015 and has taken the Illini to an NCAA Regional in three of the past five years (2011, 2013, 2015). He has led Illinois to the Big Ten Tournament in eight of his 10 seasons at the helm, giving the Orange and Blue eight postseason appearances in the last 11 seasons and 15 in the last 20 years.

It was a record-setting 2015 season for Illini baseball under Hartleb, who was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year, ABCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year and a National Coach of the Year finalist. The team won 50 games, breaking the previous school record of 49 wins set in 1982.

Along the way the Illini reeled off a Big Ten-record 27-game winning streak from March 30-May 20, the longest in the nation in 2015. Illinois won its first outright conference title in 10 years, claiming the crown with a 21-1 record. The Illini's .955 winning percentage was the best by a league champion since 1966.

The Illini earned the No. 6 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, becoming just the second Big Ten team to earn a national seed. Illinois went on to win its first-ever NCAA Regional, advancing to the Super Regional for the first time in school history. The Orange and Blue hosted both the Regional and Super Regional during a season in which the Illini won a school-record 25 games at Illinois Field.

Illinois swept the Big Ten individual awards for the first time in school history with first baseman David Kerian being named Player of the Year, left hander Tyler Jay selected as Pitcher of the Year and Dan Hartleb garnering Coach of the Year. Jay went on to earn first-team All-America honors while Kerian and pitcher Kevin Duchene were chosen as second-team All-Americans. The 2015 Illini pitching staff set school records with a 2.55 ERA, 449 strikeouts and 20 saves.

Immediately following the season a school-record nine players were selected in the MLB Draft, highlighted by Jay's selection at No. 6 overall by the Minnesota Twins to become the highest draft pick in Illini history. Illinois was tied for the third-most draft picks in the country in 2015.

During the 2014 season, Illinois posted its then-best Big Ten record at 17-7 during the conference's 24-game schedule era, finishing in third place and playing in the Big Ten Tournament. The Illini earned their most conference wins under Hartleb, which included a 10-2 mark in Big Ten road games. Six Illini earned All-Big Ten honors, while Adam Walton was named a Freshman All-American.

Illinois' pitching staff shined on the mound, setting the then-school record with a 3.25 team ERA. Tyler Jay garnered All-Region recognition and shined on the Team USA Collegiate National Team roster during the summer, going 2-0 with a save and no earned runs allowed in 16.2 innings of relief.



HARTLEB AT A GLANCE

AT ILLINOIS

- 2015 Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2015 Midwest Coach of the Year
- 65 professional players
- 29 All-Americans
- 10 Freshman All-Americans
- 6 Big Ten Players of the Year
- 4 Big Ten Pitchers of the Year
- 2 Big Ten Medal of Honor winners
- 38 first-team All-Big Ten selections
- 122 All-Big Ten honorees
- 188 Academic All-Big Ten performers

CAREER

- 77 professional players
- 30 All-Americans
- 126 All-Conference selections

Hartleb also served on the coaching staff for the 2014 USA Baseball 14U National Team Development Program.

During the 2013 season, Illinois advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years and finished 35-20, marking the most wins under Hartleb and since 2000 by an Illini squad. The Illini earned an at-large bid into the Nashville Regional, where they won their opening game before falling in their final two contests. Hartleb coached a pair of players to top national and conference honors, as Justin Parr was named an All-American and Big Ten Player of the Year and Kevin Duchene was picked as a Freshman All-American and Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

Hartleb guided the Illini to Big Ten regular-season and tournament championships in 2011, and the squad advanced to the championship game of the NCAA Fullerton Regional. After a rocky start to the season, Illinois reversed course by winning 18 of their final 24 games to clinch a share of the regular-season Big Ten title, sweep through the Big Ten Tournament with a 3-0 record and go 2-2 at the NCAA Fullerton Regional as the No. 4 seed, eliminating No. 1 Cal State Fullerton and No. 3 Kansas State along the way.

After spending the first 10 years of his tenure at Illinois as the pitching coach, Hartleb earned the additional title of associate head coach in 2001, coordinating many administrative duties associated with the Illini baseball program. Following the 2005 Big Ten Championship season, ABCA Hall of Famer Richard "Itch" Jones retired and Hartleb was hired as the 10th coach in 136 years of Illinois Baseball. Hartleb coached under Jones for 17 years, two at Southern Illinois and 15 at Illinois.

