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RIVER RAT HURLER ANTONINI NAMED PEACH BELT CONFERENCE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

NEW BERN, NC—River Rats pitcher Mike Antonini was named as last week's Peach Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week, Georgia College and State University has announced. Antonini, a 6'0" lefthander from Aston, PA, was the River Rats' opening day starter in 2005 and has committed to return to the team again this season.

Antonini, a junior at Georgia College and State University, pitched 7.2 innings of five-hit baseball to lead his team past #13-ranked University of South Carolina-Aiken by a 3-2 score. He allowed only one unearned run and two walks while striking out three in the victory. Antonini currently leads the PBC in earned run average at 1.05 and is second in the league in wins. He also ranks in the top ten in innings pitched and opponents batting average.

The GCSU Bobcats are currently ranked #1 in the nation among Division II schools.

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 28 home games at Boykin Field, located at New Bern High School from May 31 through August 9. The team's official website is www.newbernriverrats.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.