



**KODEE MURRAY  
HEAD COACH**

Coming off a season where nobody expected an all-freshman team to reach the state championship game, Kodee Murray brought an experienced team back to the state tournament in 2008. They made their intention known that the state championship was what they were there for and by the time the

dust had settled, the Falcons had their second state title in school history. Murray completed her seventh season as the head coach by guiding the team to a 43-5 record, which included a 5-1 win over Mt. San Antonio College in the state championship game. The wins set a new school record, while the team won all eight post-season games. This year's team has just three returners (one starter), but have an incoming freshman class that rivals any the school has seen in previous years.

Through her first seven seasons, Murray has posted a 210-87-1 (.707) record, which includes two South Coast Conference co-championships (including 2008), while the team has advanced to the Southern California Regional Playoffs each season. Ever since she arrived, Murray has established herself as one of the top-notch coaches in the state, and was honored in 2007 by being named the Southern California Coach of the Year, while she has been named the conference Coach of the Year twice. Back in 2004, the team won their first conference championship in 14 years and were the #2-seeded team in Southern California, while they were seeded #2 last season, as well.

Murray became the fourth coach of the Cerritos College softball program when she took over the program in 2002. She came to the Falcons after spending the 2001 season as an assistant coach at Santa Ana College, where they placed second in the State Championships. Murray brings coaching experience that spans every level - high school, community college, and professionally both in the United States and internationally.

Murray has over 20 years of experience coaching, with 12 of those at the community college level. She spent six years as the head coach at Los Angeles Valley College, rebuilding a team that had been on hiatus for a number of years. Murray coached at the high school level for six years, including a CIF Championship team at Woodbridge High School in Irvine in 1988. Professionally, Murray coached the Tampa Bay Firestix of the Women's Professional Fastpitch team out of Tampa Bay, Florida, and helped them to within three games of winning their division. Internationally, Murray coached the Regio Calabria Team in the Italian Softball Federation

Murray played softball at Golden West College for two years and at Cal Poly University, Pomona from 1982-83, where she earned All-West Region honors in 1983 and ASA All-American honors in 1984. After college, Murray played second base for the Orange Majestics, which included winning the 1987 ASA Women's Major Fastpitch National Championship and several berths to the Olympic Festival.

Murray earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Cal Poly Pomona in 1985 and a Master of Science degree in Physical Education from Cal State Dominguez Hills in 1991. She earned a second Master's degree in Special Education from National University in 1994. ■





## SEASON-BY-SEASON COACHING RECORDS

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NAME	COACH	OVERALL RECORD	CONFERENCE RECORD	PLACE	CAREER
<b>1976</b>	Nancy Kelly	15-1	10-0	1st	15-1
<b>1977</b>	Nancy Kelly	27-3	12-0	1st	42-4
<b>1978</b>	Nancy Kelly	33-2	20-0	1st	75-6
<b>1979</b>	Nancy Kelly	23-8	9-6	3rd	98-14
<b>1980</b>	Nancy Kelly	22-8	10-5	2nd	120-22
<b>1981</b>	Nancy Kelly	20-15	6-9	4th (Tie)	140-37
<b>1982</b>	Nancy Kelly	19-17	5-10	6th	159-54
<b>1983</b>	Nancy Kelly	28-15	8-10	4th	187-69
<b>1984</b>	Nancy Kelly	19-16-1	3-9	6th (Tie)	206-85-1
<b>1985</b>	Nancy Kelly	21-12	2-10	6th (Tie)	227-97-1
<b>1986</b>	Nancy Kelly	34-14	10-5	2nd (Tie)	261-111-1
<b>1987</b>	Nancy Kelly	37-14	10-2	1st (Tie)	298-125-1
<b>1988</b>	Nancy Kelly	27-15	12-6	4th	325-140-1
<b>1989</b>	Nancy Kelly	12-21	7-8	3rd (Tie)	337-161-1
<b>1990</b>	Nancy Kelly	28-13	11-5	1st (Tie)	374-174-1
<b>1991</b>	Nancy Kelly	21-15	7-8	3rd (Tie)	386-189-1
<b>1992</b>	Nancy Kelly	18-19	8-7	3rd (Tie)	404-208-1
<b>1993</b>	Nancy Kelly	13-23	4-11	5th	417-231-1
<b>1994</b>	Nancy Kelly	11-26	3-12	5th	428-257-1
<b>1995</b>	Nancy Kelly	19-15	6-9	4th	447-272-1
<b>1996</b>	Nancy Kelly	20-14	8-7	3rd	467-286-1
<b>1997</b>	Nancy Kelly	22-15	6-9	3rd (Tie)	489-301-1
<b>1998</b>	Nancy Kelly	13-19	4-11	5th	502-320-1
<b>1999</b>	Colette Yonce	15-22	6-9	4th (Tie)	517-342-1
<b>2000</b>	Colette Yonce	14-26-1	6-9	4th	531-368-2
<b>2001</b>	Lynn Laughon	4-35	1-14	7th	535-403-2
<b>2002</b>	Kodee Murray	25-16	8-10	4th (Tie)	560-419-2
<b>2003</b>	Kodee Murray	25-18	11-7	3rd	585-426-2
<b>2004</b>	Kodee Murray	30-8	12-3	1st (Tied)	615-432-2
<b>2005</b>	Kodee Murray	29-10	11-4	2nd	644-442-2
<b>2006</b>	Kodee Murray	19-19	6-9	4th	663-461-2
<b>2007</b>	Kodee Murray	39-11-1	12-3	2nd	702-472-3
<b>2008</b>	Kodee Murray	43-5	12-3	1st (Tied)	745-477-3