During his time with the Illini, Hartleb has been instrumental in recruiting and developing 64 players who have signed minor league contracts, including six in 2015, one in 2014, three in 2013, two in 2012, four in 2011, three in 2009, two in 2008, four in 2007 and seven in 2005. Ten former Illini that played under Hartleb have reached the major leagues, with Tanner Roark (Washington Nationals) and Chris Robinson (San Diego Padres) adding their names to that list in 2013.

In addition, 29 former players have earned All-America honors on 64 different teams and 10 Illini freshmen have been named to Freshmen All-America teams. Four of Hartleb's pitchers have been named Big Ten Pitcher of the Year and Illinois has produced six Big Ten Players of the Year, along with 38 first-team All-Big Ten selections.

The Illini also have achieved a great deal of success in the classroom in Hartleb's 10 years as head coach, earning six NCAA Public Recognition Awards, an honor bestowed on the highest-achieving schools in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR). Illinois also has ranked in the 90th percentile of all baseball programs in eight of Hartleb's 10 seasons.

In addition to developing Illinois' batteries throughout the years, Hartleb also has helped bring some of the top recruiting classes in the nation to Champaign in recent years. Anderson turned down a sixth-round offer from the Kansas City Royals in 1997 to attend Illinois after being recruited by Hartleb, and James Morris, a 23rd-round draft pick by the Cincinnati Reds in 2005, turned down a draft offer from the Anaheim Angels in 2001 to do the same. Hartleb's 1994 recruiting class, which included the core of the 1998 Big Ten championship team, also will go in the books as one of the finest classes ever recruited to Illinois.

Hartleb began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at Southern Illinois University in 1989-90. A two-year letterwinner at SIU, Hartleb finished his playing career with a .305 batting average. As a senior, Hartleb appeared in 56 contests as a catcher. Hartleb transferred to Southern Illinois from John A. Logan Community College, where he was a junior college all-star catcher. At Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Ohio, Hartleb was a standout athlete in both baseball and football. He was inducted into Hamilton High School's Hall of Fame in February 2002.

A 1989 graduate of SIU with a B.S. in advertising, Hartleb received his M.S. in higher educational administration from SIU in May 1996. He and his wife, Gina, were married in December 1993 and reside in Champaign with their children, Zakary David and Haley Noel.

HARTLEB'S CAREER COACHING RECORD

ASSISTANT COACH

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF. FINISH	NCAA POSTSEASON
1989	Southern Illinois	26-38	6th-MVC	
1990	Southern Illinois	49-14	1st-MVC	NCAA Regional (2-2)
1991	Illinois	26-30	7th-Big Ten	
1992	Illinois	36-20	3rd-Big Ten	
1993	Illinois	32-23	8th-Big Ten	
1994	Illinois	26-26	7th-Big Ten	
1995	Illinois	25-31	5th-Big Ten	
1996	Illinois	37-22	2nd-Big Ten	
1997	Illinois	32-27	3rd-Big Ten	
1998	Illinois	42-21	1st-Big Ten	NCAA Regional (3-2)
1999	Illinois	34-22	3rd-Big Ten	
2000	Illinois	41-23	3rd-Big Ten	NCAA Regional (1-2)
2001	Illinois	29-28	5th-Big Ten	
2002	Illinois	32-19	6th-Big Ten	
2003	Illinois	27-26	7th-Big Ten	
2004	Illinois	22-33	9th-Big Ten	
2005	Illinois	33-23-1	1st-Big Ten	

HEAD COACH

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF. FINISH	NCAA POSTSEASON
2006	Illinois	29-29	5th-Big Ten	
2007	Illinois	31-27	5th-Big Ten	
2008	Illinois	31-25	4th-Big Ten	
2009	Illinois	34-20	4th-Big Ten	
2010	Illinois	26-26	9th-Big Ten	
2011	Illinois	30-27	1st-Big Ten	NCAA Regional (2-2)
2012	Illinois	28-25	t-6th-Big Ten	
2013	Illinois	35-20	t-5th-Big Ten	NCAA Regional (1-2)
2014	Illinois	32-21	3rd-Big Ten	
2015	Illinois	50-10-1	1st-Big Ten	NCAA Super Regional (3-2)

