



Coaching Staff



After five conference championships and four trips to the College World Series, two-time National Coach of the Year (2003 *Baseball America* and 2004 *Collegiate Baseball* and ACBA) George Horton added last year to his extensive resume the only credential lacking since becoming the Titan head coach ... a national title. At the helm of the Cal State Fullerton baseball program, Horton, 51, guided his Titans to their fourth NCAA National Championship, by defeating the Texas Longhorns and his mentor, former Titan Head Coach Augie Garrido, 3-2, at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb.

Since taking over for Garrido on Sept. 4, 1996, after six years as Garrido's associate head coach, Horton has led the Titans to a 356-154-1 overall record. They have been a constant in the national Top 25 polls, briefly ascending to the top spot in 1999, 2001 and 2003 before claiming a unanimous No. 1 spot following the title in 2004. Horton's .698 winning percentage is eighth-best among active Division I coaches (minimum five years). Of the 29 teams – many of which are nationally prominent – that Horton has faced five or more times, only two (Stanford and Wichita State) have managed winning records against Fullerton.

Horton himself couldn't even imagine the comeback the Titans would produce in 2004. The team started out a dismal (for Fullerton standards) 15-16 through the first 31 games, falling out of the Top 25 polls completely for 6 straight weeks (3/8-4/12).

In Horton's attempt to right the ship, he enlisted Sports Psychologist Dr. Ken Ravizza to come clear the heads of the slumping Titans. And, in storybook fashion, the Titans flushed away their problems and went on to finish an all-time best 19-2 in the Big West while winning 27 of their next 32 games to reach the College World Series for the 13th time in their history. In Omaha, Horton's Titans jumped out to



Horton embraces the championship trophy on the field at Rosenblatt Stadium moments after winning his first national championship as head coach of the Titans.

◆ Horton's Records

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Titles
1985	Cerritos College	39-5	.886	C/S
1986	Cerritos College	24-14	.632	
1987	Cerritos College	46-5	.902	C/S
1988	Cerritos College	38-13	.745	C
1989	Cerritos College	43-9	.827	C/S
1990	Cerritos College	36-7	.837	C
TOTALS		226-53	.810	
1997	Cal State Fullerton	39-24-1	.617	C
1998	Cal State Fullerton	47-17	.734	South
1999	Cal State Fullerton	50-14	.781	C/R/SR*
2000	Cal State Fullerton	38-21	.644	C
2001	Cal State Fullerton	48-18	.727	C/R/SR*
2002	Cal State Fullerton	37-22	.627	
2003	Cal State Fullerton	50-16	.758	R/SR*
2004	Cal State Fullerton	47-22	.681	C/R/SR/N*
TOTALS		356-154-1	.698	

KEY: (C) Conference; (S) State; (R) Regional; (SR) Super Regional; (N) National (*) Appeared at CWS

◆ Horton's Honors

1985	National Junior College Coach of the Year South Coast Conference Coach of the Year
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1989	National Junior College Coach of the Year South Coast Conference Coach of the Year
1990	CCCBCA Coach of the Year South Coast Conference Coach of the Year
1998	Big West Conference Coach of the Year
1999	Big West Conference Coach of the Year
2003	Baseball America National Coach of the Year Collegiate Baseball National Coach of the Year
2004	ABCA National Coach of the Year Big West Conference Coach of the Year

a 2-0 record before a powerful South Carolina team gave them their only loss at the CWS. Fullerton rebounded from the loss and took the next three games including a 2-game sweep of No.1 seed Texas in the championship series.

The three-time Big West Conference Coach of the Year has been at his best in series play. Heading into 2005, Fullerton owns a 91-23 (.798) overall record in three-game regular-season series and the Titans have won 57 of 68 (.838) Big West Conference series. Fullerton has been swept just five times while the Titans have recorded 49 series sweeps. Perhaps an even bigger credit to Coach Horton has been his success on the road: the Titans have won 30 of Horton's 34 conference series away from Goodwin Field.

