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Harrell

From B1 was home for me," Harrell said. "Their baseball program is getting better every year - two years ago they won their conference championship, and last year they made it there. There is a lot of talent going into Chowan next year, especially the freshmen."

Count Harrell as one of the talented freshmen.

At the plate, he hit .346 (27-for-78) with 29 runs scored (tied for second on the team) and 27 RBIs (tied for first). His 10 doubles, two triples and two home runs led the team.

Behind the plate, Harrell had a .979 fielding percentage as the Warriors' catcher. In 189 total chances, he had 164 putouts, 21 assists and just four errors.

As a pitcher, Harrell was 5-0 in 13 appearances with three saves and

a 1.04 earned-run average. In 40.1 innings, he allowed 29 hits and 15 runs (six earned) with 68 strikeouts and only five walks.

Baseball runs in Harrell's family. His father is an avid baseball fan, and both of his siblings are LA alumni.

His brother, Joe, was on a state championship team at Lawrence. Currently, his other brother, Jacob, is the head coach at Gates County.

"Jarrett is a real student of the game, and I think it came from his household growing up," said LA baseball coach Jason Wynne. "He has always been around it and has a general love for it, and he's always trying to do the best in any situation that presents itself to him."

Harrell picked up a baseball at a young age and played first in the Ahoskie recreation

league for several years. He then further honed his skills playing travel ball - first for the Rivercats of Windsor, and then for Carolina Elite out of Greenville.

"I feel like travel ball strengthened me mentally and physically," he said. "Sometimes you'd be playing two games on Saturdays and Sundays, and even three or four games in one day."

After completing his seventh grade year at Hertford County Middle School, Harrell transferred to LA as an eighth grader and quickly became a three-sport athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball.

At last week's athletic awards banquet, he was named the Male Athlete of the Year.

While he proved solid in football and basketball, earning team MVP honors multiple times in both sports, it was

baseball that became his main passion.

"There is nothing else like it," he said. "Nothing like lacing the cleats up and the smell of pine tar and sunflower seeds."

"It's a thinking person's sport," he continued. "There is a lot of time and dedication involved, as well as strategy."

During his career, Harrell was a part of a state championship team (as an eighth grader), two final fours, two state championship series and five conference championships.

This past season, the Warriors were picked seventh by North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association coaches after suffering heavy losses due to graduation.

Still, the Warriors - despite being young - won 22 games in a row and reached the state 1A finals, where they fell two

games to one to Kerr-Vance Academy.

"We knew we were young, but we also knew we had talent," he said. "We wanted to prove that we were going to be a better team than what everybody predicted."

Harrell was the team's emotional leader.

"Regardless of the sport he was playing, he wore his heart on his sleeve," Wynne said.

"Sometimes that was positive; other times we had to work on some things, which we were able to do the past two years. I am just glad I had the opportunity to coach him."

Harrell said, "I've always been like that, ever since Little League. I don't like to call them out and embarrass them, but if I see they're doing something wrong, I will pull them to the side and try and help them out."

Harrell is grateful for the opportunities and successes he has had while at Lawrence. He credited his brothers, parents, baseball coaches Wynne and Robert Kravitz, basketball coach Jon Powell and football coach/athletic director Lee Hoffman for their support and guidance.

He described Lawrence athletics as a family.

"In all of my years here, it's been more of a family than a team," he said. "We've all gotten close over the past five years, we have each other's back, and I still talk to guys who have graduated."

Harrell hopes to earn a degree in health and physical education.

"I would like to find a good teaching job and coach baseball, football or both," he concluded.

Junior

From B1 Ball and White (who tripled), a walk and an error.

White earned the win after going 6.2 innings. He allowed five hits and four runs (two earned) with six strikeouts and one walk.

Evan Wells recorded the final out in the bottom of the seventh to pick up the save.

Askew and White led Post 37 with two hits each, while Cottle, Ball, Wood Trowell and Lace Slachta added one hit each.

(Game Two) Windsor 14, Clayton 1

WENDELL - Windsor had no trouble with Clayton in the nightcap of the doubleheader.

Post 37 scored five runs in the first inning and eight more in the second frame on its way to a 13-hit barrage.

Jarrett Burden toiled the first three innings and allowed two hits with a walk and a strikeout for the Rebels.

James Brooks worked two innings and allowed a run and a hit with one

strikeout and one walk.

Trenton White led Windsor with three hits, while Cottle and Caleb Damo collected two hits each. Wood Trowell, Brandon Ball, James Brooks, Aydan Harmon, Burden and Josh Morris managed one hit each.

May 25 Perquimans 13, Windsor 1

HERTFORD - The Rebels managed just six hits and plated their lone run in the third inning in their first loss of the season.

Trenton White and Alden Cottle each had two hits for Post 37. Caleb Damo and Brandon Ball added one hit each.

Cottle absorbed the loss on the mound, going 3.1 innings and allowing 10 hits and 10 runs (seven earned) with one strikeout and two walks.

Jarrett Burden gave up two hits and three runs with one strikeout in two-thirds of an inning.

Cottle doubled home White (who led off with a double) for the Rebels' only run.

Fourth

From B1 in the picture of the frame that you buy at Walmart.

Jimmy Graham - Looks like a default created player in a video game.

J.J. Redick - Sketchy car valet who might take your car for a joy ride.

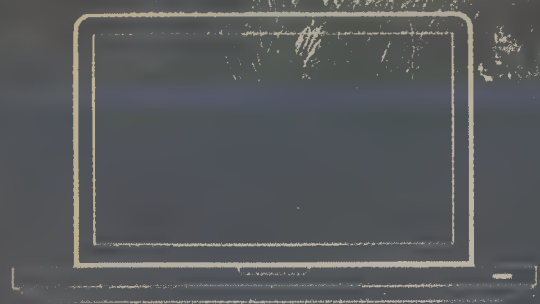
Chip Kelly - Looks like the guy who leaves comically low tips to service people, then shoots the finger gun and says, "Don't spend it all in one place".

Orel Hershiser - Looks like the father

Shane Battier - Tennis coach who gets too close to your wife.

Charlie Weis - Looks like he was cut in half and accidentally had the bottom half of his body sewn on backwards.

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