Head Coaching Record: 326-230-1 (.586), 10 years

Assistant Coaching Record: 581-447-1 (.565), 17 years

Total Division I Coaching Record: 875-656-2 (.571), 27 years

HARTLEB'S RECORD AGAINST OPPONENTS

Akron	6-0	1.000	Maryland	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Army	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Massachusetts	1-0	1.000
Ball State	2-1 . . . . .	.667	Miami (Ohio)	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Baylor	3-1 . . . . .	.750	Michigan	10-17 . . . . .	.370
Benedictine-Spring	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Michigan State	24-15 . . . . .	.615
Blackburn	1-0	1.000	Minnesota	12-13 . . . . .	.480
Boston College	1-0	1.000	Mississippi Valley State	3-0	1.000
Bradley	4-4 . . . . .	.500	Missouri	2-5 . . . . .	.286
Bucknell	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Nebraska	6-6 . . . . .	.500
Butler	1-0	1.000	New Mexico State	3-1 . . . . .	.750
Cal State Fullerton	1-1 . . . . .	.500	North Dakota State	1-0	1.000
Central Conn. St.	2-3 . . . . .	.400	Northern Illinois	1-3 . . . . .	.250
Central Michigan	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Northern Iowa	1-0	1.000
Chicago State	2-0	1.000	Northwestern	24-9 . . . . .	.727
Cincinnati	1-0	1.000	Notre Dame	2-3 . . . . .	.300
Coastal Carolina	3-2 . . . . .	.600	Oklahoma State	2-1 . . . . .	.667
Columbia	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Oakland	3-1 . . . . .	.750
Connecticut	1-1 . . . . .	.500	Ohio	2-0	1.000
Cornell	2-0	1.000	Ohio State	17-14 . . . . .	.548
Dartmouth	5-0	1.000	Oregon	1-0	1.000
East Carolina	0-2 . . . . .	.000	Oregon State	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Eastern Illinois	8-6 . . . . .	.571	Pittsburgh	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Eastern Kentucky	1-0	1.000	Penn State	17-9 . . . . .	.654
Evansville	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Purdue	15-15 . . . . .	.500
Florida	2-0	1.000	Robert Morris	1-0	1.000
Florida Gulf Coast	5-1-1 . . . . .	.786	Rutgers	3-0	1.000
Fordham	1-0	1.000	St. John's	2-1 . . . . .	.667
George Mason	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Saint Louis	3-1 . . . . .	.750
Georgia State	1-2 . . . . .	.333	St. Xavier	1-0	1.000
Georgia Tech	1-1 . . . . .	.500	Sam Houston State	2-0	1.000
Gonzaga	0-2 . . . . .	.000	Stephen F. Austin	2-1 . . . . .	.667
Greenville	1-0	1.000	Stetson	0-2 . . . . .	.000
Hartford	1-0	1.000	Southeastern (Fla.)	1-0	1.000
Houston Baptist	2-0	1.000	South Florida	5-3 . . . . .	.625
Illinois-Chicago	1-1 . . . . .	.500	SIU-Edwardsville	1-0	1.000
Illinois-Springfield	1-0	1.000	Southern Illinois	16-9 . . . . .	.640
Illinois College	1-0	1.000	Stanford	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Illinois State	8-4 . . . . .	.667	Tennessee Tech	1-2 . . . . .	.333
Indiana	19-14 . . . . .	.576	Texas-Arlington	2-4 . . . . .	.333
Indiana State	4-3 . . . . .	.571	Texas-Pan American	1-1 . . . . .	.500
Iowa	12-7 . . . . .	.632	Texas-San Antonio	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Jacksonville State	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Texas A&M	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Judson	1-0	1.000	Texas State	0-1 . . . . .	.000
Kansas	1-0	1.000	Vanderbilt	0-3 . . . . .	.000
Kansas State	1-0	1.000	Vermont	1-0	1.000
Kent State	1-1 . . . . .	.500	West Virginia	3-2 . . . . .	.600
Lamar	5-0	1.000	Western Carolina	0-2 . . . . .	.000
Lindenwood-Belleville	1-0 . . . . .	.000	Western Illinois	2-0	1.000
Lipscomb	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Western Kentucky	0-3 . . . . .	.000
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-3 . . . . .	.250	Western Michigan	3-1 . . . . .	.750
Louisville	0-1 . . . . .	.000	Wright State	1-0	1.000
LSU	2-1 . . . . .	.667	Yale	1-0	1.000
UMBC	1-0	1.000	Xavier	3-1 . . . . .	.750

