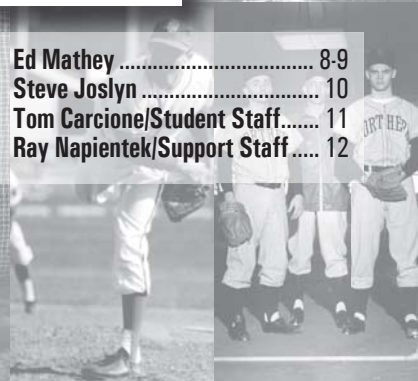
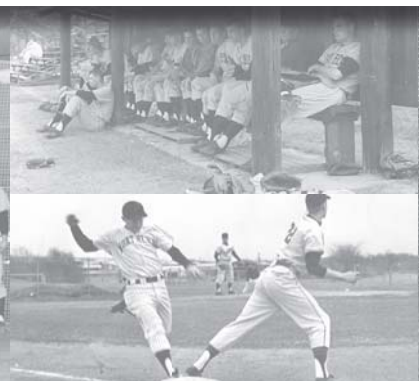
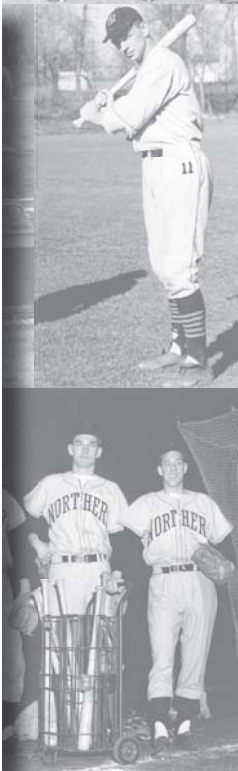




# COACHING STAFF



**Ed Mathey** ..... 8-9  
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**Tom Carcione/Student Staff**..... 11  
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# HEAD COACH ED MATHEY



Ed Mathey has produced the three winningest teams in school history and 17 professional players in his five seasons as head coach at Northern Illinois. As he enters his sixth campaign at NIU, Mathey is on the brink of becoming the school's all-time coaching victory leader, just five wins shy of achieving that mark. Along the way, Mathey has led the Huskies to a bevy of unparalleled team accomplishments and individual accolades.

Mathey's 2007 squad was the most decorated team in Northern Illinois history, notching a school-record 34 Division I wins and 16 MAC victories while equaling the overall school season record for wins and making their furthest run in MAC Tournament history with a third-place finish that was one win away from a championship berth.

Individually, closer Matt German became the school's first Division I All-American (second-team ABCA and Ping Baseball) player and first national baseball award finalist, when he was one of five pitchers up for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award. He also earned a unanimous All-MAC selection, ABCA All-Mideast Region honors for the second consecutive season and finished his career as NIU's all-time saves leader.

During the 2007 campaign, Mathey's team also established several statistical records, including a pair of new pitching standards. While doubling as the team's pitching coach, Mathey mentored a staff that posted a Modern Era record for team ERA at 4.65, the lowest mark in three decades, and established the top team strikeout total with 398.

Mathey made an immediate impact at Northern Illinois with a school record 34 victories in 2003 during his first season as skipper after taking the reins of a program that had never produced more than 28 wins in a season. The following year, Mathey led his squad to 31 wins, totaling a school-record 65 victories over a two-year span, while rewriting the school record book in several offensive categories. For his efforts, Mathey was named the 2004 Collegiate Coach of the Year by the prestigious Pitch & Hit Club of Chicago.

## WINNINGEST NIU COACHES

### Career Victories

1. 143	Spanky McFarland	7 seasons
2. 139	Ed Mathey	5 seasons
3. 126	George Evans	16 seasons
4. 100	Thomas L. Meyer	6 seasons
5. 94	Dave Mason	5 seasons

Mathey's track record for developing players is illustrated by the 17 Huskies who have signed professionally and six players who have been selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft during his tenure. At least one NIU player has signed a contract with a MLB team following each of Mathey's five seasons at the school. In addition, Mathey has coached 23 MAC Player/Pitcher of the Week honorees, 11 All-MAC selections and three Freshman All-Americans during his five seasons at NIU.

