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RAY'S NAME MINOR LEAGUE COACHING STAFFS FOR 2025

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The Tampa Bay Rays have named the minor league on-field coaching and medical staffs for the 2025 season.

Below are the organizational changes for minor league coordinator and roving instructor roles:

- ◆ Roving Infield Instructor **Ivan Ochoa**, spent last season as Infield Coordinator
- ◆ Roving Outfield and Catching Instructor **Reinaldo Ruiz**, spent last season as Bench Coach for Triple-A Durham
- ◆ Pitching Strategist **Tony Watson**, spent last season as Roving Pitching Instructor
- ◆ Performance Integration Coordinator **Drew Jarmuz**, spent last season as Nutrition Science Coordinator

Below are the new hires for minor league coordinator and roving instructor roles:

- ◆ Minor League Rehab Medical Coordinator **Logan Nordquist**, spent last season as Physical Therapist in the Chicago Cubs organization

Below are the new hires to the minor league on-field coaching and medical staffs:

- ◆ Process and Integration Strategist **Nick Rogers**, spent last season as Data Apprentice with the Texas Rangers
- ◆ Bowling Green Strength & Conditioning Coach **Grace Cullen**, spent last season as Strength & Conditioning Coach at Queens University of Charlotte
- ◆ Charleston Strength & Conditioning Coach **Rance Terry**, spent last season as Performance Coach at the University of Louisville
- ◆ DSL Assistant Pitching Coach **Jumbo Díaz**, spent last season as Player/Coach with Los Toros del Este
- ◆ DSL Development Coach **Malik Blaise**, spent last season as Assistant Coach Dillard (La.) University
- ◆ Minor League Athletic Trainer **Caitlin Lucas**, spent last season as DR Athletic Training Coordinator with the New York Mets
- ◆ Minor League Physical Therapist **Andrew Rigney**, spent last season as Minor League Physical Therapist with the Boston Red Sox
- ◆ Seasonal Physical Therapist **Adeline Scott**, spent last season as Student Physical Therapist with the Baltimore Orioles

Below are new roles in Player Development Leadership and Administration and Baseball Performance Science:

- ◆ Special Assistant, Coaching Development **Ozzie Timmons**, spent last season as MLB Hitting Coach with the Milwaukee Brewers
- ◆ Assistant Director, Minor League Operations **Jeremy Sanders**, spent last season as Coordinator, Minor League Operations
- ◆ Lead Analyst, Hitting Development **David Marshall**, spent last season as Lead Analyst, Baseball Research and Development
- ◆ Assistant, Latin America Player Programs **Ethan Richards**, spent last season as Affiliate Video Intern with Triple-A Durham

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- ◆ Assistant, International Operations and Player Development **Kevin Peralta**, spent last season as Performance Science – DR Academy
- ◆ Minor League Food Services Manager **Sean Jones**, spent last season as Minor League Clubhouse/Nutrition Assistant – FCL
- ◆ Biomechanist **Amanda Astrologo**, spent last season as Assistant, Baseball Performance Science.

Below are the organizational changes to the minor league coaching and medical staffs for the 2025 season:

Name	Position	2025 Club	2024 Assignment
German Melendez	Bench Coach	Durham (AAA)	Bench Coach with Montgomery (AA)
Zac Law	Bullpen Coach	Durham (AAA)	Major League Rehab Bullpen Catcher
Austin Teets	S&C Coach	Durham (AAA)	S&C Coach with Montgomery (AA)
Jim Paduch	Pitching Coach	Montgomery (AA)	Pitching Coach with Bowling Green (A)
Ronnie Richardson	Bench Coach	Montgomery (AA)	Bench Coach with Charleston (A)
Esteban González	Coach	Montgomery (AA)	Bench Coach with FCL Rays
Victor Cruz	S&C Coach	Montgomery (AA)	S&C Coach with FCL Rays
Steve Merriman	Pitching Coach	Bowling Green (A)	Pitching Coach with Montgomery (AA)
Grace Cullen	S&C Coach	Bowling Green (A)	S&C Coach, Queens Univ. of Charlotte
Francisco Leandro	Bench Coach	Charleston (A)	Coach with FCL Rays
Rance Terry	S&C Coach	Charleston (A)	Performance Coach, Univ. of Louisville
Kyndell Crowell	Athletic Trainer	Charleston (A)	Athletic Trainer with FCL Rays
Malik Blaise	Development Coach	DSL	Assistant Coach, Dillard Univ.
Eleardo Cabrera	Athletic Trainer	DSL	Assistant Coach with DSL
Elliot Cox	Process & Development	DUR, MTG, BG	--
David Lianes	Process & Development	CHS, FCL, DSL	--

