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2010 All-Southland
Conference Performer



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2011 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time (CT)
February	18	Fri.	at Houston	Houston, Texas 6:30 PM
	19	Sat.	at Houston	Houston, Texas 6:30 PM
	20	Sun.	at Houston	Houston, Texas 1:00 PM
	24	Thurs. ^	DALLAS BAPTIST	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 3:00 PM
	25	Fri. ^	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 3:00 PM
	26	Sat. ^	MISSOURI STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 3:00 PM
March	1	Tues.	OKLAHOMA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 3:00 PM
	3	Thurs. \$	vs. Wichita State	Dallas, Texas 1:30 PM
	4	Fri. \$	at Dallas Baptist	Dallas, Texas 6:30 PM
	5	Sat. \$	vs. New Orleans	Dallas, Texas 1:30 PM
	6	Sun.	WICHITA STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1 PM
	8	Tues.	at TCU	Fort Worth, Texas 6:30 PM
	11	Fri. *	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	Huntsville, Texas 6:30 PM
	12	Sat. *	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	Huntsville, Texas 2:00 PM
	13	Sun. *	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	Huntsville, Texas 1:00 PM
	15	Tues.	TCU	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	16	Wed.	LOUISIANA TECH	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	18	Fri. *	UTSA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	19	Sat. *	UTSA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 2:00 PM
	20	Sun. *	UTSA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1:00 PM
	22	Tues.	at Baylor	Waco, Texas 6:30 PM
	25	Fri. *	NORTHWESTERN STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	26	Sat. *	NORTHWESTERN STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 2:00 PM
	27	Sun. *	NORTHWESTERN STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1:00 PM
	29	Tues.	TEXAS A&M	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
April	1	Fri. *	at Nicholls	Thibodaux, La. 6:00 PM
	2	Sat. *	at Nicholls	Thibodaux, La. 3:00 PM
	3	Sun. *	at Nicholls	Thibodaux, La. 1:00 PM
	5	Tues.	at Dallas Baptist	Dallas, Texas 6:30 PM
	8	Fri. *	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	9	Sat. *	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 2:00 PM
	10	Sun. *	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1:00 PM
	12	Tues.	BAYLOR	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	15	Fri. *	MCNEESE STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	16	Sat. *	MCNEESE STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 2:00 PM
	17	Sun. *	MCNEESE STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1:00 PM
	19	Tues.	HOUSTON BAPTIST	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	21	Thurs. *	at Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark. 6:00 PM
	22	Fri. *	at Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark. 6:00 PM
	23	Sat. *	at Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark. 1:00 PM
	26	Tues.	at Houston Baptist	Houston, Texas 6:30 PM
	29	Fri. *	at Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, Texas 3:00 PM
	30	Sat. *	at Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, Texas 2:00 PM
May	1	Sun. *	at Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, Texas 1:00 PM
	3	Tues.	at Louisiana Tech	Ruston, La. 6:00 PM
	6	Fri. *	TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	7	Sat. *	TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 2:00 PM
	8	Sun. *	TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1:00 PM
	13	Fri. *	at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas 6:30 PM
	14	Sat. *	at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas 2:00 PM
	15	Sun. *	at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas 1:00 PM
	17	Tues.	at Texas A&M	College Station, Texas 6:35 PM
	19	Thurs. *	TEXAS STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	20	Fri. *	TEXAS STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 6:30 PM
	21	Sat. *	TEXAS STATE	CLAY GOULD BALLPARK..... 1:00 PM
	25-28	Wed.-Sat.	Southland Conference Tournament	San Marcos, Texas TBA

BOLD indicates home games played at Clay Gould Ballpark (Arlington, Texas)

* Southland Conference Games

^ UTA Invitational Games

\$ Dallas Baptist Tournament

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QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

School.....The University of Texas at Arlington
 Location.....Arlington, Texas
 Founded.....1895 (Senior College in 1959)
 Enrollment.....33,000
 Nickname.....Mavericks
 School Colors.....Royal Blue and White with Orange Trim
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
 Conference.....Southland
 President.....James Spaniolo
 Alma Mater.....Michigan State, '68
 Director of Athletics.....Pete Carlson
 Alma Mater.....Iowa State, '75
 Senior Woman Administrator.....Debbie Garcia
 Alma Mater.....UT Arlington, '97
 Athletic Department Phone.....(817) 272-2261
 Ticket Information.....(817) 272-7267

HISTORY

First Year of Baseball.....1969
 All-Time Record.....1,146-1,105-1 (.509)
 Years in NCAA Tournament.....4
 Years.....1990, 1992, 2001, 2006
 Last Opponent / Result.....North Carolina State / L, 5-6 (10)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Darin Thomas
 Alma Mater.....Oklahoma Christian, '89
 Graduate.....Fort Hays State, '96
 Career Record / years.....85-88 / 3
 Record at UTA / years.....85-88 / 3
 Assistant Coaches.....Jay Sirianni (Nebraska, '01)
KJ Hendricks (UT Arlington, '01)
 Director of Operations...David McLeod (UT Arlington, '09)
 Baseball Office Phone.....(817) 272-7625

TEAM INFORMATION

2010 Overall Record.....29-31
 Conference Record / Finish.....19-14 / 5th
 Home Record.....16-14
 Away Record.....11-15
 Neutral Record.....2-2
 2010 Postseason.....SLC Tournament, 2-2
 Letterwinners Returning / Lost.....16 / 15
 Position Starters Returning / Lost.....7 / 2
 Pitchers Returning / Lost.....5 / 10
 Starting Pitchers Returning / Lost.....3 / 3
 Newcomers / Redshirt Returners.....19 / 0

STADIUM INFORMATION

Home Field.....Clay Gould Ballpark
 Surface.....Natural Grass
 Capacity.....1,600
 Dimensions.....330-LF, 400-CF, 330-RF
 Press Box Phone.....(817) 462-4225
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MEDIA INFORMATION

The 2011 edition of the UT Arlington Baseball Information Guide has been produced to assist you with your coverage of the Mavericks. Additional information, photographs and stats are available upon request.

CLAY GOULD BALLPARK

Clay Gould Ballpark is located on Allan Saxe Parkway at the corner of Park Row and Fielder Road. Parking is available at the ballpark.

Directions to Clay Gould Ballpark:

FROM INTERSTATE 30 (North)

Exit Fielder Road South. Follow Fielder Road for several miles and the ballpark is located on the left-hand side.

FROM INTERSTATE 20 (South)

Exit Cooper Street North. Follow Cooper Street to Park Row. Turn left (west) on Park Row. Turn left (west) on Park Row to the second stop light where the stadium is located on the right. To access the parking lot, make a right at the stop light onto Fielder Road and turn onto Allan Saxe Parkway on the opposite side of the ballpark.

PRESS BOX

UT Arlington's press box is located at the top of the main grandstand behind home plate. Access to the press box is located behind the stands near the main entrance. The press box is handicapped-accessible by an elevator near the stairs on the third-base side.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Working press and photographer credential for UT Arlington home games are distributed at the discretion of UTA Athletic Communications. Credential requests should be made in writing by sports editors or sports directors of accredited media outlets on company letterhead or via account-verifiable e-mail. All requests should be made as early as possible and should be limited to working press only.

All credential requests should be sent to: Luke Brietzke, Sports Information Director (email: lbrietzke@uta.edu; fax: 817-272-5037; mail: UTA Box 19079, Arlington, Texas 76019).

Credentials will be left at the will-call ticket booth two-hours prior to the scheduled first pitch.

STATISTICS/SERVICES

Statistics, game notes and rosters will be available to media only in the press box prior to the game. Final box scores will be provided to the media within five minutes of the game's conclusion.

INTERNET ACCESS

The Clay Gould Ballpark press box is equipped with high-speed Internet access, but ethernet cables are limited. Fax service is also available.

POST GAME INTERVIEWS

UT Arlington head coach Darin Thomas and selected Maverick players will be available to the media in front of the first-base dugout after a 10-minute "cooling off" period following the game. Requests for postgame interviews with specific players should be made to Luke Brietzke by the end of the eighth inning.

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Practice sessions are open to the media and may be viewed from the stands. All interview requests must be made through the athletic communications department to arrange access to players and coaches following practice.

All requests for pre-practice interviews with specific players or Coach Thomas should be made to Luke Brietzke, no less than 24-hours in advance.

PHONE INTERVIEWS

The UT Arlington sports information office requests media members to arrange phone interviews **at least 24 hours in advance**. Phone interviews can be arranged by calling Luke Brietzke, Sports Information Director. Individual phone numbers of student-athletes may not be released under any circumstances.

RADIO

Visiting radio for all games will be seated on the third base side of the press box.

UT ARLINGTON ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The UT Arlington sports information office is located in rooms 103 and 104 of the Gilstrap Athletic Center, 1309 W. Mitchell St., near the northwest corner of Maverick Stadium.

CBS GAMETRACKER (Live Stats)

All UT Arlington Baseball games during the 2010 season can be viewed play-by-play on the official athletics website of UT Arlington Baseball, www.utamavs.com.

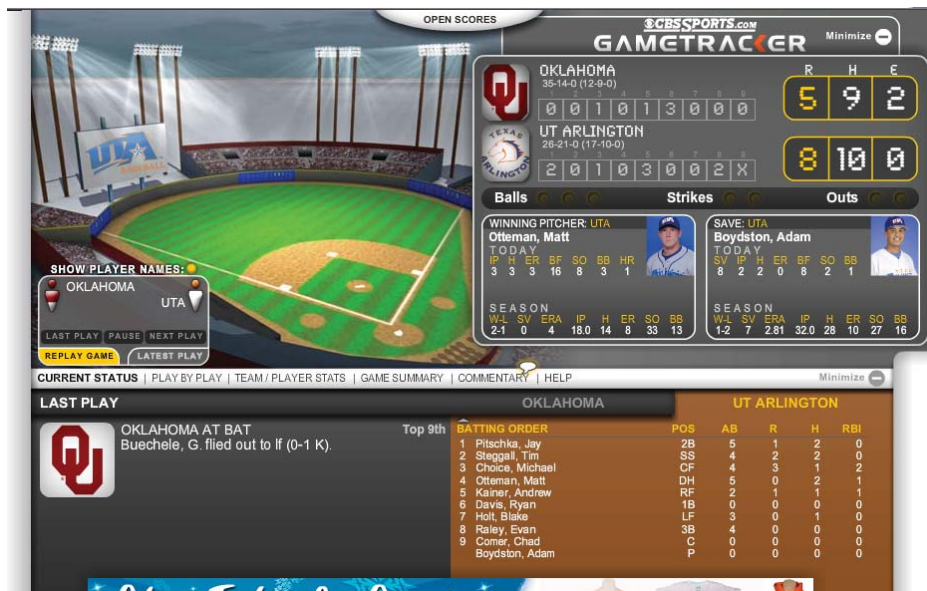


OFFICIAL ATHLETICS WEBSITE

The UT Arlington athletic website (www.utamavs.com) offers complete coverage of all 14 Maverick teams, and provides UT Arlington baseball fans updated information all year long.

