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Walla Walla Joins the Big Guys!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Walla Walla Wombats** have risen out of the ashes, posting a **Conference** best **41-29** Period 1 record! **North Adams** (40-30 in Period 1) looms right behind the leader! **Bloomington** and **Sioux Falls** (both 31-39) are already 10 games behind. We may be looking at another two-team race for the pennant!

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the defending TML Champs **Oakdale Ravagers** opened up strong once again, this time with a TML best **50-20** Period 1 record! However, their nemesis **Albany** (44-26) is only 6 games off the pace! **Seattle** (39-31) in 3rd is already 11 games behind. **Oakdale** and **Albany** may be in for another battle to the end!

The early batting leader is **Albany's "Player of the Period" Lou Gehrig** at a **TML Record .498** after Period 1! **Gehrig** also leads in OBP (.567), SLG (.910), Hits (144), Runs (94), RBI (110), EXBH (61) and RC (151)! **Albany's Max Bishop** is batting **.401** followed by **Oakdale's Babe Ruth** at **.395**. **Ruth** is also the early HR leader with 31. **Gehrig** is 2nd with 25 HR. The SB leaders are **Seattle's Max Carey** (9 SB, 1 CS) and **Beverly's Harry Rice** (9 SB, 2 CS).

The early ERA leader is **Seattle's Sam Jones** at **1.94**, followed by **Sioux Falls's Garland Braxton** at **2.16** and **North Adams's Dazzy Vance** at **2.20**. The early victories leader is **Oakdale's Lefty Grove** (12-2). Next up are **Albany's "Pitcher of the Period" Pat Malone** (11-4) and **Oakdale's Carmen Hill** (10-4). **Grove** is also the Strikeout leader with 73 K. The early Saves leader is **Duluth's Art Delaney** (8/9 SVO, 18 GR, 4.55).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 1 in the 1928 TML American Retro.

**** Player of the Period ****



(AV) Lou Gehrig

.498, 144-289, 28-8-25, 263 TB
94 R, 110 RBI, 52 W
OPS 1.477, 151 RC

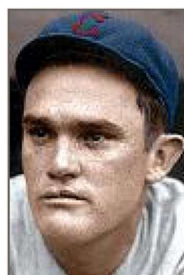
**** Pitcher of the Period ****



(AV) Pat Malone

11-4, 2.99, 12 GS, 8 QS, 4 CG
99.1 IP, 87 H, 31 W, 57 K
.230 OAVG, 1.19 WHIP

**** Top Pitching Performance of the Period ****



Seattle's **Red Lucas** hurled a gem at visiting **Sioux Falls**. **Lucas** carried a no-hitter into the 7th. After retiring **Pinky Whitney** (F7) and fanning **Del Bissonette**, **George Harper** grounded a single up the middle to break up the no-no! Other than a HBP in the 3rd and a walk in the 9th, that was all the offense for **Sioux Falls** off **Lucas**!

5/6/1928, SF28-SR28, Ebbets Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Sioux Falls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	1
Seattle	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	x	-	7	10	1

Rainiers		IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
R.Lucas	(W 2-3)	9	1	0	0	1	3	97/65	3.72

**** Top Offensive Performance of the Period ****



Sioux Falls's Del Bissonette had a big day but ended up being in a losing cause in a high-scoring dogfight at **Duluth!** **Bissonette** was 4-for-5, including **3 HRs** and a **triple!** He reached base a 5th time with a walk in the 7th. **Bissonette** had 5 RBI and **15 TBs!**

4/7/1928, SF28-DT28, Sportsman's Park (A)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Sioux Falls	0	0	6	0	1	0	4	2	3	-	16	19	2
Duluth	0	0	2	8	2	0	3	2	x	-	17	23	0

Fighting Sioux AB R H HR BI BB AVG

D.Bissonette 1b 5 5 4 **3** 5 1 .321

2:13; 3:3-RBI **HR**; 5:**HR**; 7:**BB**; 8:**3B**; 9:**HR**

Honorable Mentions:

"Hit for Cycle"

4/20:B.Terry (OK) 5-6, 5RBI:3RHR, 2R2B, 3B, 2 1B

5/ 4:G.Goslin (AV) 6-6, 4RBI:2 1RHR, 2 1R1B, 2 1B

5/11:H.Hendrick (AV) 4-5, 7RBI:GS-HR, 2 1R2B, 1R3B

5/25:B.Ruth (OK) 5-5, 6RBI:2RHR, 2R1B, 2 1R1B, 1B

6/18:G.Hartnett (AV) 3-4, 7RBI:GS-HR, 2RHR, 1R2B, BB

**** Overtime Game of the Period ****

The longest game of Period 1 was a 17-inning marathon between **Vanderlyle** and host **Seattle**. With the game knotted up at 1-1, the game sailed along through the extra innings as the pitching was outstanding! Finally, in the bottom of the 17th inning, **Seattle** saw **George Kelly** leg out a double, advance to 3rd on a 3-1 ground out and scored the winning run on an RBI single by **Earl Clark**.

4/24/1928, VC28-SR28, Ebbets Field

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Vanderlyle	000	000	010	000	000	00	-	1	11	5	14	1
Seattle	010	000	000	000	000	01	-	2	12	0	15	1

Up next ... Period 2 highlights!

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