

W.C.Y.A.A. Announces 16U Softball World Series Host Team

The Wilson County Youth Athletic Association announces has announced its roster for the 2013 Babe Ruth World Series. The team will feature Allison Pate, Samantha Waddell, and Madison Pyle from Hunt High School, Presley Bissett from Wilson Christian, Meri Harris, Jessica Pendergrass, and Chandler Adams from Fike High School, Tori Webb from Beddingfield High School, Allison Shingleton and Alli Phillips from C.B. Aycock High School, and Haley Bunting from Faith Christian School in Rocky Mount. The eleven member roster has been playing games against fellow Babe Ruth 16U All-Star teams for the past three weeks in preparation for the World Series.\

The pitching staff will be anchored by Pate, a freshman starter at Hunt High School, Waddell, freshman transfer from Wilson Christian to Hunt High School who helped lead Wilson Christian to a second consecutive state championship, Shingleton and Phillips from C.B. Ayock.

The power will come from Pate and Waddell. Shingleton and Bissette will proved the speed. Bunting will supply the consistency.

Defensively, the team is made up of a solid core. Bissett and Shingleton will share time at shortstop while Harris will man centerfield. Phillips will play left field and is also an outstanding defensive player.

Manager Leslie Pate, the volleyball coach at Springfield Middle School, will be assisted by former Hunt High School player Abigail Earle. Earle played softball at Mount Olive but is now is a senior at Appalachian State University and will graduate in December.

The team's name will be "Wilson County Pride". The team has big shoes to fill in serving as the host team from Wilson County. The Wilson County Xtreme won three World Series in their time, twice winning World Series in Wilson County. Coach Pate feels this is a solid group of young ladies that will battle to the end. Pate feels confident in her team's ability. The team is consistent, experienced even though they are young, and will work hard. They will make Wilson County proud of them and their efforts.

The team will continue to play games up to the start of the World Series. The World Series will be played August 1-6.

For more information on the team or the World Series, call Mickey Davis, W.C.Y.A.A. Athletic Director and World Series Host President at 252-230-2467 or email to mgd39@wcyaa.org.