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Greg Frady Head Coach Troy State, 1987

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Entering his second season in charge of the Panthers, Greg Frady was named Georgia State's eighth head baseball coach in June 2006.

Frady's first year at the helm featured several achievements, highlighted by the Panthers' second straight Colonial Athletic Association Tournament appearance. State also reeled off six consecutive wins on two separate occasions. Three players earned postseason honors as Luke Gordon became the first Panther named to the All-CAA First-Team while Charlie Pelt and Eric Suttle were selected to the All-CAA Second-Team. Pitchers Adam Bowling and Will Palmer earned weekly honors from the CAA.

Before taking the reins at Georgia State, Frady spent two seasons working as the Panthers' associate head coach. He helped State reach the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament in 2005, the school's last season in the conference, and helped the Panthers reach the 2006 CAA Tournament, their first year in the league.

Prior to joining Georgia State, Frady served as associate head coach at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2003. The

Golden Knights were ranked in the top 25 in each of the seven seasons Frady was involved with the program. UCF collected six conference championships in that span (three regular-season and three tournament titles). The Golden Knights also made four appearances in the NCAA Tournament, and played in two regional finals during Frady's time in Orlando. He was part of four 40-win teams (1997, 1998, 2000, 2002) and a 50-win team in 2001.

Before moving to UCF, Frady spent six seasons as the head coach at North Florida Community College in Madison, Fla., where his teams 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 and led the Cougars to the NCAA Division II World Series and a 38-15 overall record.

Frady has recruited and coached 20 All-Americans, and 77 of his former players have been drafted or signed professional contracts. Three players have reached the Major Leagues: Aaron Fultz of the Cleveland Indians (2000-present), Mike Maroth of the St. Louis Cardinals (2002-present) and Esix Snead, previously with the New York Mets (2002, 2004).

Before pursuing his coaching career, Frady played four seasons 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 Division II College World Series.

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 20 years. The couple resides in Gwinnett County with their daughter Bailey, 15, and son Riley, 12.

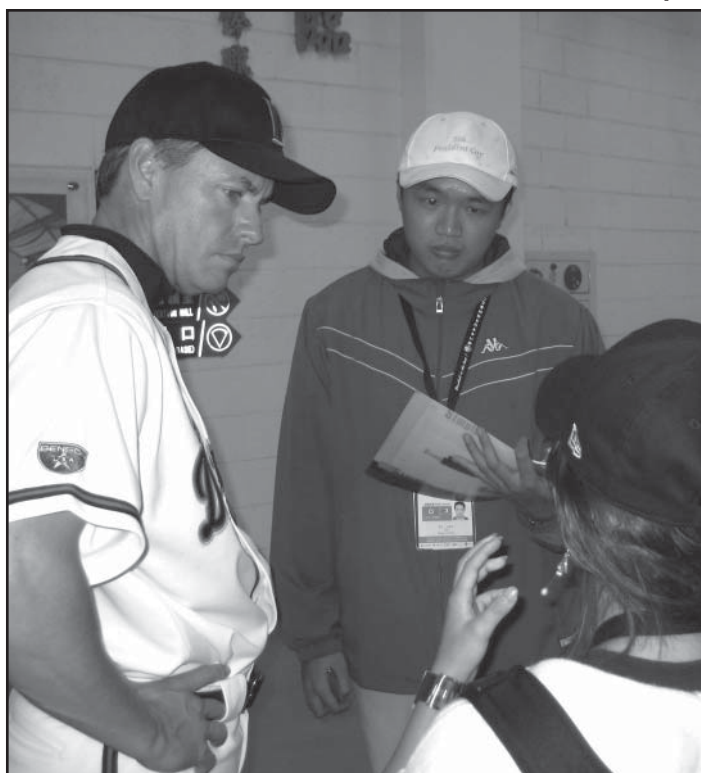


Frady Faces International Competition

In addition to his collegiate experience, Frady has worked as head coach of the German National Team since the spring of 2004. After a poor showing at the 2003 European Championship, the German government threatened to drop the sport from its Olympic program without dramatic improvement at the next European Championships.

In July 2005, Frady led the Germans 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 and preserving the program's funding.

The fourth-place finish at the 2005 European Championship is the highest a German squad has placed in that competition,



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

for one of three remaining spots in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

and marked the first time the Germans qualified for the Baseball World Cup. Frady led the Germans to a fourth-place finish at the 2007 European Championship, guaranteeing the team a spot in the 2009 Baseball World Cup in Cuba.

At the 2007 World Cup in Taiwan, the Germans notched their first win in the tournament with a 2-0 victory over Thailand in group play.

