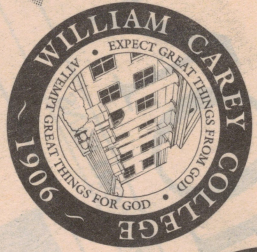


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Baltimore acquires Brown in June rook

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William Carey College is known for its successful students—great businessmen, outstanding doctors, caring nurses, award-winning playwrights and professional baseball players.

Darrius Brown, outfielder and pitcher for the Carey Crusaders for two years, received his draft to the rookie league of the Baltimore Orioles in June.

He has played in 88 games, serving throughout the season as both outfielder and pitcher. He was 3-1 with

an ERA of 4.43 and one saved game.

He faced 157 batters and boasts 43 strikeouts. While Brown enjoys the off-season, he anticipates returning to Sarasota, Fla., in March.

"I have always loved to play baseball," Brown said.

Brown, like many ballplayers, began his baseball days at age 5 or 6.

He continued playing ball throughout his high school and college days.

Brown attended D'Iberville High School where he led the Coast pitchers in strikeouts and held the third highest batting average

among Coast batters.

From high school, Brown went to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College where he was chosen for the all-star team both years.

Brown comes from a baseball family.

His father, Robert Brown, Sr., played ball in high school and his brother, Robert Brown Jr., now plays for the Red Sox.

During his sophomore year in college, Darrius

Brown knew he, like his brother, wanted to pursue a baseball career.

"I realized baseball was where I needed to be," Brown said.

This realization turned into hard work and this effort paid off for him and for the Crusaders.

Brown played a great role in each game he played.

Play-by-plays from last year invariably mentioned Brown numerous times for

doubles and homers, saves and strikeouts.

Brent St. Germain wrote for The Courier Houma Today after a March 7, 2002, Carey win against Nicholls State, "While miscues helped the Crusaders pull ahead early, they needed late-inning heroics from Darrius Brown to seal the win."

This is one of many such statements about Brown's performance on the Crusader team.

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Head coach Bobby Halford said, "Brown had two good years for us. He was a two-way guy who will be missed."

Halford went on to state that since Brown was a relief pitcher and an outfielder with a .345 or .350 batting average he would be very hard to replace.

He also said they always felt he would get a chance to go on in the baseball world since he has such outstanding athletic ability.

Brown said of Halford, "He taught me a whole lot about the game."

Brown's teammates re-

member his influence fondly as well.

Senior Chris Dunn said of the former Carey player, "We could tell a real difference (in the team) when Darius became eligible after the first 15 or 16 games from the beginning to the end of the year last year."

Sophomore Charlie Norris said of his former teammate, "I think he was a great player.

"He had all the talent you need to be great. He was fun to play with and fun to hang out with."

Brown continues a tradition of excellence in William Carey's alumni.