



NEW BERN RIVER RATS BREAKING NEWS



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RIVER RATS END FIRST HALF IN STYLE, 6-0; SECOND HALF STARTS TONIGHT

WILMINGTON, NC-Gino Matais hit a three-run home run and Jorge Ramos (2-1) allowed just one hit over seven innings as the River Rats beat the Sharks 6-0 Monday night in their last game of the season's first half. Ramos combined with relievers Mike Mondesir and Chris Gloor for the shutout.

Tuesday night marked the official end of the CPL's first half. In the South Division, Fayetteville finished at 19-6 to edge Florence for a playoff spot. Edenton and Martinsville also earned Pettitt Cup Tournament playoff berths by winning the North and West divisions respectively. Asheboro, as host of the Tournament, has automatically earned a berth.

With the start of the second half, all team won-loss records are reset to 0-0. Four playoff berths remain for the Pettitt Cup Tournament; a combination of division winners and overall records will determine these postseason teams.

Rats Notes: This Saturday is Swing Zone Cap Giveaway Night at Boykin Field. The first 250 fans will receive a River Rats cap courtesy of Swing Zone Family Fun Park. Gates open at 6:00 PM. More information about Swing Zone is available at www.swingzone.net.

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. In 2006, the River Rats will play 29 home games at New Bern High School's Boykin Field. Ticket outlets include New Bern Tours in historic downtown New Bern and Swing Zone Family Fun Park on US Highway. 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.