



# WASHINGTON STATE

## 2008 Cougar Staff





# DONNIE MARBUT

Head Coach  
Fourth Season

## 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 Most Offensive Player in 1996...in 1997 was a team captain and the president of Portland State's athletic advisory board.

**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 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, 2004...the 14th head baseball coach in 109 years of the program, which was established in 1892 as the school's first sport...team posted 21-37 record in his first season...Cougars recorded back-to-back winning seasons (2006-07) for the first time since 1993-94.

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

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

**SPOUSE:** Jennifer Marbut

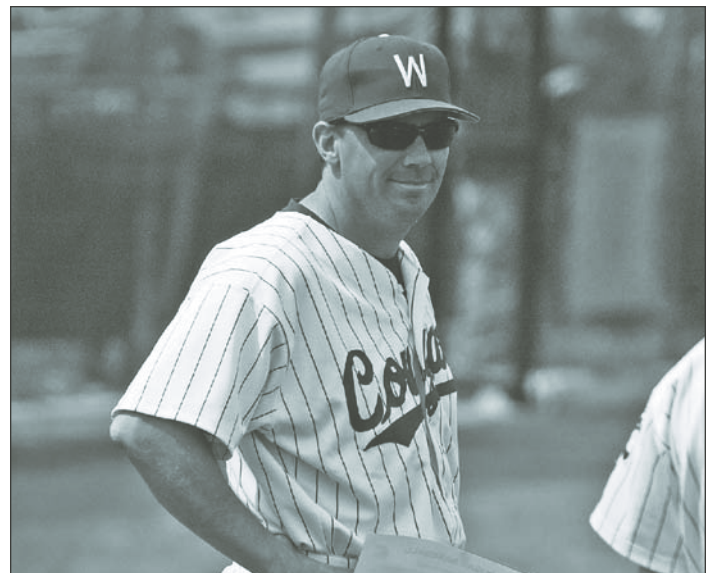
**CHILDREN:** Avery Shay (1/12/03), Olivia Catherine (6/20/04)

Washington native Don Marbut is in his fourth year at the helm of the Cougar Baseball program and fifth overall at Washington State University. The two-time Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (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 1920s and follows, among others, 32-year head coach Arthur "Buck" Bailey and Frederick Charles "Bobo" Brayton, who was at the helm for 33 years.

WSU's baseball field is named after both Bailey and Brayton and was the only college field to feature FieldTurf throughout the playing surface when it was installed prior to the 2004 season.

Marbut has won 85 games as Washington State's head coach, the most by a Cougar mentor during his first three seasons on the Palouse. In 2008, WSU will attempt to post a third-straight winning season, something the Cougars have not done since 1994 when a 35-26 mark capped a run of 37 consecutive campaigns above .500.





The Cougars will have momentum heading into 2008 having won their final three Pacific-10 Conference series in 2007, including victories over national champion Oregon State and UCLA, a NCAA Super Regional participant last season. Overall, WSU won four conference series, the most by a Cougar team since the Pac-10 reunified in 1999.

The Cougar team GPA of 2.91 in fall 2007 was the best semester GPA in school history.

In 2006 WSU's 15-win improvement over 2005 tied for the greatest single-season jump in school history while the nine-win increase in conference play established a record. The season also produced three conference series victories for the first time since the Pacific-10 Conference went to a full round-robin format in 1999, and saw WSU win conference series against Stanford and USC for the first time since the 1969 season, snapping a 23-game skid against Stanford in the process.

Additional highlights included three tournament titles, the most hits (649) and lowest ERA (4.87) since the 1991 season, and a national ranking (No. 28 by Collegiate Baseball) for the first time since the 1994 season. The 2006 recruiting class was ranked No. 25 nationally.

In 2005 Marbut began the rebuilding process at Washington State. After losing seven starters from the 2004 squad, the 2005 roster was comprised of 19 freshmen or first-year players. The youthful Cougars posted a 21-37 record, with 16 games being decided by two or fewer runs.

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).

A Washington native born and reared in Aberdeen, Marbut 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 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 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 named NWAACC Coach of the Year.

During the 2003 season, 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-leagues 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.

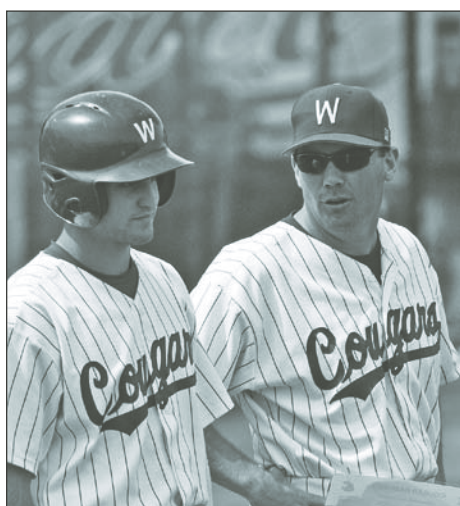
In the fall of 1992, Marbut enrolled in Edmonds Community College. While competing for Edmonds CC, he was named to the All-NWAACC team twice as an infielder, 1994 and 1995. In 1995, he was also named the team's most valuable player.

After receiving his associate of the arts degree from ECC in 1995, Marbut continued his education and career at Portland State. During his first year with the Vikings, Marbut was named the team's most offensive 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 earned his undergraduate degree in social sciences from Portland State in 1997.

Marbut and wife Jennifer have two daughters, Avery Shay (1/12/03) and Olivia Catherine (6/20/04).







## TRAVIS JEWETT

Associate Coach  
Fourth Season

Travis Jewett is in his fourth season serving as Washington State University's associate head coach and recruiting coordinator after joining the Cougar staff in the summer of 2004.

