



# 2009 BASEBALL

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### The University

Location . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa. 19131  
 Founded . . . . . 1851  
 Enrollment . . . . . 4,515  
 Denomination . . . . . Roman Catholic (Jesuit)  
 Nickname . . . . . Hawks  
 Colors . . . . . Crimson and Gray  
 Athletic Affiliation . . . . . NCAA Division I  
 Conference . . . . . Atlantic 10  
 Home Fields (Capacity) . . . . . Latshaw-McCarthy Field (600)  
 . . . . . Campbell's Field (6,425)

### The Team

Head Coach . . . . . Fritz Hamburg (Ithaca '89)  
 Baseball Office . . . . . 610-660-1718  
 Career Record/Years . . . . . First season  
 Record at SJU/Years . . . . . First season  
 Assistant Coaches . . . . . Jacob Gill (Stanford '00) – First season  
 . . . . . Greg Manco (Rutgers '92) – Fifth season  
 Captains . . . . . Mike Blahusch, Ben Wendle  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost . . . . . 26/13  
 Position Starters Returning/Lost . . . . . 7/2  
 Pitching Starters Returning/Lost . . . . . 2/2  
 2008 Overall Record . . . . . 18-34  
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## 2009 OUTLOOK

A new era in Saint Joseph's baseball history is underway as first-year head coach Fritz Hamburg prepares the Hawks for the 2009 season. The coach has ambitious expectations for his first season in the Crimson and Gray as SJU will look to qualify for the Atlantic 10 Championship for the first time.

"I told the guys the first day," Hamburg said, "that's our goal this year, to get into that tournament. That's what we're working towards."

It's not just the players that are putting in the work, either. Hamburg is joined on the coaching staff by fellow newcomer Jacob Gill as well as Greg Manco, who is in his fifth season at Saint Joseph's.

"We've been spending quite a bit of time together, getting on the same page," says the new Hawk field general of his staff. "We're all excited for the opportunity."

The Hawks bring back a talented nucleus from a team that won 18 games in 2008, the most since the 2001 team won 23. And with just five players departing after the coming season, that nucleus can continue to grow and build for the future.

"They're a talented group that is hopefully going to learn how to win here consistently," Hamburg said of his charges. "I think this group is excited to face challenges and achieve some success."

A prime example of the returning core is the Hawk infield. All four of SJU's expected starters in the infield – Brian Hartsell and Mike Boyland on the corners and David Valesente and Joe Cook up the middle – were starters last season and made significant contributions with both bat and glove.

Hartsell, a junior, enjoyed a breakout season in 2008, taking over at first base in March and never looking back. In 40 games, he hit .331, mostly out of the second spot in the order. He was also a sure-handed fielder; in 318 chances, he made just three errors.

Holding down the opposite corner will be Boyland, a switch-hitting third baseman. The junior hit at a .289 clip, making 30 starts at the hot corner. He smacked a pair of home runs last season and registered a .413 slugging percentage.

After moving from third to second as a sophomore, Valesente will once again man second base for the Hawks in his junior season. He led the squad with 39 runs batted in and 14 doubles last year and ranked second in hits, home runs, and total bases. He also improved his defense, racking up a .952 fielding percentage in 228 chances.

Rounding out the infield is redshirt sophomore shortstop Joe Cook. After suffering a season-ending injury early in the 2007 season, Cook came back last year to be one of the team's leaders in hits, runs scored, and RBI.

Co-captain Mike Blahusch will also see a good deal of playing time in the infield and possibly even as a designated hitter. The redshirt senior played in just eight games last season due to a hand injury.

"Mike had a very good fall for us; I like his energy," Hamburg said. "He's versatile and can fill in nicely at second, short, or third, and even in the

DH role. I think he's a guy that's going to find himself in the lineup quite a bit."

Freshman first baseman Kevin Taylor will also be in the mix, along with redshirt senior Chris Hildreth, redshirt junior Mike Gers, and junior Dewey Oriente. Hildreth will be called on to help out on the mound as well as in the infield, while Oriente has established himself as a solid defender (one error in 187 chances in 2008) with some power from the left side of the plate.

After the graduation of standout center fielder Jeremy Jakubowski, the Hawks will have a big hole to fill in the outfield. Stepping in to that hole will be redshirt sophomore Mike Coleman. Coleman earned Atlantic 10 All-Rookie honors last year after becoming a mainstay at the top of the Hawk lineup early in the spring and hitting .333 with 31 runs scored and 13 stolen bases. Coleman was used predominantly as a DH last season, but should make the move to center full-time in 2009.