- Complete coverage of UT Arlington baseball includes feature stories, game previews and recaps, game notes, information guide, photo galleries, player and coaching bios, roster, schedule information and much more.

- The UT Arlington athletics website also offers CBS Sports GameTracker, which allows fans to follow all Maverick baseball games LIVE, with pitch-by-pitch, play-by-play coverage. GameTracker carries all of the in-game action and provides an up to the minute box score with player and team statistics and has a scoreboard with all of the information from games in action across the country.



GAMETRACKER

The University of Texas at Arlington



2 **Jake Pinchback**
5-9, 170, So., LHP
Katy, Texas



3 **Bryant Lopez**
5-7, 165, Sr., OF
Copperas Cove, Texas



4 **Daniel Jordan**
5-11, 165, Fr., INF
Wylie, Texas



5 **Preston Beck**
6-2, 190, So., OF/RHP
Dallas, Texas



6 **Daniel Garcia**
6-0, 180, RS Fr., C
Arlington, Texas



7 **Cody Dyvig**
5-11, 170, So., INF
Fort Worth, Texas



9 **Brian Nephew**
6-3, 210, Jr., IF
Arlington, Texas



10 **Philip Incaviglia**
5-10, 170, Jr., OF
Monterey, Calif.



11 **Ryan Walker**
6-0, 155, Fr., INF
Arlington, Texas



12 **Jesse Payne**
6-2, 180, Sr., INF
Carrollton, Texas



13 **Adam Boydston**
6-0, 185, RS Jr., LHP
Corinth, Texas



15 **Greg McCall**
6-1, 205, Fr., C
Frisco, Texas



16 **Chad Comer**
6-2, 220, RS Sr., C
Mansfield, Texas



17 **Brody Walker**
6-3, 205, RS Fr., LHP
Waco, Texas



18 **Sam Hansen**
6-0, 190, So., RHP/INF
Hewitt, Texas



19 **John Beck**
6-2, 175, Fr., RHP
Temple, Texas



20 **Stephen Krolick**
6-1, 160, So., RHP
Keller, Texas



21 **Michael Oberto**
6-1, 185, Jr., RHP
Broomfield, Colo.



23 **Mark Picca**
6-2, 205, Sr., LHP
Arlington, Texas



24 **Lance Day**
6-1, 200, Jr., RHP
Snyder, Texas



25 **Jordan Vaughn**
6-4, 225, RS Jr., INF
Colorado Springs, Colo.



26 **Nick Orr**
6-0, 180, Sr., OF
Mesa, Ariz.



29 **Michael Morales**
5-10, 185, Jr., RHP
Chandler, Ariz.



32 **Michael Guerra**
5-10, 195, Jr., INF
Alvin, Texas



33 **Chase Weaver**
6-1, 230, Fr., LHP
Richardson, Texas



34 **Collin Reynolds**
6-4, 235, Jr., RHP
Frisco, Texas



35 **Kasey Merck**
6-1, 185, Fr., RHP
Keller, Texas



36 **Adam Westbrook**
6-3, 225, Jr., LHP
Gilmer, Texas



37 **Calan Pritchard**
6-0, 170, RS Jr., LHP
Fort Worth, Texas



38 **Preston Morrow**
6-0, 170, Jr., OF
Dallas, Texas



40 **Matt Shorthall**
6-3, 210, Fr., C/OF
Dallas, Texas



41 **Kennedy Winn**
6-1, 205, So., LHP
Chickasha, Okla.



14 **Darin Thomas**
Head Coach
4th Season



31 **Jay Sirianni**
Assistant Coach
7th Season



22 **K.J. Hendricks**
Assistant Coach
4th Season



33 **Troy Conkle**
Volunteer Assistant
1st Season



45 **David McLeod**
Director of Operations
2nd Season

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./EXP	Hometown/High School/Previous School
2	Jake Pinchback	LHP/OF	L/L	5-9	170	So./1L	Katy, Texas/Seven Lakes
3	Bryant Lopez	OF	R/R	5-7	165	Sr./1L	Copperase Cove, Texas/Copperas Cove/North Central Texas
4	Daniel Jordan	INF	R/R	5-11	165	So./1L	Wylie, Texas/Wylie
5	Preston Beck	OF/RHP	L/R	6-2	190	So./1L	Dallas, Texas/Bishop Lynch
6	Daniel Garcia	C	R/R	6-0	180	RS Fr./HS	Arlington, Texas/Martin
7	Cody Dyvig	INF	L/R	5-11	170	So./1L	Fort Worth, Texas/Keller Central
9	Brian Nephew	INF	R/R	6-3	210	So./1L	Arlington, Texas/Martin/McLennan CC
10	Philip Incaviglia	OF	R/R	5-10	170	Jr./TR	Monterey, Calif./Salinas/Monterey Peninsula CC
11	Ryan Walker	INF	L/R	6-0	155	Fr./HS	Arlington, Texas/Martin
12	Jesse Payne	INF	L/R	6-2	180	Sr./1L	Carrollton, Texas/Hebron/North Central Texas
13	Adam Boydston	LHP	L/L	6-0	185	RS Jr./2L	Corinth, Texas/Lake Dallas
15	Greg McCall	C	L/R	6-1	205	Fr./HS	Frisco, Texas/Wakeland
16	Chad Comer	C	R/R	6-2	220	RS Sr./3L	Mansfield, Texas/Mansfield
17	Brody Walker	LHP	L/L	6-3	205	RS Fr./RS	Waco, Texas/Midway
18	Sam Hansen	RHP/INF	S/R	6-0	190	Fr./HS	Hewitt, Texas/Midway
19	John Beck	RHP	R/R	6-2	175	Fr./HS	Temple, Texas/Belton
20	Stephen Krolick	RHP	R/R	6-1	160	RS So./1L	Keller, Texas/Keller
21	Michael Oberto	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Jr./TR	Broomfield, Colo./Legacy/Lamar CC
23	Mark Picca	LHP	L/L	6-2	205	Sr./3L	Arlington, Texas/Nolan Catholic
24	Lance Day	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	Jr./TR	Snyder, Texas/Snyder/Odessa CC
25	Jordan Vaughn	INF	R/R	6-4	225	RS Jr./2L	Colorado Springs, Colo./Rampart
26	Nick Orr	OF	L/L	6-0	180	Sr./1L	Mesa, Ariz./Red Mountain/Mesa CC
29	Michael Morales	RHP	R/R	5-10	185	Jr./TR	Chandler, Ariz./Chandler/Chandler-Gilbert CC
32	Michael Guerra	INF	R/R	5-10	195	Jr./TR	Alvin, Texas/Alvin/Blinn JC
33	Chase Weaver	LHP	L/L	6-1	230	Fr./HS	Richardson, Texas/Richardson
34	Collin Reynolds	RHP	R/R	6-4	235	Jr./TR	Frisco, Texas/Wakeland/McLennan CC
35	Kasey Merck	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Fr./HS	Keller, Texas/Keller
36	Adam Westbrook	LHP	L/L	6-3	225	Jr./TR	Gilmer, Texas/New Diana/North Central Texas CC
37	Calan Pritchard	LHP	L/L	6-0	170	RS Jr./1L	Fort Worth, Texas/CF Brewer/Weatherford College
38	Preston Morrow	OF	L/R	6-0	170	Jr./TR	Dallas, Texas/First Baptist Acad./Eastfield CC

COACHING STAFF

14	Head Coach: Darin Thomas (4th Season) Oklahoma Christian (1989)
31	Assistant Coach: Jay Sirianni (7th Season) Nebraska (2001)
22	Assistant Coach: K.J. Hendricks (4th Season) UT Arlington (2008)
10	Volunteer Asst. Coach: Troy Conkle (1st Season) Northwestern Louisiana (1994)
	Director of Operations: David McLeod (2nd Season) UT Arlington (2007)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Chad COMER	Comb-er
Cody DYVIG	duh-VIG
Philip INCAVIGLIA	INK-uh-VEEL-ya
Stephen KROLICK	CROW-lick
Mark PICCA	Pick-uh
CALAN Pritchard	KAY-lyn



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

19	John Beck	RHP
5	Preston Beck	RHP/INF
13	Adam Boydston	LHP
16	Chad Comer	C
24	Lance Day	RHP
7	Cody Dyvig	INF
6	Daniel Garcia	C
32	Michael Guerra	INF
28	Sam Hansen	RHP/INF
10	Philip Incaviglia	OF
4	Daniel Jordan	INF
38	Stephen Krolick	RHP
3	Bryant Lopez	OF
15	Greg McCall	C
35	Kasey Merck	RHP
29	Michael Morales	RHP
38	Preston Morrow	OF
10	Brian Nephew	INF
21	Michael Oberto	RHP
26	Nick Orr	OF
12	Jesse Payne	INF
23	Mark Picca	LHP
2	Jake Pinchback	LHP/OF
37	Calan Pritchard	LHP
34	Collin Reynolds	RHP
25	Jordan Vaughn	INF
17	Brody Walker	LHP
11	Ryan Walker	INF
33	Chase Weaver	LHP
36	Adam Westbrook	LHP

EXPERIENCE BREAKDOWN

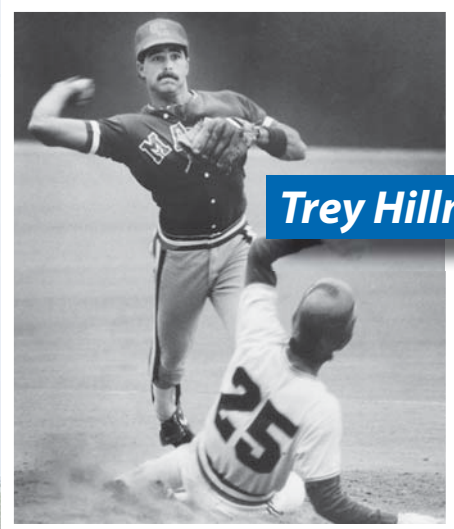
Seniors	6 - Lopez, Payne, Picca, Orr, Comer, Nephew
Juniors	9 - Incaviglia, Oberto, Day, Vaughn, Guerra, Morales, Westbrook, Pritchard, Morrow, Boydston, Reynolds
Sophomores	9 - Pinchback, Jordan, P. Beck, Dyvig, Hansen, Krolick, Morales, Reynolds
Freshmen	7 - R. Walker, McCall, J. Beck, Garcia, Weaver, B. Walker, Merck

BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Texas	27 - R. Walker, Lopez, Jordan, P. Beck, Garcia, Dyvig, McCall, Nephew, Payne, Boydston, Comer, B. Walker, Picca, Day, J. Beck, Hansen, Pinchback, Pritchard, Guerra, Weaver, Reynolds, Merck, Morrow, Westbrook, Krolick
Arizona	2 - Orr, Morales
Colorado	2 - Vaughn, Oberto
California	1 - Incaviglia

POSITION BREAKDOWN (secondary position)

Pitchers	15 - J. Beck, Boydston, Day, Hansen (INF), Krolick, Merck, Morales, Oberto, Picca, Pinchback (OF), Pritchard, Reynolds, B. Walker, Weaver, Westbrook
Catchers	3 - Comer, Garcia, McCall
Infielders	7 - Dyvig (OF), Guerra, Jordan, Nephew, Payne, Vaughn, R. Walker
Outfielders	5 - P. Beck (RHP), Incaviglia, Lopez, Morrow, Orr



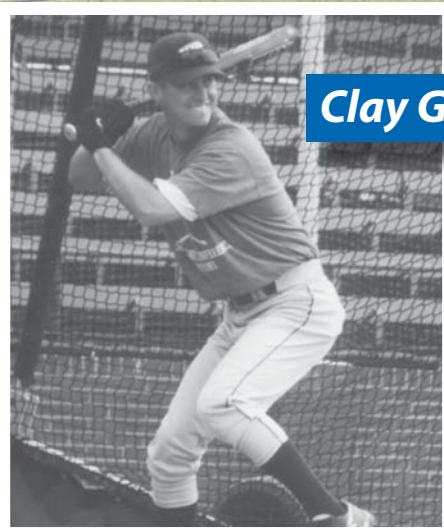
Trey Hillman



Daniel Ortmeier



2011 Maverick Baseball



Clay Gould



2006 SLC Tournament Champions



Butch McBroom

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Former UT Arlington players have either, played, coached or managed in Major League Baseball.

