

RICHMOND BASEBALL

24 All-Americans | 8 NCAA Tournament Appearances | 5 Conference Championships

2025 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 14	Navy	W, 2-1 (9)
Feb 15	Navy	W, 2-1 (7)
Feb 15	Navy	W, 9-4
Feb 18	at William & Mary	W, 12-3
Feb 19	VMI	PPD
Feb 21	Lehigh	canceled
Feb 22	Lehigh	canceled
Feb 23	Fairfield	11 AM
Feb 23	Fairfield	1:30 PM
Feb 24	Fairfield	1:30 PM
Feb 25	at NC State	3 PM
Feb 28	Penn State ^	1:30 PM
Mar 1	Boston College ^	1 PM
Mar 2	Toledo ^	12 PM
Mar 4	Towson	1:30 PM
Mar 5	Boston College	1:30 PM
Mar 7	UMass Lowell	2 PM
Mar 8	Lafayette	10 AM
Mar 8	UMass Lowell	2 PM
Mar 9	Lafayette	2 PM
Mar 11	Longwood	1:30 PM
Mar 14	St. Bonaventure *	1:30 PM
Mar 15	St. Bonaventure *	1:00 PM
Mar 16	St. Bonaventure *	12 PM
Mar 19	at Virginia	4 PM
Mar 21	at Saint Joseph's *	3 PM
Mar 22	at Saint Joseph's *	1 PM
Mar 23	at Saint Joseph's *	12 PM
Mar 25	at James Madison	6 PM
Mar 28	Fordham *	2 PM
Mar 29	Fordham *	1 PM
Mar 30	Fordham *	12 PM
Apr 4	at Rhode Island *	3 PM
Apr 5	at Rhode Island *	1 PM
Apr 6	at Rhode Island *	12 PM
Apr 11	UMass*	2 PM
Apr 12	UMass*	1 PM
Apr 13	UMass*	12 PM
Apr 15	at Coppin State	3 PM
Apr 18	at George Washington *	3 PM
Apr 19	at George Washington *	1 PM
Apr 20	at George Washington *	12 PM
Apr 22	at Longwood	6 PM
Apr 25	Saint Louis *	2 PM
Apr 26	Saint Louis *	1 PM
Apr 27	Saint Louis *	12 PM
May 2	at Dayton *	3 PM
May 3	at Dayton *	1 PM
May 4	at Dayton *	12 PM
May 6	at Towson	3 PM
May 9	at VCU *	6 PM
May 10	at VCU *	2 PM
May 11	at VCU *	1 PM
May 13	Old Dominion	2 PM
May 15	Davidson *	2 PM
May 16	Davidson *	2 PM
May 17	Davidson *	12 PM
May 21-25	Atlantic 10 Tournament \$	TBD

! Central Virginia Challenge
* - Atlantic 10 Conference game
\$ Atlantic 10 Tournament | Tysons, Va.
HOME games are **BOLD**
All Times are Eastern

GM 5-7 | vs. Fairfield | Pitt Field | Richmond, Va.



RICHMOND Spiders

2025 Record: 4-0
Atlantic 10 Record: 0-0
Head Coach: Mik Aoki
Record at Richmond: 31-32
(2nd season)



FAIRFIELD Stags

2025 Record: 2-1
MAAC Record: 0-0
Head Coach: Bill Currier
Record at Fairfield: 2-1
(14th season, 361-294)

Sunday, February 23 at Fairfield

Time: 11:00 AM ET

Stadium: Pitt Field

Stream: ESPN+

Stats: RichmondSpiders.com

UR Starter: Esteban Rodriguez

Sunday, February 23 vs. Fairfield

Time: 1:30 PM ET

Stadium: Pitt Field

Stream: ESPN+

Stats: RichmondSpiders.com

UR Starter: Chase Topolski

Sunday, February 23 vs. Fairfield

Time: 1:30 PM ET

Stadium: Pitt Field

Stream: ESPN+

Stats: RichmondSpiders.com

UR Starter: TBA

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER 2025 STATS

16 - ESTEBAN RODRIGUEZ (RHP) | SR | 6-0 / 205 lbs | Doral, Fla. / Belen Jesuit Prep

ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
0.00	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0

Last Start vs. Navy (Feb. 14, 2025)

ERA	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB
0.00	ND	3.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

8 - CHASE TOPOLSKI (RHP) | JR | 6-1 / 190 lbs | Mount Laurel, N.J. / Lenape High

ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
2.45	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	3.2	3	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	14	0	2	0	1	0

Last appearance vs. Navy (Feb. 14, 2025)

ERA	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB
2.45	ND	3.2	3	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

SPIDERS NOTES

UP NEXT

Richmond will head on the road to take on ACC foe NC State Tuesday (Feb. 25) with first pitch set for 3 p.m. on ACCN+ at Doak Field at Dail Park in Raleigh, NC. The Central Virginia Challenge returns as the Richmond, William & Mary and VCU welcome Penn State, Boston College and Toledo for six team weekend series.

WEATHER FORCES SCHEDULE CHANGES

Snow fall in the region forced the Spiders to change the schedule as VMI was set to travel to Pitt Field Wednesday (Feb. 19) in midweek action. The schedule for the UR Invite was also altered due to the weather. Contests vs Lehigh have been canceled and the weekend shifted to a Sunday doubleheader with the series finale moved to Monday.

SPIDERS VS FAIRFIELD

The Stags head to RVA for the first time since 2014 for a series at Pitt Field that the Spiders took 2-1. Richmond holds an 8-2 all-time series record. In 2014, UR picked up a game one 13-2 victory and series finale 8-0 win. The Stags took game two, 6-2. The 2025 Fairfield Stags head to Pitt Field with a 2-1 record after opening the season at Florida Gulf Coast. FGCU took game one, 9-1, but the Stags won game two, 6-4, and the series finale 11-10 in 10 innings. Dean Ferrara paces the Stags with a .500 average, picking up seven hits in 14 at bats with two RBI, while Tyler Kipp leads with four RBI. TJ Schmalzle and Sean Meth have both of Fairfield's homeruns. Fairfield hurler Brenden Miller picked up one of the victories, with two appearances out of the pen for 3.2 innings of work allowing only two hits, no runs with six strikeouts against FGCU.

GENERAL

Location Richmond, VA 23173
Founded 1830
Enrollment 3,890
Nickname Spiders
Colors Red and Blue
Affiliation NCAA Division I
Conference Atlantic 10
President Kevin F. Hallock
Athletics Director John Hardt

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Mik Aoki
Alma Mater Davidson, 1990
Richmond Record 31-32 (2nd Year)
Career Record 532-613-2 (24th Year)
Assistant Coach Nate Mulberg
Assistant Coach Josh Epstein
Assistant Coach Collin Radack
Director of Player Development Eric Hill
Director of Baseball Operations Matthew Clark

TEAM INFORMATION

2024 Record 27-32
Atlantic 10 Record (Finish) 13-11 (5th)
Postseason 2nd A-10 Tournament
Starters Returning/Lost 8/2
Pitchers Returning/Lost 12/7
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 5/13
Newcomers 18

PROGRAM HISTORY

Seasons of Baseball 110 seasons
First Season 1915
All-Time Record (%) 1975-1501-19 (.568)
All-Time Conf. Record (%) 474-376-1 (.556)
NCAA Tournaments 8
Last Appearance 2003
NCAA Super Regional 1
Last Appearance 2002
College World Series N/A
Last Appearance N/A
Conference Titles 5
..... Southern Conference (1972)
..... Colonial (1986, 1997, 1998)
..... Atlantic 10 (2003)

BALLPARK INFORMATION

Stadium Pitt Field (1975)
Capacity 600
Dimensions 328-360-390-360-328
Surface Astro Turf (2024)

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SPIDERS PICK UP ROAD WIN OVER TRIBE

