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TYLER GENTRY NAMED TEXAS LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The Naturals' outfielder has been honored for his performance the week of June 27 through July 3.

SPRINGDALE, AR – Minor League Baseball announced the Pitcher and Player of the Week honors for each of the respective Player Development Leagues and Naturals' outfielder **Tyler Gentry** was named the Texas League Player of the Week for his performance the week of June 27 through July 3. Gentry's recognition marks the league-best sixth weekly award for a Naturals player in 2022, the third Player of the Week award, after second baseman Michael Massey was honored twice, for the weeks of April 25 to May 1 and May 23 to May 29.

The Arlington, Tennessee native produced one of the greatest single offensive weeks this season for a Naturals player, hitting .435 (10-for-23) with two doubles, four home runs and 11 runs batted in. His 24 total bases and 1.043 slugging percentage were second to teammate **Robbie Glendinning**, while his 11 RBI was tied for the most in the Texas League and 1.543 OPS ranked second as well. Gentry recorded hits in all six games of the team's series in Amarillo, including a two-homer game on June 29 and a four-RBI night July 1, while also drawing five walks across the six games.

Selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 3rd Round of the 2020 Draft out of the University of Alabama, Gentry began the season with Quad Cities (A+) before earning a call-up to Double-A Northwest Arkansas in mid-June. Since joining the Naturals, the outfielder has hit .311 (19-for-61) across 16 games, with seven home runs and 18 RBI, with a 1.110 OPS. Combined between the two levels (A+ and AA), his .328 batting average, .582 slugging percentage and 1.002 OPS are all the highest among qualified full-season Royals minor league hitters.

This marks the 41st time in franchise history that a Naturals' player has won the Player of the Week Award and the seventh time in franchise history the Naturals have had at least six weekly award winners in one season.

Owen White of the Frisco RoughRiders (Double-A, Texas Rangers) was the Texas League's Pitcher of the Week, as he threw 5.1 hitless innings against the Corpus Christi Hooks on July 1, striking out seven with just one hit batter.

The Northwest Arkansas Naturals are the Double-A Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals. They play at state-of-the-art Arvest Ballpark in Springdale, Ark. For more information, including ticket options, promotions, groups, visit NWANaturals.com, and follow us on Twitter [@NWANaturals](https://twitter.com/NWANaturals) and Facebook facebook.com/Naturals.

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