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TOM ESHELMAN HONORED AS MAY INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The International League announced today that Lehigh Valley pitcher Tom Eshelman has been named the League's Player of the Month for May. Along with winners from other leagues, Eshelman will be presented with an award from Minor League Baseball in recognition of his performance last month.

Tom Eshelman's remarkable month of May began with Double-A Reading, where he tossed 7.0 innings of one-hit baseball on May 2 before receiving his first-ever promotion to the Triple-A level. Through five starts with the IronPigs, Eshelman is 3-0 with a 1.40 ERA. Despite the late arrival he led the International League with 38.2 innings pitched in May, allowing just 27 hits, four walks, and six earned runs. His debut in Lehigh Valley was an 8.0-inning, four-hit gem against Rochester, which was followed with a 7.0-inning complete game win during the May 14 doubleheader with Buffalo. After a pair of no-decisions, which included an 8.0-inning effort in Syracuse, Eshelman completed May in style by shutting out Indianapolis at Victory Field. It was the first 9.0-inning shutout by a Lehigh Valley starter in five years, and just the third in franchise history. Eshelman also becomes the third member of the IronPigs to be honored as IL Player of the Month, joining first baseman Andy Tracy (June, 2010) and pitcher Phil Klein (August, 2016).

22-year-old Tom Eshelman is in his third season as a professional pitcher after being selected by Houston in the 2nd round of the 2015 draft. He was part of a seven-player deal with Philadelphia prior to last season, which he split between the High-A Florida State League and Double-A Eastern League. He has yet to make his MLB debut. Eshelman is a native of Carlsbad, California.

Tom Eshelman, Lehigh Valley IronPigs Statistics (May 1-31, 2017)

	<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>
PAWTUCKET RED SOX	5	5	2	1	3-0	1.40	38.2	27	9	6	4	25

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April 2017 – Patrick Leonard, 3B (*Durham*)