

Edens stands out at USA trials

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Former Appalachian State pitcher Aubrey Edens had a stellar outing at the USA trials on Saturday in Cary, NC. Edens, who was a late invitee to the trials, went four innings in relief.

He gave up one run on two hits with four strikeouts, and picked up the win as the Blue squad beat the Red 4-2 at the USA National Baseball Training Complex. The right-hander, who was not selected in the Major League Amateur Draft last week, picked up 11 wins with the Apps during his four-year career, including nine in the last two years. He was 6-3 with a 4.97 earned-run-average this past year.

Zack Quate and Rand Smith made their professional debuts this past weekend in the New York-Penn League.

Quate, who set an ASU school record with 11 saves this past season and a 14th round selection of the Tampa Bay Rays in the MLB amateur draft, came on in relief with the Hudson Valley Renegades during ninth inning on Sunday. He coughed up an unearned run, and didn't figure in the decision. Smith, a 20th round selection of the Florida Marlins, is currently 1 for 8 in two games.

Infielder Isaac Harrow (selected in the 24th round by the New York Yankees and a member of the Gulf Coast Yankees) and pitcher Josh Dowdy (selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 38th round and a member of the Bluefield Orioles of the Appalachian Rookie League) will make their pro debuts sometime this week.