DREW DICKINSON

ASSISTANT COACH // FIFTH SEASON



DICKINSON FILE

BORN

Dec. 13, 1979

HOMETOWN

Freeport, Ill.

EDUCATION

Illinois, 2009

B.S., Communication

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-PRESENT

Illinois

Assistant Coach

2011

Illinois

Volunteer Assistant Coach

2010

Schaumburg Flyers

Pitching Coach

2009

Illinois

Volunteer Assistant Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2008

Gary SouthShore RailCats

Northern League

2007

Schaumburg Flyers

Northern League

2002-05

Oakland Athletics

Minor Leagues

Drew Dickinson completed his fourth year as Illinois' pitching coach in 2015, after serving two stints as a volunteer assistant coach in 2009 and 2011. Dickinson oversees the development of Illinois' record-setting pitching staff and is instrumental in recruiting for the Fighting Illini. He has been an integral part of Illinois' first Super Regional appearance in 2015 and three NCAA Regional berths in the last five years (2011, 2013, 2015).

Dickinson has lowered Illinois' team ERA each year, highlighted by the 2015 Illini pitching staff's 2.55 ERA that shattered the 3.25 ERA record his staff set the year before in 2014. The 2015 Illini also broke the school record for strikeouts (449 K) and ERA in Big Ten games (2.87 ERA), as Dickinson earned Skippers Dugout's Division I Assistant Coach of the Year award.

In the 2015 final NCAA stat rankings, Illinois ranked fifth in ERA (2.55) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (3.48) and fourth in walks allowed per nine innings (2.08) and WHIP (1.13), which led the Big Ten in each category.

Dickinson helped mold Tyler Jay into the No. 6 overall MLB draft pick by the Minnesota Twins, making him the highest draft pick in Illini history. Jay was a first-team All-American and 2015 Big Ten Pitcher of the Year, while Kevin Duchene was a fifth round draft pick and second-team All-American in 2015.

Immediately following the season a school-record nine players were selected in the MLB Draft, which was tied for the third-most draft picks in the country in 2015. Five pitchers — Jay, Duchene, Nick Blackburn, Rob McDonnell and Drasen Johnson — were drafted, while John Kravetz was a free agent sign.

During the 2014 season, Illinois' pitching staff shined on the mound, setting the then-school record with a 3.25 team ERA, breaking the mark of 3.43 from 1976. In the final NCAA stat rankings, Illinois ranked seventh in strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.92), eighth in walks allowed per nine innings (2.37), 40th in WHIP (1.25) and 49th in ERA (3.25), which was the fourth-best earned run average in the Big Ten.

The 2014 Illini hurlers also set a school record in Big Ten play (24-game schedule) for strikeouts (157), surpassing their mark of 135 from 2013. The 157 strikeouts also rank as the most punch outs in any Big Ten season, topping the previous mark of 155 during a 32-game season in 1997.

In 2013, Dickinson's young pitching staff, which featured two freshmen and a sophomore in the postseason rotation, lowered its ERA by more than a run from 2012 from 4.77 ERA to 3.76 ERA, which ranked as the lowest mark since 1976 (3.43 ERA). His staff nearly boasted a 2:1 strikeout-to-walk ratio (316 K to 162 BB) and held opponents to a .267 average.

Dickinson was a part of Illinois' magical run to the 2011 Big Ten regular-season and tournament championships, serving as a volunteer assistant and first-base coach. In 2010, he served as the pitching coach for the Schaumburg Flyers of the independent Northern League. Dickinson was Illinois' volunteer assistant coach in 2009 while he finished his degree after a seven-year professional playing career.

