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## **Hartford's Kyle Calhoon Named Winner of the 2017 Eastern League Diamond Pro Sports Field Manager of the Year Award**

PORTLAND, MAINE – Eastern League President **Joseph McEacharn** is pleased to announce **Kyle Calhoon** of the **Hartford Yard Goats** has been named the winner of the **2017 Eastern League Diamond Pro Sports Field Manager of the Year Award**. It is the first time in his career that Kyle has won this award, which is selected based on voting by Eastern League field staff and umpires.

Kyle is currently in his second season as the Sports Turf Manager with the Hartford Yard Goats at Dunkin' Donuts Park. He was instrumental in the planning and design of the playing surface and agronomics program of the new ballpark. Prior to becoming a member of the Yard Goats franchise Kyle was the Grounds Manager at Levi's Stadium for the National Football League's San Francisco 49ers in 2014. Kyle was also the assistant groundkeeper for the New York Yankees from 2012-2014. Calhoon is a native of Mentor, Ohio had the opportunity to work on the grounds crew for his hometown Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns and Lake County Captains. He is graduate of Walsh University and currently resides in Manchester, CT.

In presenting Kyle with this award the Eastern League and Diamond Pro would also like to recognize Assistant Groundskeeper **J. Matthew Picard** along with the rest of the game day grounds staff at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

"We are extremely proud of our Sports Turf Manager Kyle Calhoon on being named the 2017 Diamond Pro Award recipient," said Yard Goats General Manager **Tim Restall**. "Kyle and his staff, which includes assistant groundskeeper J. Matthew Picard, take great pride on the playing field at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Maintaining a baseball field at this level is an incredibly difficult task, one that Kyle and his team has performed to perfection."

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