

# SEASON SCHEDULE/RESULTS

## FEBRUARY

17	Washington State	W, 6-2	Norris 3x4; Stratton 4.0 IP, win in relief
19	Washington State	L, 5-6 (13 inn.)	Porter 3x3, HR; Reed 6.1 IP, car. hi 9 Ks
19	Washington State	W, 5-4	Bradford 3x4; Graveman QS (6.1 IP/2ER)
24	Kansas	6:30 p.m.	
25	Mississippi Valley State	12:00 p.m.	
25	Kansas	4:00 p.m.	
26	Mississippi Valley State	2:30 p.m.	
29	Memphis	4:00 p.m.	1st midweek game

## MARCH

2	Connecticut	6:30 p.m.	
3	Lipscomb	11:00 a.m.	
3	Connecticut	2:30 p.m.	
4	Lipscomb	2:30 p.m.	
6	Penn State	6:30 p.m.	1st meeting
7	Penn State	6:30 p.m.	
9	Mercer	6:30 p.m.	
10	Mercer	2:00 p.m.	
11	Mercer	1:30 p.m.	
13	at Southeastern Louisiana	6:00 p.m.	1st road game
14	at Southeastern Louisiana	6:00 p.m.	
16	at LSU	7:00 p.m.	SEC season-opener
17	at LSU (css-TV)	6:00 p.m.	1st of 8 scheduled TV games in 2012
18	at LSU	1:00 p.m.	
21	Alabama A&M	6:30 p.m.	
23	Arkansas	6:30 p.m.	SEC home-opener
24	Arkansas	2:00 p.m.	
25	Arkansas (SportSouth-TV)	12:00 p.m.	
27	Alcorn State	6:30 p.m.	
30	at Auburn	6:00 p.m.	
31	at Auburn	3:00 p.m.	

## APRIL

1	at Auburn	1:30 p.m.	
2	Mississippi Valley State	6:30 p.m.	
6	Vanderbilt	6:30 p.m.	
7	Vanderbilt	2:00 p.m.	
8	Vanderbilt	1:30 p.m.	
10	South Alabama	6:30 p.m.	
13	at South Carolina	6:00 p.m.	
15	at South Carolina	3:00 p.m.	
16	at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.	
17	+ vs. Ole Miss (Comcast-TV)	6:30 p.m.	Desig. home team in Gov's Cup V
19	Tennessee (ESPNU-TV)	6:30 p.m.	ESPNU/SEC Thurs. TV Game of Week
20	Tennessee	6:30 p.m.	Super Bulldog Weekend
21	Tennessee	1:00 p.m.	
24	+ vs. Southern Miss	6:30 p.m.	2nd '12 appearance at Trustmark Park
27	Ole Miss (SportSouth-TV)	7:00 p.m.	
28	Ole Miss (SportSouth-TV)	2:00 p.m.	
29	Ole Miss (CSS-TV)	1:30 p.m.	

## MAY

4	at Alabama	6:35 p.m.	
5	at Alabama	2:05 p.m.	
6	at Alabama	1:05 p.m.	
11	at Florida	6:00 p.m.	
12	at Florida	6:00 p.m.	
13	at Florida	12:00 p.m.	
15	Central Arkansas	6:30 p.m.	
17	Kentucky	6:30 p.m.	
18	Kentucky (SportSouth-TV)	7:00 p.m.	
19	Kentucky	2:00 p.m.	

22-27 SEC Tournament ..... Regions Park • Hoover, Ala.

## June

1-4	NCAA Regionals	Campus sites TBA
8-11	NCAA Super Regionals	Campus sites TBA
16-27	College World Series	TD Ameritrade Park • Omaha, Neb.

+ --- Trustmark Park (Pearl, Miss.) • All game times Central

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# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

Week 2 • Feb. 24-26 • Kansas/Miss. Valley State  
 Dudy Noble Field • Starkville, Miss.

**Homestand continues:** The Bulldogs play four games in a three-day span this weekend at Dudy Noble Field when Mississippi State (2-1) plays host to Big 12 Conference foe Kansas (3-0) and instate SWAC rival Mississippi Valley State (0-3) in a double-round-robin tournament.

It's the 12th consecutive season that Mississippi State has hosted an early-season tournament dating back to the inaugural NBC Classic initiated by former MSU head coach Pat McMahon during the 2001 season. Kansas played in the fifth NBC Classic in 2005.

The Bulldogs play the second game of the day on both Friday (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (4 p.m.) sandwiched around a Saturday doubleheader (12 p.m. and 4 p.m.).

**On the air:** MSU has varied radio coverage for this weekend's four-game tournament. Live online video streaming and audio for all four Bulldog contests is available on a subscriptions basis through [www.HailState.com](http://www.HailState.com).

MSU-Kansas (Friday, 6:30 p.m.) --- Network broadcast: MSU Baseball Radio Network MSU-MVSU (Saturday, 12 p.m.) --- Local broadcast: WKBB-FM 100.9 (West Point, Miss.) MSU-Kansas (Saturday, 4 p.m.) --- Local broadcast: WNMQ-FM 103.1 (Columbus, Miss.) MSU-MVSU (Sunday, 4 p.m.) --- Local broadcast: WKBB-FM 100.9 (West Point, Miss.)

MSU	COMPARING THE STATS	Kansas	MVSU
2-1	Final record	3-0	0-3
.327	Batting average	.255	.214
12.3	Hits per game	8.7	7.0
5.3	Runs per game	4.0	2.0
.460	Slugging percentage	.333	.214
.977	Fielding percentage	.992	.966
1.0	Double plays per game	1.3	1.3
1.0	Stolen bases per game	0.3	1.3
2.90	Staff ERA	1.33	6.58
.209	Opponent batting average	.172	.349
11.3	Strikeouts per game	5.3	5.6

**Weekend rotation:** Here is a look at Mississippi State's weekend pitching lineup, with Sunday's starting pitcher to be announced:

Fri. - vs. Kansas So. RHP Ben Bracewell (0-0, 0.00, 4.1 IP, 1 BB, 5 K, .188 OBA)  
 Sat. - vs. MVSU Jr. RHP Kendall Graveman (0-0, 2.84, 6.1 IP, 1 BB, 4 K, .143 OBA)  
 Sat. - vs. Kansas Jr. LHP Nick Routt (0-0, 13.50, 2.0 IP, 0 BB, 2 K, .600 OBA)  
 Sun. - vs. MVSU TBA (season-first start)

**Series notes:** Mississippi State has prevailed in all 23 of its previous baseball matchups with this weekend's opponents Kansas and Mississippi Valley State.

The Bulldogs and the Jayhawks first met in the 1968 Riverside (Calif.) National Tournament and later tangled twice in the 2005 NBC Classic at Dudy Noble Field.

MSU takes on the Delta Devils a third time in 2012 when MVSU returns to Starkville for a midweek contest April 3.

**Home dogs:** Mississippi State plays a school-record 37 games at Dudy Noble Field against 16 different opponents and on 35 dates in 2012. Last weekend's three-game set against Washington State opened a run of 17 consecutive home games for MSU.

**Fourth season as State skipper for John Cohen:** Bulldog skipper John Cohen is his fourth campaign at Mississippi State and his 13th season as a collegiate head coach. The Tuscaloosa, Ala., native and 1990 MSU grad is 88-88 in three-plus campaigns at State, including last year's 38-25 showing that included a 4-2 NCAA postseason record when MSU came within a win of State's ninth advancement to the NCAA College World Series. Cohen is 409-284-1 in 12-plus seasons as a collegiate head coach and 677-471-2 in 21 seasons of coaching on the collegiate level.

**On deck:** The Bulldogs close out their February schedule and play their first midweek game of the season next Wednesday (Feb. 29) with a 4 p.m. game against the Memphis Tigers, coached by former MSU assistant coach Daron Schoenrock. State then welcomes Connecticut and Lipscomb to campus for a second three-day double round-robin weekend tournament Mar. 2-4.