Richmond collected the program's first win in Williamsburg Tuesday (Feb. 18) at Plumeri Park, 12-3, since 2011. The Spiders jumped on the Tribe pitching staff early and often, led by Jordan Jaffe's three doubles in a four-hit, four runs scored day. Phil Bernstein also went 4-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored. Aidan O'Keefe tallied three hits with three RBI while Brady O'Brien chipped in two hits and two RBI. Rookie Glenn Smith picked up his first collegiate victory, tossing two scoreless innings after working around three hits and striking out two. Ryan Bilka struck out four and allowed one hit in his two innings of scoreless work while Dane Armson retired the Tribe in order with two strikeouts.

SEASON OPENER SERIES SWEEP VS NAVY

Richmond came from behind to take the Opening Day doubleheader, both by a score of 2-1. In game one, Aidan O'Keefe sent a bloop single into rightfield to score Brady O'Brien in the ninth for the win. Jordan Jaffe legged out a two-RBI triple down the right field line in the bottom of the sixth in game two. In the series finale, Jaffe put the Spiders out in front from the start with a two-run home run in the first inning. Richmond scored five runs in the sixth, including RBI singles by Joey Wilga and Aaron Whitley to put the game out of reach of the Midshipmen.

GOTTA EARN IT

Coming off a second-place finish in the 2024 Atlantic 10 Tournament, the University of Richmond baseball program has been picked to finish atop the league, along with VCU, in 2025. The Spiders received 125 points and one first-place vote in the annual league-wide coaches preseason poll, the conference announced Feb. 12. The Spiders and crosstown rival VCU tied with 125 points, while the Rams collected four first-place votes to the Spiders one. Saint Louis landed in third one point off with five first-place votes, while George Washington (104 points) and Davidson (80 points) both collected one first-place vote to land in fourth and fifth, respectively. Dayton (75 points), Rhode Island (71) and Saint Joseph's (66) land in sixth, seventh and eighth. George Mason (58), Massachusetts (44), Fordham (35) and St. Bonaventure (29) round out the league.

PRESEASON LOVE

Senior pitcher Esteban Rodriguez and graduate centerfielder Aaron Whitley were both named to D1Baseball.com's preseason top 150 player ranking lists for their respective positions. Rodriguez landed at 119th among the nation's top pitchers while Whitley was 78th among outfielders. The site also picked the Spiders to take the A-10 title.

SPIDER STARTERS RETURN

UR didn't lose much of its offense to graduating in 2024. Seven fielders, including all three outfielders DJ Pacheco, Aaron Whitley and Phil Bernstein, are set to keep the offense going for second-year Spider skipper Mik Aoki. Pacheco led the squad with a .335 average and .438 on-base percentage with 30 walks, 11 doubles and seven stolen bases. Ironman Bernstein paced UR with 45 RBI, 33 walks and nine stolen bases with a .330 average making 58 starts. Whitley, delayed a bit by early injuries, hit his stride in the conference season tallying a .367 average with 12 doubles, 10 home runs, 18 of 19 in stolen bases as he collected A-10 Defensive Player of the Year accolades. Corner infielder Jordan Jaffe went .317 at the plate, while slugging .546 with 12 doubles and 10 home runs. Shortstop Connor Larson and utility infielder Aidan O'Keefe also return to shore up the middle of the infield and keep defenses on their toes when the team looks to steal bases.

MONSTERS BEHIND THE DISH

Graduate transfer Cole Palmeri joins the mix with sophomores Jack Arcamone and RJ Rickabaugh to receive the Spider hurlers this season. Arcamone saw a lot of time as a designated hitter and outfielder in his rookie season, while Rickabaugh platooned with 2024 graduate Zach Lass.

