



## Sports Information

### West coast product becomes 15th Bat Gavs addition

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CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – After dealing with infield depth problems throughout the 2006 season, the Austin Peay State University baseball coaching staff has made great attempts to shore up the problem area, today adding a fourth infielder – Joshua Meeker, of Port Orchard, Wash., who signed scholarship papers for the 2007 campaign.

Meeker joins the Gavs after playing two years at Olympic College, a two-year college in Washington. He played as a freshman in 2003 before taking two seasons off for a church mission, returning for his sophomore season and to complete his associate's degree in 2006.

This summer, Meeker played for the Kitsap BlueJackets of the West Coast Collegiate League where he batted .264 (37-of-140) and stole eight bases in 41 games, mostly from the ninth spot in the lineup.

"We look to use Josh as a utility infielder during the spring," said head baseball coach Gary McClure. "This fall, we will work him mostly at third base and believe he can help fill a void there left by Jake Schroeder and James Ray. (Assistant Coach) Chris (Cook) had an opportunity to see Josh play this summer and came back impressed with his knowledge of the game and work ethic. We believe he has the opportunity to be a leader for us this season."

With Meeker's addition, the Gavs roster balloons to 32 players, with 17 returnees joined by 15 newcomers. Among the newcomers, the Gavs have added four infielders, two outfielders, seven pitchers and two catchers to the mix.

"I think we have put together a recruiting class that could be as strong as or stronger than any we have had in the past," said McClure. "I believe we have filled some important holes with some very talented players and added a great amount of depth as well. This fall should be interesting from the standpoint of the competition it will create for our players."

#### 2006 Austin Peay Baseball Incoming Class

- Daniel Baggett, 6-3, 200-pound, outfielder (Cunningham, Tenn./Montgomery Central HS)
- Tyler Bullock, 6-4, 280-pound, catcher (DuQuoin, Ill./DuQuoin HS)
- Andrew Bradley, 6-0, 185-pound, right-handed pitcher (Hamilton, Ohio/Wabash Valley (Ill.) CC)
- Jake Brisbin, 6-1, 200-pound, right-handed pitcher (Cleveland, Okla./Ft. Scott (Kan.) CC)
- Levi Cheshire, 5-10, 175-pound, shortstop (Troy, Mich./Wabash Valley (Ill.) CC)
- Tyler Farrar, 6-0, 170-pound, infielder (Nashville, Tenn./Columbia State CC)
- Jack "J.B." Gilbert, 5-9, 144-pound, infielder (Charleston, Ill./Olney Central CC)
- Stephen Huff, 6-0, 205-pound, left-handed pitcher/outfielder (Murfreesboro, Tenn./Ezell-Hardin HS)
- Joshua Kempf, 5-10, 175-pound, outfielder (Hendersonville, Tenn./Cleveland State CC)
- Matt Kole, 6-2, 175-pound, first baseman/left-hander pitcher (Franklin, Tenn./Ravenwood HS)
- Jerry "Trey" Lucas, 6-1, 195-pound, catcher (Knoxville, Tenn./Halls HS)
- Ryne Mantooth, 6-4, 178-pound, right-handed pitcher/third baseman (Owensboro, Ky./Louisville)
- **Joshua Meeker, 6-3, 200-pound, infielder (Port Orchard, Wash./Olympic College)**
- Jason Stoermer, 6-1, 275-pound, right-handed pitcher (Owensboro, Ky./Daviss County HS)
- Daniel Tenholder, 6-1, 190-pound, right-handed pitcher (Clarksville, Tenn./Rossvie HS)

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