

# PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH'S WARRIORS EXPECTED TO RECAPTURE THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE TITLE

Experience is the trademark of the 1982 edition of Pembroke Senior High School's baseball team.

The Warriors' infield returns intact and head coach Ronnie Chavis has back four of five pitchers from a year ago, the only loss being departed senior Glenn Thomas. Chavis can call on last season's ace, junior James Bird who posed a 7-1 record in his first year of varsity competition, or seniors Mickey Carter and Perry Strickland, both of whom turned in strong performances in '81. Sophomore Eric Locklear, who won his only start, should see a bit more action this year.

Seniors Anthony Locklear and Steve Cummings anchor a veteran infield that is probably the best in the county this year. Third baseman Locklear batted .340 last season while turning in excellent defensive

play at the hot corner. Cummings is likewise a power hitter and good fielder.

In the middle is shortstop Devy Bell and second baseman Timothy Carter. Both are sound defensively and help give the Warriors a potent lineup.

If Coach Chavis has one thing to worry about this season, it is inexperience in the outfield. None of the three players who will start have ever seen regular duty there. Senior Cleo Locklear will replace graduated David Leek in leftfield after working as an utility infielder a year ago, while Randy Jacobs will be replacing All-Three Rivers Conference performer Reggie Strickland. Bobby Sampson, a

senior who has never played baseball before, will play in rightfield along with Mickey Carter and Perry Strickland when they are not on the mound.

That inexperience plus a lack of overall team speed and depth has Chavis concerned, but he still remains optimistic about his team's chances this season. "I guess people will pick us to take the conference based on last year's performance and the people we return," said Chavis. "If we can avoid injuries, we'll be all right."

Posting an overall record of 13-11 last season, the Warriors were 8-2 in conference play but lost a special playoff game with co-champion Whiteville, 5-0, to determine the league's representative in the state playoffs.

Another new addition to the Warriors this season is assistant coach Ralph Ward, who coached the school's football team to a best-ever 6-2-2 record and No. 7 ranking in the state Associated Press poll last fall. Ward is not without credentials, having

played for one year for a Cincinnati Reds farm club in the Pacific Coast League and another year in Mexico. A catcher in his playing days, Ward works with the catchers and infield.

Those first three losses the Warriors suffered last year were all games in which they held the lead until the late innings. The team was able to regroup and turn in its best record in three years while tying for the conference championship. Coach Chavis has been stressing the impor-

ance of getting off to a good start in '82, a season which begins Friday at home against Red Springs.

The Red Devils are a new addition to Pembroke's schedule as are Clinton and Pender County, first-year members of the Three Rivers Conference. The Warriors play a 23-game slate, split by 10 conference games, 10 non-conference games, 10 three in the annual Lumberton Easter Tournament which the Warriors won in 1980.

About to enter his ninth year as head coach of the Warriors, Ronnie Chavis has had more than his share of success at Pembroke. Besides that Lumberton Easter Tournament title, Chavis has guided his team to five regular season Three Rivers championships, four TRC tournament championships, and a third place finish in the

state in 1976.

A stellar pitcher for Pembroke State University during his playing career, Chavis has seen a number of his former players go to college ball, including '76 PSHS graduate Dwight Lowry who plays in the Detroit Tigers farm club system.

Sean Jones  
Manager



#7 - Cleo Locklear  
LF, Senior



#5 - Randy Jacobs  
CF, Sophomore



#6 - Bobby Sampson  
RF, Senior

1981 Results

Pembroke 6	Scotland 9
Pembroke 6	Hoke 10
Pembroke 4	Lumberton 5
Pembroke 6	Lumberton 1
Pembroke 11	Scotland 17
Pembroke 10	Hoke 1
Pembroke 10	McColl 7
Pembroke 8	McColl 10
Pembroke 1	UNC-CH JV 10
Pembroke 7	W. Columbus 5
Pembroke 7	East Bladen 9
Pembroke 4	Fairmont 0
Pembroke 7	Whiteville 6
Pembroke 8	Tar Heel 5
Pembroke 3	W. Brunswick 0
Pembroke 18	W. Columbus 12
Pembroke 3	Littlefield 1
Pembroke 4	Hoke 5
Pembroke 4	Lumberton 6
Pembroke 7	East Bladen 0
Pembroke 6	Fairmont 5
Pembroke 3	Whiteville 10
Pembroke 0	W. Brunswick
Pembroke 0	Whiteville 5



