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DURHAM'S CANZLER NAMED 2011 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MVP; TEHERAN TOP PITCHER & ROOKIE; SARBAUGH TOP MANAGER

The International League today announced its postseason All-Star Team and Award Winners as selected by the circuit's managers, coaches, media, and club representatives. Durham's **Russ Canzler** has been named the IL's Most Valuable Player on the strength of his .312 average, 18 home runs, and 79 RBI for the South-leading Bulls. 20-year-old right-hander **Julio Teheran** of Gwinnett claimed both the Most Valuable Pitcher and Rookie of the Year awards. Teheran leads the League with 15 wins and a 2.22 ERA in his first season at the Triple-A level. The 2011 IL Manager of the Year is Columbus skipper **Mike Sarbaugh**. His Clippers own the League's best record (85-53) and have already clinched the IL West Division championship.

Most Valuable Player – Russ Canzler, Durham

Russ Canzler has been named the International League Most Valuable Player for 2011. The former 30th round draft pick had never played above the Double-A level before signing with Tampa Bay as a free agent this past offseason. Having seen significant time at third base, first base, left field, and right field, the versatile Canzler has made his biggest contributions for Durham at the plate. He is 4th in the International League with a .312 average to go along with 18 home runs and 79 RBI. His 61 extra-base hits, 77 runs scored, 241 total bases, and .533 slugging percentage are all tops in the IL. In July, Canzler was elected as the starting third baseman for the IL at the Triple-A All-Star Game, where his three-run home run was the difference in the 3-0 contest. He is just the second IL player ever to win Top Star honors at the Triple-A All-Star Game and the League MVP award in the same season, following in the footsteps of another Durham Bull, Kevin Witt in 2006. Canzler is the fifth Durham player to win IL Most Valuable Player honors, along with Steve Cox in 1999, Toby Hall in 2001, Witt in 2006, and Dan Johnson last season. The last time the International League named a Most Valuable Player from the same team in consecutive years was in 1984 and 1985 when Scott Bradley and Dan Pasqua of Columbus were so honored.

Most Valuable Pitcher & Rookie of the Year – Julio Teheran, Gwinnett

Little more than three years after making his professional debut, Julio Teheran is the International League Most Valuable Pitcher and Rookie of the Year. Teheran has lived up to his billing as the top prospect in the Braves organization by leading the IL with 15 victories, an .882 winning percentage, a 2.22 ERA, and a .227 opponents batting average. He is also 2nd in the League with a 1.13 WHIP. Teheran allowed one earned run or less in 15 of his 23 starts. He is a sparkling 8-0 with a 1.34 ERA on the road this season. Teheran's most dominant month was June, during which he went 5-0 in six starts with a 1.10 ERA, surrendering a mere 24 hits in 41.0 innings and earning honors as the Topps International League Player of the Month. In July the Colombian native made a trip to Phoenix where he was the starting pitcher for the World Team at the MLB Futures Game. Before Teheran, the last Braves farmhand to be named IL Most Valuable Pitcher was Brad Woodall in 1994. Teheran is the second consecutive member of the Gwinnett Braves to win IL Rookie of the Year honors, following current Atlanta star Freddie Freeman. Rochester was the last team to boast back-to-back Rookies of the Year, doing so in 2004 and 2005 with Jason Kubel and Francisco Liriano. The most recent International League player to win Most Valuable Pitcher and Rookie of the Year honors in the same season was Scranton/Wilkes-Barre's Brandon Duckworth in 2001.

