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Appalachian State University third baseman **Hector Crespo** (Miami, Fla./Florida Christian) has been invited to join the Hyannis Harbor Hawks of the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League for the final month of the summer season. Crespo is traveling to Massachusetts from his native Florida on Sunday and could make his Cape Cod debut as early as Sunday evening when the Harbor Hawks host the Chatham Anglers.

The Cape Cod League is by far the most recognizable and talent-laden of the dozens of NCAA-endorsed summer leagues across the United States. In 2009, 217 major-league players were Cape Cod alums.

Crespo, who hit .335 en route to third-team freshman all-America recognition this spring, is the fourth Mountaineer in four years to play in the Cape. RHP Matt Andress pitched for the then-Hyannis Mets in 2008 and RHP Garrett Sherrill (Hyannis) and RHP/OF Jason Rook (Cotuit Kettlers) played in the CCBL in '07. Current ASU catcher **Jeremy Dowdy** (Raleigh, N.C./Wakefield), who was originally slated to also be a member of the Harbor Hawks this summer, wound up not going to Cape Cod and instead suited up briefly for the Thomasville Hi-Toms of the Coastal Plain League.

Crespo will be thrust into a tight pennant race upon his arrival in New England. Hyannis is currently 10-13 and tied for third place in the CCBL's West Division but is just two games behind the division-leading Bourne Braves near the midway point of the season.