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Two Starting Pitchers Head List Of Returnees

Several With Local Ties Will Be 2010 Copperheads

Two pitchers who combined to start 19 games and led the team in innings pitched in 2009 will be among the returning players on head coach Donnie Wilson's 2010 Asheboro Copperheads roster.

UNC Greensboro's Warren Slack and Catawba's Nathan Furr, both righthanders, will rejoin the Copperheads this summer. Slack, who is returning for a third season, pitched 59 1/3 innings in 2009 with a 3.64 earned run average and a 2-3 record. The Spartan junior from High Point made 10 starts, tops on the team, and holds the all-time team record for



Warren Slack

Nathan Furr

career starts (20) and innings pitched (119). Furr, a sophomore from Albemarle, pitched 58 innings last summer, making nine starts and

earned the CPL's Pitcher of the Week honor for a three-hit, complete-game victory in mid July against eventual Pettitt Cup champion Forest City.

Another returnee from 2009 will be outfielder/pitcher Ethan Marsh, who grew up in the Asheboro area and played at Southwestern Randolph High. A junior at Pfeiffer, Marsh started 17 games in the outfield last season and made four appearances on the mound. He was a star centerfielder on the 2008 Randolph County Post 45 American Legion state championship team, earning MVP honors at the state tournament.

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Copperheads Name Assistant

Ohio Native Anthony Hayes Spent 2009 With Daredevils

Anthony Hayes, an Ohio native who spent last summer as an assistant coach at Outer Banks, will be joining the coaching staff of the Asheboro Copperheads in 2010.

Hayes played collegiately at Charleston Southern and coached at his alma mater for a year before joining the staff at Lake Erie College in Painesville, OH, where he is working toward a masters degree. He will serve as the top assistant for Asheboro head coach Donnie Wilson. Wilson served in the same capacity last summer before being elevated to the head coaching post to succeed Tim Murray, who directed the Copperheads for two seasons.

Hayes served as team captain at Charleston Southern during his senior season in 2007 when he started 53 games at first base for the Buccaneers and hit .307. Prior to going to Charleston Southern, Hayes played at Columbus State Community College in Ohio. He was named to the first team National Junior College Athletic Association All-America team in 2005 and was selected Region Player of the Year. He played briefly with the now-defunct Atlantic City Surf in the CAN-AM League, an independent professional league.

"I feel very fortunate to be spending a second straight summer coaching in one the



Anthony Hayes

nation's most talented summer leagues and am very excited about spending it in Asheboro," said Hayes. "After talking with Coach Wilson and General Manager David Camp, I believe we are putting together a great team

that will be able to compete on a daily basis, make it to the playoffs, and compete for the Pettitt Cup. I am very eager to get to Asheboro this summer and start working with our guys on a daily basis. I look forward to helping each of them improve in all aspects of their game."

"We're excited that Anthony has agreed to spend the summer here," added Camp. "He's a very impressive young man who obviously has a great desire to become a successful collegiate coach. The experience he gained last year at Outer Banks and his general knowledge of the Coastal Plain League is definitely a big plus. He knows what to expect and what it takes to be successful at this level. I think he and Coach Wilson are going to work very well together."



Nine Schools Will Play April 5-9 In Copperhead Classic

Nine schools, including all six Randolph County high schools, will participate in the fourth annual Copperhead Classic at McCrary Park April 5-9.

The five-day event during the Easter vacation school break will begin with three games on Monday, April 5, and there will be two games per day Tuesday through Friday.

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**Local Prep, Legion Star
Hunter Ridge On Roster**

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A fourth player signed for 2010 has also worn a Copperheads uniform before, although he didn't play last season. Matt Ryan, a third baseman from Tulane, played for Asheboro in 2008, but missed last season due to an injury. Ryan hit .282 in 28 starts for the Copperheads in '08 and also made 20 starts for the Green Wave last spring. The Kenner, LA native is in his third-year in the Tulane program.



Ethan Marsh

In addition to four players with previous Copperheads experience, two players from UNC Wilmington with local ties are also on the roster. Hunter Ridge out of Southwestern Randolph and Cameron Cockman, a Southeast Guilford graduate, are expected to play key infield roles this summer.



Hunter Ridge

Like Marsh, both Ridge and Cockman were members of the Post 45 state championship team in 2008. Ridge, a freshman with the Seahawks, also played for Post 45 last summer and was one of the state's most productive high school and American Legion hitters in 2009. Ridge played mostly at third and first in high school and Legion ball, while Cockman, a sophomore at UNCW, is a middle infielder.

While the 2010 roster is still in the process of being completed, it is already shaping up to be the most diverse ever in terms of school representation with players from almost every region in the country. Additional signees will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

Wilson, an assistant with the Copperheads last summer, will be taking over the head coaching reins this summer. Wilson is an assistant coach at College of the Sequoias in California. He is a native of California, but played and graduated from Western Carolina. He succeeds Tim Murray, who spent two seasons as head coach of the team.



Dates Set For 2010 Summer Camps

The Asheboro Copperheads have set the dates for their 2010 summer youth camps, staffed by Copperhead coaches and players. The three-day All-Star Camp will be held Tuesday through Thursday, June 22-24 at McCrary Park, while the two-day Pitcher/Catcher and Hitting Camps are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 14 and 15. All camps are for boys and girls ages 6 and up. More details will be announced in the upcoming months.

2010 Copperhead Classic Schedule

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Asheboro, Southwestern Randolph and Eastern Randolph will all play three games during the Classic, while Randleman, Trinity and Providence Grove will each play twice.

Burlington Williams, North Moore and West Davidson are the out-of-county teams in the Classic. Williams will play three times, North Moore twice and West Davidson once.

The three Monday games will begin at 3, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m., while the Tuesday through Friday games will start at 5 and 7:15 p.m.

Eastern Randolph and Williams will get things started at 3 p.m. on the opening day, followed by Asheboro and Trinity at 5:15 and Southwestern vs. Providence Grove at 7:30.

Asheboro and Eastern Randolph will cap the event with the 7:15 p.m. game on Friday night.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Monday April 5

- 3:00 E. Randolph vs. Burlington Williams
- 5:15 Asheboro vs. Trinity
- 7:30 SW Randolph vs. Providence Grove

Tuesday April 6

- 5:00 E. Randolph vs. North Moore
- 7:15 Randleman vs. Burlington Williams

Wednesday April 7

- 5:00 SW Randolph vs. Trinity
- 7:15 Asheboro vs. W. Davidson

Thursday April 8

- 5:00 Randleman vs. North Moore
- 7:15 Providence Grove vs. Burlington Williams

Friday April 9

- 5:00 SW Randolph vs. W. Davidson
- 7:15 Asheboro vs. E. Randolph

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