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DYLAN COZENS & YONNY CHIRINOS HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Lehigh Valley outfielder Dylan Cozens and Durham right-hander Yonny Chirinos have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from May 8-14. Both players are the first members of their respective clubs to capture an IL weekly award this season.

DYLAN COZENS, Lehigh Valley IronPigs

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

Lehigh Valley's Dylan Cozens hit .393 over the past week while leading the International League with four home runs and 24 total bases. He was also 2nd in the IL in slugging (.857) and tied for 2nd with eight runs scored and eight RBI. His clutch bat helped Lehigh Valley win every game this week, pushing the team's overall winning streak to nine and its lead in the North Division to 3.5 games. Two of his four home runs were extra-inning walk-off blasts, beginning with Wednesday when he lifted the 'Pigs to a 2-1 win over Rochester by doubling and scoring in the 4th and hitting a solo homer in the 11th. Two nights later he victimized Buffalo for two long balls, including the game-winner in the 12th inning. Cozens is now tied for the League lead on the year with nine home runs and is tied for 2nd in RBI with 28.

22-year-old Dylan Cozens is in his first season at the Triple-A level, arriving as a highly decorated prospect after capturing the MiLB Joe Bauman Home Run Award and the Double-A Eastern League MVP Award last year. He has yet to make his Major League debut. Cozens is a native of Scottsdale, Arizona.

	<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	.393	11	28	8	1	0	4	8	.857	2	1
Season:	36	.220	28	127	24	2	1	9	28	.465	13	1

YONNY CHIRINOS, Durham Bulls

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Entering the week with just one start under his belt at the Triple-A level, Durham's Yonny Chirinos pitched like an established veteran this week in back-to-back wins over Columbus and Toledo. As he pushed his overall record with the Bulls to 3-0, Chirinos paced the IL for the week with 15.2 innings pitched and 17 strikeouts. After tossing 6.2 frames on Monday to help Durham defeat the Clippers 9-2, Chirinos returned to the hill Saturday and delivered a three-hit shutout. He struck out nine Mud Hens to tie a career-high. It was the first 9.0-inning shutout by an individual pitcher in the International League this season, and the first of Chirinos' career. No Toledo player even reached third base in the gem, helping the Bulls maintain their hold of 1st place in the IL South Division.

23-year-old Yonny Chirinos is in his fifth season with the Rays organization since signing as an international free agent in 2012. He went 12-4 with a 3.36 ERA across three levels of the system in 2016. Chirinos is a native of Bachaquero, Venezuela.

	<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	1	1	2-0	1.15	15.2	9	2	2	5	17	0
Season:	3	3	1	1	3-0	2.45	22.0	14	6	6	5	21	0