

AAAA Bracket

Carolina Forest Panthers | **Website:** www.cfhsphantherbaseball.com

Coach: Jack Jolley(324-220) | **Region:** VI-AAAA

2009 Finish: 15-9(4-6)

Players to Watch:

Sr. Justin Turbeville	OF/1B/P	R/R	6'2, 180	Francis Marion Commitment;
Sr. Matt Archer	C	L/R	5'11, 155	
Sr. Matthew Jolly	P/OF	R/R	6'0, 165	
Sr. Travis Parker	SS/3B	R/R	6'2, 195	
Sr. Hunter Melton	P/OF	R/R	6'3, 155	
Jr. Jarrod Rickman	1B/P	R/R	5'10, 180	Furman Commitment; <u>Sun News</u> Toast of the Coast;

2010 Outlook: The 2009 Panther squad just missed the play-offs in their first season of 4A baseball. The 2010 Carolina Forest Panther Baseball Team will strive to make its mark in the 4A ranks as they play their second season of 4A competing in region VI-AAAA. The 2010 edition of the Panther baseball team will look to replace 4 departed seniors including Josh Knab, (USC Sumter) team MVP and North/South All-Star and Chris Shover, (USC Salkehatchie) team most outstanding pitcher. With 11 returning lettermen, this year's squad will rely heavily on the leadership of its 7 seniors and a talented group juniors and sophomores that got a great deal of experience last season on the varsity and jv level.

The strength of the 2010 team will be depth, primarily in the pitching department. The Panthers could have anywhere from 6-8 pitchers logging innings this season. Sr. Matthew Jolly(RH), Sr. Hunter Melton(RH), Soph. Robert Gray(LH) , Soph. Chris Orlando(LH) and Soph. Erich Knab(RH) are all probable starters. Sr. Justin Turbeville(RH) and Sr. Neal Falvey(RH) could see innings either starting or relieving and Jr. Jarrod Rickman(RH) will serve as the closer. Infielders Travis Parker(RH), Conor Schassler(RH) and Trevor Worden(RH) could also see time on the bump in various relief roles throughout the season.

The infield should be solid, returning 4 of 5 starters from last season. Jr. Jarrod Rickman returns at 1B, Sr. Conor Schassler returns at 2B, Sr. Travis Parker returns at SS and returner Sr. Matt Archer will anchor the infield at the catching position. Jr. Trevor Worden is projected to start at 3B, but could also play some middle infield. Newcomer Jr. Neil Torres will push for playing time at SS or 2B.

The outfield will have 2 of the 3 starters returning from last season. Sr. Matthew Jolly will move to CF from LF, Sr. Hunter Melton will play LF and Sr. Justin Turbeville will play RF. Since all 3 projected starters are also pitchers, Soph. Chris Orlando will see time in CF and Soph. Robert Gray may see some time in RF. Jr. Zach Frishmuth (1B/RF) and Jr. Bryan Murphy (2B/LF) will give us depth in the infield and outfield. Soph. Dillon Karnes and Soph. Ryan Elko will serve as the varsity back up and starting jv catchers. Soph. Josh Fryar (3B/2B) will also provide depth in the infield playing a dual role.

The Panthers are excited to participate in the IP Classic Tournament in Georgetown for the first time in school history and host the Mingo Bay Spring Break Classic this season. These two tournaments, plus a competitive non-region schedule will hopefully prepare the Panthers for the challenge of the playing in one of the toughest regions in the state and making the play-offs for the 1st time in 4A baseball.

