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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - Summer 2017

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The Races Have Become Wild!

The **Wild Card** races in both **Conferences** have gotten more interesting! In the **Oceanic Conference**, four teams have surfaced in battling for three spots. **Arkansas** (a league-best 25-7 in the Stretch) and **Perth** are now tied atop the **Ruth Division** and **Walla Walla** leads **Albany** by only 3 games in the **Steinmetz Division**. Only 4 games separate all four contenders! The other post season entry will come from the **Williams Division**, where **Oklahoma** (sporting just a .500 record) leads **Lake Wobegone** by 4 games.

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Robinson Division** leader **Duluth** (20-12 in the Stretch) has caught **Gehrig Division** leader **Toxic Waste** for best **Conference** record. **Beverly** has opened up a 5-game lead in the **Gatto Division**. Contending for the **Conference Wild Card** are **Burleigh** (60 wins), **Vanderlyle** (59), **Glenmont** (57) and **Murderous** (56). **Madison** (55) remains a long shot.

Toxic Waste's Daniel Murphy is still leading the league in batting at .363, but **Madison's Jose Altuve** is closing in at .357. **Murphy** still leads the TML in SLG (.661), RBI (97), EXBH (73) and is tied in RC (118) with **Albany's Mike Trout**. **Altuve** is the new Hits leader with 184 and new Runs leader with 103. **Trout** leads in OBP (.439). **New York's Khris Davis** and **Murderous' Jay Bruce** are the new HR leaders with 35 HR. **Albany's Billy Hamilton** is the new SB leader with 47 SB in 55 attempts.

The ERA leader is still **Lake Wobegone's Clayton Kershaw** now at 2.03. **Perth's** duo of **John Lackey** and **Marco Estrada** are 2nd and 3rd at 2.65 and 2.80, respectively. **Walla Walla's Kyle Hendricks** remains the victories leader at 16-4, followed by **Arkansas' Jake Arrieta** at 15-4 and **Oklahoma's Justin Verlander** at 15-9. The strikeout leader is **Madison's Max Scherzer** (238 K). The Saves leader is still **Arkansas' Tyler Thornburg** (34/38 SVO).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from the Summer Stretch in the TML American.

**** Player of the Summer Stretch ****



(MN) Jose Altuve

.390, 55-141, 9-2-7, 89 TB
30 R, 15 RBI, 13 W, 6 SB
OPS 1.073, 37 RC
1 GW-RBI

Honorable Mention:

Mike Trout (AV) .328, 6 HR, 25 R, 23 RBI, 34 RC
Marcus Semien (DW) .319, 8 HR, 28 R, 24 RBI, 33 RC
Nelson Cruz (DW) .336, 10 HR, 27 R, 35 RBI, 32 RC
Chris B. Young (MX) .420, 7 HR, 20 R, 21 RBI, 31 RC

**** Pitcher of the Summer Stretch ****



(AR) Jon Lester

7-0, 2.06, 8 GS, 7 QS, 0 CG
52.1 IP, 41 H, 16 W, 55 K
.218 OAVG, 1.09 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Jeff Samardzja (LW) 6-2, 2.51, 7 QS, 0.90 WHIP
John Lackey (PC) 5-0, 1.09, 6 QS, 0.68 WHIP
Corey Kluber (BB) 6-2, 2.73, 6 QS, 0.97 WHIP
Tom Koehler (OS) 4-1, 2.22, 6 QS, 1.03 WHIP
Colin McHugh (AR) 5-1, 2.15, 6 QS, 1.35 WHIP
Zach Greinke (PC) 4-1, 2.60, 5 QS, 0.91 WHIP
Jake Arrieta (AR) 6-1, 2.60, 4 QS, 1.19 WHIP
Tyler Thornburg (AR) 1-0-13, 0.95, 15 GR, 0.68 WHIP
Luke Gregerson (AY) 0-0-12, 1.56, 15 GR, 0.87 WHIP

****Top Pitching Performance of the Stretch****



Lake Wobegone's **Clayton Kershaw** scattered 7 hits in shutting out host **Vanderlyle**. **Kershaw** walked none and fanned 14, including ending no fewer than 7 innings with a "K"! The game was still scoreless into the 8th when **Adam Jones** gave **Kershaw** all the runs he need with a 2-run HR.

7/24/2016, LW16-VC16, Dodger Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Lake Wobegone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	-	4	5	1
Vanderlyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	7	0

Staring Rabbits	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
C.Kershaw (W 6-3)	9	7	0	0	0	14	1.63

Honorable Mention:

7/24: Jon Lester (AR)	7 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 W, 11 K	W
Will Harris (AR)	0.2 IP, 1 W	H
Tyler Thornburg (AR)	1.1 IP, 2 W, 1 K	S
7/28: Kenta Maeda (AV)	7 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 2 W, 7 K,	ND
David Hernandez (AV)	1 IP	W
Koji Uehara (AV)	1 IP, 1 K	S

**** Offensive Performance of the Stretch ****



Rocky Mountain's **Kole Calhoun** provided a spark to an early offensive outburst against visiting **Valparaiso**, as the **Chinooks** built up a 14-0 lead after just 4 innings. **Calhoun** had contributed a pair of run-scoring doubles and a 3-run HR (his 14th HR of the season). He added a 2-run single in the 5th to give him **7 RBI** on the day!

7/17/2016, VD16-RM16, Target Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Valparaiso	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	-	3	10	2
Rocky Mtn.	2	3	6	3	1	0	0	1	x	-	16	14	2

Chinooks	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
K.Calhoun rf	5	2	4	1	7	0	.263

1:RBI **2B**; 2:RBI **2B**; 3:3-RBI **HR**; 5:2-RBI **1B**; 6:63

Honorable Mention:

7/11: Corey Dickerson (TR) 3-6, 3 R, 7 RBI, HR & GS-HR
8/ 9: Corey Dickerson (TR) 2-4, 2 R, 7 RBI, HR3 & GS-HR
8/11: Ezequiel Carrera (MX) 3-4, 1 R, 7 RBI, 1B, 2B, GS-HR

**** Overtime Game of the Stretch ****

The month's longest game was a 16-inning marathon between the **Glenmont Haymakers** and **Mudville Nine**. Twice **Glenmont** thought they had won the game on solo HRs by **Eduardo Nunez**, but the **Nine** refused to quit. After giving up the second solo HR to **Nunez** in the top of the 16th, **Mudville** rallied for 2 runs to win on a clutch 2 out double by **Ben Revere!** **Mudville** had responded to **Nunez'** other solo HR by retying the game in the 10th inning to extend the game. There were 38 strikeouts in the game!

7/8/2016, GL16-M916, Progressive Field

	123	456	789	012	345	6	R	H	E	LOB	
Glenmont	110	000	000	100	000	1	-	4	11	1	8
Mudville	200	000	000	100	000	2	-	5	13	1	8

Next up ... September highlights!

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