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Three MLB Organizations Boast Two Topps League Players of the Year

ST. PETERSBURG, FL--The Detroit, San Diego and Tampa Bay organizations each have had two of their farmhands named the Topps Player of the Year in their respective leagues. The annual George M. Trautman Awards are presented in each of the 16 domestic Minor Leagues by the Topps Company of New York in conjunction with Minor League Baseball. Fifteen Major League organizations are represented in all.

Jordan Brown (Eastern League), Chase Headley (Texas), Bubba Bell (California), Luis Durango (Northwest), Anthony Norman (Arizona) and Alfredo Silverio (Gulf Coast) won their league's batting title. Headley and Bell also led their league in slugging percentage and OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage).

Mike Hessman was the top home run hitter and run producer in the International League. Geovany Soto (Pacific Coast), Clint Robinson (Pioneer) and Silverio also paced their circuits in RBIs.

There were two ties among the league winners. Montgomery teammates Evan Longoria and Chris Mason, one of two pitchers honored, are co-winners in the Southern League. Durango shares Northwest accolades with Salem Keizer's Matt Downs, who finished second in the league in batting average and first with 33 doubles and 68 runs.

Topps salutes the top performances throughout Minor League Baseball, including monthly awards and all-star teams in each classification.

2007 TOPPS/MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS-OF-THE-YEAR

League	Player	Club/Organization	Pos.	AVG	HR	RBI	W-L-ERA
International	Mike Hessman	Toledo/Detroit	3B	.254	31	101	
Pacific Coast	Geovany Soto	Iowa/Chicago-NL	C	.353	26	109	
Eastern	Jordan Brown	Akron/Cleveland	1B	.333	11	76	
Southern (tie)	Evan Longoria	Montgomery/Tampa Bay	3B	.307	21	76	
	Chris Mason	Montgomery/Tampa Bay	P				15-4-2.57
Texas	Chase Headley	San Antonio/San Diego	3B	.330	20	78	
California	Bubba Bell	Lancaster/Boston	OF	.370	22	83	
Carolina	Mitch Einertson	Salem/Houston	OF	.305	11	87	
Florida State	Josh Kreuzer	Dunedin/Toronto	1B	.309	20	71	
Midwest	Gorkys Hernandez	W. Michigan/Detroit	OF	.293	4	50	
South Atlantic	John Raynor	Greensboro/Florida	OF	.333	13	57	
NY-Penn	Dylan Owen	Brooklyn/New York-NL	P				9-1-1.49
Northwest (tie)	Matt Downs	Salem-Keizer/San Francisco	2B	.338	8	48	
	Luis Durango	Eugene/San Diego	OF	.367	2	32	
Appalachian	Ozzie Lewis	Elizabethton/Minnesota	OF	.323	9	50	
Pioneer	Clint Robinson	Idaho Falls/Kansas City	1B	.336	15	66	
Gulf Coast	Alfredo Silverio	Dodgers/Los Angeles-NL	OF	.373	6	46	
Arizona	Anthony Norman	Angels/Los Angeles-AL	OF	.362	0	33	

(Statistics do not reflect players' performances in other leagues.)

NEXT: Topps' Class Triple-A All-Star Team, Nov. 6

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