<b>1976</b>	South Coast Conference Champions	<b>1987</b>	South Coast Conference Champions
<b>1977</b>	South Coast Conference Champions	<b>1990</b>	South Coast Conference Co-Champions
	Southern California Champions	<b>2004</b>	South Coast Conference Co-Champions
	Southwest AIAW Regional Runner-Up	<b>2008</b>	South Coast Conference Co-Champions
	National AIAW Softball Runner-Up	<b>2008</b>	California State Champions
<b>1978</b>	South Coast Conference Champions		
	California State Champions		

18 Southern California Regional appearances in 32 seasons

7 South Coast Conference Championships

3 Second Place finishes

20 Tournament Championships



**BUD MURRAY**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**

Also beginning his eighth season with the Falcon coaching staff, Bud Murray is also the father of head coach Kodee Murray. Coach Murray has been a coach at the high school, junior college and Division I level, as well as with college, semi-pro and women's professional fastpitch teams. His experiences with both baseball and softball spans over 49 years, which makes him a valuable addition to the Falcon staff.

While the head baseball coach at Hart High School, Murray led his teams to 26 league titles and they won the 1999 CIF Southern Section Division II Championship. Upon his retirement from the school, Murray had his number (30) retired and the field was renamed in his honor. Back in 2004, he was named the California Baseball Coach of the Year, while he compiled an amazing 516-176 record during his 39 years of coaching high school and junior college baseball.

In addition to coaching at Hart High, Murray also spent time at Los Angeles Pierce College, Mission College, Cal State Northridge and the Wenatchee Apple Sox, a minor league baseball team in Washington. He also spent time as the Tampa Bay Fire Stix assistant coach, which is a women's fastpitch softball team.

A former professional baseball player himself, Murray spent 4½ years (1955-59) with the Brooklyn Dodgers as a pitcher. Upon graduation from high school in Scottsbluff, NE, where he lettered in football, basketball and track, Murray transferred to Nebraska State College on a basketball scholarship. His high school did not have a baseball team, so he spent his extra time playing American Legion baseball. In 1955, Murray earned All-State honors in basketball after his team won the state championship. In the finals, Murray scored a record 33 points. While at Nebraska State College, Murray earned his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Science and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1991. ■



**JOE SOLDAN**  
**PITCHING COACH**

Joe Soldan is in his fourth season as the Cerritos College softball pitching coach and has a long history in the coaching industry. In addition to his responsibilities with the Falcons, Soldan also has spent the last 20 years as a private coach for fastpitch and has owned and coached the California Cougars, an 18-under fastpitch travel team for the last 14 years. He started his coaching career at the high school level, where he

spent three seasons as a coach.

During his playing days, Soldan was in the Chicago Cubs organization and spent time in their Double-A and Triple-A system as a pitcher. ■



**GARY SPRINGER**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**

Joining the Cerritos College softball staff this year is Gary Springer, who spent six years playing professional baseball in the Detroit Tigers organization. A graduate of Marina High School, Springer played two years of baseball at Golden West College before he finished his collegiate career at the University of Oklahoma, where he received a full scholarship.

Once his baseball playing days came to an end, he switched to softball and has been playing competitively for the last 25 years. He currently plays for Courtesy Auto, the top-rated over-45 league in the country and has won the national championship the last five years. In addition, Springer is also playing for the Mavericks, which is the top-rated over-50 team in the country.

Professionally, Springer has spent the last 14 years as a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments in the Orange County area. In his spare time, Springer also coaches his children, who play in the Westminster Little League, NJB Basketball, West Garden Grove Girls softball and travel ball. Springer and his wife of 23 years, Kim, have three children; Jennifer, Brooke and Brandon. ■



**NICOLE DEEL**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**

As one of the two new additions to the Cerritos College coaching staff, Nicole Deel is very familiar with the program and the facility. Back during the 2004-05 seasons, Deel played for the Falcons under head coach Kodee Murray and assistant coach Bud Murray. A prolific batter during her time with Cerritos, Deel left the program with the school's home run record (since broken) and was a 2nd Team All-State, 1st Team

All-Southern California and 1st Team All-South Coast Conference selection at shortstop her sophomore season. The team won the conference title her freshman year, while they were a combined 59-18 in her career. Deel's name still appears in the school record books in the top 10 in career RBI (58), home runs (12) and doubles (21), as well as single season home runs (9) and doubles (13).

Deel received a scholarship to play at Abilene Christian University, where she continued to set records and play on successful teams. As a third baseman, Deel was a two-time All-Lone Star Conference selection and was an All-Region choice her junior year. She led the conference in home runs and RBI as a junior and had the second-best offensive season in the school's history.

Deel spent last season as a volunteer assistant coach at Abilene Christian, while she graduated in May, 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics with a minor in Spanish. She hopes to pursue her Masters degree in Mathematics and aspires to teach at the community college level. ■