

**Bethany native tosses no-hitter for Seattle Class A affiliate**

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2010 South Harrison High School graduate Jordan Shipers, a 21-year old ranked #11 in the Seattle Mariners prospect system, tossed a nine-inning no-hitter on Wednesday as the Class A Clinton LumberKings blew out the West Michigan Whitecaps, 10-0.



The no-hitter is the first in the Midwest League since May 4, when the LumberKings themselves fell victim to Wisconsin's Chad Thompson and Mark Williams.

Only three West Michigan batters reached base on the night -- two on walks and one on a throwing error by second baseman Daniel Paolini. Shipers generated 15 groundouts, induced seven flyouts and fanned two in the outing.

Drafted in the 16th round of the 2010 Draft, the Mariners went over slot to pry him away from Missouri State. The investment proved to be a wise one when Shipers struck out 47 batters in 49 2/3 innings last year for the Class A Short-Season Everett AquaSox.

Shipers has followed up on that campaign by compiling a 3.18 ERA through 99 innings this year and earning a place in the Midwest League's All-Star Game -- despite allowing 20 runs in 25 1/3 innings in June.

At this pace, Shipers could be on the quick track to the Big Leagues and Seattle's Safeco Field in the next handful of years, potentially adding to Seattle's rich pitching staff.