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ZOILO ALMONTE & JAKE ODORIZZI HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Scranton/Wilkes-Barre outfielder Zoilo Almonte and Durham pitcher Jake Odorizzi have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from April 29-May 5. Both Durham (Vince Belnome, April 22-28) and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (Vidal Nuno, April 15-21) have now won their club's second IL weekly award of the 2013 season.

ZOILO ALMONTE, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

SWB outfielder Zoilo Almonte hit .355 with two home runs this past week while collecting an International League-best 11 hits and 7 RBI. Almonte hit safely in all eight games this week to push his overall hitting streak to ten. He was a major factor in helping the RailRiders sweep doubleheaders from Charlotte on Monday and Tuesday. He doubled in Game 1 before collecting four two-out RBI in the 5-0 nightcap. On Tuesday, Almonte made a diving catch to end Game 1 with the tying run in scoring position, then added a home run in the second game as SWB completed the sweep. Almonte added five more hits over the next four contests, including his third home run of the year Sunday at Gwinnett as the RailRiders swept another doubleheader and increased their winning streak to eight games.

23-year-old Zoilo Almonte is in his eighth professional season and his first playing above the Double-A level. Last season with Trenton he hit .277 with 21 home runs and 70 RBI. Almonte is a native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

	<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:	8	.355	11	31	3	2	0	2	7	.613	0	0
Season:	28	.293	29	99	12	7	0	3	17	.455	17	1

JAKE ODORIZZI, Durham Bulls

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Right-hander Jake Odorizzi won twice last week without surrendering a run, etching his name in the Durham Bulls record books along the way by being part of the club's second-ever no-hitter in Triple-A Baseball. On Monday Odorizzi tossed 5.0 scoreless innings in a 5-0 victory at Syracuse, striking out six without allowing a walk on four hits. Yesterday in Pawtucket, he was unhittable for 7.0 frames, overcoming four walks and exiting after throwing 95 pitches. Relievers Frank De Los Santos, Kirby Yates, and Jeff Beliveau combined to stifle the PawSox the rest of the way to give the Bulls their first no-hitter since Jason Hamel and Juan Salas combined to beat Columbus 2-1 on July 16, 2006. Now 3-0 on the season, Odorizzi is tied for 1st in the League with 39 strikeouts and is 5th with an opponent's batting average of .178.

23-year-old Jake Odorizzi is in his sixth professional season and his first with the Tampa Bay organization after being included in last December's trade of James Shield and Wade Davis. Odorizzi made his MLB debut last season with Kansas City, going 0-1 in two outings. Odorizzi is a native of Breese, Illinois.

	<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>K</u>	<u>SV</u>
Week:	2	2	0	0	2-0	0.00	12.0	4	0	0	4	9	0
Season:	6	6	0	0	3-0	2.65	34.0	21	10	10	13	39	0