

## ALAN LYLE PATE

**A**LAN PATE WAS BORN IN JASPER, ALABAMA, ON NOVEMBER 9, 1972, TO ARTHUR LEE AND ANITA ALEXANDER PATE. GROWING UP IN

the small town of Cordova, Alan participated in all of the youth athletic programs. His Dizzy Dean baseball team won the Alabama State Championship on three different occasions.

At Cordova High School, Alan was a multiple sport athlete. He was a four year letterman in football and baseball. Both the football and baseball teams experienced great success during Pate's playing days. The baseball team made it to the semi-finals in 1988 and 1990 and to the state championship finals in 1989 and 1991. In his freshman season, he had the only win the three game state semi-final series as a pitcher. Pate's success in baseball earned him the title of All-County in baseball during his junior and senior years.

During his high school football career, Cordova had a tremendous record. The team's record was 11-3 in 1988, 8-2 in 1989, and 12-2 in 1990. Cordova made it to the state semi-finals in two of those seasons. Alan was named All-State Linebacker and All-State Quarterback in his junior and senior seasons. In 1990, he was named Alabama's runner-up 2A Player of the Year and was rated as one of America's 200 Best High School Athletes in 1991.

After a stellar high school career, Alan signed with the University of North Alabama to play football and baseball. As a freshman, he lettered as a quarterback on the football team, as well as in baseball. After his freshman year, Alan elected to give up football and concentrate on baseball.

In 1995, Pate hit .354 with 21 doubles, 15 homeruns, and 72 runs batted in. He was first team All-Gulf South Conference, first team NCAA Division II South Central Region, South Central Regional All Tournament and selected as a second team All-American. He tied a school record with three homeruns in a game against West Florida. As a senior in 1996, he hit .412 with 12 doubles, 3 triples, 10 homeruns and had 55 rbi. He was again chosen All-GSC, All-South Central Region and second team All-American.

The Cordova native was a four year letterman in baseball at UNA from 1993-1996. He was a .383 career hitter and set UNA records for most games played in (187), career homeruns (34), career runs batted in (186), and career total bases (349). He also set a Gulf South Conference record with 55 doubles. He had 186 hits in 512 career at bats.

Alan received a Bachelor's degree from UNA in Environmental Biology. After graduation, he played two years of professional baseball as a catcher and first baseman in the Frontier League and the Heartland League. In 2010, Alan was selected into the University of North Alabama Sports Hall of Fame to join Doug Key as one of two Walker County athletes to be selected to the UNA Sports Hall of Fame.

