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### **NICK KURTZ OF THE ATHLETICS NAMED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE OF THE MONTH FOR JULY**

Outfielder **Isaac Collins** of the Milwaukee Brewers has been voted the **National League Rookie of the Month** for July, and first baseman **Nick Kurtz** of the Athletics has been voted the **American League Rookie of the Month** for July. The announcements were made earlier today on MLB Network.

Collins is the second Brewers rookie to win the award this season, following his teammate Jacob Misorowski's honor in June. He is the ninth Brewer (10<sup>th</sup> occurrence) to win the award, joining Ben Sheets (June 2001); Scott Podsednik (August 2003); Prince Fielder (April 2006); Ryan Braun (2x: June & July 2007); Casey McGehee (September 2009); Keston Hiura (July 2019); Joey Ortiz (May 2024); and Misorowski. Kurtz picked up his second consecutive honor, and is one of two A's players to be honored this season, joined by teammate Jacob Wilson, who won for May. Kurtz is one of 12 A's players to earn the honor, joining Carlos Peña (April 2002); Bobby Crosby (June 2004); Joe Blanton (2x: June & August 2005); Andrew Bailey (August 2009); Brett Anderson (September 2009); Jemile Weeks (June 2011); Yoenis Céspedes (September 2012); Nate Freiman (May 2013); Ryon Healy (September 2016); Zack Gelof (August 2023); and Wilson. Along with his Player of the Month honor, Kurtz is the 10<sup>th</sup> player (12<sup>th</sup> occurrence) to win both awards in the same calendar month, joining Langford; Aristides Aquino (August 2019); Aaron Judge (June and September 2017); Gary Sánchez (August 2016); José Abreu (April and July 2014); Yasiel Puig (June 2013); Mike Trout (July 2012); Buster Posey (July 2010); and Ryan Braun (July 2007). Among the group, Judge, Sánchez, Abreu, Trout, Posey and Braun were each named Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year for their respective league.

It marks the first time that a club has won in three consecutive months since the Atlanta Braves won four straight honors from June-September/October 2022 and the first time it has happened in the AL since Yordan Alvarez won three straight honors for the Houston Astros in June-August 2019. It is the first time an NL club has won in consecutive months with different players since Spencer Strider and Michael Harris II for the Braves in July/August 2022. Additionally, it is the sixth time that the same clubs have won the award in back-to-back months and the first time since May/June 2017 when Aaron Judge and Cody Bellinger won consecutive awards for the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Dodgers, respectively. It also occurred in May/June 2010 (Atlanta/Detroit); July/August 2007 (Milwaukee/Kansas City); June/July 2006 (Florida/Minnesota); and April/May 2001 (St. Louis/Seattle).

### **Isaac Collins, Milwaukee Brewers (@isaaccollins2)**

- The 28-year-old hit .321 (25-for-78) with two homers, 11 RBI, three doubles, 11 walks, 11 runs scored, four stolen bases, a .436 slugging percentage and a .411 on-base percentage in 23 games.
- The Maple Grove, Minnesota native ranked third among qualified rookies in walks; tied for third in stolen bases; ranked fourth in batting average, on-base percentage and hits; tied for fifth in runs scored; ranked sixth in OPS (.847); and ranked eighth in RBI.
- The ninth-round selection in the 2019 Draft (by COL) opened his month with a career-high four hits on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first game of a doubleheader at Citi Field, falling a triple short of the cycle. He registered seven multi-hit games during the month, adding two-hit performances on July 7<sup>th</sup> against Los Angeles (NL), July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Dodger Stadium, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Seattle, July 26<sup>th</sup> against Miami and July 28<sup>th</sup> against Chicago (NL).
- The Creighton University product became the 15<sup>th</sup> Brewers rookie with at least 25 hits, 10 walks and 10 RBI in a calendar month and the first since Jackson Chourio last September (26 H, 11 BB, 16 RBI). Collins is the only player of the group with under 100 plate appearances to accomplish the feat, and is the first qualified rookie to reach those totals in a calendar month with less than 100 plate appearances since Colt Keith in July 2024 (28 H, 12 BB, 17 RBI in 99 PA).
- The outfielder hit safely in six consecutive games from July 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, going 9-for-22 (.409) with three RBI, two doubles, a .500 on-base percentage and a 1.000 OPS. It matched a six-game stretch from April 25<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the second-longest streak of his career, trailing a career-best eight-game stretch from June 14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. His 16 games with a hit in July were tied with Christian Yelich for third-most on the club, trailing Chourio (21 G) and William Contreras (17 G).



