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Yankees Editorial: Checking Up on Spring Training Call Up Dan Fiorito

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While a majority of this weekends news surrounding the New York Yankees centered on their first-round of cuts and minor-league re-assignments, they quietly added a number of minor league players to major league camp as well.

While many believe that these players are called up as insurance and used as fill-in’s during all the split squad games, some might see it as an opportunity to leave a lasting impression on the Yankees coaching staff, including minor-league utility man Dan Fiorito.

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So who exactly is Dan Fiorito?

He was signed as an undrafted free-agent out of Manhattanville College in August 2012, becoming just the second Manhattanville ball-player to ever play professional baseball. A native of Yonkers, NY, located just a few miles north of Yankee Stadium, Fiorito finished his three-year college career with his name all over the Manhattanville Baseball record books.

He finished his collegiate career third all-time at the school in home runs (21), fourth in slugging percentage (.648), sixth in runs scored (116) and total bases (258), seventh in batting average (.397) and runs batted in (108), and 10th in hits (158) and on-base percentage (.474). Prior to attending Manhattanville College, Fiorito played ball for Fordham Preparatory in the Bronx, NY.

His minor league career didn’t officially get under way until 2013, where he spent a majority of the season with High-A Tampa, posting an impressive .688 OPS. In 2014 he played a total of 103 games for Double-A Trenton, where he posted a modest .232/.289/.333 slash line. He was also called up for a brief “cup of coffee” with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes Barre, where he posted three hits and two RBIs in 12 plate appearances.