Manager of the Year – Mike Sarbaugh, Columbus

On the heels of a spectacular 2010 campaign, Columbus manager Mike Sarbaugh is the 2011 IL Manager of the Year. His Clippers, the defending Triple-A Baseball National Champions, have produced the best record in the League this season at 85-53 and became the first team to clinch a playoff berth back on August 23 when their magic number to win the West Division reached zero. Sarbaugh's team has done it with a steady diet of offense this season, leading the IL with 689 runs scored and 145 home runs. In July, Sarbaugh traveled to Salt Lake City where he managed the International League All-Star Team to a 3-0 victory over the Pacific Coast League. Sarbaugh is no stranger to accolades. Over the course of his eight-year managerial career, he won league championships in 2004, 2006, 2009 and 2010, and he was named the Carolina League Manager of the Year in 2007 as well as the *Baseball America* Minor League Manager of the Year in 2010.



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In addition to third baseman Russ Canzler and starting pitcher Julio Teheran, ten other players have been named to the International League Postseason All-Star Team. In all, seven IL clubs are represented on the All-Star Team, led by Indianapolis with three players.

- ☆ 26-year-old **Matt Hague** of Indianapolis was an IL mid-season All-Star in July, and now the first baseman has also been elected to the Postseason All-Star Team. Hague leads the League with 157 hits, resulting in a .306 batting average to go along with 12 home runs and 74 RBI. He also paces the circuit in games played with 136. The last Indianapolis first baseman to make the IL Postseason All-Star Team was Roberto Petagine in 1998.
- ☆ The IL All-Star second baseman is **Jason Kipnis** of Columbus. The current Cleveland Indian made a big impact during his time in Columbus earlier this season, hitting .280 with 12 homers, 55 RBI, and 12 stolen bases in 92 games. Despite being in the big leagues for over a month, he still leads the International League with nine triples. The 24-year-old Kipnis was the starting second baseman for the IL at the Triple-A All-Star Game in July. He is the first Columbus second baseman to make the Postseason All-Star Team since Brian Raabe in 1999.
- ☆ Louisville shortstop **Zack Cozart** played his last game in the IL on July 6, but he did enough in his 77 games with the Bats to earn a slot on the Postseason All-Star Team. Cozart hit .310 with 26 doubles, 7 round trippers, 32 RBI and 9 steals before earning a promotion to Cincinnati. The 26-year-old hit .324 for the Reds in 11 games before an elbow injury prematurely ended his season. The last Louisville shortstop on the IL Postseason All-Star Team was Chris Sexton in 2000.
- ☆ This year's All-Star catcher is **Devin Mesoraco** of Louisville. The former 1st round draft pick is hitting .289 with 15 homers and 71 RBI in his first full season at the Triple-A level. The 23-year-old has pounded out 36 doubles (T-3rd in the IL) and has 53 extra-base hits (T-4th). In July he played in both the MLB Futures Game and the Triple-A All-Star Game. Before Mesoraco, Ryan Hanigan in 2008 was the last Bats catcher to make the IL Postseason All-Star Team.
- ☆ Gwinnett outfielder **Stefan Gartrell** is an IL All-Star. He is currently tied for the League lead with 91 RBI, and he's 2nd in the IL with 26 home runs and 57 extra-base hits. Gartrell began the 2011 season with Charlotte but in mid-April he was traded to the Braves organization. Gartrell went to Salt Lake City in July for the Triple-A All-Star festivities where he won the Home Run Derby. Gartrell, 27, is the first Gwinnett outfielder to win Postseason All-Star honors (OF Josh Anderson was Richmond's last IL All-Star in 2008).
- ☆ Also an All-Star outfielder this season is **Alex Presley** of Indianapolis. Presley, currently with the Pittsburgh Pirates, leads the International League with a .333 batting average though he stands to fall just short of the required number of plate appearances to qualify for the batting title. He hit 8 home runs and drove in 41 runs in his 87 games with the Indians, and his 22 steals still lead the team. The 26-year-old Presley is the first Indianapolis outfielder to be named to the IL Postseason All-Star Team since D.T. Cromer in 1999.
- ☆ 22-year-old Charlotte Knights outfielder **Dayan Viciedo** was a mid-season All-Star in July, and now the Cuban native has been elected to the Postseason All-Star Team as well. Viciedo owns a .296 average and 20 home runs to go along with 78 RBI (5th in IL) and 134 hits (6th). The last Knights outfielder who was a Postseason All-Star was Chad Mottola in 1999.
- ☆ The International League home run leader is **Jorge Vazquez** of Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, the All-Star designated hitter. A ten-year veteran of the Mexican League, the 29-year-old Vazquez is in his third season in the Yankees organization. On Friday night he became the first player in the League this season to reach 30 home runs. He also has 88 RBI, 3rd in the IL. Shelley Duncan in 2007 was the last SWB Yankees slugger elected as the designated hitter on the Postseason All-Star team.
- ☆ Indianapolis closer **Tim Wood** has been named the IL All-Star relief pitcher. The 28-year-old is one off the pace for the League lead in saves with 23 while having posted an impressive 2.84 ERA in 40 appearances out of the bullpen. In 44.1 innings of work, he's allowed just 32 hits and 12 walks while collecting 32 strikeouts. The most recent Indianapolis reliever to earn a spot on the IL Postseason All-Star Team was Bob Scanlan in 2000.
- ☆ The final All-Star spot goes to Columbus' **Luis Valbuena**, who has been selected as the International League's top utility player for 2011. The 25-year-old Valbuena was primarily a shortstop this season, but he has also seen significant time at second base, third base, and in the outfield for the Clippers. He has a .304 average with 16 homers and 73 RBI for the IL West champions. Valbuena has also suited up as both an infielder and outfielder for the parent Indians in 11 games this season. The utility player spot on the Postseason All-Star Team was first awarded in 1997, since which time Valbuena is the first member of the Clippers to receive the honor.



