

## Leading 2009 AL Rookie of the Year Candidates (The Case for Andrew Bailey)

<u>Pitchers</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>SV-O</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>BA</u>
BAILEY, Oakland	6-3	1.88	66	0	0	0	26-30	81.1	49	89	24	.170
Niemann, TB	12-6	3.94	30	29	2	2	0-0	175.2	179	120	58	.265
Porcello, Detroit	14-9	4.04	30	30	0	0	0-0	165.0	172	81	50	.270
Romero, Toronto	13-9	4.26	28	28	0	0	0-0	171.1	187	133	76	.288

<u>Batters</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>OBP</u>	<u>SLG</u>
Weiters, BAL	.293	93	341	33	100	15	1	8	40	27	81	.345	.413
Reimhold, BAL	.279	104	358	49	100	18	2	15	45	47	77	.365	.466
Andrus, TEX	.268	142	471	72	126	15	8	6	37	39	76	.329	.372
Beckham, CWS	.272	100	367	56	100	27	1	14	63	40	62	.350	.466

- Bailey is the only rookie named to either All-Star team this year.
- Was named the AL Rookie of the Month for August, when he went 2-0, did not allow a run and converted all seven of his save opportunities in 11 games and 11.0 innings. He allowed just four hits, did not walk a batter and struck out seven during the month, holding the oppositions to a .111 batting average.
- Is the only rookie to be ranked in several American League overall categories: second among AL relievers in strikeouts (89) and opponents batting average (.170), third in innings pitched (81.1), fourth in ERA (1.88) and tied for eighth in wins (6).
- His 26 saves breaks the all-time Oakland rookie record (23, Huston Street, 2005) and is the *sixth most ever by a rookie in American League history!*
- His 26 saves lead all MLB rookies and are *2 ½ times the total* of all other rookies combined (10)!
- His 26 saves rank ninth among all AL relievers even though he did not establish his closer role with the A's until almost June!
- Bailey has converted each of his last 21 save opportunities dating back to June 17, which is the longest active streak in the American League and tied for the second longest for the season in the AL. During the streak, he is 2-2 with a 1.34 ERA (40.1 ip, 24 h, 6 r, 6 er, 8 bb, 41 so, 2 hr) over that 36-game span.
- His 21 consecutive saves breaks the Oakland rookie mark set by Street (18) in 2005.
- Since the All-Star Break, he has amassed the sixth most saves (16) in the American League.
- Bailey's stats compare favorably to the last four closers to win their league's Rookie of the Year award:

<u>Rookies of the Year</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>SV-O</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>BA</u>
BAILEY, OAK, 2009	6-3	1.88	66	26-30	81.1	49	89	24	.170
Street, OAK, 2005	5-1	1.72	67	23-27	78.1	53	72	13	.194
Sasaki, SEA, 2000	2-5	3.16	63	37-38	62.2	42	78	31	.238
Williamson, CIN, 1999	12-7	2.41	62	19-21	93.1	54	107	43	.171
Olson, BAL, 1989	5-2	1.69	64	27-30	85.0	57	90	46	.188

