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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - May 2017

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Wombats Take Flight Over Avalanche!

The **Walla Walla Wombats** put together a TML best 24-6 record this month, passing and taking a 3-game lead over **Albany** (17-13 for the month) in the **Steinmetz Division**. The **Wombats** batted .308 as a team (.502 SLG) for the month, while finishing 2nd in pitching at 3.47. Starter **Kyle Hendricks** was 6-0 and closer **Alex Colome** had 10 Saves.

Elsewhere in the **Oceanic Conference**, **Arkansas** (22-8) made up 5 games and caught **Perth** (17-13) in the **Ruth Division**. The **Wild Card** will likely come from either the **Steinmetz** or **Ruth**, as no team in the **Williams** is above .500. Despite losing 12 of their last 15 games, **Williams** leader **Oklahoma** (.482) is still in front of **Lake Wobegone** by 4 games!

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Duluth** (20-10) caught and passed **Vanderlyle** (13-17) in the **Robinson Division**, now with a 4-game lead. **Glenmont** is only 6 games behind and **Madison** is only 7 out. **Beverly** (19-11) caught and passed **Valparaiso** (12-18) in the **Gatto**, now with a 4-game lead. In the **Gehrig**, **Toxic Waste** (19-11) is pulling away from the pack, extending their lead to 7 games over **Burleigh**. The fight for the **Atmos Wild Card** should come down to the bitter end!

Toxic Waste's "Player of the Month" Daniel Murphy, who had a hellacious month, and is the new batting leader at a lofty .404, well ahead of **Perth's D.J. LeMahieu** at .362. Both **Traffic's Nick Markakis** and **Mudville's Wilson Ramos** are hitting a little over .350. **Murphy** also leads the TML in SLG (.794), OBP (.434), Hits (90), Runs (47), RBI (55), HR (20), 2B (25) and EXBH (46)! **Albany's Billy Hamilton** is the SB leader with 18 SB.

The new ERA leader is **Toxic Waste's Drew Pomeranz** (1.97), followed by **Beverly's "Pitcher of the Month" Michael Fulmer** at 2.13. **Perth's Marco Estrada** is right there at 2.14. **Mudville's Matt Boyd** is 8-0, followed by two other 8-game winners, **Pomeranz** (8-1) and **Walla Walla's Kyle Hendricks** (8-

2). There are also six 7-game winners, including **Estrada** at 7-0. The strikeout leader is **Madison's Max Scherzer** with 107 K. **Albany's Koji Uehara** (3.00, 15-18 SVO) and **Arkansas' Tyler Thornburg** (2.55, 15-19 SVO) are the SAVES co-leaders.

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

**** Player of the Month ****



(TX) Daniel Murphy

.447, 51-114, 16-1-11, 102 TB
25 R, 32 RBI, 8 W, 5 GW-RBI
OPS 1.383, 50 RC

Honorable Mention:

Kris Bryant(BB) .325, 11 HR, 28 R, 33 RBI, 34 RC
Ian Kinsler(DT) .378, 5 HR, 24 R, 15 RBI, 32 RC
Carlos Santana(AR) .359, 9 HR, 23 R, 33 RBI, 30 RC
Carlos Gonzalez(PC) .336, 7 HR, 24 R, 27 RBI, 30 RC

**** Pitcher of the Month ****



(BV) Michael Fulmer

5-0, 0.89, 5 GS, 5 QS, 1 CG
40.2 IP, 21 H, 9 W, 37 K
.153 OAVG, 0.74 WHIP
1 shutout

Honorable Mention:

Kyle Hendricks(WW) 6-0, 1.71, 5 QS, 0.85 WHIP
Bartolo Colon(AY) 5-0, 2.20, 5 QS, 0.90 WHIP
Drew Pomeranz(TX) 5-0, 1.62, 5 QS, 0.92 WHIP
Matt Boyd(M9) 5-0, 1.14, 6 QS, 0.97 WHIP
Tanner Roark(DW) 5-0, 1.59, 5 QS, 1.04 WHIP
Jake Arrieta(AR) 5-0, 2.23, 6 QS, 1.14 WHIP