## The JOHN COHEN file

### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

**Birth date:** September 21, 1966

**Birth place:** Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Wife:** Nelle (Bashinsky) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Daughters:** Jordan Baker and Avery Lawson

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

**High School:** Tuscaloosa (Ala) Academy, 1985

**Undergraduate:** Mississippi State University, 1990 (English)

**Graduate:** Missouri, 1994 (sports management)

### PLAYING CAREER

**1982-85:** Tuscaloosa (Ala) Academy

**1986:** Birmingham-Southern

**1987-90:** Mississippi State University

**1990-91:** Minnesota Twins farm system

### PLAYING HONORS

**1990:** First-team All-Southeastern Conference

**1990:** MILB draft - 22nd round (Minnesota Twins)

### COACHING BACKGROUND

**1992-94:** Missouri (graduate assistant coach)

**1995-97:** Missouri (assistant coach)

**1998-2001:** Northwestern State (head coach)

**2002-03:** University of Florida (assistant coach)

**2004-08:** University of Kentucky (head coach)

**2009 —:** Mississippi State University (head coach)

### COACHING HONORS

**1998:** Southland Conference Coach of the Year

**2001:** Southland Conference Coach of the Year

**2005:** USA Baseball National Team

**2006:** SEC/ABCA South Region Coach of the Year

**2006:** National Coach of the Year

John Cohen, who guided Mississippi State to a No. 15 national ranking and within eight outs of a trip to the 2011 NCAA College World Series, is in his fourth season as the Bulldogs' skipper in 2012.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Cohen returned to Mississippi State as the Bulldogs' 16th head baseball coach in 2008, completing an 18-year journey from Bulldog player to MSU head coach.

Cohen was an all-SEC outfielder under the legendary Ron Polk during his baseball career at Mississippi State and was a key component on Bulldog teams that over a three-year span won a school-best 148 games. The 1989 Diamond Dog edition established a school record with 54 wins while the 1990 edition advanced to college baseball's coveted "Final Eight" at the prestigious NCAA College World Series.

A veteran of 20 seasons coaching on the collegiate ranks, 12 of those as a head coach, Cohen returned to Mississippi State in 2008 following a successful five-year head coaching stint at Kentucky (2004-2008).

In Lexington he earned SEC and national coach of the year honors after guiding the 2006 Wildcats to a school-record 44-win season and the school's first SEC baseball championship.

Respected as one of the sports' most innovative coaches, Cohen's coaching resume also includes successful stints at Missouri (1992-97), Northwestern State (1998-2001) and Florida (2002-2003).

Cohen's first three Mississippi State recruiting classes have garnered top 25 national ranking. That recruiting success paid big dividends in 2011. The Bulldogs swept to a 3-0 mark in winning the NCAA Atlanta Regional and a weekend later advanced to the championship game of the Gainesville Super Regional, where State challenged for the program's ninth advancement to the NCAA College World Series. State's 2008-2009 recruiting class earned a No. 8 national ranking by baseball recruiting class at State since 2000.

In a short span at Mississippi State Cohen

has built a solid foundation for success while directing the Bulldogs' return to national prominence on the diamond.

He has assembled a well-respected and highly-skilled staff featuring coaches well-versed in Mississippi State University's colorful and tradition-rich baseball history, the Magnolia State's high school and junior college programs, the highly competitive Southeastern Conference, and the realm of college recruiting.

The Bulldog skipper has been a driving force behind more than \$2 million worth of impressive facility improvements at Dudy Noble Field. Listed among those enhancements are the complete rebuilding of the field and its drainage and irrigation system, the renovation of the team locker room, a resurfacing of the stadium grandstand, complete with all-new maroon chair back seating, and in 2012 a new stadium-wide sound system.

His commitment to excellence in the classroom is reflected in the team's recently-attained all-time highest 3.35 team semester grade point average, 47 selections to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in his first three years, and a pair of Academic All-American selections in 2010, MSU'S first since 2000.

Cohen is noted as one of the sport's mostly highly sought-after featured speakers and clinicians and has traversed the nation sharing his baseball expertise at clinics and conventions in 30 states. He maintains a hefty schedule of speaking engagements at alumni gatherings, civic organization meetings and at baseball banquets on a variety of levels in the Magnolia State and beyond.

One of 22 active college head coaches to have played in the NCAA College World Series, Cohen is the fifth Mississippi State grad to serve as the Bulldogs' head baseball coach and one of only three SEC grads currently coaching in the league.

Cohen, 45 is married to the former Nelle Bashinsky, also a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and they have two daughters – Jordan Baker and Avery Lawson.

### COACH JOHN COHEN YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Position	Record	Conf. Record	Team honors
1992	Missouri	grad. asst.	34-22		
1993	Missouri	grad. asst.	30-19		
1994	Missouri	grad. asst.	32-26		
1995	Missouri	asst. coach	19-34		
1996	Missouri	asst. coach	39-19		NCAA Regional
1997	Missouri	asst. coach	31-27		
1998	Northwestern State	head coach	40-20		Southland Conference champions
1999	Northwestern State	head coach	38-21		
2000	Northwestern State	head coach	30-26		
2001	Northwestern State	head coach	38-17		Southland Conference champions
2002	Florida	asst. coach	37-21-1		NCAA Regional
2003	Florida	asst. coach	46-19		NCAA Regional
2004	Kentucky	head coach	24-30	7-23	
2005	Kentucky	head coach	29-27	7-22	
2006	Kentucky	head coach	44-17	20-10	SEC Tournament (champions)/NCAA Regional
2007	Kentucky	head coach	34-19-1	13-16-1	
2008	Kentucky	head coach	44-19	16-14	SEC Tournament /NCAA Regional
2009	Mississippi State	head coach	25-29	9-20	
2010	Mississippi State	head coach	23-33	6-24	
2011	Mississippi State	head coach	38-25	14-16	SEC Tourn./NCAA Regional/Super Regional
2012	Mississippi State	head coach	2-1		
Overall coaching record (21st season)			678-471-2		
Head coaching record (13th season)			409-281-1	92-145-1	
Mississippi State record (fourth season)			88-88	29-60	

# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NOTES

## Baseball season ticket sales surpass 5,500 mark for fourth time

Mississippi State fans established a new baseball season ticket sales mark in 2010 and could be threatening that mark again in 2012.

Through February 22 sales, the MSU Athletic Ticket Office reports the distribution of 5,544 baseball season tickets, surpassing last year's total (5,448) and ranking as the fourth-most in school history.

State set a school record with the sale of 5,632 baseball season tickets in 2010. Four of the top six baseball season ticket sales marks have now come in the past four years.

MSU has eclipsed the 5,000 mark in baseball season ticket sales 11 consecutive years and the 5,500 mark three times in the last four years.

Year	Total
2010	5,632
2002	5,596
2009	5,559
2012	5,544
2004	5,477
2011	5,448
2007	5,364
2008	5,357
2006	5,335
2005	5,318
2003	5,230

## Florida, Arkansas picked to win divisional titles

Defending SEC tri-champion **Florida** and defending SEC West winner **Arkansas** are the preseason choices of the league's baseball coaches to capture their respective divisional titles in 2012. In the 15th annual SEC Coaches' Pre-season Poll Florida, national runner-up to South Carolina in the 2011 NCAA College World Series in 2010, is the pick to claim this year's SEC baseball pennant.

Mississippi State was projected to finish fifth in the SEC Western Division. Coaches are not permitted to vote for their own team in the poll. State was picked sixth in the West in the 2011 preseason poll and finished tied for second, a game out of first place in the SEC West.

### 2012 SEC COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

#### WESTERN DIVISION

Team	Pts.	'11 SEC Rec/Fin.
1. Arkansas	64	15-15 / 1st
2. LSU	58	13-17 / t-5th
3. Alabama	38	14-16 / t-2nd
4. Ole Miss	34	13-17 t-5th
5. Mississippi State	33	14-16 / t-2nd
6. Auburn	20	14-16 / t-2nd

#### EASTERN DIVISION

Team	Pts.	'11 SEC Rec/Fin.
1. Florida	66	22-8 / t-1st
2. South Carolina	56	22-8 / t-1st
3. Georgia	42	16-14 / 4th
4. Vanderbilt	40	22-8 / t-1st
5. Kentucky	25	8-22 / 5th
6. Tennessee	18	7-23 / 6th

## Diamond dogs feeling the draft

Nine members of the 2012 Mississippi State team (shown indented below) have had their name called during the **Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft** over the past three years. All have opted to continue their baseball careers at Mississippi State.

Additionally, four seniors from Mississippi State's 2011 NCAA Super Regional team (shown flush left below) were drafted and signed last June.

- Nick Ammirati** - 46th round, Florida Marlins (2009)
- C.T. Bradford** - 48th round, Cleveland Indians (2010)
- Nick Flair** - 26th round, Pittsburgh Pirates (2011)
- Demarcus Henderson** - 43rd round, Houston Astros (2010)
- Devin Jones** - 9th round, Baltimore Orioles (2011)
- Jacob Lindgren** - 12th round, Chicago Cubs (2011)
- Daryl Norris** - 46th round, Texas Rangers (2010)
- Jarro Parks** - 24th round, Los Angeles Angels (2011)
- Hunter Renfro** - 31st round, Boston Red Sox (2010)
- Jaron Shepherd** - 33rd round, Colorado Rockies (2011)
- Taylor Stark** - 42nd round, Washington National (2010)
- Nick Vickerson** - 20th round, New York Mets (2011)
- C.C. Watson** - 29th round, Texas Rangers (2009)

## Can you hear me now?

Among renovations and enhancements at Dudy Noble Field in the off-season is the installation of the stadium's sound system.

