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## Daniel Minor named American Association Pointstreak Pitcher of the Week

*RailCats righty collects his first American Association weekly honor*

**GARY, Ind.** — Daniel Minor has been named the American Association's Pointstreak Pitcher of the Week for the week of June 18-24. The righty completed a 2-0 week where he allowed just 1 run in 13.2 innings (0.66 ERA), with only 7 hits and 3 walks, while punching out 11 hitters.

He comes off his first career shutout on Sunday evening, blanking Sioux City 3-0 in a contest that was shortened by rain to 6.2 innings. Minor allowed just three hits and two walks to the potent Sioux City offense, striking out eight batters. On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, he threw 7.0 innings of one-run ball against Cleburne to earn the win.

He is the second RailCat to earn weekly American Association honors this season, with Colin Willis being named Player of the Week for June 4-10. He is the first RailCat pitcher to earn weekly honors since Braulio Torres-Perez was named Pitcher of the Week for June 19-25, 2017.

Minor is in his first full season and second overall with the RailCats after being acquired from Winnipeg on August 10, 2017. Minor was Gary's Opening Day starter and is 5-2 this year with a 3.18 ERA in a league-high nine starts. He was walked 16 and struck out 44 batters over a league-leading 53.2 innings.

## Jeremy Camp & Matthew West, “The Answer/All In” Tour

**Fort Wayne, Indiana** –Fort Wayne (June 25, 2018) – GRAMMY®-nominated and Dove Award-winning artists Jeremy Camp and Matthew West are partnering this fall on The Answer / All In Tour, headed to 20 U.S. cities during the months of October and November, including a stop in Fort Wayne on Thursday, November 15 at 7:00pm. The tour marks the first time the two critically-acclaimed, chart-topping artists have co-headlined their own tour together, creating an unprecedented experience for concert attendees getting to see them share the stage for an energy-filled night of hit songs and fan favorites.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, June 29 at 10am. A limited VIP ticket package will include an exclusive signed photo, and a post-show meet and greet/photo op with both artists. Ticket and concert details are available at [www.memorialcoliseum.com](http://www.memorialcoliseum.com).

CHICAGO, Ill. -- The Midwest Collegiate League has announced their third weekly honors for the week of June 17-24.

**Nate Montgomery (Geneva, Ill./Tusceulum)** of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen won Player of the Week and **Justin Ruthrauff (Chicago, Ill./Mesa CC)** of the Southland Vikings won Pitcher of the Week.

Montgomery went 5-10 (.500) this past week, with four doubles, four runs scored and seven RBI and led the Oilmen to a 3-0 record this week with wins against the Joliet Generals, Crestwood Panthers and Southland Vikings which extended NWI's winning streak to eight games. The catcher helped the Oilmen defeat the second place Southland Vikings for their first victory against Southland all year as he went 3-4 with two doubles, two runs scored and three RBI. Montgomery has been the most consistent bat for NWI all season, hitting .365 with an MCL leading four home runs, 23 hits, six doubles, 20 RBI and 19 runs scored.

Ruthrauff picked up his first win of the year and it was a big one in his only start of the week. Ruthrauff went eight innings, allowing only three hits, issuing two walks and striking out five in a 3-1 victory against the Bloomington Bobcats on June 20. The southpaw has thrown 22 innings so far for the Vikings and owns a 1-1 record, with a 2.05 ERA, has issued nine walks and struck out 18.

### 2018 MCL Players of the Week

June 5 – Stephen Mogged, DuPage County

June 11 – Jeremiah Lebron, Joliet

June 18 – Nick Figus, Northwest Indiana

June 25 - Nate Montgomery, Northwest Indiana

### 2018 MCL Pitchers of the Week

June 5 – Clifton Slagel, Bloomington

June 11 – Gil Loza, Southland

June 18 – Justin Rios, Southland

June 25 - Justin Ruthrauff, Southland

## **Cubs drop series opener to Whitecaps 4-2**

*Yu Darvish strikes out five batters in five innings in rehab start*

South Bend, IN: With Chicago Cubs star Yu Darvish on the mound, the South Bend Cubs carried a 2-1 lead into the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. Darvish exited his rehab start with the South Bend after five innings and five strikeouts with just three hits allowed. However, the Cubs bullpen could not hold onto the lead and the West Michigan Whitecaps topped South Bend 4-2 in the series opener.

Darvish entered Monday night's game without live game action since May 20<sup>th</sup> when he earned the win against the Cincinnati Reds for the Chicago Cubs. Although two of his hits allowed were both extra-base hits, a double from Reynaldo Rivera and a solo home run from Joey Morgan, Darvish settled in the rest of the outing.

In his post game press conference, Darvish said that his goal was to pitch four innings. By going five full frames, he rated his feelings on the performance a 12 out of 10. As the start went along, Darvish got some silly swings at his breaking pitches. The most off-balanced swing came on his fourth strikeout, where he threw a 63 mile-per-hour breaking pitch to get Rivera swinging.

The Cubs offense got Darvish off the hook on a Miguel Amaya double in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Jumping out to the 2-1 lead, South Bend could not hold on as the Whitecaps forced a game-deciding rally in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

With three runs off of the originally scheduled starter Javier Assad, West Michigan jumped in front. The game winning runs were scored when Jose Azocar and Eric De La Rosa both came home on a throwing error made by third baseman Austin Filiere.

South Bend received a leadoff hit from Jared Young in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>, and had the winning run at the plate in Brandon Hughes, but they could not retaliate. Will Vest picked up his third save of the year with two scoreless innings pitched.

