

# *The Coaches & Support Staff*

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## Greg Frady Head Coach Troy State, 1987

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Head Coach

Now entering his third season in charge of the Panthers, Greg Frady was named head coach of Georgia State in June of 2006. He is the eighth coach in the history of the program.

In just his second season, Frady set a new school record for victories in a season with 33, as well as winning percentage. The team opened the season with eight straight victories which matched the school record for longest winning streak set during the 2000 season, when the Panthers won eight in a row from Feb. 18-29. It also marked the best start to a season in Panther history as the squad won four-game series against both Jackson State and IPFW.

Georgia State set several records during the season, including most hits and runs batted in, while several individual records were broken as well. This was led by Bradley Logan setting this school hits record with 85.

Under Frady's tutelage, Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas was named to the Brooks Wallace National Player-of-the-Year Pre-season Watch List before the start of the season. Rochon-Salvas would set a new career mark for hits and finished his four-year career with 267. He also earned CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors for the second straight season and was a national nominee for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. Bradley Logan would also set the single-season record for hits with 85.

Also during his second season, Marc Mimeault was named to the prestigious Johnny Bench Award Watch List, which honors the best catcher in the country. Five Panthers earned All-CAA honors, the most in school history. Designated hitter Derek Simmons was named First Team All-CAA, while Bradley Logan and Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas earned second team honors. Chase Childers and



Robinson Polanco both earned third team honors.

Frady's first season at the helm of the Panthers was highlighted by the teams' second straight appearance in the CAA Tournament. The team reeled off six consecutive victories on two separate occasions, while three players earned post-season honors. Luke Gordon became the first Panther to earn First Team All-CAA honors, while Charlie Pelt and Eric Suttle earned second team honors.

Before being promoted to head coach, Frady spent two seasons as the Panthers' associate head coach under Mike Hurst. He helped lead State to the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament in 2005 and then the 2006 CAA Tournament during the teams first season as a member of the Colonial Athletic Association.

Prior to joining State, Frady served as the associate head coach at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2003. The Knights were ranked in the Top 25 in each of his seven seasons. UCF collected six conference championships during that time (three regular season and three tournament). The Knights also made four appearances in the NCAA Tournament and played in two regional finals. He was part of four 40-win teams (1997, 1998, 2000, 2002) and one 50-win team in 2001.

Before making the move to UCF, Frady spent six seasons as the head coach at North Florida Community College in Madison, Fla. During his tenure, the team broke the school record for wins in a season four times in six years. He started his coaching career at Columbus State University in 1988, where he served as an assistant for three seasons. Frady took charge as interim head coach in the summer of 1990, after the Cougars went to the NCAA Division II World Series with a 38-15 record.

Frady has recruited and coached 20 All-Americans, while 83 of his former players have been drafted or signed professional contracts. Four of his players have reached the major leagues: Aaron Fultz of the Cleveland Indians (2000-2007), Mike Maroth of the St. Louis Cardinals (2002-2007), Clay Timpner of the San Francisco Giants (2008) and Esix Snead, previously with the New York Mets (2002, 2004).

Frady played collegiately at Troy State University and helped the Trojans reach the Division II World Series twice. In 1986, his team won the national championship and was later named the best Division II team of all-time at the 1997 Divi-

sion II College World Series.

Frady also currently serves as the head coach of the German National Team. Last spring, his squad came just two games shy of qualifying for the Beijing Olympics. In 2005, Frady led the German team to the B-Pool Gold Medal and a fourth place finish at the European Championship, earning the team a spot in the 2007 World Cup. The fourth place at the 2005 European Championship was the highest a German squad had placed in that competition and marked the first time the Germans qualified for the World Cup.

With a fourth-place finish at the 2007 European Championships, the team is guaranteed a spot in the Baseball World Cup in Cuba in 2009.

Frady is very active in the community. He served as Rotary Club president in Madison, Fla., when coaching at North Florida Community College, and continues working through Rotary International as a keynote speaker at numerous events. Frady has a long record of working with chambers of commerce, and conducts instructional clinics for coaches and youth baseball players. Additionally, he had an article about recruiting published in a national magazine.

