

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



Q.V. LOWE **Class of 2005**

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.
The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt.”*

In 1986, Q.V. Lowe was selected to build the AUM baseball program from scratch and has answered with a 1,063-588-5 record, including 21 seasons with 30 or more wins and 13 years with more than 40 victories. He led AUM to three trips to the NAIA World Series finals and won six conference championships. The Warhawks suffered just two losing seasons, his first two years, during his time at the helm.

Lowe's inaugural team in 1987 struggled, finishing with just an 8-27 mark. However, by his third season at the helm, the Warhawks improved to win nearly 60 percent of their games and did not have another losing season during his tenure.

In 1990, Lowe helped the Warhawks to the first NAIA World Series appearance in school history, leading AUM to a 40-26 record and an appearance in the National Championship game. During their magical season, the Warhawks earned the District 27 and Area 5 Championships, while Lowe earned District, Area, and NAIA Coach of the Year honors.

Two seasons later, the Warhawks were back in the World Series after Lowe guided the team to the first of four seasons in which AUM won 50 or more games. The team finished the 1992 season with a 50-18 overall record. AUM earned its second District and Area Championship with Lowe selected the Coach of the Year in each, as well as the Diamond National Coach of the Year.

During the next 13 seasons at AUM, the Warhawks won 40 or more games seven times and averaged nearly 42 wins during the stretch. However, Lowe and AUM were unable to return to the World Series. The Warhawks won five conference championships, while Lowe was named the Southern States Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1995, Louisville Slugger Regional Coach of the Year in 1997 and 1998, and the Georgia-Alabama-Carolina Coach of the Year in 2000.

Under his leadership, 79 student-athletes have earned all-conference accolades, 40 have garnered all-area or all-region honors, and 33 players have been selected NAIA All-Americans. In addition, Lowe has coached more than 25 players who have played in some type of professional baseball league.

Before coming to AUM, Lowe had 179 victories as the head coach at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Andalusia, Alabama from 1975 - 1981.

Lowe began playing baseball as a youngster in Ocala, Florida, eventually becoming an all-state pitcher for Ocala High School. He compiled a three-year record of 23-3, including a perfect 10-0 senior campaign. He went on to pitch collegiately at Gulf Coast Community College, where he posted an 18-5 mark and helped the team to the Junior College World Series in 1965. He then transferred to Auburn University, where he finished his two-year career with the Tigers with a 23-3 record and helped Auburn to the 1967 NCAA College World Series. He still holds school records for career ERA, career winning percentage, career and season hits per nine innings, and season complete games.

Lowe was selected in the 19th round of the 1967 Amateur Draft by the Chicago Cubs, and after eight seasons in the organization, opted for a coaching career at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College in Andalusia, Alabama, in 1975. He returned to professional baseball as a full-time coach with the Yankees in 1982. He moved to the Montreal Expos system in 1985, serving as a minor league pitching instructor. Lowe was inducted into the Auburn University Tiger Walk Hall of Fame in 1998.

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