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GWINNETT'S MEJIA & REDMOND HONORED AS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The International League announced today that Gwinnett first baseman Ernesto Mejia and Gwinnett pitcher Todd Redmond have been named the League's Batter and Pitcher of the Week for the period from May 14-20. The most recent team to sweep the IL Batter and Pitcher of the Week Awards was Pawtucket (July 18-24, 2011, Ryan Lavarney and Brandon Duckworth). The Triple-A Braves last accomplished the feat near the end of the franchise's final season in Richmond (Aug. 18-24, 2008, Corky Miller and James Parr).

ERNESTO MEJIA, Gwinnett Braves

IL BATTER OF THE WEEK

G-Braves first baseman Ernesto Mejia hit safely in all seven games this week and produced multiple hits on five separate occasions. His season-high three-hit effort on Wednesday helped him reach a total of 13 hits for the week, best in the International League. He also led the IL with a .464 batting average for the week, and was near the top of the League in slugging percentage (3rd), RBI (T-4th), and on-base percentage (7th). For the season, Mejia leads his Gwinnett team with a .306 batting average, 12 doubles, and 31 RBI.

26-year-old Ernesto Mejia has played his entire career in the Braves organization dating back to 2003. He had not played above the Double-A level prior to this season. Mejia is a native of Guanare, Venezuela.

	<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	.464	13	28	7	4	1	1	7	.786	0	0
Season:	39	.306	45	147	21	12	1	6	31	.524	11	3

TODD REDMOND, Gwinnett Braves

IL PITCHER OF THE WEEK

For the fourth time since 2010, Gwinnett right-hander Todd Redmond has been named International League Pitcher of the Week, joining a class of ten other pitchers to have done so that includes Dave Eiland, Nelson Figueroa, Justin Lehr, Doug Linton (5x), John Mitchell, Scott Nielsen, Nerio Rodriguez, Steve Searcy, Josh Towers (5x), and Mickey Weston.

Redmond won twice this week for Gwinnett, surrendering just one run in 13.0 innings of work. Tuesday in Buffalo, the veteran scattered seven hits and a walk across 6.0 scoreless frames in a 6-1 victory over the Bisons. Yesterday at Rochester, one 1st inning run was all the Red Wings mustered off of Redmond, and the G-Braves won a close 2-1 affair. Seven more strikeouts this week pushed his season's total to 51, good enough for 3rd in the International League. He is also now 5th in the League with 51.1 innings pitched.

Todd Redmond, who turned 27 this past Thursday, is in his fourth season pitching for Gwinnett. From 2009 to 2011, he posted a record of 63-50. Redmond is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida.

	<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>
Week:	2	2	0	0	2-0	0.69	13.0	12	1	1	1	7	0
Season:	9	9	0	0	4-3	2.63	51.1	50	18	15	12	51	0