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Scorpion Baseball Players Competing All Over the World

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Seven members of the UTB/TSC baseball team have been playing summer collegiate baseball or independent professional baseball all over the United States, Canada and Europe.

Several of them have completed their eligibility with the Scorpions, but others will be returning for the 2012 season.

Teams in summer collegiate baseball leagues feature top collegiate baseball players from around the country. Most teams are operated on a for-profit basis like a professional Minor League Baseball team, using wooden bats.

Senior Jorge Camorlinga, who completed his collegiate eligibility in May, and senior-to-be Peter Maldonado have just returned from a seven-game stint with other collegiate players and teams from other countries in Europe.

The pair played for the USA American International Sports Tour (AIST) team in Prague, Czech Republic. Three American teams were part of the eight-team tournament. AIST won the tournament championship.

"It was an experience I'll never forget," Camorlinga said. "My parents and Peter's parents gave us this opportunity, and we'll have a lot of memories for the rest of our lives."

Senior-to-be pitcher Mitch Schaafsma and sophomore-to-be pitcher Brody Chamberlain are also playing in a foreign country, as members of the Lethbridge Bulls in the Western Major Baseball League. Both players are Canadians who attended Lethbridge College (Alb.) before coming to UTB/TSC in 2010.

Danny Gidora, who was a NAIA Second Team All-America selection, is playing for the Haysville Heat (Kan.) of the Kansas Jayhawks League. Gidora finished his collegiate eligibility at UTB/TSC in May.

Sophomore-to-be catcher Adam Miller is playing for the Laramie (Wyo.) Colts in the three-team Mountain Collegiate Baseball League.

Jeff Allen, who completed his collegiate eligibility at UTB/TSC in May, is playing for the Roswell Invaders, an independent professional team in the Pecos League.