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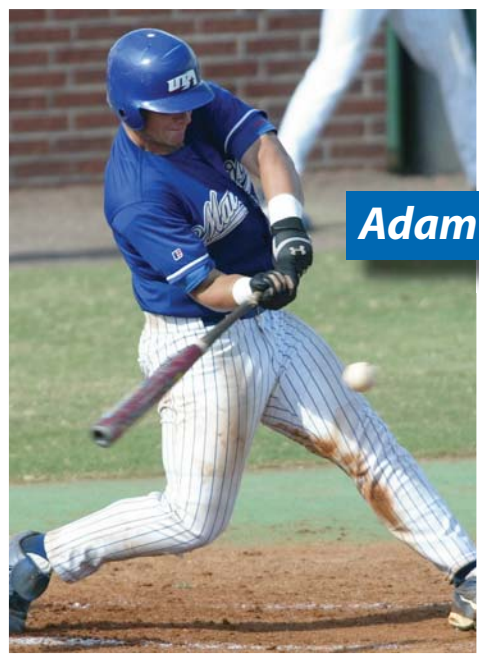
Mavericks have received All-American recognition, including Jason Watkins (1992), Ryan Roberts (2003), Mike Snapp (2004), Michael Gardner (2004 & 2005) and Michael Choice (2010).

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Southland Conference Championships:
- 1990, 1992, 2001, 2006

40

Wins in 1992 (40-15) is the UT Arlington school record for victories in a single season.



Adam Moore



756

Wins by former UT Arlington coach Butch McBroom during his 26-year head coaching career with the Mavericks.

93

Major League Baseball draft or free agent selections from the UT Arlington baseball program. In addition, there have been 37 MLB draft or free agent selections since 2000.

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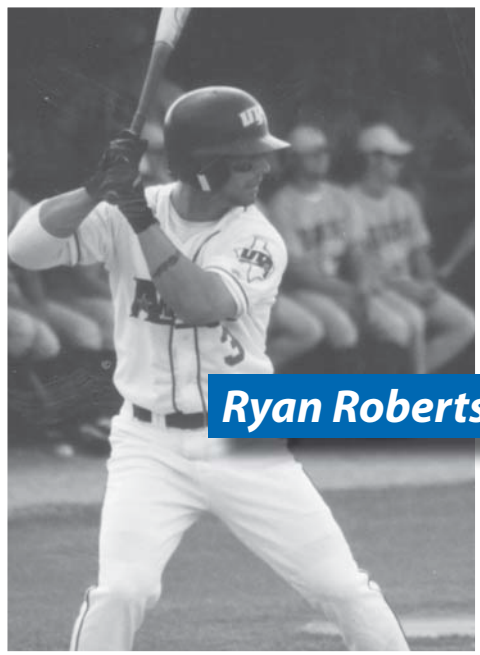
UTA hitters have won a SLC batting title, including Michael Choice (2010), Ryan Roberts (2003) and Hunter Pence (2003-04) back-to-back seasons and Matt Otteman (2009).

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First Team All-Southland Conference selections. The Mavericks have also had 24 Southland All-Tournament team selections.

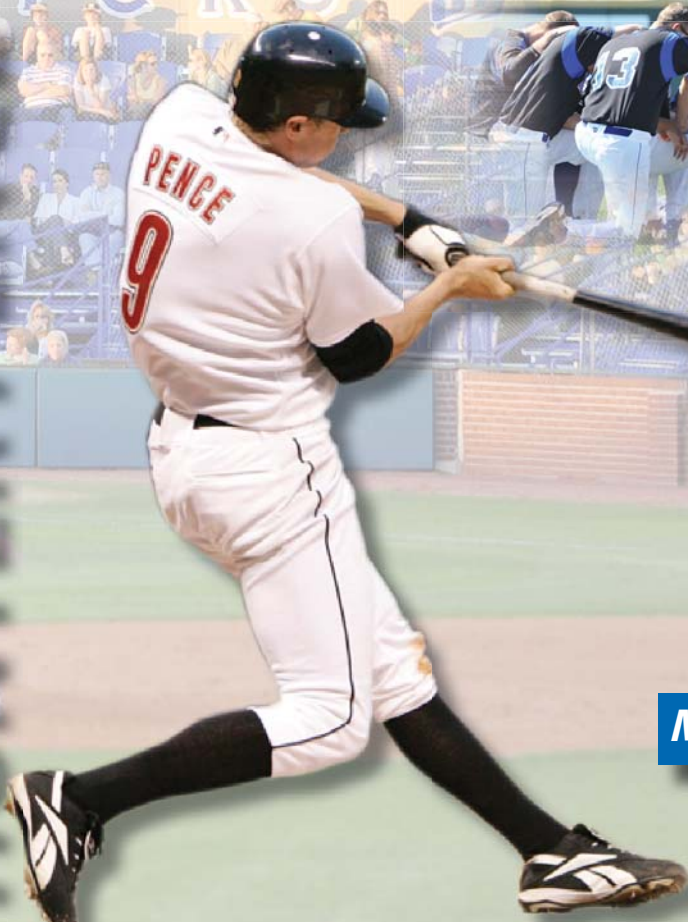
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Victories over nationally-ranked opponents for Darin Thomas in three seasons as head coach of the Mavericks (2008-2010).



Ryan Roberts

HUNTER PENCE



Michael Choice

2011 Maverick Baseball

Welcome

Clay Gould

2011 Maverick Baseball



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d Ballpark



2011 Maverick Baseball



For years, UT Arlington has enjoyed playing on one of the most well-manicured baseball surfaces in the country. The Mavericks enter their 38th season at the same ballpark that has seen a few overhauls during its nearly four decades of housing the team.

Prior to the start of the 2003 season, renovations to the stadium were completed featuring a brand new grand entranceway and added seating to boost the capacity to 1,600.

The facility received a new state-of-the-art lighting system, which allows the Mavericks the ability to play night baseball.

The facility was re-named Clay Gould Ballpark on April 26, 2003, after the former UT Arlington standout player and coach. The name change was at the suggestion of Dr. Allan Saxe, an associate professor of political science at UT Arlington, whom the ballpark was previously named after.

In front of a crowd of nearly 1,000 people, the name change officially took place and Gould's widow, Julie, and daughter, Logan, unveiled the memorial of Clay Gould on the outside wall of the main entranceway.

In 2009 a Daktronics ProStar® LED Display video board was installed and the center section of the grandstands also received an upgrade with approximately 345 new seats added.

Other additions to the stadium took place in 1999, when a three-foot high brick wall - that

spans from dugout to dugout - was added, along with a new net backstop. Projects for the 2010 season include adding a "brag board" next to the scoreboard/video board and adding a retired number to the outfield fence.

The stadium was named for Saxe, after his overwhelming generosity made it possible for UT Arlington to continue its development of one of the finest facilities in the NCAA.

The stadium was originally opened in 1974 as the Mavericks hosted TCU in what became the UT Arlington debut of head coach Butch McBroom.

In 36 seasons, the Mavericks have established Clay Gould Ballpark as one of the toughest places for a visiting team in the country. Since 1974, the Mavericks have averaged 20 wins per season at home. In all, UT Arlington has won 703 games, while losing just 395 for a .640 home field winning percentage.

In 1986, the field was completely renovated. The entire field was sprigged with a fine natural turf (Hybrid Bermuda Tiff 419). A hydraulic powered irrigation system was installed while the surface was leveled and a new infield dirt mixture was applied along with the addition of a warning track surrounding the field.

UT Arlington's coaching staff serves as the head groundskeepers. With the help of the Maverick baseball players, Clay Gould Ballpark is now considered one of the finest playing surfaces in the Southwest. Besides UT Arlington baseball, the diamond has played host to the Texas State Junior College Tournament, the state American Amateur Baseball Congress Connie Mack and American Legion Tournaments and numerous high school playoff games. It also served as the venue for Major League tryout camps.

Nolan Ryan, Alex Rodriguez, Roger Clemens and Ozzie Smith have made appearances at the Ballpark for individual workouts, commercials, camps and clinics.

Clay Gould Ballpark also includes three remodeled astro-turfed batting cages and a 10-foot padded wall.

The field has dimensions of 330 feet down the lines, 380 feet into the power alleys and 400 feet to straight away center field.

