

Jack Brown, Jr.

Jack Brown was born in Aberdeen, NC on March 25, 1962. He attended Pinecrest High School from 1978-1980 where he played varsity baseball as a catcher. He batted over .300 each season and helped lead his team to a 25-2 record and the 4-A State Championship in 1979.

After high school, Jack served a three-year enlistment in the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman from 1980-1983. He served another six years as a reservist. Jack returned to North Carolina and attended Pembroke State University from 1984-1986. While at Pembroke, Jack played baseball as a catcher and earned All-Conference honors and was named the Conference MVP in 1986. Upon graduation Jack accepted a job teaching at Dixon High School and a coaching position with the baseball team in 1987.

Jack took his talent to a higher level in 1988 accepting a position with the Western Carolina University baseball team as a pitching and catching coach. He held this position until 1990 when he would return to high school coaching at South Brunswick High School from 1990-1997. From 1997-2000 Jack took over the Brunswick County American Legion team where he was instrumental in revitalizing the program.

Jack returned to Dixon High School in 2001 as its baseball coach and began building the program into one of the best in the county and state. Brown stated "You have to find kids and develop them." The Bulldogs captured five consecutive 1-A Coastal Conference titles and then another in 2017. His teams made the state playoffs from 2007 through 2014. During those years, his teams made one 4th round appearance, two Eastern Region appearances, one Eastern Region Title and the State Runner-up in 2010. In addition, the Bulldogs have won four Touchstone Energy Baseball Classic titles.

The Jacksonville Daily News voted Brown Coach of the Year five times (2007, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2017). The North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association recognized Brown as Region 2 Coach of the Year in 2012 and in 2016 he received the Meritorious Service Award. Jack's teams have won 379 games (in 16 seasons at Dixon) under his leadership. His 2017 team shared the East Central 2-A Conference title with North Brunswick and advanced to the 2nd round of NCHSAA playoffs.

He teaches his players to take responsibility for their actions as much as he teaches them the game of baseball. Jack began American Junior Legion Baseball program in 2009 so kids would have a place to play during the summer and one of his rules was not to allow his hurlers to throw curveballs, just fastballs and changeups. Dixon area athletes continue to play summer ball to this day. Brown has been a licensed building contractor since the mid-90's and looks forward to continuing in that position now that he has hung up his cleats.