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## College Teams Will Visit Town In February

The Asheboro Copperheads won't be opening their season until late May, but baseball fans won't have to wait that long to see collegiate baseball at McCrary Park.

Nine NCAA Division II games are scheduled for the park during the month of February, six of them coming the weekend of Feb. 10-12 when nearby Pfeiffer University will host three other teams in a round-robin event.

Joining the Falcons for the early February event will be Barton College of Wilson, NC, Shepherd University of

Shepherdstown, WV, and Tusculum College of Greenville, TN.

Shepherd and Pfeiffer will open play on Friday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m., followed by a Barton-Tusculum matchup at 6. At noon on Saturday, Tusculum will play Pfeiffer, followed immediately by Shepherd vs. Barton. In Sunday's action, Shepherd and Tusculum will play at noon and the event will conclude with Barton taking on host Pfeiffer. General admission tickets will be \$5 per day.

Just two days later on Feb. 14, Winston-Salem State and Brevard will meet in a 4 p.m.

game at McCrary. The Rams made an impressive return to collegiate baseball in 2011 by winning 30 games and advancing to the NCAA Division II playoffs after a 37-year absence from the sport.

Barton's Bulldogs will return to McCrary Park on Wednesday, Feb. 29 to take on the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. Both games are scheduled for seven innings.

General admission will be \$5 for both the WSSU-Brevard game and for the Barton-LR doubleheader.

## Prep Field Set For 6th Annual C-head Classic

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Copperhead Classic will be played over six days in early April and will include the largest field and the most games in the history of the event.

Fifteen schools will take part at McCrary Park April 9-14, playing a total of 16 games. The Classic will begin with a pair of games on Monday, April 9 and there will be three games played Tuesday through Friday before concluding with a pair of games on Saturday afternoon, April 14.

Five of Randolph County's seven high schools (Asheboro, Southwestern Randolph, Eastern Randolph, Wheatmore and Providence Grove) will be in the field, along with five Guilford County schools. North Stafford of Virginia will be participating for the second straight year, while schools from Davidson County, Montgomery County, Alamance County and Forsyth County will also take part.

Asheboro and Wheatmore will play three games each, as will Ragsdale, Dudley and Southwest Guilford. Seven schools will play two games each, while three others will play single games.



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## 2012 Copperheads Roster Will Include Familiar Faces

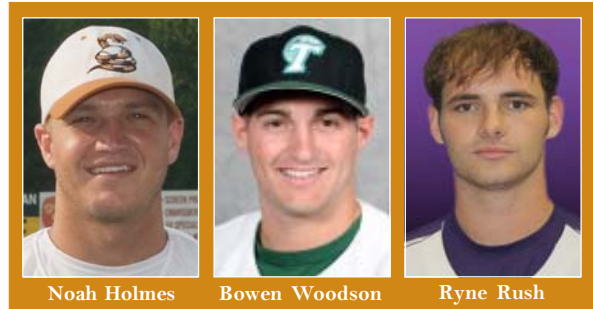
### Noah Holmes, Bowen Woodson, Ryne Rush Sign, Along With Two NCAA D-I Freshman All-Americans

A couple of former Asheboro Copperheads, along with a familiar local name and two players who earned 2011 NCAA Division I Freshman All-American honors are among the first announced Copperhead player signees for the 2012 season.

Appalachian State's Noah Holmes, who hit .302 in 18 games for the Copperheads last summer, and Tulane's Bowen Woodson, who started 37 games in 2010, are both headed back to Asheboro for another Coastal Plain League season.

Holmes (6-0, 200, L/R) is a sophomore from Rockwell in nearby Rowan County. He will be vying for a starting spot at third base this spring at ASU, where he plays with older brother Trey, also a Copperhead last summer and the starting first baseman for the Mountaineers.

Woodson is a red-shirt sophomore for the Green Wave from Vicksburg, MS and is coming off a solid 2011 season that saw him start 38 games, splitting time between the outfield and second base. He played in 56 of



Noah Holmes

Bowen Woodson

Ryne Rush

Tulane's 57 games as a red-shirt freshman and hit .272 with three homers and 28 RBIs. Woodson (6-0, 195, R/R) played mostly at shortstop during his first tour of duty with the Copperheads in 2010, but didn't play summer ball in 2011 due to an injury.

Another player who will certainly be no stranger to local fans will be former Asheboro High and Post 45 standout Ryne Rush. Rush (6-1, 180, R/R) is a freshman at High Point and his offensive potential and versatility should earn him considerable playing time in both the infield and outfield for the Panthers this spring.

North Carolina A&T infielder Luke

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## Season Ticket Sale Extended

The special sale on season passes for the 2012 Copperheads season has been extended through the month of January.

Until Feb. 1, "Copperhead Club" reserved grandstand season passes, regularly priced at \$130, can be purchased for only \$99. That's less than \$3.20 per game for the 28 regular season Coastal Plain League games, plus it entitles you to free admission to all exhibition and post-season games.

Also, general admission season passes for all 28 regular season CPL home games, plus any exhibition and post-season games, can be purchased for \$79 each – that's just \$2.55 per regular season game and \$20 off the regular price of \$99.

