



DUKE BLUE DEVILS 2009 BASEBALL

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| Location | Durham, N.C. |
| Founded | 1838 as Trinity College |
| Enrollment | 6,247 |
| Colors | Royal Blue & White |
| Home Field | Jack Coombs Field (2,000) |
| Surface/Dimensions | Grass/330-LF, 375-LC, 400-CF, 375-RC, 330-RF |
| Affiliation | NCAA Division I |
| Conference | Atlantic Coast (ACC) |
| President | Richard H. Brodhead |
| Director of Athletics..... | Kevin White |

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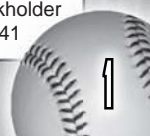
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Duke Baseball Roster

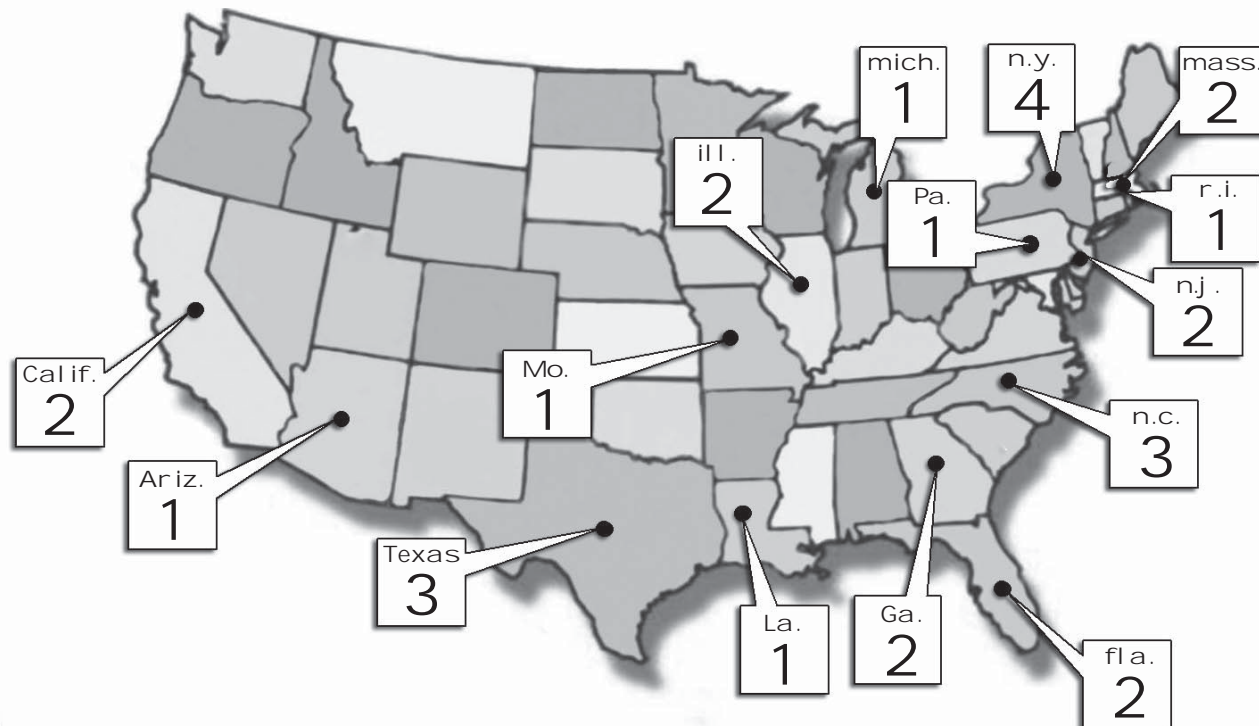
| No. | Name | Pos | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|-----|--------------------|---------|-----|------|-----|-----|--|
| 2 | Ben Condon | C/INF | R/R | 6-1 | 170 | So. | Peachtree City, Ga. (Woodward Academy) |
| 3 | Ryan Knott | RHP | R/R | 6-4 | 195 | So. | Huntley, Ill. (Marian Central Catholic) |
| 4 | Jonathan Foreman | RHP | R/R | 6-0 | 195 | Jr. | Lafayette, La. (Lafayette) |
| 5 | Brian Litwin | OF/INF | R/R | 6-2 | 195 | Fr. | Hickory, N.C. (St. Stephens) |
| 6 | Joe Pedevillano | LHP/OF | L/L | 5-6 | 155 | Fr. | Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (Our Lady of Lourdes) |
| 7 | Kyle Butler | RHP/INF | R/R | 5-11 | 160 | Sr. | Apex, N.C. (Apex) |
| 8 | Andrew Wolcott | RHP | R/R | 6-6 | 240 | Sr. | Grayslake, Ill. (Warren Township) |
| 9 | Eric Pfisterer | LHP/1B | L/L | 6-2 | 220 | Fr. | Saddle River, N.J. (Don Bosco Prep) |
| 10 | Ryan McCurdy | INF | R/R | 5-10 | 175 | Jr. | Tampa, Fla. (Plant) |
| 12 | Jake Lemmerman | INF | R/R | 6-2 | 185 | So. | Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona Del Mar) |
| 14 | Gabriel Saade | INF | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | Miami, Fla. (Gulliver Prep) |
| 18 | Matt Williams | C | R/R | 5-11 | 220 | Sr. | Northville, Mich. (Northville) |
| 19 | Jeremy Gould | OF | R/L | 6-4 | 200 | Jr. | Bellaire, Texas (Bellaire) |
| 20 | Tom Luciano | OF | R/R | 6-2 | 185 | So. | Pound Ridge, N.Y. (Fox Lane) |
| 21 | Tim Sherlock | LHP/OF | L/L | 6-0 | 180 | Sr. | Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral) |
| 23 | Michael Seander | RHP | R/R | 6-2 | 215 | Jr. | Pawtucket, R.I. (Saint Raphael Academy) |
| 24 | Trevor Cesar | RHP/OF | R/R | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley) |
| 25 | David Putman | RHP | R/R | 6-1 | 205 | Fr. | Doylestown, Pa. (The Hun School) |
| 26 | Dennis O'Grady | RHP/INF | R/R | 5-10 | 190 | So. | Floral Park, N.Y. (Archbishop Molloy) |
| 27 | Will Piwnica-Worms | OF | R/R | 6-2 | 195 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo. (Ladue Horton Watkins) |
| 28 | John Bunder | RHP/OF | R/R | 6-3 | 175 | So. | Kennesaw, Ga. (Harrison) |
| 31 | Cameron Schulz | RHP | R/R | 6-3 | 200 | So. | Chapel Hill, N.C. (East Chapel Hill) |
| 32 | Alex Hassan | RHP/OF | R/R | 6-4 | 200 | Jr. | Boston, Mass. (Boston College HS) |
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| 36 | Michael Ness | RHP | R/R | 6-4 | 210 | Jr. | Chatham, N.J. (Seton Hall Prep) |
| 42 | Nate Freiman | 1B/C | R/R | 6-8 | 250 | Sr. | Wellesley, Mass. (Wellesley) |
| 45 | Will Currier | RHP | R/R | 6-4 | 215 | Jr. | Dripping Springs, Texas (Dripping Springs) |
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STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN





The Sean McNally File

Born: December 14, 1972

Hometown: Rye, N.Y.

Career Record: 81-83-1 (Three Seasons)

Record at Duke: 81-83-1 (Three Seasons)

Education: B.A., History and Political Science
Duke University, 1994

Coaching Career

- Named head coach at Duke July 15, 2005
- Led Duke to a 37-18-1 record in his third season last year, which was the third-most wins in school history
- Led Duke to 29-25 record in 2007 for most wins in nearly a decade at the time
- Oversaw a Duke team that led the nation in fielding percentage in 2008
- Has coached four Duke draft picks in his three-year coaching career
- Spent two seasons as a hitting coach in the Cleveland Indians organization
- Named manager of the Burlington Indians (A) in 2005

Coaching Stops

- Head Coach — Duke University (2006-Present)
- Manager — Burlington Indians (Cleveland Indians-A, 2005)
- Hitting Coach — Akron Aeros (Cleveland Indians-AA, 2004)
- Hitting Coach — Burlington Indians (Cleveland Indians-A, 2003)

Professional Career

- 16th Round Draft Choice by Kansas City (1994)
- Nine seasons in professional baseball
- 1999 Texas League (AA) All-Star

Collegiate Career at Duke (1991-94)

- Academic All-America (1994)
- Academic All-District (1994)
- Four-time ACC Academic Honor Roll honoree
- All-ACC infielder (1994)
- Two-year team captain
- Career .332 batting average
- Holds Duke's single-season batting average (.408) and slugging percentage records (.775)
- Ranks among top-10 in school history in hits, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI, batting average and runs scored

Sean McNally, a 1994 graduate of Duke University, returns for his fourth year as head baseball coach.

With a philosophy based on striving for excellence in the classroom, involvement in the community and achievement on the field, McNally has already led the program to great success during his short tenure.

The 2008 season was an indication of Duke's progress on and off the field, as the Blue Devils posted a 3.15 GPA and earned the ACC Top Six for Service Award for their community service initiatives.

On the field, McNally guided the team to one of the most successful seasons in school history, turning in a 37-18-1 record with wins over several ranked teams, including No. 2 North Carolina, No. 17 Georgia Tech and a series win over 16th-ranked Virginia. Additionally, the Blue Devils led the nation in fielding percentage with a .978 clip after committing an ACC-low 47 errors. The fundamental approach allowed Duke to go a perfect 27-0 in non-conference play last season.

McNally has led Duke to a 66-42-1 record over the last two seasons and became the first coach in school history to reach the 30-win plateau in his third year of coaching. Expectations and optimism are high for Duke's continued rise up the national ladder in 2009.

McNally coaches the hitters and the infielders directly for the Blue Devils, the same responsibilities he handled at the professional level during his time in player development with the Cleveland Indians. Under McNally, Duke's offense has emerged as one of the top groups in the conference and finished with a .299 batting average last season after hitting .302 in 2007.

McNally has stressed the importance of both situational and two-strike hitting to his players. Last season, the Blue Devils hit .298 with two outs and scored 132 of their 390 runs with two outs. The Blue Devils struck out just 299 times last season, which was the fewest among all ACC teams by 66 strikeouts.

Duke also had five regulars bat over .300 last season, including **Nate Freiman** (.381), **Alex Hassan** (.353) and **Jeremy Gould** (.349), who all finished among the ACC's top 15 in the category. It marked the second straight year that Duke had at least five players hit over .300 as the Blue Devils also accomplished the same feat in 2007. It was the first time since the 1993-99 seasons that the

2008 NCAA FLD% Leaders

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Duke | .978 |
| 2. South Carolina | .977 |
| 3. Creighton | .976 |
| 4. Western Kentucky | .976 |
| 5. Troy | .976 |

Blue Devils had at least five players hit over .300 in two straight seasons.

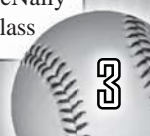
Duke's success has translated into the ACC as well, where the team has increased its conference win total each season. In 2008, Duke won 10 conference games and three series to reach double-digit ACC wins for the first time in seven years. Duke took down some of the top competition the ACC had to offer, including No. 2 North Carolina, No. 17 Georgia Tech, No. 16 Virginia, NC State, and Clemson. Last season's victories continued the trend started in 2007 when the Blue Devils defeated No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 North Carolina on the way to eight conference wins.

Since taking over, McNally has produced two All-ACC performers, including 2008 second team selection Hassan and 2007 second team choice **Tony Bajoczky**. A two-way outfielder and pitcher, Hassan also collected a Rawlings Gold Glove in 2008 for his errorless defensive play in the outfield.

