



2005 WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

COUGAR COACHES



DONNIE MARBUT

Head Coach



DON "DONNIE" E. MARBUT

BORN: Feb. 18, 1974, Aberdeen, Wash.

HOMETOWN: Aberdeen, Wash.

HIGH SCHOOL: Aberdeen High School, 1992 - Earned All-Black Hills League honors three times...also earned all-league honors three times in football and once in basketball...set six school records in three sports.

COLLEGE: Edmonds Community College, 1995- Graduated with an associate of arts degree...played baseball from 1992-1995...named to the all NWAACC team twice as an infielder, 1994 and 1995...named team MVP in 1995.

Portland State University, 1997- Earned undergraduate degree in social sciences...Viking MVP and All-Pac-10 North infielder in 1996...in 1997 was a team captain, voted most inspirational by his teammates and was the president of Portland State's athletic advisory board.

St. Martins College, 1998- Earned his teaching certification.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Capital High, 1998- Head assistant coach for 3A State champs

Bellevue Community College, 1999 - Head assistant of Northern Division champs.

Edmonds Community College, 2000-03 - Returned to alma mater as the head coach, earning North Division Coach of the Year accolades in 2000, 2001 and 2003...NWAACC Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2003...guided 2003 squad to a league record, 43 wins...152-38 career record at Edmonds CC.

Washington State University, 2003-04 - Joined WSU staff of head coach Tim Mooney as an assistant coach for the 2004 season...Cougars finished 29-26, the team's first winning season since 1998 and only the second since 1994.

Washington State University, 2004-Present - WSU's Head Coach, taking over the program in May.

ORGANIZATIONS: Member of American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA).

WSU APPOINTMENT: August, 2003

WSU RESPONSIBILITIES: Appointed Head Baseball Coach May 31, 2004...named assistant coach August, 2003...works with infielders.

SPOUSE: Jennifer Marbut

CHILDREN: Avery Shay (1/12/03), Olivia Catherine (6/20/04)

Washington native Don "Donnie" Marbut will embark on his first year at the helm of the Cougar Baseball program in 2005 in just his second year at WSU. The two time NWAACC Coach-of-the-Year joined the team in the fall of 2003 to assist the infielders and took over head coaching responsibilities May 31, 2004.

He is just the fifth full-time coach to guide the Cougar diamond program since the 1920's and follows, among others, 32-year head coach Arthur "Buck" Bailey and Frederick Charles "Bobo" Brayton, who was at the helm for 33 years.

Marbut has high hopes for this year's Cougar squad after orchestrating solid recruiting classes for two years. This year he predicts more improvement as one of WSU's best recruiting classes in recent years joins the club. The group includes 12 freshmen, all outstanding players a year ago at Washington high schools. Also joining the team are seven transfers including four former prep standouts in Washington.

"We will build the foundation of this program around high school players from Washington, just like Bailey and



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Brayton did in the program's heyday," offers Marbut. Not only did all but one of this year's new players play prep ball in Washington, but 11 signees last fall for the 2006 season also are out of Washington high schools.

In his first season with the Cougars, Marbut helped guide the team to a 29-26 record, WSU's first winning campaign since 1998 and only its second since 1994. Marbut's defensive prowess was immediately felt, with the Cougars setting a school record in 2004 for fielding percentage (.972).

Marbut, a Washington native born and raised at Aberdeen, is no stranger to baseball in the Pacific Northwest. His background includes standout playing seasons at Aberdeen High School, Edmonds Community College and Portland State when the Vikings played in the old Pacific-10 Conference North Division.

His coaching pedigree includes Capital High in Olympia, two community colleges, Bellevue and Edmonds, and Washington State University as an assistant.

Marbut's coaching career began as an assistant coach at Capital High in Olympia, Wash., during the 1997-98 school year. In 1998 he was head assistant coach as the Cougars captured the State 3A championship.