Dickinson hit the recruiting trail and found immediate success after his hiring in August 2011, landing a pair of top-30 pitchers in the state of Illinois in lefty Kevin Duchene and right-hander Nick Blackburn, as well as projectable lefties Tyler Jay and J.D. Nielsen. He added depth with the 2013 class, including top-30 pitcher/outfielder Cody Sedlock and two-way players Ryne Roper and Matthew James.

In 2012, Dickinson guided the Illini pitching staff to its best ERA since 2005 with a 4.77 mark, 0.20 lower than in 2011. Illinois also posted a 1:1 hits to innings pitched ratio (464:464), compared to 533 hits in 499 2/3 innings in 2011. Before last season, the last time an Illinois staff had a 1:1 or better ratio in those categories was in 2000, when Dickinson and volunteer assistant coach Jason Anderson were part of the staff.

Dickinson returned to Illinois as a volunteer assistant in 2011 after spending a year with Schaumburg and helped guide the Illini staff to its lowest ERA since 2005, besting the 2009 team's mark. He assisted the development of a staff that helped lift Illinois to Big Ten regular-season and tournament championships in the same season for the first time in school history and an appearance in the NCAA Fullerton Regional championship game.

Following Dickinson's professional career, he served as Illinois' volunteer assistant coach in 2009, helping guide the Illini pitching staff to its lowest ERA since 2005. He then served as pitching coach for the Northern League's Schaumburg Flyers in 2010, leading them to the third-best ERA in the league after finishing last the three previous years. He also helped guide freshman hurler Will Strack to third-team All-Big Ten honors as he went 6-1 with a 3.84 ERA.

A 2009 graduate of Illinois, Dickinson holds a B.S. in communication. He was selected in the 28th round by the Oakland Athletics in the 2002 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Dickinson is one of the best pitchers in Illinois history, earning third-team All-American honors by Collegiate Baseball and Big Ten Pitcher of the Year honors in 2001, and third-team Collegiate Baseball All-American laurels again in 2002. He shares the school records for career wins and wins in a Big Ten season, and holds the UI record for innings pitched in a Big Ten season.

In addition, he ranks third in career strikeouts and fifth in career innings pitched, and his 53 strikeouts in Big Ten play in both 2001 and 2002 are tied for third in school history. Dickinson also holds the record for innings pitched in a Big Ten season with 63 in 2002, and his 148 Big Ten innings rank third in school history. He pitched 115 1/3 innings in 2001 - third-most in school history - and 114 2/3 in 2002 - fourth-most in school history.

Dickinson was a two-time All-Big Ten first-team selection and reached the double-A level with the Oakland A's. He was a 2003 Midwest League all-star and was named a Top 25 Prospect in the A's system in 2004.



ADAM CHRIST

ASSISTANT COACH // FIRST SEASON



Adam Christ joined the Fighting Illini as an assistant coach in July 2015 after spending the past seven seasons at Minnesota State. He will work with the position players and serve as the third base coach.

Named an assistant coach at Minnesota State in the summer of 2008, Christ was promoted to associate head coach in 2012. During his time with the Mavericks, Minnesota State accrued a 306-86 overall record for a .781 winning percentage.

In his seven seasons in Mankato, Minnesota State made seven NCAA postseason tournament appearances, won four Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference regular-season titles, four NSIC tournament titles, claimed four NCAA regional titles and posted NCAA DII National Championship tournament finishes of seventh (2010), third (2012), second (2013) and third (2014).

CHRIST FILE

BORN

Jan. 10, 1980

HOMETOWN

Waseca, Minn.

EDUCATION

Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2003
B.S., Kinesiology

Minnesota State, 2008
M.S., Athletic Admin.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-PRESENT

Illinois
Assistant Coach

2012-15

Minnesota State
Associate Head Coach

2009-11

Minnesota State
Assistant Coach

The Waseca, Minnesota, native spent three years with the Ripken Academy in Aberdeen, Maryland prior to becoming an assistant coach at Minnesota State. A graduate assistant coach with the Maverick baseball program for two years (he earned his master's degree from Minnesota State in 2008), Christ is a 2003 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee graduate where he was middle infielder with the Panthers.

