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RONALD ACUNA HONORED AS AUGUST INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The International League announced today that Gwinnett outfielder Ronald Acuna has been named the League's Player of the Month for August. Along with winners from other leagues, Acuna will be presented with an award from Minor League Baseball in recognition of his performance last month.

Triple-A Baseball's youngest player this season is Gwinnett's Ronald Acuna, but the 19-year-old highly touted prospect didn't let the fact that August was his first full month in the classification stop him from putting up some very impressive numbers. Acuna hit .364 and led the International League with 47 hits and 24 runs scored. Thirteen of his hits went for extra bases, including four long balls, while he also chipped in seven stolen bases and twenty RBI. He was honored as the IL Player of the Week (August 14-20) when he hit .481 with three homers and 8 RBI on a six-game road trip through the North Division. Since arriving in Gwinnett after the All-Star break, Acuna is batting .343 and leads the League in hits, runs scored, extra-base hits, and total bases. His award comes two years after the last Gwinnett Brave to be recognized as the IL Player of the Month (Mallex Smith, August 2015).

19-year-old Ronald Acuna is in his third professional season, and his first playing above the Class-A level. He signed with the Braves in 2014 as an international free agent. MLB.com ranks him among the top ten prospects in all of baseball. Acuna is a native of La Guairá, Venezuela.

Ronald Acuna, Gwinnett Braves Statistics (August 1-31, 2017)

<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>
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PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:

2017 International League Players of the Month:

- April 2017 – Patrick Leonard, 3B (*Durham*)
- May 2017 – Tom Eshelman, RHP (*Lehigh Valley*)
- June 2017 – Zack Granite, OF (*Rochester*)
- July 2017 – Jake Cave, OF (*Scranton/Wilkes-Barre*)

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