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Setting the "Pace" in Slowpitch Softball



The Pace name has been seen on softball fields all over the country for many years. Patrick Kehoe has been sponsoring softball teams since the 1970s. His competitiveness and commitment to the game of softball for many years has led to his induction into the USSSA NY State and National Hall of Fame in the Sponsor category. Gene "Big Daddy" Williams has coached a variety of sports teams, but when it comes to softball, his love for the game is like no other sport. He lives and breathes the game of softball and from year to year he continues to lead a very successful team. Gene has also been inducted into both the USSSA NY State and National Hall of Fame in the Manager category.



Gene Williams

Gene Williams III



Stanley Johnson



John Anderson



Shaun Fleming

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In 1984 Patrick Kehoe and Gene Williams met through a mutual friend. Both of them at the time believed they had the best team in the Upstate NY area. From that day a friendship began that has lasted for 27 years. After some close battles between their teams, a decision was made to merge the teams into an AA Pace Team. The team that was assembled had a great balance of power and speed, with a mixture of veterans and young upcoming talented players. The Pace team was one of the first teams to play with a three man outfield and a middle infielder. The team achieved immediate success. In 1992, the team won six AA tournaments and the Steele's Major NIT. It was clearly obvious that the Pace team was going to be a team to be reckoned with for many years. In 1995 Pace won its first USSSA Black American World tournament after finishing runner up the previous two years. In 1997 the team was runner up in the A Worlds, losing by just one run to a then Class A Resmondo team. Even after falling short in the A Worlds, the team bounced back and won their third USSSA Black American Worlds. The team went on to win another three consecutive Worlds, for a total of six consecutive championships (1995-2000). The team continued its dominance in the Black American program with World Championships in 2003, 2005, and 2007. Pace also has made its presence known in the Class A division, finishing in the top twelve teams in the country, in 2005, 2006 and 2007, qualifying for the Major World Series at Disney each year.

After a two year layoff, due to Pat and Gene battling health issues, the team was reassembled for the 2010 softball season. Gene relinquished some command of the team to his son Eugene "Junior" Williams III and Stanley "Steamer" Johnson. With Jr and Stanley at the helm the dynamics of the team has not changed as



Cedric Allen



Will O'Neal



Bobby Williams



Delmetrious Hornsberger



Dyterious Edwards



SanDuan Dubose

they use the same philosophy as Gene, "make the routine outs, catch the ball, make accurate throws, while on offense drive the ball and do not get cheated because if you cheat yourself you cheat the team." In times of turmoil they lean on the Big Daddy for advice or to give the team some structured advice. A team made up of Pace veterans and some first time members to the team, had an exceptional season. The team finished 50-2, winning eight out of nine tournaments. The team won its eleventh and twelfth World Championship this past year. Over the years Pace has played in over 1500 games and won more than 1,000 games.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Earl "Deuces" Blackmon, is the face of Pace/TPS. Earl has been playing in a Pace jersey since 1988, he is one the best CF you could have seen play the game. He revolutionized the CF position in a three man outfield. Earl is a NY State USSSA Hall of Fame inductee and definitely well deserving of a National USSSA Hall of Fame induction. Earl continues to be a leader and a veteran that the team can still count on.

John "Super" Anderson, his nickname says it all. A Michigan USSSA Hall of Fame inductee, there is nothing he can't do on a softball field. John can play infield, outfield, and pitch if needed. A left handed batter that can do whatever is needed offensively.

Shaun "Big Cat" Fleming, a Michigan USSSA Hall of Fame inductee is the team enforcer, who can set the tone of a game with one of his towering home run bombs. Shaun is a right handed power hitter that has the bat control to base hit when the team has reached the home run limit.

KEY PLAYERS

Will "The Thrill" O'Neal, a left hand leadoff hitter that really is the key to the offense. Will was one of the top offensive players in the country in 2007, named to the USSSA Class A All Conference Team. This past season he led the team in hits (117), runs scored

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(108) and doubles (36).

Cedric Allen, 2010 team offensive MVP, Cedric Allen led the team in hitting with a batting average of .723. Also a left hand hitter, Cedric can hit the ball to all fields. He has achieved several offensive MVP awards over the years.

Bobby Williams is a fearless pitcher who can dominate a game defensively and offensively. A vocal leader on the field, Bobby led the team in triples (10) in 2010. Bobby was recently voted the Best Pitcher in the Black American program.

In his first year on the team, Dyterious "Digz" Edwards, was the most consistent offensive and defensive player on the team. The left hand batter had an average of .712 and was a very reliable shortstop that made play after play. He was the 2010 USSSA Black American World MVP, voted the MVP of the Black American Program, and the team MVP for 2010.

Delmetrious "Lil D" Hornsberger, was voted Team Defensive player for 2010. Playing CF for Pace is not an easy task. Lil D proved early he was up for the challenge, making a number of diving and remarkable catches.

San Duan Dubose, another first year Pace player led the team in HRs (30) and RBI (133) in 2010. He proved himself to be a reliable offensive player with men in scoring position.

2011 PACE/TPS ROSTER

The 2011 Pace team will consist of many of the same veterans and key players from 2010, but with two newcomers, Terrance Holland and William Weakley. These two players will bring speed and strong defensive gloves. Both have a passion for the game and will be impact players in 2011.

Tony Mack is a switch hitting infielder, with power from both sides of the plate. He makes unbelievable defensive plays that amaze everyone.

Chuck Moore is a new pitcher on the team with a good knuckleball

that keeps teams guessing at the plate. Offensively he doesn't get cheated at the plate, can definitely hit the long ball.

Returning players include- Third Baseman Keith Legree, a multi-purpose infielder, who can play any infield position because of his strong arm. Keith can hit the ball to all fields with power.

Second Baseman Nelson Santos, a first year player and the youngest on the team, has proved himself as a reliable offensive and defensive player.



Terrance Holland



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Outfielder Andre Newhouse, a 2004 All World Outfielder, is a veteran with a strong arm that plays a solid outfield and thrives in big game situations.

Outfielder Eddie Conover is a young, upcoming outfielder with speed, and posse's great power at the plate.

Pitcher Peter Hypolite, a Pitcher/Third Baseman, is a fearless player that leaves it all out on the field, probably the hardest pull swing hitter on the team, the opposing team. Third baseman must pay attention to Pete when he is at the plate.

DH/C Jeff Smith has been considered a major player for several years. Jeff crushes the ball to all fields and can be a dominating offensive performer.

2011 SCHEDULE

Pace is going to compete in the USSSA Conference tournaments in Florida, Michigan, and Georgia. The team will also compete in Black American tournaments in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida. The team is planning on competing in the B Worlds this year and possibly making a run at the A Worlds. Pace/TPS also will be defending their Black American Championships in USSSA and BSC associations.

SPONSORS

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Hank Bassett and the Louisville Slugger/TPS Organization has

provided quality equipment and support to the team for many years. Hank Bassett is a true gentleman who goes above and beyond. He is considered a member of the Pace family.

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Eddie Conover



Pete Hypolite