The coach also foresees freshman Brett Tiagwad seeing some time in center field as well.

"Brett is going to get some work in there, perhaps earlier, against left-handed pitching," he said. "He possesses the best foot speed on the team and as a freshman we want to try to get him some work." Hawk fans may even see both on the field at the same time, making Saint Joseph's a very dangerous team on the basepaths.

The competition is fierce for the starting job in left field, and the top two candidates are redshirt sophomore Ryan McDonald and junior Matt Barnathan. McDonald played in just 26 games due to nagging injuries but still hit .391 with a pair of home runs, 17 runs scored, and 14 RBI. Barnathan was second on the team in walks and hit .271 with 18 runs batted in. Redshirt sophomore



**Senior Ben Wendle will look to return to his form from 2007 when he was named Second Team All-Atlantic 10 as a sophomore.**

Mike Plakis could also see some time. Plakis made one plate appearance last season, drawing a walk, before he suffered a season-ending injury.

"McDonald and Barnathan are certainly vying for playing time out there," Hamburg remarked. "Ryan had a good season last year, a competitive season where he hit for average. Matt has always had a good on-base percentage and does a good job getting quality at bats. I think we have some options out there."

The Hawks are set in right field, as senior co-captain Ben Wendle will be the starter. Wendle struggled with a .224 average in 2008 but was still among the team leaders in runs scored, doubles, home runs, and RBI. In 2007, he was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second Team and will look to regain that form for his final season on Hawk Hill.

"Ben is a terrific leader and a terrific young man," his new coach said. "He's going to have an opportunity to make a significant contribution."

Wendle, a two-time Dorie Leahy Award winner for his dedication to the team, will also be called on to pitch in, quite literally, in other areas, as the senior is expected to see some innings on the mound in 2009.

Speaking of the Hawk pitching staff, junior Randy Mower and sophomore Dominic Favazza have secured their spots at the top of the rotation. Mower was Saint Joseph's Most Valuable Player and Pitcher of the Year last season, posting a 7-5 record with a 4.45 earned run average in a team-high 85.0 innings. He tied a school record by making 16 starts and had a pair of complete games, including a 3-0 shutout of Temple on March 29 that earned him Atlantic 10, Big 5, and ECAC Pitcher of the Week honors. He was also named to the All-Big 5 team at the end of the season.

Favazza made 13 appearances in 2008, 10 of them starts, and was third on the squad with 58.1 innings pitched. He earned his lone victory of the season as Saint Joseph's no-hit Saint Peter's, 11-0, on March 16.

After the top two, however, the Hawks have some questions. Hamburg hopes to find the answers early in the season.

"Early on, we're looking at Chris Prescott as a starter," revealed Hamburg. "I think, with A.J. Holland as well, those four guys have emerged as the guys we're looking at to start. In what order, we're not sure yet."

Prescott, a senior, worked out of the bullpen in the closer's role last year and notched a 1-1 record with four saves and a 3.65 ERA while tying for the team lead in appearances with 18.

Holland, a freshman righthander from Margate, N.J., was named First Team All-Cape Atlantic National League as a senior at Holy Spirit. He twice led the team in ERA and strikeouts and also participated in the high school Carpenter Cup competition.

A solid bullpen goes a long way towards securing a team's success, and the Hawks will rely on theirs to improve upon its 2008 numbers.

# 2009 OUTLOOK



Junior southpaw Randy Mower will front the SJU starting rotation in 2009. He is within striking distance of the school records for career starts and victories.

"I think we have a lot of question marks after [the starting rotation]," Hamburg said. "The biggest thing that we have to do as a collective group is throw more strikes. Looking at the numbers from last year, controlling the running game and defending against the stolen base was not a strength, and that's something that we have to do a good job with to keep ourselves in the game."

One specific question mark is the closer's role that Prescott will vacate. Hamburg hopes that someone will settle into a comfort zone at the back end of the bullpen, but if not, the Hawks will still be able to close out games.

"Early on, it's going to be more of a matchup situation," the coach shared. "My goal for these guys is to put them in positions where they can experience success. From that, hopefully we have our questions answered going into conference play."

The Hawks might even have an experienced fall-back option for the ninth inning.

"In conference play, we only have three games in a weekend," Hamburg said. "So if A.J. Holland or another guy jumps up and starts answering some questions, there's always the possibility that Chris Prescott could go back to the closing role."