Dorman Cavaliers		Website: www.dormancavaliers.com		
Coach: Ben Waddle (346-127)		Region: II-AAAA		
2009 Finish: 20-7(8-2)				
Players to Watch:				
Sr. Ian McKinney	P	L/L	6'0, 150	Furman Commitment;
Sr. Fisher Easterling	IF/OF/P	R/R	6'3, 185	
Sr. Joseph Metz	OF	L/L	5'9, 160	
Sr. Tyler Wilson	OF/1B	L/R	6'3, 190	
Jr. Hunter Cole	OF/IF	R/R	6'2, 175	University of Georgia Commitment;
<p>2010 Outlook: The 2010 Cavaliers look to build from the 2009 season where they finished 20-7, Region II AAAA Champions, District II Playoff Champions. The Cavaliers will need to replace Eight seniors from the 2009 team.</p> <p>The 2010 team has six returning seniors. Four of the Seniors have committed to play in college (Ian McKinney-LHP-Furman University, Zach Metts-OF-Newberry College, Joseph Metz-OF-Presbyterian College and Tyler Wilson-INF/OF-Lander University)</p> <p>Offensively the Cavaliers return 5 starters from 2009. Hunter Cole (BA 333, 4 HR, 22 RBI), Tyler Crocker (BA 316, 4 doubles) Fisher Easterling (264 BA, 20 RBI, 9 SB), Joseph Metz (BA 184) and Tyler Wilson (BA 167).</p> <p>The pitching staff will include Seniors Ian McKinney (6-1, 2.50 ERA), Fisher Easterling (1-0, 3.0 ERA) , Michael Sobeski (2 saves), Zach Metts (injured for 2009). Juniors Hunter Cole, Wes Schuler, Adam Armstrong will be counted on and Sophomores Will Thompson and Bradley Scruggs will add depth to the staff.</p> <p>Catching duties will be shared by Juniors Tyler Crocker and Ethan Moore. Senior Fisher Easterling could see action behind the plate as well.</p> <p>The infield will be lead by Seniors Fisher Easterling (1B/3B) Tyler Wilson (1B), Michael Sobeski (3B, 1B). Juniors has many prospects and will be lead by Hunter Cole-University of Georgia commitment (SS,3B), with Ethan Moore (2B), Tyler Crocker (3B, 1B), Christian Millwood (2B), Wes Schuler (3B, SS), Alex Rogers (SS, 2B), Dillon Bonner (1B) and Adam Armstrong (3B) all vying for playing time. Will Thompson (2B, SS), a Sophomore, is expected to have an impact in 2010 as well.</p> <p>The outfield returns Fisher Easterling, Joseph Metz, Tyler Wilson and Hunter Cole. Also in the mix are Zach Metts, Ian McKinney, Michael Sobeski, Will Thompson, Alex Rogers, Christian Millwood, Wes Schuler, Adam Armstrong, Dillon Bonner and Ethan Moore.</p> <p>The success of the 2010 team will depend on Character, Intelligence and Unity.</p>				

Spartanburg Vikings		Website:		
Coach: Tom Myers(68-63)		Region: II-AAAA		
2009 Finish: 15-12(5-5)				
Players to Watch:				
Sr. Nick Myers	SS	R/R	5'10, 160	All-Region
Sr. Luke Weber	C	R/R	6'4, 180	All-Region
Sr. John Mark Renfrow	IF/OF	R/R	5'7, 150	
Sr. Andrew Memmott	1B/P	L/L	5'11, 175	
Jr. Brandon Landrie	P	R/R	6'1, 190	College of Charleston Commitment
Jr. Ben Kyle	IF/P	R/R	5'10, 150	

2010 Outlook: The Vikings look to build on a solid 2009 campaign this year. The Vikings finished 3rd in the always tough Region II 4A and made a run through the play-offs by winning the District III Championship. In 2010 the Vikings return a solid core of experienced guys. The infield and pitching staff remain pretty much intact. However, the Vikings will have to replace all three outfield spots that were manned by seniors who were crucial to the season last year.

The pitching staff lost one starter from last year in Ryan Traylor (Wofford) but it should be a strength of the team in 2010. Brandon Landrie (Jr. College of Charleston Commit), Ben Kyle (Jr.) will be the anchors of the staff. Landrie who pitches with good velocity has the most experience and will either start or close games this year for the Vikings.

Kyle gained valuable experience last year in the Upper state playoffs and will be a main stay on the mound for the Vikings. LHP pitcher and newcomer Hamilton Heatly (Soph.) will be looked to add depth to the rotation along with senior lefthander Andrew Memmott. Other guys that will see time on the mound are L.A. Kollock (Soph.), James Waid (Jr.), Harper Grier (Soph.) Dillon Whitaker (Jr.)

Our infield remained pretty much intact from last year . The Middle of the field will be anchored by three year starter and Lead-off hitter Nicholas Myers (Sr. USC Upstate).

Second Base will be filled by Ben Kyle when not pitching and Junior Chess Smith.

Brandon Landrie will man 3rd or 1st when not pitching. When on the mound the hot corner will be filled by a number of experienced guys like John Mark Renfrow (Sr.) or Kyle. Andrew Memmott and Junior Grayson Austin will also see time at 1st base.

The catching staff has been a strength of the Vikings and should remain that way this year. Luke Weber (Sr. USC Upstate) returns as the starter and will be relieved by Kyle when needed. Weber will also see some time at first and be counted on as the main source of power for the offense this year.

The three outfield posts will be filled by some guys moving from the infield to the outfield and by new faces. Centerfield will be manned by Kyle at times or Freshman Luke Renfrow. Left Field will be filled by Senior Dominick Aiken or John Mark Renfrow, Chess Smith could also see time there as well. Right field will be up for grabs between Heatly and Dillon Whitaker.

