

# BASEBALL SPEAKERS 2021



## BARRY ROSE – ROCKWALL HS

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 PM**

*Lecture Title: Competitive Team Practice Ideas*

Barry Rose is the head baseball coach at Rockwall High School and has been coaching for 24 years (18 as a head coach) and has a career record of 371-217. Rose has led his teams to the playoffs for 11 consecutive years including 2 state final fours (2010, 2017), 4 regional finals, 6 regional semifinals, and 7 regional quarterfinals. Before coming to Rockwall, he was the head coach at Frisco Wakeland from 2009-2018 where he posted a 248-93 record in 9 years. Coach Rose also coached for DBAT in the summer from 2011-2020, and from 2008-2010 Rose coached the Coppell Copperheads in the Texas Collegiate League. Barry is a native of Coppell, TX, where he played 4 years under Coach Dave Curliss from 1989-1992. Following high school, Coach Rose played baseball at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, TX. After playing there he graduated from the University of North Texas ('97) in Denton. Coach Rose has been married to his beautiful wife Jessi for 21 years and has 2 sons, Barrett (19) who plays baseball at Northern Oklahoma College and Mac (16) who is a sophomore P/1B for Rockwall.



**Baseball Rules CCP w/ UIL 1:30 PM**



## Jeremiah Chapman – Performance Course (State Coordinator)

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM**

*Lecture Title: Agility and Speed Development for Baseball/Softball*

Jeremiah is the Vice President and State Coordinator. He is involved in overseeing all sites throughout the state. Jeremiah has worked as a Strength Coach for over a decade with experience at the high school, collegiate and professional level.

Jeremiah also directs and oversees all programming for Performance Course. Jeremiah has been a catalyst for the growth at Performance Course since arriving over 12 years ago.

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## **Eddie Cornblum – Midway HS**

**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

*Lecture Title - Building Your Program through the Fall*

Head Baseball Coach – Midway High School in Waco Texas

### **Playing Background**

1985-1988 Poway High School – San Diego California – Head Coach Rudy Casasto

1988-1989 Mt Carmel High School- San Diego California – Head Coach Sam Blalock

1989-1990 Cal Poly Pomona – Pomona California – Head Coach Jon Scolinos

1990-1991 Palomar Junior College – San Marcos California – Head Coach Bobby Vetter

1992-1994 University of Mary Hardin Baylor – Belton Texas – Head Coach Ben Shipp

### **Coaching Background**

1996-1999 Owned Homerun Alley – Indoor Baseball Facility / Select Baseball Coach

1998-2000 Assistant Coach – Temple College – Head Coach Craig McMurtry

2000-2003 Assistant Coach – Temple High School – Head Coach Larry Haynes

2003-2008 Assistant Coach – Belton High School – Head Coach David Tidwell

2008-2016 Head Coach – Belton High School

2016-Present Head Coach – Midway High School

### **THSBFA – Through the Association**

Regional Director for Region 1 and Region 2

All Star Committee

Assistant Baseball Coach – Team Texas in the Sun Belt – Norman Oklahoma 2 years- Head Coach Tom Collins

Head Baseball Coach – Team Texas in the Sun Belt – Norman Oklahoma 3 years

### **Extra**

Founder of Home Run for Health – Scott & White Children’s Hospital

### **Family**

Deena Cornblum – Wife – Assistant Superintendent – Waco ISD

Tarran Cornblum – 25 years old – Graduate of Ball St. Indiana

Couper Cornblum – 20 Years old – Wichita St. – Wichita Kansas

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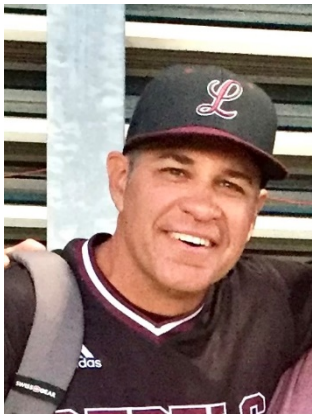


## Chris Litton – College Station

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

*Lecture Title - Developing a Pitching Staff*

Coach Chris Litton currently serves as the Head Baseball Coach for the College Station Cougars. In 2 seasons with the Cougars, the team finished as a Regional Semifinalist and lost half of the season of 2020 due to the pandemic. Prior to College Station, Coach Litton served as the Head Baseball Coach for the Livingston Lions for 3 seasons and the Bellville Brahmas for one season. Currently, Coach Litton is on staff with the Texas Baseball Ranch as a part-time instructor. His family consists of his wife Kalie and children Aubrey and Brice.