The class of 2007 produced three pros, including German and fellow pitcher Mark Badgley, who both inked contracts with MLB teams following completion of their eligibility. Senior first baseman Scott Simon, the MAC's career hit king and a former Freshman All-America, also signed professionally with the independent Frontier League.

Righthander Trevor Feeney, who returns for his senior season in 2008, is the most recent MLB Draft choice under Mathey after being selected in the 39th round by the Kansas City Royals last June. In 2004, a school-record four Huskies, infielder Rob Marconi, pitchers Zach Minor and Trevor Wohlgemuth, and outfielder Mike Santoro were selected in the MLB Draft. Following Mathey's first season, infielder Joe Mazzuca was a 12th round choice in the 2003 Draft.

Mathey's players have earned recognition throughout his tenure while increasing the visibility of the Northern Illinois baseball program on the conference, regional and national stage.

Last season, Jordin Hood became the third Huskie player under Mathey to earn Freshman All-America honors and joined German and Jesse Seykora on the All-MAC team. In 2006, German became NIU's first ABCA All-Mideast Region selection and went on the repeat that achievement in 2007. During the 2006 summer season, Brandon Copp was the first Huskie in nearly two decades to play in the prestigious Cape Cod League.

Under Mathey's leadership, the Huskies landed nationally-ranked recruiting classes in consecutive seasons as tabbed by the *Collegiate Baseball* rankings in 2005 and 2006. Mathey has made it a point to heavily recruit and attract some of the top talent in the Chicago area and has expanded past the state boundaries to sign athletes from across the Midwest as well as from the "sun belt" states of Florida and California.

Success against intrastate competition has been a staple of the Mathey era at Northern

Illinois. Over the last five seasons, the Huskies have won over 70 percent of their games against Land of Lincoln foes, including a 20-5 mark against Illinois' Division I teams over the past two years. Despite fielding a team that had just five seniors, NIU posted an amazing 11-2 record (a .846 clip) against intrastate competition in 2006 and defeated each opponent at least once to claim the "state championship."

Mathey is not shy about scheduling top-notch competition across the country. His 2006 slate was the most difficult in the MAC according to the strength of schedule rankings by Boyd's World. Northern Illinois has hit the road to take on nationally-ranked teams including Arizona State, Nebraska, Texas Tech and Florida Atlantic. Future opponents include more collegiate baseball powers with games against Mississippi State, Arizona State, Oregon State, Missouri and Notre Dame in the next two seasons.

Such strong competition has challenged the Huskies and furthered their national reputation. Last season, Northern Illinois ranked 119th in the national RPI ratings, third-best among state schools and fourth-highest in the MAC. The combination of schedule strength and on-field success allowed the Huskies to garner a No. 17 ranking in the 11-state Midwest region by Ping Baseball ahead of Miami (Ohio), Kansas, Illinois, Notre Dame, Missouri State and Purdue.

Under Mathey, NIU players have exemplified the term student-athlete. Simon, a two-time Academic All-MAC selection, was selected as one of 30 candidates for the 2007 Lowe's Senior CLASS Baseball Award presented to the nation's top student-athlete. A total of 32 baseball players have been recognized by the university as Victory Scholars or Huskie Scholars and the Huskies have produced four Academic All-MAC honorees.

Mathey, who earned his 300th career coaching victory in 2006, spent nine seasons as head coach at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., before coming to Northern

## NIU'S WINNINGEST SEASONS

### By Victories

	Wins	Year	Head Coach
1.	34	2003	Ed Mathey
	34	2007	Ed Mathey
3.	31	2004	Ed Mathey
4.	29	1995	Spanky McFarland
5.	28	2001	Dave Schrage

*"Great things can happen when you surround yourself with great people and we have that here. We have an outstanding coaching staff that has the ability to connect and get the most out of our student-athletes. Our administration, led by Jim Phillips, has provided a vision that is evident by the commitment to build facilities to aid our baseball program. We also have great players who love playing the game. That's a tremendous combination to have at any level of baseball."* - **Ed Mathey**

Illinois. At NCC, Mathey compiled a 205-171-2 mark and was twice named College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Coach of the Year while he and his staff produced Division I caliber teams at the Division III level. Under Mathey's guidance, the Cardinals won three league titles and earned a NCAA Central regional runner-up finish and No. 15 national ranking in 1998. Mathey coached 38 all-conference selections, 16 all-region honorees and three All-Americans at NCC and seven of his players signed professional contracts.

