

**Former NCMC Pirate signs with Baltimore Orioles**

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Chris Green, an NCMC graduate, was offered a minor league baseball contract by the Baltimore Orioles earlier this week. After his graduation from NCMC in 2009, Green transferred to Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville where he pitched two seasons for the Bearcats.

During his senior year he went 3-4 in 17 starts. This summer, Green has been a relief pitcher with the St. Joseph Mustangs, a member of the MINK League, and posted an ERA of 1.62 allowing only nine hits in 17.1 innings out of the bullpen. The Mustangs claimed the MINK League North Division Title to earn a spot in the NBC World Series.

According to Donnie Hillerman, Head Baseball Coach for the NCMC Pirates, "Chris was our ace pitcher for the 2009 spring baseball season. He was our workhorse that year and led the team in all pitching categories." Green was the first of three pitchers from North Central who have transferred to Northwest Missouri State.

Hillerman continued, "Chris had elbow surgery after his junior year at Northwest as he had chronic elbow issues stemming from an injury sustained in high school (Joplin). It is great that he is now healthy and we will hopefully see him reach his full potential. It was a privilege to coach Chris and his younger brother Travis (who also played baseball at NCMC and transferred to NWMSU where he will be a senior this fall)."

Additional teams who indicated an interest in Green this summer were the Kansas City Royals, Texas Rangers, and Seattle Mariners. Now as a part of the Orioles organization, he will travel to Sarasota, Florida for a physical and then join their rookie team in the Gulf Coast League.