

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BASEBALL



TODD RALEIGH

#35 HEAD COACH – 3RD YEAR
WESTERN CAROLINA, 1991

Todd Raleigh, who returned to his alma mater in 2000, is in his third year as Western Carolina head baseball coach.

After going 15-38 in his first year (2000), Raleigh was runner-up in the 2001 balloting for Southern Conference Coach of the

Year, leading the Catamounts to a 30-26 record and finishing third (tied) in the league. Not only were the Cats picked to finish as low as 10th prior to the 2001 season, but he directed the biggest single-season turnaround in SoCon history, improving by 14.5 games over the previous season and doubling the team's win total from 2000 to 2001. Amazingly, the success came without the benefit of a single senior on the squad, playing mostly sophomores and freshmen.

In line with returning WCU back to its glory days as one of the top programs in the Southern Conference, Western led the league with a .311 team batting average and, for the 11th time in the past 15 years, a Catamount led the league in home runs. Western also led the SoCon in slugging percentage (.473) and doubles (143), while finishing second in home runs (56).

Under Raleigh's tutelage, Donovan Minero and Alan Beck ranked among the top five in the SoCon in batting, while both earned first team All-Southern Conference honors. Minero, who led the league in home runs and ranked 12th nationally in RBI, was named third team All-American – WCU's first national honor since 1994. Beck ranked among the NCAA's top 25 in doubles, RBI and walks, while leading the SoCon in on base percentage.

Raleigh's ties to WCU are extensive. He is a 1991 graduate of the University, was a four-year letterman for the Catamounts and was an assistant coach for two seasons.

Before becoming WCU's ninth head baseball coach since 1969, Raleigh spent the 1999 season as an assistant coach at East Carolina University under former WCU head baseball coach Keith LeClair. At ECU he was the Pirates' hitting instructor and recruiting coordinator, helping ECU to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championship, a number one seed in the NCAA Tournament and a final national ranking of 18th.

As a player and assistant coach at Western Carolina, Raleigh helped the Cats capture four Southern Conference Championships, two as a player and two as a coach, and advance to four NCAA Regionals. As an assistant coach in 1994, Raleigh coached the Cats to a league best .295 team batting average.

Prior to his appointment at East Carolina, Raleigh served as the top assistant at James Madison University for five years, serving as the hitting, outfield, and catching coach each season. He also served as interim head coach for two months during the 1997 season. Raleigh's hitting implemented techniques helped the Dukes lead the CAA in hitting four times. He also served as JMU's recruiting coordinator. Two of the Duke's recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top 30 during his tenure in Harrisonburg, Va. James Madison finished in the top three of the CAA three times in Raleigh's four seasons there.

Raleigh's coaching career began at the University of Vermont.

Following a two-year stint there, Raleigh returned to WCU in 1993 where he served as an assistant coach for two seasons. He also spent time coaching at Belmont Abbey after WCU.



As a student-athlete at WCU, Raleigh had an outstanding career for the Catamounts. He was a three-time all-conference selection, including a first team choice in 1991. Raleigh held the WCU and Southern Conference single-season record for RBIs with 78 until 2000.

Named the Catamounts' Most Valuable Player as a senior, Raleigh signed a professional baseball contract with the Boston Red Sox after graduation, playing in the Florida State league that summer.

Raleigh earned his bachelor's degree from WCU in 1991 and his master's in 1994. He is married to the former Stephanie Deitz of Sylva. The couple has two children: Caleb John "Cal" (5) and Emma Grace (3).



THE RALEIGH FILE

Born: March 27, 1969

Hometown: Swanton, Vt.

Family: Married to the former Stephanie Deitz of Sylva, N.C. Son: John Caleb "Cal" (5). Daughter: Emma Grace (3).

Education: B.S. in sports management, Western Carolina, 1991; M.S. Ed. in college administration, Western Carolina, 1994.

Playing Experience: Western Carolina, 1988-91; Boston Red Sox Organization, 1991.

Coaching Experience: **University of Vermont** (assistant coach, 1992); **Western Carolina University** (assistant coach, 1993-94); **Belmont Abbey** (assistant coach, 1994); **James Madison University** (assistant coach, 1994-98); **East Carolina University** (assistant coach, 1999); **Western Carolina University** (head coach, 1999-present).

