

## Manager Profile



**BILLY  
GARDNER, JR.  
MANAGER**

**Bats / Throws:**  
Right / Right

**Height / Weight:**  
6' 6" / 200

**Opening Day Age:**  
41

**Born:**  
September 25, 1966  
New London, CT

**Resides:**  
Naples, FL

**Acquired:**  
Signed with Rays on  
11/29/06

**Professional Experience:**  
15th Year; 13th as a manager

**Biscuits Debut:**  
April 4, 2007

### All-Time Records of Biscuits Managers

Name	Yrs.	Record	Pct.
Billy Gardner, Jr.	07	81-59	.579
Charlie Montoyo	04-06	201-215	.483

### Biscuits Career

Skipped the finest season of his managerial career with the Biscuits in 2008, rolling to an 81-59 (.579) mark and winning the Southern League championship ... His club was the winningest and highest-scoring team in the league ... The championship was Gardner's second ... The Biscuits set many all-time records under his guidance, including winning percentage, runs (695), total bases (1957) and walks (532).

### Career Summary

This will be his second season with the Tampa Bay Rays organization, having been signed in November, 2006 ... Owns career managerial record of 846-833 (.504) ... Skipped Cincinnati's affiliate in Dayton (OH) in 2006 after three-year stint in the Royals system with Wilmington (2003-2004) and High Desert (2005) ... Served as manager in the Boston system for the previous nine seasons, serving at the helm of Lowell (1996), Michigan (1997-1998), Augusta (1999), Trenton (2000-2001; his only prior experience in Double-A) and Sarasota (2002)... Broke into professional baseball managing with Butte in 1995 ... Began coaching career in 1990 with the Pittsfield Mets of the New York-Penn League, working for the Mets for two seasons before joining the St. Lucie Mets in 1992 ... Has made the postseason six times, both in three-year spurts: 1997-1999 and 2003-2005 ... Won the South Atlantic League Championship with Augusta in 1999, earning Midwest League Manager of the Year honors ... Honored with the Red Sox Edward F. Kenney Player Development Award in 1998 ... Selected in the 50th round of the 1987 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City, playing two years in the minors before returning to the University of Hartford to pursue his degree and assistant coach the baseball team ... Son of Billy Gardner, Senior, who played 10 seasons in the Major Leagues, posting a .237 lifetime batting average for five teams; Gardner, Sr., was named Manager of the Year for his efforts with the Jacksonville Suns in 1973, a season in which the Montgomery Rebels won the Southern League Championship; he would later skipper Minnesota from 1981-1985 and Kansas City for part of 1987, compiling a 330-417 (.442) career record ... Gardner, Jr. and wife, Kristie, have two children, Joshua and Jaycie.

### Billy Gardner, Jr.'s Minor League Managerial Record

YR	CLUB	LEAGUE	CLASS	PARENT CLUB	RECORD	PCT.
1995	Butte	Pioneer	Rookie	co-op	19-51	.271
1996	Lowell	New York-Penn	Short-A	Boston	33-41	.446
1997	Michigan	Midwest	A	Boston	70-67	.511
1998	Michigan	Midwest	A	Boston	79-61	.564
1999	Augusta	South Atlantic	A	Boston	69-70	.496
2000	Trenton	Eastern	AA	Boston	67-75	.472
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2002	Sarasota	Florida State	A-Adv	Boston	62-74	.456
2003	Wilmington	Carolina	A	Kansas City	80-60	.571
2004	Wilmington	Carolina	A	Kansas City	77-62	.554
2005	High Desert	California	A-Adv	Kansas City	75-65	.536
2006	Dayton	Midwest	A	Cincinnati	67-73	.489
2007	Montgomery	Southern	AA	Tampa Bay	81-59	.579
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>846-833</b>	<b>.504</b>

### Year-by-Year Coaching Staff

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Manager	Charlie Montoyo	Charlie Montoyo	Charlie Montoyo	Billy Gardner, Jr.
Coach	Skeeter Barnes	Mako Oliveras	Mako Oliveras	Hector Torres
Pitching Coach	Dick Bosman	Xavier Hernandez	Xavier Hernandez	Neil Allen
Trainer	Matt Lucero	Matt Lucero	Mark Vinson	Jimmy Southard
Strength and Conditioning	-	-	-	Will Mieding