Frady will also lead the German squad in the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament March 7-14, 2008, in Taiwan. The Germans will participate in the eight-team tournament

The Frady File

Year	Overall	Conference	Notes
Associate Head Coach at UCF (1997-2003)			
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>
Associate Head Coach at Georgia State (2005-06)			
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>
Head Coach at Georgia State (2007-present)			
2007	26-32	15-15	CAA Tournament berth
<i>Total</i>	<i>26-32</i>	<i>15-15</i>	



Blaine McFerrin

Assistant Coach

IPFW, 2000

#38

Blaine McFerrin enters his second season as the pitching coach for the Panthers. He also serves as the team's weight and conditioning coordinator and handles team travel and equipment.

The Panther pitching staff has blossomed under McFerrin's guidance, as Adam Bowling and Will Palmer both claimed Pitcher of the Week honors in the CAA last season. Bowling signed with the Chicago White Sox organization as an undrafted free agent and spent the 2007 season with their Rookie League affiliate, the Great Falls White Sox. Bowling posted a 3-2 in 17 appearances, all in relief, while recording 39 strikeouts in 26.2 innings.

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 an 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 Connerville, 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

#12

Brad Stromdahl returns for his second year as recruiting coordinator and offensive instructor for the Panthers. Additionally, he serves as the team's academic coordinator.

He came to Georgia State after three seasons at Central Michigan University. At Central Michigan, Stromdahl's primary responsibilities were hitting instruction and working with infielders, in addition to assisting with recruiting. The Chippewa 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.



ASSISTANT COACH BRAD STROMDAHL



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, 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 Yountville, Calif., married Tessa Rieger in December 2006. The couple resides in Atlanta.



Bobby Perez
 Volunteer Assistant Coach
 Louisville, 2003

#23

Bobby Perez joined the Georgia State staff as a volunteer assistant prior to the 2007 season. His duties with the Panthers include hitting and field maintenance.

He came to Georgia State after spending a year as a volunteer assistant coach at Division III powerhouse Emory University. With Perez on staff, Emory reached the No. 1 ranking in Division III and advanced to the 2006 NCAA Regionals. The Eagles finished the season with a 31-9 overall record.

Prior to his arrival at Emory, Perez played at the University of Louisville for two seasons. He was part of the 2002 Cardinal squad that finished with a 39-18 overall record and advanced to the NCAA Regionals, the program's first appearance in the NCAA Tourna-

ment.

After his playing career ended, he stayed on as an assistant while completing his bachelor's in exercise science. He earned his bachelor's in 2003 and completed his master's degree in exercise physiology in 2005.

Before playing at Louisville, Perez played two seasons at South Florida Community College near Tampa. The native of Valrico, Fla., starred at Durant High School before beginning his collegiate career.

During the summer of 2005, Perez worked at the prestigious IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., before joining the staff at Emory.

Perez married the former Cristina Conrad in July 2007. The couple resides in Decatur.



Cliff Ford
 Video Coordinator
 Univ. of the Ozarks, 2004

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Cliff Ford joined the Panther program in August 2007 as the team's video coordinator. Ford came to Georgia State from the Columbus (Ga.) Catfish of the South Atlantic League where he served as a stadium operations intern.

Ford previously worked with the Boys & Girls Club of America in Fayetteville, Ark., for a year with their sports programs while working on his master's in sports management at the University of Arkansas. The native of Lindale, Texas, completed his master's degree in May 2007.

At Arkansas, Ford helped form the Sport Professionals Association, which is a student group aimed at promoting sport management interests and helping members find jobs in the sport industry.

Prior to his time as a graduate student at Arkansas, Ford was a four-year starter in right field for the University of the Ozarks baseball team. During his time as an Eagle, Ford was named to the American Southwest Conference's All-Academic Team on three occasions (2002-04). He graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 2004.

As an undergraduate, Ford worked as a volunteer for several sport-related organizations. He interned at Alltime Family Fitness in Clarksville, Ark., worked as a student trainer at his alma mater and served as official scorer from 2002-04 for the men's and women's basketball teams.

Ford is married to the former Kaleigh Kayshel. The couple wed in July 2006 and reside in Duluth.

Now in her third year as Director of Athletics, Mary McElroy has brought tremendous optimism, organization and leadership as well as a tireless work ethic to Georgia State University athletics.

Hired in July 2005 by President Carl Patton, McElroy is leading the Panther program to unprecedented heights in every area, transforming the department, guiding the university in its move to the Colonial Athletic Association, and perhaps most important, raising the expectations for Georgia State athletics.



