

Josh Hoffpauir-Assistant Baseball Coach

Coach Josh Hoffpauir, a University of Southern Mississippi graduate with a Master's degree in coaching and sports administration, will be entering his first season as the assistant to the PRCC Wildcat baseball program. His main emphasis will be on hitting, recruiting, and infielders.

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 there the Bulldogs hit over .300 as a team and stole 137 bases.

Before going to HCC, he returned to his alma mater in 2005 and served as an assistant for two years. His duties included working with infielders, coaching base running, and assisting with hitting, while serving as the first base coach and coordinator of the Southern Miss baseball camps.

During his first season the Golden Eagles posted a .966 fielding percentage, the third best in the program's history. Southern Miss also stole 58 bases in 2005, as many as they stole in 2003 and 2004 combined. In 2006, the eagles had a .965 fielding percentage which was forth best in the school's history. In Hoffpauir's two year stint with the Golden Eagles combined to steal 109 total bases.

Hoffpauir started his professional baseball career in the Oakland A's organization in 2000. He was named the Arizona A's Most Valuable Player and was selected to play in the all-star game that year. During his professional career he had stints with the Oakland A's, Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, and Texas Rangers' organizations.

As a college player, Hoffpauir was a Second-Team All-Conference USA selection in 2000, batted .333 with 12 doubles, one triple, eight home runs, drove in 35 runs and had a .400 on-base percentage. He played for Northwestern (La.) State his first three years and was third on the career triple's list with nine. He was also named the Southland Conference Newcomer of the year as a freshman and earned All-Southland Conference honors as well.

Hoffpauir, a 2001 Southern Miss graduate, is the son of Johnny and Pam Hoffpauir of Vidalia, La. He is the brother of former Southern Miss All-American Jarrett, who finished his career at Southern Miss in 2004 and is playing professional baseball in the St. Louis Cardinal's organization.

He married the former Khara Maddix in January 2005. She is a 2002 Graduate of Southern Miss with a degree in broadcast journalism. Maddix was a two-year letter winner on the Golden Eagle's soccer team and served as a sports reporter/anchor at WDAM-TV in Hattiesburg, Ms.

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