Frady was born in Ellijay, Ga., on Dec. 2, 1962, and graduated from Gilmer High School in 1981. He was named the Most Valuable Player on both the basketball and baseball teams his senior year. In 2006, he was inducted into the Gilmer High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Frady received his bachelor's degree in education and recreation from Troy State in 1987, and earned a master's degree in administration from Columbus State in 1989.

Greg and his wife Rhonda have been married for 21 years. The couple resides in Gwinnett County with their daughter Bailey, 16, and son Riley, 13.



**Coach Frady talks with the media after a game during the 2007 Baseball World Cup in Taiwan.**

**Head Coach**

**The Frady File**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Assistant Head Coach at UCF (1997-2003)</b>			
1997	40-24	7-10	TAAC Tournament Champs, NCAA Regional
1998	41-21	14-7	TAAC Tournament berth
1999	38-21	19-11	TAAC Tournament berth
2000	43-19	22-5	TAAC Regular-Season Champs, NCAA Regional
2001	51-14	22-5	TAAC Regular-Season and Tournament Champs, NCAA Regional
2002	41-22	23-7	A-Sun Regular-Season and Tournament Champs, NCAA Regional
2003	31-25	14-16	
<i>Total</i>	<i>285-146</i>	<i>121-61</i>	<i>3 Regular-Season Titles, 3 Tournament Titles, 4 NCAA Regionals</i>
<b>Associate Head Coach at Georgia State (2005-06)</b>			
2005	25-32	15-15	A-Sun Tournament berth
2006	26-31	13-17	CAA Tournament berth
<i>Total</i>	<i>51-63</i>	<i>28-32</i>	<i>2 Conference Tournament berths</i>
<b>Head Coach at Georgia State (2007-present)</b>			
2007	26-32	15-15	CAA Tournament berth
2008	33-23	12-17	School Record 33 wins, Five All-CAA honorees
<i>Total</i>	<i>59-55</i>	<i>27-32</i>	<i>Third winningest coach in Georgia State history</i>



## Blaine McFerrin

### Assistant Coach IPFW, 2000

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McFerrin enters his third season as the pitching coach for the Panthers. He also serves as the teams' weight and conditioning coordinator, while handling team travel and equipment issues.

The pitching staff has seen a great deal of success under McFerrin's tutelage. In 2008, left-handed pitcher Robinson Polanco earned Third Team All-CAA honors after compiling an 8-4 record, as the team set a school record for wins in a season with 33.

In his first season, both Adam Bowling and Will Palmer earned CAA Pitcher-of-the-Week honors. Bowling signed with the Chicago White Sox organization as an undrafted free agent after the season and spent the 2007 season with the Great Falls White Sox, before moving up to the Class A Kannapolis Intimidators in 2008, compiling a 4-1 record with 55 strikeouts.

McFerrin came to State after spending the 2006 season at Michigan where he worked with the pitchers and outfielders. At Michigan, he worked with one MLB free-agent signee, two MLB draftees, three Freshman All-Americans and a Johnny Bench Award Finalist. McFerrin was part of a Big Ten regular-season championship and a Big Ten Tournament title that earned the Wolverines a trip to the Atlanta Regional.

McFerrin moved to Michigan after spending the 2005 season as the pitching coach at his alma mater, IPFW, under head coach Billy Gernon.



After a career-ending arm injury, McFerrin started his coaching career as an assistant at IPFW from 2001-03. He spent the 2004 season at Division III Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., before returning to IPFW in 2005.

McFerrin played two seasons at IPFW (1999-2000) after transferring from Kentucky Wesleyan. He capped his senior season with a 2-0 record and a team-leading 3.29 ERA as the Mastodons set a school record for conference wins in 2000.

A native of Connorsville, Ind., McFerrin earned his bachelor's in secondary education (2000) and his master's in school administration (2002) at IPFW.

McFerrin married Carrie Ann Sullivan in August 2006. The couple resides in Atlanta.





