



Tim PARENTON

**ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH
FIRST SEASON AT FLORIDA**

After spending seven seasons as the head coach at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., Tim Parenton joined the Gator baseball staff in July 2004 for his third tour of duty with Florida Head Coach Pat McMahon. He had previously worked with McMahon during stops at Mississippi State University (1996-97) and at Old Dominion University (1990-95).

"We were very excited to bring Tim aboard at the University of Florida," said McMahon "He is one of the outstanding young coaches in the country today. Tim has a great work ethic and is a first-class person."

In 2004, Parenton was honored as the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year by his peers in Samford's inaugural campaign as a member of the league. Although the Bulldogs dropped their first 11 OVC contests, they bounced back to claim 15 of their final 16 games to finish sixth in the regular-season standings with a 15-12 performance. The

squad advanced to the OVC Tournament, the program's initial postseason appearance since 2002, and upset top-seeded Austin Peay on its way to a third-place showing at the event.

While at Samford, a private institution that partially funds its baseball program, Parenton oversaw a \$1,000,000 renovation project for the baseball stadium and increased camp attendance from less than 100 individuals per summer to over 600 participants. His efforts were also instrumental in boosting the stadium sign fund drive from four to 54 signs. The team's graduation rate during his seven-year tenure was over 90 percent and there were 51 academic all-conference recipients.

Before taking over his own program, Parenton joined McMahon on Ron Polk's staff at Mississippi State for two successful seasons, 1996 and 1997. The Bulldogs earned a pair of NCAA Regional berths in that span and advanced to the 1997 College World Series in

Omaha, Neb., where they tied for fifth place and finished with an overall record of 47-21.

Parenton previously served under McMahon at Old Dominion, where he helped guide a team that produced a 188-87 (.684) record during his five-year tenure. The Monarchs snared back-to-back Colonial Athletic Conference titles in 1994 and 1995 and secured NCAA Regional bids both years. He also assisted ODU to a Sun Belt Conference runner-up finish in 1991 after beginning in Norfolk, Va., the previous fall.

As a student-athlete at Mississippi State, Parenton earned three varsity letters as a third baseman and shortstop, and four letters as a quarterback on the Bulldog football teams that participated in the 1980 Sun Bowl and won the 1981 Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. On the diamond, he teamed with future major league stand-outs Jeff Brantley, Will Clark, Rafael Palmeiro and Bobby Thigpen to make a pair of NCAA Regional appearances. Parenton later spent three years at his alma mater as a graduate assistant football coach and two years as assistant director for athletics facilities and game management in Starkville.

A native of New Orleans, La., he starred at Jesuit High School, where he earned 11 letters in baseball, basketball, football and track. Cited as the school's Athlete of the Decade for the 1970s, his New Orleans Legion team won the state title and placed fifth in the Legion World Series. In 1979, Parenton was recognized as a Scholar-Athlete from the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

He has coordinated instructional and summer camps at Mississippi State, Old Dominion and Samford and spoken at various clinics around the country. In addition, Parenton served as a color commentator during the 2001 Southeastern Conference Tournament for SEC-TV and during the 2002 NCAA Regionals for College Sports Southeast.

"This is a great chance for me to join the

University of Florida and one of the premier baseball programs in the country and work with one of the top collegiate coaches in the nation," said Parenton. "I have worked with Coach McMahon before and we have a great working relationship. This is a special time for me and I look forward to the challenges."

Parenton earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Mississippi State in 1989 and is nine credit hours shy of receiving his master's in the same discipline. The 43-year-old has been married to the former Shelia Cummins of Kosciusko, Miss., for over 14 years.



THE TIM PARENTON FILE

Birthdate: December 11, 1961

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Education: Bachelor of Science – Physical Education, Mississippi State University, 1989

Overall Head Coaching Record: 142-242 (.370) (Seven seasons)

Overall Assistant Coaching Record: 273-132 (.674) (Seven seasons)

Playing Career:

Mississippi State (1980-85) – three-year letterwinner in baseball (third baseman and shortstop), four-year letterwinner in football (quarterback) ... Part of two teams that made NCAA Regional baseball appearances ... Was a quarterback on the Bulldog squads that went to the 1980 Sun Bowl and the 1981 Hall of Fame Bowl.

Coaching Career:

Assistant Coach, Old Dominion University, 1990-95

Assistant Coach, Mississippi State University, 1996-97

Head Coach, Samford University, 1998-2004

Assistant Coach, University of Florida, 2004-present

Coaching Highlights:

- 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year at Samford
- Led the Bulldogs to third place at the 2004 OVC Tournament
- 2002 Atlantic Sun Tournament appearance
- Four NCAA Regional appearances (two at Mississippi State, two at Old Dominion)
- 1997 College World Series appearance with MSU
- Colonial Athletic Association champions in 1994 and 1995 at Old Dominion
- 1991 Sun Belt Conference runner-up at ODU

Record as a Head Coach:

Year	School	Record	League	Finish
1998	Samford	13-43	6-12	10th
1999	Samford	20-33	8-22	10th
2000	Samford	20-34	6-21	10th
2001	Samford	20-34	12-15	7th
2002	Samford	27-31	13-17	6th
2003	Samford	17-34	7-23	11th
2004	Samford	25-33	15-12	6th
Total:	(Seven years)	142-242 (.370)	67-122 (.354)	