



IN THE NEWS

On Sunday, July 9, 2006 Adam Ottavino gives up only one hit while pitching six shut-out innings to beat the Cyclones 3-0 yesterday . He has yet to give up 1 earned run in 19 2/3s innings pitched since turning pro!

As noted on the Cyclone website:

"Although both of Brooklyn's hits were recorded by Jonathan Sanchez, the team still had a few chances because of patient at-bats that led to four walks. State College's starting pitcher, Brooklyn native Adam Ottavino (2-0), threw an effective six innings. The Brooklyn native allowed only one hit and walked two batters. The Spikes' bullpen relieved Ottavino and continued where he left off. Two scoreless innings by Kyle Sadlowski and one from Jason Motte sealed the game. Although the bullpen was effective, Brooklyn still had a chance to score runs in the bottom of the eighth inning. After two walks, Bobby Malek came to the plate with two outs as the potential tying run, but a groundout ended both the threat and the inning. "

From Adam's team's website (State College Spikes):

"Brooklyn, NY -- The State College Spikes held the Brooklyn Cyclones to only two hits on the way to the their first ever shutout, a 3-0 victory at KeySpan Park. Adam Ottavino continued to dominate New York-Penn League opponents tossing another six scoreless innings in his homecoming performance. The Brooklyn, NY native has not allowed an earned run in his first 19.2 innings as a professional...

With Ottavino on the mound and pitching in front of his hometown crowd which included over 200 family and friends, the lead was more than insurmountable. The tall right-hander allowed only one hit, while walking two and striking out seven over his 6.0 innings of work."

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BROOKLYN CYCLONES COVERAGE

Park Sloper beats Clones

Berkeley Carroll product Adam Ottavino impresses

The Brooklyn Papers

Park Slope native Adam Ottavino made a triumphant return to Brooklyn on Sunday, July 9, throwing six scoreless innings for the State College Spikes.

Ottavino grew up a block from Prospect Park and played there and at the Parade Grounds with the Youth Council League and later for the Berkeley Carroll HS team.

His father told The Brooklyn Papers that the right-hander always wanted to be a baseball player.

"If he wanted to do opera, he would have been hanging around fat women with horns," said John Ottavino, an actor.



"But he wanted to play baseball, so that's what he did." Ottavino did it well enough to be picked in the first round of the 2006 draft by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Ottavino won't be tormenting the Cyclones for too long: He's allowed only five hits in 19.2 innings, and has a 2-0 record with a 0.00 ERA.

In the game against the Cyclones, Ottavino didn't let his hundreds of hometown supporters make him nervous.



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Sloper Adam Ottavino of the State College Spikes.

"Before the game, it did seem a little surreal to be pitching at KeySpan," he said. "But once the game started, I just focused on the batters."

Cyclones' manager George Greer was impressed.

"He has the makings of a good prospect," he said.

Ottavino's teammates will miss him when he's promoted — especially on those Brooklyn road trips. "I took some of the guys to dinner at Spumoni Gardens," said Ottavino. — Shakespeare

Greer meter report

After an 0-7 start, The Brooklyn Papers created the "Greer-ometer" to accurately reflect the job status of Cyclones manager George Greer. The Cyclones have improved to 8-13, but still trail the NY-Penn League's McNamara Division by 6 games. Of course, minor-league skippers are rarely fired during the season, but with the Cyclones this lethargic, you never know. This week's ruling? Greer's job remains safe.

