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NEFTALI SOTO & RYAN YARBROUGH HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Syracuse first baseman Neftali Soto and Durham left-handed starter Ryan Yarbrough have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from July 31-August 6. It's the second such honor for Yarbrough this season (June 19-25) and the fifth overall for the Bulls, tied with Rochester for most in the League. Soto is the first member of the Chiefs to claim a weekly award this season.

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NEFTALI SOTO, Syracuse Chiefs

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

It was a history-making week for Chiefs first baseman Neftali Soto, who hit .444 and led the International League with twelve hits, four home runs, ten RBI, and 25 total bases. On Tuesday he became the fifteenth player in Syracuse franchise history to homer three times in a game as he drove in six runs in the Chiefs' 10-2 romp at Pawtucket. He narrowly missed a fourth home run in the 8th inning, sending one to the warning track in center field. Soto eventually did connect for his tenth home run as a Chief two days later. He is hitting .306 since being promoted from Double-A Harrisburg in late-June.

28-year-old Neftali Soto is in his second season with the Nationals since signing as a free agent. The former 3rd-round draft pick of the Reds has seen time in the International League each year since 2011 and is a veteran of 34 games at the big league level with Cincinnati. Soto is a native of Manati, Puerto Rico.

	<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	.444	12	27	6	1	0	4	10	.926	1	0
Season:	41	.306	49	160	30	11	0	10	27	.563	11	0

RYAN YARBROUGH, Durham Bulls

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Ryan Yarbrough helped the Durham Bulls move closer to a playoff berth with a pair of dominating performances this week. In consecutive starts he defeated division rivals Charlotte and Norfolk by allowing just four hits and two walks over a League-best 13.2 innings of work. He has now pitched scoreless baseball in five of his last eight outings, and since the All-Star break he's gone 4-1 with a 1.64 ERA. On the season, Yarbrough is tied for the League-lead in wins with 12, is 2nd in the circuit in innings pitched and strikeouts, and 7th in ERA.

25-year-old Ryan Yarbrough is in his first season in the Tampa Bay farm system after being acquired in a January trade with Seattle, who selected him in the 4th round of the 2014 draft. Playing at the Double-A level last season he earned honors as the Southern League Pitcher of the Year. Yarbrough is a native of Lakeland, Florida.

	<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>	<u>SV</u>
Week:	2	2	0	0	2-0	0.00	13.2	4	0	0	2	8	0
Season:	22	22	0	0	12-5	3.27	135.0	114	54	49	35	131	0