The 26-year old 2,400-watt system has been replaced by a state-of-the-art 36,000-watt system delivering even sound throughout the stadium through 78 speakers and utilizing more than four miles of wiring.

## 34th season for Jim Ellis, "voice of the Bulldogs"

Veteran MSU sportscaster **Jim Ellis** is in his 34th season as the radio voice of Mississippi State baseball. The West Point, Miss., native, a 1969 MSU grad, began his affiliation with MSU baseball in 1979 and is largely responsible for the creation and growth of the **MSU Baseball Radio Network**, one of the nation's most established baseball radio networks.

The network, with more than a dozen affiliates in three states, features a 40-game broadcast schedule of weekend conference games and select non-conference contests. The network broadcast schedule and most non-network broadcasts are heard locally on **WKBB-FM** (100.9) in nearby West Point, Miss.

Since becoming the "voice of the Baseball Bulldogs" in 1979, Ellis has broadcast all **120** of Mississippi State's NCAA postseason games, including 93 regional games, all nine of MSU's NCAA Super Regional games and 21 of MSU's 23 games played during seven of MSU's eight trips to NCAA College World Series games.

In 2011 he followed recently-retired MSU broadcasting legend **Jack Cristil** as the lead broadcaster for MSU football and basketball, and this year is joined in the baseball broadcast booth by Nanih Waiya, Miss., native and MSU grad **Bart Gregory**, who has been a part of the Mississippi State broadcasting team for 11 years working with football, men's and women's basketball and baseball broadcasts.

## Opening day starters

Six Bulldog newcomers made their collegiate debuts last weekend, four of them (shown in bold) in State's opening day starting lineup against Washington State. Here's how the Bulldogs' starting lineup shook out in three games last weekend:

**FIRST BASE:** Wes Rea/Wes Rea/Wes Rea

**SECOND BASE:** Adam Frazier/Adam Frazier/ Matthew Britton

**SHORTSTOP:** Matthew Britton/Matthew Britton/Adam Frazier

**THIRD BASE:** Daryl Norris/Daryl Norris/Daryl Norris

**CATCHER:** Mitch Slauter/Mitch Slauter/Mitch Slauter

**LEFT FIELD:** Taylor Stark/Hunter Renfro/Hunter Renfro

**CENTER FIELD:** C.T. Bradford/C.T. Bradford/C.T. Bradford

**RIGHT FIELD:** Brent Brownlee/Brent Brownlee/Brent Brownlee

**DESIGNATED HITTER:** Trey Porter/Trey Porter/Trey Porter

**FRIDAY STARTING PITCHER:** Ben Bracewell

**SATURDAY STARTING PITCHER:** Nick Routt

**SUNDAY STARTING PITCHER:** Kendall Graveman

## All-America honors for Caleb Reed

Bulldog senior relief ace Caleb Reed (Cleveland, Miss.) is on the initial watch list for the eighth annual **National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award**. The watch list for the award, given to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I baseball, includes 45 pitchers.

Reed paced the Bulldogs with 12 saves and a 1.55 earned run average en route to second-team All-SEC honors in 2011. A first-team preseason NCBWA All-America Team selection, he is among six pitchers from the Southeastern Conference named to the initial watch list, which also includes last year's recipient, Texas senior Corey Knebel, who registered 19 saves and a 1.13 earned run average.

Nominations for the **NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award** were made by baseball sports information/media relations contacts. The initial watch list will be updated April 16 with a mid-season release, which will include the national saves leaders. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Division I saves leader and four other relief pitching standouts will be selected as finalists, and the winner, chosen by the NCBWA's All-America Committee, will be announced during the 2012 NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

## A call to arms

Mississippi State takes the field in 2012 with one of its deepest pitching staffs in years. MSU returns 13 of the 16 hurlers that pitched for State in 2011. Another pitcher, third-year sophomore **Ben Bracewell**, returns after redshirting last spring. Pitchers who accounted for **26 of MSU's 30 SEC starts** in 2011 are back.

# MSU's record when...

(thru 3 games)

Playing at Dudy Noble Field: .....	2-1
Playing away: .....	
Playing at a neutral site: .....	
Vs. SEC overall: .....	
Vs. SEC at home: .....	
Vs. SEC away: .....	
In SEC Tournament: .....	
In NCAA Tournament: .....	
Vs. Non-conference: .....	2-1
Vs. Non-conference at home: ..	2-1
Vs. Non-conference away: .....	
Vs. Non-conference neutral: .....	
Playing a day game: .....	0-1
Playing a night game: .....	2-0
In one-run games: .....	1-1
In two-run games: .....	0-0
In five+-run games: .....	
In extra-inning games .....	0-1
In shutouts: .....	
In doubleheaders: .....	1-1
When scoring first: .....	1-0
When opponent scores first: .....	1-1
When scoring 10 or more runs: .....	
When allowing 10 or more runs: .....	
When scoring 5 runs or less: .....	1-1
When allowing 5 runs or less: .....	2-0
When hitting at least 1 HR: .....	1-1
When allowing at least 1 HR: .....	
When out-hitting an opponent: ....	2-1
When out-hit by an opponent: .....	
When matching opponents' hits: .....	
When facing starting LHP: .....	
When facing starting RHP: .....	2-1
When leading after 7th inning: ...	1-0
When trailing after 7th inning: .....	
When tied after 7th inning: .....	1-1
Games decided in last at-bat: .....	1-1
Walk-off wins .....	
Walk-off losses .....	
When not committing an error: ....	0-1
When committing 2+ errors: .....	1-0
Vs. top 20-ranked opponents: .....	
Vs. teams ranked in the top 10: .....	
On Sunday: .....	1-1
On Monday: .....	
On Tuesday: .....	
On Wednesday: .....	
On Thursday: .....	
On Friday: .....	1-0
On Saturday: .....	
In February: .....	2-1
In March: .....	
In April: .....	
In May: .....	
In June: .....	

## ABOUT KANSAS *Jayhawks*

February 24-25 • Starkville, Miss.

Location: Lawrence, Kans. Enrollment: 29,462  
 Conference: Big 12 Conference Colors: Crimson & Blue  
 Baseball Facility (capacity): Hogle Ballpark (2,500)  
 Head Coach: Ritch Price (Williamette, 1978)  
 Record at KU: 299-250-2 (nine seasons) Career Coaching Record: 516-470-3 (17 seasons)  
 Staff: Ryan Graves (Oklahoma State, 1996), Ritchie Price (Kansas, 2006), Phil Thompson (Ashford, 2010)  
 Athletics Web Site: www.KUathletics.com  
 2011 Record: 26-30 (9-18, 9th in Big 12 Conference)  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 17/12 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3 • Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/7  
 MSU vs. KU: MSU leads series, 3-0 (since 1968) Last meetings: MSU 5-0, 9-2 (March 5-6, 2005 • Starkville, Miss.)

## ABOUT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE *Delta Devils*

February 25-26 • Starkville, Miss.

Location: Itta Bena, Miss. Enrollment: 3,767  
 Conference: Southwest Athletic (SWAC East) Colors: Forest Green & Red  
 Baseball Facility (capacity): Magnolia Field (200)  
 Head Coach: Doug Shanks (Liberty, 1990)  
 Record at MVSU: 257-368 (12 seasons) Career Coaching Record: 257-368 (12 seasons)  
 Staff: Aaron Stevens (Mississippi Valley State, 2005), Terry Smith (Mississippi Valley State, 2008)  
 2011 Record: 18-36 (14-9, 2nd in SWAC East, 3rd overall)  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 7/14 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 1/8 • Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/5  
 MSU vs. MVSU: MSU leads series 20-0 (since 1984)  
 2011: MSU 13-3 (May 10 • Starkville, Miss.)