Junior lefties Doug DiSandro and Quentin Farr will be key cogs in the bullpen for SJU this season. Each appeared in 15 games in 2008, with DiSandro throwing 19.0 innings to Farr's 18.0. DiSandro was 0-2 with a save and a 4.26 ERA, while Farr had no decisions and a 4.50 ERA. He also struck out 17 batters against just 10 walks.

"Doug and Quentin are going to play key roles," Hamburg confirmed. "Out of the bullpen, perhaps mid-week starts...I think we have options. We just have to put our finger on it once we get going."

Some of those options will include freshman pitcher/outfielders Dan DiOrto and Ryan Kemp, as well as senior Justin Trudell. Juniors Pat Monaghan and Adam Rivera have both started games and made appearances out of the bullpen over their first two years on campus, and their versatility could be an asset for the Hawks. Sophomores Ryan Cuccinelli and Bryan Penalo and freshman Bryce Martel will also look to continue to improve their skills under the guidance of the new coaching staff.

Also working with the pitching staff will be catchers Phil Pursino, Drew Smith, and Evan Spano. Pursino, a redshirt junior, has the early advantage. Last season he hit .314 despite just playing in 16 games due to injury.

"I think Phil has put himself in a good position with the way he handles the pitching and his leadership role behind the plate, which is really important to me," said Hamburg, himself a former All-American as a catcher.

Providing some pop from the left side is junior Drew Smith. One of the offensive leaders in 2007, Smith had just five doubles and 11 runs batted in for the 2008 season but looks to get back to the form he showed as a freshman. Another redshirt junior, Evan Spano, has hit well when given the opportunity and will also find himself in the mix for playing time behind the plate.

As in the past, Saint Joseph's will play a good mix of non-conference opponents before embarking on what will be a more challenging Atlantic 10 schedule than the Hawks faced last year. SJU will open the season at San Jose State and travel to Old Dominion a week later. Once again the Hawks will play in Florida, facing teams such as NYIT, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Penn State, Pittsburgh and Miami (Fla.) during the Palm Beach Challenge. Local home-and-homes with annual opponents such as Delaware, NJIT, and Villanova and the yearly Liberty Bell Classic round out the non-conference schedule.

Despite inheriting this season's schedule from the previous coaching staff, Hamburg sees some positives in the out-of-conference slate.

"I like the schedule," he said. "I like our early-season tests. I think we have a good schedule in Florida where we have some tough ballgames and

hopefully some games we should be right in. I think we're certainly going to be tested early."

In conference play, SJU will take five road trips, traveling across town to face La Salle before heading to Fordham, Massachusetts, Xavier and Charlotte. Charlotte is the defending Atlantic 10 champion, having defeated Xavier in the 2008 conference championship game.

In their four home series, the Hawks will host St. Bonaventure, archrival Temple and Rhode Island before closing out the season with a series against George Washington.

"I think our conference schedule this year is certainly more challenging, from the top end, than last year's," Hamburg admitted. "The late-season trips to Xavier and Charlotte, and Rhode Island as well, those three teams are very good, so we need to win early. We need to get out of the gate competitively and put ourselves in a position to compete to get into the A-10 Tournament."

The season-ending series against George Washington will be held at Campbell's Field in Camden, N.J. It is the second time in as many seasons that the Hawks and Colonials will face off in a professional stadium; last March the teams played the first game ever held at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.

"Any time you play in a pro park it's an exciting experience for the guys," Hamburg said. "With the Atlantic 10 Tournament being there last year and being there again next year, it's nice to get on a field where we hope to be playing at the end of the year."

All told, this year's squad is ready for the challenge that lies ahead. The players and the coaching staff have had a productive offseason, spending time both getting to know each other and preparing for 2009.

"This team has been together for awhile, and there are guys that have played quite a few innings," Hamburg said. "The guys have been taught well and we're just adding to it, and I think we can put them in the right positions to be successful. Overall, I like their work ethic, and hopefully that plays over into winning some ballgames."

If Hamburg, his staff, and his players can do just that, 2009 could mark an exciting rebirth for baseball on Hawk Hill.

## Milestone Watch

Five Saint Joseph's baseball players are approaching career milestones in 2009.

