



**Josh Hembree** tags out the opponent as he slides into home plate. "The most difficult part of the game is focused on the next pitch or play, especially if you did not do well on the last one," Josh confessed.

## Sliding Away

"The building was a wonderful new addition, and it was something that was very much needed for the team," Coach Slone explained. **John Maynard** revealed, "When we were taking donations and doing fund raisers for the building, it gave us a chance to get closer as a team."

He described the year by saying, "Our district record was 11-7. Yes, we had our difficulties but we kept our heads up." The team went on to the district tournament and beat Cannon County 8-7. The game was intense because of the extra innings that were added due to the tie between the teams.

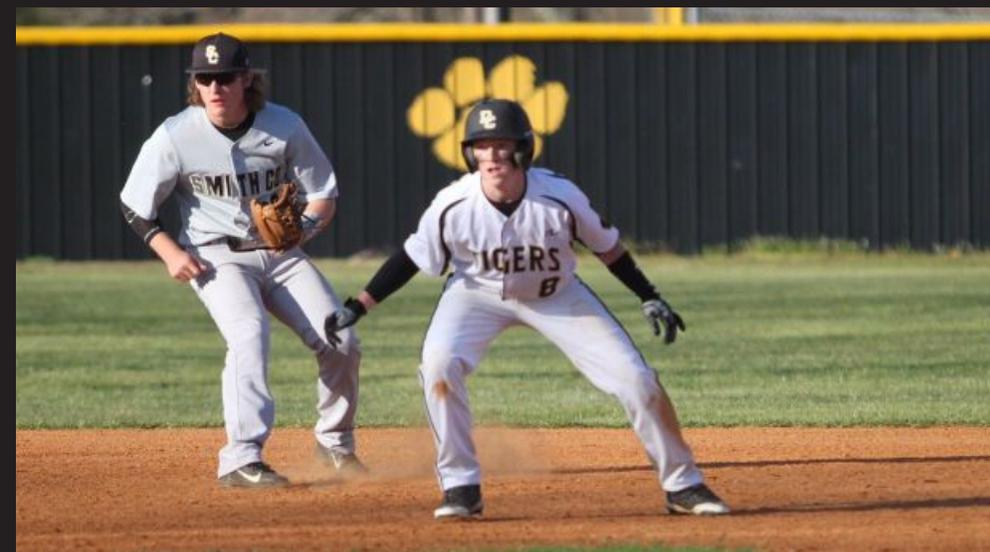
"Getting the opportunity to be a manager with my best friend and watch the boys grow and better themselves is one of the things I appreciate the most about being part of the team," **Jayra Plattenburg** shared.



The new field house is 40 feet by 81 feet and contains two hitting and pitching lanes, a dressing room with lockers, offices for the coaches, restroom facilities with showers, and a storage room. It was just in time for the upcoming season.

**Steven Jennings** claims that his competitive spirit and his father's accomplishments make him love the game. "My dad has always been an inspiration to me because knowing what he did as a player in college has always made me want to be the best I could possibly be."

"My main drive in baseball is pitching because it enables me to receive college scholarships. The love of the game is what most motivates me," **Sam McMillen** explains.



Coach Tracy Slone has been coaching baseball for 24 years, but he has only coached in DeKalb for two. "The part I enjoy the most is getting to watch the boys grow into a championship team. I take satisfaction in watching them achieve their goals," said Coach Slone.

"Baseball has always been a challenging yet thrilling sport. I started playing when I was little and I have always loved it," explained **Jacob Self**.

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**WINS**

**7**  
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