RALEIGH AS HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall	Conference	Finish
2000	WCU	15-38	8-22	10th
2001	WCU	30-26	18-11	3rd-t
Totals	2 YEARS	45-64	26-33	

2002 CATAMOUNT COACHING STAFF



CHRIS ROBERTS
#20 ASSISTANT COACH
 FLORIDA STATE, 1992

Chris Roberts joined the Western Carolina staff in the summer of 2001 and will serve as the Catamount pitching coach. Roberts brings a wealth of experience as well as impressive credentials to Cullowhee. Prior to his appointment at

Western, Roberts served as an assistant coach at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., from 2000-01.

From 1993-2001, Roberts was a pitcher in professional baseball. He was a first round draft pick of the New York Mets in 1993 and played with the organization from 1993-97. He also played with the Oakland (1998), Colorado (1999) and Milwaukee (2001) minor league teams. In 1996 he played in the Venezuelan Winter League, while playing the 2000 season with Chiba Lotte Marines in the Japanese Major League.

Roberts is one of the highest draft picks to ever attend Florida State and was a three-year starter with the Seminoles as an outfielder and pitcher. He was a 1992 *Collegiate Baseball* first team All-American, a 1991 *Baseball America* third team All-American and a 1990 *Baseball America* Freshman All-American. Prior to FSU joining the ACC, Roberts was named 1991 Metro Conference Player of the Year. For his career, Roberts was 23-8 with 202 strikeouts on the mound, while batting .301 with 32 home runs and 175 RBI. The Seminoles played in an NCAA Regional in each of Roberts' three years in Tallahassee, while making appearances at the College World Series in 1991 and 1992. Ironically in 1992, Roberts was part of the team which defeated Western Carolina in the NCAA Regional final to advance to Omaha.

While being drafted in 1992, his professional career was put on hold for one season as he was the starting leftfielder on the 1992 USA Olympic team in Barcelona. He also played on Team USA in the 1991 Pan American Game in Havana, Cuba.

Roberts and his wife Tracy have a son Jackson (3) and are expecting their second child this summer.



J.P. BURWELL
#15 ASSISTANT COACH
 WESTERN CAROLINA, 1997

J.P. Burwell is in his second season as an assistant with Western Carolina. The Asheville, N.C., native has returned to his alma mater to seek his master's degree in physical education after a two-year hiatus from the game.

In addition to instructing the catchers, Burwell will serve as the first base coach this season, while assisting in recruiting.

Burwell is a 1997 WCU graduate and enjoyed a stellar career while with the Catamounts.

As a senior, Burwell was an All-Southern Conference selection, as well as ABCA All-Atlantic Region. He additionally played a key role in the Catamounts winning the 1997 SoCon Tournament title, as he was named its Most Valuable Player. He was a second team All-Southern Conference selection as a sophomore (1995), throwing out 33 percent of opposing base runners. Upon graduation, Burwell spent one season in professional baseball with the Canton Crocodiles.



BERGIN TATHAM
#48 ASSISTANT COACH
 WESTERN CAROLINA, 1976

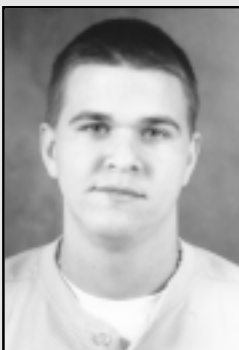
Bergin Tatham enters his first season on the Western Carolina coaching staff as he returns to his alma mater to pursue a Master's degree. While this is his first season with the Catamounts, Tatham has been coaching baseball since graduating

from Western Carolina in 1975.

Tatham has been a volunteer assistant at Tuscola High School in Waynesville, while owning his own business. Over the past six years, he has coached players from age 12-18 in the Western North Carolina Mountain Athletic Club summer league program. In the summer of 2001, his 16-18 year old team reached the national region finals, losing to the eventual national champion.

A first baseman for the Catamounts from 1972-75, Tatham has helped 13 of his last 15 seniors move on to play collegiate baseball.

Tatham, a Waynesville native who attended Tuscola, and his wife Karen have two sons: Clay (17) and Clint (15).



JOHN COLLINS
 MANAGER



DAVE CUTHRELL
 ATHLETIC TRAINER