Player	Needs	To Become
Mike Blahusch	2 HBP	SJU's all-time leader
Mike Blahusch	10 hits	100 Hit Club member
Randy Mower	10 wins	SJU's all-time leader
Randy Mower	16 starts	SJU's all-time leader
Chris Prescott	7 saves	SJU's all-time leader
David Valesente	5 hits	100 Hit Club member
Ben Wendle	11 HBP	SJU's all-time leader



# HEAD COACH



## Fritz Hamburg Ithaca '89 First Season

Saint Joseph's welcomed new head baseball coach **Fritz Hamburg** to Hawk Hill in August of 2008. Hamburg dons the Crimson and Gray after spending the last eight years at the United States Military Academy, first as an assistant coach and later as the associate head coach. Over the course of his extensive coaching career Hamburg has established a reputation as one of the nation's finest tutors of young pitchers and catchers and will look to bring his track record of success to his first head coaching job.

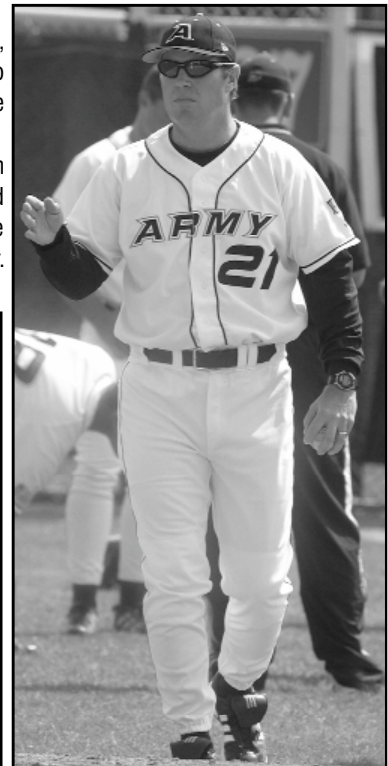
Hamburg was named the 2007 *Baseball America*/American Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year while with Army. During his tenure there, he worked with the Black Knight pitching staff, leading them to new heights in the national statistical rankings. From 2004-06, the Army pitchers improved from 12th to eighth to seventh in the country in earned run average. During that three-year stretch, Army was the only program in Division I to rank in the top 12 in ERA every season. Over the four-year span between 2004 and 2007, the Black Knight pitching staff recorded 22 shutouts and its members received 13 All-Patriot League awards.

Hamburg guided Nick Hill to Patriot League Pitcher of the Year honors in 2004, 2005, and 2007. Hill became the first player in league history to earn the honor outright three times and was also the first Black Knight to receive All-America honors in back-to-back seasons. Hill and fellow pitcher Milan Dinga were drafted in the seventh and 10th rounds, respectively, of the 2007 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft; they were the first Army players ever selected in the first 10 rounds of the draft.

An All-American backstop himself, Hamburg also assisted with the Army catchers during his tenure there. One of his charges, Schuyler Williamson, was named 2004 Patriot League Player of the Year and was selected in the 2005 MLB Draft. In addition to Williamson, Hill and Dinga, eight other Black Knights were drafted during Hamburg's time at West Point, while a grand total of six players received All-American accolades.

Prior to his stint at the Military Academy, Hamburg served as an assistant coach at Cornell, New Mexico State, Cal-Poly Pomona, Georgia and his alma mater, Ithaca College. He has also served as a summer league head coach in both the Northeast Collegiate Baseball League and the Valley Baseball League.

A native of Doylestown, Pa., Hamburg began his collegiate playing career at Virginia Tech before transferring to Ithaca. It was there that he earned All-America honors in 1988 and helped lead the Bombers to a Division III national championship the following season. The 1989 graduate then spent a year in the Philadelphia Phillies organization before embarking on his coaching career.



Fritz Hamburg comes to Hawk Hill after spending the last eight seasons as an assistant coach at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

### ALL-TIME SJU COACHING RECORDS\*

Coach (seasons)	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
Vince Mallon (2)	1946-47	6-17-0	.261
Pep Young (8)	1948-55	48-69-1	.411
Jack Ramsay (3)	1956-58	19-33-0	.365
Al Brancato (6)	1959-64	38-68-3	.362
Harry Booth (10)**	1965-74	140-80-5	.633
Barry Kirsch (5)	1975-79	74-68-1	.521
George Bennett (5)	1980-84	82-67-3	.549
Mike Creciun (2)	1985-86	18-50-1	.268
Chris Loschiavo (10)	1987-96	184-264-5	.412
Jim Ertel (8)	1997-04	142-265-5	.351
Shawn Pender (3)	2005-07	41-116-0	.261
Lee Saverio (1)	2008	18-34-0	.346
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63 seasons</b>	<b>810-1,131-24</b>	<b>.418</b>

\* - Since World War II, Saint Joseph's did not field a baseball team from 1931-1945. Records from 1910-1930 are incomplete. The information that is available can be found on page 29 of this guide.

