

IN INSTRUCTORS

Butch Thompson



Thompson is a native of Amory, Miss., and has joined the MSU baseball coaching staff following a three-year term as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Auburn. Each of his three recruiting classes at Auburn was ranked among the nation's top 18, including a No. 5 national ranking in 2007. In seven years as a pitching coach since 2001, 20 Thompson-coached pitchers have been selected in the Major League Baseball draft, five of them in this year's June draft.

The 16-year coaching veteran is a graduate of Amory High School. He pitched two seasons at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Miss., before continuing his collegiate baseball career at Birmingham-Southern College, where he played two seasons for coach Brian Shoop. He earned a bachelor's degree in history at BSC in 1992 and completed a master's degree in sports administration at UAB in 1996.

Thompson began his coaching career in 1993 as pitching coach and head assistant at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala. He returned to his alma mater as an assistant at Birmingham-Southern in 1994 and in 1997 served as head coach at Jefferson State (Ala.) Community College in Birmingham. While at JSCC Thompson was honored as the Regional Tournament Coach of the Year, the ABCA Alabama Junior College Coach of the Year and the Southeast Region Coach of the Year after guiding JSCC to a 39-21 mark, the AJCAA Region 22 State Championship and a third-place finish in the NJCAA Division II World Series.

He resumed his affiliation with Brian Shoop at Birmingham-Southern in 1998, serving for four seasons as the Panthers' pitching coach. During his seven years at Birmingham-Southern, the Panthers compiled a 331-107 record and made four appearances in the NAIA World Series (1995, 1999, 2000 and 2001), capturing the NAIA national title with a 55-11 mark.

In 2002 Thompson joined the Southeastern Conference baseball coaching family, beginning a four-year term as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Georgia under head coach David Perno. Georgia's 2003 recruiting class was ranked 10th nationally and UGA's 2004 edition captured the SEC Baseball Championship and advanced to the NCAA College World Series.

Nick Mingione



Mingione, from Cape Coral, Fla., served on the 2008 coaching staff at Western Carolina. He served for two seasons on Cohen's 2006 and 2007 baseball staffs at Kentucky. At UK he worked extensively with the UK outfielding corps and with the Wildcat hitters. During that span, Kentucky won 78 games, set or reestablished 12 team marks, and posted a school-best 44 wins en route to winning the 2006 SEC championship. He was recruiting coordinator and hitting coach for a Western Carolina team that in 2008 earned top 40 national ranking among 286 NCAA Division I programs in 11 different offensive categories.

He was a standout outfielder for four years at Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Fla. He then served two years as Assistant Dean of Students at Mariner High School in Cape Coral. Mingione returned to the collegiate scene as a volunteer assistant baseball coach at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla., before returning to his alma mater to serve a three-year term as an assistant coach from 2003 to 2005 prior to joining Cohen's staff at Kentucky.

During six seasons as an assistant coach, Mingione has helped direct teams to four conference titles and three advancements to the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, Idaho, including the 2005 Embry-Riddle team that finished second nationally.

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Balls-n-Strikes Ballwin
203B Ramsey Lane
Ballwin, MO 63021

WHEN: Hitting Camp - (2 day camp)

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Pitching Camp - (2 day camp)

Session C..... 11/8-11/9..... 9am-12pm
Session D..... 11/8-11/9..... 1pm-4pm

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