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## 14 Organizations Represented Among Topps/Minor League Players of Year

ST. PETERSBURG, FL—It was a time to share the wealth this season as 14 different Major League organizations were represented among the George M. Trautman Awards given annually to the Player of the Year in each of the 16 domestic affiliated leagues by the Topps Company of New York in conjunction with Minor League Baseball.

The only multiple winners were the Arizona Diamondbacks (Pacific Coast & Midwest) and the Milwaukee Brewers (Pioneer & Arizona Summer). The Atlanta Braves had two winners, but they were Danville teammates who shared the Appalachian League honor.

The list was headed by the Southern League's Delmon Young (Montgomery/Tampa Bay), who was named earlier as the overall Player of the Year for all of Minor League Baseball by Topps. Close behind was Leo Daigle of Winston-Salem (Chicago White Sox), who was the only Triple Crown winner in the Minors this year, leading the Carolina League in batting average and RBIs and sharing the home run crown.

The selectors were heavily influenced by the runs-batted-in totals this year as six league leaders in that vital statistical category were selected to the honored list. They were Mike Jacobs, Eastern; Brent Clevlan, Florida State; Ryan Patterson, New York-Penn; Eric Campbell, Appalachian; Eduardo Perez, Gulf Coast; and Daigle.

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

### 2005 TOPPS/MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS-OF-THE-YEAR

League	Player	Club/Organization	Pos.	HR	RBI	AVE.
International	Shane Victorino	Scranton-WB/Philadelphia	OF	18	70	.310
Pacific Coast	Andy Green	Tucson/Arizona	2B	19	80	.343
Eastern	Mike Jacobs	Binghamton/New York-N	C	25	93	.321
Southern	Delmon Young	Montgomery/Tampa Bay	OF	20	71	.336
Texas	Andre Ethier	Midland/Oakland	OF	18	80	.319
California	Brandon Wood	Ran.Cuca./Los Angeles-A	SS	43	115	.321
Carolina	Leo Daigle	Winston-Salem/Chicago-A	1B	29	112	.341
Florida State	Brent Clevlan	Lakeland/Detroit	OF	18	102	.302
Midwest	Carlos Gonzales	South Bend/Arizona	OF	18	92	.307
So.Atlantic	Matt Miller	Asheville/Colorado	OF	30	100	.331
NY-Penn	Ryan Patterson	Auburn/Toronto	OF	13	65	.339
Northwest	Steve Murphy	Spokane/Texas	OF	9	37	.306
Appalachian	Eric Campbell	Danville/Atlanta	3B	18	64	.313
	Max Ramirez	Danville/Atlanta	C	8	47	.347
Pioneer	Angel Salome	Helena/Milwaukee	C	8	50	.415
Gulf Coast	Eduardo Perez	Dodgers/Los Angeles-N	IF	6	37	.352
Arizona	Lorenzo Cain	Brewers/Milwaukee	OF	5	37	.356

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

**NEXT: Topps' Class AAA All-Star Team, Nov. 8**



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