



## NEW BERN RIVER RATS BREAKING NEWS



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### '05 RIVER RAT RYAN RIZZO NAMED TO DISTRICT I ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

HAMDEN, CT-Ryan Rizzo, a member of the 2005 New Bern River Rats and current junior right fielder for Quinnipiac University, has been named to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA District I Academic All-America team and will now be placed on the national ballot for a chance to be named to the University Division Academic All-America Team, the university reported today.

Rizzo, an economics major with a 3.86 GPA, is batting .373 (4th in the NEC) with 59 hits (2nd in the NEC). He has hit safely in 30 of the last 34 games including 13 and 16 game hitting streaks.

Rizzo is a former teammate of River Rats Vice President Buddy Bengel.

**Rats Notes:** The River Rats open their 2006 season at home on Wednesday, May 31 against the Wilmington Sharks. Game time is 7:05 PM at Boykin Field at New Bern High School. The first 1,000 fans will receive a magnet schedule courtesy of CiCi's Pizza and WCTI.

#### **About the River Rats:**

The New Bern River Rats baseball club is a member of the Coastal Plain League, a high-profile wood-bat collegiate summer baseball league. This summer the River Rats will play 29 home games at New Bern High School's Boykin Field, opening the season on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:05 PM. The team's official website is [www.newbernriვეrrats.com](http://www.newbernriვეrrats.com).

#### **About the Coastal Plain League:**

The Coastal Plain League is the nation's hottest summer collegiate baseball league. Celebrating its 10th anniversary season, the CPL is the largest summer league in the country, featuring 15 teams playing in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The CPL is certified by Major League Baseball, and gives college players the chance to refine their skills with wooden bats during the summer months. Players are housed with local host families for the summer and past experiences have been very positive for both players and hosts. For more information on the Coastal Plain League, please visit the league website at [www.coastalplain.com](http://www.coastalplain.com).