

2010 Team to Watch



Sumrall High School
Sumrall, Mississippi

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Last year, the Sumrall Bobcats from Sumrall, Mississippi swept the state, won the championship and finished undefeated 36-0.

This season the Bobcats are looking to win the state championship for a third time, said Coach Larry Knight.

The team only had three seniors on the team last year, so the Bobcats have continued to build off last year's team.

The team is 31-1, just recently losing their undefeated status and breaking their winning streak of 67 games in a row from the 2008 season.

Sumrall High lost to Oak Grove 5-1 falling short of the national record of 75 wins in a row.

"We didn't play real well," said Knight. "That was certainly a tough game being close to the national record."

Despite the loss the Bobcats are continuing to play well. In the first game of the playoffs against Southeast Lauderdale High the team was down by 3 going into the second inning, but came out on top 12-3.

Overall the team's pitching, defense and hitting have all have been strong, said Knight.

A big part of the team's success, not only this season but previous seasons, is star player Chase Lewallen, senior SS/3B. Lewallen is currently hitting over .500.

"He's the best infielder I've ever coached," said Knight.

He has signed with Mississippi State University.

Also leading the Bobcats is Jackson Posey, senior P/1B, who is signing with University of Southern Mississippi.

Posey is also hitting over .500 and is 10-0.

With only four seniors on this year's team, Coach Knight is looking forward to having a strong 2011 team.

We'll see you next season Bobcats, good luck!