EXPERIENCED STAFF

Four-year arms Esteban Rodriguez and Brian Reinke will be called upon to help meld the pitching staff. Rodriguez paced the Spiders with 90 strikeouts and a 4.50 ERA over 17 appearances and 12 starts in 76 innings. Reinke mixed in in both a starter role (8) and out of the pen to make 21 appearances over 57.1 innings of work with 66 strikeouts. Sophomore Jackson Hinchliffe will see work on the weekends as well after tossing 32.0 innings in 12 appearances and three starts his rookie season. Jason Shockley has made the transition from a catcher to just a flame thrower from the mound in his senior season after making six appearances over six innings of work late in 2024. Richmond will also lean on junior Chase Topolski to toe the rubber as a starter in 2025.

SPIDER ARMS RELOADED

After graduating starter Kyle Roche who ate up 86.2 innings with 72 strikeouts and only four walks, Logan Ymker 48.2IP, 27 strikeouts and closer Cole Hentschel (4.15 ERA, 4-2 with eight saves in 26 appearances), pitching coach Josh Epstein went out and found a mix of graduate and undergraduate transfers as well as six freshmen to add to his 11 returners. UR returns graduate pitchers Josh Willitts, Dylan Siesky, Gerry Peacock that missed last season while adding Mauricio Rodriguez (Rice), Tyler Rigot (Susquehanna) and Sawyer Duarte (Middlebury). Undergraduate transfer arms Ryan Bilka (Wagner) and Chayse Gruber (Neosho County CC) look to make a big impact from the start. Freshmen jumping at the bit to see action include Paul Witkop, Sam Young and Joey Giordano as well as two-way arms Angel Santiago-Cruz and Glenn Smith.

Spider Baseball Coaching Staff



MIK AOKI

Head Coach

Second Season: 31-32

24th Seasons Overall: 573-613-2

Aoki joined Richmond in June 2023, bringing more than 20 years of head coaching experience and over 500 career wins to the Spiders.

Aoki led the Spiders to a 27-32 record and 13-11 conference record in his first season at the helm of the program in 2024. UR clinched an Atlantic 10 Conference Championship tournament berth and as the four seed made it to the Championship Finals, going 3-2, suffering both losses to crosstown rival VCU. In the team's three postseason victories, the squad defeated George Washington 12-4, top-seeded Saint Louis 13-10, and Saint Joseph's 14-6.

Against Atlantic 10 opponents, the Spiders won four series in 2024, including a series sweep of George Washington at Pitt Field, and captured a victory against every A-10 opponent avoiding being swept. In the second game against George Mason, the Spiders came back from a 15-run deficit to collect a 17-16 extra innings walk off victory.

Spider starting pitcher Kyle Roche finished the season allowing just four walks, two during the regular season and two in the A-10 Tournament in 86.2 total innings on the hill. Roche led the nation averaging 18.0 strikeouts to every walk surrendered and 0.42 walks allowed per nine innings pitched.

Six different Spiders collected hardware in 2024. Brian Reinke (pitcher), Aidan O'Keefe (rookie) and Aaron Whitley (player) all collected weekly A-10 regular season honors. Esteban Rodriguez was named to the A-10 Second Team, while Jackson Hinchliffe picked up Rookie Team honors and Whitley was named A-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Phil Bernstein was named to the A-10 All-Academic and to the Jewish Baseball News All-America teams.

He came to UR from Morehead State, where in 2023 he guided the Eagles to a 36-20 record and the outright Ohio Valley Conference regular season title, the first for the program since 1979. Morehead State's 36 wins were tied for fourth-most in school history and marked the third straight year the Eagles increased their win total from the previous season.

Aoki served as the head coach at Notre Dame for nine seasons from 2010-19, when he oversaw the program's transition from the

Big East to the Atlantic Coast Conference. In their final Big East season in 2013, Aoki guided Notre Dame to a 34-24 record and a runner-up finish in the Big East Tournament. In the program's second ACC season in 2015, the Irish finished 37-23 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006.

