

METRO ALL-STARS

READY OR NOT ...HERE WE COME



Back Row(L-R): Coach Sly Fleming, Kareem Ali, John Suter, Perrius Posey, Justin Campbell, Austin Grier, Nakia Isler II, Emmett Thornburg, Justin Bennett, Coach Damian Peters, Coach Nakia Isler (Not Pictured)
Front Row (L-R): Samuel Fleming, Christian Peters, Matthew McCowan II, Phillip Fries, Hoven Perez

PLAYING WITH NO LOVE:

The Metro All-Stars are the 2014 Cal Ripken North Carolina State runner up Champions and they have only just begun.

In a world where there is Showcase Baseball, Travel Baseball, Impact Tournaments, and much more; players can pay as much as \$4500.00 for instruction in many different baseball organizations for as little as one spring season. Carolina Metro Reds an MLB RBI affiliate lead by former MLB Player Morris Madden in partnership with the Police Athletic League, are giving you men and women an affordable alternative to learning and playing quality baseball and having access to true mentorship. With the partnering from the West Meck Optimist Club, the Carolina Metro Reds now have a home field to begin building their foundation for success.

This year when the 12U All-Star team was compiled with these young men, little gave them much of a chance to compete with the other organizations let alone win. Depending on nothing but God and each other they began to play baseball with the battle cry of **"No Love"**.

Coach Fleming instructed them not to expect any calls or have any expectations of anyone caring about what they had to overcome to get to this point. If they were going to be known it would be for playing great baseball. The message took life in the hearts of these young men and they became something truly special to see. These young men played the game with a passion and a determination rivaled by few. They made routine plays, big plays, and clutch plays while the whole time backing one another up on the field and as a family.

All they wanted to do was to play fundamentally sound baseball while encompassing the **"FEA Principle"** which stood for **Focus, Effort, and Attitude**. Yes, they fell one game short of winning the State, but according to a few of the players. This is only the beginning watch out world because here we come.



Never Before

Never before has a team this diverse gone this far in Cal Ripken in North Carolina and they are just starting. In the words of Terrell Owens, "You Better get your Popcorn Ready!" Because here comes Metro!