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Oceanic Wild Card Is "Must Watch TV!"

While the Division leaders are sitting comfortable in the **Oceanic Conference**, there is a hot battle going on between three strong teams for the **Wild Card**. **Perth** went 24-8 in the Summer Stretch and only gained one game on **Ruth Division** leader **Danny Way**. **Mudville** and **Walla Walla** went 22-10 and 21-11, respectively, in the Stretch and lost ground to **Steinmetz** leader **Albany** (23-9). Only four games separate **Perth**, **Mudville** and **Walla Walla** for the Wild Card. **Rocky Mountain** went 16-16 in the Stretch, putting them only 4 games over .500, but good enough to lead the **Williams** by 7 games over **Marco Island** (14-18).

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Toxic Waste** (16-16 in the Summer Stretch) lengthened their lead to 15 games over **Burleigh** in the **Gehrig**. **Beverly** (15-17) paced their division rivals to maintain a 7-game lead in the **Gatto**. In the **Robinson**, **Duluth** and **Madison** (both 15-17) remain tied for first. One of them will win the Division and the other likely the **Wild Card**.

During the Summer Stretch, the **Oceanic Conference** beat up the **Atmospheric Conference**. **Vanderlyle** (17-15) was the only Atmos team to do better than .500.

The batting leader is still **Glenmont's Mitch Haniger** at a lofty .379 average! **Madison's Jose Altuve** is 2nd at .354, with **Toxic Waste's Christian Yelich** dropping to 3rd at .347. **Haniger** still leads in OBP (.473) and is now also leading in SLG (.653). **Madison's J.D. Martinez** has taken over the HR and RBI lead, with 37 and 110, respectively. **Kentucky's "Player of the Stretch" Mookie Betts** still leads in SB (45/63).

The new ERA leader is **Danny Way's "Pitcher of the Stretch" Jacob deGrom** at 1.87, followed by **Albany's Chris Sale** at 2.18. The previous ERA leader, **Danny Way's Miles Mikolas**, has slipped to 3rd at 2.22. **Danny Way's** duo of **deGrom** (16-2) and **Mikolas** (14-2) are the victory leaders. **Burleigh's Corey Kluber** (14-4) is right behind those two. There are seven 13-game winners! The strikeout leader is now **deGrom** with 235

K, three ahead of Perth's [Justin Verlander](#). The new Saves leaders are Perth's [Craig Kimbrel](#) (29/33, 1.74) and Rocky Mountain's [Cody Allen](#) (29/36, 3.88).

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

**** Player of the Stretch ****



(KY) Mookie Betts

.357, 45-126, 10-1-9, 84 TB
33 R, 26 RBI, 24 W, 15 SB
OPS 1.131, 41 RC
4 GW-RBI

Honorable Mention:

Francisco Lindor (M9) .348, 9 HR, 26 R, 24 RBI, 33 RC
J.D. Martinez (MN) .317, 15 HR, 22 R, 36 RBI, 33 RC
Jean Segura (PC) .381, 3 HR, 27 R, 16 RBI, 31 RC
Starling Marte (MN) .326, 6 HR, 24 R, 21 RBI, 30 RC

**** Pitcher of the Stretch ****



(AV) Jacob deGrom

5-0, 1.31, 8 GS, 8 QS, 0 HR
62.0 IP, 39 H, 13 W, **75 K**
.175 OAVG, 0.84 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Trevor Bauer (AV) 7-1, 2.55, 8 QS, 1.05 WHIP
Kyle Freeland (DT) 4-0, 1.25, 8 QS, 0.85 WHIP
Corey Kluber (BB) 5-1, 2.18, 7 QS, 0.88 WHIP
Mike Clevinger (DW) 5-0, 1.96, 7 QS, 1.05 WHIP
Jake Arrieta (M9) 5-1, 2.50, 7 QS, 1.11 WHIP
Trevor Cahill (PC) 5-0, 0.96, 6 QS, 1.00 WHIP
Jaime Barria (BV) 6-1, 2.04, 6 QS, 1.04 WHIP
Blaine Hardy (AV) 5-1, 2.11, 6 QS, 1.11 WHIP
Alex Cobb (GL) 6-1, 2.78, 6 QS, 1.15 WHIP
Jack Flaherty (RM) 6-1, 2.34, 6 QS, 1.20 WHIP
Mike Mikolas (DW) 5-1, 2.91, 6 QS, 1.20 WHIP