Christ also spent a season with the baseball program at Iowa State (2000-01) where he was the starting shortstop and earned a scholar-athlete award with the Cyclones. He also logged two years at Des Moines Area Community College (1998-99 and 1999-2000) where he was a two-time all-conference selection.

Christ and his wife, Amanda, have two kids, Coryn and Bo.

KYLE HUDSON

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH // SECOND SEASON



Kyle Hudson is in his second as a volunteer assistant coach with the Illini in 2016. A native of Mattoon, Illinois, Hudson was a two-sport athlete and three-year letterwinner in both baseball and football at Illinois from 2005-08.

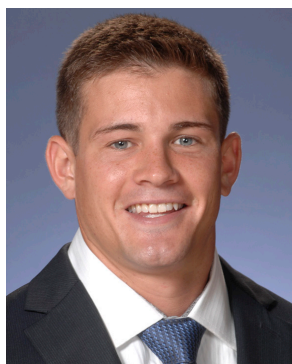
Hudson shined on both the baseball and football fields at Illinois before being drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the fourth round of the 2008 MLB First-Year Player Draft. His baseball accolades include an ABCA third-team All-America honor, ABCA first-team All-Region laurel and unanimous first-team All-Big Ten selection in 2008. He also was a standout wide receiver, playing in the 2008 Rose Bowl and beginning his career as the University of Illinois' Newcomer of the Year in 2005.

Hudson ranks second on Illinois' career batting average list with a .376 mark, behind only Darrin Fletcher's .392 average. He ranks third in school history in career steals (66) and fourth in career Big Ten batting average (.361). He holds the Illinois record for career steals in Big Ten play (36), steals in a Big Ten season (25) and the second-most steals in a season (40), a total that tied the school record at the time.

Hudson was called up by the Orioles in 2011 and played 14 career MLB games, collecting four hits, three runs, two RBI and two stolen bases. He spent the majority of his minor league career in the Orioles organization (2008-12) followed by minor league stints with Texas Rangers, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia and Los Angeles Angels organizations.

WILL KRUG

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH // FIRST SEASON



One year removed from starting for the Illini's 2015 Big Ten and Regional championship team, Will Krug enters his first season as a student assistant coach in 2016. Krug helped the Illini secure its first ever NCAA Regional crown by hitting .600 with five runs, two doubles, a triple and two steals during three Regional wins. He was named to the All-Tournament team as Illinois moved on to its first NCAA Super Regional.

The Park Ridge, Illinois, native hit .281 in 168 career games over four years for the Illini. He was an All-Big Ten second team outfielder in 2014 and led the team in hits (69) and multi-hit games (23) along with ranking fourth with a .307 average and fifth with 24 RBI.

Krug also shined off the field as a two-time Academic All-Big Ten and Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree. He was named a Senior CLASS Award candidate, the top student-athlete award in the country, during his senior season.

Krug Started 139 games during his four-year career, including 53 as a junior and 49 as a senior. He finished with 154 hits, 21 doubles, two homers, 53 RBI and 45 stolen bases.

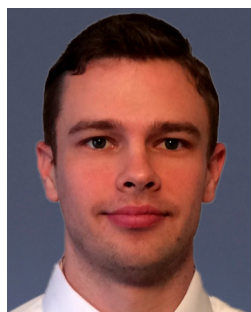
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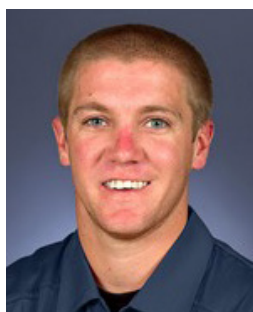
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Athletic Trainer



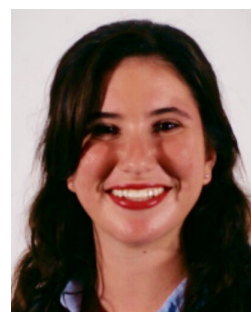
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