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Travelers Creating a Beaten Path!

The **Arkansas Travelers** are on a mission to avenge their 1940 World Series sweep by **Walla Walla**. **Arkansas** put up a league best Period 1 **55-15** record, opening up an early 8-game lead over the **Summer Cyclones** in the **Atmospheric Conference**. The **Travs** did it both at home (29-6) and on the road (26-9). Their league-leading offense (.333 AVG, 588 Runs, 128 HRs) was more than enough for their #2 ranked pitching staff that has already recorded 34 CGs and 10 shutouts! **Bloomington** could have been in the **Wild Card** hunt if for not losing 10 of 11 extra inning games!

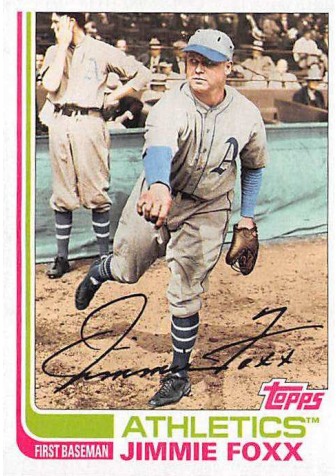
Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the defending **TML Champion Walla Walla Wombats** find themselves in a flat-footed tie with the **Beverly Hillbillies** at **47-23**. They are a 2-team race, as the rest of the **Conference** is playing well below .500 ball. They already lead the pack by a nearly unsurmountable 17 games!

The early batting leader is **Arkansas's Max West** at a lofty **.423**, followed by **Sonoma's Frank McCormick** at an equally lofty **.414!** There are over 2 dozen qualified batters hitting .333 or higher! **West** also leads in OBP (.517) and is 2nd in SLG (.755). **Arkansas's "Player of the Period" Jimmie Foxx** leads in SLG (.792), RBI (104), HR (33), EXBH (58) and RC (94)! The SB leader is **Sioux Falls's George Case** (27 SB, 17 CS).

The early ERA leader is **Beverly's Bob Klinger** at 2.10, followed closely by **Summer's Steve Sundra** (2.13) and **Bronx's Monte Pearson** (2.18). The victories leader is **Arkansas's "Pitcher of the Period" Bucky Walters** (13-3) followed by teammate **Curt Davis** (11-3). The Strikeout leader is once again **Beverly's Bob Feller** with 86 K. The early Saves leaders are **Arkansas's Dick Coffman** (11/12 SVO, 13 GR, 4.02) and **Bloomington's Clint Brown** (11/15 SVO, 29 GR, 3.12).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 1 in the 1939 TML American Retro.

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



(AR) Jimmie Foxx

.354, 102-288, 23-2-33, 228 TB,
79 R, 104 RBI, 43 W, 94 RC,
1.230 OPS, 11 GW-RBI
12.3 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Ted Williams (SM) .348, 22 HR, 78 R, 60 RBI, 92 RC
Buddy Lewis (AR) .385, 9 HR, 77 R, 50 RBI, 88 RC
Billy Myers (SM) .382, 9 HR, 50 R, 44 RBI, 80 RC
Max West (AR) .423, 12 HR, 47 R, 59 RBI, 79 RC
Johnny Mize (DT) .357, 13 HR, 53 R, 47 RBI, 79 RC
Frank McCormick (SE) .414, 9 HR, 61 R, 69 RBI, 78 RC
Bill Dickey (AR) .333, 20 HR, 62 R, 67 RBI, 77 RC

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



(AR) Bucky Walters

13-3, 2.99, 18 GS, 12 QS, 12 CG,
138.2 IP, 113 H, 60 W, 65 K,
.221 OAVG, 1.25 WHIP
4 shutouts

Honorable Mentions:

Bob Klinger (BV) 8-2, 2.10, 13 QS, 1.30 WHIP
Bobo Newsom (BY) 7-5, 2.55, 10 QS, 1.23 WHIP
Paul Derringer (SE) 8-3, 2.53, 9 QS, 1.13 WHIP
Claude Passeau (SF) 8-6, 3.06, 9 QS, 1.22 WHIP
Monte Pearson (BX) 7-1, 2.18, 8 QS, 1.26 WHIP
Schoolboy Rowe (BY) 5-0, 2.90, 8 QS, 1.25 WHIP
Luke Hamlin (SM) 8-2, 3.05, 8 QS, 1.08 WHIP
Carl Hubbell (WW) 9-2, 3.13, 8 QS, 1.17 WHIP
Bob Feller (BV) 8-2, 3.42, 8 QS, 1.19 WHIP
Lon Warneke (AR) 9-0, 3.35, 8 QS, 1.26 WHIP

**** Top Atmospheric Pitching Performance ****



Bloomington's **Bobo Newsom** spun a nifty 1-hitter against visiting **Albany**. The only hit **Newsom** allowed was to the opposing pitcher **Joe Bowman** with 2 outs in the 3rd inning! **Newsom** walked one in the 5th and the only other runner reached base on an **E3** in the 8th. **Newsom** added an RBI-single himself in the 3-run 7th inning rally which broke the 0-0 tie!

