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Sponsorship Opportunities Available For Next Season



The Asheboro Copperheads are offering a variety of sponsorship and promotional opportunities for local businesses and organizations for the 2012 season, tailored to fit specific needs no matter how large or small.

Sponsorship signage is available in various shapes and sizes, either on the outfield fencing, on the first and third base bleacher sections, on both foul poles, or on the back of the main grandstand facing the entrance to the park. Also available is program advertising and ad space on either the 2012 pocket or magnet schedules. Game night sponsorships and on-field promotions also offer some exciting opportunities to convey your message to the thousands of fans who watch the action at McCrary Park, along with providing employees or clients an entertaining night out at the ballpark.

The value of our signage extends far beyond the Copperheads' season. McCrary Park is also the home field for the Asheboro High School Blue Comets, the Randolph County Post 45 American Legion team and the Post 45 Junior Legion team.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Copperheads General Manager David Camp at (336) 460-7018, or by emailing dcamp@teamcopperhead.com.

For **ONLY \$99**, You've Got A Reserved Seat At Every 2012 Home Game

Season passes for the 2012 Copperheads season remain on sale at discount prices through the end of 2011.

Whether you're purchasing them for yourself, or as a holiday surprise for a friend or family member, this is the perfect time to purchase tickets and take advantage of prices up to **25% OFF** the regular cost. But in order to enjoy this savings, you must buy your tickets before Jan. 1, 2012.

"Copperhead Club" reserved tickets, regularly priced at \$130, can now be purchased for **ONLY \$99**. That's less than \$3.20 per game for the 28 regular season Coastal Plain League games. As an added bonus, your 2012 Copperhead Club pass will also entitle you to **FREE ADMISSION to any exhibition and post-season games**.

Also through Dec. 31, general admission season passes for all 28 regular season CPL home games, plus all exhibition and post-season games, can be purchased for **ONLY \$79** each – that's just \$2.55 per regular season game and \$20 off the regular price of \$99.

All Copperhead Club reserved

2012 CPL HOME OPENER!

Wednesday, May 30 @ McCrary Park

Exhibition vs. Post 45 - Monday, May 28

seats are under the covered grandstand behind home plate, while general admission seats are located in the bleacher sections along both the third and first base lines. Also, general admission ticket holders can bring their own chairs and sit in the "Snake Pit" section atop the hill down the right field line.

And remember, you can still buy a five-game general admission "**High 5**" Fang Pass for \$20, or a 10-game general admission "**Hang 10**" Fang Pass for only \$30.

If you would like to purchase reserved season tickets or any of the general admission multi-game packages, please call Copperheads General Manager David Camp at 460-7018.

LARGEST FIELD EVER! MORE DETAILS COMING!



April 9-14, 2012

at McCrary Park

15 High School Teams
6 Days - 17 Games

College Coaches Skills Camp Coming To McCrary Nov. 19

The Asheboro Copperheads will be hosting a College Coaches Skills Camp for players ages 14-19 on Saturday, Nov. 19 at McCrary Park.

The camp is expected to attract around 75 of the top high school players from throughout the Carolinas and Virginia who have aspirations of playing at the collegiate level. As of late October, more than 50 players had already registered. The camp will be staffed by college coaches from a number of schools, including Florida State, West Virginia, Creighton, Shepherd University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Brevard and Greensboro College.

The pitching/catching session will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The infield/outfield session will run from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The hitting session will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Each session will consist of four hours of instruction in each of the following areas; skill work, strength work, mental training, and education about the recruitment process.

Cost is \$150 for one session, \$250 for two sessions or \$325 for three sessions. There are still spots available and all players who are interested in participating should register online at www.CarolinaBaseballCamp.com. Registration must be done through this site and not through the Copperheads.

'05 Copperhead Teammates Look To Move Up In Minors

Pitchers Nick Schumacher, Alan DeRatt; Outfielder Matt Spencer

Three Asheboro Copperheads teammates from the summer of 2005 have spent the past three years trying to move up the ladder in the professional ranks.

