



Tampa Yankees

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TAMPA YANKEES ANNOUNCE COACHING STAFF FOR 2010 SEASON **ONE NEW ADDITION TO TAMPA'S COACHING STAFF**

Tampa, FL. -The New York Yankees Player Development office has officially released the 2010 Tampa Yankees Field Staff. Manager, Luis Sojo and pitching coach Greg Pavlick, members from our 2009 staff, will return to coach in 2010. There will be one newcomer joining the team this season, Derek Shumpert. Kris Russell will return to serve as the team's athletic trainer alongside strength coach, Jay Signorelli and hitting coach, Julius Matos.

Luis Sojo, 43, enters his fifth season as manager of the Tampa Yankees after coaching them to win the Florida State League Championship in 2009. He guided Tampa to a 77-56 overall record last season. Under Sojo's tutelage, Tampa had 8 players promoted to Double A and higher last year.

Greg Pavlick, 58, begins his ninth season as the pitching coach for the Tampa Yankees. He began his coaching career in 1977 and spent 26 consecutive seasons in the New York Mets' organization before joining the New York Yankees. Pavlick oversaw a 2009 Tampa pitching staff that finished fourth in ERA and in saves with 39. Under his guidance, Tampa pitchers threw 10 shutouts over the 2009 season.

Julius Matos, 35, returns for his second season as the Tampa Yankees hitting coach in 2010. He made his professional coaching debut in 2008 as a coach for the Eastern League Champion, Trenton Thunder. He had a 13-year professional playing career in the Cleveland (1994-95), Arizona (1998-99), San Diego (2000-02, '06), Kansas City (2003), Toronto (2004, '05) and Montreal (2004) organizations. He also played in the Independent Northern League with Thunder Bay in 1995 and Sioux City in 1996. He saw Major League action with the Padres in 2002 and the Royals in 2003, combining to bat .244 (59-for-242) with 4 doubles, 4HR and 26RBI in 104 games. He was originally selected by Cleveland in the 16th round of the 1994 First-Year Player Draft.

Derek Shumpert, 34, will be entering his first season as a Tampa Yankees coach in 2010 after spending the past two seasons guiding the Gulf Coast League Yankees. He previously coached a Miracle 18 and under baseball team for two years prior to joining the Yankees. He played seven professional seasons with the Yankees in the minor leagues after being drafted in the 10th round of the 1993 First-Year Player Draft. In total, he batted .238 with 76 doubles, 23 triples, 17HR, 160RBI and 84SB in 588 career minor league games.

Kris Russell, 28, returns for his third season as Tampa's trainer. Kris graduated from University of South Florida in 2004. He was hired by the Tampa Bay Rays in December 2004 and was a minor league trainer for them for 3 years. In 2007 he was a trainer for Columbus Catfish in the South Atlantic league.

Jay Signorelli, will return for his third stint as the Tampa Yankees strength and conditioning coach. He held the same position in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization from 2006-'07. Prior to the Diamondbacks, he worked as an assistant strength and conditioning specialist for the International Performance Institute (IPI) at IMG Academies in Bradenton, FL and a Sport Performance Specialist for Velocity Sports Performance in Lakeland, FL. He played four years of college baseball at Manatee Community college, Florida Southern, and Tennessee Wesleyan College. He was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1998 First-Year Player Draft. He graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College with a B.S. in Exercise Science and resides in Nashville, TN with wife Julia and son Brody.

The Tampa Yankees begin their 2010 season April 8th, here at Steinbrenner Field against the Lakeland Flying Tigers. For more information please call 813-875-7753 or visit www.tybaseball.com.