

Georgia State Sports Communications
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Dec. 8, 2010

Georgia State Baseball: Frady Named European Baseball Coach of the Year

ATLANTA - Georgia State head baseball coach Greg Frady, who also directs the German National Team, has been named the European Baseball Coach of the Year by the European Baseball Coaches Association.

Frady is being recognized for his work with the German Baseball Organization as well as his role in helping to develop the game of baseball in Europe. Frady led the German National team to a third place finish at the 2010 European Championship.

“Since Coach Frady took over the German baseball program seven years ago, he has taken it to another level,” said Georg Apfelbaum, Executive Director of the European Baseball Coaches Association. “He not only made the German National Team a serious contender in the European Championship and the Olympic qualifier but he also helped to strengthen European baseball overall.”

The third place showing at the European Championship marked the best finish ever for the Germans and the first time the country had received a medal in the modern era of baseball.

The Germans opened play with four straight wins before falling to the defending champions, the Netherlands, to advance to the second stage of three stages. The Germans’ only two losses in the championship came to the Netherlands and Italy, who eventually played for the championship title.

Even more special was the fact that the European Championships were held in Germany, allowing the home fans to enjoy the special occasion.

“I’m extremely honored to be recognized by my peers in European baseball,” said Frady. “I love the game of baseball, and the opportunity to help advance the sport in Germany is incredibly rewarding.

“I am pleased with the progress that the National Team has made over the last seven years, and I look forward to continued success as we work toward qualifying for the 2013 World Baseball Classic.”

Frady was named head coach of the German National Team in 2004 and has been building it into an Olympic contender ever since.

In 2005, he led the team to the B-Pool Gold Medal and a fourth place finish at the European Championship, earning the squad a spot in the 2007 World Cup. The fourth place finish at the 2005 European Championship was the highest a German team had placed in the competition and marked the first time the Germans qualified for the World Cup.

The team finished second at the World Baseball Challenge in 2009, a tournament that included a 6-3 win over the United States. Two years ago, the Germans fell just two games shy of qualifying for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

At Georgia State, Frady is entering his fifth season as the Panthers’ head coach. His GSU teams have averaged 37 wins over the last two seasons, highlighted by the 2009 Colonial Athletic Association title and NCAA appearance, both firsts in school history. In his first four seasons at the Helm, Frady has led the Panthers to 132 victories, second-most in GSU annals.

Frady and the Panthers open the 2011 season Feb. 18, hosting Texas Southern at 6 p.m. at Panthersville.

--30--