



COACHING CLINIC

CLINIC SCHEDULE



Main Room

- 9:00 AM WELCOME
- 9:20 AM U OF MN BASEBALL HOT STOVE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BASEBALL COACHES
- 10:10 AM CAGE TO GAME
EFFECTIVE HITTING DRILLS AND TRAINING
DAVE HIEB, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN
- 11:00 AM PITCHING TO WIN
ESSENTIALS OF THE HIGH LEVEL PITCHER
JIM BROWER, BROWER BASEBALL
- 12:45 PM LEADERSHIP SEMINAR
JOSH LEVINE, FORTIS ACADEMY
- 1:40 PM INFIELD 101
BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A CRITICAL PART OF YOUTH BASEBALL
DR. TROY URDAHL, ST. ANTHONY-NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 2:40 PM YOU GOT A GOOD CATCHER?
HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR MOST IMPORTANT POSITION PLAYER
MIKE O'BRIEN, EDEN PRAIRIE LEGION
- 3:30 PM THE BIG PICTURE
WINNING SHOULD NOT BE YOUR PRIORITY
ROB WASSENAAR, SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

5 APRIL 2025
DIAMONDHEAD EDUCATION
CENTER
BURNSVILLE

Auxiliary Room

- 10:10 AM NEW TO PITCHING
WHAT TO TEACH, AND WHAT NOT TO TEACH
JIM BROWER, BROWER BASEBALL
- 11:00 AM PREPARING THE PLAN
HOW TO BUILD PRACTICE STRUCTURE
DAVE HIEB, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN
- 12:45 PM TRANSFORMATIONAL COACHING
DR. TROY URDAHL, ST. ANTHONY-NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 1:40 PM MOLDING EFFECTIVE CATCHERS
DRILLS AND TRAINING THAT GET RESULTS
MIKE O'BRIEN, EDEN PRAIRIE LEGION
- 2:40 PM MIND OVER MOUND
TRAINING YOUR MIND TO COMMAND THE GAME
ROB WASSENAAR, SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

MEET OUR PANELISTS

TY MCDEVITT

TY IS THE 16TH HEAD COACH IN PROGRAM HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. THIS IS HIS EIGHTH SEASON ON THE COACHING STAFF, AND EVEN PLAYED FOR THE GOPHERS, FINISHING HIS CAREER WITH 45 APPEARANCES AND A 9-4 WIN/LOSS RECORD, A BIG 10 CHAMPIONSHIP AND AN APPEARANCE IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN COACHING MANY CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL AWARD WINNING PLAYERS, AND IN HIS EIGHT SEASONS AS A COACH, 11 DIFFERENT GOPHERS HAVE HEARD THEIR NAME CALLED IN MLB DRAFTS. TY IS A MINNESOTA NATIVE, GRADUATING FROM EASTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

ALEC CRAWFORD

ALEC HAS BEEN ON THE GOPHER COACHING STAFF SINCE 2022, AND IS CURRENTLY THE PITCHING COACH. HE HAS ALREADY TASTED GREAT SUCCESS, LEADING A VERY YOUNG TEAM TO THE BEST PROGRAM ERA IN HALF A DECADE, AND HAVING THREE PITCHERS DRAFTED IN THE MLB. ALEC WAS A FOUR SPORT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE AT WILTON, IA, AND THEN ATTENDED DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHERE HE SET A NJCAA WORLD SERIES RECORD FOR MOST STRIKOUTS IN A GAME. HE THEN JOINED THE GOPHERS, WHERE HE WON THE DAVE WINFIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR IN HIS SENIOR SEASON. AFTER LEAVING THE GOPHERS, HE SPENT TWO SEASONS WITH THE ROCKIES ORGANIZATION, AND HAD BRIEF STINTS WITH THE BREWERS AND THE ST. PAUL SAINTS. HE THEN JOINED THE BENILDE ST. MARGARET COACHING STAFF, COMPILING A 41-11 RECORD AND A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

CONNOR GANDOSSY

CONNOR HAS BEEN ON THE GOPHER COACHING STAFF SINCE 2024, AND FOCUSES ON HITTING AND CATCHING. PRIOR TO MINNESOTA, CONNOR COACHED AT CREIGHTON, AND AT HIS ALMA MATER, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY. CREIGHTON WERE A FORCE IN HIS TIME THERE, HAVING A TOP 25 PROGRAM IN 2019, AND REACHING THE REGIONAL FINALS. HE'S ALSO HAD SUCCESS ON THE RECRUITING FRONT, WHERE HE HAS HAD MULTIPLE TOP 100 RECRUITING CLASSES. AS A STUDENT ATHLETE FOR ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY, CONNOR PLAYED IN 157 GAMES, AND WON THREE ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS, ONE NCAA TOURNAMENT BID, AND WAS ALSO PART OF THE 2012 TEAM WHICH BROKE THE SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS.