In addition to the national and conference recognition that Duke has received, McNally has put Duke baseball back on the map in the professional ranks after producing four draft picks in the last two years. Three Blue Devils were taken in the 2007 draft (Bajoczky, **Brett Bartles** and **Jimmy Gallagher**), while Freiman was selected in 2008 (28th Round — Texas Rangers), but elected to return to Duke for his senior season. Gallagher, who was drafted as a junior, became the highest-drafted Duke outfielder in school history after going 239th overall to the Chicago White Sox.

Freshmen **Eric Pfisterer** (15th Round — Cincinnati Reds) and **Brian Litwin** (24th Round — Pittsburgh Pirates) were drafted in 2008 as well.

Pfisterer and Litwin are two of seven members of Duke's most recent recruiting class, which *Baseball America* dubbed the 25th-best in the nation. That group continued the strong recruiting trend that McNally has instilled, beginning with his first class



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Head Coach Sean McNally

that included Hassan, Gould, infielders **Ryan McCurdy** and **Gabriel Saade** and pitchers **Will Currier**, **Michael Seander**, **Christopher Manno**, **Jonathan Foreman** and **Michael Ness**. Many members of that group, now juniors, found their way into the starting lineup as freshmen and now enter the 2008 season as the core of a Blue Devil team on the verge of earning a berth to an NCAA Regional.

Duke's second recruiting class under McNally yielded nine members, including starting shortstop **Jake Lemmerman** and valuable two-way contributors **Dennis O'Grady** and **John Bunder**. Lemmerman started all 56 games and batted .282 during his freshman season while O'Grady went 3-2 with a 3.86 ERA and started six games in the infield.

The consistent emphasis placed on academic achievement under McNally continues to be evident. For the second straight year, Duke placed two student-athletes on the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District III team, with the 2008 awards going to Freiman and fellow senior **Matt Williams**.

Additionally, six Blue Devils appeared on the All-ACC Academic Baseball Team in 2008, marking the third straight year that Duke has had at least three representatives on the team. Duke baseball has also consistently found its way onto the ACC Academic Honor Roll (3.0 GPA for the academic year) on McNally's watch, as Duke has seen a combined 49 representatives make the team over the last three seasons.

Each year, the Duke Baseball program has taken a more active role in the Durham community as well, culminating in the ACC Top Six for Service award in 2008. Some projects completed included the Duke-sponsored Verizon "Read with the Blue Devils," a Field Day at Rogers Herr Middle School and the Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen. Each class, freshman through seniors, also designed and organized their own project which they participated in as a group.

During his playing career at Duke, McNally was a four-year starter and served as team captain for his final two seasons. During his tenure, he started 198 games and helped Duke compile a 124-82-1 overall record that included three straight 30-win seasons.

As a senior in 1994, he received All-ACC honors and set single-season school re-

cords for batting average (.408) and slugging percentage (.775), while finishing the season with 89 hits, 19 doubles, eight triples, 15 home runs and 71 RBI. He ranks among the top five in school history with 17 triples and 181 RBI in his career and among the top 10 in runs scored, batting average, hits and doubles.

Following four seasons in the Royal Blue and White, McNally was selected in the 16th round of the 1994 Major League Baseball Draft by the Kansas City Royals and played nine seasons of professional baseball. He reached as high as the Triple-A level with Buffalo (Cleveland Indians) and Tucson (Arizona Diamondbacks) in 2001 and Calgary (Florida Marlins) in 2002. In 1999, McNally was named to the Texas League (AA) All-Star Team after posting a .282 batting average along with 36 home runs and 109 RBI.

In all, McNally played for six professional organizations, including Kansas City (1994-99), Florida (2000), Cleveland (2001), Arizona (2001), Texas (2002) and Montreal (2002).

Prior to taking over at Duke, McNally spent three years coaching in the professional ranks for Cleveland Indians affiliates Burlington (A) and Akron (AA). He served as the hitting coach for both squads before being promoted to manager of the Burlington Indians in 2005. As the hitting coach for the Akron Aeros in 2004, McNally instructed several professional players on their way to the majors, including Ben Francisco (OF, Cleveland Indians), Ryan Garko (1B, Cleveland Indians), Franklin Gutierrez (OF, Cleveland Indians), Joe Inglett (IF, Toronto Blue Jays) and Kevin Kouzmanoff (3B, San Diego Padres).

McNally also served as an academic advisor within the Duke Athletic Department from 2003-04, where he managed the Verizon "Read with the Blue Devils" community outreach program.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities with the Blue Devils, he has taken on several athletic department projects as well. McNally served as the coaching representative on the Executive Committee for the construction of the Strategic Plan for Duke Athletics, a year-long process in 2007-2008.

McNally is married to the former Kim Voyticky, an All-ACC performer in track and field at Duke. The couple has a one-year-old daughter named Michaela.

Duke Under McNally

| Year | W | L | T | Pct. |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 2006 | 15 | 40 | 0 | .272 |
| 2007 | 29 | 25 | 0 | .537 |
| 2008 | 37 | 18 | 1 | .667 |
| Totals | 81 | 83 | 1 | .494 |

Duke's Offense Under McNally

| Year | Avg. | H/G | R/G | SLG% | OB% | SBR% |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2006 | .269 | 9.38 | 5.09 | .372 | .335 | .766 |
| 2007 | .302 | 10.41 | 6.42 | .430 | .380 | .706 |
| 2008 | .299 | 10.48 | 6.96 | .422 | .382 | .783 |
| Totals | .290 | 10.09 | 6.16 | .408 | .366 | .748 |

Duke's Defense Under McNally

| Year | C | E | E/G | DP | FLD% |
|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 2006 | 2151 | 89 | 1.62 | 34 | .959 |
| 2007 | 2083 | 79 | 1.46 | 43 | .962 |
| 2008 | 2117 | 47 | 0.84 | 34 | .978 |
| Totals | 6351 | 215 | 1.30 | 111 | .966 |

- McNally is the first coach in school history to reach 30 wins by his third season.
- He has more wins (81) through his first three seasons than any other Duke coach through their first three years.
- Duke has had a 100 percent graduation success rate under McNally.
- Duke's most recent recruiting class was ranked 25th-best in the country by *Baseball America*.
- McNally has had 12 hitters bat over .300 for a season, including five each in 2007 and 2008.