### ABOUT MISSISSIPPI STATE

LOCATION: Starkville, Miss. (estimated population: 25,000)  
 FOUNDED: 1878  
 ENROLLMENT: 20,424 (statewide fall 2011 enrollment)  
 PRESIDENT: Dr. Mark E Keenum (Mississippi State, 1983)  
 FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Steve Turner (Mercer, 1975)  
 ATHLETICS DIRECTOR: Scott Stricklin (Mississippi State, 1992)  
 SCHOOL MASCOT: Bulldog  
 SCHOOL COLORS: Maroon & White  
 CONFERENCE AFFILIATION: Southeastern Conference (West)  
 STADIUM: Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium  
 CAPACITY: 15,000 (grandstand/bleacher seating: approx. 7,200)  
 DIMENSIONS: LF-330, LC-376, CF-390, RC-374, RF-326  
 FIRST GAME: April 3, 1967 (at present field location)

### BASEBALL STAFF

HEAD COACH: John Cohen (Mississippi State University, 1990)  
 OVERALL RECORD: 407-283-1 (.590/12 seasons)  
 MSU OVERALL/SEC RECORD: 86-87 (.497/three seasons) | SEC: 29-60 (.326)  
 NCAA TOURN. APPEARANCES: 3 (2006, 2008, 2011) | 8-6  
 ASSISTANT COACH: Butch Thompson, 4th year (Birmingham-Southern, 1992)  
 ASSISTANT COACH: Lane Burroughs, 4th year (Mississippi College, 1995)  
 BASEBALL CAMPS COORD: Nick Mingione, 4th year (Embry-Riddle University, 2000)  
 DIRECTOR/BASEBALL OPERATIONS: Tyler Bratton, 4th year (Mississippi State, 2007)  
 STUDENT ASSISTANT: Brad Corley  
 STRENGTH COACH: Brian Neal (Bridgewater College, 2005)  
 ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH: Greg Drye (Southern Miss, 1996)  
 ATHLETIC TRAINER: Jason Wire (St. Cloud State University, 2006)  
 GRADUATE ASSISTANT TRAINER: Andy Bowersox  
 STUDENT MANAGERS: Sam Cockroft, Will Coggin, G.T. McCullough, Scott Ming, Davis Parker, Ronald Sims

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### 2011 TEAM INFORMATION

2011 OVERALL RECORD: 38-25  
 (Home: 22-12, Away: 12-11, Neutral: 4-2)  
 2011 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE RECORD: 14-16  
 (Home: 7-8, Away: 7-8)  
 2011 SEC FINISH: 6th overall (1-2nd in SEC Western Division)  
 POSTSEASON PLAY/FINAL NATIONAL RANKING: Super Regional finals/No. 15 (USA TODAY/ESPN, Collegiate Baseball), No. 17 (Baseball America), No. 19 (NCBWA)

### 2012 TEAM INFORMATION

2011 LETTERMEN RETURNING: 15 (OF-C.T. Bradford, OF-Brent Brownlee, RHP-Andrew Busby, INF-Adam Frazier, INF-Sam Frost, LHP-Chad Girodo, RHP-Kendall Graveman, RHP-Evan Mitchell, INF/RHP-Daryl Norris, LHP-Luis Pollorena, RHP-Caleb Reed, C/RHP-Hunter Renfroe, LHP-Nick Routt, INF/RHP-Taylor Stark, RHP-Chris Stratton)  
 2011 LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING: 10 (OF-Ryan Collins, C-Cody Freeman, OF-Trey Johnson, RHP-Devin Jones, INF-Jonathan Ogden, INF-Jarrod Parks, OF-Jaron Shepherd, RHP-Tim Statz, C-Wes Thigpen, INF-Nick Vickerson)  
 2011 POSITION STARTERS RETURNING: 2 (LF-Brent Brownlee, CF-C.T. Bradford)  
 2011 POSITION STARTERS/DH NOT RETURNING: 6+DH (C-Wes Thigpen, 1B-Ryan Collins, 2B-Nick Vickerson, SS-Jonathan Ogden, 3B-Jarrod Parks, DH-Cody Freeman, RF-Jaron Shepherd)  
 2011 PITCHERS RETURNING: 13 (LHP-C.T. Bradford, RHP-Andrew Busby, LHP-Chad Girodo, RHP-Kendall Graveman, RHP-Evan Mitchell, RHP-Daryl Norris, LHP-Luis Pollorena, RHP-Caleb Reed, RHP-Hunter Renfroe, RHP-Taylor Stark, RHP-Chris Stratton, LHP-Nick Routt, LHP-C.C. Watson)  
 2011 PITCHERS NOT RETURNING: 3 (RHP-Victor Diaz, RHP-Devin Jones, LHP-Tim Statz)  
 2011 NON-LETTERMEN RETURNING: 7 (RHP-Ben Bracewell [2010 letterman], RHP-Tanner Gaines, INF-Demarcus Henderson, INF-Brayden Jones, LHP-Ross Mitchell, 1B-Wes Rea, LHP-C.C. Watson)  
 2011 NON-LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING: 5 (OF-Cody

# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NOTES

## PRIMARY BULLDOG PITCHERS

- 2 hits, 5 strikeouts in 1st career start (4.1 IP) last weekend vs. Wash. State
- Medical redshirt in 2011

### 4-BEN BRACEWELL (6-0 • 205 • RH • R-So • 1L • Chelsea, Ala. • Briarwood Christian School)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2010	5.50	0-2	17	0-0	0	4	18.0	12	11-11	11	23	1	0	2	2	4
2011	----- Did not play -----															
2012	0.00	0-0	1	1-0	0	0	4.1	2	2-0	1	5	1	0	0	1	0
Career	4.43	0-2	18	1-0	0	4	22.1	14	13-11	12	28	2	0	2	3	4

- Staff-longest 6.1-inn. start on opening weekend
- 5-0, 3.65 as midweek pitcher in 2011

### 49-KENDALL GRAVEMAN (6-1 • 199 • RH • Jr. • 2L • Benjamin Russell HS)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2010	7.02	2-4	19	4-1	1	1	50.0	58	43-39	32	21	9	1	3	7	6
2011	3.65	5-0	14	9-0	1	0	56.2	55	25-23	9	38	10	1	3	7	3
2012	2.84	0-0	1	1-0	0	0	6.1	3	2-2	1	4	2	0	0	0	2
Career	4.94	7-4	34	14-1	2	1	113.0	116	70-62	42	63	21	2	6	14	11

- 8 Ks in solid 4.1 inn. relief stint vs. Wash. St.
- 7-gm starter in 2011 w/8-inn. gem in NCAA Atlanta Regional

### 51-EVAN MITCHELL (6-2 • 178 • RHP • So. • 1L • Marietta, Ga. • Wheeler HS)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2011	4.62	6-2	15	7-0	0	0	48.2	50	27-25	24	49	8	0	2	5	3
2012	2.08	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	4.1	2	1-1	1	8	1	0	0	1	0
Career	4.42	6-2	16	7-0	0	0	53.0	52	28-26	25	57	9	0	2	6	3

- 1 IP in relief vs. WSU
- Led '11 staff w/7 wins
- 5-game starter with 17 relief appearances (5-4, 2.36 in relief)

### 22-LUIS POLLORENA (5-7 • 168 • LHP • Jr. • 1L • Laredo, Texas • United High Schol)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2011	4.45	7-5	22	5-0	2	0	58.2	61	32-29	21	34	10	0	7	3	4
2012	9.00	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	1.0	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	4.53	7-5	23	5-0	2	0	59.2	62	33-30	21	34	10	0	7	3	4

- Tough-luck loss vs. WSU after a car-hi 9 Ks in 6.1-inn. relief stint
- Preseason All-Am.
- Led MSU, 3rd in SEC w/1.55 ERA, 12 saves

### 37-CALEB REED (5-10 • 205 • R-R • Sr. • 3L • Cleveland, Miss. • Bayou Academy)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2009	9.17	2-1	11	0-0	0	0	17.2	28	19-18	15	8	4	0	3	1	0
2010	6.99	1-7	25	3-0	0	0	67.0	82	55-52	24	51	19	4	8	4	12
2011	1.55	1-2	29	0-0	3	12	64.0	51	14-11	23	66	6	2	3	4	4
2012	2.84	0-1	1	0-0	0	0	6.1	3	2-2	2	9	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4.82	4-11	66	3-0	3	12	155.0	164	90-83	64	134	29	6	14	9	17

- Sat. night starter
- Allowed 3 runs, 6 hits in 2.0-inn. start vs. WSU
- Tossed staff's lone CG in NCAA Atlanta Reg.
- '09 SEC All-Frosh team

### 36-NICK ROUNT (6-4 • 205 • LHP • R-Jr. • 2L • Silver Spring, Md. • St. Johns College HS)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2009	4.15	5-3	13	13-4	0	0	86.2	87	51-40	28	87	12	0	9	5	6
2010	6.52	1-1	6	6-0	0	0	19.1	28	20-14	6	21	4	0	1	0	2
2011	3.86	3-3	13	13-1	1	0	56.0	64	35-24	21	49	10	0	5	8	3
2012	13.50	0-0	1	1-0	0	0	2.0	6	3-3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4.45	9-7	33	33-5	1	0	164.0	185	109-81	55	159	26	0	15	13	11

