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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - April 2019

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Danny Way and Toxic Waste Are Fast Out of the Gate!

The resurgent **Danny Way Diamonds** jumped out to a 5 game lead over **Perth** in the **Ruth Division** by going 21-5. They lead the league in run production (983 R), but most amazing is their league-leading team ERA of only **2.24** (73% QS% for their starters).

Elsewhere in the **Oceanic Conference**, **Albany** (19-7) opened up 13-0 at home, but finds pesky **Mudville** only 1 game behind in the **Steinmetz Division**. In the **Williams**, **Lake Wobegone** and **Rocky Mountain** are tied at 14-12, but only 5 games separate the entire division!

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Toxic Waste** matched **Danny Way** in going 21-5, good enough to open up an 8-game lead over **Burleigh** in the **Gehrig Division**. The **Toxins** did it with their bullpen (70 GR, 82.1 IP, 1.31 but, only a 46% QS% for the starters) and a steady offense (league-leading .280 team AVG). **Beverly** (19-7) holds a 2-game lead over **Santa Ana** in the **Gatto Division**. In the **Robinson**, the defending **TML Champs Madison** (15-11) find **Glenmont** and **Duluth** just 2 games off the pace!

The early batting leader is **New York's "Player of the Month" Brian Anderson** with a lofty .410 average! **Madison's J.D. Martinez** is a distant 2nd at .368. **Martinez** shares the RBI lead with **New York's Khris Davis**, both with 25 RBI. **Davis** shares the HR lead with **Madison's Christian Villanueva**, both with 11 HR. **Kentucky's Mookie Betts** leads in OBP (.470), SLG (.824) and SB (9/11).

The early ERA leader is **Chesapeake's Wei-Yin Chen** at 1.22. **Mudville's Matt Boyd** and **Arkansas's Dylan Covey** are 2nd & 3rd at 1.35 and 1.38, respectively. Several pitchers have already notched 5 victories in this first month of play. The Strikeout leader is **Madison's Max Scherzer**, with 60 K. The early Saves leader is **Toxic Waste's "Pitcher of the Month" Wade Davis** (12/12 in SVO, 0.57).

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

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



(NP) Brian Anderson

.410, 43-105, 10-0-2, 59 TB
17 R, 13 RBI, 9 W, 2 HBP
OPS 1.024, 29 RC

Honorable Mention:

Mookie Betts (KY)	.353,	9 HR,	17 R,	15 RBI,	29 RC
Khrris Davis (NP)	.315,	11 HR,	19 R,	25 RBI,	27 RC
Daniel Descalso (MG)	.337,	7 HR,	22 R,	22 RBI,	26 RC
Matt Carpenter (BV)	.252,	9 HR,	16 R,	20 RBI,	25 RC
J.D. Martinez (MN)	.368,	7 HR,	20 R,	25 RBI,	25 RC
Mike Trout (AV)	.295,	7 HR,	16 R,	22 RBI,	23 RC
Christian Yelich (TX)	.343,	6 HR,	24 R,	16 RBI,	23 RC
Francisco Lindor (M9)	.308,	7 HR,	21 R,	13 RBI,	23 RC
Matt Olson (AV)	.275,	8 HR,	20 R,	18 RBI,	23 RC

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



(TX) Wade Davis

12/12 SVO, 0.57, 15 GR
15.2 IP, 2 H, 2 W, 12 K
.041 OAVG, 0.26 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Patrick Corbin (RM)	5-0,	1.74,	5 QS,	0.90 WHIP
Jacob deGrom (DW)	4-0,	1.57,	5 QS,	0.90 WHIP
Max Scherzer (MN)	4-1,	1.65,	5 QS,	0.71 WHIP
Rick Porcello (LW)	4-1,	2.39,	5 QS,	1.01 WHIP
Jon Gray (TX)	5-1,	2.06,	5 QS,	1.14 WHIP
Zack Wheeler (SA)	4-1,	2.47,	5 QS,	1.17 WHIP
Corey Kluber (BB)	2-2,	2.72,	4 QS,	0.93 WHIP
Gerrit Cole (DW)	5-0,	3.49,	3 QS,	1.03 WHIP
Jon Lester (BB)	4-1,	2.23,	2 QS,	1.38 WHIP
Tony Sipp (TX)	5-0,	1.20,	11 GR,	0.80 WHIP

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



Danny Way's **Mike Clevinger** carried a no-hitter into the 8th inning against host 'Skayuna! With 2 outs in the 8th and a runner on first from a walk, **Tucker Barnhart** lined a single to left to break up the no-no! **Clevinger** got out of that mini-jam and retired the side in order in the 9th to settle for a CG, 1-hit shutout!

4/9/2018, DW18-SS18, Busch Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Danny Way	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	-	6	8	0
'Skayuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0

Diamonds	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
M.Clevinger (W 1-0)	9	1	0	0	3	7	1.20

Honorable Mentions:

4/ 1: Max Scherzer(MN) 8 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 W, 16 K, Won 9-1
 4/ 5: Tyson Ross(SA) CG Sho, 1 H, 0 R, 3 W, 5 K, Won 3-0
 4/12: Justin Verlander(KY) 8 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 W, 15 K, ND
 4/23: Dylan Bundy(AR) 9 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 W, 15 K, Lost 1-0

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



Walla Walla's **Javier Baez** tallied 8 RBI in leading his team to a blowout victory over visiting Division rival **Albany**. In three consecutive innings, **Baez** blasted a 3-run HR in the 3rd, another 3-run HR in the 4th and a 2-run 2B in the 5th. By that time, it was 12-1 **Walla Walla**! In the 7th, his 1B prolonged a 2-out rally that led to an additional runs! **Walla Walla** starter **Jordan Montgomery** did not make it through the 5th and ended up with an "ND" ... quite the opposite of the way **Walla Walla** was managed on the road in April.

4/19/2018, AV18-WW18, Wrigley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Albany	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	-	3	8	0
Walla Walla	0	0	3	5	4	0	5	0	x	-	17	21	0

Wombats	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
J.Baez ss	5	3	4	2	8	0	.312
1:K; 3:3-RBI HR ;	4:3-RBI HR ;	5:2-RBI 2B ;	7:1B				

Honorable Mentions:

4/ 6: Austin Wynns (SA) 5-5, solo HR, 2B, 3 1B, 2 RBI
 4/ 7: Jackie Bradley (WW) 4-4, 2B, 3B, 2 1B, BB, 5 RBI
 4/23: Daniel Descalso (MG) 4-4, GS-HR, 2B, 2 1B, HBP, 6 RBI
 4/24: Jose Ramirez (VC) 4-5, GS-HR, 3 2B, 6 RBI
 4/29: Nick Ahmed (LW) 4-5, 3R HR, 2R HR, 2 2B, 5 RBI

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



The longest game of the month was played on **Opening Day**, a 22-inning marathon between **Lake Wobegone** and **Danny Way**. **Marcus Semien** sent the few remaining fans home happy by launching a **Sac Fly** off reliever **Clayton Kershaw** in the bottom of the 22nd inning, scoring **Robinson Cano** from 3rd. **Cano** had singled to lead off the inning and had advanced to 3rd on a subsequent double by **Jason Heyward**. **Semien** had tied the game in the bottom of the 9th with a solo HR!

4/1/2018, LW18-DW18, Rogers Centre

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	R	H	E	LOB	
Lake Wobegone	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	9	0	13
Danny Way	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	3	15	1	21

Next up ... May highlights!

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