

DIXIE ALUMNI

ALABAMA

Rusty Greer- Born Ft. Rucker – Lived in Albertville- Played for the Texas Rangers for 9 years- 3 American League West Titles .305 career hitter playing over 1,000 games.

Gabe Gross- Dothan, Alabama- nicknamed “The Southern Gentleman”- former starting quarterback at Auburn - gave up football- 3 yrs MLB experience- Milwaukee Brewers

Brian Meadows- Troy, Alabama- Played Dixie Boys- Has played for 7 Major League teams- pitched last year for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays- Played for Dixie National team

Cory Rasmus, Cody Rasmus & Kasey Kiker- First Round draft picks in 2005-2006.

Played Dixie National team & were all HS All American picks- Won Dixie Boys World Series held in Sulphur, La in 2001. Cody started for USA team that won Gold Medal.

ARKANSAS

Dustin Moseley- Texarkana, Arkansas- SP for LA Angels - Won his Major League Debut on July 17, 2006 for the Angels. His dad was a former State Director in the Boys program from Arkansas. His younger brother played in a World Series in Cleveland, Miss. - Dad and Dustin both coached the younger brother.

GEORGIA

Jeff Francoeur- Atlanta Braves- Major League Debut July 7, 2005. Parkview HS hit .443- 55 HR's – 164 RBI's. - Played 2 yrs Dixie National team – 2005 Topps All Rookie Team- Played for USA Baseball in the 2006 World Classic.

J.D., Stephen and Tim Drew- Played at Valdosta Georgia Boys Club- league won Dixie Pre/Majors World Series; four times. – J.D. played Braves, Cards, the Dodgers and now Red Sox– Stephen SS for the Arizona Diamondbacks- Tim pitched for Braves/Rockies-

Mike Cameron- Lagrange, Georgia- OF - 6 Major League teams: Wrote Book entitled “It Takes a Team” Two-time Gold Glove Winner- Known for his generosity- charities include the Make a Wish Foundation.

FLORIDA

Tom “Flash” Gordon- Closer Philadelphia Phillies from Avon Park, Florida. High School Coach Ronnie Jackson, Dixie Majors Deputy Commissioner- Phillies his 7th Major League Club. 2006 National League All Star Team 3rd Selection -. Referenced in 1999 novel written by Stephen King, “The Girl Who loved Tom Gordon.”

Mike Hampton- Starting Pitcher Atlanta Braves – Brooksville, Florida – 2 time All-Star – 5 Major League Clubs- National League MVP Playoff Series- Missed 2005-06 seasons with “Tommy John” surgery.

Jeff Mathis- Catcher Los Angeles Angels- Marianna, Florida – Played 2B for Dixie National team that won Tournament of Stars in 2000. Two Time participant in MLB Future Stars game – Played for USA Baseball in International play.

LOUISIANA

Juan Pierre- OF for the Dodgers- Leadoff Hitter for the Florida Marlins in 2003 World Series Champions – Played in Alexandria

Scott Baker- Shreveport Area- Played for the Dixie National team- Rookie Pitcher for the Minnesota Twins- Attended Oklahoma State University

B.J. Ryan- Born in Bossier City- ULL Alumni – Closer for the Toronto Blue Jays and has pitched for 2 other MLB Clubs- Ryan signed a 5 year contract with Blue Jays in 2005

Gil Meche- SP KC Royals- Shreveport – selected as a player for the 1995 Dixie National team that competed in the National Amateur Tournament

Chuck Finley- Born in Monroe, Louisiana – California (Anaheim) Angels and two other MLB Clubs - Northeastern Louisiana University – only pitcher in baseball to strike out four batters in one inning more than once, he accomplished it three times.

Russ Springer- Born in Alexandria, Louisiana off-season home Pollock, La. – MVP of La. High School All-Star Game- Pitched for LSU with two visits to College World Series- MLB debut 1992 – Pitcher for the Houston Astros.

Todd Walker- 1991 Graduate of Airline HS in Bossier City – 1991 La. High School Player of the year. – LSU; two time College All-American, MVP College World Series – played Team USA in 1983- MLB Debut in 1996- Has played for 6 MLB teams.

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MISSISSIPPI

[Josh Hancock](#)- Born in Cleveland, Mississippi- Later played at Auburn University-

*Played for Cardinals through 2007- played with Dixie National team

[Taylor Tankersly](#)- Vicksburg, Mississippi native- LHP for the Florida Marlins –

Selected to participate with 2001 Dixie National team in Joplin, Missouri

[Jay Powell](#) – Meridian, Mississippi native – 5 Major League Clubs- Graduated from

Mississippi State University- Member of the 1997 Marlins World Series Champions

[Rod Gilbreath](#) – Laurel, Mississippi- Played at Jones Junior College- Signed with the Atlanta Braves at the age of 19 in 1972 - Played 7 years with Braves as 2B/Utility Player.

NORTH CAROLINA

[Otis Nixon](#)- Columbus County, North Carolina- Center Fielder – Known for his stolen base skills – played in the Majors from 1983-1999.

[Mark Grace](#)- Born in North Carolina- 16 Major League Seasons with Chicago Cubs and

the Arizona Diamondbacks – 4 Gold Gloves at his 1st base position – Member of the

2001 Arizona Diamondbacks World Series Champions

[Chris Mason](#)- Played Dixie Baseball and High School baseball in Bessemer City, NC –

Attended UNC-Greensboro – 2nd Round Draft Pick of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 2005

SOUTH CAROLINA

[Bryce Florie](#)- Charleston, South Carolina – Pitched for four Major League Clubs from

1994-2001.- Florie made a miraculous comeback in 2001 after being hit in the face by a batted ball from the 2000 season.

[Andre Bauer](#)- Current Lieutenant Governor, State of South Carolina- played Dixie Boys Baseball in Irmo.

[Chris Hope](#)- Free safety Super Bowl Champions Pittsburgh Steelers – 2006 with the

Tennessee Titans- played Dixie Boys in Rock Hill

[Jeff Burris](#)- Cornerback, Running Back and Captain at Notre Dame – played eleven years

in the NFL with Cincinnati Bengals & Indianapolis Colts – played Dixie Boys in Rock

Hill, South Carolina

VIRGINIA

[Brandon Inge](#)- Timberlake/Lynchburg area- Third baseman converted from catcher – plays for the Detroit Tigers – attended VCU – Played in MLB Futures game.

[Travis Bowyer](#)- Bedford County league- Pitcher in the Florida Marlins organization

[Jake Grove](#)- Bedford County league- Now plays for the Oakland Raiders

[John McCargo](#)- 1st Round pick of the Buffalo Bills- Played in Charlotte County league

[Donnie Varden](#)- NBA Official – Coached in the Alvista Leagues and former Dixie Majors District Director.-

[Ron Hodges](#)- Coach in the Bedford County leagues after retirement from the Mets.

[Ed Goodson](#)- Coach in Grayson County leagues after retirement from the Dodgers.

This should not be considered as a complete listing.
As names are forwarded they will be added to the list.

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