

LAKER BASEBALL

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Head Baseball Coach
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Rich Billings begins his third season as the Lakers Head Baseball Coach. This will be Billings' fifth season with Lake-Sumter Community College overall.

Billings came to LSCC, first as a player in 2001 after graduating from Leesburg High School. While at LSCC he played for former Head Coach and current Athletic Director, Mike Matulia. Billings was an All-Conference outfielder and is still the only player in the program's history to start every game in his two-year career at LSCC. He earned his Associates Degree from LSCC in 2003 and went on to play his final two seasons for Tony Skole at East Tennessee State University where he would complete his Bachelor's Degree in History in 2005. Billings remained at ETSU as a student assistant coach for a semester before returning to LSCC as a full time assistant coach in the spring of 2006. Billings went on to earn his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix in 2007. He was named LSCC's head coach in July of 2007, when he became one of the youngest college head coaches in the country at 24 years old.

In his two seasons as a head coach at LSCC, Billings has had eight players move on to the Division I level. Four of those eight players were from his first recruiting class as a head coach in 2008. He has also had one player drafted in the Major League Baseball Draft. He has coached five All-Conference performers and one All-State selection as well as the 2008 Florida Defensive Player of the Year. In addition to the success on the field, Billings has also had four Academic All-Americans. Three of them came from the 2009 Sophomore class in which the Lakers posted a 3.1 overall team GPA which ranked 15th nationally and 3rd in the state of Florida.

Billings has had other coaching experience with the Leesburg Lightning of the Florida Collegiate Summer League. In the summer of 2007 he served as an assistant coach for the Lightning team that went on to win the Florida Collegiate Summer League Championship in their inaugural season. Billings has also served as a volunteer coach for

several area youth all-star teams. He has also been an instructor for the Mike Matulia All-Star Baseball School for the past 10 years. He resides in Mt. Dora.



***Assistant Baseball Coach
Josh Holt***

In 2010, Josh Holt will enter his fourth season as an assistant coach at Lake-Sumter Community College and fifth overall as a college coach. He will also enter his third season as the recruiting coordinator and pitching coach for the Lakers.

Holt came to Lake-Sumter Community College from Florida Tech University where he served as an assistant baseball coach in the spring 2006. He graduated from Leesburg High School in 2001 and then furthered his baseball career at Flagler College. While at Flagler College, he was a four-year starter at first base. He graduated from Flagler College in December 2005 with a Secondary Education-Social Science degree. Holt went on to earn his Master's degree from the University of Phoenix in March 2007.

Holt also has head coaching experience by leading the Leesburg Lightning of the Florida Collegiate Summer League to the championship in its inaugural season in the summer of 2007 with a record of 23-12. In the summer 2006, Holt also won the FCSL Championship as an assistant coach with the Winter Park Diamond Dogs. During his two years as an assistant coach and head coach in the FCSL, Holt coached eight players that went on to play professional baseball.

In 2009, the LSCC pitching staff made tremendous improvement statistically. The pitching staff saw their team E.R.A. drop from 6.93 in 2008 to 5.29 in 2009. The pitching staff also improved in the walks department by having 94 fewer walks in 2009 from the previous year.

In his short time as a collegiate coach, Holt has coached nine All-Conference performers and two All-Americans. Holt has also seen three of his former players drafted in professional baseball. In 2008 and 2009, Holt saw thirteen LSCC baseball players move on to the four year level, including eight at the NCAA Division One Level.

Holt comes from a baseball family; his father Roger played in the New York Yankees and Texas Rangers organizations in the 1970's and his brother Jonathan is currently in the Cleveland Indians organization after being a 2007 5th round draft pick out of the University of Tampa. Holt is currently the Head Groundskeeper for the LSCC Athletic Complex and is an adjunct professor in the Student Development Department. He resides in Leesburg with his wife Lindsay.

***Assistant Baseball Coach
Ryan Peavey***

Ryan Peavey is back as a volunteer assistant baseball coach for the Lakers, taking a four year break to be the Head Coach at Leesburg High School '04-'08. Peavey will be assisting Head Coach Rich Billings with the outfielders and hitters. Peavey's playing experience includes 2 years under Bill Hamilton at PJC in 93-95'. He went to play at the University of Central Florida in 1996 and finished up his collegiate career at Georgia College and State in 1997. During his last year at Georgia College and State, Peavey was named to the All-Region and All-Conference teams. He lead the Colonials to the Regional playoffs where they were eventually defeated by Kennesaw State University. The Colonials finished the season rank #7 in the nation.

Peavey also spent 3 years playing Independent Professional Baseball in the Frontier League for the Richmond Roosters and Kalamazoo Kings.

Coach Peavey lives in Fruitland Park, Fl. with his wife, Jessie. The couple have three children, Gage(11), Ty(7), and Sora(2).