

(BPI-Van Schaick Island, New York)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - September 2018

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Gators Gobble Up Competition!

The **Marco Island Gators** (19-7 for the month) surged into first place in the **Williams Division**, 1 game ahead of previous leader, **Lake Wobegone** (11-15), who blew a 7-game lead! A lot of the **Gators** success relied on the bats of "**Player of the Month**" **Giancarlo Stanton**, **Kurt Suzuki** and **Scoter Gennett**. The **Gators** hit .307 as a team and socked 57 HR in 26 games!

Elsewhere in the **Oceanic Conference**, the defending **TML Champs Walla Walla Wombats** (16-10) easily clinched the **Steinmetz Division**. The **Perth Diamond Cats** (23-3) really poured it on (sweeping both home opponents) and clinched the **Ruth Division**. The **Oceanic Wild Card** will be fought between **Mudville**, **Albany** and either **Marco Island** or **Lake Wobegone**.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, all three division leaders played well, with **Beverly** (18-8) clinching the **Gatto Division** and **Madison** (18-8) virtually clinching the **Robinson**. **Burleigh** (19-7) still has a solid 8-game lead over **Toxic Waste** (16-10) who has locked up the **Atmospheric Wild Card**.

Both **Traffic** and **Valparaiso** have yet to have a CG thrown by a starting pitcher, which would be a new single season **TML Record!** **Toxic Waste** (71-0) is the only team not to blow a lead after 7 innings. **Arkansas** is 20-5 in 1-run games!

The *hot* batting race continues, now with a new leader in **Madison's Jose Altuve** (.342), followed closely by teammate **J.D. Martinez** (.337), **Burleigh's Trey Mancini** (.335), **Lake Wobegone's Yulieski Gurriel** (.334) and **Marco Island's Giancarlo Stanton** (.331). **Stanton** continues to lead in HR (62), Runs (123), EXBH (103), RBI (155) and RC (169). **Altuve** is the Hits leader (199). **Valparaiso's Jose Ramirez** is currently at **71 doubles**, which ties the **All Time TML Record!** **Chesapeake's Trey Turner** is still the SB leader (35 SB in 44 attempts).

The ERA leader is still Beverly's **Michael Fulmer** at 1.88, followed by Madison's **Max Scherzer** (2.15) and Mudville's **Jordan Montgomery** (2.35). The victories leader is still Walla Walla's **Ervin Santana** at 21-6, followed by Burleigh's **Corey Kluber** at 20-3. Beverly's **Michael Fulmer** is 16-1. Albany's **Chris Sale** remains the Strikeouts leader (299). The Saves leader is still Madison's **Pat Neshek** (38-40 SVO, 2.59 in 57 GR).

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

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



(MG) Giancarlo Stanton

.404, 40-99, 10-0-11, 83 TB
 31 R, 36 RBI, 17 W, 2 IW
 OPS 1.330, **42 RC**

Honorable Mention:

Trey Mancini (BB) .361, 13 HR, 29 R, 28 RBI, 36 RC
 Kurt Suzuki (MG) .396, 9 HR, 24 R, 32 RBI, 35 RC
 Nelson Cruz (PC) .423, 7 HR, 23 R, 24 RBI, 35 RC
 Scooter Gennett (MG) .359, 8 HR, 25 R, 24 RBI, 33 RC

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



(MN) Max Scherzer

4-0, 1.69, 6 GS, 6 QS, 1 CG
 42.2 IP, 20 H, 18 W, 57 K
 .140 OAVG, 0.89 WHIP
 1 shutout

Honorable Mention:

Zack Greinke (PC) 5-0, 2.29, 6 QS, 1.02 WHIP
 Luis Severino (MN) 4-1, 1.08, 6 QS, 1.03 WHIP
 Chris Sale (AV) 4-1, 1.69, 5 QS, 0.89 WHIP
 Luke Weaver (BV) 4-0, 2.23, 5 QS, 1.21 WHIP
 Yu Darvish (PC) 3-0, 0.65, 4 QS, 0.72 WHIP
 Charlie Morton (PC) 4-0, 1.61, 4 QS, 1.04 WHIP

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



Albany's **Chris Sale** tossed a nasty CG, 2-hit shutout at visiting `Skayuna. **Sale** walked 2, but fanned 13 en route to his gem. The only hits he allowed were a 1B in the 3rd and another 1B in the 5th. **Sale** whiffed 7 of the final 9 batters, while retiring the final 14 batters of the game.

8/24/2017, SS17-AV17, Fenway Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
`Skayuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2 1
Albany	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	x	-	3	8 0

Avalanche	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
C.Sale (W 13-9)	9	2	0	0	2	13	117/80	3.16

Honorable Mentions:

8/25:Maeda,Parker,Hernandez (AV) Combined 1-hit shutout; 1-0
 9/ 8:Corey Kluber(BB) 9 IP, 2 H, 0R, 1 W, 10 K; Won 9-0

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



Duluth's **Paul Goldschmidt** went 4-for-5, driving in 5 runs with a pair of doubles and a pair of solo HRs, in leading his team to a convincing 11-6 victory over host **Murderous**. **Goldschmidt's** 2-run 2B in the 4th was part of a 6-run inning that gave the T`Cats a commanding 9-0 lead.

8/13/2017, DT17-MX17, Progressive Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Duluth	0	2	1	6	0	1	0	0	1	-	11	14 1
Murderous	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	-	6	7 3

Thundercats	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
P.Goldschmidt 1b	5	3	4	2	5	0	.276
1:LDP; 3:HR, 4:2-RBI 2B ; 6:RBI 2B ; 9:HR							

Honorable Mentions:

8/26:Josh Donaldson(PC) 2-3, 3 R, 7 RBI, **Grand Slam**, 3-run **HR**
 8/28:Nelson Cruz(PC) 3-3, 3 R, 7 RBI, 2 3-run **HR**, **SF**
 8/31:Jose Altuve(MN) 5-6, 4 R, 4 RBI, 4 **1B**, 2-run **HR**
