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ANDREW BAILEY OF THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS VOTED WINNER OF THE GILLETTE PRESENTS AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE OF THE MONTH AWARD FOR AUGUST

Oakland Athletics closer Andrew Bailey has been voted the August recipient of the Gillette presents American League Rookie of the Month Award.

In 11 scoreless appearances during August, Bailey went 2-0 and was a perfect 7-for-7 in save opportunities, permitting just four hits over 11.0 innings pitched. The 25-year-old right-hander collected seven strikeouts and did not walk a batter, extending his streak to 14 consecutive appearances (14.0 innings pitched) without issuing a free pass. Bailey, who was the only rookie named to the 2009 All-Star Game, has now converted each of his last 16 save opportunities dating back to June 17th, two short of the Oakland rookie record of 18 set by Huston Street in 2005. The Voorhees, New Jersey native allowed just one hit with six strikeouts over his first eight appearances of the month, collecting a save in each of his first three. Bailey, who holds the Wagner College school record of 237 strikeouts, ended the month with saves in three consecutive appearances on August 27th and 29th on the road vs. the Angels, and on August 31st against Kansas City at home. The sixth round selection in the 2006 First-Year Player Draft is now 6-3 with a 1.88 ERA and 21 saves on the season. The 21 saves, which leads all Major League rookies and is tied for eighth overall in the A.L., is two shy of the Oakland rookie record of 23 set by Street in 2005, when he won the A.L. Rookie of the Year Award by the BBWAA. In addition, Bailey ranks second among A.L. relievers in strikeouts (76) and opponents batting average (.173), third in innings pitched (72.0), tied for third in wins and fifth in ERA.



Other rookies receiving votes included Tampa Bay Rays right-handed pitcher Jeff Niemann (3-0, 3.79 ERA, 40.1 IP, 27 SO) and Texas Rangers teammates Julio Borbon (.388, 1 HR, 7 RBI, 11 SB, 11 R) and Neftali Feliz (0-0, 0.51 ERA, 17.2 IP, 22 SO).

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