A former All-CCIW pitcher at North Central, Mathey spent five seasons as the pitching coach at his alma mater under Tom Purcell from 1989-93. In addition to his duties as an assistant, and later head coach, Mathey served as a physical education instructor and had stints as assistant athletics director and director of intramurals.

Mathey graduated from North Central in 1986 with a B.A. in marketing and business management and a minor in computer science. He went on to earn his master's degree in athletic administration from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 1991.

Following his playing career at North Central, Mathey worked in the Cincinnati Reds organization as a recommending scout where his duties included assisting area scouts with camps and tryouts while endorsing players he had seen during the season. Mathey landed his first coaching role as a player/coach for the Newport Rams Baseball Club in Melbourne, Australia, from Sept. 1988 through April 1989, before returning to North Central as an assistant coach.

A graduate of Thornton High School, Mathey's commitment to Illinois baseball goes beyond his own team with active involvement at the high school level. North Central's Alumni Field, for which Mathey had a major hand in fundraising and designing efforts, has served as the site of the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association's summer championships for the past 19 seasons as well as the host

facility for five of the past seven area code tryouts for Major League Baseball scouts.

Mathey is married to the former Colleen Byrne of South Holland. They have two sons, 12-year-old Patrick and 10-year-old Michael, and a daughter, eight-year-old Juliet.

## THE MATHEY FILE

### Coaching

2003-present Head Coach, Northern Illinois  
 1994-2002 Head Coach, North Central College  
 1989-93 Assistant Coach, North Central College  
 1988-89 Player/Coach, Newport Rams (Melbourne, Australia)

### Playing Experience

North Central College, 1983-86  
 Newport Rams (Melbourne, Australia), 1988-89

### Education

B.A., Marketing and Business Mgmt., Minor, Computer Science.  
 North Central College, 1986.  
 M.S., Athletic Administration. Illinois-Chicago, 1991.

### Family

Wife, the former Colleen Byrne; Sons Patrick (12) and Michael (10); Daughter Juliet (8).



## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ED MATHEY

"Ed Mathey is building a baseball program that continues to grow with its success and visibility. He conducts his program in a first-class manner and is committed to bringing in excellent student-athletes who are outstanding representatives of Northern Illinois University. The ability of Coach Mathey and his staff to attract and develop talented players, many of whom advance on to professional baseball, speaks volumes about the job they are doing with the Huskie program." - **Dr. Jim Phillips, NIU Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics**

"Playing for Coach Mathey during my collegiate career was a great experience both on the field and off. He was a mentor to me on the field and helped me off the field with academics and with my personal life. Coach Mathey was always there for me 24 hours a day and not just when we were on the field and between the lines." - **Matt German, NIU All-American pitcher currently in the Philadelphia Phillies organization**

"I played for Coach Mathey for four years (at NCC and NIU) and he has helped me tremendously during my time playing for him and afterwards. I can honestly say I would not have had the opportunity to play professionally without him. What I learned from him has helped me be successful both in college and in pro baseball. He is one of the most loyal coaches you will find in Division I baseball." - **Joe Piekarz, former NCC and NIU pitcher and former Oakland Athletics farmhand**

"Coach Mathey has an excellent rapport with his players and institutes an excellent mentor program among the members of his team that really aids individual player development. He does a great job in making use of each of his players and their individual skills. He utilizes all the players on his roster by getting them productively into games." - **Bob Szymkowski, Area Scouting Supervisor, Philadelphia Phillies**

"It is always a pleasure to see Coach Mathey's teams play. They are certainly well prepared and have a winner's mentality and an edge to them that you know the game is never over. I have had the privilege of meeting some of his players and I know his kids respect him greatly and he has a great relationship with them. I am confident in recommending anyone there." - **Pat Murphy, Arizona State Head Coach**

"When you play one of Ed Mathey's teams you face a team that is well-coached in all areas of the game and has an approach that shows that they enjoy playing. They play hard, will come after you and are not intimidated. Coach Mathey does a great job with his team and his players do the things you want them to do - pitch well, play good defense and enjoy playing the game. Playing his team is always a good test for us because they won't come in and roll over." - **Larry Hays, Texas Tech Head Coach**