\*\* -Harry Booth and Marty Pollock were co-head coaches in 1970 and 1971. See page 29 for more information.



# HEAD COACH



**Above:** Hamburg was named the 2007 *Baseball America*/American Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year. Here he is with John Manuel of *Baseball America* at the 2008 ABCA awards ceremony.

**Right:** Hamburg worked with the pitching staff at Army and also lent his experience to the catchers. During his playing career, he was an All-American backstop at Ithaca College.

## Under Hamburg's Watch...

Fritz Hamburg helped several players earn numerous awards and accolades during his time at Army. Below is a list of some of those players.

**Nick Hill** – Three-time Patriot League Pitcher of the Year (2004, 2005, 2007)

2007 MLB Draft – 7th round pick (Seattle)

**Milan Dinga** – Third Team All-American (2006)

2007 MLB Draft – 10th round pick (L.A. Angels)

**Schuyler Williamson** – Patriot League Player of the Year (2004)

2005 MLB Draft – 26th round pick (Detroit)

## The Hamburg File

**Born:** Charles Hamburg on March 11, 1966

**Hometown:** Doylestown, Pa.

**Education:** Ithaca College '89

**Coaching Experience:** 2001-08, Army (Assistant)  
1997-2000, Ithaca (Assistant)  
1996, Georgia (Assistant)  
1995, Cal-Poly Pomona (Asst.)  
1995, New Mexico State (Asst.)  
1992-94, Cornell (Assistant)

**Family:** Wife, Annemarie; daughters Charley (7) and Brenna (16)





# ASSISTANT COACHES



**Jacob Gill**  
**Stanford '00**  
**First Season**

**Jacob Gill** joins Fritz Hamburg's initial coaching staff as an assistant coach for the 2009 season. Gill's primary responsibilities will include recruiting and camp coordination as well as working with the hitters and infielders.

Gill comes to Saint Joseph's after three years at the University of

Evansville, the final two of which he served as the recruiting coordinator. In his first year in that capacity, Gill helped the Aces land a recruiting class that ranked fourth in the Upper Midwest by Baseball America. On the field, Gill assisted with hitting instruction and spent one season each working with the infielders, outfielders, and catchers. In his first season at Evansville, the team finished 12th in the nation in fielding percentage. In that same season, Evansville won its first-ever Missouri Valley Conference regular season and tournament championships, finishing the year ranked 19th in the country by Baseball America.

Prior to his stint at UE, Gill served as an associate scout for the Kansas City Royals in 2005. While with the Royals, Gill identified potential professional prospects in and around the Chicago area, and reported player information and evaluations to the Royals' area supervisor.

Gill got his start in professional baseball as a Baseball Operations intern with the Cleveland Indians during the 2003 season. He performed financial and statistical research for the Indians' baseball operations staff while assisting the Scouting Department in preparation for the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

At the college level, Gill served as a student manager at Stanford University from 1996 through 2000. While at Stanford, Gill was a part of a Cardinal program that won four Pac-10 championships and made three College World Series appearances. He served as Stanford's bullpen catcher, working with seven future Major League pitchers. Gill graduated from Stanford in 2000 with a B.A. in economics.

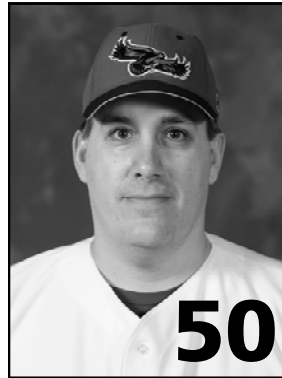


**Jon Dijamco**  
**Saint Joseph's '09**  
**Second Season**

**Jon Dijamco** will return for his second season as a volunteer student assistant coach in 2009.

Dijamco appeared in 12 games for the Hawks in 2006, recording a hit, a walk, and a stolen base. He spent the 2007 season as the team's student manager before serving in his current role last season.

A senior business major at Saint Joseph's, Dijamco is a 2005 graduate of St. Augustine Prep. He was named team captain and was chosen for the All-Cape League First Team as a senior.



**Greg Manco**  
**Rutgers '92**  
**Fifth Season**

Returning for his fifth season on the Saint Joseph's staff in 2009 is **Greg Manco**. A 1992 graduate of Rutgers University, Manco spent the previous six seasons as an assistant coach at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. He will work with the Hawk outfielders in addition

to assisting with recruiting efforts.

