

Rangers Announce Minor League Coaching Staff

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Texas Rangers General Manager **Jon Daniels** announced today that they have set the 2007 coaching staffs for the all minor league affiliates of the organization. The coaching assignments for the Texas affiliates in 2007 are as follows:

Oklahoma (AAA):

Bobby Jones, Manager
Andy Hawkins, Pitching Coach
Randy Whisler, Coach
Lee Slagle, Trainer

Frisco (AA):

Dave Anderson, Manager

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Terry Clark, Pitching Coach
Scott Coolbaugh, Coach
Jason Roberts, Trainer

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Bakersfield (A):

Carlos Subero, Manager
Mike Anderson, Pitching Coach
Brant Brown, Coach
Eddie Tamez, Trainer

Clinton (A):

Mike Micucci, Manager
Danny Clark, Pitching Coach
Brian Dayette, Coach
Jeff Bodenhammer, Trainer

Spokane (Short-Season A):

Andy Fox, Manager

TBA, Pitching Coach
Hector Ortiz, Coach
Jacob Newburn, Trainer

Arizona (Rookie):

Pedro Lopez, Manager
Keith Comstock, Pitching Coach
Paul Herfurth, Coach

TBA, Trainer

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At Triple-A Oklahoma, Bobby Jones returns for his fifth year as manager of the RedHawks after a year with the big league coaching staff as the first base coach and outfield instructor. Jones enters his 20th season as a coach or manager in the Texas organization and is the all-time winningest Rangers' minor league manager with a record of 1,138-1133. He has guided his teams to the playoffs in nine of 16 seasons, including three of four years as the skipper of the RedHawks. Andy Hawkins returns for his second year as pitching coach after leading the RedHawks pitching staff to the lowest ERA in club history at 3.89 (5th in Pacific Coast League). New to the Oklahoma staff is Randy Whisler, who most recently was the first base coach and infield instructor for the Cincinnati Reds in 2004-05.

At Double-A Frisco, former major leaguer Dave Anderson will serve as the new manager. Anderson comes to the Texas organization after spending last season as the infield coordinator for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He spent the previous four years as the head coach at the University of Memphis, where he earned All-America honors as a player. Anderson played in 10 major league seasons, combining to bat .242 with 19 home runs and 143 RBI. Prior to taking over at the University of Memphis, Anderson was a manager in the Detroit organization for seven seasons. Joining Anderson on the RoughRider coaching staff is Scott Coolbaugh and pitching coach Terry Clark. Coolbaugh spent 12 seasons in professional baseball, including two seasons with the Rangers in 1989-90. He has four years experience as a minor league manager with in the Arizona organization, last at Double-A El Paso in 2004. Clark returns for his second season as pitching coach at Frisco.

Carlos Subero returns for his second season as manager at Single-A Bakersfield and his seventh season overall as a manager in the Texas organization. Joining him on the Blaze coaching staff are former big leaguers Mike Anderson and Brant Brown. Anderson joins the staff after spending the last eight seasons as a pitching coach in the Chicago Cubs organization. He spent last season at Double-A West Tennessee, where the Diamond Jaxx led the Southern League with a 2.84 ERA. A native of Austin, Texas, Anderson pitched from 1988-97 in the Cincinnati, Cubs, Texas and Los Angeles organizations. Brown will be making his professional coaching debut after playing in parts of five seasons in the major leagues with Chicago (NL), Pittsburgh and Florida. He combined to bat .247 with 45 home runs in 424 career games. He has spent the last three years as the operator of Bakersfield Swing, an indoor batting cage and instruction center in Bakersfield. He was an All-American at Fresno State University in 1992.

The Clinton staff will show a strong resemblance to the 2006 Spokane coaching staff. Mike Micucci moves from the Northwest League to the Midwest League, as does second-year pitching coach Danny Clark. Brian Dayett returns for his third season as hitting coach of the

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Andy Fox takes over as manager in Spokane after making his managerial debut with Clinton last season. Fox played for five different clubs during a nine-year major league career, posting a .239 average in 776 career games. Hector Ortiz is in his second year with the organization after helping in the Arizona League last summer. He joins the Spokane staff after an 18-year professional playing career. He saw action in 93 career major league games with Kansas City and Texas, combining to bat .288.

Pedro Lopez returns to lead the Rangers' entry in the Arizona League after serving as the hitting instructor at Bakersfield last season. Lopez managed in the Arizona League from 2003-05, leading the Rangers to an 83-67 record. Keith Comstock (pitching coach) and Paul Herfurth (hitting coach) also join the organization. Comstock spent last season as the roving pitching instructor for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Previously, he was a pitching coach in the Angels organization from 2002-05 and spent nine seasons as a manager (1998-2001) and pitching coach (1993-97) in the San Francisco organization. He pitched professionally for 17 seasons, appearing in the major leagues with Minnesota (1984), San Francisco (1987), San Diego (1987-88) and Seattle (1989-91). During his major league career he went 10-7 with a 4.06 ERA in 144 relief appearances. Herfurth begins his first season as a coach in the Rangers organization. He spent three years as the manager of professional scouting with the Colorado Rockies from 1999-2002. He has a storied past as a high school baseball coach, including leading nationally ranked St. Thomas Aquinas (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) and Chaminade High School (Hollywood, Fla.). He spent the last three years as head coach at North Broward Prep in Coconut Creek, Fla.