SEAN MOORE

LIKE CONNOR, SEAN HAS BEEN ON THE GOPHER COACHING STAFF SINCE 2024. PRIOR TO THAT, HE COACHED AT IOWA, AND HELPED THEM TO A 30-WIN SEASON, GOOD FOR FOURTH IN THE BIG 10. HE ALSO HELPED THEM TO THEIR FIRST BIG 10 TOURNAMENT WIN IN PROGRAM HISTORY IN 2017, AND MADE AN APPEARANCE IN THE HOUSTON REGIONAL THAT YEAR. HE HAS COACHED NINE ALL-BIG 10 SELECTIONS, INCLUDING UNANIMOUS BIO PLAYER OF THE YEAR JAKE ADAMS, AND NINE OF HIS PLAYERS HAVE HEARD THEIR NAME CALLED IN MLB DRAFTS. SEAN WAS ALSO PART OF THE PENN STATE COACHING STAFF, WHERE HE WAS AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS/PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FOR ONE. IN EACH OF HIS YEARS AT PENN STATE, THE NITTANY LIONS HAD YEAR ON YEAR IMPROVEMENTS IN RUNS PER GAME, HOME RUNS, RBIS AND ON-BASE PCT.

MEET OUR CLINICIANS

JIM BROWER

JIM IS THE FOUNGER OF BROWER BASEBALL, WHERE HE TRAINS AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS AT THEIR EDEN PRAIRIE FACILITY. JIM IS A MINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, AND PITCHED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. HIS 26-YEAR PROFESSIONAL CAREER STARTED IN TEXAS, WHERE HE WAS DRAFTED AS A 6TH ROUNDER. AFTER RETIRING, HE JOINED THE COACHING RANKS, HELPING THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS TO BACK-TO-BACK WORLD SERIES, AND A WORLD SERIES TITLE IN 2015. AS A PITCHING COORDINATOR FOR THE CUBS, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THEIR FIRST WORLD SERIES TITLE IN OVER A CENTURY.

DAVE HIEB

COACH HIEB, AFTER 28 SEASONS OF COACHING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERS-ST. PAUL, RETIRED FROM HIS POSITION, AMASSING OVER 500 WINS AND MULTIPLE UMAC AND NCAA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS – ALL WHILE COACHING NUMEROUS NCAA ALL-REGION AND ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETES. COACH HIEB IS STILL VERY ACTIVE IN THE YOUTH BASEBALL CIRCLES. SPENDING MANY HOURS HELPING YOUNG ATHLETES AND NEW COACHES, AND IS ALSO THE TRAVEL DIRECTOR FOR EAST RIDGE

JOSH LEVINE

JOSH FOUNDED FORTIS ACADEMY, WHICH FOCUSES ON INNOVATIVE SPORT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ATHLETES AT ALL LEVELS. JOSH HAS OVER A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH ATHLETES AT THE YOUTH, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGIATE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. JOSH IS A BLOOMINGTON NATIVE, PLAYING HOCKEY AND RAN TRACK AT JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL. HE THEN PLAYED IN THE UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE, AND THEN ENROLLED AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH A DAGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND A CERTIFICATE IN NEAR EASTERN STUDIES.

MEET OUR CLINICIANS

MIKE O'BRIEN

WE ALL KNOW HOW A GOOD CATCHER CAN CHANGE THE GAME, AND ONE PERSON WHO KNOWS A LOT ON THIS TOPIC IS MIKE O'BRIEN. COACH O'BRIEN CURRENTLY LEADS THE EDEN PRAIRIE LEGION PROGRAM AND HAS WORKED WITH YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS FOR MANY YEARS. HE HAS HELPED MULTIPLE PLAYERS REACH THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL. COACH O'BRIEN PLAYED HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL AT HASTINGS, WHERE HE WON A STATE TITLE IN 1999.

DR. TROY URDAHL

DR. URDAHL IS AN EXPERT IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND IS AN AWARD-WINNING COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, CURRENTLY LEADING ST. ANTHONY-NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT. HIS BOOK "CHASING INFLUENCE: TRANSFORMATIONAL COACHING TO BUILD CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE" HAS RECEIVED RAVE REVIEWS FROM NUMEROUS BIG NAMES IN ATHLETICS, INCLUDING FORMER TWINS GM TERRY RYAN, FORMER MINNESOTA AD JOEL MATURI, AND WASECA LEGEND TINK LARSON

ROB WASSENAAR

ROB IS THE HEAD COACH AT SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN CHASKA. HE LED EDINA TO THE LEGION WORLD SERIES, WENT ON TO PITCH AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, AND WAS DRAFTED BY THE ANGELS. HE WAS THRN TRADED TO THE TWINS IN THE BERT BLYLEVEN DEAL IN 1988, AND PITCHED SIX MORE SEASONS IN THE MINORS. ROB HAS COACHED FOR MANY YEARS – NEARLY A DECADE AT SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN - SPECIALIZING IN WORKING WITH YOUNG PITCHERS