**** Top Pitching Performance of the Month ****



Madison's **Luis Severino** carried a **no-hitter** into the 7th inning against host **Burleigh**. After retiring the first two batters in the 7th, **Matt Kemp** spoiled the no-hit bid by lining a double to left-center! **Severino** fanned **Gregory Polanco** to the inning. **Will Smith** finished off the 1-hit shutout by pitching a flawless 8th and 9th inning. Veteran **Dane Ichiro Suzuki** provided all the runs the **Danes** would need with a 2-RBI single in the 4th. **Ichiro** added an insurance run in the 8th with an RBI single.

5/16/2016, MN16-BB16, PNC Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Madison	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	-	4	9	0
Burleigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0

Danes	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
L. Severino (W 3-2)	7	1	0	0	2	5	4.33
W. Smith	2	0	0	0	0	3	3.00

Honorable Mention:

- 5/ 6: Justin Verlander(OS) 8 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 W, 15 K, Win!
- 5/17: Max Scherzer(MN) 9 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 1 W, 14 K, Win!
- 5/28: Kenta Maeda(AV) 9 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 W, 15 K, Loss!
- 5/30: Michael Pineda(DW) 8 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 0 W, 14 K, Win!

**** Offensive Performances of the Month ****



On the final day of play for the reporting period, the **Arkansas Travelers** did not heed the sign "**Beware of Gators!**" in losing a slugfest on the road at **Marco Island!** **Arkansas' Brian Dozier** was 5-for-6, with 3 HRs and 6



RBI, but it was not enough! **Marco Island's Kurt Suzuki** was a "sparkplug" igniting every scoring rally, reaching base all six times, going 5-for-5, with a walk and 6 RBI. The loss went to **Trav Felipe Riverio** in what turned out to be the game-winning 8-run 6th inning for the **Gators**. **Riverio** hit a batter with the bases loaded and then issued two consecutive bases loaded walks! Besides the 37

runs in the game, there were 33 hits, 18 walks (9 by each team), and three HBP! Neither starting pitcher ended up with a decision!

6/1/2016, AR16-MG16, Coors Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Arkansas	4	1	1	0	6	2	0	0	3	-	17	17	0
Marco Island	0	4	2	4	0	8	0	2	x	-	20	26	1

Travelers	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
B.Dozier 2b	6	4	5	3	6	0	.285

1:2-RBI **HR**; 3:**HR**; 5:**1B** & 1-3; 7:**1B**; 9:3-RBI **HR**

Gators	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
K.Suzuki c	5	3	5	0	6	1	.326

2:RBI-**1B**; 3:RBI-**1B**; 4:2-RBI **2B**; 6:**BB**; 2-RBI **1B**; 8:**1B**

Honorable Mention:

5/16: Dansby Swanson(BV) 5-5, 4 R, 4 RBI, 2 2B, 2-run HR
 5/16: James Loney(NP) 4-5, 2 R, 4 RBI, 3B, 3-run HR

**** Overtime Game of the Month ****

The month's longest game was a 17-inning marathon between the **'Skayuna Squires** and **Rocky Mountain Chinooks**. The game-winner was a 2-out, 2-run HR in the top of the 17th by the **Squires'** **Martin Maldonado**, who was 4-for-8 on the day! It was **Maldonado's** first HR of the season and he was batting only .140 coming to the plate! **Chris Archer** earned the victory by completing 2.1 IP in relief, setting the **Chinooks** down in order in the home half of the 17th. The **Squires** pitchers notched 21 Ks in the game, while the **Chinook** hurlers fanned 19 batters of their own!

5/19/2016, SS16-RM16, Target Field

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'Skayuna	100	210	101	000	000	02	-	8	17	2	14
Rocky Mtn.	210	102	000	000	000	00	-	6	10	0	12

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Next up ... June highlights!

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