Year-by-Year Record at Clay Gould Ballpark

Year	W-L	Pct.
1974	14-11	.560
1975	17-13	.567
1976	19-7	.731
1977	13-22	.371
1978	22-10	.688
1979	14-10	.583
1980	28-13	.683
1981	30-8	.789
1982	32-5	.865
1983	20-13	.606
1984	26-3	.897
1985	29-12	.707
1986	19-12	.613
1987	24-7	.774
1988	20-9	.690
1989	21-10	.677
1990	23-9	.719
1991	23-11	.676
1992	26-3	.897
1993	24-6	.800
1994	17-16	.515
1995	18-16	.529
1996	17-14	.584
1997	15-15	.500
1998	13-13	.500
1999	15-15	.500
2000	15-14	.517
2001	18-12	.600
2002	22-7	.759
2003	13-4	.765
2004	21-11	.656
2005	12-15	.444
2006	14-12	.538
2007	12-17	.480
2008	17-13	.567
2009	20-7	.741
2010	16-14	.533
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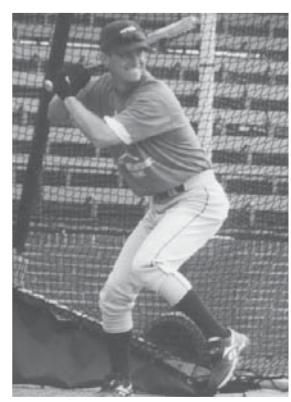
TOP CROWDS AT CLAY GOULD BALLPARK

	Attn.	Date	Opponent	Result
1.	1,388	4/20/04	Texas A&M	W, 5-4
2.	1,189	2/15/98	Oklahoma State	W, 4-2
3.	1,213	5/13/08	Texas A&M	W, 16-8
4.	1,025	2/17/02	Arkansas	L, 1-7
5.	1,009	2/01/92	TCU	W, 4-3
6.	933	2/15/98	Texas A&M	L, 6-10

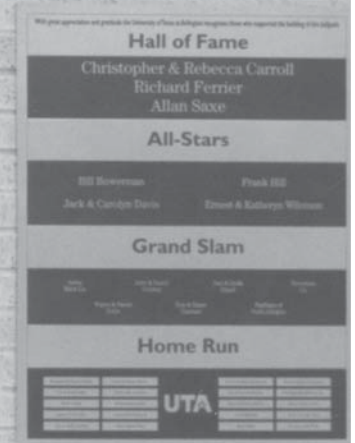
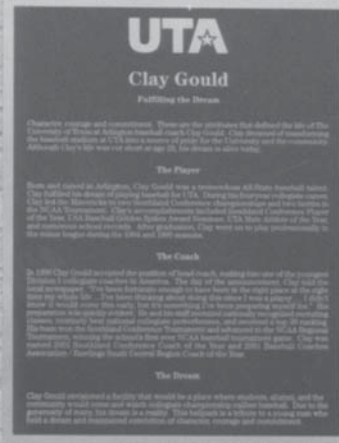
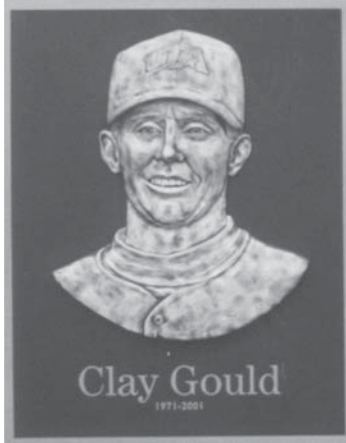
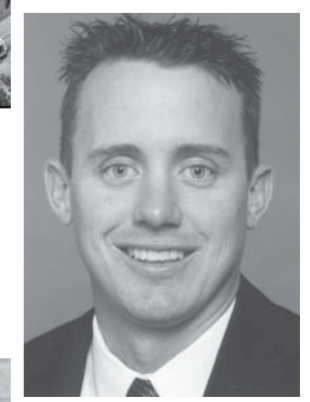
^ Texas A&M ranked No. 7 in four national polls
* 1992 Season-Opener

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Clay Gould Ballpark saw its largest crowd on April 20, 2004, when 1,388 fans packed the park to see the Mavericks take on the Texas A&M Aggies. UT Arlington treated the home fans with a three-run ninth inning to beat the Aggies, 5-4.



Members from John Bird Aerial Photography hover over Clay Gould Ballpark for dedication day on April 26, 2003. As a tribute to the late Clay Gould, his retired No. 8 was cut into the outfield grass in center field.



A memorial of the late Clay Gould adorns the outside wall of the grand entranceway to the Ballpark.

MAVERICKS IN THE COMMUNITY

Being a member of the UT Arlington baseball program has always meant more than just studying and showing up to Clay Gould Ballpark in preparation for the upcoming season. Just as Maverick coaches have done in the past, fourth-year head coach Darin Thomas has placed community service projects and mentoring high on his list of priorities for his program.

UTA players frequently visit with students at Swift Elementary School, which is located in the shadow of their home stadium at Fielder Road and Park Row Drive. Players talk a little sports and a lot about getting good grades and taking advice from their teachers and parents.

"Being involved in the community is an area we place a high importance on in the Maverick program," Thomas said. "It is important for our student-athletes to pay forward and give back to the community. This is an area we will continue to emphasize with our players."

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Former player Mitch Putman (left) and Jordan Vaughn (right) spend time reading to children at Swift Elementary School.



Mavericks hosted Miricle League Day at Clay Gould Ballpark on May 15, 2009.



MAVERICKS IN THE CLASSROOM

The 2010 Maverick baseball team tied a UT Arlington program record by accumulating 19 wins in Southland Conference play while also continuing success in the classroom. The UT Arlington baseball program received a total of 34 selections to the UT Arlington Fall and Spring Athletic Director's Academic Honor Roll. In the spring semester, 15 baseball student-athletes were named to the Capital One/Southland Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. The Capital One/SLC Academic Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes who competed in league championship sports during the spring semester and maintained a 3.0 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The Mavericks have posted a team cumulative grade point average better than 3.0 in six of the last seven semesters. In addition, 19 of the team's 34 student-athletes received honor roll recognition last semester.

ADAM BOYDSTON

- 2009 SLC All-Academic (Second Team)
- Earned perfect 4.0 in Fall 2010



BRIAN NEPHEW

- UT Arlington 2010 Fall Academic Honor Roll
- UT Arlington 2010 Spring Academic Honor Roll



JESSE PAYNE

- UT Arlington 2010 Fall Academic Honor Roll
- UT Arlington 2010 Spring Academic Honor Roll



JORDAN VAUGHN

- 2010 SLC All-Academic (Second Team)
- UT Arlington 2009 Spring Academic Honor Roll



MARK PICCA

- 2010 SLC All-Academic (Second Team)
- UT Arlington 2009 Spring Academic Honor Roll



The University of Texas at Arlington

The UT Arlington baseball program has established itself as one of the top baseball factories in Texas. By the end of the 2010 Major League Baseball season, there were five former Mavericks on an MLB roster — tied for second-most in the state.

UT Arlington had as many former players on MLB rosters at the end of the season as Texas. Only Rice (seven) had more former players in the majors. The Mavericks also matched the entire rest of the Southland Conference, producing six of the 11 MLB players from the league.

Dillon Gee became the latest ex-Maverick to make a Major League roster when he made his debut with the New York Mets on Sept. 7, 2010 when he went 7 innings, allowing one run in his first career win — a 4-1 victory over the Washington Nationals. He went 2-2 in five starts with a 2.18 ERA.

Hunter Pence has emerged as the face of the Houston Astros. He hit .282 with 25 home runs and 91 RBIs in 156 games in 2010. An all-star in 2009, Pence is now an established star in the National League.

Another former UT Arlington player, John Lackey, amassed a 14-11 record with a 4.40 ERA with the Boston Red Sox. Lackey, a 2007 All-Star, is a pivotal part of the Red Sox starting rotation.

Mark Lowe missed most of the 2010 season with a back injury, but his year proved eventful. He returned to the Metroplex as part of a trade that sent Cliff Lee from the Seattle Mariners to the Texas Rangers. Lowe made two appearances in the World Series for the Rangers.

Adam Moore served as the Seattle Mariners backup catcher, hitting .195 with four home runs in 60 games.

In limited playing time, Ryan Roberts batted .197 with two home runs as a member of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Trey Hillman, the only three-time All-SLC selection in UT Arlington history, was appointed to the Los Angeles Dodgers coaching staff by new manager Don Mattingly. He managed the Kansas City Royals for two years.

