

Mike Spears Bio | 2027 Flying Bison Manager

Mike Spears is the Pitching & Player Development Coach for Chattanooga State Community College and a former professional baseball pitcher with more than 20 years of experience playing, coaching, and teaching the game. He brings a unique combination of professional baseball experience, player development expertise, advanced pitching analytics, and proven leadership from a distinguished career in law enforcement.

Spears has played professionally in the United States and internationally and has coached at the professional, collegiate, high school, and summer collegiate levels. His coaching experience includes the Texas Collegiate League (Baton Rouge Rougears), Northwoods League (Wisconsin Rapids Rafter), Pioneer League (Glacier Range Riders), West Coast League (Victoria Harbourcats/Port Angeles Lefties), San Diego Christian College, Johnson University, and is the owner of Spears Pitching Development. He also served as the pitching coordinator for BCA Athletics in Knoxville, TN prior to Chattanooga State.

At Chattanooga State, Spears is responsible for developing the Tigers' pitching staff and helping pitchers reach their highest level of performance. His approach combines traditional pitching principles with modern technology and data-driven player development. He utilizes technology (TrackMan/Rapsodo, AWRE, Synergy, and high speed cameras) to evaluate pitch characteristics, movement profiles, velocity, command, pitch design, sequencing, and overall performance.

Spears' philosophy goes beyond numbers. He emphasizes the development of the complete pitcher—movement, mechanics, pitch execution, preparation, mental toughness, conviction, accountability, and the ability to compete under pressure. His goal is to prepare pitchers not only to perform at the collegiate level but also to pursue opportunities in professional baseball.

Before dedicating himself fully to baseball coaching, Spears served as a law enforcement officer with the San Diego Sheriff's Department. During his law enforcement career, he received the department's Medal of Honor as well as the California State Medal of Valor for his service. His law enforcement experience shaped a leadership philosophy centered on discipline, preparation, communication, accountability, teamwork, decision-making, and performing under pressure.

Spears brings those same principles to baseball. He believes that great players are developed through consistent preparation, intentional practice, accountability, resilience, and trust. His experience in both law enforcement and professional baseball has given him a unique perspective on leadership, adversity, and the mental demands of competition.

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