** Top Pitching Performance of the Stretch **



In a most unusual game **Marco Island's Nick Blake Snell** took a **no-hitter** into the 8th inning, but was trailing 1-0 due to a walk followed by a wild pitch on a strikeout (runner to 2nd) and then, a two-base throwing error. **Snell** got the first two outs in the 8th before **Brian McCann** lined a single to leftcenter to spoil the no-hit bid. Having thrown 111 pitches, **Taylor Rogers** was called into get the final out. However, that unearned run cost **Snell** a victory!

7/21/2018, MG18-TR18, Marlins Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Marco Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	9 1
Traffic	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	-	1	1 1

Gators	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
B.Snell (L 9-5)	7.2	1	1	0	2	10	111/ 73	3.30
T.Rogers	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2/ 1	2.29

Honorable Mentions:

7/12:Aaron Nola(BB)	9 IP, 2 H , 0 R, 2 W, 7 K, Won 4-0
7/15:Mike Minor(WW)	9 IP, 2 H , 1 R, 0 W, 11 K, Won 4-1
6/15:Jose Urena(VC)	9 IP, 2 H , 0 R, 2 W, 8 K, Won 3-0

** Offensive Performances of the Stretch **



On the 2nd day of the Summer Stretch, visiting **New York** blew out host **Arkansas** 17-1, thanks to **Kevin Pillar** and **Khris Davis**. **Pillar** was 4-for-4, with 2 walks and 5 runs scored, while teammate **Davis** was 3-for-4, with a pair of HRs, a walk



and 6 RBI. These two had a lot to do with staking their team to a 10-0 lead after only 4 innings!

7/9/2018, NP18-AR18, Busch Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
New York	4	3	0	3	1	4	0	0	2	-	17	17 0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	7 1

Pigeons	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
K.Pillar cf	4	5	4	0	1	2	.242
1:RBI 2B ; 2: 1B ; 4: BB ; 6: BB ; 7: 3B ; 9: 1B							

Pigeons		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
K.Davis	dh	4	4	3	2	6	1	.277
1:RBI 1B ; 2:3-RBI HR ; 4:2-RBI HR ; 6: BB ; 7:P2F								

Honorable Mentions:

7/10:Xander Bogaerts(BB)	5-5, solo HR , 2B , 3 1B
7/10:Jose Ramirez(VC)	4-5, 3R HR , 2R HR , 3B , 1B , 5 RBI
7/14:Trea Turner(CH)	5-5, 2 2B , 3 1B
7/18:Yadier Molina(TX)	2-5, GS-HR , 3R HR , 7 RBI
7/23:Tyler O'Neill(VC)	4-4, 3R HR , 2R HR , 2 2B , 5 RBI
7/31:Wil Myers (GL)	5-5, 3 2B , 2 1B
8/10:Jurickson Profar(TX)	4-5, 4 1B , 5 RBI

**** Overtime Game of the Stretch ****

The longest game of the month was an 18-inning marathon between **Danny Way** and **Madison**. The game featured a classic pitching duel between **Danny Way's Jacob deGrom** (9 IP, 8 H, 0 R, 1 W, 13 K) and **Madison's Luis Severino** (10 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 W, 10 K)! The 0-0 game was turned over to the bullpens. **Danny Way** took advantage of **Madison's** 4th error of the game in scoring the go-ahead (unearned) run in the top of the 18th. **Madison** did get a lead-off single in the home half of the 18th, but was retired on a game-ending GDP.

7/1/2018, M918-RM18, Target Field

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Danny Way	000	000	000	000	000	001	-	1	6	2	11
Madison	000	000	000	000	000	000	-	0	12	4	13

Next up ... September highlights!

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