

## Gonzalez Replaces Girardi in Florida

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Fredi Gonzalez, the third base coach for the Atlanta Braves has replaced Joe Girardi as the new manager of the Florida Marlins. The move comes on the same day as Girardi's firing.

The Marlins signed Gonzalez to a three-year contract.

Gonzalez was the Marlins' third base coach from 1999 through 2001. Before joining the Marlins major league club, he managed in the minor leagues for nine years, earning league manager of the year honors from Baseball America three times: in 1993 when High Desert finished 82-52 in the regular season and won the Class-A California League championship; in 1994, when Brevard County went 78-61 in the Class-A Florida State League; and in 1997, when he guided Portland (ME) to a 79-63 record and first place in the AA Eastern League.

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