Offensively the Vikings will depend on the older guys to provide speed and power until the younger guys can find their identity in the line-up. Nick Myers, Luke Weber, Andrew Memmott, John Mark Renfrow, Brandon Landrie and Dillon Whitaker will be looked upon to carry the offense this year.

Wando Warriors	Website: www.wandohigh.com/athletics/baseball/baseball.htm
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Coach: Jeff Blankenship (107-20) | **Region:** VII-AAAA

2009 Finish: 28-4(8-0) – Region Champions, Lower State Champions, IP Classic Champions

Players to Watch:

Sr. Drew Cisco	P/IF	L/R	6'2, 185	2X All-State; 3X All-Region; University of Georgia Commitment
Sr. Reid Langdale	IF/P	R/R	6'3, 180	All-Region, Winthrop Commitment
Sr. Robbie Dodds	OF/P	R/R	6'0, 180	
Sr. Brad Cherry	1B	R/R	6'2, 190	
Sr. Evan Hunt	OF/1B	L/R	6'0, 185	
Jr. Connor Bright	SS/2B	R/R	6'0, 165	
Jr. Jordan Eysen	2B/P	L/R	5'6, 165	

2010 Outlook: Coming off of a berth in the AAAA State Championships Series last year, expectations are very high for the 2010 Wando High School Varsity Baseball Team. Led by 5th year Coach Jeff Blankenship (107-20), the Warriors look to build on their 28-4 record and Lower-State Championship from 2009. Experience may be the difference with this year's Team as 12 lettermen and seven starters return to the squad. The Warrior Pitching Staff returns 35 appearances, 148 strikeouts, 16 wins and a save from the 2009 season. Senior Drew Cisco (20-6 Career) will anchor the staff as the Friday Night Starter for the fourth and what will be his final year. Look for the stands to be a bit more crowded with Major League Scouts this Spring! Senior Reid Langdale (9-2, 2 saves),

Senior Robbie Dodds (3-0, 3 saves), and Senior Jonathan Lee (0-0) look to fill out the rotation.

The Warrior Offense returns a combined .369 average in 604 plate appearances with 48 doubles, seven triples, and nine home runs from the 2009 season. The top seven places in the order will be interchangeable between Seniors Brad Cherry (.333), Cisco (.473), Dodds (.344), Evan Hunt (.297), Langdale (.408) and Juniors Connor Bright (.359) and Jordan Eysen (.443). The real question may be who will hit 8th and 9th in the line-up. Look for Seniors Tyler Karolczyk (.250) and Tyler Seeley, (.250) along with Juniors Taylor Forcier and William James (.278) to fill those roles.

As potent as the offense will be, the Warrior Defense will also shine in 2010. Forcier returns behind the plate and the corners will be anchored by Cherry and Langdale. Bright at short-stop to Eysen a second base will be a familiar double play combination from last year as well. Dodds will enter his third year as the Warriors' centerfielder with Hunt, Seeley, and James rotating in left and right fields. Moving up from the 2009 Junior Varsity be Juniors Ben Keane, Brady Morrison, Brandon Scherling, Jared Schulte, Brantley Williams; Sophomore John Eysen; and Freshmen Nicholas Ciuffo and Matthew Filosa.

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A.C. Flora Falcons

Website: www.acflorabaseball.com

Coach: Andy Hallett (266-99)

Region: IV-AAA

2009 Finish: 17-11(8-2)

Players to Watch:

Sr. Connor Lewis	1B/P	L/L	6'2, 215	HSSR All-State
Sr. Duy Phan	2B/SS	RR	5'8, 160	All-Region
Sr. Drew Desmond	CF	R/R	5'9, 160	
Jr. Aaron Poole	SS/P	R/R	6'2, 180	
Jr. Roy Faulks	IF/OF	R/R	5'10, 185	

