

Hobson off to hot start

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Former Appalachian State University baseball player Wes Hobson is tearing up the Arizona Rookie League.

The Mountaineer All-America, who hit a blistering .404 this past season, has continued his hot hitting at the professional level. Hobson, who was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 40th round of the Major League baseball draft, is hitting .414 through his first eight games. He took his first professional at bat on June 22. He's had a hit in all eight games he's played (12-29) with a triple, eight runs scored and four runs-batted-in. Hobson, who was named a third-team All-America by PingBaseball, is Appalachian's fourth All-America in four years. He was a career .362 hitter and is Appalachian's all-time leader in hits (318), at bats (879), runs (223), doubles (78) and total bases (504). Hobson was also named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-Atlantic Region team.

He was joined on that team by teammate Chris Patterson, who set a new school record with 13 saves this past season. Patterson was selected in the 29th round of the MLB draft by the St. Louis Cardinals.