## MATHEY YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Overall				Conference				League Finish	Highlights
		W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.		
1994	North Central	24	18	0	.571	13	7	0	.650	1st, CCIW	CCIW Coach of the Year; NCAA Central Regional; Five All-CCIW Selections
1995	North Central	22	20	0	.524	13	5	0	.722	2nd, CCIW	CCIW MOP/All-American (Tim McDonough); Two All-Central Region and six All-CCIW selections
1996	North Central	26	17	0	.605	13	7	0	.650	1st, CCIW	CCIW Coach of the Year; Two All-Central Region and school-record seven All-CCIW selections
1997	North Central	25	18	0	.581	13	7	0	.650	4th, CCIW	Two All-Central Region honorees and five All-CCIW selections
1998	North Central	28	15	1	.648	13	7	0	.650	1st, CCIW	CCIW Coach of the Year; 2nd at NCAA Central Regional; No. 15 in final Division III rankings
1999	North Central	18	21	0	.462	9	11	0	.450	5th, CCIW	Three All-Central Region selections and four named All-CCIW
2000	North Central	18	21	0	.462	9	12	0	.429	5th, CCIW	Two All-CCIW selections
2001	North Central	21	21	1	.500	14	6	1	.690	2nd, CCIW	School-record four All-Central Region selections
2002	North Central	23	20	0	.535	11	10	0	.524	4th, CCIW	Defeated Division I Northern Illinois; Three players signed professionally
<b>AT NORTH CENTRAL</b>		<b>205</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.545</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.593</b>	<b>3 Conference Titles, 3 Coach of the Year Honors, 2 NCAA Regionals</b>	
2003	Northern Illinois	34	24	0	.586	15	11	0	.577	3rd, MAC West	MAC Tournament (def. No. 1 Kent State in 1st Rd); Two freshman All-Americans
2004	Northern Illinois	31	28	0	.525	14	10	0	.583	t-2nd, MAC West	MAC Tournament (def. No. 2 Miami in 1st Rd); Three MLB Draft picks
2005	Northern Illinois	16	36	1	.311	6	18	0	.250	6th, MAC West	Four players signed professionally
2006	Northern Illinois	24	31	0	.436	8	18	0	.307	6th, MAC West	Went 11-2 (.846) against intrastate competition and 7-2 (.778) against MVC foes
2007	Northern Illinois	34	24	0	.586	16	11	0	.593	3rd, MAC West	School record for Division I wins, MAC wins, best finish (3rd) at MAC Tournament
<b>AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.493</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.465</b>	<b>3 MAC Tournaments, 17 Pro Players, 7 Draft Choices</b>	
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>		<b>344</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.523</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.540</b>	<b>49 All-Conference, 18 All-Region, 4 All-Americans and 24 Pro Players</b>	

## ASSISTANT COACHES



Entering his sixth season at Northern Illinois, Steve Joslyn is the longest tenured assistant coach on the staff, serving alongside Ed Mathey since his arrival in 2003. Joslyn has added the role of recruiting coordinator in addition to his duties as the team's third base coach. He also coordinates the placement of Huskie players into summer leagues as well as coordinating team defense, working with infielders and outfielders, and the annual NIU baseball camp.

Last season, Joslyn's efforts helped Northern Illinois set a Division I era record with a .962 fielding percentage, equaling the top mark in school history set back in 1959. The Huskies racked up a school-best 34 Division I victories and 16 MAC wins during the 2007 campaign.

Every graduating outfielder tutored by Joslyn at Northern Illinois has signed a professional baseball contract, including his most recent protégé, Brian Toner, who joined the Frontier League after earning first-team All-MAC honors in 2006. Toner led the Huskies with a .373 batting average, nine home runs and 41 RBI and was named MAC Player of the Week during his final season.

Under Joslyn, the trio of Mike Santoro, Jeremy Busch and Eric Sansouci each signed professionally after the 2005 season. Santoro signed with the San Francisco Giants after being chosen in the 2004 draft while Busch and Sansouci joined Frontier League teams. Busch earned first team All-MAC honors in 2005 after hitting a team-best .340 with nine home runs and 39 RBI. Santoro earned MAC Player of the Week in February after belting three home runs and six RBI in a three-game series at Texas Tech.