The Sean Snedeker File

Born: June 18, 1965

Hometown: Bryan, Texas

Education: B.S., Kinesiology, Texas A&M, 1990
M.S., Kinesiology, Texas A&M, 2000

Coaching Career

- Duke's pitching coach since 2007 season
- Oversaw a pitching staff in 2008 that ranked sixth in the country in ERA, 15th in walks allowed per game and 20th in hits allowed
- Has helped the staff put together a combined ERA of 4.10 in his first two seasons
- Spent 12 seasons as a pitching coach in the Chicago White Sox organization
- Worked primarily at the Rookie and Class-A level developing and acclimating young talent to the professional ranks
- Has coached over 30 current or former major league pitchers, including 2005 American League All-Star Jon Garland

Coaching Stops

- Pitching Coach — Duke (2007-Present)
- Pitching Coach — Kannapolis Intimidators (Chicago White Sox-A, 2002-04, 2006)
- Pitching Coach — Winston-Salem Warthogs (Chicago White Sox-A, 2005)
- Pitching Coach — Bristol Sox (Chicago White Sox-Rookie, 1999-2001)
- Pitching Coach — Hickory Crawdads (Chicago White Sox-A, 1996-98)
- Pitching Coach — Sarasota White Sox (Chicago White Sox-A, 1995)
- Pitching Coach — Great Falls Dodgers (Los Angeles Dodgers-Rookie, 1994)

Professional Career

- Selected in the 30th round of the 1988 Draft
- Compiled a 34-21 record and a 3.24 ERA over six seasons in the minor leagues with the Los Angeles Dodgers
- Pitched a seven-inning perfect game at Class-A Vero Beach on August 28, 1991

Collegiate Career at Texas A&M (1987-88)

- Compiled a career 17-4 record at Texas A&M, going 8-2 in his first season and 9-2 in his second season
- Finished with a career 3.76 ERA
- Earned the C.E. "Pat" Olsen Outstanding Pitcher Award in 1988

Sean Snedeker returns for his third season as Duke's pitching coach after making a tremendous impact on the program over the past two seasons.

Since Snedeker joined the program, Duke's pitchers have improved in nearly every statistical category and finished among the top 20 in the nation in ERA, walks allowed per game and hits allowed per game in 2008. Last season, the Blue Devils had the sixth-lowest ERA in the country and averaged just 2.9 walks and 8.8 hits allowed per game, which were the 15th and 20th best averages in the nation.

Prior to Snedeker's arrival in 2007, Duke's pitching staff had lower than a 5.72 ERA just one time since 1999. However, in just two seasons, Snedeker helped Duke lower that mark to 4.50 in 2007 and 3.71 in 2008, which was the program's lowest mark since 1993. Additionally, Duke's pitchers have dramatically lowered their number of walks and home runs allowed under Snedeker and last season led the ACC in fewest hits, runs and walks surrendered. They also gave up just 28 home runs for the second-fewest of any ACC team.

Snedeker also turned Duke's bullpen into one of the most effective groups in the nation. Led by closer and All-ACC performer **Alex Hassan**, senior **Ryan Perry** and sophomore **Michael Ness**, the group combined for a 17-2 record, a 3.00 ERA and 12 saves last season while leading Duke to a 29-0-1 record when leading after the sixth inning. Snedeker utilized nearly every available arm throughout the season, sending 16 pitchers to the mound, including 13 in relief.

Included in those 16 arms was junior **Andrew Wolcott**, who pitched as Duke's Friday starter against every opponent in 2008. Wolcott, a 6-6, 240 pound right-hander, owned a career ERA of 6.28 heading into his junior season, but broke through with Snedeker's help in 2008 and logged a 3.75 ERA through nearly 70 innings of work. Snedeker helped Wolcott refine his pitching arsenal, and the result was his development into Duke's most reliable starter of the season.

Snedeker did the same with senior reliever **Ryan Perry**, who went 2-0 with a 3.24 ERA out of the bullpen in 2008, and starter **Tony Bajoczky**, who was drafted by the Boston Red Sox following his senior campaign in 2007. Both enjoyed breakout senior seasons, with Perry emerging as one of Duke's top relievers last season and Bajoczky earning All-ACC honors in 2007 after going 9-3 with a 3.22 ERA.

Snedeker has also quickly brought along several younger Blue Devils who became immediate contributors shortly after their arrival. In addition to Hassan, Ness and their classmate **Will Currier**, Snedeker has also had a hand in developing juniors **Christopher Manno** and

Jonathan Foreman into viable ACC starters. Manno, a 6-2 left-hander, led Duke with 80 strikeouts and a 6-2 record in just his second season while Foreman logged the lowest ERA on the team with a 2.87 mark in 53.1 innings. Both Blue Devils started the season as mid-week starters, but received a bump to the weekend rotation after excelling against non-conference competition. After going 4-0 with a 3.12 ERA in his first eight starts against non-conference opponents, Manno was given the ball on Saturdays and went on to put up a 3.75 ERA with 28 strikeouts and just six walks in 24 innings against ACC opponents. Foreman, meanwhile, made his final four starts on Sundays and logged a 4.00 ERA through 18 innings in the ACC.

Snedeker also tutored several freshmen who contributed in 2008, including **Ryan Knott**, **Dennis O'Grady** and **John Bunder**. Each one made nine or more appearances on the year and played a prominent role in Duke's 27-0 non-conference record.

