

# Catching up with Fairchild, Blazers' new baseball coach

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We recently caught up with coach Lance Fairchild, Blazers' new baseball coach. We learned about his experience and future plans.

**Q: How long have you played sports?**

**A:** I played football and ran track in middle school. A little basketball as well, but baseball has always been my sport. I started when I was three. It was kind of always the one I was best at and I think that made me like baseball the best and continue with it.

**Q: How long have you been coaching?**

**A:** I've been coaching since I graduated in 2015 from college, from UT Permian Basin.

**Q: Where did you play baseball in high school or college?**

**A:** I went to Rowlett High School, and I played there. Then I played at Cedar Valley. I played at UT Permian Basin and then I played four seasons of independent baseball, it's a professional baseball. It's pretty much like minor leagues, but the only difference is those teams are not attached to a major league club.

**Q: What position did you play?**

**A:** I was outfield and pitcher in high school and in my freshman year in college. For my sophomore year on, I was a pitcher.

**Q: Who was your biggest supporter in your sport domain?**

**A:** Oh, definitely my family. They have definitely always been there supporting me since I was three until now.

They are still supporting me through my baseball journey. So definitely my mom and dad. They're awesome.

**Q: How about your favorite sports stars?**

**A:** I'm a Texas Rangers fan, but one player that re-

ally stands out to me is probably Mike Trout from the Angels. He's just got a good character and does things right. He's not a flashy guy or anything like that. He just does what you're supposed to do, and high character and plays the game.

**Q: Who is your favorite baseball team and player?**

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**Q: What's your favorite part about coaching?**

**A:** Obviously, winning games and building relationships with the players is awesome. But my favorite part is when that kid gets a scholarship, or he signs to a school that he really likes and he's excited to go. I think that's my favorite part by far, helping them get there.

**Q: What inspired you to begin coaching?**

**A:** Probably my freshman year or so in college, I knew I wanted to coach because baseball is my passion. If I didn't play baseball, I don't know how far I would've pursued my academics. I see what playing baseball at this level can provide for you. I went to Cedar Valley, I was able to play, I was close to home, and (baseball) really kept me in school, kept me inspired. I kept going (to school) just because I had opportunities to keep playing baseball. I know it does the same for every player that comes through a program. That's what inspired me, helping those guys continue school, hopefully be part of a good winning team, have fun, and get a degree and be set up for life.

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New North Lake baseball coach, Lance Fairchild demonstrates the team a proper batting stance during practice.

## Blazer Soccer Schedule

- Sep. 26: Eastfield @ NLC, 4 p.m.
- Sep. 29: NLC @ Mountain View, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 3: Brookhaven @NLC, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 6: NLC @ Cedar Valley, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 10: Richland @NLC, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 13: NLC @ Eastfield, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 17: Mountain View @NLC, 4 p.m.

## Blazer Volleyball Schedule

- Sep. 25: Cedar Valley @ NLC, 6 p.m.
- Sep. 28: Richland @ NLC, 6 p.m.
- Sep. 30: NLC @ Henderson State University, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 2: NLC @ Mountain View, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Eastfield @NLC, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 9: Brookhaven @NLC, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 12: NLC @ Cedar Valley, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Coffeyville Community College @NLC, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 14: Seminole State College @ NLC, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 16: NLC @ Richland, 6 p.m.

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