

## Pinckney and Shipman Named Northern League Player and Pitcher of the Week

Third baseman Andrew Pinckney of the Joliet JackHammers was named Northern League Player of the Week, and Gary-Southshore RailCats pitcher Andy Shipman received the Northern League Pitcher of the Week honors for the period ending June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Pinckney, who led the league with a .826 slugging percentage in the week, batted .391 (9-for-23) with five runs scored, four doubles, two home runs, and five RBI in that span. He had three straight multi-hit games, as he went a combined 7-for-12 (.583) Thursday thru Saturday. On the year, he is batting .297 and ranks third in the league in doubles (11) and extra-base hits (18), and fifth in slugging percentage (.559). He also leads the JackHammers in doubles, home runs (6), and RBI (21).



A native of Atlanta, GA, the six-year veteran has played in all 34 games for Joliet to start the '09 season. He was signed by the JackHammers as a free agent on April 27, 2009 after having spent spring training in camp with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 6-1, 205-pounder, was originally drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 34<sup>th</sup> round of the 2004 Amateur Draft. He spent parts of five seasons in the Red Sox farm system and half a year with the Blue Jays. His best year came at Greenville (South Atlantic League) in 2005 when he batted .311 with 21 home runs and 98 RBI. He played collegiately at Division III Emory University (Atlanta, GA) where he finished his college career with a .433 batting average.

### Andrew Pinckney – Player Statistics (June 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>)

<u>AVG</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>SLG</u>	<u>OBP</u>
.391	7	23	5	9	4	0	2	5	2	5	0	1	.826	.440

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Shipman, who has not allowed an earned run since being acquired by the RailCats on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, completed the week earning a league-high three saves. He also struck out three batters while only walking one in that span. Signed by the RailCats only six days after his release from the Kansas City T-Bones, he earned two of his three saves during the week versus his former team. He had played a key role for the T-Bones during their Championship drive of '08, earning the victory in game two of the Northern League Championship Series.

Playing in his seventh season of professional baseball, Shipman is 1-0 with four saves since joining the RailCats. He has only allowed one un-earned run while striking out 10 over nine innings pitched.

Shipman was originally signed by the Boston Red Sox as a non-drafted free agent in 2003 following his junior year at the University of Missouri (Columbia, MO). He played parts of two seasons for the Red Sox organization prior to getting traded to the Chicago Cubs for major league veteran Jimmy Anderson in July of 2004. Pitching three seasons for the Cubs organization making it as high as Class AAA in 2006, he then played for the Oakland Athletics in '07 and '08. He first joined the Northern League in August of 2008.

### Andy Shipman – Pitching Statistics (June 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>)

<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>OPP. AVG</u>
0-0	3	0.00	3	3	3.0	4	0	0	1	3	.333

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