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## BREWERS ANNOUNCE 2026 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT STAFF

*Bryan Conger Hired as Director of Player Development;  
New Roles for Joe Ayrault, Julio Borbón and Al LeBoeuf*

**MILWAUKEE** - The Milwaukee Brewers announced their player development staff for the 2026 season, including Minor League managers and coaches across the organization's seven affiliates.

**Bryan Conger** joins the organization as director of player development after five seasons (2021-25) with the Cincinnati Reds where he served as pitching coordinator (2021-24) and senior pitching coordinator (2025). Following a 10-year tenure (2009-18) as head coach at Tarleton State University (TX), Conger began his professional coaching career in the Texas Rangers organization from 2019-20.

**Joe Ayrault** has been promoted to field coordinator following 16 seasons (2010-25) as a Minor League manager in the organization, including the last two seasons (2024-25) at Double-A Biloxi where he was named the 2025 Southern League Manager of the Year.

**Julio Borbón** will serve as a special advisor to player development and scouting after spending the 2025 season on the Major League staff as first base coach. **Al LeBoeuf**, who was the lead hitting coach on the Major League staff last season, will serve as a special advisor to player development and baseball operations.

In their new roles, Borbón and LeBoeuf will spend time at each affiliate mentoring and guiding Minor League players and staff. They will also serve as a bridge between player development and other departments, including scouting and amateur acquisitions, with a joint presence in both domestic and international scouting, as well as player personnel and pro acquisition.

**Rick Sweet** will again serve as manager of Triple-A Nashville, marking his 36th season as a Minor League manager and 13th at the helm of Milwaukee's Triple-A affiliate. **Mike Guerrero** returns as manager of Double-A Biloxi following two seasons (2024-25) as a roving infield instructor. Guerrero previously guided the Shuckers from 2016-23 and will manage for a 27th season in the Brewers organization.

After two seasons as manager of Class-A Carolina, **Nick Stanley** has been promoted to manager of Class-A Wisconsin. New to the organization, **Eddy Morgan** will manage Class-A Wilson. Morgan most recently served as head coach at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon for 12 seasons (2014-25) and previously was the head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Superior from 2007-13.

The Rookie Arizona Brewers will again be managed by **Rafael Neda**. **Victor Rey** returns as manager of Rookie DSL Brewers Blue, while **Natanael Mejia** is back to lead Rookie DSL Brewers Gold.

Below are additional promotions and new members of the organization for 2026, including previous role:

- ⌚ **Tyler Thornburg** to Triple-A Nashville as a pitching coach (associate coach at Double-A Biloxi)
- ⌚ **Matt Lipka** to Double-A Biloxi as a coach (associate coach at Double-A Biloxi)
- ⌚ **Jesús Hernández** to Class-A Wilson as a pitching coach (pitching coach at Rookie Arizona)
- ⌚ **José García** to Class-A Wilson as hitting coach (hitting coach at DSL Brewers Blue)
- ⌚ **Ricky Carvajal** to Class-A Wilson as a coach (associate coach at Class-A Carolina)
- ⌚ **Jairo Cuevas** to Rookie Arizona as pitching coach (pitching coach at Triple-A Tacoma in Mariners organization)
- ⌚ **Conor Baxter** to DSL Brewers Blue as hitting coach (associate coach in the Dominican Republic)