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## TOLEDO'S FRAZIER AND LOUISVILLE'S LEHR NAMED IL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Toledo outfielder Jeff Frazier and Louisville pitcher Justin Lehr have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from July 20-26. Lehr, who was also named Pitcher of the Week April 13-19 and May 4-10 while with Lehigh Valley, becomes the first player to win three IL weekly awards in the same season since 2007, when pitchers Virgil Vasquez of Toledo and Jae Seo of Durham both accomplished the feat. The Bats have now brought home seven IL weekly awards in 2009, most in the League. Frazier is the third Toledo player to be so honored, joining Don Kelly (May 25-31) and Lucas French (June 15-21).

### JEFF FRAZIER, Toledo Mud Hens

### IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

Due to poor weather earlier in the season the Mud Hens played nine games this week, and outfielder Jeff Frazier made the most of it. Frazier led the International League with a .545 average, 5 home runs, 12 RBI, 18 hits, 8 extra-base hits, 10 runs scored, a .595 on-base percentage, and a 1.091 slugging percentage. Last Monday Frazier entered the week hitting just .245 with 2 homers and 19 RBI through his first 57 games with Toledo, but he exploded in a four-game series against Syracuse. From Monday to Thursday, he went 11-15 with 2 doubles, 3 home runs, 9 RBI and 7 runs scored – a stretch which he capped off by driving in 6 runs in the series finale. Frazier added 7 more hits, including two home runs against Scranton/Wilkes-Barre over the weekend to vault him to the top of nearly every offensive category for the week.

Jeff Frazier, who will turn 27 two weeks from today, was selected by Detroit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the 2004 draft. In 2007 he was traded to Seattle, but a year later he was dealt back to the Tigers. He made his Triple-A debut last season, playing in three games for the Mud Hens. Frazier was hitting .322 with Double-A Erie this May when he was again promoted to Toledo. Frazier is a native of Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey.

	<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>	9	.545	18	33	10	3	0	5	12	1.091	4	0
<b>Season:</b>	66	.285	71	249	33	11	1	7	31	.422	13	1

### JUSTIN LEHR, Louisville Bats

### IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Right-hander Justin Lehr continued his domination of the International League this week, winning two more games in an IL-best 14.1 innings to push his League-leading victory total to 13, four more than anyone else in the circuit. In his first outing since serving as the starting pitcher for the IL at the Triple-A All-Star Game, Lehr tossed 8.0 innings of one-run baseball against Buffalo last Monday. He scattered five hits and walked two while striking out four. His 13<sup>th</sup> victory came yesterday at Syracuse, as Lehr went 6.1 frames, surrendering three runs (two earned) on six hits and no walks in a game won by the Bats 5-3. He is now 2<sup>nd</sup> in the League with 117.0 innings pitched this season, and if his winning ways continue in August he will have a chance to make history. No IL hurler has won 17 games in a season since Shannon Withem of Syracuse in 1998, and no pitcher has won 18 games since Dave Roberts of Columbus in 1968.

Justin Lehr, who will turn 32 one week from today, was traded on May 23 from Philadelphia to Cincinnati, the organization with whom he spent a large portion of the 2008 campaign. Since joining the Bats, Lehr has gone 8-1 with a 2.51 ERA. Lehr is a native of Orange, 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>
<b>Week:</b>	2	2	0	0	2-0	1.88	14.1	11	4	3	2	8	0
<b>Season:</b>	20	18	2	1	13-3	3.31	117.0	100	45	43	26	60	0