

WILDCAT COACHING STAFF



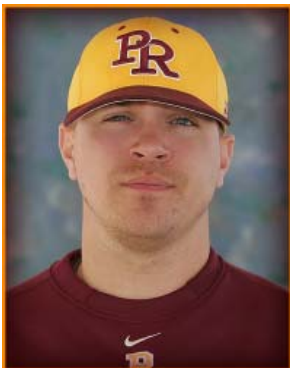
HEAD COACH

Jamie McMahon



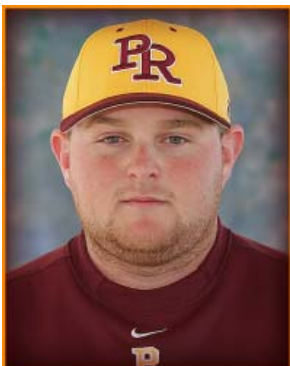
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH

Josh Hoffpauir



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Eddie Burger



STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH

Gatlin Steelman

JAMIE MCMAHON ENTERS his fifth season as head coach of the Wildcat baseball squad.

McMahon arrived on the PRCC campus in 2001 as an assistant coach under then-head coach Jim Nightengale and remained in that capacity for five seasons under head coach Jay Artigues, who succeeded Nightengale in 2002.

When Artigues left the Wildcat program to move on to Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, McMahon was named his successor. He boasts a 128-80 record at the Pearl River helm and has guided the Wildcats to MACJC Tournament berths in 2008 and 2009, as well as a Region 23 berth in 2009.

In 2008, PRCC finished second in both the state and regional events.

Last year, his Wildcats were bested by Itawamba in a best-of-three series at Fulton for a berth in the state tournament.

A 1993 graduate of Oak Grove High, he played the 1994 and 1995 seasons at Meridian CC under now-Southern Mississippi coach Corky Palmer, then transferred to William Carey College where he played second base for Coach Bobby Halford's Crusaders in 1996 and 1997.

McMahon went on to serve as a student assistant coach under Halford in 1998, then spent 1999 and 2000 as an assistant at MCC and the 2001 season at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, Cal.

McMahon earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from WCC in 1998 and his master's degree in secondary education with a discipline in social studies from Mississippi State University.

JOSH HOFFPAUIR

■ Assistant Head Coach

JOSH HOFFPAUIR, A 2001 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a master's degree in coaching and sports administration, enters his third season as assistant head coach with the Wildcats.

Prior to coming to PRCC he spent a year at Holmes Community College where he served as the recruiting coordinator and hitting coach. In his only season at Goodman, the Bulldog squad boasted a team batting average over .300, while

McMahon is amidst fifth year as River's head baseball coach

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stealing an impressive 137 bases.

Before landing his Holmes job, he coached at his alma mater in 2005, serving as an assistant coach for two years where he worked with infielding, base running, and hitting. Hoffpauir also served as the first base coach and coordinator of USM baseball camps.

Hoffpauir started his professional baseball career in the Oakland A's organization in 2000 and was named the Arizona A's *Most Valuable Player*. During his professional baseball career he had stints with the Oakland A's, Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, and Texas Rangers' organizations. He played for Northwestern State (La.) his first three seasons of college before transferring to Southern Miss.

He has been married to the former Khara Maddix since January 2005. They are the parents of a son, Zach.

EDDIE BURGER

■ Assistant Coach

NEW WILDCAT ASSISTANT coach Eddie Burger, a Long Beach native, is another former Southern Miss Golden Eagle now in the PRCC coaching ranks.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in coaching and sports administration from USM in 2005 and went on to earn his master's degree in sports management in 2009.

While playing for Corky Palmer, he was the Golden Eagles' starting catcher his senior season in 2007, while playing first base and serving as a designated hitter in previous years.

USM's squad made the regionals every year Burger played.

A 2002 graduate of Long Beach High School, Burger was a standout baseball and football player. He earned All-State honors as a catcher under head coach Mark Ross, whose Bearcat squads made it into the first-round of the post-season playoffs Burger's junior and senior seasons.

As a quarterback on the LBHS football squad, he earned All-District 8-5A honors under head coach Sean Harden.

Upon his high school graduation, Burger initially signed baseball and football scholarships with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston, but opted for Division I baseball when Southern Miss came calling.

GATLIN STEELMAN

■ Student Assistant Coach

NEW STUDENT ASSISTANT coach Gatlin Steelman, a 2009 Purvis High School graduate, is a freshman at PRCC.

He played four seasons under Purvis High head coach Tony Farrow as an infielder. The Tomatoes made it into the post-season playoffs every year Steelman played, including playing for the Class 3A South State title his sophomore and senior years.

A torn ligament in his shoulder ended his playing career after high school.

Steelman, a lifelong resident of Purvis, is a general studies major at Pearl River and says his long-range goals are to coach prep baseball and teach either science or history.

He is attending PRCC on an ACT and baseball scholarship.