



## **2009 DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL FUTURE STARS TOURNAMENT**

The Dixie Future Stars Tournament featured top 14 year-old Dixie Boys Baseball participants. The event was held the weekend of June 12-14, 2009 in Dothan, Al.

After two days of round robin format play the Central Alabama squad finished the event undefeated at 3-0. The Central Alabama team was set to play the Wiregrass Stars (2-1) in the tournament finals. The Wiregrass Stars only loss was a hard fought game against the Central Alabama team. High winds and a heavy rain caused the cancellation of the final game. Photos along with the rosters appear in this article.

Players arrived beginning Friday afternoon and were issued uniform tops. JP Sports, Inc. of Montgomery, Alabama donated all of the uniform tops for the tournament. Each team was allowed practice time and many of the players took the opportunity to meet their teammates for the first time. Following the practice session all players were treated to a meal courtesy of Dothan Leisure Services.

Prior to tournament competition, a HR Derby was held on Friday evening. Sixteen contestants entered the event. In impressive fashion, Justin Byrd of Headland, Alabama edged out Zach Sullivan of Oxford, Georgia to win the event. Sullivan hit five homeruns in the final round of competition only to see Byrd reel off six homeruns; using only nine total swings to capture the title. In all 30 homeruns were hit during the homerun exhibition.

An Opening Ceremony was held on Saturday morning, prior to the first set of tournament games. All of the participating tournament teams lined the playing field for the ceremony. Mayor Pat Thomas welcomed everyone to the City of Dothan. Local talent, Calen Santos entertained the crowd with his singing of the National Anthem. After special guest were recognized, Ben Merideth, a participant in the Dothan Miracle League hit the first ball to officially start the tournament competition.

J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO Dixie Boys Baseball commented, "We enjoyed a great weekend of baseball in Dothan, Alabama. The City of Dothan Department of Leisure Services was again an excellent Host. The 2009 event included an additional Junior Dixie Boys Division. I have the highest regard for the entire Dothan staff. They worked extremely hard to insure that the participants and spectators enjoyed the event. We greatly appreciated the contributions of the Dothan Department of Leisure Services. This is a showcase event for our entire Dixie program."

Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. was founded in 1957 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The charter members of the organization formed the program to attract the 13-14 year old participant. Dixie Boys Baseball is played on a medium sized field that allows the participant the opportunity to play on a baseball diamond that is best suited for the age of the participant. Over 35,000 players participated in a Dixie Boys Baseball program in 2009. For more information about the program visit the website.

**DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS  
CENTRAL ALABAMA STARS  
2009 TOURNAMENT RECORD (3-0)**



CENTRAL ALABAMA		DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS			CENTRAL ALABAMA
#	Name	Pos.	B-T	Hometown	
1	Hayden White	2B/3B	L-R	Montgomery, Al	
5	Brian Winn	P/CF	R-R	Montgomery, Al	
6	Michael Fox	2B/OF	R-R	Troy, Al	
7	Jalin Lawson	SS/P	R-R	Troy, Al	
8	Lawson Stewart	SS/P	L-R	Troy, Al	
9	William Olsey	SS/P	R-R	Montgomery, Al	
10	Austin Anderson	MI/C	S-R	Selma, Al	
11	Crawford Traylor	P/CF	L-L	Selma, Al	
12	CJ Duncan	SS/CF	R-R	Montgomery, Al	
13	Patrick Cox	C/1F	R-R	Montgomery, Al	
14	Josh Starling	P/3B	R-R	Troy, Al	
15	Josh Brooks	1B/P	R-R	Montgomery, Al	
16	Brantley Lecroy	P/OF	R-R	Troy, Al	
17	Joey Raybon	SS/1B	R-R	Selma, Al	
18	Tatum Dean	P/1B	R-R	Montgomery, Al	
C	Scott Olsey	Coach		Montgomery, Al	
C	Danny White	Coach		Montgomery, Al	

**DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS  
WIREGRASS STARS TEAM  
2009 TOURNAMENT RECORD (2-1)**



WIREGRASS STARS		DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS			WIREGRASS STARS
#	Name	Position	B-T	Hometown	
1	Patrick Rodgers	SS/P	R-R	Dothan, Al	
2	Brandon Green	2B/P	L-R	Dothan, Al	
5	Ronnie Strawder	P/SS	L-R	Enterprise, Al	
6	Billy Jacobs	2B/3B	R-R	Coffee Springs, Al	
7	Roquel Marsh	P/IF	R-R	Dothan, Al	
8	Charles Swicord	C/IF	L-R	Dothan, Al	
9	Jacob Hicks	P/C	R-R	Dothan, Al	
10	Brett Dunaway	3B/OF	R-R	Enterprise, Al	
11	Davis Swicord	3B/P	L-R	Dothan, Al	
12	Justin Byrd	OF/IF	R-R	Headland, Al	
14	Mason Shirah	OF/P	R-R	Cottonwood, Al	
15	Hayden Bowling	1B/P	R-R	Dothan, Al	
16	Jordan Tharpe	1B/SS	R-R	Dothan, Al	
17	Jacob Watson	RF/CF	R-R	Enterprise, Al	
18	Ethen Fancher	C/1B	R-R	Valley Grande, Al	
C	Wayne Green	COACH		Dothan, Al	
C	Jude Rodgers	COACH		Dothan, Al	
C	Michael Hicks	COACH		Dothan, Al	

**DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS  
FLORIDA STARS TEAM  
2009 TOURNAMENT TEAM**



FLORIDA STARS		DIXIE BOYS FUTURE STARS			FLORIDA STARS
#	Name	Pos.	B-T	Hometown	
1	Trent Jackson	C/P	R-R	Alford, Fl	
2	Adam DeWitt	2B/3B	R-R	Greenwood, Fl	
5	Brad Middleton	IF/P	R-R	Marianna, Fl	
6	Ryan Morrissey	2B/P	R-R	Alford, Fl	
7	Robert Palo	SS/CF	R-R	Panama City, Fl	
8	Zach Davis	3B/1B	S-R	Panama City, Fl	
9	Brandon Moats	P/OF	R-R	Grand Ridge, Fl	
10	David Black	3B/2B	R-R	Bristol, Fl	
12	Dondrayas Harris	3B/CF	R-R	Panama City, Fl	
13	Dondrell Harris	CF/SS	R-R	Panama City, Fl	
15	Trey Morris	P/1B	R-R	Bristol, Fl	
16	Bradley Blackwell	1B/P	R-R	Panama City, Fl	
17	Timothy Tapia	3B/P	R-R	Kissimmee, Fl	
18	Clay Simmons	SS/P	R-R	Center Hill, Fl	
C	Brian Simmons	COACH		Center Hill, Fl	
C	Scott Davis	COACH		Panama City, Fl	

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#	Name	Pos.	B-T	Hometown	
1	Bubba Cook	SS/2B	R-R	Diboll, Texas	
5	Dakota Hudson	C/P	R-R	Eufaula, Al	
6	Shayne Narro	SS/P	R-R	Ponchatoula, La	
7	Luke Ates	IF/OF	L-R	Eufaula, Al	
8	Cameron Spears	C/OF	L-L	DeQuincy, La	
9	Tyler Robinson	OF/IF	R-R	Hammond, La	
10	Zach Ervin	OF/C	R-R	Mt. Pleasant, Texas	
11	Kaleb Hollie	P/OF	R-L	DeQuincy, La	
12	Landyn Ragan	1B/P	L-L	Ponchatoula, La	
13	Sherman Graves	SS/P	R-R	Covington, Ga.	
14	Tripp Loftin	P/3B	R-L	Covington, Ga.	
15	Jeffrey Thornton	P/3B	R-R	Eufaula, Al	
16	Cody Dudley	IB/P	L-L	Eufaula, Al	
17	Zach Sullivan	P/1B	R-R	Oxford, Ga.	
18	Max Winkleblack	P/SS	R-R	Eufaula, Al	
C	Jeff Ragan	Coach		Ponchatoula, La	
C	JT Robinson	Coach		Hammond, La	