Following his lone season at Capital High, Marbut was named head assistant coach at Bellevue Community college for the 1999 season. In his one season at BCC, the club captured a second straight NWAACC Northern Division title.

From Bellevue CC Marbut returned to Edmonds CC as head coach in 2000. While coaching at the school, he earned northern division coach-of-the-year accolades in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and in two of those seasons, 2002

and 2003, Marbut was awarded NWAACC Coach-of-the-Year honors.

During the 2003 season, his last at the school, he guided his team to a league record of 43 wins. Marbut completed his coaching career at Edmonds CC with a 152-38 record.

Growing up in Aberdeen Marbut earned all-league honors three times in baseball at Aberdeen High. He also earned all-league honors three times in football and once in basketball. When he graduated in 1992, Marbut had set a total of six school records in three sports.

In the fall of 1992, Marbut enrolled at Edmonds Community College. While competing for Edmonds CC, he was named to the All-NWAACC team twice as an infielder, 1994 and 1995. In 1995, he was also named the teams' most valuable player.

After receiving his associate of the arts degree from ECC in 1995, Marbut continued his education and career at Portland State University. During his first year with the Vikings, Marbut received All-Pac-10 North infielder honors in 1996. The same season he was named the Viking's most valuable player.

The next season, 1997, Marbut was selected as a team captain and was president of Portland State's athletic advisory board. The Viking athletic director at the time was Jim Sterk, now WSU's athletic director. Marbut also was named the team's most inspirational player by his teammates as a senior.

Marbut earned his undergraduate degree in social sciences from Portland State in 1997 and received his teaching certificate in 1998 from St. Martin's College.

Marbut and spouse, Jennifer have two daughters, Avery Shay (01/12/03) and Olivia Catherine (6/20/04).



Ryan Brust



Travis Jewett



Duggan Moran



TRAVIS JEWETT
Associate Coach

Travis Jewett is well qualified to serve as Washington State University's associate head coach and recruiting coordinator.

Joining the Cougar coaching staff in the summer of 2004, Jewett is a WSU graduate, a Washington native (Tacoma), knows the community college and high school programs as well as anyone, and brings an extensive coaching background to the Cougars and new head coach Don Marbut's staff.

The personable Jewett grew up in the Tacoma area, graduated from Stadium High School, played baseball at Lower Columbia College, and served in a variety of coaching roles at two Washington senior colleges and two community colleges, all before joining the staff of his alma mater.

Included in Jewett's resume are three seasons as an assistant coach for Steve Hertz at Gonzaga University and three seasons coaching at the University of Washington. He was the recruiting coordinator at both schools while also tutoring infielders and hitters.

At Washington he coached infielders and occupied the third base coaching box, 2001-04. He helped coach the Huskies in 2004 to a 39-20-1 overall record, and a second place finish in the Pac-10. In his three seasons at Washington, the Husky defense ranked among the league's best, finishing with fielding percentages of .974, .978 and .972.

Gonzaga's defense during his three years with the Bulldogs, 1999-2001, also was among the best in the West Coast Conference. His 2001 club posted a school record .966 fielding percentage while capturing their division of the WCC.

Jewett began his college coaching career in the Tacoma area in the early 1990's, coaching Tacoma Stags, an area select team, and two American Legion teams. His 1994 squad finished second at the 19-and-under American Legion World Series.

He spent three seasons at Tacoma Community College, first as an assistant coach in 1994, then two years as head coach during the 1995 and 1996 seasons.

The next year he took over the program at Edmonds Community College, guiding ECC during the 1997 and 1998 baseball seasons. During his 1998 season with the Tritons, Jewett was named both the NWAACC Coach of the Year and the National Junior College Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association after coaching Edmonds to both the Northern Division and NWAACC championships.

Jewett is a 1993 graduate of Washington State, where he earned a B.A. in social science. He played two seasons of baseball at Lower Columbia College in Longview, Wash., before transferring to WSU, but did not play baseball for the Cougars.