With Joslyn's guidance, Northern Illinois has placed players in several of the top summer collegiate leagues across the country including the Cape Cod, Northwoods, Coastal Plains, Cal Ripken Sr., and Central Illinois Collegiate leagues. In past years, NIU has sent players to the Alaska, New England Collegiate and Great Lakes leagues.

Joslyn was instrumental in sending pitcher Brandon Copp and shortstop Bobby Stevens to the Cape Cod League in 2007, one year after Copp became the first Northern Illinois player in nearly two decades to play in the prestigious league.

The Huskies continued their summer league success in 2007 as three Huskie pitchers, Andy Deain, Matt Jernstad and Dave Nykiel, earned all-star selections in the Central Illinois Collegiate League and outfielder Pat Minogue helped lead his team to a runner-up finish in the Cal Ripken Sr., Collegiate League.

In 2006, five Northern Illinois players earned all-star selections during the summer and the Huskies dominated the CIGL's postseason awards. Scott Simon was named MVP, Matt German earned the Fireman of the Year award, Bobby Stevens was Tournament MVP and Trevor Feeney earned the second-half top pitcher award.

"Jocko" had his own success in the CIGL, serving as an assistant for the Quincy Gems during the summer of 2005 and helped the team capture the league championship.

The Oswego native aided the Northern Illinois recruiting efforts that produced nationally-ranked classes by *Collegiate Baseball* in 2005 and 2006. He also directs the NIU summer and winter baseball camps, which saw record participation in 2007.

In 2003, the outfield trio of Busch, Santoro, and Dan Urban, were particularly successful under Joslyn's tutelage. Urban signed

*"Having Steve Joslyn on our staff is having another head coach in our program. That is how good he is and the perspective in which he sees things. We are very fortunate to have him as a member of our staff. His expert knowledge not only about baseball, but coaching, is invaluable. A great deal of the success we have had here in the previous five seasons can be attributed to Steve Joslyn. Steve is a professional who gets involved in what is going on and has helped our student-athletes have a world-class experience. He has coaching in his blood. That is what he does and who he is and he is very good at it."* - Ed Mathey

professionally with the Frontier League, Santoro blasted a school-record 15 home runs, and Busch made a smooth transfer from the mound to the outfield, where he made several highlight-reel catches during his first season in that role.

Joslyn began his college baseball coaching career at his alma mater, North Central College, where he first worked with Mathey in 1996 and immediately helped guide the Cardinals to the CCIW title. Two years later, NCC generated a 28-15-1 record, a runner-up finish at the NCAA Central Regional and a No. 15 final national ranking by *Collegiate Baseball*.

Prior to coaching baseball at the college level, Joslyn had great success as a high school basketball coach. Following the completion of his bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation at North Central, Joslyn spent two seasons as a teacher and an assistant coach for football, basketball, and baseball at his prep alma mater, Oswego High School.

In 1989, Joslyn gained his first head coaching job, accepting the lead position at West Pike High School. After capturing the school's first regional basketball title and a school-record 28 wins, Joslyn led West Pike to its finest season in 1994-95. That year, the Cardinals earned the state's top-ranking, posted a 32-2 record, and finished third at the IHSA Championships as Joslyn earned his second consecutive Illinois Basketball Coaches Association District 17 Coach of the Year award.

After compiling a 135-24 record in six seasons at West Pike, Joslyn accepted the head coaching position at Downers Grove North in 1995-96. Within his first three years, Joslyn reached the IHSA Sweet Sixteen, claiming regional and sectional titles after recording the school's first 20-win season and conference championship. Two seasons later, Joslyn earned his second IBCA District 7 Coach of the Year award after he guided North to a 26-3 record and third-straight conference title.

### THE JOSLYN FILE

#### Coaching

2003-present	Assistant Coach, Northern Illinois
2005	Assistant Coach, Quincy Gems (Summer)
1996-2002	Assistant Coach, North Central
1995-2001	Head Basketball Coach, Downers Grove North High School
1989-95	Head Basketball Coach, West Pike High School
1987-89	Assistant Football, Basketball and Baseball Coach, Oswego High School
1987	Freshmen Baseball Coach, St. Charles High School
1986-87	Assistant Basketball Coach, Aurora East High School
1986	Assistant Coach, Aurora University

#### Playing Experience

North Central College, 1983-86

#### Education

B.A., Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

North Central College, 1986.