With the loss, the Cubs drop to 38-36 overall and 4-1 in the second half. They will look to salvage game number two of the series tomorrow night when left hander Brendon Little takes the mound for the Cubs. First pitch is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. from Four Winds Field

[Video: Postgame Interview with LHP Nick Margevicius](#)  
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[Box Score](#)

## TinCaps Capitalize on Hot Rods Mistakes

**FORT WAYNE, Ind.** -- The TinCaps took advantage of mistakes from the Bowling Green Hot Rods (Tampa Bay Rays) to win their third straight game, 5-1, in front of 6,181 fans at Parkview Field on Monday night. Fort Wayne (3-2, 35-39) scored its first run with two outs in the bottom of the second inning after a Hot Rod error allowed shortstop **Gabriel Arias**, who was at second base after a double, to score. On the next pitch, right fielder **Jack Suwinski** tripled off the wall in right field to score two more and give the TinCaps a 3-1 edge. The game went scoreless until the bottom of the sixth, when Fort Wayne capitalized on two more Bowling Green miscues. Again, with two outs and no one on base, Suwinski reached base on a throwing error by Hot Rods reliever Jhonleider Salinas on a ball hit back to the mound. After center fielder **Jeisson Rosario** was hit by a pitch to put two runners on, left fielder **Robbie Podorsky** pounded a grounder to third. Bowling Green third baseman Jim Haley fielded it on a short hop, but threw wildly to first, scoring Suwinski and Rosario to make it 5-1 TinCaps. All five TinCaps runs were unearned. The Hot Rods committed four errors in the game. The lone run for Bowling Green (50-24) was in the top of the second inning. Midwest League Home Run Derby Champion Ronaldo Hernandez rocketed a 345-foot home run over the left-field fence to give the Hot Rods an early 1-0 edge. Fort Wayne starting pitcher **Nick Margevicius** threw a strong seven innings. He allowed just five hits, and struck out five. Reliever **Travis Radke** closed out the final two frames, allowed one hit and struck out a batter. The All-Star pitchers didn't issue a single walk or hit a batter in the win. Designated hitter **Tirso Ornelas** extended his on-base streak to 26 games after he walked in the first inning. The streak is the second longest active in the Midwest League.

## **D**ogs outslug Cats, 7-6, in inaugural regular-season game at Impact Field

*Gary concludes their five-game road trip on Tuesday morning against the Chicago Dogs*

**Rosemont, Ill.** — The first three-hit game of the year for Randy Santiesteban and a five-run top of the fourth wasn't enough for Gary as the RailCats fell to the Chicago Dogs, 7-6, in front of 2,340 fans on Monday night in the inaugural regular-season game between the two teams at Impact Field. Gary put the tying run on second base with two outs in the top of the ninth, however, Wilfredo Gimenez grounded out deep in the hole at shortstop to end the game. Chicago (10-24) took the opening lead in the first regular-season game from Rosemont, Ill., with a four-run bottom of the second. Joe Benson led off the frame with a single to left before Tony Rosselli launched a one-out double to the warning track in center field, giving the Dogs runners on second and third. Ryan Wagner followed with a two-run double into the left field corner, plating both Benson and Rosselli. Matt Telesco then advanced Wagner to third with a foulout down the right field line before scoring on a wild pitch from Alex Gunn. Former RailCat Michael Falsetti delivered the final run of the inning with a two-out solo homer on to the left field concourse for his first long ball of the year. Gary (18-16) got on the board with a two-out run in the top of the third. Reggie Wilson reached base for the first time on the evening with a two-out walk before Andy De Jesus moved him to third with a single through the right side of the infield. Randy Santiesteban followed with an RBI single to left, scoring Wilson from third. The 'Cats took their first lead at Impact Field with a five-run top of the fourth. Andy Paz started the inning with a double to the center field wall before Alex Crosby brought him home with an RBI single to center. John Price Jr. advanced Crosby to third with a single to center for his first hit of the night before Cole Fabio brought them both home to tie the game with a two-run double down the third base line. Wilson gave Gary their first ever regular-season lead from Rosemont, Ill., with an RBI triple to center before Santiesteban made it 6-4 with his second RBI single of the game. The Dogs quickly tied the game at 6-6 with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Rosselli made it 6-5 with a solo home run down the right field line on his second of three extra-base hits of the evening. Two batters later, Telesco singled to right before Falsetti drew a walk. Jonathan Moroney followed with an RBI single to left, bringing around Telesco from second on the last of his three hits. Chicago regained the lead for good with a two-out run in the bottom of the seventh. With Vavra on second and two outs in the frame, Benson came through with an RBI single to center, bringing Vavra around to score from second. Myles Smith (0-1) was charged with his first loss after allowing one run on two hits and a walk in the bottom of the seventh while Jared Carkuff (1-0) recorded his first win after allowing no runs on two hits in 1.2 innings of relief. Tommy Thorpe (1) secured the win with the four-out save for the Dogs. Gary concludes their five-game road trip on Tuesday morning at 11:35 a.m. against the Chicago Dogs at Impact Field. LHP Lars Liguori (1-4, 4.11) makes his first career start against Chicago while the Dogs counter with RHP John Goossen-Brown (2-3, 4.93) in game two of the four-game series. Gary returns home to U.S. Steel Yard on Wednesday for two games against the Chicago Dogs. Wednesday's game is at 7:10 p.m. and is another "Office Wednesday", Pretzel Night, NorthShore Health Centers Wednesday and Wine Wednesday. Fans can sign up for the "Office Olympics" Jersey Auction during the game and can also purchase \$2.50 Bavarian Pretzels and \$4 Barefoot Wine and Barefoot Refresh Spritzers.