#2 - Devy Bell  
SS, Junior

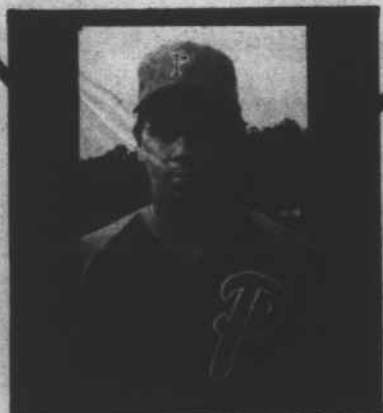


#1 - Timothy Carter  
2B, Junior

1982 WARRIORS BASEBALL

Mar. 5	RED SPRINGS	4:00
Mar. 8	Lumberton	3:30
Mar. 12	FAIRMONT	4:00
Mar. 18	SCOTLAND	3:30
Mar. 19	HOKE	4:00
Mar. 23	LUMBERTON	4:00
Mar. 26	Red Springs	4:00
Mar. 30	Hoke	3:30
Apr. 2	Fairmont	7:30
Apr. 7	Scotland	7:30
Apr. 9	WEST COLUMBUS	7:30
Apr. 12-16	Lumberton Easter Tournament	
Apr. 20	East-Bladen	4:00
Apr. 23	Clinton	4:00
Apr. 27	PENDER	7:30
Apr. 30	West Brunswick	7:30
May 4	West Columbus	7:30
May 7	EAST BLADEN	7:30
May 11	CLINTON	7:30
May 14	Pender	4:00
May 18	WEST BRUNSWICK	7:30

\*Home Games In ALL CAPS.



#11 - Anthony Locklear  
3B, Senior



#21 - Perry Strickland  
P-OF, Senior

#3 - Mickey Carter  
P-OF, Senior



#17 - Steve Cummings  
1B, Senior

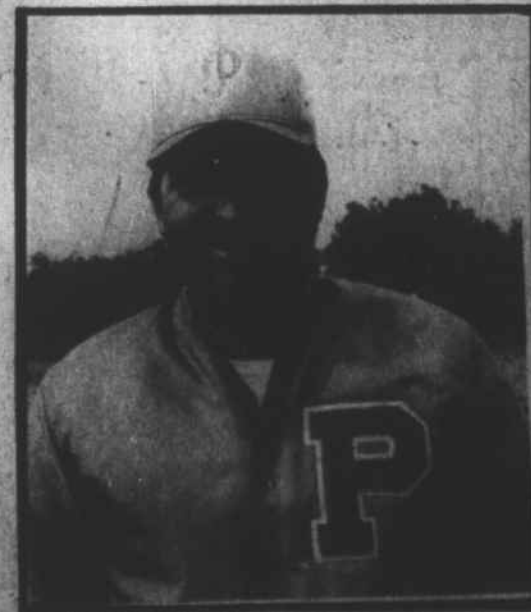


#23 - Asst. Coach Ralph Ward



#16 - James Bird  
P, Junior

#22 - Eric Locklear  
P, Sophomore



#20 - Head Coach Ronnie Chavis

## 1981 Three Rivers 3-A Conference Baseball Co-Champions



#18 - Eric Locklear  
C, Junior



#14 - Jimmy Demery  
OF, Junior



#15 - Wendell Jacobs  
P, Freshman



#12 - Rodney Smith  
INF, Sophomore



#19 - Eric Locklear  
LF, Junior



#8 - Lee McLean  
OF, Sophomore



#9 - Steve Lowry  
OF, Sophomore

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