## Brian Roper – Retired Coach (Prev. @ Midland Lee in 2021)

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM

*Lecture Title - Creating an Efficient On-Field BP Routine*

Brian Roper is a veteran baseball coach with 26 years of head coaching experience in both Texas High School baseball as well as Texas Junior College baseball. He has amassed over 750 wins during his career while coaching at Ralls High School, Howard College, Blinn College, and Midland Lee High School. Roper is a Houston native and a graduate of Bellaire High School where he played for the late Ray Knoblauch. Roper attended Texas Tech University on a baseball scholarship where he was a three year starting catcher for the Red Raiders while playing for his mentor Larry Hays. He was drafted by and played for the Texas Rangers organization following his senior campaign. Roper has a unique perspective on coaching due to his experiences as a player, coach, and father at different levels of the game of baseball.



## Corey Cephus – Cypress Ranch

Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM

*Lecture Title – Baserunning*

- Entering 23<sup>rd</sup> year of coaching
- 2017- Present: Head Coach at Cypress Ranch (2018 NFHS/UII State Coach of the Year for Baseball)
- 2000-2016: Assistant at Langham Creek (2013 – THSBFA 5A Assistant Coach of The Year)
- 1999: GA at Lamar University

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- Coaches kickers and punters at Cypress Ranch
- Played baseball at Lamar University, multiple sports at Dobie HS
- Wife of 21 years: Cari; Daughter: Cayla 18 years old
- Enjoys music and sports
- Teaches Special Education In-Class-Support Integrated Physics & Chemistry
- Birth of daughter was greatest achievement.



## David Denny - Barbers Hill HS

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM

*Lecture Title* - BP and Practice Ideas to Make a Team Better

Denny is beginning his 32<sup>nd</sup> year in coaching. After coaching at The University of Houston and Stephen F. Austin State University, he spent 12 years at Kingwood H.S. For the last 11 years, he has been the head baseball coach at Barbers Hill H.S. In 22 years as a Head Coach, his teams have competed in 21 state playoffs, won eleven district titles and he has 510 wins. Denny's teams have played in five regional finals, made three trips to Round Rock, and won the State Championship in 2005 and 2021. In 2004,

Denny was awarded the Ray Knoblauch Award by the Houston Athletic Committee and, in 2005, was named the 5A Coach of the Year by the Texas Sportswriter's Association. In 2018 he coached the 5A-6A South Team in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All Star Game. He was an assistant for two State Cross Country Championship teams and presently teaches U.S. History at Barbers Hill.

As a player Denny was, All SWC and All American at the University of Texas where he helped the Longhorns win four SWC Championships and made four trips to Omaha, winning the National Championship in 1983. Drafted three times he played in the Philadelphia Phillies minor league system.

Also coaching at Barbers Hill and playing a big part in the Eagle's success are assistant coaches Darren Seymour, Chris Cauley, Josh Presnall and Noel Garcia.



## Lanny Williams – Cedar Park HS

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM

*Lecture Title: Creating an Offensive Identity for Hitters*

Coach Williams was a four-sport athlete for the Mineola High School Yellow jackets. He also played four years of baseball at the collegiate level - Paris Junior College and Henderson State University. He continued his baseball career as a twelfth-round

draft pick with the Texas Rangers in 1991 and played six years of professional baseball in the minors. Coach Williams began his coaching career in Brenham where he spent twenty-three years. He joined the Cedar Park staff two years ago and finished his 9th year as a head coach. He has compiled a 196-96-4 record. As a varsity coach he has been to the State Tournament five times and has won one State Championship. Coach Williams

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and his wife, Vickie have been married for 28 years. They have two grown daughters, Britney, and Jordyn and two grandsons Royce and Beau who all live in Belton. COACHING HONORS:

