

(BPI-Van Schaick Island, New York)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - April 2018

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## Do Not Feed The Pigeons In New York!

The **New York Pigeons** put up an 18-8 start to their season and have a slim 1-game lead over perennial **Gatto Division** leader **Beverly**. The **Pigeons** did it with a balanced offense and an outstanding bullpen (1.94 ERA over 88.1 IP and 67 GR)!

Elsewhere in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Burleigh** at 17-9 has opened up a 4-game lead over **Toxic Waste** in the **Gehrig Division**. **Madison** at 16-10 also has an early 4-game lead over **Duluth** in the **Robinson**.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, defending **TML Champs Walla Walla** at 16-10 have a 2-game lead over **Mudville** in the **Steinmetz Division**, with **Albany** at 4 GB. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive season, **Perth** started strong at 18-8, but only finds themselves 1 game ahead of **Arkansas** in the **Ruth**. In the **Williams**, **Lake Wobegone** is the early leader at 15-11, but only 5 games separates the remaining three teams

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**Traffic's** veteran **Yadier Molina** is the early batting leader at a lofty .387, followed rather closely by **New York's Dee Gordon** at .378. **Rocky Mountain's Cody Bellinger** leads in HR (14) and RBI (28). **Madison's J.D. Martinez** is the early SLG leader at .818 and **Albany's Mike Trout** leads in OBP (.470). **Chesapeake's Trea Turner** is the SB leader, with 10 SB in 13 attempts.

The early ERA leader is **Burleigh's Mike Montgomery** at a miniscule 0.56 in a dual starting and relief role. **Walla Walla's Taijuan Walker** is 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1.54. The victory leaders are **Murderous's Andrew Cashner** (5-0) and **Madison's Luis Severino** (5-1). **Madison's Max Scherzer** is the strikeout leader at 57 K, 6 more K than **Perth's Zack Greinke**. The early saves leaders are **Beverly's Kenley Jansen** (7-8 SVO, 0.00), **Arkansas's Felipe Rivero** (7-8 SVO, 2.38) and **Madison's Pat Neshek** (7-8 SVO, 2.57).

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

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## \*\* Player of the Month \*\*



### (AV) Mike Trout

.326, 29-89, 4-2-11, 70 TB  
24 R, 23 RBI, 23 W, 2 SB  
3 GW-RBI, OPS 1.257, 35 RC

#### Honorable Mention:

Giancarlo Stanton(MG) .357, 8 HR, 21 R, 22 RBI, 32 RC  
J.D.Martinez(MN) .352, 12 HR, 20 R, 23 RBI, 31 RC  
Alex Bregman(GL) .314, 6 HR, 20 R, 16 RBI, 26 RC  
Eric Hosmer(PC) .351, 6 HR, 23 R, 19 RBI, 25 RC  
Dee Gordon(NP) .378, 2 HR, 21 R, 9 RBI, 25 RC

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## \*\* Pitcher of the Month \*\*



### (MX) Andrew Cashner

5-0, 1.82, 6 GS, 5 QS, 0 CG  
39.2 IP, 32 H, 19 W, 16 K  
.222 OAVG, 1.29 WHIP

#### Honorable Mention:

Taijuan Walker(WW) 3-1, 1.54, 5 QS, 0.91 WHIP  
Michael Fulmer(BV) 3-1, 1.80, 5 QS, 1.07 WHIP  
Masahiro Tanaka(DT) 3-1, 2.98, 5 QS, 1.06 WHIP  
Jake Arrieta(AR) 4-1, 1.98, 4 QS, 1.20 WHIP  
Aaron Nola(BB) 3-1, 2.93, 4 QS, 1.04 WHIP  
Yu Darvish(PC) 4-1, 2.97, 4 QS, 1.05 WHIP  
Clayton Kershaw(LW) 3-0, 1.76, 3 QS, 0.98 WHIP  
Jordan Montgomery(M9) 2-1, 2.13, 2 QS, 0.87 WHIP

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## \*\* Top Pitching Performance of the Month \*\*



Fog City's **James Paxton** tossed a CG 2-hitter at visiting **Lake Wobegone**. **Paxton** only allowed three runners, a walk in the 4<sup>th</sup>, and singles in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. He retired the final 9 batters of the game! The game itself was knotted up 0-0 until the 7<sup>th</sup> when **Jason Kipnis** blasted a 2-out **Grand Slam**!

