

2008 UT Arlington Baseball



2008 UTA/DBU INVITATIONAL

February 22-24, 2008

Clay Gould Ballpark (1,600)
Arlington, Texas

Patriot Field (1,500)
Cedar Hill, Texas

Friday, February 22

Dallas Baptist vs. Missouri State, 3 p.m., at DBU
Arkansas-Little Rock vs. UT Arlington, 3 p.m., at UTA

Saturday, February 23

Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Dallas Baptist, 11 a.m., at DBU
Missouri State vs. UT Arlington, 3 p.m., at UTA
Dallas Baptist vs. UT Arlington, 6:30 p.m., at UTA

Sunday, February 24

Missouri State vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 11 a.m., at UTA
Arkansas-Little Rock vs. UT Arlington, 3 p.m., at UTA

Thomas Makes Coaching Debut

Darin Thomas takes the field for the first time as the Mavericks head coach and will coach his first game this weekend at the UTA-DBU Invitational.



Thomas is no stranger to UT Arlington baseball. Before accepting the position as head coach last November, he served as an assistant coach beginning in the 2000 season and was named Associate Head Coach in 2001. Thomas has coached for 18 years, including his time at Seward County CC. Thomas and his wife, Jean, have three children; Megan (14), Ryan (9) and Reed (6). Ryan serves at UTA's Bat Boy.

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About The Teams



The Mavericks are led by Arlington resident Danny Slinkman, who was second on the team last year with a .333 batting average. On UTA's 36-man roster are 22 newcomers, three players who sat out last season because of injury and 11 players who return from 2007. Lefty Eamonn Donovan is UTA's top returning pitcher.



The Patriots will face the Mavericks three times this season - two at home and one in Frisco. DBU has a new coach as Dan Heefner takes over. The Patriots finished 30-26 last season and have 11 letter winners back from 2007. DBU returns power hitter Evan Bigley, a junior outfielder who hit 10 homers last season.



The Trojans were 21-31 last season and lost seven position starters from that squad. However, nine pitchers return, including left-handers David Klumpp and Ashur Tolliver. They combined to toss 189 innings last season. Klumpp, a Waco native, had 92 strikeouts in 100.2 innings.



The Bears finished 22-34 last season. They return leading hitter Kyle Paul, who batted .323 with four homers and 37 RBI. Outfielder Nolan Keane is also back after hitting .314. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Tim Clubb returns after recording a 4.07 ERA and 6-3 record in 17 appearances.

UT Arlington's Next 10 Games

Saturday, Feb. 23	vs. Missouri St.	3 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23	vs. DBU	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 24	vs. UARL	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 26	at La. Tech (2)	2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 28	vs. Alabama*	Noon
Friday, Feb. 29	vs. DBU*	2 p.m.
Saturday, March 1	vs. Nevada*	1 p.m.
Sunday, March 2	vs. Alabama	Noon
Tuesday, March 4	at TCU	7 p.m.
Thursday, March 6	vs. DBU	6:30 p.m.

*at Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

2008 UALR TROJAN BASEBALL

GENERAL

School: UALR
 City/Zip: Little Rock, Ark., 72204
 Founded: 1927
 Enrollment: 12,167
 Nickname: Trojans
 School Colors: Maroon, Silver & Black
 Home Field (Capacity): Gary Hogan Field (1,000)
 Dimensions (LF-CF-RF): 330-400-325
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: Sun Belt
 Chancellor: Dr. Joel E. Anderson
 Alma Mater, Year: Harding College, 1964
 Director of Athletics: Chris Peterson
 Alma Mater, Year: UW-Milwaukee, 1975
 Athletic Dept. Phone: (501) 569-3167
 Ticket Office Phone: (501) 565-UALR

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach (Alma Mater, Year): Jim Lawler
 Record At School (Years): 45-61 (two)
 Career Record: 223-210 (eight)
 Assistant Coach: Brian Grunzke
 Assistant Coach: Tyler Herbst
 Dir. of Baseball Operations: Kyle Smith
 Baseball Office Phone: (501) 280-0759
 Baseball Office Fax: (501) 663-3724
 Athletic Trainer: Lauren Hargis

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Overall Record: 21-31
 Conference Record/Finish: 9-20 (11th)
 Final Ranking Last Year: n/a
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 15/11
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 2/7
 Starters Back: Robert Taylor, Nick DeSanctis
 Starters Lost: ... Ryan Gotcher, Brett Lawler, Osvaldo Torres
 Tyler Mason, Brian Asbill, Brian Smiley, Matt King (DH)
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/2
 Redshirt Players returning: 0
 Newcomers: 15