## ASSISTANT COACHES



Tom Carcione is in his first season at Northern Illinois after joining Ed Mathey's staff during the fall of 2007. He brings 10 years of professional playing experience and seven seasons of coaching experience in both the professional and college ranks.

In his new role with the Huskies, Carcione serves as the team's hitting instructor and works closely with the squad's catchers.

Carcione came to Northern Illinois after two seasons as pitching coach for the Sioux City Explorers of the American Association, the team in which he played three seasons. With the X's, Carcione helped engineer a 10-game improvement and second-place North Division finish during the second half of the 2007 campaign. Under Carcione's direction, Brad Guy led the league in complete games, Brian Buchanan ranked second in innings pitched, and closer Matt Wilkinson was among the league leaders in saves.

In 2006, Carcione mentored Explorers hurler Billy Keppinger, who led the American Association with five complete games and 140.0 innings pitched and went 5-0 with a 1.88 ERA in six starts during July to earn the league's Pitcher of the Month award.

Carcione spent the 2005 college season as head coach at Si Tanka University, a NAIA program in Huron, S.D. As skipper of the Screaming Eagles, Carcione led the team to a 17-9 Dakota Athletic Conference record and third-place finish with a squad that featured four first team all-league selections. Carcione's term ended when the school closed at the end of the 2004-05 academic year.

Prior to his head coaching stint, Carcione spent four years as an assistant coach at South Dakota before the university disbanded its baseball program following the 2004 season. The Coyotes went 94-76 (.553) during Carcione's four seasons and finished .500 or above three times, including 23-17 and 24-18 marks in 2001 and 2002, and set eight school records during that stretch. During Carcione's tenure, USD produced a pair of professional players led by catcher Dean Devine, who became the school's first Major League Baseball draftee in 2002, and featured seven all-conference selections, four all-region choices and a third team Academic All-American. While coaching at USD, Carcione completed his degree in recreation during the summer of 2001.

After a 10-year professional playing career, the River Grove, Ill., native began coaching in 1999 as the bench and bullpen coach with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the Northern League. In Carcione's first campaign, the RedHawks reached the playoffs with a 50-35 overall record, including a 27-16 first half finish that was one game out of first place in the Central Division. Pitcher Greg Salvevold led the league with 10 wins and earned Rookie Pitcher of the Year honors while second baseman Steve Hine and third baseman Mike Busch each were named to the all-star team. In 2000, the RedHawks took both the first half and second half Central Division titles while totaling a league-best 53-33 overall record before reaching the second round of the league playoffs. The team had four players on the all-star team, including closer George Schmidt, who led the league with 23 saves.

Carcione doubled as an assistant coach at Deerfield (Ill.) High School during the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

An all-state catcher at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Carcione spent two seasons playing at Connors State Junior College in Warner, Okla., where he twice earned all-region selection. Upon graduating from CSJC, he played in the Cape Cod League for Hyannis during the 1987 summer season before attending Texas A&M. In 1988, Carcione was the starting catcher for the Aggies and hit .280 with 11 home runs and 42 RBI while helping the team to a 52-15 overall record and second-place finish (17-4) in the Southwest Conference before ending the season as runner-up to Cal State Fullerton at the NCAA South Regional.

Following his only season at A&M, Carcione was selected in the 10th round of the 1988 MLB Amateur Draft by the Oakland Athletics. He spent five seasons in the Athletics' farm system and reached double-A

Hunstville in 1990. His best season came at Modesto in 1992 when he hit .271 with five home runs and 45 RBI for the A's high-A affiliate.

In 1993, Carcione was the first player signed by the Explorers franchise, then of the Northern League, and played two seasons with the club. After helping the team to the league's first-half title and runner-up finish during the 1994 campaign, Carcione continued his career with a two-year stint with the Grand Forks Varmints of the Prairie League before rejoining the X's for the 1998 season. Carcione was selected to the Northern League All-Star Game during his final playing season.

