

Minor League Review

April 21-27

Players of the Week

****Pitcher:** LHP Antonio Bastardo, Clearwater. Was 2-0 for 2 starts, 15 innings, 6 hits, 2 runs, 1 walk and 25 strikeouts. He fanned 12 in his first start of the week (no decision) and came back with 13 strikeouts on Sunday, an outing in which he pitched 8 scoreless innings while allowing 2 hits (both ground ball singles) and 1 walk. He's 2-0 with a 1.17 ERA, leading all minor league pitchers with 47 strikeouts (30.2 innings). Opponents are hitting .183 against him. The 22-year-old was signed out of the Dominican Republic in 2005. His last loss in pro ball was 2006 in the Gulf Coast League.

****Player:** OF Jeremy Slayden, Reading. Hit .360 in 6 games with 9 hits and an organization-high 12 RBI. Slayden hit safely in his last 5 games. The streak started on Tuesday with a 5 RBI game, the fourth 5-RBI game of his career. The 25-year-old is a 4-year pro who was signed after being drafted in the 8th round out of Georgia Tech in 2005.

Lehigh Valley IronPigs

1-6 week . . . C Jason Jaramillo had a 10-game hitting streak snapped on Saturday . . . LHP Brian Mazone picked up 2nd win on Friday, 0 ER in 8 innings at Rochester . . . LHP Travis Blackley allowed only 1 hit in 5 innings on Sunday but left the game with a groin pull . . . 1B Andy Tracy homered in three straight games and leads LV with 4 . . . LHP J. A. Happ, 0-3 with a 4.41 ERA, leads the International League with 32 strikeouts in 26.1 innings; he fanned 8 in 7 innings (4 hits, 1 run) on Wednesday . . . INF Mike Cervenak, 2 HR, 5 RBI for the week.

Reading Phillies

4-2 week, winning last 3 . . . LHP Fabio Castro's scoreless inning streak ended at 19 innings when he gave up 2 runs in the 1st inning on Tuesday; despite giving up 5 runs in 5 innings, he improved to 3-0 on the season . . . RHP Carlos Carrasco struck out the first 5 hitters on Wednesday and they was tagged for 5 runs in the 4th while losing his second game . . . LHP Joshua Outman struck out 9 in 5 innings on Saturday and hit his first pro home run. He is 1-2 with a 3.26 ERA and has recorded 32 strikeouts in 25.2 innings . . . RHP Pat Overholt recorded 4th and 5th saves in 4 scoreless appearances . . . SS Jason Donald returned Friday after missing 8 games with a lacerated finger on his right hand. He came back red-hot, 8-14 in 3 games with 4 runs and 4 RBI. Reading is 9-3 with him in the lineup; 3-8 without him. For the season, Donald is batting .354.

Clearwater Threshers

3-4 week . . . 2B P. J. Antonio hit .324 with an organization-high 11 hits over 7 games; he hit safely in his last 6 games . . . Regular 2B Adrian Cardenas is on the DL with a lower back strain . . . CF Quintin Berry batted .348 and stole 4 bases in 7 games . . . Bastardo had a no-decision in a 4-3, 11-inning setback on Tuesday; he allowed 2 homers (4 total hits) and 2 runs in 7 innings . . . In his 13-strikeout game on Sunday, he threw 100 pitches, 80 for strikes . . . RHP Carlos Monasterios ws a 6-0 winner on Monday, 6.1 scoreless innings with 6 strikeouts . . . LHP Joe Savery fanned 9 in 6 innings on Thursday but wasn't involved in the decision; he threw 33 pitches in a 2-run first inning before settling down.

Lakewood BlueClaws

4-3 week, ending with 4 straight wins . . . C Jay Naughton hit .412 in 5 games . . . RHP Drew Naylor won his first game this year on Wednesday; he leads club with 33 strikeouts in 29 innings . . . Naughton and Naylor, both residences of Australia, had a big game on Wednesday; Naughton had 4 hits, Naylor fanned 6 in 6 shutout innings (2 hits) . . . 1B Michael Durante hit a pair of homers to increase his organization-leading total to 6 . . . OF Dominic Brown led the club with 9 hits, 6 runs and 5 RBI for the week; 4 RBI came in a Tuesday romp . . . RHP Tyson

Brummett improved to 2-0 on Thursday, 2 R, 7 IP . . . RHP Chance Chapman picked up his first win this year, 1 run, 4 hits in 6 innings on Tuesday and lost, 1-0 on Sunday, 0 ER in 8 innings, 3 hits, 6 strikeouts.