- Earned win w/4.0-inn., 1-hit Sunday relief stint
- '10 SEC All-Frosh team
- 28 starts in 32 car. GP
- Led staff in IP, Ks in '10

### 28-CHRIS STRATTON (6-3 • 198 • RHP • Jr. • 2L • Tupelo, Miss. • Tupelo High School)

YEAR	ERA	W-L	GP	GS-CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HB
2010	5.29	5-3	14	14-1	1	0	78.1	84	54-46	42	76	9	2	9	8	7
2011	5.21	5-7	17	14-0	1	0	76.0	83	52-44	27	76	10	4	7	7	5
2012	0.00	1-0	1	0-0	0	0	4.0	1	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5.12	11-10	32	28-1	2	0	158.1	168	106-90	69	155	19	6	16	15	1

# 2011 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL QUICK REVIEW

Final record: 38-25 *[most wins since 2007]*

Final SEC record: 14-16 *[most SEC wins since 2007 & MSU's biggest single-season improvement (8 wins)]*

Final SEC finish: tied for 6th overall/tied for second in SEC West

2011 All-Southeastern Conference: RHP-Caleb Reed *(2nd team)*

2011 Freshman All-SEC: OF-C.T. Bradford & SS-Adam Frazier

2011 Freshman All-American: OF-C.T. Bradford *(Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger)*

2011 SEC Academic Honor Roll: 14 (Ben Bracewell, Brent Brownlee, Cody Freeman, Sam Frost, Chad Girodo, Kendall Graveman, Trey Johnson, Luis Pollorena, Caleb Reed, Nick Routt, Tim Statz, Chris Stratton, Wes Thigpen, C.C. Watson)

2011 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll: 6 (C.T. Bradford, Victor Diaz, Ross Mitchell, Wes Rea, Hunter Renfroe, Taylor Stark)

2011 SEC Community Service Team: Caleb Reed

2011 Newsom Academic Award: Ryan Collins

Varsity lettermen: 25 (C.T. Bradford, Brent Brownlee, Andrew Busby, Ryan Collins, Adam Frazier, Cody Freeman, Kendall Graveman, Sam Frost, Chad Girodo, Trey Johnson, Devin Jones, Evan Mitchell, Daryl Norris, Jonathan Ogden, Jarrod Parks, Luis Pollorena, Caleb Reed, Hunter Renfroe, Nick Routt, Jaron Shepherd, Taylor Stark, Tim Statz, Chris Stratton, Wes Thigpen, Nick Vickerson)

Postseason competition:

SEC Tournament: 0-2 *[first SEC Tournament berth since 2007]*

NCAA Atlanta Regional: 3-0 *[first NCAA advancement since 2007 & 10th NCAA Regional championship]*

All-tournament team: P-Nick Routt, P-Evan Mitchell, OF-Brent Brownlee, OF-C.T. Bradford *(MVP)*, OF-Jaron Shepherd, 2B-Nick Vickerson, 1B *(DH)*-Cody Freeman

Gainesville Super Regional: 1-2 *[4th Super Regional advancement & 1st Super Regional road win]*

2011 MLB draft selections/signees: 6 --- Devin Jones *(9th round, Baltimore)*, Nick Vickerson *(20th round, Texas)*, Jarrod Parks *(24th round, Los Angeles Angels)*, Jaron Shepherd *(33rd round, Colorado)*, Jonathan Ogden *(free agent signee, Detroit)*, Wes Thigpen *(free agent signee, Detroit)*

Final NCAA RPI: No. 18

Final Strength of Schedule: No. 11 (WarrenNolan.com)

Final national ranking: No. 15 *(USA TODAY/ESPN coaches' poll)*, No. 15 *(Collegiate Baseball)* No. 17 *(Baseball America)*, No. 19 *(NCBWA writers' poll)*, No. 19 *(Perfect Game)*

Total home paid attendance: 189,218 - 31 dates *(No. 6 nationally)*

Average home paid attendance: 6,103 - 31 dates *(No. 6 nationally)*

Season ticket distribution: 5,448 *(fifth-highest at Mississippi State)*

# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NOTES

## Alan Johnson becomes 47th big league Bulldog

In 2011 **Alan Johnson** became the third former Diamond Dog in as many years to get his first call-up to the big show.

The Birmingham, Ala., native, in his seventh season in professional baseball, was added to the **Colorado Rockies'** roster for an April 14, 2011 Sunday start against the Chicago Cubs.

He became the 47th baseball player with Mississippi State ties to advance to the highest level of professional baseball and joins three other former Diamond Dog players ---- pitchers **Paul Maholm** (Pittsburgh) and **Jonathan Papelbon** (Boston) and first baseman **Mitch Moreland** (Texas) to play on the Major League level in 2011. A fifth former Diamond Dog, **Nat (Buck) Showalter**, is also in the Majors as the manager of the Baltimore Orioles.

Johnson, 27, lettered at Mississippi State from 2003 to 2005 and signed as a free agent with the Colorado Rockies following the 2005 campaign. He began his seventh year in professional baseball and his third season in the starting rotation of the Class AAA Colorado Springs Sky Sox April 8. He worked four innings in that no-decision Apr. 17 start against Chicago.

First baseman **Mitch Moreland** made his MLB debut with the Texas Rangers last year while catcher **Craig Tatum** got his call-up with Cincinnati in 2009.

In the off-season, pitcher **Paul Maholm** signed with the Chicago Cubs, relief ace **Jonathan Papelbon** inked with the Philadelphia Phillies and catcher **Craig Tatum** signed with the Arizona Diamondbacks. On deck to join the Diamond Dogs in the Majors is infielder **Tyler Moore**, who is on the Washington Nationals' 40-man spring training camp roster.

Here's a listing of the Bulldog players who suited up and played professional baseball during the 2011 season:

Player (MSU years)	Team	Organization	League (level)
P-Ricky Bowen (2007-09)	Fort Myers (Fla.)	Cincinnati	Florida State (A)
3B-Jet Butler (2007-10)	Savannah (Ga.)	New York Mets	South Atlantic (A)
Kolby Byrd (2010)	Johnson City (Tenn.)	St. Louis	Appalachian (rookie)
P-Todd Doolittle (2004-05)	New Orleans (La.)	Florida	Pacific Coast (AAA)
C-Edward Easley (2005-07)	Mobile (Ala.)	Arizona	Southern (AA)
INF-Jeff Flagg	Traverse City (Mich.)	Independent	Frontier League
OF-Grant Hogue (2008-09)	Lancaster (Calif.)	Houston	California (A)
P-Alan Johnson (2003-05)	Colorado Springs (Colo.)	Colorado	Pacific Coast (AAA)
	Colorado	Colorado	American League (MLB)
P-Paul Maholm (2001-03)	Pittsburgh (Pa.)	Pittsburgh	National League (MLB)
Mgr.-Chris Maloney (1982-83)	Memphis (Tenn.)	St. Louis	Pacific Coast (AAA)
1B-Tyler Moore (2008)	Harrisburg (Pa.)	Washington	Eastern (AA)
1B-Mitch Moreland (2005-07)	Texas	Texas	American League (MLB)
3B-Jason Nappi (2008-09)	Arizona	Los Angeles Angels	Arizona League (rookie)
SS-Jonathan Ogden (2010-11)	Norwich (Conn.)	Detroit	New York-Penn (A)
P-Jonathan Papelbon (2001-03)	Boston	Boston	American League (MLB)
3B-Jarrod Parks (2009, 2011)	Orem (Utah)	Los Angeles Angels	Pioneer (rookie)
	Inland Empire (Calif.)	Los Angeles Angels	California (A)
	Cedar Rapids (Iowa)	Los Angeles Angels	Midwest (A)
1B-Connor Powers (2007-10)	Fort Wayne (Ind.)	San Diego	Midwest (A)
OF-Jaron Shepherd (2010-11)	Tri-City (Wash.)	Colorado	Northwest League (A)
Mgr.-Nat Showalter (1977)	Baltimore	Baltimore	American League (MLB)
C-Craig Tatum (2003-04)	Norfolk (Va.)	Baltimore	International (AAA)
	Baltimore	Baltimore	American League (MLB)
C-Wes Thigpen	GCL (Fla.)	Detroit	Gulf Coast (rookie)
Nick Vickerson	Spokane (Wash.)	Texas	Northwest (A)
P-Jared Wesson (2009)	West Michigan (Mich.)	Detroit	Midwest (A)

*Diamond Dogs who played or managed in the Major Leagues in 2011 shown in bold*

## LARGEST OPENING DAY ATTENDANCE SINCE '01

Mississippi State's 2012 season-opener against Washington State drew one of the biggest opening-day crowds in years to Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium.

