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EASTERN LEAGUE ANNOUNCES WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

PORTLAND, ME – The Eastern League is pleased to announce the winners of the **Eastern League Player of the Week Award** and **Eastern League Pitcher of the Week Award** for the week ending August 23rd:

New Britain Rock Cats outfielder Brandon Roberts has been named the **Eastern League Player of the Week** for the week ending **August 23rd**. The 24-year old had an outstanding week for the Rock Cats, hitting .462 (12-for-26) with one double, one triple, seven runs scored, three RBI, four stolen bases and a .577 slugging percentage while leading the team to a 5-1 record. Roberts, who is a native of Bakersfield, California, had at least one hit in each of the six games he played in last week and scored at least one run in four of those games, including going 3-for-5 with one double, two runs scored and two stolen bases in a 6-3 win over Reading on Friday night at New Britain Stadium. He currently has an eight game hitting streak for the Rock Cats and has reached base in 16 consecutive games. The 6'0", 185 lb. speedster is currently ranked seventh in the league in stolen bases (19) and is tied for 10th in the league in runs scored (61). Brandon, who stole a team-high 14 bases while hitting .293 with the Rock Cats in 2007, was originally selected by Cincinnati in the seventh round of the 2005 draft out of Cal Poly State University-San Luis Obispo and was acquired by the **Minnesota Twins** in a trade with the Reds for Juan Castro on June 15, 2006.

Brandon Robert's Batting Line for the week ending August 23, 2009

G	AVG	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	SB	BB	SLG
6	.462	26	12	1	1	0	3	7	4	0	.577

Brandon Robert's Batting Line for the 2009 Season

G	AVG	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	SB	BB	SLG
95	.293	365	107	17	2	3	37	61	19	28	.375

Thad Weber, a right-handed starting pitcher for the **Erie SeaWolves**, is the **Eastern League Pitcher of the Week** for the week ending **August 23rd**. The 24-year old made one start for the SeaWolves last week and was 1-0 with 10 strikeouts and a 0.00 ERA in nine innings pitched. Weber, who is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, made history in his only appearance of the week at Jerry Uht Park on Saturday night, throwing a no-hitter in a 16-0 win over the Akron Aeros. He struck out a career-high 10 batters while allowing only two base runners in the game, one on an error and one on a hit by pitch. It was the first no-hitter by an Erie pitcher since the franchise became a member of the Eastern League in 1999. The no-hitter was the first by a SeaWolves pitcher since Elvis Hernandez tossed one against Oneonta on August 24, 1995 when the franchise was a member of the New York-Penn League. The 6'2", 200 lb. hurler has posted a record of 7-3 with 43 strikeouts and a 3.95 ERA in 12 starts with Erie this season after receiving a promotion from Class-A Lakeland, where he was 4-4 with a 2.13 ERA. Thad, who is 3-0 with a 2.76 ERA in four starts during the month of August, was selected by the **Detroit Tigers** in the 16th round of the 2008 draft out of the University of Nebraska.

Thad Weber's Pitching Line for the week ending August 23, 2009

G	W	L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	ERA
1	1	0	0	9.0	0	0	0	10	0	0.00

Thad Weber's Pitching Line for the 2009 Season

G	W	L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	ERA
12	7	3	0	73.0	75	36	32	43	18	3.95