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## CHRIS COLABELLO & ALEX COLOME HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Rochester first baseman Chris Colabello and Durham pitcher Alex Colome have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from May 13-19. Durham becomes the first team to win three IL weekly awards this season (Vince Belnome, April 22-28 and Jake Odorizzi, April 29-May 5) while Rochester's Chris Colabello becomes the first individual to bring home a second weekly honor in 2013 (April 4-7).

### CHRIS COLABELLO, Rochester Red Wings

### IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

Over the past seven days Rochester slugger Chris Colabello led the International League with 15 hits, a .586 average, 10 RBI, a .594 on-base percentage, and a 1.071 slugging percentage. He hit safely in all seven games, collecting multiple hits five times. Nine of his 15 hits went for extra bases, including three home runs to tie for the IL lead with 11 on the season. Colabello now also paces the circuit with 61 hits, 28 extra-base hits, and 17 doubles.

29-year-old Chris Colabello played for seven seasons in independent baseball before signing with the Minnesota Twins organization in 2012. Last year at Double-A New Britain, he hit .284 with 19 home runs and 98 RBI, finishing as the runner-up for the Eastern League Most Valuable Player award. Colabello is a native of Framingham, Massachusetts.

	<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>
<b>Week:</b>	7	.536	15	28	7	6	0	3	10	1.071	2	0
<b>Season:</b>	44	.361	61	169	27	17	0	11	34	.657	16	0

### ALEX COLOME, Durham Bulls

### IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Right-hander Alex Colome picked up two victories for the Durham Bulls this week and led the International League with 19 strikeouts. Last Monday against Lehigh Valley, Colome erased a personal five-game losing streak with arguably his best outing of 2013. He recorded season-highs with 7.0 innings pitched and eleven strikeouts as the Bulls coasted to an 8-2 triumph. Colome returned to the mound Saturday and defeated the 1st place Norfolk Tides behind 6.0 innings of two-run baseball. The win improved Colome's record on the season to 3-5, and he now leads the League with 59 strikeouts.

24-year-old Alex Colome is in his seventh professional season and first full year at the Triple-A level. In 2012 he was named Most Valuable Player of his Double-A Montgomery team, going 8-3 and posting a 3.48 ERA. Colome is a native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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<b>Week:</b>	2	2	0	0	2-0	2.08	13.0	10	4	3	4	19	0
<b>Season:</b>	9	9	0	0	3-5	2.86	50.1	41	20	16	20	59	0