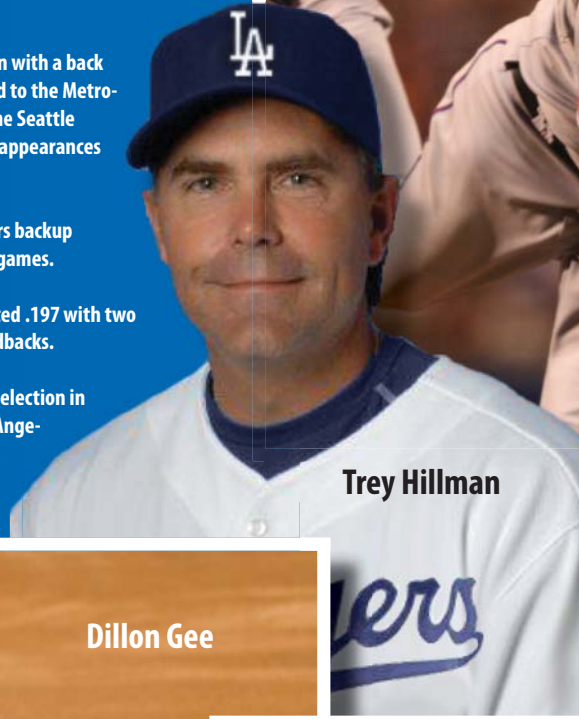
FORMER UT ARLINGTON MAVERICKS



IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Mark Lowe



Trey Hillman



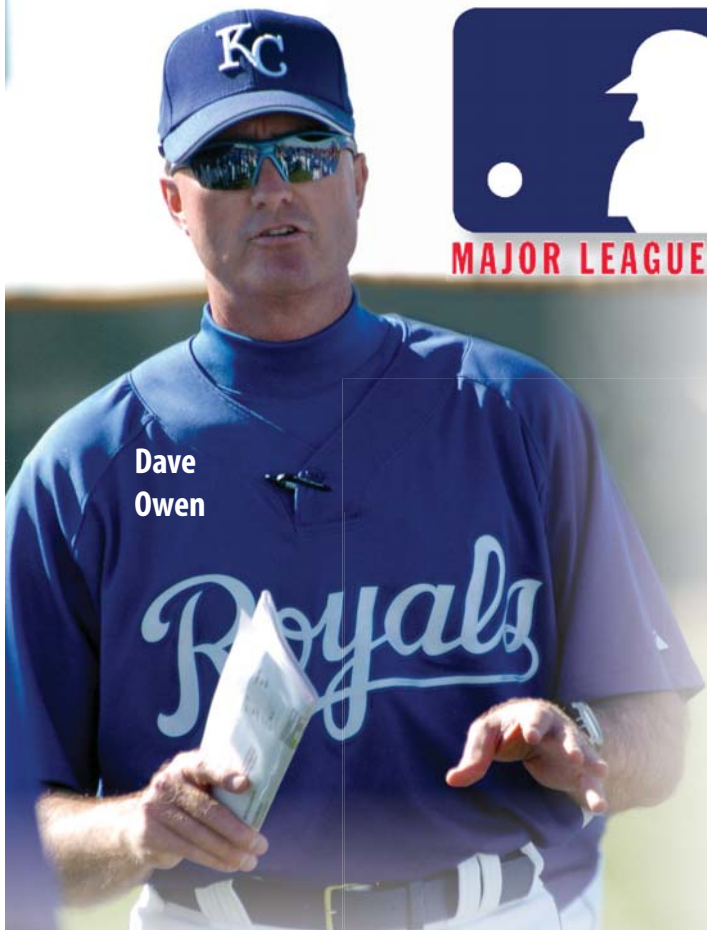
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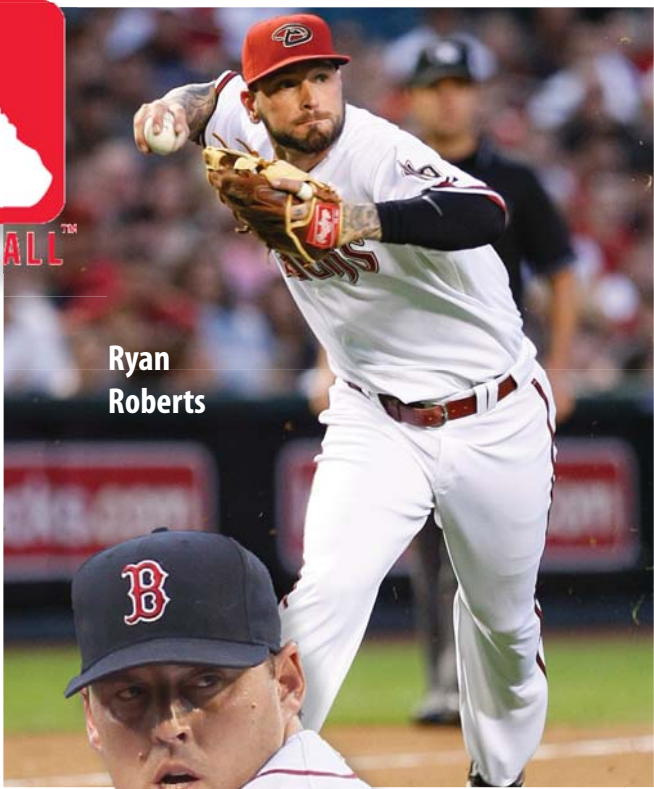
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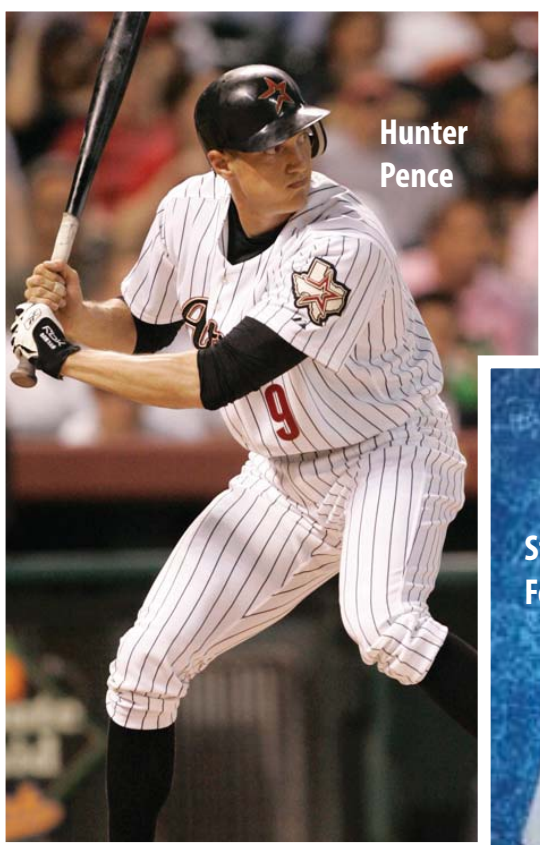
Dave Owen



Ryan Roberts



John Lackey



Hunter Pence



Steve Foster

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MAJOR LEAGUE MAVERICKS



DAVE OWEN
1977-79

STEVE FOSTER
1987-88

JOHN LACKEY
1998

DAN ORTMEIER
2000-02

MARK LOWE
2002-04

RYAN ROBERTSON
2002-03

HUNTER PENCE
2003-04

TREY HILLMAN
1982-85

ADAM MOORE
2006

NCAA REGIONAL

CLAY

BUTCH

Clay Gould Ballpark, the home of UT Arlington baseball, has a new addition beyond the right-center field fence with a 27' X 36' brag board that sits next to the Mavericks scoreboard/video board.

The brag board displays UT Arlington's retired jersey numbers along with its former players who have made their Major League debut.

Maverick numbers that are retired include former head coach

Butch McBroom (#30), the late former player and head coach Clay Gould (#8) and the most recent retired jersey of former Maverick and current Kansas City Royals manager Trey Hillman (#1).

Hillman's jersey number

MAVERICKS BOARD

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Arlington Memorial Hospital

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"Superior Services with an Exceptional Team"

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was officially retired in a ceremony prior to the UT Arlington vs. Stephen F. Austin game on Saturday, May 8, 2010 with Hillman in attendance at Clay Gould Ballpark.

The remainder of the board includes "Major League

Mavericks" which showcases the UTA players who have played/managed in the big leagues with the years they played at UTA listed beneath their names.

The list of Major League Mavericks include, Dave Owen

(1977-79), Steve Foster (1987-88), John Lackey (1998), Dan Ortmeier (2000-02), Mark Lowe (2002-04), Ryan Roberts (2002-03), Hunter Pence (2003-04), Trey Hillman (1982-85), Adam Moore (2006) and Dillon Gee (2005-07).



UTA

SEASON OUTLOOK



2011 SEASON PREVIEW

Fourth-year head coach **Darin Thomas** knows the questions about what his team lost from the 2010 season are inevitable.

That is, after all, what happens when a team loses the No. 10 overall pick in the Major League Baseball Draft (outfielder **Michael Choice**), another of its most productive hitters (designated hitter **Steffan Guest**) as well as its three primary pitchers (**Logan Bawcom**, **Rett Varner** and **Jason Mitchell**).

"We didn't lose much in numbers, but we lost a lot in production," Thomas said. "It's easy to look back and say, 'Boy, we lost a lot.' We did."

At the same time, Thomas is thrilled with what he has coming back this year – especially among position players.

UTA returns the majority of its starting lineup including senior Second-Team All-Southland Conference catcher **Chad Comer** and 2010 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America selection OF **Preston Beck**.

Comer's presence provides the Mavericks with a presence behind the plate and in the batter's box. The senior threw out 29 percent of would-be base stealers in 2010 after gunning down 43 percent of attempted base stealers in 2009. Comer hit .289 last season with five home runs. His 48 RBI ranked second on the team behind just Choice. More importantly, Comer showed a knack for driving home runs in the most critical moments. He led the team with 17 game-tying or go-ahead RBI and with 27 two-out RBI.

Beck, who is also expected to serve as a late-inning relief pitcher, emerged as an elite hitter in the Southland Conference during his freshman season. Starting 56 games – 54 in right field – Beck's .352 batting average ranked second on the team. He didn't show much home-run power, belting just two, but does come up with extra-base hits, finishing with 10 doubles and three triples to collect 44 RBI. Beck also proved the toughest Maverick regular to fan with just 28 strikeouts in 257 plate appearances.

Senior shortstop **Jesse Payne** acquitted himself as a sure-handed shortstop who can handle the bat as well in 2010. He enjoyed a stellar first season with the Mavs, batting .306 and mashing six home runs. Payne batted .323 in SLC play and strung together seven consecutive plate appearances with a hit. With 14 doubles and a pair of triples, Payne's 22 extra-base hits ranked third on the team last year.

First baseman **Jordan Vaughn** enjoyed a breakout campaign in 2010. The sophomore became the team's toughest out during the Southland Conference Tournament, batting .389 with five RBI during the Mav-

ericks' four-game stay. Vaughn finished the season with a .314 batting average and his 14 doubles tied for second on the team.

Thomas' real work comes in rebuilding his pitching staff. Gone are the pitchers who combined to throw 75 percent of last year's innings. In their place step several newcomers and pitchers who simply did not throw many innings a year ago.

How quickly the talented pitching staff realizes its potential could determine how the Mavericks fare in 2011.

STARTING PITCHING

From the outside, the 2011 season seems like the biggest challenge UT Arlington pitching coach **Jay Sirriani** has faced during his seven seasons with the Mavericks. All three weekend starters from last year – Rett Varner, Logan Bawcom and Jason Mitchell – have left. The returning pitchers combined to throw 133 innings last year with a combined ERA of 9.14.

"We're going to throw some different people out there," UTA head coach Darin Thomas said. "Last year we weren't settled on a rotation until the second week of conference. That's kind of what we went with

after that. This year hopefully we will get it settled before the first weekend, but if not we will keep mixing and matching and trying to find the right combination."

Several pitchers are expected to get serious looks, but a few names have already surfaced to a short list.

Junior-college transfer **Collin Reynolds** is also expected to be in the mix. The right-hander has a big frame (6-foot-4, 235 pounds) and should be able to handle a heavy workload.

Another junior-college transfer, **Lance Day**, has a real shot to make an immediate impact. The right-hander has sharp command and will have an opportunity to win a spot in the weekend rotation.

The other spots are certainly up for grabs as the season begins.

Redshirt freshman **Brody Walker** had an impressive fall. The southpaw pitched four games last year, including three starts, but took a medical redshirt. He finished the year 0-1 with a 5.79 ERA while striking out eight in 14 innings.

"One guy who really threw well this fall was Brody Walker," Thomas said. "He's got tremendous upside. If the fall's any indica-

2011 Southland Conference Preseason Polls

COACHES POLL

1. Texas State (9) _____ 118
2. Southeastern Louisiana (1) _____ 99
3. Lamar (1) _____ 96
4. Northwestern State (1) _____ 91
5. Stephen F. Austin _____ 82
6. McNeese State _____ 69
7. Sam Houston State _____ 61
8. UTSA _____ 56
9. **UT ARLINGTON** _____ **53**
10. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi _____ 27
11. Nicholls _____ 21
12. Central Arkansas _____ 19

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS POLL

1. Texas State (8) _____ 112
2. Southeastern Louisiana (2) _____ 103
3. Northwestern State (2) _____ 97
4. Lamar _____ 92
5. Stephen F. Austin _____ 81
6. McNeese State _____ 64
- UTSA _____ 64
8. Sam Houston State _____ 58
9. **UT ARLINGTON** _____ **53**
10. Nicholls _____ 25
- Texas A&M-Corpus Christi _____ 25
12. Central Arkansas _____ 18

2010 Southland Conference Preseason All-Conference Teams

FIRST TEAM

- 1B Trey Hernandez* ...Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
- 2B Braeden Riley*Sam Houston State
- 3B Kyle Kubitz*Texas State
- SS Jace Peterson* McNeese State
- OF Bret Atwood*Texas State
- OF Bear Comer* Nicholls
- OF Jeff Harkensee* SE Louisiana
- C Aaron Munoz* Northwestern State
- P Carson Smith*Texas State
- P Luke Irvine* Northwestern State
- P Tyler Herriage* Stephen F. Austin

SECOND TEAM

- 1B Darren Crabtree* Stephen F. Austin
- 2B Andy Mena*Lamar
- 3B Ryan Dalton UTSA
- SS Justin Boudreaux* SE Louisiana
- OF Garrett Smith* Stephen F. Austin
- OF Lee Orr* McNeese State
- OF Cass Hargis* SE Louisiana
- C Chad Comer* UT Arlington**
- DH Jeff McVaney*Texas State
- P Jonathan DziedzicLamar
- P Eric HarringtonLamar
- P Jared Dillon McNeese State

First-place votes in parenthesis

* - Automatic selection, based on 2009 All-SLC Team selection

tion, he's ready to have a good year."