While at USP, Manco worked closely with the pitching staff and also managed many of the program's day-to-day administrative duties, including recruiting, scheduling and fundraising. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Bill Giles Division II Invitational Tournament hosted by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Manco pitched for the varsity baseball squad at Rutgers in 1991 after playing two seasons on the JV team. In addition to his undergraduate work at Rutgers, he also has a master's degree and a doctorate from the University in statistics. He has written several op-ed pieces for local newspapers on public policy and politics and has been published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Philadelphia Daily News*, and the *Camden Courier Post*.

A full-time professor in the Saint Joseph's University department of Mathematics and Computer Science, he currently resides in Marlton, N.J.





# HOME OF THE HAWKS

## ELMWOOD PARK

### Latshaw-McCarthy Field

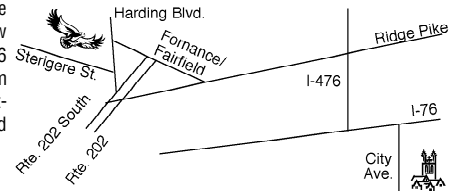


#### DIRECTIONS TO ELMWOOD PARK

**From the North, East or West:** Take Exit 25 off the Pennsylvania Turnpike to I-476 South. Get off at the first exit, Norristown and turn right on Ridge Pike. Follow Ridge to Fairfield Street (first turn after Armen Cadillac) and turn right. Shortly, Fairfield becomes Fornance. Stay on Fornance until it ends at Harding Boulevard. Turn left on Harding. The field is on the right.

**From the South:** Take I-476 North to the Norristown exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and right at the first light, Ridge Pike. Follow the above directions from Ridge.

**From Saint Joseph's University:** Take City Avenue North to I-76 West. Follow the above directions after getting on I-476 North. The field is also accessible from U.S. Route 202 in Norristown. It is located at the corner of Harding Blvd. and Stergiere St.



For the 20th consecutive season, the home of Saint Joseph's University baseball is Elmwood Park's Latshaw-McCarthy Field in Norristown, Pa. Originally laid out in 1938, the field was rebuilt before the Hawks moved in for the 1990 season. The park's dimensions measure 328 feet to the foul poles and 393 feet to center field.

It is named to recognize Dan Latshaw, a player who died at the site in 1940, and Red McCarthy, the late sports editor of the *Norristown Times Herald*. The Elmwood Park complex includes numerous park and recreation facilities, including the Elmwood Park Zoo. The road behind the left field fence is named after Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda, a native of Norristown.

Latshaw-McCarthy Field features a large press box and a fully electronic scoreboard. It is equipped with seating for approximately 600 fans. An outstanding lighting system sets the ballpark apart from others in the vicinity. The 110-foot light poles were originally installed at the old Liberty Bell Race Track.

In Norristown, Bill Plichta serves as Director of Recreation, while Jim Hickman is the Parks Director. Scoreboard operators Bill Swier and Marc Brown work the Hawks' home games.

## CAMPBELL'S FIELD

In addition to their slate at Latshaw-McCarthy Field, the Hawks will play six conference games at Campbell's Field in Camden, N.J., the home of the Camden Riversharks of the independent Atlantic League. SJU will host St. Bonaventure March 27-29 and George Washington May 14-16 at the 6,425-seat facility.

Campbell's Field serves as the home of both the Riversharks and the Rutgers University-Camden baseball team. In 2008, the stadium played host to the Atlantic 10 Baseball Championship, won by Charlotte.

Since opening in 2001, Campbell's Field has become known as one of the premier minor league ballparks in the country. Famous for its fantastic views of the Ben Franklin Bridge and the Philadelphia skyline, the stadium was honored as the "Ballpark of the Year" in 2003 by Digitalballparks.com and in 2004 by *Baseball America*.



#### DIRECTIONS TO CAMPBELL'S FIELD

**From SJU:** Take City Avenue (Rt. 1) north to I-76 East. Take I-76 East to I-676 East (Ben Franklin Bridge); the exit will be on the left. Take I-676 to the Ben Franklin Bridge exit. Cross the bridge into New Jersey. Stay to the right. Immediately past the toll booths, turn right onto the first city street, which is 6th Street (if you miss the first, turn right onto the second street, Broadway). Either way, make the second right onto Cooper Street. Follow Cooper Street to Campbell's Field.