



Corey Kimes is the Head Programming Coordinator and an assistant pitching instructor. Kimes completed his final collegiate season at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in the spring of 2011, before being drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 18th round of the MLB amateur draft.

Kimes spent two years in the Twins organization, posting a 2.51 ERA for the Elizabethton Twins, the Rookie Ball affiliate for the Twins. After a short stint in A ball, Kimes was released by the Twins and found his way into the Frontier League.

“I played with the Joliet Slammers for a most of the 2013 season,” Kimes said. “Then I played for the Gateway Grizzlies for a year but got traded this past spring training to the Normal Cornbelters. Unfortunately, I got hurt and then decided to hang ‘em up.”

Though Kimes decided to hang up his cleats, he valued his time in pro baseball. Now, he’s focused on developing youth pitchers and athletes.

“I want young pitchers to better understand how to stay under control of their bodies,” Kimes explained. “I mean staying balance and knowing their direction toward the plate is most important. I would much rather have them stand out as a strike thrower than some who can throw it as hard as they can.”

Since finding Baseball Institute, this is Kimes’ third year giving lessons, but has helped young athletes throughout his life. For now, Kimes lives in Minooka with his two dogs, Chase and Bear and looks forward to the busy indoor baseball season ahead.

A Corey Kimes Fun Fact: He was called “The Big Show” in college.