

**2008 Baseball**  
**Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions**  
**Atlantic 10 Regular Season Co-Champions**

**Head Coach:** Loren Hibbs

**Conference:** Atlantic 10

**Overall Record:** 43-16

**Conference Record/Finish:** 19-8 (tied, 1st)

**Conference Tournament Result:** Won Atlantic 10 Championships, 2nd seed, Swept three games

**Post-Season:** Lost both games of 2008 Raleigh, N.C. Regional (15-8 to South Carolina and 13-12 to James Madison)

**National Awards:**

Chris Taylor - Third-team Louisville Slugger All-American

Corey Shaylor, Joe Yermal - Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-Americans, All-Ping!Baseball.com All-Rookie Team

**Regional Awards:**

Aaron Bray and Chris Taylor - All-Raleigh Regional Team

**Conference Awards:**

- Chris Taylor - Atlantic 10 Player of the Year
- Rob Lyerly, Brad McElroy, Kelly McLain and Chris Taylor - First Team All-Atlantic 10
- Corey Shaylor - Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year
- Aaron Bray, Shayne Moody, Corey Shaylor, O'Brien Taylor, Joe Yermal - Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Corey Shaylor, Joe Yermal - Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team
- Alex Burt - All-Academic Team
- These are the most-ever Conference awards for Charlotte Baseball.

**School/Conference Records:**

**SCHOOL RECORDS - INDIVIDUAL**

- Brad McElroy finished his career with a .392 career average, the best all-time batting average in team history.
- Chris Taylor honored in five consecutive games, setting a new school mark.
- On April 19, sophomore Rob Lyerly broke or tied several school records with his 6-for-6 day at Massachusetts...
  - With three home runs, he tied the school record set by Jamaes Matan against Yale in 1997.
  - His 19 total bases (3 HR, 2 doubles, triple) broke Matan's school record of 13 from the Yale contest.
  - Over the course of two days that weekend, he had eight consecutive hits, tying the school record by Bo Robinson in 1997
  - His six hits in the April 19 game tied Field Culbreth's single-game mark set in 1985.
- Lyerly also broke Spencer Steedley's 2006 total and Chris Lane's 2007 total for sacrifice flies, lifting nine in 2008.
- Freshman Corey Shaylor tied the school record with a pair of triples in one game, against Furman on April 9.

**SCHOOL RECORDS - TEAM**

- Charlotte recorded its best average in its history, recording a .333 average in 2008, besting the 1998 team by one percentage point.
- The 49ers have recorded over 700 hits as a team for the first time in school history. They have only reached that plateau three times.
- The 49ers recorded 29 hits to set the single-game mark on April 19 at Massachusetts, besting the 27 at Jacksonville on March 25, 1984.
- In that same game, Charlotte tied the single-game record with 58 at-bats, tying the mark set at Jacksonville in that game.
- After the dust settled in that three-game series with Massachusetts, Charlotte finished the weekend with the most runs scored in a three-game series, with 50, outscoring a 47-run total against Howard in February of 1996.
- The 49ers have several record win streaks in tact after the 2008 campaign, all firsts for the program...
  - Charlotte has won more than 40 games in back-to-back seasons.
  - The 49ers have won 35 or more games in the past three seasons.
  - Charlotte has posted 30 or more wins in each of the last four seasons.
- Charlotte lost three streaks during the 2008 campaign, but their lengths should be noted...
  - The Niners streak of not losing back-to-back contests ended at 95, stretching from February 3, 2007 to April 17, 2008.
  - Charlotte finished a streak of 179 games scoring at least one run, stretching from April 8, 2005 to April 22, 2008
    - The previous best streak was 76 games from April 22, 1997 to May 21, 1998.
    - The Niners averaged 7.8 runs per game in that stretch, including 100 consecutive home games between shutouts.
  - The Niners ended their road scoring streak at 74 road contests, from March 26 to May 2, 2008 between road shutouts.
- Charlotte set nine team postseason records in the 2008 Regional, when the team exploded offensively.
- The Niners pitching staff hit five batters in a home game against Duquesne, tying a school mark that had been done three other times.
- Charlotte set an attendance record on April 22, when No. 2 North Carolina visited Robert and Mariam Hayes Stadium in front of 3,236.

**Other Awards/Distinctions:**

- Charlotte won four Player of the Week and three Rookie of the Week Awards. Player of the Week: Chris Taylor (3/10, 3/24), Brad McElroy (3/21) and Rob Lyerly (4/21). Rookie of the Week: Cory Tilton (3/3, 5/5, both Co-Rookie), Corey Shaylor (3/31, Co-Rookie).
- The 49ers have had at least one baseball player earn All-Conference honors for 18 straight seasons.
- Corey Shaylor named to the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association All-State Team.
- The 49ers were listed as high at No. 18 in the Collegiate Baseball News Poll, the second year that the Niners were in a national poll.

**Notes:**

- Charlotte had four players drafted in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft... Jr.RHP Zach Rosenbaum (19th Round - NYM), RSr. SS Shayne Moody (24th Round - ATL), Sr. OF Brad McElroy (25th Round - TOR) and Sr. C Chris Taylor (45th Round - STL).
- 43 wins tied for second-most in school history (1998). The winning percentage (.729) is second highest to last year's total (.803)
- The team's 19 Atlantic 10 wins ties for the second-most league wins in school history, with 1998 (19-8) behind 2007's 23 wins.
- The team's 28-8 (.778) home record is behind only 1998 (29-8, .784) in terms of total home wins and home winning percentage.