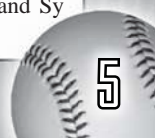
A native of Bryan, Texas, Snedeker brings a wealth of experience to Duke after spending 12 seasons as a pitching coach in the Chicago White Sox organization and one season with a Los Angeles Dodgers affiliate in the Pioneer League where he developed younger talent at the Class-A and Rookie levels. Snedeker has mentored over 30 current or former major league pitchers, most notably 2005 American League All-Star Jon Garland.

Additionally, Snedeker's 2002 Kannapolis Intimidators pitching staff led all White Sox farm teams with a 3.63 ERA and 1,000 strikeouts, while his Advanced Rookie pitching corps in Bristol led the Appalachian League in strikeouts and saves and finished second in ERA.

Snedeker also spent six seasons as a player in the Los Angeles Dodgers system after being selected in the 30th round of the 1988 MLB Amateur Draft. He reached as high as the AA level and finished his career with a combined 34-21 record and a 3.24 ERA while starting over 70 games on the mound. His career highlight came at Class-A Vero Beach when he tossed a seven-inning perfect game on August 28, 1991 against St. Lucie.

As a right-handed pitcher at Texas A&M from 1987-88, Snedeker compiled a 17-4 overall record on the mound in two seasons of work. In 1988, Snedeker turned in a 9-2 record and a 3.50 ERA while striking out 87 batters and walking 41. He was honored with the university's C.E. "Pat" Olsen Outstanding Pitcher Award in the same year.

Snedeker graduated from Texas A&M in 1990 and holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Kinesiology. He and his wife, Mary Jane, have two children, Sydney (15) and Sy (10).



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Assistant Coach Matthew Boggs

The Matthew Boggs File

Born: October 15, 1978**Hometown:** Dalton, Ga.**Education:** B.S., Textile and Fiber Engineering
Georgia Tech, 2002**Coaching Career**

- Assistant Coach at Duke since 2006 season
- Promoted to Recruiting Coordinator prior to the 2007 season
- Has helped bring in a number of talented recruiting classes, including the 2008 group that was ranked the 25th-best in the country by *Baseball America*
- Coaches Duke's catchers and assists with hitting program
- Previously served as the outfielders coach and oversaw a unit that committed just two errors in 2007
- Has helped Duke bat .284 as a team since joining the program in 2006, including a .302 mark in 2007 and a .299 average in 2008
- Mentored Duke outfielder Jimmy Gallagher, who was taken in the 7th round of the 2007 MLB Draft
- Has coached 15 players who have reached the professional ranks

Coaching Stops

- Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator — Duke (2006-Present)
- Assistant Coach — Tulane University (2004-05)
- Assistant Coach — Georgia Southern (2003)

Collegiate Career at Georgia Tech (1998-02)

- Four-year starter for the Yellow Jackets
- Team captain in 2001 and 2002
- Put together a career .337 batting average, a .463 on base percentage and 41 stolen bases
- Hit .363 with 12 doubles and 43 RBI from the leadoff spot as a senior
- Ranks among top 10 in Georgia Tech history in runs scored and games played and top 15 in total hits
- Four-year member of ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Three-time Verizon District III Academic All-America choice

Matthew Boggs enters his fourth season as an assistant coach at Duke and his second year as the program's recruiting coordinator. Boggs' primary responsibilities include coaching Duke's catchers, as well as the organization of Duke's recruiting efforts and assisting with the hitters.

Since Boggs' arrival before the 2006 season, the Blue Devils have taken huge strides in every facet of the game and are now poised to make an even bigger jump in 2009. With Boggs' assistance, the Blue Devils finished as one of the conference's top offensive units last season.

Boggs' impact can be seen not only in the improved level of play from the Blue Devils, but the quality of the athletes that Duke now puts on the field. Since being promoted to recruiting coordinator following the 2007 season, Boggs has helped bring in two of Duke's top recruiting classes in recent history. Duke's most recent group was tabbed the 25th-best class in the nation by *Baseball America*. Two members of the seven-player class were drafted out of high school, including 15th-round choice **Eric Pfisterer** and 24th-round selection **Brian Litwin**. In addition to Pfisterer and Litwin, Boggs also helped bring in two-way outfielders **Trevor Cesar**, **Ben Grisz** and **Joe Pedevillano** along with right-handed pitcher **David Putman** and outfielder **Will Piwnica-Worms**.

Boggs has made an impact on Duke's recruiting since he first joined the team prior to the 2006 season. In his first year at Duke, he was instrumental in bringing in current juniors **Alex Hassan**, **Gabriel Saade**, **Ryan McCurdy** and **Jeremy Gould**, all of which solidified starting spots in Duke's lineup during their freshman or sophomore seasons. Also included in that class were starting pitchers **Christopher Manno**, **Jonathan Foreman** and **Will Currier**, reliever **Michael Ness** and 2007 Freshman All-America closer **Michael Seander**. Both Manno and Foreman were among Duke's top starters as sophomores in 2008, while Ness has already made over 40 appearances out of Duke's bullpen.

Boggs was promoted to recruiting coordinator during the 2007-08 school year and continued the strong recruiting trend by bringing in shortstop **Jake Lemmerman**, who started every game during his freshman campaign while batting .283 with an impressive defensive resume to match. Also included in that group were two-way players **Dennis O'Grady** and **John Bunder** and relief pitcher **Ryan Knott**, who all made nine or more appearances during their inaugural seasons.

The improved talent level has pushed Duke's program back onto the college baseball map and now has the Blue Devils in prime position to be an ACC contender in 2009.

While Boggs has made a significant impact

on the program through recruiting, Duke has also benefited from his work as an assistant hitting coach. With Boggs' help, the Blue Devils have hit .302 and .299 in the last two seasons while ranking among the top five in the ACC in batting average and runs scored in 2008. Additionally, the Blue Devils struck out just 299 times last season for an average of 5.3 per game, which was the lowest mark in the ACC.