2010 Outlook: The 2010 A.C. Flora Falcons will look back to move forward. After a quick playoff exit in 2009, the Falcons bring back 7 starters who will look to rebound from last year's early exit. "The entire pitching staff graduated as did our top offensive threat, but I like our mix of young talented players". We will start only a few seniors, so our future looks bright (2011, 2012) but the immediate future is what concerns us now. AAA baseball is loaded with great talent; therefore, we must rise to the challenge each and every day. We will rely heavily on our offense and infield defense to carry us until our pitchers "find their niche". Leading the team will be its experience on the dirt, as we return all 5 starters. Senior, Connor Lewis will man 1st base and bat in the middle of the lineup. Senior, Duy Phan will take innings at 2nd base and fill the leadoff spot in the lineup. Junior, Aaron Poole will be back at shortstop and bat in the top of the lineup. Junior, Roy Faulks as well as sophomore, States Clawson will play musical positions around the infield as they also will eat innings on the mound. Behind the plate will be sophomore, David Houser. Already one of the best defensive catchers in the state, David is ready to "take control" of our young staff as well as bat in the middle of the lineup. The outfield will take on a new look as two new starters will be needed. Senior, Drew Desmond will man centerfield and direct two inexperienced corner outfielders. Fighting for those spots will be: seniors, Russell Gahagen and Tradd Loman, juniors, Mac Rice and Taylor Wolfe, and freshman, Schroder Carlton and Jake Lewis. The entire pitching staff will be fighting for a spot. Full of promising young arms, the Falcons must "figure it out" quickly if they are to compete each and every day. Senior lefty, Russell Gahagen and Connor Lewis are the only returning pitchers with varsity innings. They will be joined by juniors Roy Faulks and Hayden Gamarra. Sophomore, Player Loving could be our wild card as he has a chance "to be pretty good" once he gets his feet wet! Also looking to get on the bump will be freshman, Davis Funderburk and sophomore, Stephen Cagle. If closing a game is needed, David Houser will be the leading candidate with the rest of the staff filling innings.

Belton-Honea Path Bears		Website: http://bhp.anderson2.org/home.aspx		
Coach: Steve Williams (351-198)		Region: I-AAA		
2009 Finish: (26-7(13-1) – State Champions, Region Champions				
Players to Watch:				
Sr. Jacob Tavernier	OF	R/R	5'11, 175	All-State; All-Region 2007 & 2008;
Sr. Lance Moore	OF	L/R	6'1, 192	
Sr. Parker Frost	OF	R/R	5'9, 162	
Sr. Luke Jackson	P	R/R	6'5, 173	
Jr. Austin Gambrell	P/3B	R/R	6'1, 168	USC Commitment;
Jr. Austin Jennings	C	R/R	5'11, 193	All-Region
So. Andrew Cox	P/1B/OF	L/L	5'11, 178	USC Commitment
2010 Outlook: Coming in February 2010.				

Georgetown Bulldogs		Website: www.gtownbulldogbaseball.com		
Coach: Mike Johnson 692-401		Region: VII-AAA		
2009 Finish: 10-13				
Players to Watch:				
Sr. Seth Johnson	IF/P	R/R	5'9, 190	
Sr. Austin Gray	P/IF	R/R	5'8, 140	
Sr. Sam Waldron	IF/C/P	R/R	6'2, 225	
Jr. Rodney Beach	OF	R/R	5'3, 146	
Jr. Dylan McConnell	IF/P	R/R	5'9, 150	
2010 Outlook: Coming in February 2010				
Riverside Warriors		Website: www.greenville.k12.sc.us/rsidehs/athletics/baseball		
Coach: Mark Kish		Region: II-AAA		
2009 Finish:				
Players to Watch:				
Sr. Wil Leathers	IF/P	R/R	5'10, 170	All-Region; USC Commitment
Sr. Jordan Scott	OF	L/R	6'1, 180	USC Commitment; All-Region;
Sr. Chase Warren	1B/P	R/R	6'0, 180	All Region
Sr. Matt Reeves	P	R/R	6'2, 185	
Sr. Alex Poag	OF	R/R	5'10, 175	
<p>2010 Outlook: The 2010 Warriors are returning 7 starters from last year's upper state finals team. This year's team should be a very strong defensive group. Sr. Wil Leathers (USC commitment) at shortstop will anchor the infield. He is backed up by (Jr.) Dean Stageberg. Chase Warren (Sr.) returns at first base, Jay Lizanich (Jr.) at second and Taylor Norris (Sr.) at third. Other infielder working to get playing time will be (Jr.) Shane McMahan at second, (Jr.) Brett Tompkins at first and (Jr.) Jordan Bianchi at Third. The outfield will be anchored by centerfielder Jordan Scott (SMC commitment).He will be backed up by (Jr.) Alan Suchy. Battling for playing time in left field will be seniors Alex Poag and Evan Marshall. Right field will have (Jr.) Drew Swiney,(Sr.) Austin Lawrence, and (Jr.)Thomas Spencer all looking for playing time. Behind the plate will be (Sr.) Ryan Graham, (Jr.) Nick Peter and (Soph.) Austin Luttrell. Leading the way for this years pitching staff will be (Sr.) Austin Lawrence (SMC commitment) and (Sr.) Matt Reeves. Juniors Brett Tompkins and Thomas Spencer will also be logging innings for the Warriors. Senior Brian Nester and Sophomore Drew Joiner will be working out of the bull pen. The 2010 Riverside Warriors are very experienced and expectations are high. This should be an exciting year.</p>				