The MSU-WSU game drew 3,449 fans, the largest attendance at an MSU home lidlifter since 2001 when 4,258 watched the Bulldogs battle Notre Dame in the inaugural NBC Classic. State set a record for the biggest actual attendance for a season-opener at Dudy Noble Field with 4,472 on hands to watch then-MSU senior John Cohen and the Bulldogs open their 1990 campaign against Birmingham-Southern.

1990 --- 4,472 (vs. Birmingham-Southern)  
 2001 --- 4,258 (vs. Notre Dame)  
 1995 --- 3,487 (vs. Minnesota)  
 2012 --- 3,449 (vs. Washington State)  
 1994 --- 3,378 (vs. Belhaven)  
 2011 --- 3,074 (vs. Akron)  
 2007 --- 3,023 (vs. Murray State)  
 2009 --- 2,551 (vs. Northern Illinois)  
 2006 --- 2,508 (vs. Marist)  
 2010 --- 2,490 (vs. Rhode Island)  
 2000 --- 2,473 (vs. Southeastern Louisiana)

## WEEKLY TEAM HONORS

2/20: DH Trey Porter (.600, 6x10, 2HR, 4 RBI)  
 RHP-Caleb Reed (6.1 IP, 9K, OBA .143)  
 2/27:

## Postgame interviews

MSU head coach and requested players will be available to the media for interviews near the third base field level photo booth approximately 10 minutes following each home game. A representative of the MSU Athletic Media Relations staff will be on site to assist with the interviews.

Players will be available first followed shortly thereafter by Coach Cohen. Please make your postgame player interview requests known to a member of the press box media staff by the end of the eighth inning. Due to time constraints, there will be no interviews available between Saturday's doubleheader games.

For all other non-game day interviews please contact Joe Dier (662-325-8040/662-418-3821) to complete arrangements.

# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NOTES

## HOME RUNS (2)

HR BY RBI — 1-RBI: 1, 2-RBI: 1, 3-RBI: 0, 4-RBI: 0;

RUNS VIA HR: 3 • HR BY OUT — 0-OUT: 0, 1-OUT: 1, 2-OUT: 0

HOME: 2, AWAY: 0, NEUTRAL: 0 • VS. SEC: 0, VS. NON-SEC: 2

No.	Player (HR #)	Date	Opponent (pitcher)	Inn.	RBI	Outs
1.	Trey Porter (1)	2-19-12	Wash. St.-1 (Ochoa)	6th	2	0
2.	Trey Porter (2)	2-19-12	Wash. St.-2 (Jackson)	6th	1	2

\*— *lead-off home run*      c — *consecutive home runs*

## OPPONENT HOME RUNS (0)

HR BY RBI — 1-RBI: 0, 2-RBI: 0, 3-RBI: 0, 4-RBI: 0;

RUNS VIA HR: 0 • HR BY OUT — 0-OUT: 0, 1-OUT: 0, 2-OUT: 0

HOME: 0, AWAY: 0, NEUTRAL: 0 • VS. SEC: 0, VS. NON-SEC: 0

No.	Player (HR #)	Date	Opponent (pitcher)	Inn.	RBI	Outs
1.						

\*— *lead-off home run*      c — *consecutive home runs*

## CAREER HOME RUNS

### BROWNLEE'S CAREER HOME RUNS (2)

No.	Date	Game No.	Opponent (pitcher)	Site	RBI	Inning	Outs	Score
1.	3-29-09	27	at Arkansas (Richards)	A	1	5th	2	W, 12-4
2.	5-1-11	43	Alabama (Wolfe)	H	2	2nd	1	W, 8-5

### PORTER'S CAREER HOME RUNS (2)

No.	Date	Game No.	Opponent (pitcher)	Site	RBI	Inning	Outs	Score
1.	2-19-12	2	Washington State-1 (Ochoa)	H	1	5th	0	L, 5-6 (13)
2.	2-19-12	3	Washington State-2 (Jackson)	H	2	2nd	2	W, 5-4

### STARK'S CAREER HOME RUN (1)

No.	Date	Game No.	Opponent (pitcher)	Site	RBI	Inning	Outs	Score
1.	2-27-11	8	Belmont (Harvey)	H	1	8th	0	W, 14-5

## GAME WINNING RBI (1)

No.	Date	Opponent	Player (#GWRBI)	RBI	Inn.	Play
1.	Feb. 17	Washington State	Taylor Stark (1)	1	2nd	1B

• walk-off GWRBI

## GAMES WITH A HIT

Games	Player
3	Brent Brownlee
3	Adam Frazier
3	Daryl Norris
3	Trey Porter
2	C.T. Bradford
2	Matthew Britton
2	Wes Rea
2	Hunter Renfroe
2	Mitch Slauter
1	Taylor Stark

## GAMES WITH AN RBI

Games	Player
2	Daryl Norris
2	Trey Porter
1	C.T. Bradford
1	Matthew Britton
1	Brent Brownlee
1	Adam Frazier
1	Wes Rea
1	Hunter Renfroe
1	Mitch Slauter
1	Taylor Stark

## MULTI-RBI HITS

Gms	Player
1	
0 times	0 players

## EXTRA-BASE HITS

Player	EBH
Trey Porter	3
Adam Frazier	2
Hunter Renfroe	2
Mitch Slauter	2
Brent Brownlee	1
Daryl Norris	1

## SEASON-LONGEST HITTING STREAKS

Gms	Player
3	4 players

# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NOTES

## 2012 GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS (3 games)

Date	Opponent	Score	MSU R-H-E-LOB	Opp. R-H-E-LOB	Inn.	Overall Rec.	SEC Rec.	MSU Pitcher of Record/Save	GW-RBI	Tickets Distrib.	Actual Attend.	Time
Feb. 17	Washington State	6-2	6-13-2-12	2-4-0-1	9	1-0		Chris Stratton (W, 1-0)	Stark (1)	6,141	3,449	2:42
Feb. 19	Washington State	5-6	5-14-0-16	6-12-1-8	13	1-1		Caleb Reed (L, 0-1)	---	---	---	4:24
Feb. 19	Washington State	5-4	5-10-1-6	4-7-1-7	9	2-1		Taylor Stark (W, 1-0)	none	6,006	2,156	2:30
Feb. 24	Kansas											
Feb. 25	Miss. Valley State											
Feb. 25	Kansas											
Feb. 26	Miss. Valley State											
Feb. 29	Memphis											

HOME ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 5,605 (2 dates = 2,803) HOME PAID ATTENDANCE 12,147 (2 dates = 6,073)

TOTAL SEASON TIME OF GAME 576 min. (3 games = 3:04)

Starting pitchers shown underlined; complete-games shown in all caps; # Trustmark Park (Pearl, Miss.)

### STARTERS BY POSITION...

1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	C	DH	Gm	Date	Opponent (score)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Rea	Frazier	Britton	Norris	Stark	Bradford	Brownlee	Slauter	Porter	1	2-17	WASHINGTON STATE (W, 6-2)	Bradford	Brownlee	Frazier	Norris	Porter	Stark	Slauter	Rea	Britton
Rea	Frazier	Britton	Norris	Renfroe	Bradford	Brownlee	Slauter	Porter	2	2-19	WASHINGTON STATE : (L, 5-6 (13m))	Bradford	Brownlee	Frazier	Norris	Porter	Slauter	Rea	Renfroe	Britton
Rea	Britton	Frazier	Norris	Renfroe	Bradford	Brownlee	Slauter	Porter	3	2-19	WASHINGTON STATE (W, 5-4)	Frazier	Brownlee	Porter	Slauter	Bradford	Rea	Norris	Renfroe	Britton
									4	2-24	KANSAS (6:30 p.m.)									
									5	2-25	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST. (12 p.m.)									
									6	2-25	KANSAS (4 p.m.)									
									7	2-26	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST. (4 p.m.)									

### STARTERS BY BATTING ORDER...

## MISSISSIPPI STATE PITCHING STARTS

Date	Pitcher (opp)	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HBP	SCORE	DEC.
2-17	<b>Ben Bracewell</b> (Wash. St.)	4.1	1	0-0	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	6-2	ND
2-19	Nick Routt (Wash. St.)	2.0	6	3-3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5-6 (13)	ND
2-19	Kendall Graveman (WSU)	6.1	3	2-2	1	4	2	0	0	0	2	5-4	ND

## QUALITY PITCHING STARTS (none) [6 or more IP / 3 or less ER]

NO.	DATE	OPPONENT	PITCHER (DEC.)	IP (H, R-ER, BB, K)
1.	2-19	Washington State	Kendall Graveman (ND)	6.1 (3, 2-2, 1, 4)

## SAVES (none)

NO.	DATE	OPPONENT	PITCHER (SAVE #)	IP (H, R-ER, BB, K)
1.				

