

Carolina 10u Sluggers

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The Carolina Sluggers 10U Baseball team is based out of Concord, NC with kids from Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties. This is the start of our second year and we are very excited about what 2010 will bring. The 2009 season was very successful for us. In nine tournaments, we had four Championships, including the NC State Championship, one 2nd place finish, and a 4th place finish in the Nationals. We tallied up an overall 27-15 record with a stellar 13-2 in class record.

This season, with the help of our gracious

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Our coaching staff is made up of guys who played high school and a little college ball but are primarily in it for the love and passion of the game that has passed down to their sons. The head coach is Jeff White with his assistants Jon McKinsey, Wayne Barker, and one unique coach that simply does it out of the goodness of his heart. His name is Marc Nesbitt and he volunteers his time simply because he loves the game and more importantly the kids. Our statistician is Ronnie Raper, who all the players bribe with candy to try to pad their stats.

Speaking of players, we are blessed to have such a talented group of boys.

Gavin Barker - OF, P is our speedster and can really run the bases. He also turned in some stellar pitching performances for us last year and we look for big things from him again this season.

Tim Furr - 3B, C, P is the only new addition to the team and brings with him some great talent. Known by many nicknames, he is quickly becoming a popular kid on the team and most definitely a super asset.

Austin "Hoss" Hyde - 1B, OF, P, C, 3B is a utility player who is comfortable wherever you put him and performs well anywhere. We also call him "Preacher" as he is usually the first volunteer to lead the team prayer before the game.

Justin Jarvis - C, 1B, OF, P is also a kid we move around a lot. With a good glove, arm, and speed he is able to change positions easily and a valuable asset to the team.

Drew Lord - OF, C, P has a huge arm and super speed. Nobody runs the bases like Drew, and with the ability to be a big play maker, is a force to be reckoned with. **Brian McKinsey - SS, P, OF** is a great infielder with super hands and phenomenal fundamentals. He is a control pitcher that knows how to hit the corners and keep the batters off balance and a super asset to the team.



Tim Furr



Justin Jarvis



Brian McKinsey



Jason White



Ryan O'Kelly



Gavin Barker



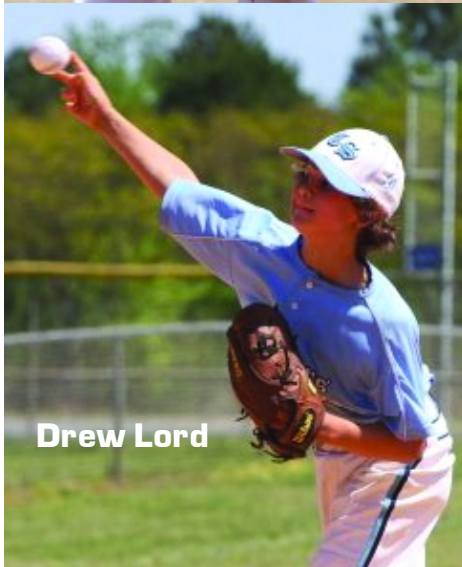
Austin Hyde



Marshall Raper



Matt Stevens



Drew Lord

Ryan O'Kelly - OF, 1B, P is our only LH thrower on the team. He is quickly developing into a great pitcher which is always a plus to have a lefty on the hill. With power and an improved eye at the plate, he is becoming a major threat to opponents.

Marshall Raper - C, OF, IF the youngest player on the team and playing up, has really become a great catcher and utility player. With a much improved bat and confidence from last year, he is quickly becoming a diamond in the rough for the Sluggers.

Matt Stevens - 2B, P, OF is a solid middle fielder with a great nose for the baseball. The leading hitter for average last year, Matty has a knack for picking the defense apart.

Jason White - OF, MI, P is another utility player with exceptional speed and a great nose for the ball. Having a hunger to reach Home Plate, he quickly makes teams regret allowing him to reach base.

With the amount of success the Sluggers accomplished in 2009, 2010 promises to be a tough act to follow. With many improved teams from last year, the competition will be brutal. However, our primary goal is to play the game we love with passion, dedication, competitiveness, and sportsmanship. Never forgetting why we play...to have FUN. If we do all those things, we will have success regardless of Championships.