



Former C-head Trevor Richards Named Marlins MiLB Pitcher of the Year

Trevor Richards, who played in Asheboro during the summer of 2014, has been named the minor league pitcher of the year in the Miami Marlins organization.



Richards had a very strong summer for the Copperheads, posting a 4-1 record in 7 starts, including 2 complete games. He sported an impressive 2.74 ERA in 42.2 innings pitched and struck out 45 batters on the year while only walking six.

The summer of 2014 was between the junior and senior seasons of an impressive collegiate baseball career at Drury for Richards. The Aviston, Illinois native left Drury with the second most strikeouts (230), second most wins (24), and second lowest ERA (2.96) in school history. He was an all-conference pitcher 3 times and NCAA DII all-regional player once.

Richards graduated in 2015 and went undrafted that year. He played independent baseball in the Frontier League until signing with the Marlins in July of 2016. After impressing in his short time at two Class A stops the rest of that season, Trevor started the 2017 season in Class A Advanced Jupiter. In 27 appearances between there and later being promoted to AA Jacksonville, he combined to throw 146 innings in which he struck out 158 men while only walking 30. His combined ERA for the season was 2.53.

With numbers like those, Richards stands a good chance to be promoted again and possibly make it to AAA next season, one step away from the Majors.

For additional information on the Copperheads, visit the team's website at www.teamcopperhead.com as well as the team's Facebook page.

The Coastal Plain League is the nation's premier summer collegiate baseball league. Set to begin its 22nd season in 2018, the CPL features 16 teams playing in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The CPL has had over 1,400 alumni drafted and 109 of those – including 2011 AL MVP and Cy Young winner Justin Verlander – make their Major League debut; while another notable alum – Russell Wilson – won Super Bowl XLVIII. For more information on the Coastal Plain League, please visit the league website at www.coastalplain.com and follow us via Twitter @CPLBaseball.