

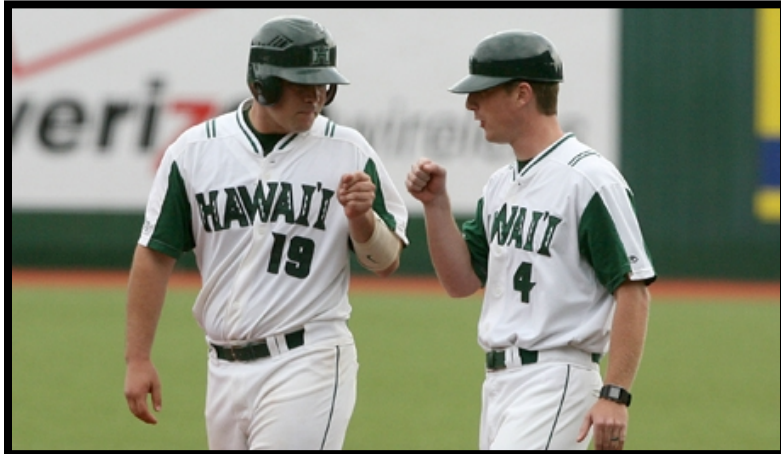
Julian Russell Named New Assistant Coach

Will Also Serve As Infield Coach and Hitting Instructor

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Fremont, CA. – Former University of Hawaii assistant coach Julian Russell has been hired as an Infield coach and hitting instructor for the Ohlone College baseball team, head coach Jordon Twohig announced Friday. Russell replaces former Renegade Infield Coach Erik Kahoalii, who retired following the 2009 season after 11 years with Ohlone College.

"While it is always difficult to replace an assistant coach with the loyalty, dedication, expertise and people skills that Coach Kahoalii brought to our program, in his eleven years with us," said Twohig. "I feel we've really hit a home run with the hiring of Julian Russell. Julian will have a huge impact on our infielders, hitters, and the entire team and this program. Our infielders will benefit from Julian's experience, his relentless energy, his teaching techniques and the person that he is. We are truly fortunate to have him at Ohlone College."



Coach Russell is Ohlone's new Infield and Hitting Instructor

"I feel very blessed to be back coaching in California and I really respect the job that Coach Twohig and his staff have done here, and it's something I want to be a part of, said Russell. I want to help them break down that door and take the program to the next level of winning a state championship."

Russell comes to Ohlone after spending two seasons as an assistant at The University of Hawaii where he coached the outfielders, infielders, served as assistant hitting instructor, and assisted in the strength and conditioning program. Russell played two seasons at Hawaii from 2002-03. He was the starting shortstop for much of the 2002 season with the Rainbows, carrying a .286 batting average with 14 runs and eight doubles. He finished the season as one of the team's hottest hitters, batting .412 with four runs in the last two series of the season.

Prior to him joining the Rainbows in 2002, Russell spent three years at Feather River College in Quincy, Calif. While at Feather River Russell was a 2-time All-Conference player and helped the Golden Eagles to its 1st Golden Valley Conference Championship in the schools history. Russell's Feather River teams also won 2 regional Championships. Coach Russell and Coach Twohig were teammates for 2 years at Feather River.

Russell prepped at Quincy High School in Quincy, Ca where he lettered in baseball, basketball and football, and led his baseball t to league titles in 1997 and '98.

Russell got his bachelors degree in English from the University of Hawaii in December 2003, then went on to get his masters degree at the University of San Francisco in Sports Management. Julian is married to the former Paula Davis; the two have one daughter, Logan. The Russell's reside in Pleasanton, CA.