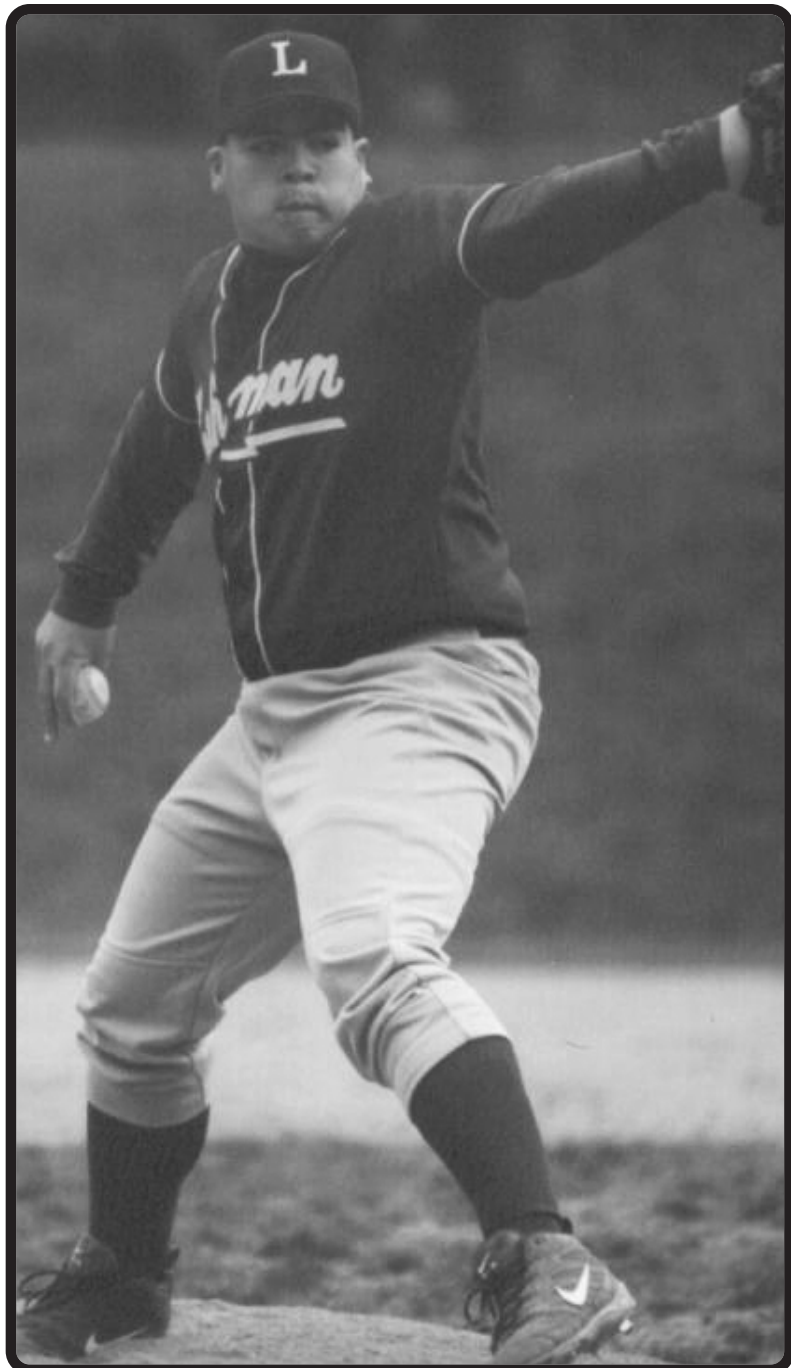


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LEHMAN ATHLETICS



Lightning Name Three New Softball Assistants

The Lehman College athletic department has named Caesar Badillo, Moises Rivera and Jarrid Bland as assistant coaches for the women's softball program. The trio all come with a wealth of experience which should Lightning fans hope return the upper echelon of the CUNY athletic conference.

Badillo is a graduate of Cardinal Hayes High school, where he was a member of their national ranked baseball team. After graduating from Cardinal Hayes, Badillo attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College where he played on the baseball team as the starting center fielder. He then enlisted in the United States Navy where he also participated on the baseball team and was named to the All-Navy team. Badillo, a former assistant coach for the Varsity Girls Softball team at Paterson Catholic High School in New Jersey, will be responsible for the defensive development of the Lightning outfield in addition to his recruiting and scouting duties.

"I feel it is a privilege to be a part of the Lehman coaching staff where the other coaches are dedicated to teaching our athletes the necessary skills to succeed at the college level." Badillo added "I hope to help the team get to the

level that they need to in order to accomplish our goal of winning a CUNY championship."

Moises Rivera, former member of the Lehman College Baseball teams, and an assistant coach under former head coach Kiko Reyes will return to the Lehman dugout once again, but this time on the opposite field. As a former catcher and pitcher from 1998-2002, Rivera will be responsible for developing the abilities of the Lightning catchers. He will also serve as the squads batting coach.

Jarrid Bland will volunteer his time to the softball team this year as well. Coach Bland will not only work primarily with the Lehman outfielders, but will be helpful with batting techniques and instruction.

"I look to the upcoming season with high expectations and coaches Badillo, Rivera and Bland will assist in fulfilling these expectations" says Head Coach Kim Santoiemma. "The addition of these coaches will strengthen our staff, and will give us a wide array of talented people to develop the squad into a championship contender."

The Lightning are coming off a season where they finished 10-18 overall, and advanced to the CUNY conference semi-finals.