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2008 UALR SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
FEBRUARY		
22 (Fri.)	(1) at UT Arlington	3 PM
23 (Sat.)	(1) vs. Dallas Baptist	1 PM
	(1) vs. Missouri State	5 PM
24 (Sun.)	(1) at UT Arlington	3 PM
26 (Tues.)	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	3 PM
28 (Thurs.)	NORTHERN IOWA	3 PM
29 (Fri.)	NORTHERN IOWA	3 PM
MARCH		
1 (Sat.)	NORTHERN IOWA	1 PM
2 (Sun.)	NORTHERN IOWA	1 PM
4 (Tues.)	at Mississippi State	4 PM
5 (Wed.)	at Mississippi State	4 PM
7 (Fri.)	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	6 PM
8 (Sat.)	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	3 PM
9 (Sun.)	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	1 PM
11 (Tues.)	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	4 PM
12 (Wed.)	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	3 PM
14 (Fri.)	at Florida International*	7 PM
15 (Sat.)	at Florida International*	4 PM
16 (Sun.)	at Florida International*	1 PM
19 (Wed.)	at Mississippi	6:30 PM
21 (Fri.)	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE*	6 PM
22 (Sat.)	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE*	3 PM
23 (Sun.)	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE*	1 PM
25 (Tues.)	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	6 PM
28 (Fri.)	at Middle Tennessee*	6 PM
29 (Sat.)	at Middle Tennessee*	4 PM
30 (Sun.)	at Middle Tennessee*	1 PM
APRIL		
1 (Tues.)	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	6 PM
4 (Fri.)	at Louisiana-Monroe*	7 PM
5 (Sat.)	at Louisiana-Monroe*	4 PM
6 (Sun.)	at Louisiana-Monroe*	1 PM
8 (Tues.)	at Central Arkansas	6:30 PM
11 (Fri.)	SOUTH ALABAMA*	6 PM
12 (Sat.)	SOUTH ALABAMA*	3 PM
13 (Sun.)	SOUTH ALABAMA*	1 PM
15 (Tues.)	MISSOURI STATE	6 PM
18 (Fri.)	at Troy*	6 PM
19 (Sat.)	at Troy*	6 PM
20 (Sun.)	at Troy*	1 PM
22 (Tues.)	at Centenary	6 PM
25 (Fri.)	HOUSTON BAPTIST	6 PM
26 (Sat.)	HOUSTON BAPTIST	3 PM
27 (Sun.)	HOUSTON BAPTIST	1 PM
MAY		
2 (Fri.)	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	6 PM
3 (Sat.)	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	3 PM
4 (Sun.)	WESTERN KENTUCKY*	1 PM
9 (Fri.)	NEW ORLEANS*	6 PM
10 (Sat.)	NEW ORLEANS*	3 PM
11 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS*	1 PM
15 (Thurs.)	at Arkansas State*	7 PM
16 (Fri.)	at Arkansas State*	7 PM
17 (Sat.)	at Arkansas State*	2 PM
21-24 (Wed.-Sat.)	(2) Sun Belt Tournament	TBA

* denotes Sun Belt Conference game
 Home games appear in bold CAPS
 (1) UTA Tournament (Arlington, Texas)
 (2) Sun Belt Conference Tournament (Lafayette, La.)

BASEBALL, 2008: Missouri State University

GENERAL

Name of school Missouri State University
 City/State/Zip Springfield, Missouri 65897
 Founded 1905
 Enrollment 21,407
 Nickname Bears
 School colors Maroon and White
 Home Field/Capacity Hammons Field (8,000)
 Surface/Dimensions Grass/LF-315, CF-400, RF-330
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Missouri Valley Conference
 President Dr. Michael T. Nietzel
 Alma Mater, Year Wheaton College, 1969
 Athletics Director Bill Rowe
 Alma Mater, Year Missouri State, 1961
 Athletic Dept. Phone (417) 836-5244
 Ticket Office Phone (417) 836-7678 or 1-888-476-7849
 Athletic Web Page http://www.missouristatebears.com

HISTORY

First year of baseball 1964
 Overall all-time record 1258-766-1
 No. yrs. in CWS/last 1/2003
 No. yrs. in NCAA Regional/last 7/2003
 Last postseason opponent Miami, 2003 CWS
 Result L, 7-5 (t-7th)

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Keith Guttin
 Alma Mater, Year Missouri-St. Louis, 1978
 Record at school (yrs) 864-536 (25)
 Career record (yrs) 864-536 (25)
 Baseball Office phone (417) 836-5242
 Best time to reach coach 10 a.m. to noon weekdays
 Assistant Coaches (Alma mater/Year)
Brent Thomas (Missouri State, 1982)
Paul Evans (Southern Illinois, 1981)
Jamie Sheetz (Michigan, 1993)
Tanner Mattson
 Athletic Trainer Jim Penkalski (Kent, 1987)

TEAM INFORMATION

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Overall record last year	<u>23-34</u>	<u>15-14</u>	<u>6-18</u>	<u>2-2</u>
Conference record/finish	<u>7/17-T-8th</u>	<u>5-7</u>	<u>2-10</u>	<u>0-0</u>
Conf. Postseason Results	<u>5th-MVC Tournament</u>			
Final ranking last year (poll)	<u>n/a</u>			
Starters returning/lost	<u>5/3</u>			
Pitchers returning/lost	<u>6/5</u>			
Letterwinners returning/lost	<u>17/10</u>			

