

***Diamond Bullpen Club members,***

***Thank you for your support and membership of the Diamond Bullpen Club. The first three weeks of the season have included some definite bright spots, as well as our share of painful losses. The one area we knew we lacked going into the spring was experience on the offensive side as we have four guys who have had consistent at-bats at the D1 level. Of those four, Meglio and Schuldts are Sophomores and Smigelski (senior transfer) broke his hand sliding before the season. Opening weekend, we ran into a talented, veteran pitching staff in UCSB anchored by the top pitching prospect in the country on Friday night. We proceeded to go 4-4 in our next 8 and executing at a higher level in those 4 losses could've resulted in an 8-game winning streak against quality opponents. Ultimately, that falls on me as the head coach, and we will continuously look for ways to improve upon our processes.***

***There have been several bright spots to build upon. We had two good in-state wins vs ECU, and #17 Duke. Our pitching staff has held opponents to 6 runs or less in 8 of our 13 games, and in today's college baseball (that should be enough to win). Zach Sabers and Cooper Clark have had some health setbacks that have mostly kept them out of competition, but we are hopeful at least one of them will return in a few weeks. Mason Smith has been outstanding in his outings vs. ECU, Duke, and Liberty and will transition to the weekend as we move closer to conference play. Transfers Darnell Parker (SS), and Joey Morton (1B) have been great additions alongside returners Schuldts, Jackson Thompson, and Oster who have had consistent quality at-bats. Smigelski gets his cast off today, and Lukas Schramm (Kentucky transfer) should be back in the mix this weekend after being HBP in the hand on opening day.***

***The "one game only" Nobodies jersey was a success as it garnered a lot of attention throughout the country and we were able to make a profit to supplement the budget. DBC members were able to purchase the jerseys first at a \$100 discount as we will continue to try to bring DBC members value and access in attempt to repay you for your generosity and support.***

***This weekend we take on another regional caliber opponent in Texas St. Who this spring has already accumulated wins over #1 Texas A&M and #19 Oklahoma St. We follow that up with UCONN at home who was a Super Regional team in 2024. The rest of the DBC apparel has just returned to us after being screen printed and will get sent out next week. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Coach Larue. As always, we are sincerely thankful for your support and it helps us more than you know. Stay with us, and RDH!***

***Important Dates:  
Saturday, Apr 26th  
Spring DBC Tailgate vs. Towson***

