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PAUL SKENES OF THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES NAMED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

NATHAN EOVALDI OF THE TEXAS RANGERS NAMED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

All-Star starting pitcher **Paul Skenes** of the Pittsburgh Pirates has been voted the **National League Pitcher of the Month** for July, and starting pitcher **Nathan Eovaldi** of the Texas Rangers has been named the **American League Pitcher of the Month** for July. The announcements were made earlier today on MLB Network.

Skenes earned his first career award and is the first Pirates pitcher to win since Ivan Nova in April 2017. Skenes is just the eighth Pirate (10th occurrence) to win the award, joining Nova; Gerrit Cole (April 2015); Randy Tomlin (June 1992); Doug Drabek (3x, August 1987, July & August 1990); Rick Rhoden (June 1986); John Candelaria (July 1982); and Kent Tekulve (August 1978). Eovaldi won his second career honor after winning the Rangers' last honor in May 2023. Overall, it is the 12th honor for the Rangers, with Eovaldi becoming the third Ranger to win the award multiple times, joining Charlie Hough (June 1983 & June 1984) and Kenny Rogers (May 1995 & May 2005).

Paul Skenes, Pittsburgh Pirates (@paulskenes)

P Across five starts, the 23-year-old went 2-1 with a 0.67 ERA (2 ER/27.0 IP) while allowing 21 hits with three walks, 36 strikeouts, a 0.89 WHIP, a .212 opponents' batting average and 12.00 strikeouts per 9.0 innings.

P The Fullerton, California native allowed the fewest runs of all qualified pitchers; ranked second in ERA, trailing only Eovaldi; tied for fifth in strikeouts; and ranked seventh in WHIP.

P The two-time All-Star dealt at least 5.0 innings in each of his starts, holding his opponent scoreless in four of his five starts including, July 1st against St. Louis; July 6th at Seattle; July 21st against Detroit; and July 27th against Arizona. Among Pirates pitchers with at least 25.0 innings pitched, his ERA was the fifth-lowest in any calendar month, trailing Bob Moose (0.34 in September 1975); Dock Ellis (0.63 in September 1972); Jim Nelson (0.64 in June 1970); and Zane Smith (0.66 in September 1990).

P The 2024 Jackie Robinson NL Rookie of the Year closed his month with nine strikeouts against Arizona, marking his seventh career scoreless start with at least nine strikeouts and third of the season. His seven such starts are tied with San Diego's Dylan Cease for the most in the Majors since Skenes' debut last year on May 11th.

P The first overall pick in the 2023 Draft struck out 10 batters on July 6th at Seattle, marking his third career game with at least 10 strikeouts following a pair of 11-strikeout games last year on May 17th at Chicago (NL) and July 11th at Milwaukee. He followed the performance with six strikeouts on July 11th at Minnesota, picking up his 300th career strikeout in the fourth inning against Matt Wallner. Per Elias, he became the first Pirates pitcher and one of 17 Major League pitchers all-time with at least 300 strikeouts in his first 43 career starts. He is one of five active Major League pitchers to accomplish the feat, joining Spencer Strider, Yu Darvish, Corbin Burnes and Shane Bieber.



P The LSU product was tabbed as the starting pitcher by Dave Roberts for the National League at the 95th All-Star Game in Atlanta, becoming the first pitcher, and one of five Major League players ever to start the All-Star Game in each of his first two Major League seasons, per Elias. He joined Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio (first seven seasons, 1936-42); Rod Carew (first three seasons, 1967-69); and Frank Robinson (first two seasons, 1956-57); and 2025 Hall of Fame inductee Ichiro Suzuki (first four seasons, 2001-04).

Nathan Eovaldi, Texas Rangers

T Across five starts, the 35-year-old went unbeaten, racking up five wins with a 0.59 ERA (2 ER/30.2 IP) while allowing 21 hits with eight walks, 30 strikeouts, a 0.95 WHIP, a .198 opponents' batting average and 8.80 strikeouts per 9.0 innings.

T The Houston, Texas native led the Majors in ERA and wins; tied for ninth in opponents' average; and ranked 11th in WHIP.

T The two-time All-Star became the 11th Rangers pitcher (12th occurrence) with at least five starts in a calendar month to go 5-0-or-better, and the first since Martín Pérez in August 2013. Of the group, Eovaldi's ERA is the lowest mark, while his WHIP is the third-lowest. Overall, his ERA is the third-lowest mark in a calendar month in franchise history, trailing Nick Martinez (0.35 ERA in April 2015); and Yovani Gallardo (0.54 ERA in June 2015).

T The two-time World Series Champion notched his 100th career victory on July 30th at Los Angeles (AL), becoming one of 20 active pitchers with at least 100 career wins. It is the second time in his career that he has won five consecutive starts, joining a five-game stretch from May 7-29, 2016 as a member of the Yankees.

T The 11th-round selection in the 2008 Draft (by LAD) allowed no more than one run in each of his five starts, marking his second-longest streak of the season behind a seven-game stretch, which set a franchise record, from April 25th-May 27th. His 13 starts of one-or-zero runs permitted this season are tied for the most in the Majors with Tarik Skubal, Skenes, Hunter Brown and Andrew Abbott.

T The 14-year veteran has a 1.39 ERA in his last 17 starts since throwing a shutout on April 1st at Cincinnati. Over the stretch, he is 9-3 in 97.0 innings of work with 96 strikeouts and a 0.92 WHIP, marking the lowest ERA in a 17-start span in Rangers' history. Among pitchers with at least 95.0 innings pitched this season, Eovaldi's 1.49 ERA is the lowest mark, followed by Skenes' 2.02 ERA.



Others receiving votes for NL Pitcher of the Month included Nick Lodolo (3-1, 1.89 ERA, 5 GS, 1 CG, 1 SHO, 33.1 IP, 21 H, 4 HR, 4 BB, 38 SO) of the Cincinnati Reds; All-Star Matthew Boyd (4-1, 1.97 ERA, 5 GS, 32.0 IP, 22 H, 1 HR, 8 BB, 28 SO) of the Chicago Cubs; and Cristopher Sánchez (3-1, 1.95 ERA, 5 GS, 1 CG, 37.0 IP, 29 H, 3 HR, 5 BB, 36 SO) of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Others receiving votes for AL Pitcher of the Month included Luis Castillo (4-1, 2.05 ERA, 5 GS, 30.2 IP, 26 H, 0 HR, 4 BB, 32 SO) of the Seattle Mariners; Trevor Rogers (3-1, 1.03 ERA, 4 GS, 26.1 IP, 12 H, 1 HR, 7 BB, 22 SO) of the Baltimore Orioles; and rookie 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.

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