Horton, who is one of nine men to have appeared in Omaha as a player (1975) and a head coach, has seen 52 Titans selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft during his tenure, including nine in 2001, 11 in 2003 and six in 2004. Aaron Rowand was a "sandwich" pick in 1998, Adam Johnson was the second overall selection in 2000, Chad Cordero was the 20th overall pick in the 2003 amateur draft and battery mates Kurt Suzuki and Jason Windsor were taken in the second and third rounds, respectively, on the first day of last year's draft. Already, nine former Titans who played under the Horton regime have ascended to the Major Leagues, including the latest, Cordero, who jumped to the bigs just two months after leading the Titans at the College World Series in 2003.

Horton scripted a brilliant season in 2003, guiding the Titans to one of their best starts in program history (15-1) and leading them to a program-best record of 31-3 at Goodwin Field. After sweeping through the Regional at Goodwin Field, the Titans beat Arizona State – the top offensive team in the country – in a Super Regional to advance to Omaha for the 12th time in their history. Fullerton quickly shot out to a 2-0 record in Omaha before Stanford knocked off the Titans twice en route to the championship series. Nonetheless, the Titans finished as the consensus No. 3 team in the nation for the second time in three years. For the Titans' efforts, Horton was named the National Coach of the Year by *Baseball America*, the highest reputed baseball publication. He was honored in December at the 2003 Baseball Winter Meetings in New Orleans.

Horton's Titans also carried the Fullerton flag to Omaha in 2001, when they secured a berth at home for the first time and carried the national No. 1 seed to Rosenblatt Stadium. After holding off local favorite Nebraska in the opener, the Titans lost a pair to Stanford with a win over Tulane sandwiched in between. The Titans finished No. 3 in all three national polls. Under Horton's eye, the 2001 squad posted several memorable moments during the regular season as well. They won 24 of 25 over one stretch and became the first team ever to sweep a three-game series

against eventual national champion Miami at Mark Light Stadium.

The 2000 Titans, the unanimous preseason pick to win the conference and the consensus No. 2 team in the country, had a two-game lead on Nevada with three games to go in the Big West race. But the Wolf Pack swept Pacific in the final series and Fullerton lost two of three to Long Beach State, so the Titans had to settle for a co-championship. However, the Titans did host a regional for the first time, which was won by USC.

In 1999, the Titans went 25-5 to win the BWC by four games. They swept three games at the Notre Dame Regional and then overcame an assortment of disadvantages to triumph in three games in the Super Regional at Ohio State to qualify for the school's tenth College World Series, where they went 1-2.

In 1998, the Titans used a remarkably balanced squad to start strong and then dominate the Big West Conference regular season with a 25-5 record. But they stumbled at home in the Big West Tournament and then ran into a powerful buzz saw in Baton Rouge in the NCAA Regionals, placing second at 3-2 with a pair of losses to the host LSU Tigers.

In Horton's debut season in 1997, the Titans struggled to a 23-19-1 start, but then rattled off 15 victories in their final 18 regular season games. They lost the opener of the Big West Conference post-season tournament at home to Pacific ace Dan Reichert, but then came back to win four games in a row at Blair Field. They swept a doubleheader on the final day against host Long Beach State to capture the automatic NCAA tournament bid. At Stanford, the Titans went 1-2 to place third, losing to Santa Clara and Fresno State.

Horton fulfilled a lifelong dream of being a Division I head coach when he was promoted to replace Garrido, who left to take over the program at the University of Texas. A 1978 CSF graduate, Horton had returned to the campus in 1991 when Garrido came back after a three-year stint at Illinois. In the next six years the Titans posted a 264-99 record and made three trips to the CWS, winning the 1995 crown with a phenomenal 57-9 season. Horton had input on virtually every aspect of the Fullerton program with his primary concern being the development of the pitching staff. His organizational skills, patience as a teacher and his attention to detail provided the backbone of the Titan coaching staff.

