

## **Crush Davis and the Coppell Copperheads**

From 2004-2011, the Coppell Copperheads were the dominant force in the Texas Collegiate League of Baseball. Over the course of those seasons, the team won four championships, a feat which still stands as the most by any team in the league despite the Copperheads ceasing operations in 2012.

Several league records set by individual Coppell players still stand. In 2004, Centerfielder Matt Young set the single season record for walks, earning 44. The same season he set the record for most stolen bases, swiping 39 over the course of the year. Pitcher Jess Todd holds the league single season record for strikeouts, notching 85 in 2006.

The most notable alumni of the Copperheads was power slugging first baseman Chris “Crush” Davis, now of the Baltimore Orioles. Davis, who went on to set the single season home run record for the Orioles, is credited with playing in two game for the Copperheads. In those two games he recorded a single hit. The hit took place in the first game of the season, on June 6, against the Denton Outlaws. Davis pinch hit in the top of the eighth inning and singled before advancing to second base on an error and eventually scoring. He came to the plate again in the 9th inning and struck out.

That same year, Davis began his journey to the Major Leagues, joining the Texas Rangers farm system with the Class A Spokane Indians.