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VEINBERGS NAMED FRONTIER LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Gateway rookie nearly tosses no-hitter Tuesday, follows up with six shutout innings Sunday

Sauget, IL (August 8, 2022) – The Gateway Grizzlies are proud to announce that **Lukas Veinbergs** has been chosen as the Frontier League Pitcher of the Week for the first week of August. He is the second Grizzlies hurler to win the weekly award this season, after **Brendan Feldmann** took home the season's initial honors in May.

The rookie right-hander from Pinckney, Michigan was called upon to make his first professional starts this week, and on Tuesday against the Washington Wild Things, he nearly made history, taking a no-hitter into the ninth inning against the first-place team in the West Division, striking out six batters. While he lost the no-hitter on a double in the ninth, falling just short of becoming the first true rookie to pitch a no-hitter in the Frontier League since Preston Vancil in 2009 for the Florence Freedom, he still earned the win in a 4-0 Grizzlies triumph over Washington to kick off a weeklong road trip in style.

Then, on Sunday, the University of Missouri alum tossed four more hitless innings to begin the Grizzlies contest against the Evansville Otters, eventually finishing with six scoreless innings and another win on the mound, striking out a career-high nine while walking only one as Gateway took the rubber game 9-3, and won the road series at Bosse Field for the first time since 2016.

All told, Veinbergs went 2-0 this week, tossing 14 scoreless innings and allowing only four hits while striking out 15 batters, dominating the two top teams in the West Division standings in the process.

The Grizzlies return home next for a critical series against the Lake Erie Crushers, with whom Gateway was tied in the standings entering Sunday's action in the Frontier League. First pitch of the series is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, at 6:45 p.m. CT at GCS Credit Union Ballpark.

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The Gateway Grizzlies are a professional baseball team, located a mere 10 minutes from downtown St. Louis in Sauget, Illinois. The Grizzlies offer baseball fans affordable, family fun at GCS Credit Union Ballpark with a great view of the St. Louis skyline. They have also won two Frontier League Organization of the Year Awards, three West Division titles, and the 2003 Frontier League Championship. For tickets or general information, please visit gatewaygrizzlies.com or call (618) 337-3000.

The Frontier League debuted in 1993, and is the largest of the Major League Baseball Partner Leagues, featuring teams stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, and from the Ohio River to the St. Lawrence Seaway. More information and the complete 2022 schedule can be found at frontierleague.com.