## LONGEST STARTS

- 6.1 IP --- Kendal Graveman (Washington State-2, 2-19)
- 4.1 IP--- Ben Bracewell (Washington State, 2-17)

## LONGEST RELIEF APPEARANCES

- 6.1 IP --- Caleb Reed (Washington State-1, 2-19)
- 4.1 IP --- Evan Mitchell (Washington State-1, 2-19)
- 4.0 IP --- Chris Stratton (Washington State, 2-17)

## RECORD/STARTS BY STARTERS

Ben Bracewell	0/0
Kendall Graveman	0/0
Nick Routt	0/0

## STRIKEOUTS IN A GAME

- 9 - Caleb Reed (Washington State-1, 2-19)
- 8 - Evan Mitchell (Washington State-1, 2-19)
- 5 - Ben Bracewell (Washington State, 2-17)
- 4 - Kendall Graveman (Washington State-2, 2-19)
- 3 - Chris Stratton (Washington State, 2-17)

## 2012 SEC WEEKEND STARTERS

at Vandy (Jones/Stratton/Bradford)  
 Auburn (Jones/**STRATTON**/Routt)  
 at Georgia (Jones/Stratton/Routt)  
 Florida (Jones/Stratton/Routt)  
 at Arkansas (Stratton/Routt/Mitchell)  
 South Carolina (Stratton/Routt/Norris)  
 Alabama (Stratton/Routt/Graveman)  
 at Tennessee (POLLORENA/ROUTT/STRATTON)  
 at Ole Miss (Pollorena/ROUTT/Stratton)  
 LSU (Pollorena/Routt/Stratton)

Starting pitchers of record shown underlined;  
 Winning starting pitchers of record shown in **bold**

## HITTING CAREER HIGHS

## C.T. BRADFORD'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 3 5x-Last vs. Washington State-2 (2-19-12)  
**At-bats:** 6 at South Alabama (5-3-11)  
**Runs scored:** 3 vs. Belmont (2-27-11)  
**Total bases:** 4 2x-Last vs. USM (4-5-11)  
**RBI:** 3 3x-Last: vs. Georgia State-gm 1 (3-5-11)  
**Hitting streak:** 8 games (2011)

## MATTHEW BRITTON'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 1 2x-Last: vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**At-bats:** 3 3x-Last: vs. Washington State (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 1 vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**Total bases:** 1 2x-Last: vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**RBI:** 1 vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**Hitting streak:** 2 games (2012)

## BRENT BROWNLEE'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 3 2x-Last: at South Alabama (5-3-11)  
**At-bats:** 6 2x-Last: vs. Washington St.-1 (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 2 7x-Last: at Memphis (5-17-11)  
**Total bases:** 8 at South Alabama (5-3-11)  
**RBI:** 5 at South Alabama (5-3-11)  
**Hitting streak:** 5 games (2009)

## ADAM FRAZIER'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 3 vs. Auburn (3-26-11)  
**At-bats:** 6 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 2 2x-Last: vs. Wash. State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Total bases:** 3 2x-Last: at South Alabama (5-3-11)  
**RBI:** 2 3x-Last: vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**Hitting streak:** 5 games (2011)

## SAM FROST'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 4 2x-Last: vs. Ole Miss (5-2-10)  
**At-bats:** 5 3x-Last: vs. Jackson State (4-6-10)  
**Runs scored:** 2 6x-Last: vs. MVSU (5-10-11)  
**Total bases:** 6 vs. Mississippi Valley (3-17-10)  
**RBI:** 5 vs. Mississippi (3-17-10)  
**Hitting streak:** 2 games (2010)

## DEMARCUS HENDERSON'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 1 2x-Last: vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**At-bats:** 2 3x-Last vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**Runs scored:** 1 3x-Last: vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**Total bases:** 1 2x-Last: vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**RBI:** 1 2x-Last: at Lipscomb (3-16-11)  
**Hitting streak:** 1 game

## DARYL NORRIS' CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 3 2x-Last: vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**At-bats:** 6 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 3 vs. Auburn (3-26-11)  
**Total bases:** 6 vs. Akron (2-19-11)  
**RBI:** 5 vs. Akron (2-19-11)  
**Hitting streak:** 4 (2011)

## TREY PORTER'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 3 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**At-bats:** 4 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 2 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Total bases:** 7 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**RBI:** 2 2x-Last: vs. Washington State-2 (2-19-12)  
**Hitting streak:** 3 games (active)

## HUNTER RENFROE'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 2 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**At-bats:** 4 4x-Last: vs. Washington St.-2 (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 1 5x-Last: vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Total bases:** 3 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**RBI:** 1 3x-Last: vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Hitting streak:** 4 games (2011)

## MITCH SLAUTER'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** ---  
**At-bats:** 2 vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**Runs scored:** 1 vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**Total bases:** ---  
**RBI:** ---  
**Hitting streak:** ---

## TAYLOR STARK'S CAREER HIGHS

**Hits:** 2 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**At-bats:** 6 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Runs scored:** 2 vs. Belmont (2-27-11)  
**Total bases:** 4 vs. Belmont (2-27-11)  
**RBI:** 3 vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**Hitting streak:** 2 games (2011)

## PITCHING CAREER HIGHS

## ANDREW BUSBY'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 2.2 vs. Iowa (3-4-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 3 2x-Last vs. Eastern Illinois (3-15-11)  
**Walks:** 3 vs. Iowa (3-4-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 5 vs. Iowa (3-4-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 4 vs. Florida (4-9-11)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 4 vs. Florida (4-9-11)

## CHAD GIRODO CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 9.0 at Southern Miss (5-18-10)  
**Strikeouts:** 6 at Southern Miss (5-18-10)  
**Walks:** 6 at Southern Miss (5-18-10)  
**Hits allowed:** 12 at Southern Miss (5-18-10)  
**Runs allowed:** 9 at Southern Miss (5-18-10)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 9 at Southern Miss (5-18-10)

## JONATHAN HOLDER'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 0.2 vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**Strikeouts:** 1 vs. Washington State (2-17-12)  
**Walks:** ---  
**Hits allowed:** ---  
**Runs allowed:** ---  
**Earned runs allowed:** ---

## KENDALL GRAVEMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 8.0 at Jackson State (5-4-10)  
**Strikeouts:** 7 2x-Last vs. Miss. Valley State (5-10-11)  
**Walks:** 4 at Florida (3-19-10)  
**Hits allowed:** 9 vs. Oklahoma (3-12-10)  
**Runs allowed:** 5 4x-Last vs. Vanderbilt (5-14-10)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 5 4x-Last vs. Vanderbilt (5-14-10)

## EVAN MITCHELL'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 8.0 vs. Austin Peay (6-4-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 11 at Memphis (5-17-11)  
**Walks:** 5 2x-Last vs. Austin Peay (6-4-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 6 2x-Last vs. Sacred Heart (3-13-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 5 vs. Sacred Heart (3-13-11)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 5 vs. Sacred Heart (3-13-11)

## DARYL NORRIS' CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 5.1 vs. Auburn (3-27-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 5 vs. Akron (2-18-11)  
**Walks:** 3 vs. Florida (4-8-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 4 vs. LSU (5-19-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 2 2x-Last vs. LSU (5-19-11)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 2 2x-Last vs. (5-19-11)

## LUIS POLLORENA'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 6.2 vs. Ole Miss (5-12-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 6 vs. USM (4-5-11)  
**Walks:** 3 at Arkansas (4-17-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 11 at Tennessee (5-6-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 7 vs. LSU (5-19-11)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 7 vs. LSU (5-19-11)

## CALEB REED'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 8.0 at South Carolina (4-2-10)  
**Strikeouts:** 9 vs. Washington State-1 (2-19-12)  
**Walks:** 4 3x-Last vs. LSU (5-21-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 9 4x-Last vs. LSU (5-21-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 6 2x-Last: Arkansas (4-9-10)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 6 2x-Last: Arkansas (4-9-10)

## HUNTER RENFROE'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 1.0 4x-Last vs. USC (4-22-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 1 2x-Last vs. USC (4-22-11)  
**Walks:** 2 vs. Akron (2-19-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 4 vs. Auburn (3-26-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 4 vs. Auburn (3-26-11)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 3 vs. Auburn (3-26-11)

## NICK ROUTT'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 9.0 2x-Last: at Ga. Tech (6-5-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 12 vs. Auburn (4-4-09)  
**Walks:** 5 at Tennessee (5-7-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 10 at Vanderbilt (4-25-09)  
**Runs allowed:** 9 at Vanderbilt (4-25-09)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 8 vs. Oklahoma (3-12-10)