Aoki spent seven seasons at Boston College as both an assistant and head coach, leading BC to some of the most successful seasons in program history. In 2009 — the third of Aoki's four seasons as head coach — the Eagles won 34 games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1967. From 2004 to 2006, Aoki served as BC's pitching coach. He helped BC to a program-record 37 wins in 2005 and had six Eagles pitchers drafted by MLB clubs.

Aoki's first collegiate head coaching position was at Columbia from 1999 to 2003. Aoki led the Lions to 20 wins in 2001, their first 20-win season since 1987. The Lions reached 20 wins again in 2002 and 2003, compiling the second-longest string of 20-win seasons in school history at the time.

Everywhere he's coached, Aoki has demonstrated an ability to develop future professional players. More than 55 of his players have been selected in the MLB Draft, and 15 have gone on to reach the major leagues.

Aoki's teams have also performed in the classroom, posting a program GPA of 3.0 or better every year from 2012 to 2021. In 2018 and 2019, his Notre Dame teams received "The Trophy," an award given to the Irish team most committed to community service.

Aoki earned a Bachelor's degree from Davidson College in 1990 and a Master's degree from Ohio University in 1994. He and his wife Sue have three children, son Kai, and daughters, Bryn and Reese.



NATE MULBERG

Assistant Coach/
Recruiting Coordinator
8th Season at UR



JOSH EPSTEIN

Assistant Coach /
Pitching Coach
4rd Season at UR



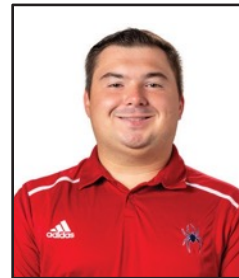
COLLIN RADACK

Assistant Coach /
Hitting Coach
8th Season at UR



ERIC HILL

Director of Player
Development
5th Season



MATTHEW CLARK

Director of Baseball
Operations
2nd Season

2025 Richmond Baseball Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt	B/T	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
2	Connor Larson	INF	5' 9"	185	R/R	SR	Flowery Branch, GA / Wofford
3	Michael Elko	INF	6' 0"	205	L/R	JR	College Station, TX / Northwestern
4	Jack Arcamone	C	6' 1"	195	L/R	SO	Trumbull, CT / Fairfield College Prep
5	Aaron Whitley	OF	5' 11"	185	R/R	GS	Niskayuna, NY / Rochester
6	Phil Bernstein	OF	6' 0"	180	L/R	GS	Brooklyn, NY / Hamilton
7	Jackson Kraemer	OF/RHP	6' 2"	205	R/R	R-SO	New Hope, PA / Wake Forest
8	Chase Topolski	RHP	6' 2"	205	R/R	JR	Mount Laurel, NJ / Lenape High
9	D.J. Pacheco	OF	6' 1"	205	R/R	SR	Danvers, MA / St. John's Prep
10	Dylan Siesky	RHP	6' 0"	205	R/R	GS	Chantilly, VA / Lafayette
11	Mauricio Rodriguez	RHP	6' 1"	210	R/R	GS	Revere, MA / Rice
12	Cole Palmeri	C	5' 8"	200	R/R	GS	Hamilton, NJ / Colby College
13	Jordan Jaffe	INF	6' 3"	205	R/R	JR	Thousand Oaks, CA / Calabasas High
14	Hugh Hill	LHP	6' 4"	225	L/L	R-FR	Conway, AR / Conway High
15	Davis Wallon	RHP	6' 1"	200	R/R	R-SO	Wilton, CT / Fairfield College Prep.