4/5/2017, LW17-FG17, Miller Park

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

<b>Sea Dogs</b>		<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>ERA</b>
<b>J.Paxton</b> (W 1-0)		9	2	0	0	1	12	0.00

**Honorable Mention:**

4/ 8: Cole Hamels(WW) CG, 2 H, 0 R, 0 W, 3 HBP, 9 K, Won 11-0

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



Duluth's **Paul Goldschmidt** socked three HRs in leading his team to a 10-2 blowout over division leading and visiting **Madison**. His 2-run HR in the 2<sup>nd</sup> capped a 5-run outburst and his 3-run HR put the finishing touch on the game. **Goldschmidt** ended up going 4-for-4, with a walk and 6 RBI. **David Price** picked up the CG victory, walking 1 and fanning 10.

4/16/2017, MN17-DT17, PETCO Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Madison	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	2	5	3
Duluth	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	3	x	-	10	11	1

<b>Thundercats</b>		<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>BI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>AVG</b>
<b>P.Goldschmidt</b> 1b		4	3	4	3	6	1	.286

1:1B; 2:2-RBI **HR**, 5:**HR**; 6:**BB**; 8:3-RBI **HR**

**Honorable Mention:**

4/ 9: Adam Jones (DW) 5-6, two 2-run HRs & solo HR, 5 RBI  
4/25: Andrew McCutchen (CH) 3-4, 3-run HR & 2-run HR, 6 RBI

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**\*\* Worst Pitching Performance of the Month \*\***



Rocky Mountain's **Patrick Corbin** was clearly in **Manager Chapman's** "dog house" as he was pounded mercilessly by visiting **Perth** over 4.2 IP to the tune of 17 runs (all earned)! He served up 19 hits, 4 HRs, walked 8, hit a batter and even threw a wild pitch! In all, **Corbin** threw a total of **191 pitches!**

Where's the love for poor Patrick?

4/9/2017, PC17-RM17, Target Field													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Perth	1	5	4	2	5	0	0	0	1	-	18	22	0
Rocky Mtn.	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	-	4	10	0

<b>Chinooks</b>												
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA					
<b>P. Corbin</b> (L 0-1)	4.2	19	17	17	8	5	19.80					

**\*\* Overtime Games of the Month \*\***

There were two 18-inning games this month. The first one was between **Vanderlyle** and **Glenmont**. After **Vanderlyle** had tied the game in the 9<sup>th</sup>, both teams traded solo runs in the 14<sup>th</sup> and again in the 17<sup>th</sup> innings. Finally, in the home 18<sup>th</sup>, pinch-hitter **Tyler White** produced the game-winner for **Glenmont** with a 1-out, bases loaded infield single! The second marathon was won by **Toxic Waste** over host **Burleigh**, when the **Toxins** broke open a 1-1 game with 3 runs in the top of the 18<sup>th</sup>. The big blow was a 2-run HR by **David Freese**. Both teams had plenty of scoring opportunities (**Toxic Waste** 8 hits + 11 walks; **Burleigh** 18 hits + 2 walks).

4/12/2017, VC17-GL17, Oriole Park at Camden Yards												
	123	456	789	012	345	678		R	H	E	LOB	
Vanderlyle	011	101	001	000	010	010	-	7	12	4	12	
Glenmont	001	001	030	000	010	011	-	8	17	1	12	

4/21/2017, TX17-BB17, PNC Park											
	123	456	789	012	345	678		R	H	E	LOB
Toxic Waste	001	000	000	000	000	003	-	4	8	1	12
Burleigh	000	010	000	000	000	000	-	1	18	0	16

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