Mark Picca, an experienced left-hander, returns after facing several tough non-conference opponents a year ago. The senior threw the most innings among returning players and went 2-6 with an 8.28 ERA a year ago. He could get a look in the starting rotation.

Southpaw **Calan Pritchard** also has a chance to pitch himself into the starting rotation. Pritchard appeared in 13 games last year, all in relief. He finished the season with a 2-1 record and a 7.63 ERA. Control was an issue last season – he walked 11 and threw three wild pitches in 15.1 inning pitched – but he also has good stuff as evidenced by his 13 strikeouts.

"It's all going to depend on what they do when they get their shots," Thomas said. "That is what our three guys did last year. Once they got that chance it was pretty obvious those were our three guys. There weren't a lot of decisions to be made. I think we'll have a few more decisions to be made this year. I don't know that we'll have three dominant guys like that."

BULLPEN

Perhaps the most intriguing pitcher to watch this season is **Adam Boydston**, a lefty who set the program record for single-season saves in 2009. Boydston started the 2010 season as the team's ace reliever, but injured his elbow in late February. He underwent Tommy John surgery and missed the



CHAD COMER (RS Senior)
- Comer, a two-time All-Southland Conference performer, is back for the Mavs. He was one of UTA's best clutch hitters in 2010 with 27 two-out RBI.

fall, though he should make a full recovery in time for the start of the season.

"He's way ahead of schedule and that's exciting," Thomas said.

Boydston's progress will be key for a largely inexperienced bullpen.

There have been discussions about potentially bringing Preston Beck in from right field in key late-inning situations. Beck, a right-handed pitcher who bats lefty, was expected to be a major contributor on the pitching staff last year before hurting his arm. He made three starts in 2010, going 0-2. Beck did not throw in the fall, but coaches think he could play a major role in the bullpen this season.

True freshman **Kasey Merck** is raw, but has a strong enough repertoire to justify some looks in relief. Sophomore **Sam Hansen**, a righty, showed promise in the

fall before missing the last couple weeks. He should also get chances in relief.

Right-hander **Stephen Krolick** returns for his sophomore year and will get opportunities as well.

Several newcomers – **John Beck, Michael Morales, Michael Oberro, Chase Weaver and Adam Westbrook** – are all sure to get opportunities through the season.

"We're going to have to establish who a two-inning guy can be for us," UTA head coach Darin Thomas said. "We don't really know who our closer can be. It might have to be by committee. Since we have so many new people we might have to just keep experimenting and giving new guys a shot at it and see who handles that the best."

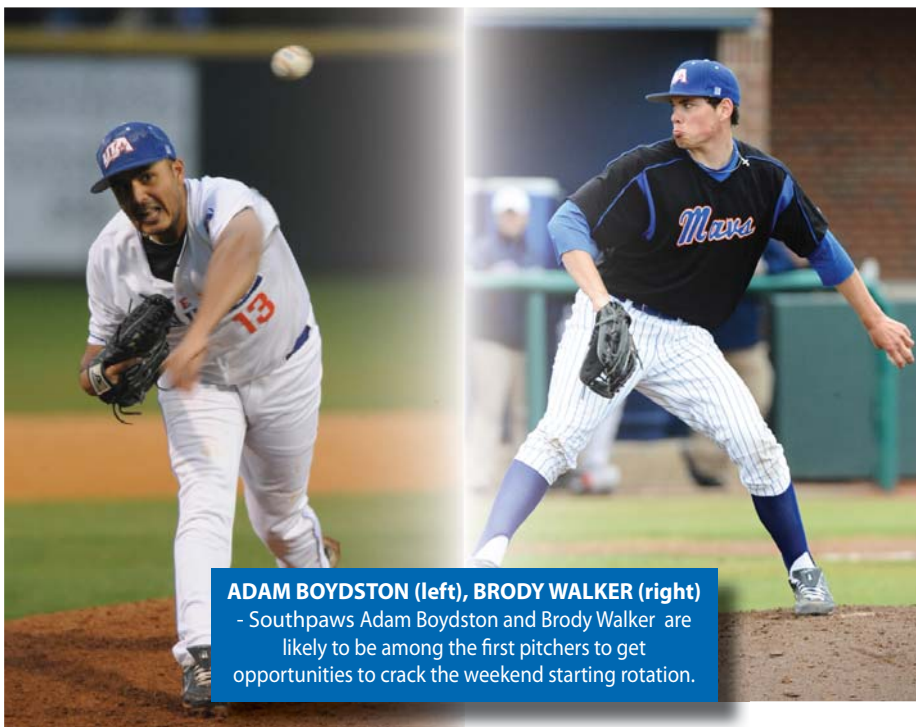
CATCHER

Though the coaching staff is pleased with the overall talent of the Mavericks' backup catchers, there is no debate about the starter. Fifth-year senior Chad Comer is the man and started 57 of the Mavs' 60 games behind the plate last year and will likely handle a similar workload in 2011.

Comer, a Second-Team All-Southland Conference selection a year ago, handles the bat well. He hit .289 last year with five home runs and 14 doubles. His 48 RBI led the team and he proved capable of driving in key runs by driving in a team-high 17 game-tying or go-ahead runs. The senior also led the team with 27 two-out RBI.

"Obviously we're very excited about Comer being back," UTA head coach Darin Thomas said. "He provides a lot of leadership behind the plate. We're looking for Comer to improve from the plate as he's done every year since he's been here."

When Comer does take the occasional day off, **Greg McCall** or **Daniel Garcia** will spell him. Garcia is a local product from Arlington Martin HS who redshirted last season. McCall, a true freshman, is likely to see time as the designated hitter after a stellar offensive fall.



ADAM BOYDSTON (left), BRODY WALKER (right)
- Southpaws Adam Boydston and Brody Walker are likely to be among the first pitchers to get opportunities to crack the weekend starting rotation.

FIRST BASE

Under normal circumstances, there would be no question about who will man first base for the Mavericks this season. Incumbent starter Jordan Vaughn hit .314 last season with three homers, 14 doubles and 30 RBI in his first year as a full-time starter. He finished the year strong, batting .389 in the Southland Conference Tournament with five RBI and four runs scored. His play earned a spot on the All-SLC Tournament Team.

This year is not, however, a normal circumstance. The Mavericks have several players to fill a few roles. That is not to say Vaughn will get edged out of playing time. His bat has proven too valuable to take him out of the lineup. His position, however, might be a revolving door.

Brian Nephew (.255, 4 HRs, 34 RBI in 2010), junior-college transfer **Michael Guerra** and true freshman Greg McCall, who is primarily a catcher, could also see time at first. That could move Vaughn to left field on a part-time basis.

"Brian Nephew has a chance to play at third for us but also some at first," UTA head coach Darin Thomas said. "Jordan Vaughn is a first baseman/left fielder-type guy. So we're fortunate to have some versatility in those guys. Hopefully, best-case scenario, whoever is swinging the bat best we can maneuver into our lineup and not get hurt defensively."

SECOND BASE

Cody Dyvig and **Daniel Jordan** split time at second base last year and will both be in the mix for the starting spot again this year.

Dyvig proved to be the better offensive option, hitting .293 with 10 extra-base hits as a true freshman. When Dyvig does not play second he has a chance to keep himself in the lineup at left field.

Jordan was a nice option defensively, but must improve on his .165 batting average (and one extra-base hit) in 97 at-bats last season. Jordan's defense is also strong enough that he filled in as the starting shortstop four times last year.

In 2011, this will be more than a two-man position battle. Michael Guerra's bat will give him a realistic chance to be a must-start somewhere in the lineup. He worked exclusively at third base during the fall, but played second base for two years at Blinn Junior College where he was an all-conference performer.

True freshman **Ryan Walker** could emerge as the starter. The Arlington Martin product has all the tools to come in and start right away, especially if he can handle himself offensively.

"Ryan Walker is a freshman that will

play," UTA head coach Darin Thomas said. "We've got to get him on the field. He's a guy that impressed us in the fall. He's a good baseball player."

SHORTSTOP

Jesse Payne's first season at UTA leaves little doubt that he will be the everyday shortstop again this season.

As a junior-college transfer, Payne hit .306 while showing power with 22 extra-base hits (third on the team in 2010 and the leading returning player in the extra-base hit category). Payne had 14 doubles, two triples and his six home runs ranked second on the team.

Payne also showed speed with six steals (third on the team) and 43 runs scored (second on the team).

While penciling Payne in as the starting shortstop has become an easy decision, figuring out where to place him in the batting order has been a challenge for Thomas. Payne batted in six different spots in the lineup last year (everywhere but third, fourth and fifth), but spent most of the year in the bottom of the order. With the offensive ability he showed last year, keeping Payne at the bottom of the lineup will not be possible – especially with the team try-

ing to fill the void left behind by Michael Choice.

"Jesse Payne, as a senior, provides a lot of leadership at shortstop," Thomas said. "I look for Jesse Payne to pick up some slack. We're not going to have a guy like Mike, more than likely, but if everybody comes back and gets a little better, we'll be fine."

THIRD BASE

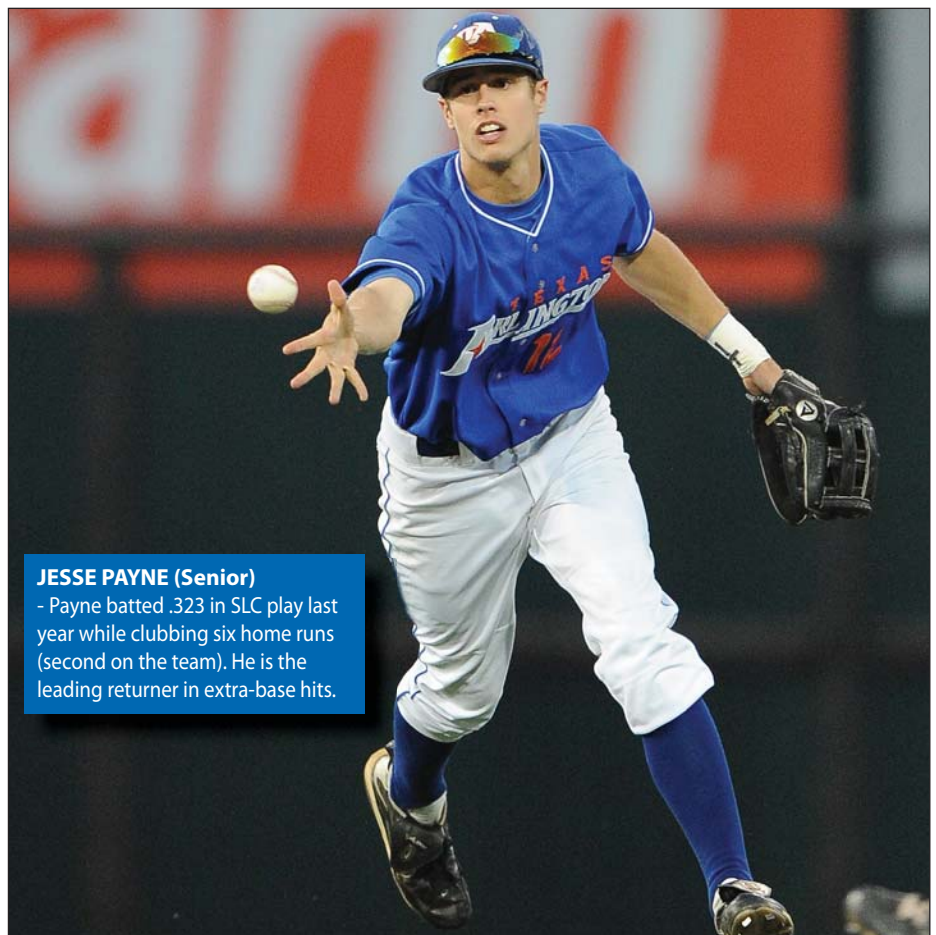
Brian Nephew and Michael Guerra spent the entire fall battling for the starting spot at third base. They will likely continue that position battle into the season.

