Gardenhire to play in WBC

UW-Stout baseball coach Toby Gardenhire will play for the German national team at the World Baseball Classic.

Gardenhire played college baseball as an infielder for three different colleges, including the University of Illinois. He was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 2002 and again in 2005. He played with the organization's minor league teams from 2005-11.

He is able to play on the German team because his father, Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire, was born in Germany when Ron's father was stationed in Germany with the US military.

The German team will begin play in a double elimination qualifying round on Sept. 20 in Regensburg, Germany. Canada, Czech Republic and Great Britain are in the same qualifying bracket as the Germans.