During the years Horton was responsible for the pitching staff, nine pitchers received All-America honors and James Popoff (1992), Matt Wagner (1994) and Ted Silva (1995) won Big West Conference Pitcher of the Year honors. Dan Naulty became the first Titan pitcher under Horton's guidance to reach the major leagues when he made the 1996 opening-day roster for the Minnesota Twins. He later earned a World Series ring in 1999 with the Yankees. Another Horton product, Brent Billingsley, made two appearances for the Florida Marlins early in the 1999 season. Eleven more of Horton's former pupils – both pitchers and position players – have ascended to the Major League ranks over the last few years.

Horton also worked with Phil Nevin (San Diego Padres), who in 1992 was the Golden Spikes Award winner, *Baseball America* player of the year, baseball's No. 1 draft pick (by Houston) and the College World Series MVP. Nevin has gone on to a successful pro career as have former Horton pupils Mark Kotsay (Oakland A's), Mike Lamb (Houston Astros), Aaron Rowand (Chicago White Sox) Brandon Duckworth (Houston), Matt Wise (Milwaukee) and Reed Johnson (Toronto Blue Jays).

Kotsay and Nevin along with Brian Loyd and Jason Moler – all tutored in part by Horton – were Olympians and Kotsay was chosen the college player of the decade by *Baseball America*.

Horton began his head coaching career at Cerritos College in Norwalk, where he guided the Falcons to three junior college state championships in six years. He compiled a 226-53 record and won the California titles in 1985, 1987 and 1989. Each of those years he was selected National Junior College Coach of the Year. His best season was 1987 when the Falcons went 46-5. He had a South Coast Conference record of 102-28 (.785) and was a four-time South Coast Conference Coach of the Year (1985, 1987, 1989 and 1990).

He had many players graduate to the major leagues including Brian Hunter, who played for the Atlanta Braves in the 1991 World Series. Other names include Mike Benjamin, Craig Worthington, Ever Magallanes, Al Osuna, Joel Adamson, Dan Patterson, Luis Medina, Jeff Hearron, Naulty and Olympian and major leaguer Bret Barberie.

Horton was a player on the Cerritos College teams in 1972 and 1973. As the Falcons' team captain in 1973, he won the Dallas Moon Award



**THE HORTON FAMILY – Front row (from left):
Rebecca, Alyssa, Angelica, Loyal; Back row
(from left): George, Francie, Michele, Heather**

and was a member of the state championship team. Horton played two seasons for Garrido at Cal State Fullerton in 1975 and 1976 and won All-PCAA honors as both a junior and a senior. He was on the first Fullerton team to go to the College World Series in 1975. He batted .308 as a junior and .290 as a senior while playing first base. He graduated in 1978 and went on to earn a master's degree in 1980 at Cal Lutheran.

Horton's coaching career began as an assistant at Cerritos in 1976-77 and he went to Los Angeles Valley College the following three seasons where he coached with former Long Beach State Coach Dave Snow. In 1980, he moved back to Cerritos as an assistant to Gordie Douglas before taking the head job in 1985. In addition, he coached during the summer for the Fairbanks Goldpanners (1981 and 1983) in Alaska and the Hutchinson Broncos (1982) in Kansas. A few famous names played for him on those summer teams such as Shane Mack, Oddibe McDowell, Joe Magrane, Dan Plesac, Phil Stevenson, Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds.

In 1994, Horton was inducted into the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Downey High School Hall of Fame in May of 2003. Horton will be honored this year with the Orange County Manager of the Year award given by the Orange Coast Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management.

Horton was born on Oct. 5, 1953. The Yorba Linda resident and his wife, Francie, have four daughters: Michele (25), Heather (21), Loyal (16) and Rebecca (14), and two granddaughters: Angelica (5) and Alyssa (3).