Both players have shown their ability at the plate, which will help in both their cases. Nephew struggled with consistency during the 2011 season, but came through in the Southland Conference Tournament with a pair of home runs in the first two games.

Whoever wins the position will be able to handle the spot defensively. In all likelihood, whichever player does not win the starting nod at third will be able to hit his way into the batting order at another spot.

OUTFIELD

Sophomore right fielder Preston Beck returns after his breakout freshman campaign in 2010. Beck broke a program record



JESSE PAYNE (Senior)

- Payne batted .323 in SLC play last year while clubbing six home runs (second on the team). He is the leading returner in extra-base hits.

2011 HOME SCHEDULE

Feb. 24	Dallas Baptist.....	3:00 PM
Feb. 25	South Dakota State.....	3:00 PM
Feb. 26	Missouri State.....	3:00 PM
Mar. 1	Oklahoma.....	3:00 PM
Mar. 6	Wichita State.....	1:00 PM
Mar. 15	TCU.....	6:30 PM
Mar. 16	Louisiana Tech.....	6:30 PM
Mar. 18	UTSA.....	6:30 PM
Mar. 19	UTSA.....	2:00 PM
Mar. 20	UTSA.....	1:00 PM
Mar. 25	Northwestern State.....	6:30 PM
Mar. 26	Northwestern State.....	2:00 PM
Mar. 27	Northwestern State.....	1:00 PM
Mar. 29	Texas A&M.....	6:30 PM
Apr. 8	Southeastern Louisiana.....	6:30 PM
Apr. 9	Southeastern Louisiana.....	2:00 PM
Apr. 10	Southeastern Louisiana.....	1:00 PM
Apr. 12	Baylor.....	6:30 PM
Apr. 15	McNeese State.....	6:30 PM
Apr. 16	McNeese State.....	2:00 PM
Apr. 17	McNeese State.....	1:00 PM
Apr. 19	Houston Baptist.....	6:30 PM
May 5	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	6:30 PM
May 6	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	2:00 PM
May 7	A&M-Corpus Christi.....	1:00 PM
May 19	Texas State.....	6:30 PM
May 20	Texas State.....	2:00 PM
May 21	Texas State.....	1:00 PM

with 82 hits during his freshman season. He hit .352 in earning a spot on the Louisville Slugger All-America team.

Beck had 15 extra-base hits last year (two home runs) and finished with 44 RBI to finish fourth on the team. More impressively, he showed outstanding plate discipline, striking out just 28 times in 257 plate appearances. More than likely, Beck will bat third in the batting order this year.

“We’re also fortunate to have a middle-of-the-order hitter like Preston Beck back,” UTA coach Darin Thomas. “He had an unbelievable freshman year. He fought through an injury and still his production didn’t fall off. When you look at it that way, in terms of what we have coming back position player-wise, we’re very excited.”

While Beck is a no-brainer to start in right, the other two outfield spots are up for grabs heading into the start of the season.

Replacing Michael Choice in center field is an impossibility. Someone will play center field, but players who get selected 10th overall in the Major League Baseball draft don’t come around every season.

No leader arose from fall camp in the center field race. Several will have an opportunity once the season begins.

“Probably our biggest question is who is going to play center field and we might not know until conference,” Thomas said. “There are going to be a lot of variables. If everybody hits enough and we can go with a little less offense out there, that’s fine. If not, we’re going to have to get the best combination offensively and defensively

and stick him out there in center field.”

Philip Incaviglia, a junior college transfer from California, is considered the best option defensively. With enough offense, he has a realistic chance of winning considerable playing time.

Another junior-college transfer, **Preston Morrow**, will get his chances early in the season to play his way into the lineup. Morrow played in the Junior College All-Star Game as a teammate of Michael Guerra’s last year and has the potential to be a difference-maker in the batting order.

“Incaviglia and Morrow are a couple of guys that we’re looking at getting some production from,” Thomas said. “With what we’ve got back, we’re very fortunate that the few new position players we have had good falls and look to push for playing time.”

Nick Orr, who started 33 games in corner outfield positions, can also hold his own defensively while also offering a speed element in the lineup. Orr batted .248 last year – a stat he salvaged by walking 22 times in 151 plate appearances for a .367 on-base percentage. He, as well as Morrow, will have chances in left field as well.

Don’t count Ryan Walker out of the mix in the outfield. He has limited outfield experience, but has proven valuable with a strong bat this preseason.

In left field, **Bryant Lopez** started 10 games last year and could get some early at-bats. **Jake Pinchback** batted .300 in limited action last year and should also battle for the position. Cody Dyvig will also get some time in left field.

DESIGNATED HITTER

With catcher already manned, Greg McCall has to find a spot in the lineup if he continues to hit as well as he did in the fall. McCall is just a freshman, but the coaches think enough of him to give him a chance to keep a spot in the batting order.

“Greg McCall is a very good freshman,” UTA coach Darin Thomas said. “He’s very mature and knows the game. He handles situations and is very coachable. He’s going to be in the mix for playing time.”

There will be plenty of additional bats looking for a spot in the lineup. The odd men out in the infield-left field situation could get opportunities as the designated hitter. Brian Nephew, Michael Guerra, Cody Dyvig, Jordan Vaughn and Preston Morrow could all see opportunities in the role.

BENCH

With so many position battles still to be won, it seems likely that at least one or two deserving players will not have spots in the starting lineup. How those players handle coming off the bench will determine

whether the bench is a revolving door.

UT Arlington should have depth at several positions, especially considering how versatile several of the players have proven.

SCHEDULE

UT Arlington coach Darin Thomas is no stranger to tough schedules. This year will be no different. The Mavericks have five games against top-eight teams – home-and-home series with Texas A&M and TCU as well as a home game against Oklahoma. Throw in a home-and-home series against Baylor and four games against Dallas Baptist and it is easy to see that the 2011 schedule will not be easy to navigate.

This is not the first time UT Arlington has braved a gauntlet of non-conference opponents. In each of the past two seasons, that challenge has helped prepare the Mavs for conference play. They have won 19 games in SLC action in both seasons.



JORDAN VAUGHN (Junior)
- Vaughn came on strong at the end of the year, driving in five runs at the Southland Conference Tournament in earning a spot on the all-tournament team.

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In an era of considerable change in intercollegiate athletics, the Southland Conference continues to be a model of innovation, stability and consistent achievement as it celebrates the academic and athletic accomplishments of its member institutions.

What began as a small gathering of college administrators more than 45 years ago, the Southland Conference has transformed itself into a dynamic and respected consortium of 12 member universities in three states. Beginning with a historic meeting of five institutions in Dallas on March 15, 1963, that included current members Lamar University (then Lamar State College of Technology) and the University of Texas at Arlington (then Arlington State College), the Southland Conference set on an extraordinary course that has proven successful well into its fifth decade of existence.

On July 1, 2006, the Southland Conference commemorated another milestone as the league membership reached 12, marking the largest configuration ever for the organization. The addition of the University of Central Arkansas and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi expanded the Southland into the Little Rock metro area and into the eighth largest city in Texas. Central Arkansas and A&M-Corpus Christi enhanced the Southland Conference in innumerable ways, including athletic and academic successes, strong and principled leadership, and strong fan support and media coverage.

In addition to its two newest members, the Southland Conference lineup also consists of Lamar University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Sam Houston State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Stephen F. Austin State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and Texas State University-San Marcos.

All told, the revised membership of the Southland encompasses more than 180,000 current students and an alumni base of approximately 920,000. Famous alums from Southland Conference schools include former President Lyndon B. Johnson (Texas State), former CBS news anchor Dan Rather (Sam Houston State), retired U.S. Central Command General Tommy Franks (UT Arlington), NBA executive Joe Dumars (McNeese State), ABC news anchor Robin Roberts (Southeastern Louisiana), country music star George Strait (Texas State), Major League Baseball stars Hunter Pence (UT Arlington), Kevin Millar (Lamar) and Ben Broussard (McNeese State), NBA legend Scottie Pippen (Central Arkansas) and actor Lou Diamond Phillips (UT Arlington).

The cities of the Southland are diverse and progressive, ranging from international business and cultural centers such as the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, San Antonio and the New Orleans area, to the historical cities of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Natchitoches, La., to the home of the modern oil boom, Beaumont, Texas, to the unique Cajun French cultures found in the Louisiana cities of Thibodaux and Lake Charles. Southland Conference institutions also draw large numbers of students from the metropolitan areas of Houston, Little Rock, Baton Rouge, Austin, and Shreveport.

The Southland sponsors 17 championship sports, all at the NCAA Division I level. The eight men's sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field. The women compete for nine championships in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball. The Conference earns automatic qualification to NCAA championships in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's golf, women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball.

Southland Conference football ranks among the best Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) leagues in the nation, and enjoys an annual expectation of competing for the national championship with multiple teams advancing to the NCAA playoffs each year. In 2002 and 2003, McNeese State finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in the nation, and advanced to the 2002 national championship contest, the sixth such title game appearance since the league joined FCS in 1982. All told, Southland teams have played in 89 Division I playoff games in 27 years, winning 42 of the contests.

Historically, the Southland's successful football heritage has sustained itself through numerous membership and classification changes. Originally an NAIA conference, the Southland joined the NCAA College Division in 1968. The College Division was re-named NCAA Division II in 1973, and the league played two seasons in that class. The Southland was an NCAA Division I league from 1975-81, before joining the ranks of FCS in 1982, its home ever since.

During its tenure as a Division I conference from 1975-81, the Southland Conference was instrumental in the startup of the Independence Bowl in 1976. The Southland representative served as the host team of the bowl until 1980, compiling a 2-3 record in those contests.

The Conference can lay claim to five national championships, including College Division championships through former members Arkansas State (1970, UPI) and Louisiana Tech (1972, National Football Foundation). Louisiana Tech also won the first-ever NCAA-sanctioned national title, winning the Division II playoffs in 1973. Tech followed that with the UPI's Division II national championship in 1974. Louisiana-Monroe won the 1987 FCS national title.

