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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - May 2019

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A Toxic Balance of Bullpen & Bats!

The **Toxic Waste River Rats** went 22-8 in May and have built up an early 12-game lead over **Gehrig Division** rival **Burleigh**. The **Toxins** actually lost two series, one to **Duluth** at home and one to **Madison** on the road, but had three 5-0 sweeps! The **Toxins** lead the TML in offense (2nd in AVG and 1st in Runs scored), while posting the 2nd best team ERA, thanks to a stellar bullpen. Will the bullpen last the season?!

Elsewhere in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Gatto** leader **Santa Ana** (12-18 for the month) had a losing month, but took over first place from **Beverly** (9-21) by 1 game. In the **Robinson**, **Madison** (20-10) is still in 1st place, with **Duluth** (20-10) lingering at 2 games behind and **Glenmont** (19-11) now 3 out. **Vanderlyle** (21-9) had a fine month.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, **Danny Way Diamonds** also went 20-10 in May, but lost a little ground to **Perth** (22-8), now only 3 games off the pace! In the **Steinmetz**, **Albany** (21-9) gained some ground on **Mudville** (17-13) and now leads by 5 games. In the **Williams**, **Rocky Mountain** (15-15) had a .500 month, but it was good enough to take over the lead. **Marco Island** (14-16) is now 3 behind and **Lake Wobegone** (11-19) has dropped to 4 games back.

The new batting leader is **Glenmont's "Player of the Month" Mitch Haniger** with an impressive .395 average! **Madison's Jose Altuve** is a distant 2nd at .348. **Haniger** also leads in OBP (.475) and SLG (.669). The HR leader is **Perth's Nelson Cruz**, with 20 HR, three ahead of the pack. The RBI leader is **Rocky Mountain's Nolan Arenado** with an even 50 RBI. **Kentucky's Mookie Betts** still leads in SB (15/22).

The new ERA leader is **Danny Way's "Pitcher of the Month" Mike Mikolas** at 1.55. **Beverly's Mike Foltyniewicz** is 2nd at 2.05. There is a 3-way tie in victories between **Danny Way's Gerrit Cole** (8-2) and **Toxic Waste's** pair of **Jon Gray** (8-2) and reliever **Tony Sipp** (8-0). Five other pitchers have 7 victories. The new Strikeout leader is **Perth's**

Justin Verlander, with 117 K. The new Saves leader is Rocky Mountain's **Cody Allen** (17/20 in SVO, 3.16).

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

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



(GL) Mitch Haniger

.412, 42-102, 4-1-7, 69 TB
24 R, 14 RBI, 10 W, 2 SB
OPS 1.145, 33 RC

Honorable Mention:

Bryce Harper (MG)	.271,	8 HR,	21 R,	17 RBI,	29 RC
Starling Marte (MN)	.328,	7 HR,	18 R,	22 RBI,	27 RC
Mike Trout (AV)	.288,	5 HR,	21 R,	24 RBI,	27 RC
Jose Ramirez (VC)	.282,	5 HR,	33 R,	19 RBI,	27 RC
Jose Altuve (MN)	.402,	1 HR,	24 R,	11 RBI,	26 RC

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



(DW) Mike Mikolas

5-0, 1.20, 6 GS, 6 QS, 1 CG
45.0 IP, 35 H, 4 W, 23 K
.210 OAVG, 0.87 WHIP
1 shutout

Honorable Mention:

Aaron Nola (BB)	4-1,	0.97,	6 QS,	0.60 WHIP
Jameson Taillon (WW)	4-1,	1.55,	5 QS,	0.82 WHIP
German Marquez (KY)	2-1,	1.66,	6 QS,	0.92 WHIP
Justin Verlander (PC)	4-1,	2.27,	5 QS,	0.92 WHIP
Kyle Freeland (DT)	5-1,	2.05,	5 QS,	0.86 WHIP
Brad Keller (TR)	5-1,	2.44,	5 QS,	1.22 WHIP
Luis Severino (MN)	5-1,	2.16,	4 QS,	1.13 WHIP
Tyler Anderson (AV)	4-1,	2.21,	3 QS,	1.12 WHIP

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



Mudville's **Antonio Senzatela** tossed the season's first **no-hitter**, shutting down visiting **Rocky Mountain**. **Senzatela** scattered 4 walks, but was never in any trouble. He fanned 6. **Senzatela** got all the run support he needed when **Jesus Aguilar** blasted a 3-run HR in the 1st inning, followed by a back-to-back solo shot by **Travis Shaw!**

5/14/2018, RM18-M918, Progressive Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Rocky Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Mudville	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	x	-	6	7	0

Nine	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
A.Senzatela (W 4-0)	9	0	0	0	4	6	117/ 70	2.13

Honorable Mentions:

- 5/ 1: Kyle Freeland(DT) 9 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 W, 6 K, Won 4-0
- 5/19: Madison Bumgarner(MN) 9 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 W, 6 K, Won 3-0
- 5/28: Max Scherzer(MN) 8 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 W, 16 K, ND

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



Vanderlyle's **Matt Duffy** tallied **8 RBI** in leading his team to a blowout victory over host **Chesapeake**. After drawing walks in his first two PAs, **Duffy** made best use of his three hits, the big blow a **Grand Slam** in the 7th! He had a 3-run 2B in his team's 9-run 4th inning that put the game away.

5/23/2018, VC18-CH18, Nationals Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Vanderlyle	0	2	0	9	0	2	4	2	0	-	19	16	1
Chesapeake	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	8	0



Crybaby Geeks	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
M.Duffy 3b	4	3	3	1	8	2	.329
2:BB; 3:BB; 4:3-RBI	2B;	6:F7;	7:GS-HR;	8:RBI	1B		

Honorable Mentions:

- 5/ 8: Maikel Franco(VC) 3-5, GS-HR, 2R HR, 1B, RBI Go, 7 RBI
- 5/ 8: Mike Conforto(DT) 5-5, 2B, 5 1B
- 5/13: Trevor Story(TR) 5-5, 2R HR, 2B, 3 1B, 3 RBI
- 6/ 1: Stephen Piscotty(MG) 3-5, two 3R HR, RBI 1B, 7 RBI
- HIT FOR CYCLE**
- 5/30: Carlos Santana(AR) 5-5, 2 1B, 2R 2B, 3B, HR, 4 RBI

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

The longest game of the month was an 18-inning marathon between **New York** and **Duluth**. The game finally ended in favor of the home team when **Paul Goldschmidt** led off the 18th with a single and scored on **Daniel Palka's** line triple to center! The starting pitchers, **David Hess** (6 IP, 2 R) for New York and **Brent Suter** (7 IP, 1 R) for Duluth, were long gone by the time the game concluded.

5/21/2018, NP18-DT18, PETCO Park

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New York	001	000	010	000	000	000	-	2	11	1	11
Duluth	011	000	000	000	000	001	-	3	15	0	13

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Next up ... June highlights!

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