

live in La Crosse.

"I was super excited (about coming to the NWL, to La Crosse). My grandparents live in La Crosse, so I have been out here a couple of times," Zimmerman said.

"And if you want to become a great baseball player and understand the minor-league grind, the Northwoods is definitely the league to play in. The Cape Cod, you are going to get better talent, but the grind is not comparable to any other league."

While the Loggers have ground through a 19-15 first-half record, they are out of the first-half South Division pennant race. The first half has been a learning experience, Zimmerman said, and he believes the team is set up for a strong second half.

"I have felt comfortable here. These pitchers don't make many mistakes. In Arizona, you got a couple of kids that they try to beat you with the fastball. These kids don't do that much, they understand how to pitch people a little bit better," Zimmerman said.

"I have done well, but I definitely know there is room for improvement. I have kind of thrown away some at-bats. If I can keep it rolling and do what I do, I know there is a lot better out of me.

"And I think our second half will be our half. I don't see any reason why we should lose second half."

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