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ZACH WALTERS & J.D. MARTIN HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Syracuse infielder Zach Walters and Durham pitcher J.D. Martin have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from July 22-28. The same two players were previously honored the week of June 10-16. Walters is the first Syracuse player since pitcher Brandon Lyon in 2001 to win recognition as IL Player of the Week twice in the same season. The most recent member of the Bulls to achieve the feat was pitcher Jeremy Hellickson in 2010.

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ZACH WALTERS, Syracuse Chiefs

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

Over the past seven days Syracuse shortstop/third baseman Zach Walters led the International League with 12 hits, a .522 batting average, four doubles, three home runs, eight runs scored, and a 1.174 slugging percentage. Walters collected multiple hits four times last week and failed to score in only one game. He is hitting .500 since appearing in the Triple-A All-Star Game on July 17 and now leads the League with 55 extra-base hits on the season. Walters is also tied for 3rd in the IL with 24 home runs.

23-year-old Zach Walters is in his fourth professional season and first full campaign at the Triple-A level. Last season he played in 29 games for the Chiefs, hitting .214. Walters is a native of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

	<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:	7	.522	12	23	8	4	1	3	5	1.174	0	1
Season:	99	.264	97	368	54	28	3	24	59	.552	11	4

J.D. MARTIN, Durham Bulls

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Right-hander J.D. Martin, fresh off of his scoreless appearance in the Triple-A All-Star Game, won both of his starts this week to push his Minor League Baseball-leading total to 13 victories. He tossed a season-high 8.0-inning gem last Monday at Gwinnett, holding the Braves to just four hits while striking out six. Saturday night in Columbus, Martin picked up his 13th victory behind 6.0 innings of six-hit, two-walk baseball. He surrendered two runs (one earned) and struck out four in the 4-2 Bulls win. Martin is now one victory shy of Durham's Triple-A single-season record of 14 set by Richard De Los Santos in 2010.

30-year-old J.D. Martin is in his first season in the Tampa Bay organization after signing as a free agent this January. He is a veteran of 24 starts in the major leagues, having all come with the Nationals between 2009 and 2010. Martin is a native of Ridgecrest, California.

	<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	0.64	14.0	10	2	1	2	10	0
Season:	21	21	1	0	13-4	2.76	127.1	134	47	39	22	91	0