Pitchers Nick Schumacher and Alan DeRatt, along with outfielder Matt Spencer, will be looking to continue their climb next spring. After originally being

signed by the San Diego Padres, Schumacher is now going the independent league route, while DeRatt is property of the Colorado Rockies and Spencer is a farm hand of the Chicago Cubs.

Schumacher was recently acquired by the York Revolution of the independent Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs after spending a very successful season with the Sioux City Explorers of the American Association, also an independent league.

Schumacher, who owns the Asheboro franchise record for lowest single-season earned run average by a starter (0.56) and was the starting pitcher for the National team in the 2005 Coastal Plain League all-star game, spent three years in the Padres organization after an All-American senior season at NCAA Division II Wayne State College in Nebraska in 2008.

A 6-3, 215-pound, 26-year old right-hander, Schumacher posted a 10-5 record and a 3.03 ERA in 21 starts with Sioux City this past summer. He signed with the Explorers after being released in spring training by the Padres, despite having put together solid numbers in his three years with that organization. At Class A Fort Wayne in 2009, he went 6-0 with a 1.11 ERA, making 37 relief appearances. As property of the Padres, Schumacher went 14-



Schumacher



Spencer



DeRatt

9 with a 3.46 ERA before his release. York, managed by former Baltimore Orioles catcher Andy Etchebarren, acquired Schumacher from Sioux City in a trade for cash and future player considerations.

Spencer, who was at UNC-Chapel Hill during his days in Asheboro but later transferred to Arizona State, finished the 2011 season with the Iowa Cubs of the AAA Pacific Coast League after hitting 13 homers with the AA Southern League Tennessee Smokies before being promoted in August.

The 6-4, 230-pound Spencer was a third round pick of the Philadelphia Phillies out of Arizona State in 2007 and also spent time as an Oakland A's farm hand before being picked up by the Cubs in 2010. Spencer had just one homer and hit .188 in his 27-game AAA stint in Iowa. During his summer in Asheboro, Spencer hit .297 with five homers and 33 RBIs.

The 6-5, 225-pound DeRatt, who played at UNC Asheville, has spent three years in the Colorado Rockies organization after being drafted in the 17th round in 2008. He went 6-5 at Modesto (A California League) this past season and is 16-16 overall during his pro career. As a Copperhead in 2005, DeRatt posted a sparkling 1.21 ERA in eight starts and 67 total innings.

Expect To See A Few Familiar Faces On 2012 C-heads Roster

Although the 2012 season is still roughly seven months away, the Asheboro Copperheads have been busy putting together pieces of the puzzle they hope will result in a Coastal Plain League championship contender next summer.

Coming off a franchise record 30-win season in 2011, the Copperheads expect to bring back a handful of players who played key roles in that successful campaign. Although the club will not be releasing specific names until all the paperwork is complete, the roster promises to have a few familiar faces and some local flavor, plus it will include a number of players from some highly successful college programs.

Donnie Wilson, an assistant at College of the Sequoias in California, will be serving as the Copperheads head coach for a third straight season. Wilson and General Manager David Camp have received commitments from players representing several schools that went to the NCAA Division I post-season last spring and that list includes schools out of Conference USA, the Atlantic 10, Big East, Big South, Southern Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, MEAC, West Coast Conference and the Great West Conference – all Division I leagues.

Two players who have already committed to being Copperheads next summer were members of the 2011 Division I Freshman All-America team. Players from several NCAA Division II playoff programs are also headed this way and it's possible that at least a couple of Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference players will be added later on.

College Games Scheduled For McCrary Park This Coming February

The Asheboro Copperheads will serve as the host for several Division II collegiate games at McCrary Park in early 2012.

A four-team event will get the winter schedule under way Friday through Sunday,

Feb. 10-12. Pfeiffer University will host Barton, Tusculum (TN) and Shepherd (WV) in the round robin weekend tournament. Games are set for 3 and 6:30 p.m. on Friday and at noon and 3:30 Saturday and Sunday.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Winston-Salem State and Brevard will tangle in a single game beginning at 3:30 p.m., and Lenoir-Rhyne and Barton will meet in a doubleheader on Wednesday, Feb. 29 starting at 3 p.m.