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WADE LEBLANC HONORED AS MAY INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The International League announced today that Buffalo starting pitcher Wade LeBlanc has been named the League's Player of the Month for May. Along with winners from other leagues, LeBlanc will receive an award from Minor League Baseball in recognition of his performance last month.

Bisons veteran lefty Wade LeBlanc went undefeated in six May starts, leading the International League with a 0.70 ERA for the month and finishing among the top four in innings pitched (38.1) and strikeouts (36). After surrendering three runs to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre in a no-decision on May 2, LeBlanc proceeded to reel off a string of 33.0 innings without allowing an earned run. The streak remained intact after he tossed 6.1 frames of shutout baseball in Saturday's 3-0 win at Toledo, his final outing of the month. For the season, LeBlanc is the IL leader with 62.2 innings pitched and five victories, and he's also near the top of the circuit in ERA (3rd) and strikeouts (5th). He is the first Bisons pitcher honored as IL Player of the Month since Jeremy Sowers in May 2006. LeBlanc is among the players fans can currently vote for online to send to the 2016 Triple-A All-Star Game by visiting milb.com/vote.

31-year-old Wade LeBlanc signed with Toronto during the offseason after having spent the entire 2015 season playing in Japan. He was originally selected in the 2nd round of the 2006 draft by San Diego and made his big league debut for the Padres two years later. He is a veteran of over 100 games in the majors, having also pitched for the Marlins, Astros, Angels, and Yankees. This is his first season playing in the International League. LeBlanc is a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Wade LeBlanc, Buffalo Bisons Statistics (May 1-31, 2016)

<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>
6	6	0	0	3-0	0.70	38.1	39	5	3	9	36

RECENT RECIPIENTS:

2016 International League Players of the Month:

April 2016 – Jermaine Curtis, 2B/3B (*Louisville*)

2015 International League Players of the Month:

- April 2015 - Chris Colabello, 1B (*Buffalo*)
- May 2015 - Alen Hanson, 2B (*Indianapolis*)
- June 2015 - Jefry Marte, 3B (*Toledo*)
- July 2015 - Matt Hague, 1B/3B (*Buffalo*)
- August 2015 - Mallex Smith, OF (*Gwinnett*)