If you would like to purchase season tickets or would like information on other multi-game packages, please call Copperheads General Manager David Camp at 460-7018.

## 2012 Roster

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Tendler and pitcher Jonathan Reich of Fordham both had outstanding freshman seasons in 2011 and are expected to play key roles for their respective teams again this spring. Tendler (6-0, 190, L/R) was a first-team selection to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's All-America team as a shortstop and also was a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American, as was Reich (6-3, 180, R/R).

As a teammate of former Copperheads Marquis Riley and Xavier Macklin, Tendler led the Aggies in 2011 by hitting a robust .380. The Wilmington native finished with 20 doubles, five triples, six homers and 53 RBIs. He also led the team in hits with 81 and earned All-MEAC first-team honors.

Reich, a right-hander from Hillsdale, N.J., posted impressive bullpen numbers for the Atlantic 10 Rams. He appeared in 15 games, going 3-0 with four saves. He sported a 2.10 ERA and issued only five walks in 25 2/3 innings.

"We're pleased that Noah is going to be back with us and that Bowen is returning after taking last summer off," said Copperheads GM David Camp. "Noah stepped in last summer over the final few weeks of the season and played a key role in our strong finish to the regular season, while Bowen really progressed last spring at Tulane and proved to be one of their most dependable hitters. Both are not only fine players, but first-class young men



Jonathan Reich

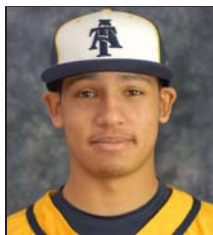
who exemplify the qualities we want in individuals representing our organization both on and off the field."

"We're excited to have Ryne as well. We know what kind of hitter he can be from having seen him play at McCrary Park over the past few years in high school and American Legion ball," Camp added. "He'll certainly be comfortable in his surroundings and he gives us another player with a strong local following. Both Luke and Jonathan are extremely talented players who should play prominent roles for us. Luke is going to be very exciting to watch and we anticipate Jonathan being one of the mainstays of our pitching staff.

Over the next few months, the Copperheads will continue to announce members of the 2012 team. The roster is expected to include several more players off last summer's team, along with a host of others who have already earned all-star honors, either at their respective schools or at the summer collegiate level.

The Copperheads are coming off a franchise record 30-win season in 2011 and a second straight post-season trip. Donnie Wilson, an assistant at College of the Sequoias in California, is returning for his third season as head coach.

The Copperheads will open the 2012 season at Forest City on Tuesday, May 29, and will play their home opener the following night, May 30, against Florence.



Luke Tendler

## WINTER SPECIALS

### Discounts On Apparel-Ticket Combos

The Christmas shopping season may be over, but during the winter months of January and February, the Copperheads are offering some great deals on combinations of game hats, t-shirts, hoodies and tickets.

The popular Copperheads game hats (both color options) can be packaged with our Fang "High Five" and "Hang 10" passes. A hat plus a "High Five" pass is on sale for \$32 – that's a \$40 value if purchased separately. Also, you can get the hat plus a "Hang 10" pass for only \$40 – a \$50 value. The Fang passes for five and 10 general admissions are good for any regular season game.

With plenty of winter weather still to come, you can stay a little warmer by taking advantage of two specials that include either the Copperhead hoodie sweatshirt or the newly-stocked long sleeve Copperheads t-shirt (white or Texas orange). Buy either a hoodie (\$30) or the t-shirt (\$16) and you can get discounts on either a "High Five" or "Hang 10" pass. "High Five" passes are normally \$20, but when purchased with a hoodie or long-sleeve t-shirt you can get one for only \$12. The "Hang 10" passes, regularly \$30, can be yours for only \$20 along with the purchase of a hoodie or long-sleeve t-shirt.

To take advantage of these winter specials, simply **call the Copperheads office at 336-460-7018** and place your order. Sizes and color selection of apparel is limited and in some cases items may have to be ordered. These orders must be made via the telephone and **are not available online.**

### 2012 Copperhead Classic Schedule



#### Monday, April 9

5:30 - Wheatmore vs. Dudley  
7:30 - SW Randolph vs. HP Central

#### Tuesday, April 10

3:30 - North Stafford vs. East Montgomery  
5:30 - Wheatmore vs. East Montgomery  
7:30 - Asheboro vs. Dudley

#### Wednesday, April 11

3:30 - North Stafford vs. HP Central  
5:30 - Eastern Randolph vs. Dudley  
7:30 - Asheboro vs. Wheatmore

#### Thursday, April 12

3:30 - West Davidson vs. Southern Alamance  
5:30 - SW Randolph vs. SW Guilford  
7:30 - Providence vs. Ragsdale

#### Friday, April 13

3:30 - West Davidson vs. Glenn  
5:30 - Eastern Randolph vs. Eastern Guilford  
7:30 - Asheboro vs. SW Guilford

#### Saturday, April 14

12:00 - Ragsdale vs. Grimsley  
2:00 - SW Guilford vs. Grimsley