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2011 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable Player	Russ Canzler, <i>Durham Bulls</i>
Most Valuable Pitcher	Julio Teheran, <i>Gwinnett Braves</i>
Rookie of the Year	Julio Teheran, <i>Gwinnett Braves</i>
Manager of the Year	Mike Sarbaugh, <i>Columbus Clippers</i>

2011 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

First Baseman	Matt Hague, <i>Indianapolis Indians</i>
Second Baseman	Jason Kipnis, <i>Columbus Clippers</i>
Shortstop	Zack Cozart, <i>Louisville Bats</i>
Third Baseman	Russ Canzler, <i>Durham Bulls</i>
Catcher	Devin Mesoraco, <i>Louisville Bats</i>
Outfielders	Stefan Gartrell, <i>Gwinnett Braves</i> Alex Presley, <i>Indianapolis Indians</i> Dayan Viciedo, <i>Charlotte Knights</i>
Designated Hitter	Jorge Vazquez, <i>Scranton/WB Yankees</i>
Utility Player	Luis Valbuena, <i>Columbus Clippers</i>
Starting Pitcher	Julio Teheran, <i>Gwinnett Braves</i>
Relief Pitcher	Tim Wood, <i>Indianapolis Indians</i>

ALL-STAR STATISTICS (thru Aug. 29)

Batters	Team	BA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Matt Hague	IND	.306	513	67	157	36	3	12	74	4
Jason Kipnis	COL	.280	343	65	96	16	9	12	55	12
Zack Cozart	LOU	.310	323	57	100	26	2	7	32	9
Russ Canzler	DUR	.312	452	77	141	40	3	18	79	5
Devin Mesoraco	LOU	.289	432	60	125	36	2	15	71	1
Stefan Gartrell	GWN	.265	427	67	113	31	0	26	91	4
Alex Presley	IND	.333	342	58	114	18	5	8	41	22
Dayan Viciedo	CHA	.296	452	60	134	28	0	20	78	2
Jorge Vazquez	SWB	.260	427	63	111	19	0	30	88	0
Luis Valbuena	COL	.304	395	61	120	21	0	16	73	4

Pitchers	Team	W-L	ERA	SV	G	IP	SO
Julio Teheran	GWN	15-2	2.22	0	24	141.2	121
Tim Wood	IND	2-0	2.84	23	40	44.1	32