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## J.P. ARENCIBIA & JUSTIN MARKS HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Durham catcher J.P. Arencibia and Durham pitcher Justin Marks have been named the League’s Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from July 14-17. They are the first-ever teammates from Durham to sweep the IL weekly awards since the franchise joined the circuit in 1998, and the first overall in the League since Norfolk’s Nate McLouth and Brian Matusz did so the week of July 2-8, 2012.

### J.P. ARENCIBIA, Durham Bulls

### IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

In the four days since the end of the All-Star break, Durham’s J.P. Arencibia hit .471 and led the International League with eight hits, four extra-base hits, three home runs, six RBI, 18 total bases, and a 1.059 slugging percentage. Two of his home runs came in Sunday’s 8-4 Bulls victory, which marked his second three-hit effort of the shortened week. Arencibia hit safely in all four games at Syracuse to raise his average to .246, the highest it’s been since his first day with the Bulls after having signed as a free agent in May. His four RBI on Sunday matched a season-high.

30-year-old J.P. Arencibia is in his tenth season as a professional player. He signed this offseason with the Phillies and played twelve games with Lehigh Valley before being released and subsequently signing with the Tampa Bay organization, with whom he spent the entire 2015 campaign. He is a veteran of 467 games in the Major Leagues with the Blue Jays, Rangers, and Rays. Arencibia is a native of Miami, Florida.

	<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>
<b>Week:</b>	4	.471	8	17	3	1	0	3	6	1.059	0	1
<b>Season:</b>	45	.246	42	171	17	8	0	8	21	.433	5	1

### JUSTIN MARKS, Durham Bulls

### IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

On Saturday night, Durham lefty Justin Marks tossed the first-ever 9.0-inning no-hitter by an individual pitcher in the Triple-A history of the franchise. Marks got his seventh strikeout against Matt Skole on his 130<sup>th</sup> pitch to seal the no-hitter and ignite a celebration amongst his teammates. The prospect was winless over his previous nine starts before putting together his first-career 9.0-inning complete game in historic fashion, giving the Bulls a 2-0 victory over Syracuse. It was the League’s first 9.0-inning no-hitter by an individual pitcher since Columbus’ Tyler Cloyd did it on July 30, 2014, and the first 9.0-inning no-hitter for the Bulls since Mike Montgomery and Brad Boxberger combined for one on April 26, 2014.

28-year-old Justin Marks is in his seventh season as a professional pitcher and first with the Rays organization after signing as a free agent in January. He’s primarily pitched at the Triple-A level since 2013, though to date he’s had just one crack at the big leagues, tossing 2.0 innings of relief for the Royals in April of 2014. Marks is a native of Owensboro, Kentucky.

	<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>
<b>Week:</b>	1	1	1	1	1-0	0.00	9.0	0	0	0	2	7	0
<b>Season:</b>	16	14	1	1	3-9	3.84	84.1	83	46	36	30	80	0