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RICHIE SHAFFER & NIK TURLEY HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Columbus outfielder Richie Shaffer and Rochester left-handed starter Nik Turley have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from June 5-11. Turley, who is currently in the Major Leagues with Minnesota, joins two-time Pitcher of the Week Jose Berrios to give the Red Wings three weekly awards so far this season, tied with Charlotte for most in the IL. Shaffer is now a three-time IL Batter of the Week, having claimed the honor during each of the past two seasons while with Durham. He is the second Columbus player to be so honored in 2017, following pitcher Mike Clevinger (April 10-16).

RICHIE SHAFFER, Columbus Clippers

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

Over the past seven days, Columbus outfielder Richie Shaffer hit .414 and was atop the International League leaderboard with three homers, nine RBI, six extra-base hits, and 24 total bases. He got his week off to a roaring start Monday against Louisville when he crushed a 3rd inning grand slam to propel the Clippers to a 15-5 triumph. Shaffer also doubled on Monday, marking the first of five multi-hit games for the week. For the season, Shaffer now has 13 home runs and 48 RBI, which are both totals that trail the League leader by just one.

26-year-old Richie Shaffer is in his sixth season as a professional player, and first with the Cleveland organization. He was Tampa Bay's 1st-round choice in the 2012 draft, and ultimately saw action in 51 games with the Rays in 2015-16 before a wild offseason in which he was traded to Seattle in November, claimed by Philadelphia and then Cincinnati in December, and finally claimed by the Indians in January. Shaffer is a native of Flemington, New Jersey.

	<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:	7	.414	12	29	6	3	0	3	9	.828	1	1
Season:	57	.271	57	210	31	11	1	13	48	.519	29	2

NIK TURLEY, Rochester Red Wings

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

In the two decades since Rochester's Frontier Field opened, no pitcher recorded more strikeouts in a game than Nik Turley did when he took the hill last Tuesday against Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. The former RailRider punched out fifteen SWB hitters in the 8-1 Red Wings win, scattering four hits and two walks in the dominant performance. Turley fanned the side four times, including each of the game's first three innings. The highlight of his week was still to come, as the ten-year veteran received his first call to the Major Leagues Sunday to face the Giants in his home state of California. Turley, who had a 14-strikeout game in Double-A in April, has 39 strikeouts in 28.1 innings pitched for the Red Wings this season.

27-year-old Nik Turley is a former 50th-round draft pick of the Yankees. He spent most of the 2014 season in Triple-A, then spent the next two seasons in the Giants and Red Sox organizations. After wrapping up the 2016 campaign in the independent leagues, Turley signed with Minnesota in the offseason. He allowed four runs in four innings in his MLB debut Sunday at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Turley is a native of La Canada, California.

	<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:	1	1	0	0	1-0	0.00	6.0	4	0	0	2	15	0
Season:	7	5	0	0	1-2	3.49	28.1	27	14	11	8	39	0