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DANTE BIASI NAMED TEXAS LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

The Naturals' starter has been honored for his performance the week of July 25 through July 31.

SPRINGDALE, AR – Minor League Baseball announced the Pitcher and Player of the Week honors for each of the respective Player Development Leagues and Naturals' left-hander **Dante Biasi** was named the Texas League Pitcher of the Week for his performance the week of July 25 through July 31. Biasi's recognition marks the league-best seventh weekly award for a Naturals player in 2022, the fourth Pitcher of the Week award, after left-hander Anthony Veneziano was honored the week of June 6 to June 12.

The native of Hazle Township, Pennsylvania pitched his second straight scoreless start and fourth this season, throwing 5.0 innings of one-hit baseball in a 5-0 win over the Wichita Wind Surge on Wednesday, July 27. He walked just three while striking out five, allowing only a third-inning double as the first of four Naturals pitchers that combined for the staff's sixth shutout in 2022 and first since mid-June.

Selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 6th Round of the 2019 Draft out of Penn State University, Biasi is 6-3 this season with a 3.41 ERA (27 ER in 71.1 IP) across 18 appearances (12 starts) this season, with 70 strikeouts. Biasi's six wins lead the Naturals staff overall this year, while his 3.41 ERA in 2022 ranks as the lowest among all Royals minor league pitchers who have thrown at least 60.0 innings this season as well. Biasi's 0.96 ERA (2 ER in 18.2 IP) in July was the lowest in the Texas League among pitchers who threw at least 17.0 innings last month.

This marks the 35th time in franchise history that a Naturals' pitcher has won the Pitcher of the Week and the fourth time in franchise history the Naturals have had at least seven weekly award winners in one season.

Justin Dirden of the Corpus Christi Hooks (Double-A, Houston Astros) was the Texas League's Player of the Week, hitting a league-best .579 (11-for-19) in a series at Amarillo, with two doubles, two home runs and four runs batted in.

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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