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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - October 2017

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Supercells Finally Show Up on Radar!

The **Oklahoma Supercells** went 12-4 in the final month to pull away from **Lake Wobegone** and take the **Williams Division Crown** by 8 games! **Walla Walla** had the best month of all TML teams, going 14-2, locking up the **Steinmetz Division** and securing best record in the **Oceanic Conference** at 111-49. In the **Ruth, Perth** and **Arkansas** paced each other (11-5) and ended up tied for first. **Perth** was awarded the division crown on a 10-6 advantage over **Arkansas**.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, two-time defending **TML Champs Toxic Waste** (11-5 in October) clinched the **Gehrig Division** and best record in the **Conference**. **Duluth** easily clinched the **Robinson Division**, as did **Beverly** in the **Gatto**. **Burleigh**, despite an 8-8 record in October, beat out **Vanderlyle** by 3 games for the **Conference Wild Card**.

Conference Semi-Finals:

Oklahoma (4) vs. Walla Walla (1)

Arkansas (3) vs. Perth (2)

Regular Season:

Walla Walla 9-1

Perth 10-6

Burleigh (4) vs. Toxic Waste (1)

Beverly (3) vs. Duluth (2)

Toxic Waste 11-5

Duluth 6-4

Despite **Toxic Waste's Daniel Murphy** batting .403 in the final month, **Madison's Jose Altuve** won the batting title .367 to **Murphy's** .363. **Murphy** ended up the leader in SLG (.656), RBI (132), 2B (53), EXBH (97), OPS (1.051) and RC (161). **Altuve** led the TML in Hits (258) and Runs (137). **Albany's Mike Trout** was the leader in OBP (.436) and Walks (119). **Arkansas' Brian Dozier** emerged as the HR champ with 47 HR, followed by **New York's Khris Davis** (45), **Amsterdam's Edwin Encarnacion** (43) and **Burleigh's Matt Kemp** (42). **Albany's Billy Hamilton** was the SB leader with 62 SB in 78 attempts.

The ERA leader was **Lake Wobegone's Clayton Kershaw** holding nearly steady at 1.92. **Beverly's Michael Fulmer** was a distant second at 2.45. **Kershaw** led

the TML in CG (8). Walla Walla's Kyle Hendricks was the leader in victories at 24-4, followed by Oklahoma's Justin Verlander at 20-9. They were the only two 20-game winners this season! The strikeout leader was Madison's Max Scherzer (312 K), well ahead of Verlander (272). The "Fireman of the Year" was Arkansas' Tyler Thornburg (40/46 SVO, 43 RP, 2.07).

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

** Player of the Month **



(WW) Gary Sanchez

.457, 21-46, 2-0-7, 44 TB
13 R, 15 RBI, 9 W, 1 SB
OPS 1.502, 23 RC
3 GW-RBI

Honorable Mention:

David Dahl (MX) .391, 5 HR, 12 R, 23 RBI, 21 RC
J.D. Martinez (MN) .438, 6 HR, 11 R, 16 RBI, 19 RC
Daniel Murphy (TX) .403, 2 HR, 13 R, 15 RBI, 19 RC

** Pitcher of the Month **



(TX) Jose Fernandez

4-0, 2.05, 4 GS, 4 QS, 0 CG
26.1 IP, 16 H, 9 W, 44 K
.168 OAVG, 0.95 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Cole Hamels (WW) 3-0, 1.55, 4 QS, 0.90 WHIP
Johnny Cueto (TX) 4-0, 2.37, 3 QS, 1.02 WHIP
Danny Duffy (VC) 3-1, 2.10, 4 QS, 0.80 WHIP
Michael Fulmer (BV) 2-0, 1.33, 4 QS, 1.20 WHIP
Marco Estrada (PC) 2-0, 0.86, 3 QS, 0.81 WHIP
Jake Arrieta (AR) 2-0, 0.81, 3 QS, 0.99 WHIP
Carlos Carrasco (RM) 3-0, 1.57, 3 QS, 0.91 WHIP

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



Vanderlyle's **Danny Duffy** tossed a CG, 2-hit shutout at host Duluth. **Duffy** allow a lead-off single to **Miguel Cabrera** in the 2nd and was erased on a GDP. The only other hit allowed was another single by **Tuffy Gosewisch** in the 6th, after which **Duffy** retired the final 11 batters of the game! **Duffy** walked two batters in the 3rd, but got out of the jam. He fanned 15 batters along the way.

9/21/2016, VC16-DT16, PETCO Park

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

Crybaby Geeks	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
D.Duffy (W 13-7)	9	2	0	0	2	15	3.74

Honorable Mention:

9/13: Jose Fernandez (TX) 7 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 W, 14 K, W 8-2
 9/21: Max Scherzer (MN) 8.2IP, 6 H, 3 R, 1W, 14 K, W 6-3
 9/28: Jose Fernandez (TX) 6 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 2 W, 14 K, W 2-1

**** Offensive Performance of the Month ****



Duluth's **Jeff Francoeur** drove in 7 runs in a variety of ways, leading his team to a 21-8 blowout of host Madison. **Francoeur** came to the plate 7 times and only once (in the 8th) was he not involved in a scoring rally. Even in the 1st inning, he reached on an **E5** in which a run scored! Teammate Melky Cabrera had 4 hits and scored 5 runs.

9/15/2016, DT16-MN16, PNC Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Duluth	3	4	0	2	1	5	0	0	6	-	21	24	1
Madison	1	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	-	8	16	2

Thundercats	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
J.Francoeur rf	7	2	3	1	7	0	.286

1:**E5**; 2:**RBI 1B**; 4:**2-RBI HR**; 6:**RBI GO**; 6:**RBI GO**; 8:**F8**;
 9:**2-RBI 2B**

Honorable Mention:

9/22: Denard Span(RM) 5-5, 2 R, 2 RBI, 2B, 2 1B, 2R-HR, 3B
Hit for the Cycle

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

For the second straight month, the longest game involved the **Albany Avalanche**, this time at the **Walla Walla Wombats**. After the two teams matched each other with a 2-run 10th inning, the game fell apart for the **Wombats** in an ugly 15th. The inning began for the **Avalanche** when **Randal Grichuk** reached 2nd on an **E6**. **Manager Sakolsky** issued **Mike Trout** an **IW**, only to see **Brad Brach** come in and uncork a **WP**. This led to **Freddie Freeman** being issued an **IW**. **Justin Turner** then delivered a 2-run single, which turned into the eventual game-winner.

9/15/2016, AV16-WW16, Wrigley Field

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Albany	010	001	000	200	002	-	6	12	0	11
Walla Walla	010	000	100	200	000	-	4	18	3	14

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