## TAYLOR STARK'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 2.0 2x-Last vs. Florida (4-8-11)  
**Strikeouts:** 4 2x-Last: at Tennessee (5-7-11)  
**Walks:** 2 vs. Florida (5-25-11)  
**Hits allowed:** 2 vs. South Carolina (4-24-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 3 vs. South Carolina (4-24-11)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 3 vs. South Carolina (4-24-11)

## CHRIS STRATTON'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 9.0 vs. Tennessee (4-17-10)  
**Strikeouts:** 13 vs. Belmont (2-26-11)  
**Walks:** 6 at LSU (5-22-10)  
**Hits allowed:** 11 at Vanderbilt (3-19-11)  
**Runs allowed:** 8 at Alabama (4-25-10)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 8 at Alabama (4-25-10)

## C.C. WATSON'S CAREER HIGHS

**Innings pitched:** 2.1 vs. Ole Miss (3-30-10)  
**Strikeouts:** 3 vs. Alabama A&M (3-30-11)  
**Walks:** 2 3x-Last vs. Ole Miss (3-30-10)  
**Hits allowed:** 4 vs. Ole Miss (3-30-10)  
**Runs allowed:** 4 vs. Vanderbilt (5-15-10)  
**Earned runs allowed:** 4 vs. Vanderbilt (5-15-10)

# 2012 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL NOTES

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### ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name (Pos.)
17	AMMIRATI, Nick (c)
4	BRACEWELL, Ben (rhp)
10	BRADFORD, C.T. (of/lhp)
15	BRITTON, Matthew (inf)
42	BROWNLEE, Brent (of)
44	BUSBY, Andrew (rhp)
3	CASEY, Phillip (inf)
38	COX, Will (rhp)
31	FITTS, Trevor (rhp)
25	FLAIR, Nick (inf)
12	FRAZIER, Adam (inf)
8	FROST, Sam (inf)
9	FULLERTON, Tyler (of/inf)
39	GAINES, Tanner (rhp)
18	GIRODO, Chad (lhp)
49	GRAVEMAN, Kendall (rhp)
2	HENDERSON, Demarcus (inf)
14	HOLDER, Jonathan (rhp)
13	JONES, Brayden (inf)
21	LINDGREN, Jacob (lhp)
51	MITCHELL, Evan (rhp)
48	MITCHELL, Ross (lhp)
5	NORRIS, Daryl (inf/rhp)
22	POLLORENA, Luis (lhp)
32	PORTER, Trey (1b)
35	RES, Wes (1B/rhp)
37	REED, Caleb (rhp)
34	RENFROE, Hunter (c/of/rhp)
36	ROUTT, Nick (lhp)
29	SLAUTER, Mitch (c)
7	STARK, Taylor (inf/rhp)
28	STRATTON, Chris (rhp)
6	WATSON, C.C. (lhp)
24	WOODRUFF, Brandon (rhp/of/inf)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High school/junior college)
2	Demarcus Henderson	inf	5-11	170	R-R	RFr.	RS	Waynesboro, Miss. (Wayne County High School)
3	Phillip Casey	inf	6-0	163	L-R	Fr.	HS	Sugar Land, Texas (Fort Bend Clements HS)
4	Ben Bracewell	rhp	6-0	192	R-R	RSo.	1L	Chelsea, Ala. (Briarwood Christian School)
5	Daryl Norris	inf/rhp	6-1	222	R-R	So.	1L	Fairhope, Ala. (Fairhope High School)
6	C.C. Watson	lhp	6-0	196	L-L	RSo.	1L	Heflin, Ala. (Clebume High School)
7	Taylor Stark	of/rhp	6-0	185	R-R	So.	1L	Flowood, Miss. (Northwest Rankin High School)
8	Sam Frost	inf	5-10	165	L-R	Jr.	2L	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover High School)
9	Tyler Fullerton	of/inf	5-9	154	R-R	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Siegel High School)
10	C.T. Bradford	of/lhp	5-8	160	L-L	So.	1L	Pace, Fla. (Pace High School)
12	Adam Frazier	inf	5-10	170	L-R	So.	1L	Bishop, Ga. (Oconee County High School)
13	Brayden Jones	inf	5-11	180	R-R	RFr.	RS	Madison, Miss. (Madison Central High School)
14	Jonathan Holder	rhp	6-2	232	R-R	Fr.	HS	Gulfport, Miss. (Gulfport High School)
15	Matthew Britton	inf	5-11	176	L-R	Fr.	HS	Cullman, Ala. (Cullman High School)
17	Nick Ammirati	c	5-9	194	S-R	Jr.	JC	Sparta, N.J. (Seton Hall Prep/Seton Hall/Panola [Texas] JC)
18	Chad Girodo	lhp	6-1	186	L-L	Jr.	2L	Hartselle, Ala. (Hartselle High School)
21	Jacob Lindgren	lhp	5-11	191	R-L	Fr.	HS	Bay St. Louis, Miss. (St. Stanislaus High School)
22	Luis Polloreña	lhp	5-7	158	L-L	Jr.	1L	Laredo, Texas (United HS/Marion [Ala.] Military Institute)
24	Brandon Woodruff	rhp/of/inf	6-2	220	L-R	Fr.	HS	Wheeler, Miss. (Wheeler High School)
25	Nick Flair	inf	6-1	182	R-R	Fr.	HS	Belle Chasse, La. (Belle Chasse High School)
28	Chris Stratton	rhp	6-3	190	R-R	Jr.	2L	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo High School)
29	Mitch Slauter	c	6-1	195	R-R	Jr.	JC	Olathe, Kans. (Olathe North HS/Barton County [Kans.] CC)
31	Trevor Fitts	rhp	6-2	218	R-R	Fr.	HS	Helena, Ala. (Pelham High School)
32	Trey Porter	1b	6-1	209	L-R	Jr.	JC	Hurley, Miss. (East Central HS/Miss. Gulf Coast CC)
34	Hunter Renfroe	c/of/rhp	6-2	205	R-R	So.	1L	Crystal Springs, Miss. (Copiah Academy)
35	Wes Rea	1b/rhp	6-5	296	R-R	RFr.	RS	Gulfport, Miss. (Harrison Central High School)
36	Nick Routt	lhp	6-4	202	L-L	RJr.	2L	Silver Spring, Md. (St. Johns College High School)
37	Caleb Reed	rhp	5-10	202	R-R	Sr.	3L	Cleveland, Miss. (Bayou Academy)
38	Will Cox	rhp	6-3	231	R-R	Fr.	HS	Amory, Miss. (Amory High School)
39	Tanner Gaines	rhp	6-0	181	R-R	RFr.	RS	Baldwyn, Miss. (Baldwyn High School)
42	Brent Brownlee	of	6-0	188	R-R	Sr.	2L	Oxford, Miss. (Oxford High School)
44	Andrew Busby	rhp	6-4	230	R-R	Jr.	1L	Gardendale, Ala. (Gardendale HS/Wallace St. [Ala.] CC)
48	Ross Mitchell	lhp	6-0	168	L-L	RFr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn. (Blackman High School)
49	Kendall Graveman	rhp	6-1	190	R-R	Jr.	2L	Alexander City, Ala. (Benjamin Russell High School)
51	Evan Mitchell	rhp	6-2	173	R-R	So.	1L	Marietta, Ga. (Wheeler High School)

### SQUAD BREAKDOWN - 34

Seniors - 2  
 Juniors - 10  
 Sophomores - 8  
 Freshmen - 14

### COACHING STAFF

11 — John Cohen, *head coach*  
 23 — Lane Burroughs, *assistant coach*  
 30 — Butch Thompson, *assistant coach*  
 27 — Nick Mingione, *coord./baseball camps*  
 Tyler Bratton, *dir./baseball operations*  
 Brad Corley, *student assistant*

### ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jason Wire  
**GRAD. ASSIST. TRAINER**  
 Andy Bowersox  
**STUDENT TRAINER**  
 Michael Cavanah  
**STRENGTH COACH**  
 Brian Neal  
**ASST. STRENGTH COACH**  
 Greg Drye

### STUDENT MANAGERS

Will Coggin  
 Sam Cockroft  
 G.T. McCullough  
 Scott Ming  
 Davis Parker  
 Ronald Sims

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

17-Nick AMMIRATI (am-uh-RAW-tee)      35-Wes REA (RAY)  
 18-Chad GIRODO (juh-ROD-oh)      36-Nick ROUTT (rhymes with trout)  
 22-LUIS POLLORENA (lew-EECE poy-yo-RAIN-uh)      27-Nick MINGIONE (men-GEE-own)  
 9-Mitch SLAUTER (slaw-ter)