5/18/1939, AV39-BY39, Griffith Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Albany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	1
Bloomington	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	x	-	3	8	1

Burning Bunyans	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
B. Newsom (W 6-0)	9	1	0	0	1	5	113/75	1.70

Honorable Mentions:

4/16: B. Newsom (BY) CG, 2-hitter, **Won 9-1**

5/ 4: W. Moore (CH) CG, 2-hit shutout, **Won 5-0**

5/30: C. Davis (AR) CG, 2-hit shutout, **Won 3-0**

**** Top Oceanic Pitching Performance ****



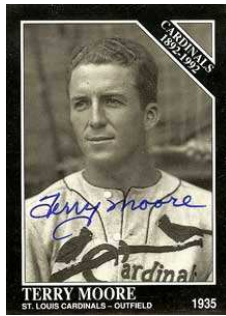
Oakdale's "Ace" (and only real starting pitcher) **Dutch Leonard** scattered 7 hits and 1 walk to secure a rare road victory at **Chestertown**. It got a bit tense in the bottom of the 9th when **Harry Craft** singled with 1 out and advanced to 3rd on a pinch-hit double by **Jimmy Wasdell**. **Leonard** fanned **Rabbit Warstler** for out #2 and got pinch-hitter **Phil Masi** to fly out to right to wrap up the win!

4/9/1939, OK39-CH39, Forbes Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Oakdale	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	10	1
Chestertown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	7	0

Ravagers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
D. Leonard (W 1-1)	9	7	0	0	1	5	129/85	1.50

**** Top Atmospheric Offensive Performance ****



North Adams's **Terry Moore** put on perhaps the most impressive offensive display in TML Retro History in leading his team to a road blowout victory at **Albany!** **Moore** blasted **4 HRs**, including a pair of **Grand Slams** in the 7th & 8th innings, giving him **12 RBI** in the game!

4/14/1939, NA39-AV39, Briggs Stadium

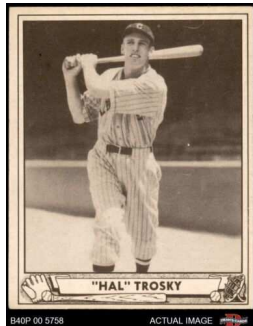
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
North Adams	5	0	0	1	0	2	4	6	0	-	18	17	0
Albany	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	-	7	16	2

Bever		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
T. Moore	cf	6	4	4	4	12	0	.375
1:2-RBI HR ; 2:F8; 4:GDP; 6:2-RBI HR ; 7: GS-HR ; 8: GS-HR								

Honorable Mention:

4/14: **J. Foxx (AR)** 3-5, 3R, 8RBI: 2 3RHR, 2RHR
 4/15: **B. Myers (SM)** 6-7, 3R, 6RBI: 2 2RHR, 2B, 2 1R1B, 1B
 4/22: **J. Foxx (AR)** 3-4, 2R, 8RBI: **GS-HR**, 3RHR, 2B, 1RBB

**** Top Oceanic Offensive Performance ****



Walla Walla's **Hal Trosky** kept his team in this "dog fight," helping to lead his team to a road victory at **Arkansas!** **Trosky** was 6-for-8 in this 13-inning battle, with 2 HRs and 8 RBI. He capped the 4-run 13th with an RBI single that put finally put the game away for the **Wombats.**

6/6/1939, WW39-AR39, Sportsman's Park (N)

	123	456	789	012	3	R	H	E	
Walla Walla	500	100	320	300	4	-	18	21	3
Arkansas	000	017	030	300	0	-	14	16	2

Wombats		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
H. Trosky	1b	8	3	6	2	8	0	.366
1:3-RBI HR ; 3:FC; 5: 1B ; 7:2-RBI HR ; 8:2-RBI 2B ; 10: 1B ; 12:31; 13:RBI 1B								

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

The longest games of Period 1 were a pair of 15-inning games, both won by the **Bronx**! The first one was at **North Adams**. Both teams had scored a pair of runs in the 13th to extend the game. In the top of the 15th, the **Bronx** used "small ball" to scratch up a run and then, held on to win! The second one was in the **Bronx** against visiting **Bloomington**. With the score tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the 15th, **Joe DiMaggio** greeted new **Bloomington** relief pitcher **Jimmie DeShong** by blasting walk-off 3-run HR!

4/12/1939, BX39-NA39, Forbes Field

	123	456	789	012	345		R	H	E	LOB	DP
Bronx	000	101	000	000	201	-	5	13	0	14	2
North Adams	100	010	000	000	200	-	4	11	0	9	2

4/25/1939, BY39-BX39, Yankee Stadium

	123	456	789	012	345		R	H	E	LOB	DP
Bloomington	000	000	100	000	000	-	1	11	3	13	4
Bronx	000	000	001	000	003	-	4	11	2	13	0

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