### THE CARCIONE FILE

#### Coaching

2007-present Assistant Coach, Northern Illinois  
 2006-07 Pitching Coach, Sioux City Explorers (American Association)  
 2005 Head Coach, Si Tanka University  
 2001-04 Assistant Coach, University of South Dakota  
 1999-2000 Assistant Coach, Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks (Northern League)  
 Assistant Coach, Deerfield (Ill.) High School

#### Playing Experience

Connors State J.C., 1986-87  
 Hyannis (Cape Cod League), Summer 1987  
 Texas A&M, 1988  
 Drafted by Oakland Athletics (10th Round), 1988  
 Southern Oregon A's (Class A/Northwest League), 1988  
 Madison Muskies (Class A/Midwest League), 1989  
 Modesto A's (Class A/California League), 1989-90, 92  
 Huntsville Stars (Class AA/Southern League), 1990-92  
 Reno Silver Sox (Class A/California League), 1991  
 Sioux City Explorers (Northern League), 1993-94, 98  
 Grand Forks Varmints (Prairie League), 1996-97

#### Education

B.S., Recreation.  
 University of South Dakota, 2001.



## STUDENT STAFF ASSISTANTS



**Cydney Bunner**  
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**Dan Chessin**  
Field Crew



**Cole Henert**  
Field Crew



**Dan Meidel**  
Manager

# ASSISTANT COACHES



**RAY NAPIENTEK**  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season  
North Central, 1999



Ray Napientek is in his second season at Northern Illinois after joining Ed Mathey's staff as an assistant coach prior to the 2006 campaign. The former all-conference pitcher at North Central made an immediate impact with the Huskies after reuniting with his former coach.

In addition to serving as team scouting director, Napientek works primarily with pitchers and catchers and helped guide the Huskie hurlers to record-setting performances last season. NIU pitchers set a school record with 398 strikeouts as a staff in 2007 while posting a Modern Era record with a 4.65 team ERA, the lowest mark in three decades, as the team notched a school-record 34 Division I victories and 16 MAC wins.

Northern Illinois' team ERA ranked fifth in the MAC at 3.87 while limiting conference opponents to a .257 batting average. The Huskies allowed two or fewer runs on seven occasions during the 2007 season.

With the tutelage of Napientek, Matt German became the school's first Division I All-American (second team ABCA and Ping Baseball) player and first national award finalist, when he was one of five pitchers up for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award. The closer became the school's career saves leader and finished his career second on the all-time MAC list.

Following the 2007 season, two of Napientek protégés inked professional contracts as German signed with the Philadelphia Phillies and Mark Badgley with the Florida Marlins. In addition, Trevor Feeney was a 39th round draft choice by the Kansas City Royals.

The Huskies claimed three MAC Pitcher of the Week honors, (German two and Badgley one), while Feeney was recognized nationally on the College Baseball Foundation Honor Roll after a 12-strikeout performance at eventual league champion Kent State.

Napientek was a four-year starting pitcher for Mathey at North Central and finished his career with 19 victories, the third-highest win total in school history. He also finished in a first-place tie on the school's all-time list with 13 complete games and three shutouts.

The righthander helped lead the Cardinals to CCIW titles in both 1996 and 1998. During the 1996 season, Napientek earned second team all-conference accolades and two seasons later he posted a 7-1 record that included victories over Elmhurst in the CCIW Tournament and Carthage

in the NCAA Central Regional. Napientek and the '98 team went 28-15-1, was runner-up at the NCAA Central Regional and finished 15th in the *Collegiate Baseball* national rankings.

After graduating from NCC in 1999, Napientek served as the head coach of the Naperville Cardinals, a summer wooden bat collegiate team. In his first year as coach, Napientek guided the squad to a 21-9 record and league championship.

The Chicago native was an assistant coach at North Park University during the 2005 season before moving to an assistant coach position at St. Patrick High School. There, he conducted opponent scouting while helping lead the Chicago school to a runner-up finish at the 2006 IHSA Class AA Championships in Geneva.

Napientek spent six years working for the Chicago Police Department and is currently pursuing his master's degree in Sport Management at NIU.

### THE NAPIENTEK FILE

#### Coaching

- 2006-present Assistant Coach, Northern Illinois
- 2006 Assistant Coach, Chicago St. Patrick H.S.
- 2005 Assistant Coach, North Park University
- 1999 Head Coach, Naperville Cardinals (Summer)

#### Playing Experience

North Central College, 1996-99

#### Education

B.A., Political Science.  
North Central College, 1999.

## BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF



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Sport Administrator



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