Her accomplishments in just two years include dramatic increases in athletics fundraising, the hiring of former National Coach of the Year Rod Barnes as men's basketball coach, the completion of a feasibility study for the addition of football and the subsequent launch of a fundraising campaign for the sport, numerous facilities upgrades, strong academic performance by Panther student-athletes, and a smooth transition to the

higher level of competition in the CAA.

The former Marine Corps Captain, 1987 graduate of the Naval Academy and 2000 graduate of Georgia Tech's MBA program has been recognized by her peers. In August 2006, the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) named McElroy as the NCAA Division I-AAA Administrator of the Year.

McElroy's vision for Georgia State to be "the student-athlete's first choice" is being realized as the program grows in stature within the CAA and on the national level.

McElroy has reshaped and reenergized the athletic department and now has it poised for progress and consistent achievements. One of her first major accomplishments was to develop and implement the Strategic Plan that established the athletic department's vision and defined the pathways to those objectives.

McElroy further mandated the development of the department's Policies and Procedures Manual, which outlines operational procedures to keep the department functioning efficiently. Every unit within the department knows its methods to carry out the plan. Every team within the program understands what is expected and has a plan to meet the intended goals. Every student-athlete understands the expectations and support systems available to achieve success.

Her first year saw record development for financial support. Just under \$1 million was raised and earmarked for scholarship endowments, while support was maintained for the operating budget that increased due to boarder travel requirements in the CAA. Under McElroy's leadership, the department added assistant coaches and support staff to better serve the student-athletes.

McElroy has created new revenue streams with a partnership with ISP Sports that immediately resulted in a 200 percent increase in sponsorship revenues. She also inked a department-wide apparel agreement with Adidas. A new partnership with JumpTV Inc. has enhanced the athletics' department web site and improved the services provided to Georgia State fans.

While improving every existing sports program, McElroy has also focused on the potential addition of a Division I football program for Georgia State. In response to a directive from President Patton and as a result of interest expressed by alumni, staff and students, a feasibility study was completed in 2006 to effectively gauge the interest and financial obligations of adding football. An

unprecedented fundraising campaign is now underway as Georgia State football moves closer to becoming a reality.

Nowhere has McElroy's vision been more evident than in Georgia State's growing and improving facilities as she seeks to provide first-class venues that will benefit student-athletes and fans alike. A two-year, \$5-million plan for the development of Panthersville Athletics Complex is nearing completion and will ultimately result in a new soccer stadium and locker room facilities. Phase I was completed in Fall 2006 and Phase II will be complete in 2008. Upgrades are ongoing for the softball and baseball facilities already located at Panthersville, which will become the home for all of Georgia State's outdoor athletic teams except track and tennis.

Working within the framework of NCAA guidelines, Georgia State student-athletes are challenged to excel in the classroom and are provided with a support system to meet the challenges of balancing academics and athletics.

The Panthers have responded with their highest cumulative grade point average ever. The student-athlete population achieved a grade point average of 2.87 for the Spring 2007 semester to boost its combined cumulative mark for the academic year to 2.93. Both figures exceed the corresponding marks for the overall student body.

On the field of competition, the student-athletes have responded against the tougher level of play as well, achieving solid winning percentages across the 16 teams. Athletics highlights in the first two years include CAA team titles in men's and women's golf, and men's tennis.

McElroy's athletic management career began in 1992 where she worked her way up to assistant athletic director at the Naval Academy. She was Senior Woman Administrator and oversaw compliance for 29 sports. She also served a stint as Director of Alumni Services at Navy.

From June 1999, until her appointment at Georgia State, McElroy served on the athletic management team at Georgia Tech. After first serving as Director of Compliance, she left Georgia Tech as Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator. She was the primary administrator for five sports, while overseeing the compliance staff, supervising game operations for basketball and assisting with football game management.

As a member of the CAA, McElroy was reappointed to the NCAA Management Council in October 2006 and was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the NACWAA, also in October 2006. She chairs the CAA Awards Committee and serves on the CAA Executive Committee.

McElroy has been called upon to be a guest speaker at various events, including the Mercer University Adult Education program, the NCAA Institute for Ethnic Minority Females, the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame, the NCAA Gender Equity and Issues Forum, and most recently, the 2007 convention of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

When the NCAA Women's Final Four was played in Atlanta in 2003, McElroy played a key role in planning and staging the event as the tournament manager. She was also on the Atlanta Local Organizing Committee for the NCAA Men's Final Four in Atlanta in 2002 and again in 2007.

As a student at the Naval Academy, McElroy played varsity basketball in the CAA. She was a captain of the club softball team and now stays active athletically in local softball leagues.

A native of Great Mills, Md., she is married to a fellow Naval Academy graduate, Terry ('86) and they have two sons, Darrin (17) and Austin (13).



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