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'MINOR' INJURIES NEED ATTENTION, TOO PITCHER DAN MERKLINGER WORKING OUT AT JAG PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dan Merklinger of West Orange, a star pitcher for Seton Hall Prep and Seton Hall University, is on a quest to make it to the Major Leagues, and he isn't going to let a little injury slow him down.

Merklinger, 24, a lefty in the Milwaukee Brewers organization, suffered a minor groin strain while doing workouts to prepare for spring training. He went to JAG Physical Therapy in West Orange to make sure he was ready to report to camp in Florida.

He was treated under the supervision of founder and president John Gallucci Jr. and the JAG staff.

"Each specific sport injury gets a specific workout," Merklinger said of his care at JAG. "There's constantly someone helping you out. They have everything prepared and you know what you're going to do when you start."

A sixth-round draft choice in 2007, Merklinger is assigned to the Brevard County Manatees in the Florida State League. His goal this season is to be called up by the Brewers in September.

Merklinger was an All-State pitcher and team captain his senior year at Seton Hall Prep. The team won a state championship with a 30-1 record in his junior year. He went on to pitch for two years at Seton Hall University, earning Big East Academic All-Star honors.



A comprehensive orthopedic physical therapy provider with centers in West Orange and Warren, New Jersey, and soon in Hackensack, JAG Physical Therapy is New Jersey's leader in rehabilitating foot, ankle, knee, hip, shoulder, elbow, back and related injuries, offering caring and experienced physical therapists and athletic trainers, and state-of-the-art rehabilitation equipment that can help you "get back in the game."

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