



NEW BERN RIVER RATS BREAKING NEWS



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MATIAS EARNS ALL-STAR HONORS; CPL ALL-STAR GAME IN FAYETTEVILLE JULY 18

RALEIGH, NC-River Rats shortstop Gino Matias was named to the Coastal Plain League's All-Star Game, the League announced today. Matias will play for the CPL National team in the game at Fayetteville on July 18.

All-Stars are selected by voting among coaches and media. After the pool of All-Stars is decided, a draft is held to break the players into National and American teams. The National team includes players from nine different cities; the American team will be announced tomorrow.

RATS FACE GRIZZLIES TONIGHT AT BOYKIN FIELD

The River Rats will host the Gastonia Grizzlies tonight at 7:05 PM at Boykin Field. Tonight is a Cold Stone Creamery "One Scoop Wednesday" with every child 3 to 12 receiving a free scoop of Cold Stone Creamery ice cream at the ballpark.

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.