

It was a busy summer for three regional players at the minor league level.

Ryder Jones, Ryan Arrowood, and Corey Rhoney have put up some attractive numbers during the summer.

Jones, who played at Watauga High last spring and was taken in the second round (64th pick) of the Major League Baseball Draft in June by the San Francisco Giants, turned in a stellar season with the Arizona League Giants.

He played in 37 games and batted .317 with 46 hits, nine doubles, a home run and 18 runs-batted-in. Jones, who committed six errors playing third base, also had a .394 on base percentage and a .400 slugging percentage.

Corey Rhoney, who played at East Burke High and most recently at Tennessee Wesleyan College, an NAIA school in Athens, TN., was signed to a free agent contract by the Kansas City Royals.

Rhoney is currently playing for the Idaho Falls Chukers, the Class A Rookie League affiliate of the Royals. And with five games left in the regular season, Rhoney has appeared in 18 games, all in relief. He's 1-0 with four saves.

Rhoney has given up just six earned runs in 19.1 innings pitched with 18 strikeouts and six walks for a 2.79 earned-run-average.

Ryan Arrowood, who was selected in the 28th round of the MLB Draft by the Colorado Rockies last summer, is in his second season of professional baseball.

The former Appalachian State University ace split time between the Asheville Tourists of the Class A South Atlantic League and the Modesto Nutts of the Advanced Class A California State League during the regular season.

Arrowood appeared in 35 games, including six starts. He was 6-2 with a 3.71 ERA. Arrowood allowed 36 earned runs in 85 innings with a save and 99 strikeouts.

He was 5-2 with a 3.57 ERA and a save with Asheville. He gave up 27 earned runs in 68 innings with 83 strikeouts. He's currently 1-0 with a 4.24 ERA at Modesto.

In ten appearances with that team, he's given up eight earned runs in 17 innings with 16 strikeouts and six walks. Modesto is currently playing The Visalia Rawhide in the opening-round of the CSL playoffs.