### **Nick Kurtz, Athletics (@nickkurtz\_8)**

- Ⓐ The 22-year-old hit .395 (34-for-86) with 11 homers, 27 RBI, 13 doubles, a triple, 13 walks, 24 runs scored, two stolen bases, a .953 slugging percentage and a .480 on-base percentage across 23 games.
- Ⓐ The Lancaster, Pennsylvania native paced the Majors in batting average, on-base percentage, slugging, OPS (1.433), doubles, extra-base hits (25), and total bases (82); ranked second in RBI and hits; and tied for second in homers and runs scored. Since his debut on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, he ranks second in the Majors in slugging percentage (.656) and OPS (1.038), trailing only Aaron Judge (.707 SLG, 1.137 OPS).
- Ⓐ The rookie put together one of the best games in Baseball history on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Houston, going 6-for-6 with four homers, eight RBI, six runs scored and a double, becoming the first rookie ever and the first player in A's history to notch four homers in a game. Overall, it marked the 20<sup>th</sup> four-homer performance in Major League history, and the second this season following the four-homer game by Eugenio Suárez on April 26<sup>th</sup> for Arizona. Kurtz (22.135) and Suárez (33.282) are now the youngest and oldest players respectively in Major League history with a four-homer game, with Kurtz surpassing Pat Seerey (25.123 on 7/18/1948) as the youngest. With 19 total bases on the night, Kurtz also tied Shawn Green's 2002 record with the Dodgers for the most-ever in a game. Finally, his six hits matched the franchise record and were the most by an A's player since Joe DeMaestri on July 8, 1955.
- Ⓐ The Wake Forest University product had the highest OPS by an A's player with at least 35 at-bats in a calendar month, surpassing the previous mark of 1.428 by Mark McGwire in June 1996. Additionally, he became the 17<sup>th</sup> A's player (36<sup>th</sup> occurrence) with at least 10 homers and 25 RBI in a calendar month, posting the highest slugging percentage of the group. He is just the second A's rookie with 10 homers and 25 RBI in a calendar month, joining Jose Canseco, who had 10 homers and 27 RBI in May 1986.
- Ⓐ The fourth overall selection in the 2024 Draft hit safely in a career-best 14 consecutive games from July 10<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, producing nine multi-hit games during the streak over which he batted .527 (29-for-55) with nine homers, 20 RBI, 10 doubles, a triple, seven walks, 19 runs scored, a 1.236 slugging percentage, a .581 on-base percentage and a 1.817 OPS. It was the longest hitting streak by an A's player under the age of 23 since Eric Chavez had a hit in 15 consecutive games from May 27-June 18, 2000. He has reached base safely in 19 consecutive games since July 10<sup>th</sup>, marking the longest streak by an A's player this season. Kurtz is the 10<sup>th</sup> rookie in Athletics' history with a 20-homer season, and his 23 homers are tied with Yoenis Céspedes (2012) for fourth-most by an A's rookie, trailing McGwire (49 in 1987); Canseco (33 in 1986); and Matt Olson (24 in 2017).



Others receiving votes for NL Rookie of the Month included starting pitcher Cade Horton (1-1, 1.52 ERA, 4 GS, 23.2 IP, 17 H, 1 HR, 8 BB, 17 SO) of the Chicago Cubs; catcher Drake Baldwin (.278, 2 HR, 15 RBI, 7 2B, 5 BB, 7 R, .458 SLG, .342 OBP) of the Atlanta Braves; reliever Riley O'Brien (0.82 ERA, 9 G, 11.0 IP, 9 H, 0 HR, 6 BB, 16 SO) of the St. Louis Cardinals; starting pitcher Bradley Blalock (1-0, 1.59 ERA, 3 GS, 17.0 IP, 20 H, 0 HR, 1 BB, 8 SO) of the Colorado Rockies; infielder Ronny Mauricio (.273, 3 HR, 4 RBI, 4 2B, 5 BB, 10 R, 1 SB, .509 SLG, .33 OBP) of the New York Mets; and outfielder Daylen Lile (.260, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 4 2B, 1 3B, 8 R, 2 SB, .411 SLG, .300 OBP) of the Washington Nationals.

Others receiving votes for AL Rookie of the Month included starting pitcher Noah Cameron (3-0, 1.84 ERA, 5 GS, 29.1 IP, 24 H, 3 HR, 5 BB, 33 SO) of the Kansas City Royals; and outfielder Roman Anthony (.329, 1 HR, 12 RBI, 9 2B, 1 3B, 15 BB, 18 R, 1 SB, .494 SLG, .452 OBP) of the Boston Red Sox.

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