A WSU graduate, Jewett is 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 head coach Don Marbut's staff.

In 2007, under Jewett's guidance, six Cougar regulars batted .300 or better and five hitters were named Pacific-10 Conference honorable mention.

In 2006, Jewett sparked a turnaround in the Cougar hitting fortunes as the offense had a breakout season. Under his leadership, Cougar hitters connected for 649 hits, the most since the 1991 season. WSU also batted .310, the highest team batting average since 1991 (.320). Jay Miller became WSU's all-time leader with 307 career hits. Additionally, freshman Jared Prince, who was recruited primarily as a pitcher out of high school, led the Pacific-10 Conference in hitting with a .401 average. Both players earned All-America status in 2006, the first All-Americans Jewett coached at WSU.

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 (1998-2001) and three seasons coaching at the University of Washington (2002-04), prior to arriving at WSU.

At Washington, Jewett coached infielders and occupied the third base coaching box. In 2004 he helped guide the Huskies 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 also was among the best in the West Coast Conference. His 2001 club posted a school-record .966 fielding percentage while capturing its division of the WCC.

Jewett began his coaching career in the Tacoma area in the early 1990s, coaching the Tacoma Stags, an area select team, and two American Legion teams.

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 (10) and Tommy Mac (7).





## GREGG SWENSON

Assistant Coach  
Third Season

Gregg Swenson begins his third season on the Washington State bench, working with the Cougar pitching staff.

In his first season Swenson inherited a staff that allowed a Pacific-10 Conference-high 6.17 ERA in 2005. One year later and with a pitching staff consisting of 15 underclassmen or first-year players, the Cougars set a school record with 404 strikeouts and posted a staff ERA of 4.87, the lowest by a WSU staff since the 1991 season. Additionally, Cougar relievers set a school record with 17 saves and finished in the conference top five in ERA, wins, saves, innings pitched and fewest walks allowed.

In 2006, Swenson mentored Cougar pitchers Mike Wagner and Travis Webb, both of whom are now pitching professionally. Before Swenson's arrival Webb was 0-5 record with a 9.08 ERA in 2005. After one season under Swenson's guidance, Webb went 4-0 with a 2.17 ERA with an opponent batting average of .214. His eight saves in 2006 tied for the second-most in school history. Wagner, meanwhile, led WSU in innings pitched and was an 18th round selection of the Texas Rangers.

During the 2007 campaign, Swenson mentored Wayne Daman, Jr. to a team-leading 3.28 earned run average and Ross Humes to a school-record 12 saves. Daman, Jr. signed a free agent contract with the St. Louis Cardinals after his senior season.

Swenson joined head coach Donnie Marbut's staff in June, 2004, after spending the previous four years as an assistant coach at arch-rival Washington.

While at Washington, Swenson worked as the director of Washington Baseball camps, while overseeing the outfielders and serving as first base coach. During his tenure with the Huskies, Swenson helped produce 10 All-Pac-10 players, including standout Brent Lillibridge, and saw several of his players drafted by major league teams.

Prior to his tenure at Washington, Swenson served as the head coach at Tacoma Community College, where he also played two seasons from 1990 to 1991. Swenson spent five seasons as the Titans skipper after joining the staff as a pitching coach in 1996. He was named the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Western Division Coach of the Year in both 1997 and 2000.

Swenson is familiar with the Cougar coaching staff, having coached with current Cougar Associate Coach Travis Jewett at both Washington and Tacoma Community College.

Swenson began his coaching career as the pitching coach at Sehome High School in Bellingham in 1992. As an assistant under coach Gary Hatch, Swenson helped the 1992 Sehome club to a second place finish in the State playoffs while both the 1993 and 1995 teams earned fifth-place finishes.

While in Bellingham, Swenson coached the 1993 Bellingham Post 7 American Legion team to a second place finish in the State American Legion tournament and also guided the 1994 British Columbia White Rock Tritons to the Washington Palomino Baseball State championship.

Swenson earned a degree in physical education/exercise science and physiology/sports psychology from Western Washington University in 1994. In 1997, he completed his masters degree in teaching from City University.

Swenson and his wife Diane are the parents of daughter, Megan (7/16/03), and son, Jacob (5/23/05).







Gabe Boruff enters his first season as the Washington State Baseball Volunteer Coach. A native of Ephrata, Wash., Boruff lettered two years in football and three years in baseball at Ephrata High School. He was an all-league catcher during his junior (1997) and senior (1998) seasons and was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 35th round of the 1998 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. He attended Lewis-Clark State and was part of the Warriors' NAIA national championship teams in 1999 and 2000. A Wenatchee Valley College assistant coach for the last three seasons, Boruff served as the head coach for the Babe Ruth Columbia Basin River Dogs (2004-05) and the West Coast Collegiate League Moses Lake Pirates (2006-07). He led the River Dogs to a third place finish at the 2005 Babe Ruth World Series and was named WCCBL Coach of the Year this past summer after guiding the Pirates to a league title



Zach Borba joins the Cougar coaching staff after competing his playing career last season in a Cougar uniform. The Reno, Nev., native started 40 games, batted .305, collected 23 RBI, and stole a team-leading 15 bases for Washington State in 2007. Borba spent his junior season at UNLV where he hit .324 with 25 RBI and 14 stolen bases. He was named the co-MVP of the West Coast Collegiate Baseball League All-Star Game in the summer of 2006. Borba's also spent two seasons at Columbia Basin Community College where he was named NWAACC first team and gold glove winner as a sophomore.

# SUPPORT STAFF



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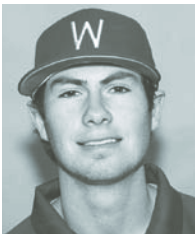
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