As the catchers coach, Boggs has tutored one of the best defensive catchers in the ACC in senior **Matt Williams**. Williams, who owns a career fielding percentage of .984, led all ACC catchers with a .997 fielding clip last season while gunning down 19 runners trying to steal. Boggs has also brought along several newcomers to the position, including 2008 graduate **Kyle Kreick**, who started eight games behind the plate without making an error last season while throwing out three runners on the base paths. He is also working with sophomore **Ben Condon**, who trained during the fall to become a backup catcher to Williams.

Prior to his start at Duke, Boggs spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Tulane where he coached outfielders and hitters. He helped lead the Green Wave to the Conference USA regular season and co-tournament titles in 2005 along with a College World Series berth. Under his direction at Tulane, three players earned first team Conference USA honors, including the C-USA Player and Freshman of the Year. Boggs also spent one season as an assistant coach at Georgia Southern in 2003.

A standout infielder during his four-year playing career at Georgia Tech from 1998-2002, Boggs ranks among the school's top 10 in runs scored and games played and 15th in total hits. Boggs turned in batting averages over .300 in each of his four seasons, including a .363 clip as a senior when he knocked 12 doubles, two triples and drove in 43 RBI to help lead the Yellow Jackets to the College World Series. Boggs served as team captain as a junior and a senior and finished his career with a .337 batting average, a .463 on base percentage and 41 stolen bases. He also holds the Georgia Tech career record for most times hit by a pitch in a career and a single season.

A four-time member of the ACC Academic Honor Roll while at Georgia Tech, Boggs was a standout in the classroom as well. He earned Verizon District III Academic All-America honors in 1999, 2001 and 2002 and a second team Academic All-America selection as a senior.

A 2002 graduate of Georgia Tech, Boggs holds a B.S. degree in Textile and Fiber Engineering. He has a brother, Mitchell, who is a pitcher in the St. Louis Cardinals organization and made his major league debut in 2008.



Former Duke outfielder and pitcher Jonathan Anderson returns for his second season as an assistant coach. Anderson's primary responsibilities include coaching the outfielders, running the bunting program and assisting with base running and hitting. He also coaches first base, is in charge of the Duke Baseball Academy and oversees Duke's video program.

In his first year, Anderson mentored everyday outfield starters **Jeremy Gould** and **Alex Hassan**, who combined for just one error in 55 games all season. Hassan, an All-ACC performer who patrolled center field in all but one game, held a perfect 1.000 fielding clip for the entire season and was rewarded with one of three outfield spots on the Rawlings Gold Glove Team.

Additionally, Anderson's work with the Blue Devils on the base paths produced the fourth-highest stolen base success rate in the ACC as Duke was successful in 79 percent of its attempts. Duke swiped 58 bases on the year while being thrown out just 16 times. Fourteen different Blue Devils had at least one stolen base, with Hassan and **Gabriel Saade** each reaching double figures.

Anderson also assisted with Duke's hitters and helped the group bat .299 in his first season. He had a hand in helping three Blue Devils, including **Nate Freiman** (.381), Hassan (.353) and Gould (.349), finish among the ACC's top 20 in batting average. Under his direction in the bunting program, Duke laid down 11 bunt singles and 20 sacrifices in 2008.

Anderson also oversees the baseball team's video program, coordinating the filming of all games and the breakdown of all videos. Anderson also spends time with Duke's baseball players reviewing the film.

Anderson started 178 games in his four-year career at Duke while appearing in nearly 200 total contests. As a senior, he put it together on the mound and at the plate, finishing with a .337 batting average and a 2.91 ERA. During that season, he scored 40 runs while swiping 14 stolen bases and laying down a league-leading 20 sacrifice bunts. He was one of Duke's most consistent fielders as well, going errorless in 107 opportunities in the outfield. The southpaw also compiled a 3-4 record, three saves and a 2.91 ERA on the mound in 2007, notching eight starts and 19 total appearances.

As a freshman, junior and senior, Anderson started every game for Duke, while leading the team in batting average (.313) as a junior and steals (16) as a freshman. He put together a career .280 batting average with 174 hits, 119 runs and 41 stolen bases and finished his career with the 10th-most stolen bases in school history.

The son of Martha and Kevin Anderson, Jonathan Anderson was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a native of Miami, Fla. He graduated from Duke in 2007 with a degree in History.



The Jonathan Anderson File

Born: October 12, 1984
Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Education: B.A., History
 Duke University, 2007

Coaching Career

- Named Volunteer Assistant at Duke in 2007
- Oversees Duke's outfielders, baserunning and bunting program
- Also coaches first base and assists with hitting
- Is in charge of the Duke Baseball Academy
- Oversees Duke's video program

Playing Career

- An outfielder and left-handed pitcher at Duke from 2004-07
- Started 178 games and played in nearly 200 in his four-year career
- Started every game as a freshman, junior and senior
- Ranks 10th on Duke's career steals list (41)
- Batted .337 with 40 runs and 14 stolen bases in 2007
- Put together a 2.91 ERA, three saves and a 3-4 record in 2007
- Led the ACC in sacrifice bunts (20) in 2007
- Went errorless in 107 chances in the outfield as a senior
- Led Duke in batting average (.313) as a junior and stolen bases (16) as a freshman
- Career batting average of .280 with 174 hits, 119 runs and 41 stolen bases



Lee Aldridge

Baseball Operations

Lee Aldridge is in his first season as Duke's head of baseball operations after working with the team as a sports information staff assistant during the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Aldridge's primary duties include coordinating travel arrangements, assisting with scheduling and organizing camps.

Aldridge has been with the Duke Athletic Department since 2005 and has served stints as a Sports Information Staff Assistant and Assistant Director of Internet Operations. He still holds the internet operations position and manages Duke University's official athletic website, GoDuke.com.

Aldridge is married to the former Jennifer Bernhardt. The couple resides in Durham, N.C.

