

## Rolls and Coffman Named Northern League Player and Pitcher of the Week

First baseman-outfielder Damian Rolls of the Kansas City T-Bones was named Northern League Player of the Week, and Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks pitcher Broc Coffman received the Northern League Pitcher of the Week honors for the period ending August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Rolls, who led the league in slugging percentage (1.222) and on-base percentage (.571) for the week, batted .500 (9-for-18) with a league-high nine runs scored, a double, four home runs, and five RBI in that span. He also stole his 10<sup>th</sup> base of the year, moving to a perfect 10-for-10 on stolen base attempts this year.



The 6-2, 215-pounder, is a 13-year veteran with 200-plus major league base hits. He made his major league debut on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and played parts of the next four seasons at the majors. Arguably his best season came in 2003 when he batted .255 with seven home runs and 46 RBI for Tampa Bay. He also stole 11 of his career 27 major league stolen bases in '03.

Rolls was originally drafted in the first round (23<sup>rd</sup> overall selection) by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1996 MLB Amateur Draft. He played five seasons in the Dodgers farm system before getting selected by the Kansas City Royals in the Rule 5 Draft, then subsequently purchased by the Rays in 1999. He also spent time playing in the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox organizations. Rolls signed with the T-Bones on March 20, 2009 after playing the previous two seasons with the Long Island Ducks (Atlantic League).

### Damian Rolls – Player Statistics (August 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</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>
.500	4	18	9	9	1	0	4	5	2	2	1	0	1.222	.571

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Coffman, who went 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in the week, pitched a complete game shutout on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Schaumburg on his way to being named Pitcher of the Week. It marked his second complete game shutout of the season having pitched a two-hit shutout on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Kansas City. The victory was his ninth of the season, moving him into a tie with Goldeyes pitcher Ace Walker for the league lead. In 2008 with the RedHawks, Coffman tied for the league lead with 10 victories.

The workhorse right-hander has already started 15 games and logged 80 innings for Fargo-Moorhead this season. On his career, he has made 19 or more starts and eclipsed over 100 innings pitched every season except his rookie campaign of 2005 in the short-season Northwest League (11 starts and 69 innings pitched). The 25-year-old starter has also been a steady player for the 'Hawks in the crunch of the pennant race having a combined 5-2 record in August the last two years.

Coffman was originally drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 48<sup>th</sup> round of the 2005 MLB Amateur Draft out of Lower Columbia Community College (Longview, WA). He played three seasons in the Rangers farm system making it as high as Class-A (Advanced) prior to signing with the RedHawks on April 7, 2008.

### Broc Coffman – Pitching Statistics (August 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>)

<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>OPP.</u>	<u>AVG</u>
1-0	0	0.00	1	1	1	9.0	4	0	0	4	4	.138	

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