



First baseman Trent Thornburg is one of the top returning players for Cherryville.

## IRONMEN

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have an excellent chance of making the varsity squad.

Another ninth grader with varsity potential is **Seth Freeman**, who may see some time behind the plate as the solution to Glover's departure. Oakers is also on the depth chart at catcher.

"We just want to stay around and hopefully improve and make the play-offs," Jones said. "By the end of the year, we might be able to beat anybody. Right now, we are practicing hard and working hard."

Looking at the Southern Foothills race, Jones said the league is not as strong as last year, when the Ironmen and Hendersonville (21-6, 11-1) tied for first place.

"We are down some, and Hendersonville is going to be down. But I think Bessemer City is going to be pretty good, and some other teams, like Maiden and North Lincoln, will be improved," Jones said. "I think Bessemer City and Hendersonville will be our competition."

### CHERRYVILLE SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

21 - at Lincolnton, 4 p.m. (scrimmage)

24 - Burns, 4 p.m. (scrimmage)

#### MARCH

1 - at Mooresville, 4 p.m.

3 - at Crest, 4 p.m.

4 - Forbush, 4 p.m.

8 - Mooresville, 4 p.m.

11 - at West Lincoln, 5 p.m.

15 - North Lincoln, 6 p.m.

18 - at Hendersonville, 4 p.m.

21 - at Burns, 4:30

22 - at Highland Tech, 7 p.m.

25 - Polk County, 6 p.m.

28-April 1 - Charlotte Observer Tournament at East Gaston, TBA

#### APRIL

5 - Bessemer City, 7 p.m.

6 - Lake Norman, 6 p.m.

7 - Hunter Huss, 6 p.m.

12 - at Maiden, 4:30

15 - at North Lincoln, 4:30

19 - Hendersonville, 4:30

22 - Highland Tech, 7 p.m.

26 - at Polk County, 7 p.m.

29 - at Bessemer City, 7 p.m.

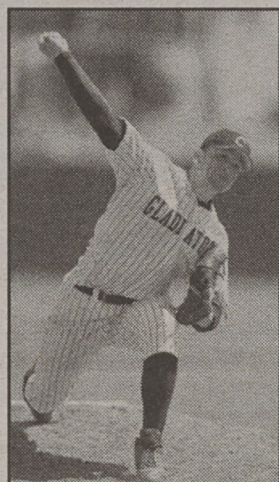
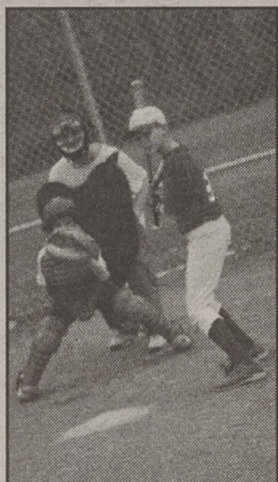
#### MAY

5 - Maiden, 7 p.m.

9 - Conference tournament begins.

17 - State playoffs begin.

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