2003 THSBCA Assistant Coach of the Year

2003 Greater Houston Area All-Star South Coach

2007 American Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year

2013-2017 UIL Baseball Advisory Committee Member

2014 District 18-4A Coach of the Year

2014 HABCA All-Star Game Head Coach

2015 District 19-5A Coach of the Year

2017 District 19-5A Coach of the Year

2019-Present THSBCA Regional Director

2021 District 25-5A Coach of the Year



## **Justin Swenson – Stephenville HS**

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**

***Lecture Title - Practicing Under Pressure***

Justin Swenson is a 2005 graduate of Iowa Park High School. After high school, he attended Vernon Junior College for 2 years on a baseball scholarship before finishing up his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas Tech. In 2011 he accepted his first coaching and teaching job back in his hometown of Iowa Park. There he was an assistant baseball coach under his big brother and mentor, Michael Swenson through 2015. In four years, Iowa Park won three district titles, had a regional Semi-Finals appearance and a Regional Finals appearance. In 2015, Coach Swenson accepted the Head Baseball position at Stephenville High School and is still currently holding the same position. He coaches Freshman football and teaches Career and Technical Education at the High School.

Since his time in Stephenville, he has a 112-61 overall baseball record, one District Championship, two Regional Quarterfinals appearances and one State Semi-Finals appearance in Austin. Coach Swenson has been married to his wife, Karter, for eleven years and has three young boys. (Maddux, Myles and Macen) You can catch Maddux and Myles at any Yellow Jacket game where they serve as the bat-boys for their favorite baseball team.

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### **Chris Whatley – Hallsville HS**

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

*Lecture Title - Base Running: How it can Win or Lose You Games*

My name is Chris Whatley, I am in my 10th year at Hallsville High School where I have enjoyed coaching both baseball and football. I graduated from Garland High School in 2001 and played four years of college baseball. I played two years at Murray State College and finished my last two years at The University of Arkansas-Monticello. I am married to Kayla Whatley, who also attended UAM and is currently Hallsville's head softball coach. We have two daughters Kinsler (4) Kabryn (2). I come from a coaching family, my dad Terry Whatley coached at Katy, Mabank, and Garland High schools under Joe Martin. My brother Matt is currently the Head

Baseball coach at W.T. White High School.



### **Matt Whatley – WT White**

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

*Lecture Title - Base Running: How it can Win or Lose You Games*

Coach Whatley grew up in Garland, Tx. Matt's baseball playing background includes being a 4-year starter at Garland High School where he was a 3-time All-District Catcher with his Senior year being All Area, and All-State. Matt then went on to Texarkana Junior College where he played in the JUCO World Series, and then to Univ of Arkansas Monticello and in 2008 to

Stephen F Austin State University. Coach Whatley was a 4year assistant to Hall of Fame Coach David Shepherd, and for the past 7 years has been the Head Coach at W.T. White High School in Dallas, Tx. Coach Whatley and his beautiful wife Christine have 3 children, Wyatt (8), Walker (7), and Scout (4).

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### Clay Van Hook – Oklahoma

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM**

*Lecture Title: Competing One Pitch at a Time*

Van Hook creates the team's offensive game plan and works with the infielders, while also coaching third base on game days and assisting in coordinating the Sooners' recruiting efforts. Van Hook joined the Sooners in July 2017 after a six-year stint at Rice and is heading into year five at OU.

Van Hook played for head coach Skip Johnson at both Navarro College (2004) and Texas (2007). He transferred to UT from Navarro after his freshman season and spent three years at UT. As a sophomore in 2005, Van Hook earned All-Big 12 Second Team and was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in 2007.

From 2012-17, Van Hook was on the coaching staff at Rice under long-time head coach Wayne Graham. Hired as the volunteer assistant for the 2012 season, Van Hook was moved into a full-time role in 2013 as the Owls' hitting coach. He also held responsibilities as the team's recruiting coordinator, infielders' coach and coached third base on game days.

Van Hook and the Owls made the NCAA Tournament six times in his six-year tenure.

Before joining the staff at Rice, Van Hook served as an assistant coach at McNeese State for three seasons from 2009-11. Van Hook earned his degree at Texas in 2008 while serving as a student-coach. He and his wife Selina have a daughter Avery Michel (eight) and a son Briscoe (five).