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FIRST BASE

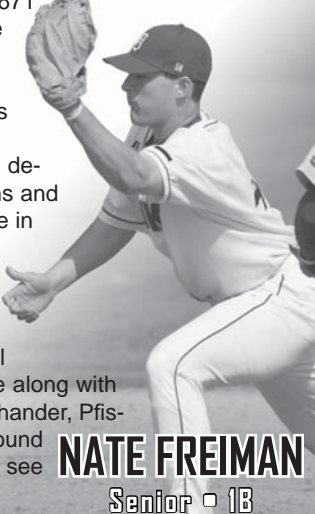
Nate Freiman returns for his senior season after being drafted in the 28th round of the 2008 MLB Draft as a junior and will once again anchor the Blue Devils in the middle of the lineup and at first base.

One of the top returning hitters in the conference, Freiman boasts a career .357 batting average and is coming off a junior campaign in which he led Duke in batting average, home runs and RBI for the second straight year. Freiman tagged 11 home runs in 39 games last season while batting .381 with a team-high 46 RBI. Freiman slugged .671 last season with 23 extra-base hits and batted .404 over the second half of the season, driving in 31 runs with eight homers during that span.

Freiman has also improved defensively in his first three seasons and logged a .989 fielding percentage in 2008. At 6-8 and 250 pounds, Freiman provides a big target at first base for Duke's infielders.

Freshman **Eric Pfisterer** will serve as the backup at first base along with DH duties. A 6-2, 220 pound left-hander, Pfisterer was drafted in the 15th round out of high school and will also see time on the mound.

NATE FREIMAN
Senior • 1B



SECOND BASE

Gabriel Saade returns for his second season as the starting second baseman after starting 51 games at the position as a sophomore.

Saade is one of Duke's most versatile players and has the ability to hit for power and steal bases. He swiped 16 bags while being thrown out just twice last season and batted .286 with 23 extra-base hits.

Saade logged career highs in nearly every offensive category last season and was one of just two players in the ACC with over 40 runs, 40 RBI and 15 stolen bases.

At 5-11 and 190 pounds, Saade has the ability to play both middle infield positions and started 48 games at shortstop as a freshman. He turned 17 of Duke's 34 double plays last season.

Sophomore **Dennis O'Grady** will also see time in the middle of the infield after starting four games at second base last season.

A 5-10, 185 pound two-way player, O'Grady started four games at second and two at third base as a freshman and turned six double plays.

GABRIEL SAADE
Junior • 2B



THIRD BASE

Duke boasts one of the top defensive infielders in the country at the hot corner in junior **Ryan McCurdy**, who made just four errors in 50 games last year. Originally a middle infielder, McCurdy made his first collegiate start at third base last season and finished with the best fielding percentage among all ACC players at the position.

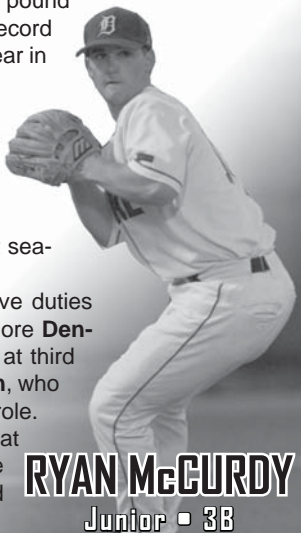
McCurdy also enjoyed a successful season at the plate in 2008 and batted .292 with 40 runs scored and a team-high .454 on base percentage. A 5-10, 175 pound junior, McCurdy set a school record after being hit by 27 pitches last year in addition to drawing 21 walks.

One of Duke's most consistent performers in the field and at the plate, McCurdy has struck out just 21 times in 300 career at bats and went hitless in back-to-back games just four times last season.

In addition to taking on reserve duties at second base, two-way sophomore **Dennis O'Grady** could also see time at third along with classmate **Ben Condon**, who will also be available in a backup role.

Condon started five games at third base as a freshman while O'Grady split time between third and second.

RYAN MCCURDY
Junior • 3B



SHORTSTOP

Sophomore **Jake Lemmerman** returns as Duke's starting shortstop after starting all 56 games at the position as a freshman.

In his first season, Lemmerman was the only Blue Devil to start every game and finished with a .283 batting average, built by 60 hits and 14 extra-base knocks.

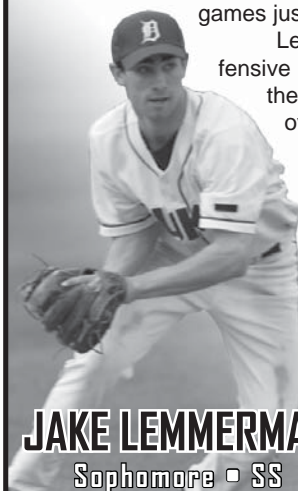
Lemmerman was one of Duke's most consistent performers at the plate, tagging at least one hit in 44 games and multiple knocks in 16 games. A 6-2, 185 pound native of Newport Beach, Calif., Lemmerman went hitless in consecutive games just twice last season.

Lemmerman was among the top defensive shortstops in the ACC for much of the season and made just five errors over his first 38 games. He held errorless streaks of 15, eight and nine games and had a hand in 22 double plays.

Backing up Lemmerman at shortstop will be juniors **Ryan McCurdy**, who will also start to his right at third base, and **Gabriel Saade**, who is the starting second baseman.

Both McCurdy and Saade have experience playing the position, which they both did as freshmen.

JAKE LEMMERMAN
Sophomore • SS



CATCHER

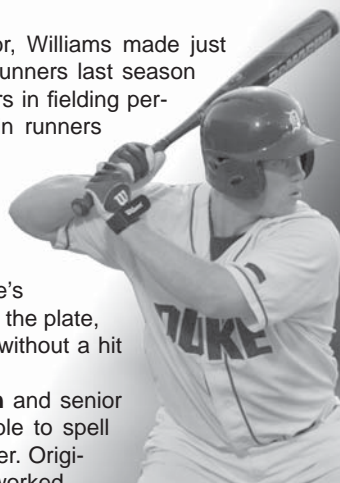
Senior **Matt Williams** has a lock on the starting job behind the plate, having caught over 150 games in his college career.