MEDIA INFORMATION

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2008 UT Arlington Baseball Roster

#	Name	Pos	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	CL/EX	Hometown/HS/Previous School
1	Jay Pitschka	INF	R/R	6-0	170	Jr./TR	Omaha, Neb./Omaha North/Butler County CC
2	Michael Choice	OF	R/R	6-0	190	Fr./HS	Mansfield/Timberview HS
3	Brock Wilson	OF	L/R	5-10	175	Sr./3L	Dallas/Lake Highlands HS
4	Collin Garner	OF	L/L	5-10	170	Jr./2L	Arlington/Lamar HS
5	Matt Otteman	OF	R/R	6-1	195	Jr./1L	Lockport, Ill./Lockport Township
6	Chad Price	C	R/R	6-0	175	Jr./TR	Denison/Denison/Eastern Oklahoma State
7	Preston McCoy	OF	L/R	5-11	180	Jr./TR	West/West/Hill College
9	Blake Holt	OF	R/R	6-3	210	Jr./TR	Salado/Belton/Temple College
10	Jordan Vaughn	INF	R/R	6-4	200	Fr./HS	Colorado Springs, Colo./Rampart
11	Justin McPherson	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Jr./TR	Godley/Godley/Cisco Junior College
12	Ryan Robinson	LHP	L/L	6-1	180	Jr./TR	Southlake/Carroll/Howard College
13	Jeff Nollen	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	Sr./1L	Plano/Plano East/North Central College
15	Evan Raley	INF	R/R	6-0	190	Jr./TR	Tucson, Ariz./Canyon Del Oro/Central Arizona Col
16	Chad Comer	C	R/R	6-2	205	Fr./RS	Mansfield/Mansfield HS
17	Ryan Martin	RHP	R/R	6-0	200	Jr./2L	Friendswood/Friendswood HS
18	Brian Watson	LHP	L/L	5-11	170	So./TR	Mesquite/Poteet HS/Paris Junior College
19	Jeff Storms	INF	R/R	6-0	185	Jr./RS	Arlington/Arlington HS/Howard College
20	Andrew Kainer	OF	R/L	6-1	205	Jr./TR	Conroe/Conroe HS/Angelina College
21	Rett Varner	RHP	R/R	6-4	190	Fr./TR	Trophy Club/Justin Northwest HS/BYU
23	Matt Dunn	RHP	R/R	6-2	220	Jr./TR	Belton/Belton HS/Temple College
24	Danny Slinkman	INF	S/R	6-2	180	Sr./2L	Arlington/Martin HS/Cedar Valley CC
25	Ryan Davis	INF	R/R	6-0	200	Jr./TR	Edmond, Okla./Edmond North HS/Eastern Okla.
26	Eamonn Donovan	LHP	R/L	6-0	170	Sr./1L	Arlington/Arlington HS/Howard College
27	Drew Clementz	RHP	R/R	6-0	170	Jr./TR	Katy/Katy Taylor HS/Bethel College
28	Nathan Long	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	Jr./2L	Fort Worth/All Saints Episcopal/Oklahoma
29	Marcus Limon	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	Fr./HS	Lubbock/Estacado HS
33	Mitch Putman	C	R/R	5-11	215	Jr./1L	Carrollton/Hebron HS/North Central College
34	Andy Sauter	RHP	L/R	6-1	185	Jr./1L	Arlington/Arlington HS/Lon Morris College
35	David McLeod	INF	R/R	6-3	175	Sr./3L	Katy/Taylor
36	Steffan Guest	C	R/R	6-1	200	Jr./TR	Keller/Trinity HS/McClennon College
37	Jeff Edlefsen	LHP	L/L	5-11	180	Jr./TR	Bloomington, Minn./T. Jefferson/Barton County
38	Eric Wright	OF	R/R	5-11	185	Fr./TR	Fort Worth/Country Day/Texas Tech
40	Lee Stockman	OF	R/R	5-9	175	Fr./RS	Missouri City/Elkins HS
42	Brandon Endsley	RHP	R/R	5-11	175	Jr./2L	Lewisville/Lewisville HS
44	Adam Boydston	LHP	L/L	6-0	175	Fr./HS	Corinth/Lake Dallas HS
46	Marc Picca	LHP	L/L	6-2	185	Fr./HS	Arlington/FW Nolan Catholic

Head Coach: 14 Darin Thomas (Okla. Christian, '89)
Assistant Coach: 31 Jay Sirianni (Nebraska, '01)
Assistant Coach: 22 Mark Flatten (Missouri Valley, '96)
Volunteer Assistant: 32 Leo Radkowski (UTA, '07)
Team Chaplain: 45 K.J. Hendricks
Dir. of Baseball Operations: Joey Prebynski (UTA, '05)



Left to Right: Assistant Coach Jay Sirianni, Assistant Coach Mark Flatten, Head Coach Darin Thomas, Volunteer Assistant Leo Radkowski, Team Chaplain K.J. Hendricks