INSTRUCTORS

Evan Pratte



One of the best hitters while at Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State), Pratte has helped 23 Mizzou hitters to All-Conference honors as the Tigers' hitting coach, along with his duties coaching the infielders, serving as the third base and currently as Director of Baseball Operations.

In 1998, the Tigers hit a school-record 110 home runs - a figure that ranked sixth nationally - and also posted a school record .572 slugging percentage. The 2001 squad tied a Mizzou record with 83 stolen bases, matching the record set in 1979.

Pratte joined the Missouri coaching staff in 1998 via his alma mater, where he served as a volunteer assistant coach for two seasons.

Pratte graduated from SMS following a four-year career with the Bears, in which he led the team to three conference crowns as a standout infielder from 1988-91. He was a first-team all-conference pick in 1990 and 1991 and added all-region honors in 1991.

Still a record holder in many categories in SMS history, he finished his career with 18 home runs, 152 runs batted in and a .335 batting average in 220 games. He held the records in games played, at-bats, hits, singles, total bases, sacrifice hits, assists and double plays when his college career ended.

Between his collegiate playing days and his coaching career, Pratte played five seasons in the Detroit Tigers' organization, including stops in Niagara Falls, Fayetteville, London, Lakeland and Trenton. He led in several offensive categories during his time in Niagara Falls and Fayetteville.

Pratte's first coaching position came as the head coach of the National Baseball Congress' Nevada (Mo.) Griffons in 1997, where he led the team to a 46-15 record. The Griffons won the League by six games and placed second in the 32-team NBC World Series in his only season as the team's skipper.

Travis Wendte



Travis Wendte joined the Tiger staff for the 2009-2010 year as the volunteer assistant coach. Wendte spent the previous season helping guide the Texarkana Bulldogs to the Region XIV Eastern Division title. He assisted with pitchers and outfielders on a team that boasted five major D-1 signees and currently serves as the Graduate Student Manager.

Prior to his stint in Texarkana, the former Tiger spent three years in the Milwaukee Brewers farm system. He spent the 2008 season in the bullpen for class high A Brevard County in the Florida State League. He was a

2007 South Atlantic League All-Star while playing for the West Virginia Power in Charleston, WV. Prior to his 24th round selection in the 2006 MLB amateur draft, Coach Wendte played four years at the University of Missouri.

As a member of the Tiger bullpen, Wendte helped contribute to four Tiger NCAA Tournament appearances and the 2006 Pepperdine Regional Championship. Wendte is tied for third all time at Mizzou in appearances with 80 and is third all time in saves with 16. He led the Tiger staff in E.R.A. in three of his four years and was a 2003 Freshman All-American.

In the classroom, Wendte was selected a three time first team Academic All Big 12 student. He graduated in 2006 with a degree in Communications with a minor in Business. Wendte is a native of Oklahoma City, OK.

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