RAYS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Senior Director, Player Development: Blake Butera

Director, Minor League Operations: George Pappas

Director, Pitching: Winston Doom

Assistant Director, Coaching & Player Development: Alejandro Freire

Assistant Director, Pitching: Ryan Pennell

Assistant Director, Player Programs & Integration: Dani Dockx

Assistant Director, Latin America Player Programs: Jairo De La Rosa

Assistant Director, Minor League Operations: Jeremy Sanders

Senior Advisor, Player Development: Mitch Lukevics

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RAYS MINOR LEAGUE COORDINATORS & ROVING INSTRUCTORS

Pitching Coordinator: Alberto Bastardo
Pitching Coordinator: Buddy Carlyle
Pitching Coord., Performance Development: Christian Wonders
Pitching Strategist: Tony Watson
Hitting Coordinator: Will Bradley
Hitting Coordinator: Kyle Wilson
Hitting Research & Video Coord.: Steve Livesey
Roving Hitting Instructor: Wuarnner Rincones
Catching Coordinator: Jeff Smith
Roving Infield Instructor: Ivan Ochoa
Outfield/Baserunning Coordinator: Jared Sandberg
Outfield/Catching Instructor: Reinaldo Ruiz

Strength and Conditioning Coordinator: Paul Jones
Latin America and Rehab S&C Coordinator: Cesar Gutierrez
Minor League Medical Coordinator.: Marty Brinker
Minor League Medical Rehab Coordinator: Logan Nordquist
Minor League Equipment Coordinator: Tim McKechney
Asst. Minor League Equipment Coordinator: Shane Rossetti
Performance Integration Coordinator: Drew Jarmuz
Process and Development Coach: Elliot Cox
Process and Development Coach: David Lianes

DURHAM (TRIPLE-A - INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE)

Manager: Morgan Ensberg
Hitting Coach: Kenny Hook
Pitching Coach: Brian Reith
Bench Coach: German Melendez
Bullpen Coach: Zac Law
Coach: Tyler Ladendorf

Process & Integration Strategist: Nick Rogers
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Austin Teets
Athletic Trainer: Kris Russell
Athletic Trainer: Tsutomu Kamiya
Clubhouse Manager: Pat Phelan

MONTGOMERY (DOUBLE-A - SOUTHERN LEAGUE)

Manager: Kevin Boles
Hitting Coach: Paul Rozzelle
Pitching Coach: Jim Paduch
Bench Coach: Ronnie Richardson
Coach: Esteban Gonzalez

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Victor Cruz
Athletic Trainer: James Ramsdell
Clubhouse Manager: Cary Joe Davis

BOWLING GREEN (HIGH-A - SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE)

Manager: Rafael Valenzuela
Hitting Coach: Braxton Martinez
Pitching Coach: Steve Merriman
Bench Coach: Perry Roth

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Grace Cullen
Athletic Trainer: Ruben Santiago
Clubhouse Manager: Jacob Osborne

CHARLESTON (LOW-A - CAROLINA LEAGUE)

Manager: Sean Smedley
Hitting Coach: Brett Schneider
Pitching Coach: Levi Romero
Bench Coach: Francisco Leandro

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Rance Terry
Athletic Trainer: Kyndell Crowell
Clubhouse Manager: John Horaz



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FCL RAYS (FLORIDA COMPLEX LEAGUE)

Complex Programming & Fundamentals Coordinator: Frank Maldonado

Manager: Héctor Giménez

Hitting Coach: Ty Kelly

Hitting Coach: Hez Randolph

Rehab Hitting Coach: K.C. Judge

Pitching Coach: Henry Bonilla

Pitching Coach: Miguel Socolovich

Rehab Pitching Coach: Doc Watson

Infield Coach: Julio Zorrilla

Outfield/Baserunning Coach: Chris Roberson

Coach: Manny Castillo

Coach: Jim Morrison

Rehab Bullpen Catcher: Julio Meza

Process & Development Coach: David Lianes

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Andrew Mitchell

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Megan Pierro

Athletic Trainer: Caitlin Lucas

Physical Therapist: Andrew Rigney

Seasonal Physical Therapist: Adeline Scott

Clubhouse Manager: Steve Berhalter

Clubhouse Manager: Anthony Dunagan

Clubhouse Manager: Cesar Guillen

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