

**Pat Bishop was one of three Tigers named to the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches Association's all-state team in 1997 after Belton was 21-13 on the year reaching the Regional Quarterfinals. He later played at Southwest Texas State University, Temple College and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.**

**Pat Bishop was born on June 6, 1979, in Killeen TX to Larry and Dayle Bishop and was the third of three children (Michelle, Stacy, and Pat). Pat was raised in Killeen where he attended Haybranch Elementary School, Rancier Jr. H.S., and Killeen High School before moving to Belton for his junior year and graduating from Belton H.S. in 1997. He played football and baseball at Killeen H.S. as a freshman and soph and played football as a junior and baseball as a junior and senior at Belton. As a junior in 1995 Pat was a 5'9" 130 lb. back-up WR for the Tiger varsity football team that was 4-6 on the year. He did not play football as a senior deciding to concentrate on baseball.**

**Pat's baseball career began at the age of 7 in Killeen in the Midget League and continued thru Little League. While in Belton at 15 he played for the Centex Mavericks, a "select" team comprised of boys from Temple, Belton and other central Texas towns that included three other (future) Belton Wall of Honor members (Brad Turner, Kyle Tidwell and Brian Mraz). At 16 he played for the Austin Slam and at 17 for the Baseball Academy (of Round Rock) team which finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the national AAU tournament in the summer of 1996.**

**Bishop's Belton baseball career began during his junior year with the 1996 Tigers who were 17-11 (6-4) on the year. He was joined on the Tiger team in 1996 by his older brother, Stacy, a senior, the 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district designated hitter. Pat started at second base and hit .417 with 9 RBIs and 2 HRs and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-district and all-centex. In his senior year of 1997 the Tigers were 21-13 and reached the regional quarterfinals before losing to Round Rock H.S. (the eventual state champs that year). Pat hit .375 with 35 RBIs and 9 HRs and was named 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district at second base and all-centex. He and teammates Bry Ewan and Kyle Tidwell were named to the all-state team by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. Pat was named the MVP of the 1997 Tigers for his efforts as a second baseman, pitcher and one of the top hitters on the team. Pat and Kyle Tidwell played for Team Texas in the SunBelt Classic, a national high school all-star tournament played in Oklahoma in the summer of 1997.**

**Bishop was recruited by several colleges after his senior year and signed with Southwest Texas State University where he played 20 games (starting 3) on the varsity as a freshman outfielder in 1998. He then transferred to Temple College where he started for the Leopards in 1999 as a soph and hit .350 with 8 HRs. After graduating from Temple College in 1999 Bishop was offered a scholarship to play baseball at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio and UMHB and signed with UMHB where he had to sit out the 2000 season due to a broken jaw and heart surgery. He did play part of the 2001 season as a junior at UMHB before deciding to end his baseball career for health reasons.**

**In 2009 Pat Bishop, 30, was single and lived in Belton where he was self-employed remodeling houses. He graduated from UMHB in 2004 with a degree in accounting.**