

Dunbar and James Named Northern League Player and Pitcher of the Week

The Northern League announced that Schaumburg Flyers outfielder Jeff Dunbar was named Northern League Player of the Week, and Flyers pitcher Craig James received the Pitcher of the Week honors for the period ending June 7th, 2009.

Dunbar, who currently ranks second in the league in batting, hit .423 (11-for-26) with six runs scored, two doubles, two home runs, and seven RBI in the week. He collected a hit in six of seven games in that span, but had his nine-game hitting streak snapped on June 7th. On the season, he is batting .386 and leads the league in slugging percentage (.667).



A former pitcher in the Seattle Mariners farm system, Dunbar also pitched 2.2 innings in the June 3rd game versus the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks. It was his fourth pitching appearance of the year and he yielded two runs on four hits in a game that was eventually won by the Flyers in extra innings. He has a 3.86 ERA over his four outings this year, striking out three over seven innings.

The 6-4, 220-pounder was originally drafted as a catcher by the Seattle Mariners in the 11th round of the 2007 MLB Amateur Draft. After playing one season as a catcher at Everett (Single-A), he was converted to a pitcher in 2008 where he went a combined 2-1 with nine saves and a 2.97 ERA for Pulaski (Rookie League) and Wisconsin (Single-A). The right-handed hitter played collegiately at University of California - Riverside (Riverside, CA).

Jeff Dunbar – Player Statistics (June 1st – 7th)

<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>
.423	7	26	6	11	2	0	2	7	3	7	0	0	.731	.483



James, who went 2-0 with two saves in the week, helped led the Flyers to six wins in seven games. He appeared in three straight games for the Flyers picking up a save on June 1st and victories on June 2nd and 3rd. On the week, he pitched in four games posting a 1.59 ERA over 5.2 innings pitched.

Playing in his seventh season of professional baseball, James was signed by the Flyers on April 20th after beginning the 2009 season pitching for the Tampa Bay Rays Single-A affiliate in Charlotte. However, he did not make his first appearance for the Flyers until May 23rd after spending time on the disabled list. Serving as Schaumburg's closer, James is 2-0 with four saves and a miniscule 0.93 ERA on the season. The Flyers have won 12 of 15 games since he was activated from the disabled list.

James was originally drafted out of high school by the San Francisco Giants in the 30th round of the 2001 MLB Amateur Draft, but later signed with the Seattle Mariners organization after never playing for the Giants. He played parts of six seasons in the Mariners farm system prior to joining the Rays organization during the '08 season. He played collegiately at Miami Dade College (Miami, FL).

Craig James – Pitching Statistics (June 1st – 7th)

<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>GF</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>
2-0	2	1.59	4	0	4	5.2	4	1	1	3	8		.174

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