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### **Rays' Randy Arozarena and Reds' Jonathan India Named 2021 *Baseball Digest* / *eBay* Rookies of the Year**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021** – Outfielder Randy Arozarena of the Tampa Bay Rays and second baseman Jonathan India of the Cincinnati Reds have been selected as the 2021 *Baseball Digest* / *eBay* American League and National League Rookies of the Year. It marks the 50th consecutive season that *Baseball Digest* has presented AL and NL Rookie of the Year awards (since 1972).

The selections were made by the independently submitted votes of an eight-member (seven-vote) panel of those *Baseball Digest* contributors who provided the 2021 division previews as well as Editor Thom Henninger. Arozarena received five of the seven first-place votes with the other two going to Luis Garcia of the Houston Astros and Adolis Garcia of the Texas Rangers. India received six first-place votes while Trevor Rogers of the Miami Marlins got one.

**Randy Arozarena** became the first rookie in Rays franchise history with a 20HR-20SB season and just the 11th in MLB since rookie status was redefined in 1958. The 26-year-old right-handed hitter led all major-league qualifying rookies with a .274 average and 145 hits, and topped AL rookies with 94 runs, 32 doubles, 56 walks, 20 stolen bases, a .356 OBP and .815 OPS. His 69 RBIs ranked fourth among AL rookies. After opening the season with an eight-game hitting streak, Arozarena ran off a 12-game streak in June and an 11-game streak in August in which he batted .476 (20-for-42).

Arozarena is the third member of the Rays franchise to be named *Baseball Digest's* AL Rookie of the Year, joining Evan Longoria (2008) and Jeremy Hellickson (2011).

**Jonathan India** is the first rookie in MLB history to record at least 20 home runs (21), 20 hit-by-pitches (23) and 10 stolen bases (12) in a season. He was one of only two players in 2021—along with Philadelphia's Bryce Harper—to produce at least 98 runs scored, 33 doubles, 21 home runs, 12 stolen bases and 71 walks. The 25-year-old right-handed hitter led all rookies with 150 games played, 98 runs, 34 doubles and 71 walks. His .376 OBP topped all qualifying rookies and he led NL rookies with 57 extra-base hits, 69 RBIs and 244 total bases.

India is the second member of the Reds franchise to be named *Baseball Digest's* NL Rookie of the Year in the 50-year history of the award, joining Chris Sabo (1988).

<b>2021 AL Rookie of the Year, Vote Totals</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Randy Arozarena, Tampa Bay Rays	5 (15)	2 (4)	0 (0)	19
Luis Garcia, Houston Astros	1 (3)	2 (4)	0 (0)	7
Wander Franco, Tampa Bay Rays	0 (0)	1 (2)	4 (4)	6
Adolis Garcia, Texas Rangers	1 (3)	1 (2)	0 (0)	5
Ryan Mountcastle, Baltimore Orioles	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	3
Emmanuel Clase, Cleveland Indians	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2

<b>2021 NL Rookie of the Year, Vote Totals</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Jonathan India, Cincinnati Reds	6 (18)	1 (2)	0 (0)	20
Trevor Rogers, Miami Marlins	1 (3)	6 (12)	0 (0)	15
Dylan Carlson, St. Louis Cardinals	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (5)	5
Frank Schwindel, Chicago Cubs	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1
Patrick Wisdom, Chicago Cubs	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1

*Votes were tabulated on a three-points-for-first-place, two-points-for-second-place and one-point-for-third-place basis.*

#### **Baseball Digest's 2021 Rookie of the Year Voting Panel**

**Mike Berardino**, *Baseball Digest*, BBWAA; **Thom Henninger**, Editor, *Baseball Digest*; **Bruce Levine**, WSCR-Chicago, BBWAA/**Joel Bierig**, *Baseball Digest*, BBWAA; **Sean McAdam**, *Boston Sports Journal*, BBWAA; **Pedro Moura**, *The Athletic*, BBWAA; **John Perrotto**, *Forbes.com*, BBWAA; **Bill Plunkett**, *Orange County Register*, BBWAA.