A three-year starter, Williams has developed into one of the best catchers in the ACC on both the defensive and offensive end.

A 5-11, 220 pound senior, Williams made just one error and threw out 18 runners last season to lead all conference catchers in fielding percentage and tie for second in runners caught stealing.

Williams also made huge strides offensively last season, as he hit .330 with 16 doubles, 29 RBI and 39 runs scored. He was one of Duke's most consistent performers at the plate, going longer than one game without a hit just twice all season.

Sophomore **Ben Condon** and senior **Nate Freiman** will be available to spell Williams as the backup catcher. Originally an infielder, Condon worked during the fall to improve his skills behind the plate and is ready to take on backup duties this season.



MATT WILLIAMS
SENIOR • C

OUTFIELD

Juniors **Jeremy Gould** and **Alex Hassan** return as Duke's top outfielders and two of the ACC's best hitters, having finished among the conference's top 20 in batting average and hits as sophomores.

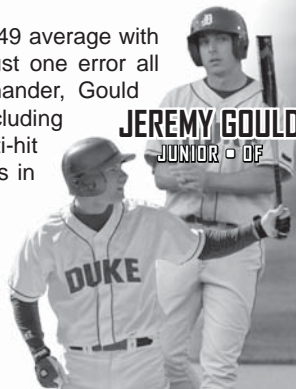
Hassan, a 6-4, 200 pound two-way player who also doubles as Duke's closer, was Duke's top offensive performer last season, leading the Blue Devils with 77 hits, 62 runs scored and 106 total bases. An All-ACC selection as a utility player, Hassan batted .353 and drew a team-high 31 walks in 2008.

Hassan was also the ACC's best defensive outfielder while patrolling center field last season, holding a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage through 148 chances, and was rewarded with a Rawlings Gold Glove.

Gould, meanwhile, raked a .349 average with 75 hits and 39 RBI and made just one error all season. A 6-4, 200 pound left-hander, Gould knocked 17 extra-base hits, including four home runs, and had 19 multi-hit games. He had three or more hits in 10 games, which led the team.

In the other outfield spot, senior **Tim Sherlock** is the most experienced of Duke's returning outfielders, but could be challenged for the spot by freshmen **Brian Litwin** and **Will Pivnicka-Worms**.

Backing up Gould and Hassan will be sophomore **Tom Luciano** and freshman **Joe Pedevillano**. Freshman **Trevor Cesar** may also be in the mix when not on the mound.



JEREMY GOULD
JUNIOR • OF



ALEX HASSAN
JUNIOR • OF/RHP

PITCHING ROTATION

Duke returns all three pitchers from its weekend rotation for the 2009 campaign.

Senior **Andrew Wolcott** will anchor the staff after making 12 starts as a junior, all of which were in series openers. A 6-6, 240 pound right-hander, Wolcott led the team with 69.2 innings in 2008 and has tossed no less than 60 in each of his first three seasons.

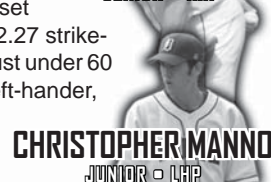
Junior **Christopher Manno** will also stay in the rotation and has the potential to emerge as one of the top arms in the conference. As a sophomore, Manno set a school record with an average of 12.27 strikeouts per game, fanning 80 batters in just under 60 innings of work. A 6-2, 160 pound left-hander, Manno's 6-2 record was the best on the team last season while his 3.38 ERA was Duke's second-lowest clip.

Junior **Jonathan Foreman** finished out the 2008 season as the third man in the rotation after holding a team-low 2.87 ERA as a sophomore. A 6-0, 195 pound right-hander, Foreman led Duke to an 8-1 record when he started on the mound.

Along with those three, talented freshmen **Ben Grisz** and **Eric Pfisterer** could also challenge for a share of weekend starts along with **Will Currier** and **Dennis O'Grady**.



ANDREW WOLCOTT
SENIOR • RHP



CHRISTOPHER MANNO
JUNIOR • LHP



JONATHAN FOREMAN
JUNIOR • RHP

BULLPEN

Duke's bullpen was among the top units in the nation last season, as the group went 17-2 with a 3.00 ERA and helped Duke finish 29-0-1 when leading after the sixth inning. That group lost just two members to graduation and should once again be one of Duke's strengths in 2009.

All-ACC outfielder **Alex Hassan** doubled as Duke's closer in 2008 and should once again be one of the ACC's top stoppers. A 6-4, 200 pound right-hander, Hassan went 5-0 with five saves and a 1.30 ERA as a sophomore.

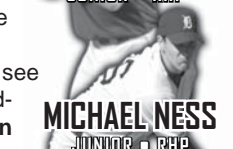
Junior **Michael Ness** should also be heavily used out of the bullpen after making over 20 appearances in each of his first two seasons. Classmate **Will Currier** may also be used as a reliever after going 3-0 with a 1.72 ERA in his five relief outings last season.

Several underclassmen should also see significant time on the mound, including sophomores **Dennis O'Grady**, **Ryan Knott** and **John Bunder**. Senior **Kyle Butler** will also contribute out of the bullpen after picking up a pair of saves through 12 appearances as a junior.

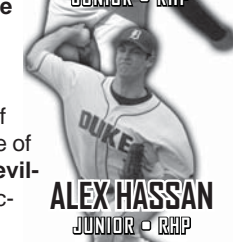
Duke has also brought in a number of talented freshmen that will see their share of opportunities. **David Putman**, **Joe Pedevillano** and **Trevor Cesar** could all see action out of the pen.



WILL CURRIER
JUNIOR • RHP



MICHAEL NESS
JUNIOR • RHP



ALEX HASSAN
JUNIOR • RHP