**Brad Stromdahl**  
**Assistant Coach**  
**Southwest Minnesota, 2002**

#25

Stromdahl enters his third season as the recruiting coordinator and hitting coach for the Panthers. He also serves as the team's academic coordinator.

During the 2008 season, the Georgia State team saw an offensive explosion at the plate, setting school records for hits and RBIs in a season. Stromdahl was also instrumental in helping the Panthers set a new school record for wins and winning percentage. The career and individual season hit records were also broken by Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas and Bradley Logan respectively.

Stromdahl came to Georgia State after three seasons at Central Michigan University. With the Chippewas, Stromdahl's primary responsibilities were hitting instruction and working with infielders, in addition to assisting with recruiting. The Central Michigan offense flourished under his direction, leading the Mid-American Conference in over half of the offensive categories each season. CMU made three MAC Tournament appearances during his tenure and won the MAC regular-season title in 2004. In 2005, the Chippewas finished with a 42-18 overall record and fell in the championship game of the conference tournament.

Prior to Central Michigan, Stromdahl spent the 2003 season at Marshall University as an assistant. He also served as a graduate assistant at his alma mater,



Coaching Staff



Southwest Minnesota State, from 1999-2002.

Stromdahl also has experience as a head coach in summer leagues, leading the 2006 Thunder Bay (Ontario) Border Cats to a runner-up finish for the Northwoods League championship. During the summer of 2004 he led the Wilson (N.C.) Tobs of the Coastal Plain League to the all-time attendance record.

Stromdahl received a master's degree in sports administration from Central Michigan in 2006. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Southwest Minnesota State in 2002. He spent two seasons playing for the Division II Mustangs before pursuing a career in professional baseball for three seasons. Before SMSU, Stromdahl spent two years at then-junior college Bethany Lutheran in Mankato, Minn.

Stromdahl, who grew up in Napa, California and finished high school in Minocqua, Wisconsin, married Tessa Rieger in December 2006. The couple resides in Atlanta.



**Peter Wermuth**  
**Volunteer Assistant Coach**  
**Columbia, 2006**  
**Pomana, 2000**

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This will be Peter Wermuth's first season on the Panthers' coaching staff. He is primarily responsible for working with the outfielders as well as the Panthers' hitters. He also serves as the team's camp coordinator.

Wermuth has coached for most of the past 15 years. He comes to State after leading the New York Rip-Tide semi-pro summer league team in New York's Puerto Rico league for the past three seasons. He propelled the team to its first national ranking in 13 years in 2007 and won a division championship and a sub-championship in 2006 and 2007 respectively. He managed a summer-league wood-bat team in San Francisco for the two years prior, winning manager of the year accolades in his first season.

Wermuth also has extensive experience coaching internationally. He served as the head coach of the Mainz Rebels, Germany for 6 out of 7 seasons from 1994 until 2001. Under him the Rebels' first team

won its league three years in a row, culminating in a promotion to the national level in 2000. Several of his players were selected for German national team duty while others went on to become successful coaches in their own right – including Cae Santos, coach of the 2007 German champion, Mainz Athletics.

Wermuth received an MBA from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business in 2006. He received his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Pomona College in 2000, where he played baseball for the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens. He worked for Major League Baseball as well as management consulting firm McKinsey & Company in the past, and still is an active consultant for MLB.

Wermuth grew up in Mainz, Germany where he finished high school at Gutenberg-Gymnasium Mainz. He married his college sweetheart Priya Mascarenhas in 2005.

Staff



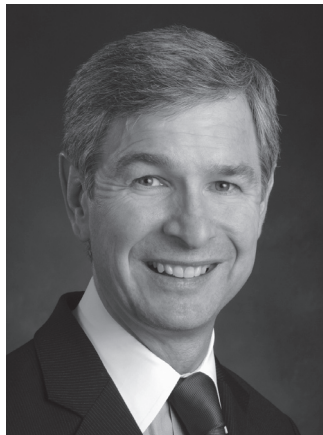
**Alex Jinks**  
**Video Coordinator**  
**Parkview HS, 2008**

Alex Jinks joins the Panther baseball as the student manager and video coordinator for the 2008-09 season. A 2008 graduate of Parkview High School in Lilburn, where he was born and raised, Jinks will help maintain the field and locker room, as well as run the "state of the art" camera system during practices and games.

