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**HOMER BAILEY OF THE CINCINNATI REDS NAMED THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK PRESENTED BY BANK OF AMERICA**

Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Homer Bailey has been named **National League Player of the Week presented by Bank of America** for the period ending October 4th. Bank of America is the Official Bank of Major League Baseball and the only place where you can get your favorite Club logo on checks, check cards or credit cards. For more information on MLB[®] banking, visit bankofamerica.com/MLB.

In two outings last week, Homer posted a perfect 2-0 record and 0.69 ERA while recording 14 strikeouts over 13.0 innings. On September 29th, the 23-year-old held the N.L. Central Champion St. Louis Cardinals to one run through 7.0 innings, notching seven strikeouts against four walks. The win was Homer's first career victory against the Cardinals. On October 4th, the La Grange, Texas native tossed 6.0 scoreless innings, striking out seven in a 6-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. It was Bailey's third consecutive win and his eighth of the season, setting a new career-best. Over his final nine starts of the 2009 season, the 2004 first-round draft pick posted a 6-1 record. From August 23rd on, Homer's 1.70 ERA was tied for third behind only Kansas City's Zack Greinke (1.29) and Atlanta's Jair Jurrjens (1.53). This is Bailey's first career weekly award.

Other noteworthy performances for the final week of the 2009 regular season included San Francisco Giants third baseman/catcher Pablo Sandoval, who led the N.L. with a .476 batting average, and Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, who posted a .565 on-base percentage. Also considered were Washington Nationals shortstop Ian Desmond, who hit three home runs, and Chicago Cubs right-hander Ryan Dempster, who led the N.L. with 16 strikeouts.

Tourneau, the world's largest watch store, will award Homer Bailey with a luxury Swiss Timepiece, suitably engraved, in recognition of his accomplishment as the National League Player of the Week presented by Bank of America.

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