◆ **Horton vs. Opponents**

School	Record	BWC	Regional	Super	CWS
		Tourn		Regional	
Alabama	3-3	.	.	.	.
Arizona	4-2	.	.	.	.
Arizona State	9-3	.	2-0	2-1	.
Baylor	4-2	.	.	.	.
Biola	1-0	.	.	.	.
Brigham Young	2-1	.	.	.	.
Cal	3-3	.	.	.	.
Cal Poly SLO	30-4	1-0	.	.	.
Cal State Northridge	14-7	.	.	.	.
Florida State	1-3	.	.	.	0-1
Fresno State	14-4	.	0-1	.	.
Georgia Tech	1-0	.	.	.	.
Harvard	2-0	.	2-0	.	.
Houston	8-2	.	.	.	.
Long Beach State	28-25	2-1	0-1	.	.
Loyola Marymount	11-5	.	1-1	.	.
LSU	1-2	.	0-2	.	1-0
Miami	4-1	.	.	.	1-0
Michigan	2-0	.	2-0	.	.
Minnesota	4-3	.	1-0	.	.
Mississippi State	3-0	.	.	2-0	.
Nebraska	1-0	.	.	.	1-0
Nevada	19-3	2-0	.	.	.
New Mexico State	15-0	.	.	.	.
Northeastern	1-0	.	1-0	.	.
Notre Dame	3-0	.	3-0	.	.
Ohio State	2-1	.	.	2-1	.
Oklahoma	0-2	.	.	.	.
Pacific	24-4	0-1	.	.	.
Pepperdine	11-8	.	2-1	.	.
Sacramento State	16-6	0-1	.	.	.
Sam Houston State	1-0	.	.	.	.
San Diego	9-1-1	.	1-0	.	.
San Diego State	2-0	.	.	.	.
San Jose State	1-0	.	1-0	.	.
Santa Clara	0-1	.	0-1	.	.
South Carolina	2-1	.	.	.	2-1
Stanford	9-21	.	0-1	.	1-5
Temple	1-0	.	1-0	.	.
Tennessee	1-0	.	.	.	.
Texas	3-2	.	.	.	2-0
Texas A&M	1-0	.	.	.	1-0
Texas Tech	1-1	.	1-1	.	.
Tulane	5-0	.	1-0	2-0	1-0
UC Irvine	7-2	.	.	.	.
UCLA	12-4	.	.	.	.
UC Riverside	7-5	.	.	.	.
UC Santa Barbara	24-7	1-0	.	.	.
UNLV	15-2	.	.	.	.
USC	10-10	.	0-1	.	.
Vanguard	1-0	.	.	.	.
Virginia Tech	1-0	.	1-0	.	.
Wichita State	2-3	.	.	.	.
TOTALS	356-154-1	6-3	20-10	8-2	10-7



Rick Vanderhook is in his 19th season as an assistant coach for the Titans. He will again coach the outfielders and hitters and will also take on a new responsibility by running the offense from his standard post in the third base coaching box. He is also a key evaluator of talent in the recruiting process and is the director of Titan Baseball Camps.

"Hook" has coached four first-round draft picks (Mike Harkey in 1987, Phil Nevin in 1992, Dante Powell in 1994 and Mark Kotsay in 1996) and a supplemental pick (Aaron Rowand in 1998) as well as 15 All-Americans since 1991. He also played a key role in the development of 2003 and 2004 Big West Conference Players of the Year Shane Costa and Kurt Suzuki, each of whom was selected in the second round of the draft by Kansas City and Oakland, respectively.

As camp director, Vanderhook oversees all aspects of the Titan Baseball Academy, which helps young players (7 to 17-years-old) reach their top performance level. Among the graduates of Titan camps are former Titans Steve Chatham, Rowand, Darric Merrell, Kyle Boyer, Jason Corapci and current pitcher Dustin Miller.

Vanderhook, 41, first coached at Cal State Fullerton from 1985 to 1988. After serving as a bullpen coach and working with the pitchers and catchers in 1985 and 1986, he stepped into the third-base coaching box in 1987 and began working with the hitters and defense a year later. In 20 seasons with the Titans as a player and a coach, Vanderhook has been to the College World Series nine times and won it three times.