During his sophomore year at Parkview, was a member of the football teams 'Dirty Dozen' field crew and was a vital part of the 12-man crew who took care of preparing the fields for play. During his junior year, he transitioned from the field crew and started working as one of the two

video coordinators and part-time managers for both the football and baseball teams. During his senior year, he became the Lead Video Coordinator for the football team and the full-time student manager and video coordinator for the baseball team. He was a two year letter winner for both teams with MGR Pens from both as well.

Jinks was born on April 10, 1990 to Mike and LuAnn Jinks in Atlanta, Ga...Has an older brother, Patrick...Currently is undeclared on his major in the highly regarded J. Mack Robinson School of Business.



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### CAA Preseason Polls

After setting a school record for wins in 2008 and returning four all-conference honorees, the Georgia State baseball team is predicted to finish fourth and earn a spot in the 2009 CAA Tournament as the CAA Preseason Coaches Poll.

James Madison earned six first-place votes and finished with 95 points, while George Mason finished second with 91 points after garnering four first place votes. UNC Wilmington, host of the 2009 CAA Tournament, finished third with 86 points and the final first place vote, while the Panthers earned 61 points to place fourth. William & Mary rounded out the top five, followed by Towson, VCU, Old Dominion, Delaware, Northeastern and Hofstra.

#### 2009 CAA Baseball Preseason Predicted Order of Finish

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|-----|----------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | James Madison (6)    | 95        |
| 2.  | George Mason (4)     | 91        |
| 3.  | UNC Wilmington (1)   | 86        |
| 4.  | <b>Georgia State</b> | <b>61</b> |
| 5.  | William and Mary     | 58        |
| 6.  | Towson               | 48        |
| 7.  | VCU                  | 42        |
| 8.  | Old Dominion         | 39        |
| 9.  | Delaware             | 38        |
| 10. | Northeastern         | 37        |
| 11. | Hofstra              | 10        |

### CAA Preseason Team

Three Panthers earned All-CAA Preseason team honors before the start of the season as voted on by the league's head coaches. Seniors Derek Simmons and Robinson Polanco, along with junior Bradley Logan earned spots on the team, while senior Matt Van Horn earned honorable mention honors. The voting for the preseason team was conducted by the league's head coaches.

#### 2009 PRESEASON ALL-CAA BASEBALL TEAM

Player, School	Pos.	Cl.
Chris Henderson, George Mason	C	Jr.
Justin Bour, George Mason	1B	Jr.
Ryan Soares, George Mason	2B	Jr.
Nick Natoli, Towson	SS	Jr.
<b>Bradley Logan, Georgia State</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
Scott Krieger, George Mason	OF	Sr.
Alex Foltz, James Madison	OF	Jr.
Rob Nickle, William & Mary	OF	Sr.
Trevor Knight, James Madison	P/IF	So.
<b>Derek Simmons, Georgia State</b>	<b>DH/IF</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
Turner Phelps, James Madison	SP	So.
<b>Robinson Polanco, Georgia State</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
Stephen Harrold, UNC Wilmington	RP	So.

**Honorable Mention:** Frank Pesanello, C, Northeastern; Jason Stifler, C, Towson; Ryan Cuneo, 1B, Delaware; Richard Gonzales, 2B, VCU; James Williamson, 2B, William & Mary; Gerard Hall, SS, Old Dominion; Matt Prokopowicz, 3B, Hofstra; **Matt Van Horn, OF, Georgia State;** Mike Tamsin, IF, Northeastern; Daniel Cropper, SP, UNC Wilmington; Dan Gerjets, SP, George Mason; Cameron Roth, SP, UNC Wilmington; Jordan Flasher, RP, George Mason; Josh Squatrito, RP, Towson

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