McNeese State, which has made 13 appearances in the national playoffs, played in the 1997 and 2002 NCAA Division I FCS national championship games, while Stephen F. Austin played in the 1989 title game and has four playoff appearances. Northwestern State has played in the playoffs six times, and advanced to the semifinals in 1998, while Sam Houston State has earned four trips to the postseason, including the semifinals in 2004. Nicholls has participated three times in the playoffs. Last season, Texas State made its second postseason appearance in four years. Included was a trip to the semifinals in 2005.

On four occasions, the Southland has placed three teams in the national 16-team playoffs. Six of the eight current football-playing members have qualified for the FCS playoffs. In addition, Texas State won NCAA Division II titles in 1981 and 1982 before joining the Southland.

The Southland has produced 152 first-team football All-Americans during its history, and has sent such talent to the professional ranks including Oakland's Keith Davis (Sam Houston State), Carolina's Josh McCown (Sam Houston State), Buffalo's Terrence McGee (Northwestern State), Kansas City's B.J. Sams (McNeese State), Detroit's Kevin Smith (McNeese State), Minnesota's Fred Evans (Texas State), Tennessee's Jacob Ford (Central Arkansas), and Oakland's Luke Lawton (McNeese State). Twenty-three former players from the Southland were on NFL rosters to start the 2008 season.

In the 2009 NFL Draft, the league saw four players taken, the most among FCS conferences and the most since five were selected in the 2002 NFL Draft. The league had two players selected in each of the three previous drafts and has seen 21 players taken in the NFL Draft since 2000.

Among the former NFL stars from the Southland include Fred Dean, who was inducted to the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 2008 to become the first former Southland Conference player to earn induction in Canton. Other great NFL players from the

Southland include Super Bowl XXIX quarterback Stan Humphries, Bill Bergey, Fred Barnett, Roger Carr, Marvin Upshaw, Larry Centers, Kavika Pittman, Mike Barber, Bruce Collie, Tim McKyer, Pat Tilley, Jackie Harris, Eugene Seale, Bubby Brister, Billy Ryckman, Rafael Septien, Buford Jordan, Marcus Spears, Terrance Shaw, and Ray Brown.

The Southland Conference has also seen its share of great coaches during its history in Maxie Lambright, Ernie Duplechin, Sam Goodwin, Jack Doland, Bennie Ellender, Bobby Keasler, Larry Lacewell, Bill Davidson, Dennis Franchione, Pat Collins, and Ron Randleman.

While successful on the fields and courts, the Southland Conference has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to the academic and athletic success of its student-athletes.

In addition to football, the Southland Conference can point to a number of accomplishments in all sports.

Men's basketball has experienced a tremendous amount of success during the Southland's 45-plus years. The league has sent two teams to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, as well as a squad to the NIT Final Four. Basketball stars Karl Malone, Joe Dumars, Jeff Foster, Dwight "Bo" Lamar, Andrew Toney, Devin Brown, and Mike Oliver played in the Southland Conference. In 2006, Northwestern State, playing as the No. 14 seed in the NCAA Tournament, defeated No. 3 seed Iowa, 64-63, in first-round action. In 2008, the league saw two postseason teams (UT Arlington in the 2001 NCAA Tournament and Stephen F. Austin in the NIT) for the first time since 2001.

Coaches such as Billy Tubbs, Mike Vining, Scotty Robertson, Jack Martin, Andy Russo, Bobby Paschal and Pat Foster have led teams in the Southland.

In women's basketball, the Southland also has its share of tradition with Louisiana-Monroe advancing to the 1985 NCAA Women's Final Four, and Stephen F. Austin sustaining itself as one of the most successful programs in the history of the sport. In 2008, the Ladyjacks became the sixth program in NCAA Division I history to record more than 800 wins, joining Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Old Dominion, Texas and James Madison.

For three consecutive seasons (2007-09) the Southland has sent two teams to the postseason as UT Arlington made its second appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2007 and UTSA saw its first action in the big dance in 2008 and made a return trip in 2009. A Southland team has played in the WNIT nine times, including each of the last three years. Women's basketball all-stars have included Eun Jung Lee, Lisa Ingram, Portia Hill, Deneen Parker, Katrina Price, and Joskeen Garner, and coaches such as Gary Blair, Linda Sharp, James Smith and Linda Harper.

Baseball has emerged as a huge Southland Conference strength with the league earning numerous national rankings and NCAA Tournament berths. The Southland consistently ranks among the top-10 conferences in the country. Major leaguers such as Ben Sheets, the league's highest draft pick (10th in 1999 by the Milwaukee Brewers), Micah Hoffpauir, Hunter Pence, David Segui, Brian Lawrence, Ben Broussard, Chuck Finley, Jerald Clark, and Terry Matthews once played in the league. Former UT Arlington shortstop, Trey Hillman, a three-time All-Southland selection from 1983-85, was named the manager for the Kansas City Royals following the 2007 season and coached the American League in the MLB All-Star Game this past July.

Southeastern Louisiana pitcher Wade Miley was the 43rd overall selection in the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft to become the 11th-highest player selected in league history. In 2005, McNeese State pitcher Jacob Marceaux was a first-round pick by the Florida Marlins, becoming the sixth Southland player taken in the first round. A total of 21 players were selected in the 2009 draft, the third most in conference history.

Such coaches as Jim Gilligan, who won his 1,100th career game in 2009, Pat Patterson, Butch McBroom, Mark Johnson, Jim Wells, Smoke Laval, Dave Van Horn, Mike Bianco, John Cohen and Tony Robichaux, have patrolled Southland dug-outs.

Softball continues to enjoy success on a national level, as the league has knocked off at least one nationally ranked opponent since 1995, including a win by McNeese State over 19th-ranked LSU in 2009. In the 2003 NCAA Tournament, UT Arlington and Texas State enjoyed unprecedented success as each won two games in the national event. The league has also won at least one game in the NCAA tournament in three of the past five years. Texas State shut out No. 12 Northwestern in the opening game of the 2009 NCAA Tournament. In 18 years on NCAA competition the Southland has racked up 14 wins.

The Southland has a proud history in volleyball as UT Arlington has represented the conference eight times in the NCAA tournament, advancing all the way to the NCAA Volleyball Final Four in 1989. In 2006, Stephen F. Austin moved to the second round following an opening-round win against Alabama.

Track and field has also served as a proud asset for the Southland Conference as the league has produced numerous national champions and Olympic medalists. The Southland boasts 27 men and three women student-athletes who have won NCAA track and field national championships, including A&M-Corpus Christi's Shadrack Songok (10,000-meter run) in 2007 and 2008 and McNeese State's Brad Gebauer (pole vault) in 2007. The league has also produced U.S. Olympic track and field medalists Earl Bell, Thomas Hill, Al Joyner and Charles Austin, Liudmila Litvinova, along with other Olympians. With the addition of five more All-



American seasons in 2009, the league continues to find national success in both indoor and outdoor track and field. In the indoor circuit, the Southland boasts 58 unique all-time All-Americans that have won a combined 10 national championships. Likewise in the spring outdoor season, the league has seen 132 different All-Americans, including 105 men and 27 women, combine to win 20 national championships.

Golf has traditionally been a strong Southland sport as exemplified by Lamar men's golfer Chris Stroud, who finished third individually at the 2003 NCAA National Championship and is a current member of the PGA Tour. The league has sent multiple teams into postseason play on numerous occasions, including each of the previous two seasons with both Lamar and UT Arlington qualifying for a regional. Additionally, in 2009, five individuals from the Southland also earned a spot in a regional. Lamar won a pair of NCAA Division II national championships in 1967 and 1968, and also produced PGA player Ronnie Black.

In 2005, Lamar's Dawie Van Der Walt finished fourth individually and Lamar tied for 12th place at the NCAA Men's Golf Championship, before the Cardinals tied for ninth in 2006 and tied for third in 2007. Former Lamar golfer Casey Clendenon advanced to the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur in 2007.

Southland tennis has also experienced national prominence. UT Arlington All-American Andy Leber was the 2002 ITA/Ted Farnsworth National Senior Co-Player of the Year after a 43-3 record and earning the nation's No. 2 ranking. In women's tennis, Southeastern Louisiana won 46 consecutive conference matches during a four-year period that began in 2005.

The conference has increased sponsorship and championships opportunities for female student-athletes in recent years, adding women's golf and soccer as league sports. In 2007, Stephen F. Austin became the first Southland team to score a goal in the NCAA tournament, while Texas State became the first women's golf program to compete in the NCAA tournament.

The Southland Conference has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to the academic and athletic success of its student-athletes. With the F.L. McDonald Postgraduate Scholarship Award, the league annually honors one male and one female scholar-athlete with a stipend for postgraduate study. The Scholar-Athlete Award is given to each institution's male and female student-athlete with the highest grade-point average. Also, student-athletes with grade-point averages above 3.0 are honored on the Southland's annual All-Academic teams and Commissioner's Honor Roll.

In addition to providing expanding opportunities for student-athletes, the Southland Conference and its member institutions are very involved in various community outreach programs. Many of these programs provide positive life skills training such as academics, citizenship and leadership to school-aged students in Southland communities.

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Bobcat Baseball Stadium underwent major renovations in 2008 and 2009, with the program adding a video scoreboard, bullpens and luxury suites. The stadium features 2,000 seats and 12 luxury suites.



Southland Conference Tournament Champions

1964 _____ Trinity	1999 _____ Texas State
1965 _____ Trinity	2000 _____ Texas State
1966 _____ Trinity	2001 _____ UT ARLINGTON
1967 _____ Arkansas State	2002 _____ Lamar
1968 _____ Arkansas State	2003 _____ McNeese State
1969-92 _____ No Tournament	2004 _____ Lamar
1993 _____ McNeese State	2005 _____ UTSA
1994 _____ UTSA	2006 _____ UT ARLINGTON
1995 _____ Louisiana-Monroe	2007 _____ Sam Houston State
1996 _____ Sam Houston State	2008 _____ Sam Houston State
1997 _____ Texas State	2009 _____ Sam Houston State
1998 _____ Nicholls	2010 _____ Texas State



2011 Southland Conference Tournament Schedule

Wednesday, May 25

Game 1: 9 a.m. - Teams TBA
Game 2: Noon - Teams TBA
Game 3: 4 p.m. - Teams TBA
Game 4: 7 p.m. - Teams TBA

Friday, May 27

Game 9: 9 a.m. - Teams TBA
Game 10: Noon - Teams TBA
Game 11: 4 p.m. - Teams TBA
Game 12: 7 p.m. - Teams TBA

Thursday, May 26

Game 5: 9 a.m. - Teams TBA
Game 6: Noon - Teams TBA
Game 7: 4 p.m. - Teams TBA
Game 8: 7 p.m. - Teams TBA

Saturday, May 28

Game 13: 9 a.m. - Teams TBA
Game 14: 1 p.m. - Teams TBA
Championship: 6 p.m. - Teams TBA



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