

Quate Stands Tall In Montgomery

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Former Appalachian State baseball player Zach Quate continues his march towards the Major Leagues.

Quate, who was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 14th round of the MLB draft in 2009, has slowly worked his way up the minor-league ladder. He is currently a member of the Montgomery Biscuits of the Class AA Southern League.

In 15 games this season, Quate, who got off to a slow start, has picked it up of late. Quate is 2-1 with a 3.05 earned-run-average with six saves. In 20 2/3 innings of work, he has given up seven earned runs, he's walked two men with 17 strike outs.

In his professional career, Quate has appeared in 82 minor-league games, he's 4-3 with a 1.18 ERA with 44 saves. In 119 innings, he's given up 20 earned runs, and his strike out-to-walk-ratio is phenomenal---141 strike outs to just 24 walks.

Quate was named the best relief pitcher in the Rays organization in 2010. He was 2-2 that season with a 1.49 ERA and an organizational-high 25 saves while playing for Class A Advanced Charlotte Stone Crabs in the Florida State League. He was also named a mid-season and post-season all-star in the Florida State League.

Quate also set a school record with 11 saves his senior year at ASU, but that record was broken by Chris Patterson (currently in the St. Louis Cardinals organization) last season.

TEAFORD HEADING TO ROYALS

Former Georgia Southern pitcher Everett Teaford has been called up to the big leagues by the Kansas City Royals. Teaford, a two-time first-team All-Southern Conference selection, was 2-1 with a 3.04 ERA at Triple-A Omaha of the Pacific Coast League.

GREENE OFF TO GOOD START IN FRISCO

Former Watauga High baseball player Johnny Greene is off to a strong start with the Frisco Roughriders of the Texas League. He's hitting .302 with four home runs and 15 RBI through the first 32 games of the season. Greene, who set a school record with 11 home runs during his senior year at WHS in 2004, has a .483 slugging percentage, an 869 on-base percentage. Frisco is the Double-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers. For his career, Greene is a .249 hitter with 69 home runs. The only drawback, he has struck out 456 times. Greene played his college baseball at Western Carolina. He was selected by the Rangers in the eighth round of the MLB draft in 2007. Greene also been named a mid-season all-star (2008) and a post-season all-star (2007), and he's earned player of the week honors on two separate occasions (in 2008 and 2009).