

Hyatt Promoted By Braves

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Pitcher Nathan Hyatt is the second Appalachian State University player to be promoted this season. Hyatt, who was taken by the Atlanta Braves in the 13th round of the Major League Baseball Draft in June, has been promoted to the Rome (Ga.) Braves of the Class A South Atlantic League. Hyatt, who had 16 saves for the Mountaineers last spring, was

2-0 with a 1.80 earned-run-average and three saves during his stay with the Danville (Va.) Braves of the Rookie Class A Appalachian League. And Hyatt will be playing for manager Randy Ingle, who was inducted into the ASU Hall of Fame in 2005.

Ingle played for the Mountaineers from 1977-79. Ingle was Appalachian's all-time leader in career batting average (min. 200 AB) at .404, and he also ranks second in ASU history with 11 career triples and fourth in career slugging percentage (.632). Ingle batted an ASU and SoCon-record .477 in 1979, en route to all-SoCon and SoCon Player of the Year honors. Ingle was an all-region and first-team all-America selection and he earned all-SoCon honors in each of his three seasons in the High Country (1977, '78, '79). He played professionally in the Atlanta Braves' farm system from 1979-1987. He has managed in the Braves organization for 21 years. He managed the Myrtle Beach Pelicans of the Class A Carolina League for four years; the Macon Braves for two seasons and the Richmond Braves for one season. He's been named the organization's manager of the year twice, in 1996 and 1997.

BLUE JAYS AND ASTROS PULL OFF TEN-PLAYER DEAL

The Toronto Blue Jays and the Houston Astros made a ten-player trade on Friday. And included in that trade was pitcher Asher Wojciechowski, who played at The Citadel. Wojciechowski was the first-round pick of the Blue Jays on the MLB Draft in 2010. He was 7-3 with 76 strikeouts and a 3.57 earned-run-average at Dunedin of the Advanced Class A Florida State League. Wojciechowski was 5-1 with a 1.49 ERA in his last seven starts.

Wojciechowski played for the USA National Team in 2009; he went 2-1 with a 2.18 ERA in five appearances in 20.2 innings pitched with 29 strikeouts with Team USA. He was the Southern

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Conference Pitcher of the Year in 2010.

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