

(BPI-Van Schaick Island, New York)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - October 2018

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Madison On A Momentum Surge!

The **Madison Danes** won 19 of their final 21 games to capture the **Robinson Division Pennant** by 23 games! The Danes have two pitching Aces in **Luis Severino** (21-5, 2.63) and **Max Scherzer** (16-4, 2.05), along with their reliable closer **Pat Neshek** (47 Saves, 2.27). Their offense is led by the top two hitters in the league, **J.D. Martinez** (.340, 57 HR) and **Jose Altuve** (.339, 217 Hits). The **Danes** blasted 252 HRs as a team! They will be tough in the post season.

Elsewhere in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Beverly** won the **Gatto Division** and **Burleigh** the **Gehrig Division**. They tied for best Conference record at 107-53. **Toxic Waste** grabbed the **Atmospheric Wild Card**.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the defending **TML Champs Walla Walla Wombats** took the **Steinmetz Division** in posting a TML best record 113-47. The **Wombats** scored 1002 runs and set an **All Time TML Record for HRs** as a team with **304 HR**. **Perth** took the **Ruth Division** and **Marco Island** the **Williams**, beating out **Lake Wobegone** by only 2 games! **Mudville**, with a strong 12-4 finish, earned the **Oceanic Wild Card**.

Atmospheric Semi-Final
Toxic Waste vs. Beverly
Madison vs. Burleigh

Oceanic Semi-Final
Marco Island vs. Walla Walla
Mudville vs. Perth

Madison's J.D. Martinez surfaced as the batting champion at .340, 1 point ahead of both teammate **Jose Altuve** and **Valparaiso's Carlos Correia**! Martinez also led in SLG (.784). Marco Island's Giancarlo Stanton was the HR champ, with 68 bombs! Stanton also led in RBI (166), Runs (138) and RC (182). **Vanderlyle's Jose Ramirez** set an **All Time TML (and MLB) Record** with an incredible **78 doubles**! **Chesapeake's Trey Turner** was the SB leader (41 SB in 50 attempts).

The ERA leader was **Beverly's Michael Fulmer** at 1.94, followed by **Madison's Max Scherzer** (2.05). **Burleigh's Corey Kluber** (22-4) and **Walla Walla's Ervin Santana** (22-7) ended up tied in victories. The only other 20-game winner was **Madison's Luis Severino** (21-5). **Albany's Chris Sale** was the Strikeouts leader (332). **Madison's Max Scherzer** also broke the 300 K mark at 303. The "**Fireman of the Year**" was a runaway with **Madison's Pat Neshek** (47-49 SVO, 2.27 in 66 GR).

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

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



(VC) Carlos Correa

.462, 24-52, 2-0-6, 44 TB
16 R, 16 RBI, 9 W, 3 IW
OPS 1.378, **23 RC**

Honorable Mention:

Tim Anderson(NP) .424, 5 HR, 19 R, 15 RBI, 23 RC
Josh Reddick(GL) .477, 0 HR, 15 R, 8 RBI, 21 RC
Charlie Blackmon(NP) .333, 6 HR, 17 R, 18 RBI, 20 RC

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



(WW) Kyle Hendricks

4-0, 0.33, 4 GS, 3 QS, 1 CG
27.1 IP, 19 H, 6 W, 15 K
.190 OAVG, 0.91 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Stephen Strasburg(PC) 3-0, 0.70, 3 QS, 0.94 WHIP
James Paxton(FG) 2-2, 1.78, 3 QS, 0.99 WHIP
Mike Leake(M9) 3-0, 2.20, 4 QS, 1.26 WHIP
Zack Greinke(PC) 2-0, 2.51, 4 QS, 1.15 WHIP
Clayton Kershaw(LW) 3-1, 2.63, 4 QS, 1.24 WHIP

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



Walla Walla's **Lance Lynn** hurled a 1-hit shutout at visiting division rival **Albany**. **Lynn** lost his chance at a no-hitter, when **Freddie Freeman** lined a double to left center with 2 outs in the 5th. **Lynn** fanned 5, but worked around 6 walks to preserve his shutout. **Lynn's** victory was never in doubt, as his **Wombats** took a 15-0 lead after only 3 innings, going on to win in a blowout 21-0, as **Albany's** late-season slide continued (lost last 11 games). The **Wombats** had 7 HRs, two by **Gary Sanchez**.

9/25/2017, AV17-WW17, Wrigley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Albany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1 2
Walla Walla	8	0	7	0	1	3	0	2	x	-	21	18 1

Wombats	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
L.Lynn (W 18-5)	9	1	0	0	6	5	124/72	3.61

Honorable Mentions:

9/27: Taijuan Walker (WW) CG 1-hitter; lost no-hit bid in 9th

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



Toxic Waste's **Daniel Murphy** went 5-for-5 in leading his team to a decisive victory over visiting division leader **Burleigh**. **Murphy** rapped out 4 singles and had a 2-run HR in the 3rd. Two of his singles came in the 7-run 5th inning. Recently acquired **Andrew Cashner** turned in 8 solid innings.

9/24/2017, BB17-TX17, Safeco Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Burleigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	2	8 1
Toxic Waste	0	0	2	2	7	0	0	0	x	-	11	15 0

River Rats	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
D.Murphy 2b	5	2	5	1	3	0	.316
1:1B; 3:2-RBI HR, 5:1B & RBI 1B; 7:1B							

Honorable Mentions:

9/16: Josh Bell (MX) 2-3, 2 R, 7 RBI, Grand Slam, 3-run HR
 9/25: Starling Marte (WW) 5-6, 3 R, 3 RBI, 4 1B, 2-run 2B

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

The longest game of the month was a 17-inning marathon between the **Perth Diamond Cats** and the **Danny Way Diamonds**. **Chris Taylor** blooped a 2-out, 2-run double down the right field line in the top of the 17th inning, this after a runner had been cut down at home by **Jason Heyward**. **Perth** had tied the game at 2-2 in the 9th on a pinch-hit HR by **Nelson Cruz**.

9/14/2017, PC17-DW17, Rogers Centre

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Perth	010	000	001	000	000	02	-	4	14	1	17
Danny Way	010	000	100	000	000	00	-	2	10	0	11

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