Vanderhook spent 1989 and 1990 with Coach Bill Kernen at Cal State Northridge. In 1990, the Matadors posted a 39-22 record and were the NCAA Division II runners-up. Vanderhook returned to Fullerton, along with Head Coach Augie Garrido, prior to the 1991 season.

Vanderhook has coached some of the most explosive Titan offenses in the program's history. The 1999 Titans, who made the school's 10th College World Series appearance, set school records for single-season batting average (.338) and runs per game (9.2). He also helped fine tune the 2003 squad, which was 10th in the nation in hitting (.329), 20th in scoring (7.9 runs per game) and among the top 30 in doubles and triples per game.

Vanderhook has also coached for Fairbanks in Alaska and helped the Goldpanners finish third in the nation in 1986.

A product of the prominent Cerritos College program where he played for George Horton, Vanderhook originally came to Cal State Fullerton in 1983 and redshirted his first season with the Titans before becoming a member of the Titans' 1984 national championship team.

Vanderhook prepped at Lakewood High School under Coach John Herbold, now the head coach at Cal State Los Angeles, and received his bachelors degree in physical education from Trinity University in 2003.

He currently resides in Yorba Linda with his wife, April, daughters Noelle (9) and Autumn (7) and son R.J., who will turn 5 in April.

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◆ **Vanderhook Year-by-Year**

Year	School	Position	Record	Pct.	Titles
1985	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	36-32-1	.529	C
1986	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	36-21	.632	
1987	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	44-17	.746	C
1988	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	43-18	.705	R*
1989	Cal State Northridge	Assistant	30-19-1	.610	
1990	Cal State Northridge	Assistant	39-22	.639	C, R, N2
1991	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	34-22	.607	C
1992	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	46-17	.730	R*
1993	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	35-19	.648	
1994	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	47-16	.763	C, R*
1995	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	57-9	.864	R, N*
1996	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	45-16	.738	
1997	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	39-24-1	.617	C
1998	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	47-17	.734	South
1999	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	50-14	.781	C/R/SR*
2000	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	38-21	.644	C
2001	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	48-18	.727	C/R/SR*
2002	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	37-22	.627	
2003	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	50-16	.758	R/SR*
2004	Cal State Fullerton	Assistant	47-22	.681	C/R/SR/N*

DIVISION I TOTALS	779-341-2	.695
DIVISION II TOTALS	69-41-1	.626
CAREER TOTALS	848-382-3	.689

KEY: (C) Conference; (S) State; (R) Regional; (SR) Super Regional; (N) National
(N2) National Runner-Up (*) Appeared at CWS



Jason Gill is a former All-Big West Conference infielder for the Titans and he returns for his second stint on the coaching staff, replacing former assistant coach/recruiting coordinator Dave Serrano. Gill, 32, will handle the first base coaching duties as well as work with the hitters and infielders.

Gill, who began his coaching career at Cal State Fullerton as a manager on the 1995 National Championship squad, spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach with the Big West Conference rival UC Irvine Anteaters, working with the infielders and being heavily involved with the program's recruiting efforts. UC Irvine's first recruiting class was ranked eighth by *Baseball America* and the following two classes were among the top 30 according to *Collegiate Baseball*.

Prior to UCI, Gill was an assistant coach at Loyola Marymount of the West Coast Conference. He helped guide the Lions to WCC titles in 1999 and 2000, earning postseason berths in both years. He also served two years as an assistant coach at Nevada (1997-98).

Gill played one season for the Titans in 1994 after spending the first two years of his collegiate career at Cuesta College and his junior season at Cal State Dominguez Hills. He hit .345 with 13 RBI while starting 43 games as a senior third baseman, helping the Titans to a 47-16 overall record and a berth in the College World Series.

A local product who prepped at Mater Dei H.S. in Santa Ana, Gill received his bachelors degree in kinesiology in 1996. He and his wife, Kacey, live in Costa Mesa.



