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**Record Series #: 1121-085**

**Name: Savannah Bananas Baseball Team collection**

**Dates: 2016-2019**

**Extent/Size: 1 ¼ records cartons, 1 oversized folder, 3 digital files (1.25 cubic feet, 404 MB)**

**Language: English**

*Name of Creator(s):*

The Savannah Bananas Organization

*Organizational History:*

The Savannah Bananas Baseball Team is an American collegiate summer baseball team that plays in the Coastal Plain League (CPL). The Bananas played their inaugural season in 2016 after they replaced Savannah's former team, the Savannah Sand Gnats. The name "Savannah Bananas" was announced on February 25, 2016, chosen from a long list of fan-supplied names. Home games are played at historic Grayson Stadium, which was built in 1926 and has a capacity of 4000 fans. On opening day, every seat in Grayson Stadium was sold out; during the first season, nearly every home game was completely sold out. The team is owned by Jesse and Emily Cole, of Fans First Entertainment, who believe that "every game is someone's first game." They focus on a fresh and energetic twist to the baseball experience by putting on unique "sideshowes," such as team dance routines and breakdancing base coaches. Additionally, the Bananas have their own pep band, as well as a senior-citizen dance team known as the "Savannah Nanas."

*Source:* [www.thesavannahbananas.org](http://www.thesavannahbananas.org) (last accessed April 2022).

*Scope & Content:*

The Savannah Bananas Baseball Team collection is comprised of artifacts, ephemera, and electronic media ranging across three seasons: 2016 (the team's inaugural year), 2017, and 2019. Among the artifacts are three baseballs (one signed by members of the 2016 team, another signed by players from the 2019 roster, and another unsigned and wrapped in the original packaging) as well as two Savannah Bananas mini-baseball bats, one of which has signatures from players on the 2019 roster. The ephemera are primarily tickets and programs, but also includes other items such as a sticker and a wristband.

Additionally, the collection contains two posters: one advertising the 2019 Savannah Bananas documentary, *Welcome to the Show: A Fans First Film*; while the other displays the 2019 Savannah Bananas roster. The electronic media includes three files: a promotional video from 2016; the 2016 game record; and the 2016 roster. Basic information on the players can be found on the roster, including their names, hometown, height, and weight, while more in-depth information (like player statistics) is available in the game record file.

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*System of Arrangement & Ordering:*

The Savannah Bananas Baseball Team collection is arranged in the following categories:

Posters (oversized)  
Artifacts  
Ephemera (arranged chronologically and then by type)  
Electronic Media

*See attached inventory*

*Conditions Governing Access:*

None

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**Inventory:**

Box 1121-000-4      Item 1: Poster, 2019 Savannah Bananas Roster. Includes 35 player names, numbers, schools, hometowns, positions, and player B/T preferences. Also lists 4 coaches and their respective schools.

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Item 2: Poster advertisement for *Welcome to the Show: A Fans First Film*, Savannah Bananas documentary starring players and coaches from the 2019 roster.

Box 1121-085-1

Item 1: Savannah Bananas mini-baseball bat, signed by 9 members of the 2019 roster including Gabe Howell (#6), Kaden Krowka (#20), Jake Howard (#11), and Marshall Thomas (#15).

Item 2: Savannah Bananas baseball, signed by 15 members of the 2019 roster, including Daniel Lloyd (#32), Hunter Goodwin (#34), Austin Temple (#28), Cory Heffron (#14), Nate Peterson (#19), Tyler Owens (#31), Mike Williams (#24), Justin McConnell (#9), Alex Degen (#35), Dalton Ross (#30), Ethan Baucom (#29), and Mike Williams (#26).

Item 3: Yellow Savannah Bananas mini-baseball bat, donated by Alderman Tony Thomas; circa 2019.

Item 4: Packaged (in original plastic) Savannah Bananas Baseball; circa 2016.

Item 5: Coastal Plain League baseball, signed by 12 players from the inaugural (2016) season including Clay Dungan (#6), Connor Stephens (#18), Colin Waln (#28), Garret Nelson (#32), Cory Beard (#30), and Greg Hollman (#34).

Box 1121-085-2

Folder 1: Contains five *Bananas Unpeeled* program pamphlets from the inaugural (2016) season. These pamphlets include a variety of information, including player and coach bios, events and programming, advertisements, a baseball crossword, and more. The dates of these 5 pamphlets are: Thurs. June 2 (opening night), June 3-9, June 11, June 15-25, and June 29-July 7.

Folder 2: Contains another five *Bananas Unpeeled* programs from the 2016 season. The pamphlets found in Folders 1 & 2 belong to the same set and span the entirety of the 2016 season; they are only split into separate folders for consideration of space. The information contained in the pamphlets in this folder match the content of those found in the pamphlets in Folder 1. The dates for these programs are July 9, July 13-21, July 23, July 27 and 29 and August 4, and August 6 (*Last Game of the Season!*).

Folder 3: Jesse Cole Card, circa 2016. Small card detailing information about Savannah Bananas owner, Jesse Cole. The front side of the card includes a photo of and contact information for

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Jesse, while the back lists biographical information, highlights, and fun facts.

Folder 4: Three *Bananas Unpeeled* program pamphlets from opening night (June 1) 2017. The programs include information such as advertisements for Savannah Bananas gear, player and coach biographies, team roster, game schedule, map of the stadium, and more. Included in each pamphlet is a printed letter to the fans from the Coastal Plain League Commissioner, Justin Sellers.

Folder 5: Three banana-shaped general admission tickets to the Savannah Bananas 2017 opening night (June 1 @7pm) against the Florence Red Wolves.

Folder 6: Two Savannah Bananas open admission tickets to the June 6, 2019 home game against the Macon Bacon. The game began at 7pm.

Folder 7: A round "Future Banana" sticker, circa 2019.

Folder 8: A green Savannah Bananas "All-You-Can-Eat!" wristband, circa 2019; the text on the wristband indicates that the all-you-can-eat special included chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, Byrd's cookies, water, and soda.

Folder 9: Two *Bananas Unpeeled* program pamphlets from June 4-8, 2019. These pamphlets contain information on events, programs, advertisements, staff and coaches, as well as a map of Grayson Stadium.

Electronic Media (404 MB) *Available in the Electronic Archives*

File 1: PDF of Savannah Bananas game results from 2016. Sourced from the Coastal Plain League. Includes game stats such as opponent, location of game, score, attendance, hits/errors, elapsed time, number of innings, and more. Also includes players stats for the year, including batting percentage, errors, homeruns, etc.

File 2: mp4 promotional video of the Savannah Bananas Inaugural Season. 3 minutes and 35 seconds long with background song "This Town" by OAR. Includes clips of Savannah Bananas players, fans, and staff, as well as some of the organization's

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programs/events (such as the Savannah Nanas) and game highlights/clips.

File 3: Excel spreadsheet of the 2016 Savannah Bananas player roster. Includes information like player name, number, position, school, year, hometown, height, weight, B/T preference, and birthday.