

CHARLOTTE MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL COLLECTION, 1909-2015

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ABSTRACT

Professional baseball in Charlotte was first established with the Charlotte Hornets in 1901. The Charlotte Hornets were affiliated with the Washington Senators, but ended this arrangement to become the Double-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins in 1964. The Hornets disbanded in 1973, and Charlotte was without a team for three years, when Frances Crockett created the Charlotte Orioles in 1976. The Charlotte Orioles served as the Double-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles until 1988. George Shinn had purchased the team the previous year, and changed the team name to the Knights. Shinn also switched the team's affiliations to become the Double-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, and relocated the club to a facility in Ft. Mill, South Carolina. A few years passed, and in 1993, the Knights joined the International League, as well as becoming the Triple-A affiliate for the Cleveland Indians. They changed affiliations again two years later, contracting with the Florida Marlins, and in 1997, Shinn sold the team to Don Beaver and Knights Baseball, LLC. In 1999, the Knights became the Triple-A affiliate for the Chicago White Sox, and continues this relationship today.

This collection includes ephemera, programs, and schedules.

ACCESS

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REFERENCES

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RELATED MATERIALS

Baseball—Charlotte Hornets. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

Baseball—Charlotte Knights. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charlotte Minor League Baseball Collection is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of schedules, programs, and tickets. The bulk of the collection is from 1976-2014, with some outliers. The collection is divided into the series headings: Charlotte Hornets, Charlotte Knights, and Charlotte Orioles.

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