Jewett and his wife, Tracy have two sons, Tanner (7) and Tommy Mac (4).



RYAN BRUST
Assistant Coach

Ryan Brust is in his third season tutoring Washington State pitchers, having joined the Cougars in the fall of 2002.

The Cougar mound staff showed dramatic improvement after his first season with WSU and if this year's staff produces similar results, look for WSU pitchers to be among the Pacific-10 Conference leaders.

The pitchers Brust inherited in 2003 posted a 7.16 ERA, struck out 301 batters and walked 228. A major improvement from the previous year. A year later, in 2004, Brust's squad reduced their ERA to 5.43, jacked up their strikeouts to 394 and lowered their walks to just 167.

In addition, the Brust-coached pitchers showed an improvement of 2.14 runs allowed between the 2003 and the 2004 season.

Brust is no stranger to baseball on the West Coast, having spent five years at the University of Portland, two years at the community college level and four years as a pitcher at the University of Santa Clara.

The Nevada native grew up in Carson City, where he was twice an all-league shortstop. The 1989 Carson High graduate also earned all-league honors in basketball.

In 1989 as a senior he led Carson to the CABA World Series championship and at the conclusion of the series was named the most valuable player.

In the fall of 1989 Brust enrolled at Santa Clara, embarking on a four-year career as a pitcher. His first year with the Broncos Brust developed into the ace of the team's bullpen, working 44 innings in relief and striking out 44 batters. The next year he became a Bronco starter and for three seasons was a regular on the mound for Santa Clara in the West Coast Conference. The former WCC Pitcher of the Week finished his career ranked among the school leaders in starts and innings pitched.

After graduating from Santa Clara in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in business management, he attended Gonzaga, earning his master's degree in administration of physical education and athletics in 1995.

For two seasons, 1996 and 1997, Brust was the pitching coach for the Community Colleges of Spokane.

He then joined the staff of the Portland Pilots in 1998, spending five seasons with the WCC team.

In his second year Brust's staff became a force in the league and completed the last-to-first finish by posting a league-leading 5.13 ERA. In league play they were even better, finishing with a 4.17 ERA.

Life for Ryan and wife Heather revolves around their WSU positions and Maggie, their three-year old Yellow Labrador Retriever.



DUGGAN MORAN
Volunteer Assistant Coach

Duggan Moran, the latest addition to WSU's baseball staff, knows the Pacific-10 Conference, having played for two seasons at the University of Washington, followed by one year as a Husky coach.

The snowboarding enthusiast is a Colorado native, but has resided in the Pacific Northwest since enrolling at the Seattle school in 1999. He graduated in 2002.

A standout hitter and pitcher at Air Academy High in Colorado Springs, Moran graduated from high school in 1997 and then spent two years at Trinidad State Junior College. While a senior in high school he hit .524 and on the mound averaged 2.1 strikeouts per inning, earning him player-of-the-year honors by the *Colorado Gazette-Telegraph*.

A year later he was doing the same kind of damage at the plate for TSJC, earning all-region honors as a hitter and in the classroom. The junior college won regional titles in 1998 and 1999. Moran hit .421 with 25 doubles nine home runs and 55 runs-batted-in as a freshman. The following season, despite injuries, he hit .383.

Moran also spent three years coaching hitters for the Shocker Baseball Club in Everett, 2002-04. The team won three straight Connie Mack State Championships while he was a member of the coaching staff.

Prior to joining the WSU staff in the fall of 2004, Moran helped coach hitters and outfielders at Bellevue Community College during the 2003 and 2004 spring seasons.

Moran was drafted as a left-handed pitcher by the Chillicothe Paints of the independent Frontier League in 2003, the fourth pick of the first round.

In addition to helping coach hitters and outfielders, Moran is director of the WSU baseball camps and coaching clinics and of the Cougar baseball golf tournaments.