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LUIS SARDINAS & MANNY BARREDA HONORED AS FINAL INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR 2017

The International League announced today that Norfolk infielder Luis Sardinas and Gwinnett right-handed starter Manny Barreda have been named the League's final Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the 2017 season, covering the period from August 28-September 4. Barreda is the fifth member of the Braves to claim an IL weekly award this season, following Lane Adams (April 10-16), Lucas Sims (April 17-23), Andrew Albers (July 10-16), and Ronald Acuna (Aug. 14-20). Sardinas is the second Tides player to be so honored in 2017, along with Alec Asher (Aug. 14-20).

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LUIS SARDINAS, Norfolk Tides

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

Over the final eight days of the 2017 regular season, no International League player had a higher batting average, on-base percentage, or slugging percentage than Norfolk's Luis Sardinas. He also paced the circuit with thirteen hits and 25 total bases to push his batting average to .319 by the final game of the season, a mark that would have been near the top of the League if he had reached the minimum number of plate appearances to qualify. Sardinas collected multiple hits in five of his last six games while seeing action at second base, shortstop, third base, left field, and center field.

24-year-old Luis Sardinas is wrapping up his eighth season playing professionally. He was originally signed as an international free agent by Texas and made his MLB debut for the Rangers in 2014. He's also seen action with the Brewers (2015), Mariners (2016), and Padres (2016-17) before being claimed off waivers by Baltimore in May. Sardinas is a native of Bolivar, Venezuela.

	<u>G</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SLUG</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB</u>
Week:	8	.500	13	26	4	1	1	3	7	.962	2	0
Season:	83	.319	99	310	34	10	3	5	30	.419	12	6

MANNY BARREDA, Gwinnett Braves

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Gwinnett's Manny Barreda delivered a pair of very strong outings to close out the season, allowing just six hits with fifteen strikeouts over a combined 13.0 innings of work. On Wednesday he took a loss despite going the distance in Game 2 of a doubleheader in Norfolk, the victim of four unearned runs crossing the plate in the second inning. Facing the division champs on Labor Day, Barreda got his third win as a member of the Braves by tossing 7.0 frames of scoreless, two-hit baseball with seven punchouts. The 3-0 victory over Durham lowered his ERA to 1.83, the lowest point since he joined Gwinnett in early August from the Mexican League.

28-year-old Manny Barreda is in his first season with the Atlanta organization after having signed as a free agent this past December. The former member of the Yankees and Brewers organizations had been used primarily as a reliever before joining the Braves. Barreda is a native of Sahuarita, Arizona.

	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
Week:	2	2	1	0	1-1	0.00	13.0	6	4	0	7	15	0
Season:	7	7	1	0	3-1	1.83	39.1	27	12	8	19	33	0