

Gallo Nominated For Player of Year Award

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Fan voting for the annual MiLB.com MiLBY awards is underway, and Crawdads All-Star third baseman Joey Gallo is among the 12 finalists for the Offensive

Player of the Year Award.

Gallo, 19, led the Minor Leagues with 40 home runs this year, while ranking third in MiLB with a .623 slugging percentage. The Nevada native also finished among the South Atlantic League leaders in extra base hits (1st, 62), total bases (3rd, 239), RBI (5th, 78) and runs scored (5th, 82), while helping the Crawdads set a new SAL home run record with 178 team homers.

Former 'Dads RHP C.J. Edwards has been nominated for Breakout Prospect Award as well. Edwards finished the year 4th in the Minors with a 1.80 ERA, while his 155 strikeouts were the 15th highest total. The former 48th round selection in the 2011 Draft was traded by the Texas Rangers to the Chicago Cubs on July 22nd, as part of a package for RHP Matt Garza.

Fans can vote for Gallo and the other MiLBY awards by visiting MiLB.com. Voting will run through Tuesday, October 22nd, with the fan vote determining the winners.

Stay Connected: Make sure to stay connected with the Crawdads during the off-season by visiting the 'Dads website at www.hickorycrawdads.com or by following us on Facebook and Twitter! The 'Dads will be releasing information on 2014 season tickets, ticket books and the All-Star Game in the coming weeks.

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