◆ **Gill Year-by-Year**

Year	School	Position	Record	Pct.	Titles
1997	Nevada	Assistant	39-21	.650	C (North)
1998	Nevada	Assistant	31-22	.585	C (North)
1999	Loyola Marymount	Assistant	33-28	.541	C
2000	Loyola Marymount	Assistant	40-19	.678	C
2002	UC Irvine	Assistant	33-26	.559	
2003	UC Irvine	Assistant	21-35	.375	
2004	UC Irvine	Assistant	34-23-1	.595	

DIVISION I CAREER TOTALS	231-174-1	.575
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KEY: (C) Conference



THE VANDERHOOK FAMILY: (top, left to right) Rick and April (bottom, left to right) R.J., Noelle and Autumn.

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**Volunteer Assistant Coach
Pitching
1st Season**

Former Cal State Fullerton All-America right-hander Ted Silva, 30, starts his collegiate coaching career with the Titans as the Volunteer Assistant Coach helping skipper George Horton with the pitchers.

Silva has been an instructor for numerous clinics and summer league teams over the years and spent last season as an assistant coach in charge of pitching at Villa Park High School.

Silva, a 21st round draft selection in 1995, spent five years in the Texas Rangers organization following his brilliant collegiate career. He spent one season pitching overseas in Taiwan and parts of another pitching in the independent Atlantic League.

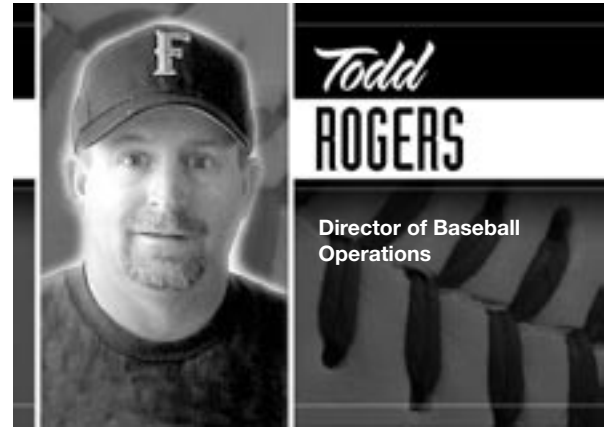
Silva played three seasons for the Titans from 1993-95, helping Fullerton to its third National Championship during his junior year. Silva led the nation in victories in 1995, posting an 18-1 overall record with a 2.83 ERA and 142 strikeouts in 152 2/3 innings. The 18 wins are also a school single-season record.

In the College World Series, he pitched the Titans to a pair of wins – over Stanford in the tournament opener and USC in the championship game – and earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team - one of four Titans to earn the honor.

He was named a first-team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association, *Collegiate Baseball*, *Baseball America*, and the Greater Houston Sports Association.

In 1994, Silva represented the Titans on Team USA and was a second-team All-American according to *Collegiate Baseball*. He finished the year with a 4-4 record for the Titans with a 2.29 ERA and 13 saves – a total which ranks third on the school's single-season charts.

Silva was the 1995 Big West Pitcher of the Year and was a first-team all-conference selection during his sophomore and junior seasons. He finished his Titan career with a 26-7 overall record with a 2.92 ERA and 26 saves, which ranks third in Titan baseball history.



Todd
ROGERS

**Director of Baseball
Operations**

Long-time Orange County baseball supporter Todd Rogers is in his second year as the Director of Baseball Operations at Cal State Fullerton.

In his role, he coordinates the Titans' travel plans and oversees special activities, such as the 2004 championship banquet and alumni weekend.

Rogers has coached youth sports for 25 years and spent several years with the Placentia Mustangs 14-and-under travel team. During his time with the Mustangs, the team won three national AAU championships. Rogers also served on the booster club for El Dorado High School's baseball team and ran the National Classic at Goodwin Field.

Rogers has also been involved in the restaurant business and previously owned Homer's, the popular Titan "hang-out" located just a mile from campus.

Rogers, 40, lives in Placentia.



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