16	Esteban Rodriguez	RHP	6' 0"	205	R/R	SR	Doral, FL / Belen Jesuit Prep
17	RJ Rickabaugh	C	5' 10"	195	L/R	R-SO	Coatesville, PA / Notre Dame
18	Brady O'Brien	INF	6' 0"	195	R/R	GS	North Andover, MA / Colby College
19	Angel Santiago-Cruz	RHP/INF	6' 2"	215	R/R	FR	Severna Park, MD / Severna Park
20	Kellan Heney	LHP	6' 2"	200	L/L	R-FR	Manchester, MA / Governor's Academy
21	Brian Reinke	LHP	6' 1"	205	L/L	SR	Honeoye Falls, NY / Honeoye Falls-Lima
22	Joey Wilga	INF	6' 4"	235	R/R	SO	Jamison, PA / Central Bucks East
23	Jason Shockley	RHP	6' 3"	225	R/R	SR	Greenwood, DE / Rutgers
24	Josh Willitts	RHP	6' 3"	215	R/R	GS	Southampton, NJ / Seneca High
25	Tyler Rigot	LHP	6' 2"	220	L/L	GS	Charlotte, NC / Susquehanna
26	Chayse Gruber	RHP	5' 10"	210	R/R	JR	Great Bend, KS / Neosho County CC
27	Matthew Anderson	RHP	6' 6"	210	R/R	SR	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL / The Bolles School
29	Max Genderson	RHP	6' 5"	205	R/R	FR	Washington, DC / Maret High
30	Ryan Bilka	RHP	6' 1"	200	R/R	JR	Latham, NY / Wagner
31	Paul Witkop	RHP	6' 2"	205	R/R	FR	McLean, VA / Potomac School
32	Jackson Hinchliffe	RHP	6' 0"	190	R/R	SO	Fair Haven, NJ / Rumson-Fair Haven
33	Aidan O'Keefe	INF	5' 10"	180	R/R	R-SO	Latham, NY / Albany Academy
34	Gerry Peacock	RHP	6' 3"	200	R/R	GS	Williamstown, NJ / Notre Dame
35	Trevor Dosenbach	OF	5' 11"	175	R/R	FR	West Grove, PA / Avon Grove
36	PJ Hughes	INF	5' 11"	170	R/R	FR	Manhattan, KS / Manhattan High
47	Grant Kennedy	OF	6' 3"	190	R/R	FR	Phoenixville, PA / Malvern Prep
48	Glenn Smith	RHP	5' 10"	185	R/R	FR	Austin, TX / St. Michael's Academy
50	Dane Armson	RHP	6' 5"	205	R/R	GS	Montoursville, PA / Loyalsock Township
52	Spencer MacInnis	UTL	5' 10"	175	S/R	FR	Toronto, Ontario / Upper Canada College
53	Joey Giordano	LHP	5' 9"	185	L/L	R-FR	Montvale, NJ / Pascack Hills
54	Sam Young	RHP	6' 2"	220	R/R	FR	San Mateo, CA / Crystal Springs Uplands
55	Sawyer Duarte	RHP	5' 10"	185	R/R	GS	Port Washington, NY / Middlebury
56	James Fagnant	INF	5' 9"	185	L/R	FR	East Granby, CT / East Granby
57	TJ Addonizio	INF	5' 11"	200	L/R	FR	Henrico, VA / Fredrick Gunn School (CT)

Head Coach: Mik Aoki - Second Season

Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Nate Mulberg -9th season (University of Rochester, 2014)

Assistant Coach/Pitching Coach: Josh Epstein - 4thseason (Ramapo, 2006)

Assistant Coach/Hitting Coach: Collin Radack - 6th season (Hendrix, 2014)

Director of Baseball Operations: Matthew Clark - 2nd season (Point Park, 2022)

Pronunciation Guide

4 - Jack Arcamone: ark-ah-moan

8 -Chase Topolski: Toe-pole-skee

9 - DJ Pacheco: pa-CHEEK-oh

10 - Dylan Siesky: sigh-SKEE

13 - Jordan Jaffe: JAF-fee

15 - Davis Wallon: WALL-in

19 - Angel Santiago-Cruz: On-hel

21 - Brian Reinke: RAIN-kee

25 - Tyler Rigot: rig-got

32 - Jackson Hinchliffe: HENCH-liff

55 - Sawyer Duarte: doo-ar-tay

57 - TJ Addonizio: ad-DOH-nizz-e-oh

HC - Mik Aoki: Mick A-OH-KEE