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Cisco College Baseball Coach David White Has Young Team but High Hopes

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Cisco, Texas - February 7, 2025 – With conference play set to begin next week, Head Baseball Coach David White of Cisco College is eager to see what his young team can accomplish this spring.

The Wranglers will begin conference play on Wednesday, March 5, at Hillsboro against Hill College, followed by a rematch in Cisco on Saturday, March 8, at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. As of this writing, the Wranglers had compiled a 9-4 record in pre-conference play. The following is a verbatim interview with Coach White about the upcoming season.

How do you feel about this coming baseball season?

Always excited to start a new year here at Cisco College Baseball. You never know what you have, until the lights come on! We are extremely young and had a ton of turnover from the last couple of years' regional tournament teams. We have replaced our older players with younger players. We are talented but really young. We will see if we can get them all on the same page and put out a good product. I know they are good kids and work hard. They represent Cisco on and off the field in ways that would make our Moms happy, so we have that. We will see how the rest goes.

Who do you consider to be the strongest opponents in the conference this season?

McLennan and Weatherford will be ranked in the top 5 in the country. Our conference is the toughest in the nation for a reason. They are all solid and will, no doubt, be tough week to week till we get to the end of this season. It will all come out in the wash!

What do you see as the strong points of this year's Wrangler Team?

Strength is our weakness! We are young. We only have one returning position player and two pitchers returning. We do have some really talented freshman, but we will see how they mature. It always seems like a good idea till someone punches you in the mouth! We will see how tough we are soon enough. We are excited about this group of kids now and for their future.

How did your recruiting go up until now?

Recruiting is always the key, you know that. Hard to keep up with those programs with more money, fancy fields and larger cities, but we will make do. We will hold our own and find those country kids that fit into our school and community. It's not that hard to find kids that want to be Coached hard and loved. Who doesn't want to come hunt, fish, golf and play a little Baseball!

Are there any standout players you would like to mention? Team leaders?

Again, we are young. Preston Freeman SS has signed with Nebraska. Savion Flowers has signed with Kansas. Ryan Alaniz has signed with St. Mary's. Jackson Illingworth has offers and will be off the board shortly. Liam Thompson is the same. Couple transfers will be signed shortly as well. Cade Plunkett RHP (93-96), Hudson Gardner LHP (88), Lane Bledsoe LHP (88-90), Trey Acreman will also sign soon. Tavion Vaughns, James Nolan, Caleb Perry, Cole Evans and Julio Heredia will also contribute. Cody Demont is coming off TJ [Tommy John surgery] and will be huge for us when healthy. The rest are young guys. We only have two to three guys that have any kind of playing experience under their belts. They all better grow up fast!

How about your assistant coaches – any changes there? Anything to say about the job they are doing?

Coaches are Cam Vega (Recruiter/position players), Mason Ornelas (Pitching Coach), Michael Bergland (Catchers and hitters. Bergy played here in 2018. Drafted by Tampa Bay. Was on the 54-6 team that led the nation in hitting), and Guy Faulkinburg (Heads our FCA [Fellowship of Christian Athletes]). Can't say enough about this group. They understand their roles and where they are. They understand who the Sco Boys are and why there is a bigger picture than just winning games. They sure make my job easier, sometimes.

You've been coaching at Cisco College for more than 20 years now. What are the biggest changes you have witnessed over the years?

I guess there will always be changes, both with the kids and the Coaches. Kids are raised differently now. I coach differently now. I don't know if I like it better or not, but it is what it is. We will both adjust and keep moving forward.

Your own children have been a big part of supporting the Wranglers, and now the next generation is coming along to support the game (grandkids Kyson & Kam). What can you say about the support your family has given to you and what it means for you and your team?

I wouldn't be doing this without my family. You know how much they mean to me on and off

the field. This team is the same way. We have one (of many rules) rule: you hug your Momma no matter what! Doesn't matter how you played. When Kam and Kyson show up to a game, it makes things a little brighter for me. Just like when Devin and Aurie used to show up (even when they happen to show up now), things are just better.

If you have seen the meme with a lion cub walking down a trail strutting like John Wayne, and his Dad (the Lion King) is following close behind making sure he is safe? That is what I feel like. Nothing in front of me is too tough because of what I have standing behind me! I truly believe that there is no greater power than family!

Are you getting good crowds at the games? Are people always welcome to bring their pets to the games? Are the games livestreamed? Any plans for food and refreshments at the games?

We have had good crowds, which always help our guys. Pets are welcome. Games are livestreamed at TSBNSPORTS.COM. We are in works with a church group that raises money for kids to take trips (church camps and such); hopefully we will have food and drinks at games shortly.

Are there any facility improvements or any planned for the future?

We put up our luxury box for some to stay out of the weather, if needed (leather couches, heat and air, snacks and drinks). We are trying to raise some funds for a new building that will help with Baseball, Softball, Drill, Dance and Cheer. It will help the entire campus as well. If you run across anyone wanting to help, let me know. Every little bit helps.

How is your own satisfaction with your job as Head Baseball Coach of the Cisco College Wranglers?

My satisfaction is not important. As long as our kids are taken care of and are happy, I'm good. My Coaches are taken care of, I'm happy. My Family is happy, I'm good. Been here a long time and have loved almost all of it!

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As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

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