

Former Pioneers Stand Tall At Collegiate Level

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Four former Watuaga High baseball players completed their first year at the collegiate level with some impressive numbers. Max Linnville, a freshman at Holy Cross College in South Bend, IN., an NAIA school and a member of the Chicgoland Collegiate Athletic Conference, played and started in 51 games this season. He batted .287 with 47 hits, 11 doubles, 30 runs-batted-in, eight stolen bases and a .354 slugging percentage.

Matt Proffitt, a freshman at Brevard College, a Division II school in Brevard, N.C., and a member of the South Atlantic Conference, played in 45 games and started in 42. He batted .262 with 37 hits, including six doubles, a home run and 16 RBI. Proffitt also had eight stolen bases, and defensively, he made 44 putouts, had three outfield assists and he only committed one error.

Pitcher Ethan Greene, a freshman at Pfeiffer University in Meisenheimer, N.C., a Division II school and a member of Conference Carolinas, made 19 appearances, including ten starts for the Falcons. Greene, who also had a complete-game victory against Armstrong State (Ga.) on April 9, was 5-4 with a 5.58 earned-run-average. In 71 innings, Greene gave up 44 earned runs, with 18 walks and 52 strikeouts.

David Martin, a freshman at Lenior-Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C., a Division II school and a member of the SAC, played in 42 games and started 38 times. He batted .288 with six home runs, 23 RBI. Martin had 38 hits, including seven doubles and a triple. He had a .492 slugging percentage.