

Former Copperhead 100th CPL Player In Majors

Former Asheboro Copperhead Max Povse made his major league debut for the Seattle Mariners Thursday in their 9-6 win over the Detroit Tigers. Povse's debut marked the 100th former Coastal Plain League player all-time to debut.

"Our congratulations go out to Max on not only making his Major League debut, but becoming our 100th alum to do so," said Coastal Plain League COO/Commissioner Justin Sellers. "I actually remember our first alum to make the show - Michael Crudale - who did so in my first year in the League. It's a true testament to the caliber of play in the CPL, to be able to boast 100 Major Leaguers in just a 20-year span. We get excited every time our alums get called up; and we certainly are looking forward to what the future has in store and who will be next."

Povse was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the third round of the 2014 MLB Draft out of UNC-Greensboro before being traded to the Mariners in the fall of 2016. Povse impressed enough at the Double A level in his first year in the Mariners system to get the call, holding a 3.46 ERA across eight starts and 39 innings pitched.

The right-hander spent the 2012 summer playing for the Asheboro Copperheads, finishing with a 4.41 ERA over seven starts and 32 2/3 innings pitched. He not only marks the CPL's 100th all-time major leaguer, but also pushes the Copperheads individual total to four, joining Dallas McPherson, Bill Bray and Mike Wright.