

## Royer named new skipper of Charger baseball program

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - After leading the University of Alabama in Huntsville baseball team to its second-consecutive appearance in the Gulf South Conference tournament, interim head coach Hunter Royer has been hired as the fourth head coach in the history of the program.

"I feel extremely blessed and honored to be the new head coach at UAH," noted Royer. "I would like to thank our Athletics Director Mr. Jim Harris for this opportunity. This is a dream come true and I must also take the time to thank my family for their support and patience over the past few years as I pursued this goal."

After serving the past three seasons as assistant coach including the 2009 season when he was named the top collegiate assistant coach in the state of Alabama by the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association, Royer took over the reins as interim head coach midway through the 2010 season leading the Chargers to a 15-13 mark including the first GSC Tournament win since 2003.

"Coach Royer did a tremendous job taking the reins of the Charger baseball program this season and we are excited about the future of the UAH baseball," noted Athletics Director Jim Harris. "His hard work leading the team this season and his tireless efforts as assistant coach over the past few seasons made this an easy choice."

Royer joined the Charger program as UAH's top assistant in the fall of 2006 after a three-year stint at West Alabama where he helped the Tigers to back-to-back NCAA regional appearances.

"I'm excited about the chance to continue our improvement here on the field and in the classroom," noted Royer. "I'm looking forward to furthering our relationships in the local baseball community and growing the support of UAH baseball."

Married to the former, Elisabeth Ashley, the couple resides in Huntsville.