



# Bill Gross

Billy Gross, a native of Philadelphia, PA, started all 108 of his games played at catcher over his three-year career for Slippery Rock. He led SRU to a sparkling 99-47 (.678) record that included three PSAC Tournament appearances and a pair of NCAA Tournament berths. Gross helped SRU win a PSAC championship in 1991 and as a senior captained a squad that won 37 games, the fourth most victories in a single-season in program history. For his career, Gross hit .381 (135-for-354) with 68 runs scored, 11 home runs, 88 RBI, 23 doubles and a .451 on-base percentage. 23 years after playing his final game at Slippery Rock, Gross still ranks 12th in career on-base percentage and 13th in career batting average. He also holds the school record in caught stealing in a season and career. He was a two-time All-Region honoree that also received All-America recognition in 1993. In 2016, Gross was inducted to SRU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

At the conclusion of his collegiate career Gross signed a free agent contract with the Florida Marlins and played in their minor league system for the Gulf Coast Marlins and Elmira Pioneers.

He went on to earn a master's degree (MBA) from the University of Hartford in 2000. From 2000-2002, Billy served as The University of Hartford's Assistant baseball coach. In this role, Billy served as the programs hitting, outfield and catching coach while taking on the program's Division 1 recruiting duties.

Billy believes "practice makes permanent, not perfect". He emphasizes the fundamentals but also instructs the finer points of the catching position. He strives to build on a player's strengths while further enhancing the 3 core skills needed for the position, throwing, blocking and handling a pitching staff.

The combination of collegiate and Professional experience is sure to offer players a fun but also structured, and comprehensive experience.