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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## REDHAWKS HIRE JIM BENNETT AS TEAM MANAGER

FARGO, N.D. — The Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks have named Jim Bennett as the team's third manager in franchise history. The announcement was made a press conference Wednesday morning at Newman Outdoor Field.

Signed as an undrafted free agent by the Seattle Mariners in 1988, the California native pitched in affiliated-baseball for three years. He was 2-1 with a 4.33 ERA for the AZL Red Sox/Mariners in his first season. Bennett finished his minor league career 13-28 but with a 3.54 ERA and just 73 walks in 310 IP. His pitching career ended in 1991 as he played for Fiorentina in Italy's Serie A2, going 5-3 with a 1.23 ERA.

Bennett began his coaching career in 1992 as a pitching coach with the Lethbridge Mounties ('92), AZL Angels ('93-'94), Boise Hawks ('95-'99), Lake Elsinore Storm ('97), Cedar Rapids Kernels ('98), Visalia Oaks (2000), Tri-City Dust Devils ('01), Asheville Tourists ('02), Visalia again ('03-'04), AZL Padres ('05) and San Jose Giants ('06-'07). He then took some time off from professional coaching before returning to the bench with the Perth Heat in the 2014-2015 Australian Baseball League (ABL). In 2015, Bennett was named as the pitching/bench coach for the Brisbane Bandits, which has won the last four ABL Championships. Recently, he was named the pitching coach for the Australian National Team, which will compete in the WBSC Premier 12 Tournament in late 2019.

"I'm excited and feel fortunate to be a part of the RedHawks organization," Bennett said. "This team has a tremendous amount of talent and I look forward to working with the staff and putting together a winning product on the field".

Brad Thom, RedHawks President/CEO, said "Jim has a vast amount of baseball knowledge and his success in the ABL has shown he knows what it takes to win and we're confident he'll fit in well with the organization and is the right choice to lead the RedHawks back to the playoffs".

Bennett resides in Mesa, AZ in the offseason.

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## JIM BENNETT

REDHAWKS MANAGER (#30)

BORN: JUNE 11, 1966

RESIDES: MESA, AZ

### PITCHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	NCAA	CONF		W	L	ERA	G	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB
1987	Chapman University	D-III	SCIAC		4	8	5.65	20	114.2	145	99	72	0	48
1988	Chapman University	D-III	SCIAC		4	5	5.15	18	85.2	99	62	49	0	37
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	LVL	AFL	W	L	ERA	G	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB
1988	AZL Red Sox/Mariners	ARIZ	RK	-	2	1	4.33	6	27	23	15	13	1	6
1989	Wausau Timbers	MIDW	A	SEA	6	12	4.02	24	127.2	125	68	57	12	39
1990	San Bernardino Spirit	CALL	A+	SEA	0	0	1.69	4	5.1	6	2	1	0	1
1990	Charleston Rainbows	SALL	A	SDP	5	15	3.06	23	150	172	75	51	2	27
A+ Totals - 1 Season(s)					0	0	1.69	4	5	6	2	1	0	1
A Totals - 1 Season(s)					6	12	4.02	24	127.2	125	68	57	12	39
RK Totals - 1 Season(s)					2	1	4.33	6	27	23	15	13	1	6
NCAA Totals - 2 Season(s)					8	13	5.44	38	199	244	161	121	0	85
Minor League Totals - 3 Season(s)					13	28	3.28	57	310	326	160	122	15	73

### COACHING CAREER

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	LEVEL	AFL	JOB	G	W	L	%	POST SEASON
1992	Lethbridge Mounties	Pioneer	A-RK	IND	Pitching Coach	74	24	50	0.324	
1993	Boise Hawks	NW	A-	ANA	Pitching Coach	76	41	35	0.540	League Champions
1994	Boise Hawks	NW	A-	ANA	Pitching Coach	76	44	32	0.579	League Champions
1995	Boise Hawks	NW	A-	ANA	Pitching Coach	75	48	27	0.640	League Champions
1996	Boise Hawks	NW	A-	ANA	Pitching Coach	76	43	33	0.566	
1997	Boise Hawks	NW	A-	ANA	Pitching Coach	76	51	25	0.671	Lost in Finals
1998	Cedar Rapids Kernels	Midw	A	ANA	Pitching Coach	140	71	69	0.507	
1999	Boise Hawks	Nwst	A-	ANA	Pitching Coach	76	43	33	0.566	
2001	Tri-City Dust Devils	Nwst	A-	COL	Pitching Coach	75	39	36	0.520	
2002	Asheville Tourists	SAL	A	COL	Pitching Coach	138	64	74	0.464	
2003	Visalia Oaks	Calif	A+	COL	Pitching Coach	140	79	61	0.564	Lost in Semi-Finals
2004	Visalia Oaks	Calif	A+	COL	Pitching Coach	140	56	84	0.400	
2006	San Jose Giants	Calif	A+	SF	Pitching Coach	140	82	58	0.586	Lost in 2nd Round
2007	San Jose Giants	Calif	A+	SF	Pitching Coach	140	73	67	0.521	League Champions
2014	Perth Heat	ABL		FGN	Pitching Coach	48	28	20	0.583	League Champions
2015	Brisbane Bandits	ABL		FGN	Pitching Coach	56	37	19	0.661	League Champions
2016	Brisbane Bandits	ABL		FGN	Pitching Coach	39	21	18	0.538	League Champions
2017	Brisbane Bandits	ABL		FGN	Pitching Coach	39	28	11	0.718	League Champions
2018	Brisbane Bandits	ABL		FGN	Pitching Coach	40	25	15	0.625	League Champions

