

Watson and Renkert Named Northern League Player and Pitcher of the Month for July

The Northern League announced that Kansas City T-Bones infielder Rob Watson was named Northern League Player of the Month for July, and Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks pitcher Dane Renkert received the Pitcher of the Month honors for the month of July.

Watson, who was recently named Player of the Week for the week ending July 29th, capped the month of July off batting .413 with 29 RBI in 25 games. He currently ranks second in the league with a .372 average, and leads the league with a .471 on-base percentage. He has helped lead the resurgent T-Bones to the top of the South Division second half standings as he leads his team in runs (59), hits (96), and walks (46).



Earlier this season, Watson had a 15-game hitting streak (June 17th – July 3rd) and also strung together a 24-game consecutive on-base streak (June 14th – July 12th). At home, he currently has an active on-base streak of 32 straight games, a league-high feat that began on opening night.

The 5-9, 190-pound infielder, has played second base (37), third base (14), and shortstop (16) for Kansas City this year. The former college pitcher at Oklahoma State has also appeared in three games as a pitcher for the T-Bones (0 ER/ 3 IP) in '07. Watson, who was originally drafted by the Detroit at Tigers in the 17th round of the 2002 Amateur Draft, is playing his second year in the Northern League having played in 75 games for the Schaumburg Flyers in 2006.

Rob Watson – Player Statistics

	<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>
2007 -	.371	65	258	59	96	23	1	5	53	46	49	5	0	.527	.471
July -	.413	25	109	25	45	14	1	1	29	10	22	3	0	.587	.463



Renkert, who went 5-0 with a 2.06 ERA in the month of July, has been a key to the RedHawks 14-4 start of the second half. He has won all four of his starts in the second half and has won six straight decisions dating back to June 23rd. At 9-1, he is currently tied for the league lead in wins while ranking second in the league in ERA (3.35). He also sits fourth in the league in strikeouts (67).

Over the right-hander's last three starts, he has only allowed two earned runs over 23 innings pitched (0.78 ERA), including a complete game on July 26th versus the Joliet JackHammers. Of his 13 starts on the year, he has only allowed more than three runs in a game twice and since he picked up his only loss of the season on June 12th, Renkert has lowered his ERA from 5.47 to 3.35.

The native of Bellingham, WA, signed with Fargo-Moorhead in 2007 following his release from the Milwaukee Brewers organization. He was originally drafted in the 29th round of the 2005 Amateur Draft out of Washington State University and played two seasons strictly as a reliever at the Class-A level for the Brewers. The 6-1, 210-pounder, has made the conversion from reliever to starter successfully. Entering the '07 season he appeared in 71 games all out of the bullpen and did not make his first professional start until the third game of this season.

Dane Renkert – Player Statistics

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</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>
2007 -	9-1	0	3.35	13	13	83.1	67	32	31	32	67		.224
July -	5-0	0	2.06	5	5	35.0	24	9	8	16	25		.195

