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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - June 2020

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Tears of Joy in Vanderlyle!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Vanderlyle Crybaby Geeks** went 24-6 (12-3 home and road) for a TML best this month and took over 1st place by 1 game over **Madison** (17-13 for the month) in the **Robinson Division!** **Max Kepler** (.331, 1.070 OPS, 26 2B, 25 HR, 67 RBI) is having an MVP-type year for **Vanderlyle**, who leads the league in team Runs (568).

Elsewhere in the **Atmospheric**, **Chesapeake** (20-10) pulled into a 1st place tie with **Traffic** (15-15) in the **Gehrig**. **Santa Ana** (14-16), despite a losing month, pulled to 1 game behind **Murderous** (12-18) in the **Gatto!**

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, **Kentucky** (23-7) continued to collect wins in bunches and now leads **Perth** (16-14) by 14 games in the **Ruth!** **Walla Walla** (21-9) had a strong month and has opened up an 8-game lead over **Albany** (17-13) in the **Steinmetz**. In the **Williams**, **California** (20-10) extended their lead over **Rocky Mountain** (18-12) to 9 games.

We have a new batting leader in **Traffic's Howie Kendrick** at .350, followed closely by **Perth's Michael Brantley** at .348. **Chesapeake's Jorge Soler** is the HR (31) and RBI (83) leader. **Burleigh's Kris Bryant** leads in both SLG (.686) and OBP (.439). The SB leader is still **Kentucky's Mookie Betts** (37/50).

The new ERA leader is **Walla Walla's Mike Minor** at 2.25, followed by **Perth's "Pitcher of the Month" Zack Grienke** at 2.46. **Kentucky's** Ace duo of **Yu Darvish** (12-1) and **Anthony DeSclafani** (11-2) lead in victories. Five other pitchers have already recorded 10 wins! **Madison's Max Scherzer** is still the strikeout leader with 170 Ks. The Saves leader is still **Walla Walla's Hansel Robles** (20/21 in 30 GR; 1.44 ERA).

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

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



(RM) Cody Bellinger

.330, 35-106, 6-0-17, 92 TB

26 R, 37 RBI, 22 W, 2 SF

OPS 1.306, 41 RC

3 GW-RBI

Honorable Mention:

Max Kepler (VC) .373, 10 HR, 25 R, 33 RBI, 37 RC

Kris Bryant (BB) .325, 7 HR, 25 R, 34 RBI, 36 RC

Carlos Santana (BB) .331, 7 HR, 32 R, 23 RBI, 34 RC

J.D. Davis (VC) .364, 11 HR, 22 R, 26 RBI, 33 RC

Anothony Rendon (WW) .382, 6 HR, 19 R, 19 RBI, 33 RC

Omar Narvaez (TR) .327, 8 HR, 20 R, 16 RBI, 30 RC

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



(PC) Zack Greinke

4-1, 1.13, 6 GS, 6 QS, 1 CG

48.0 IP, 24 H, 6 W, 41 K

.149 OAVG, **0.63 WHIP**

Honorable Mention:

Masahiro Tanaka (DT) 5-0, 2.11, 5 QS, 1.12 WHIP

Kyle Hendricks (WW) 3-2, 2.66, 5 QS, 0.95 WHIP

Mike Minor (WW) 4-1, 2.25, 5 QS, 1.02 WHIP

Gerrit Cole (DW) 5-1, 3.05, 5 QS, 0.99 WHIP

Jack Flaherty (RM) 4-1, 3.21, 5 QS, 1.10 WHIP

Jacob deGrom (DW) 4-2, 2.76, 4 QS, 1.09 WHIP

Lance Lynn (WW) 3-2, 3.05, 4 QS, 0.95 WHIP

Jordan Yamamoto (VC) 4-1, 2.52, 2 QS, 1.26 WHIP

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



Kentucky's **Marco Gonzales** turned in the TML's second **no-hitter** of the season against visiting **Albany**. **Gonzales** issued a lead-off walk to **Tommy Pham** in the 4th inning on 4 pitches, otherwise was perfect, facing just one over the minimum. **Gonzales** fanned 4.

6/17/2019, AV19-KY19, Progressive Field

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

Wildcats		IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
M.Gonzales (W 6-2)		9	0	0	0	1	4	90/58	3.13

Honorable Mentions:

6/ 4: J.deGrom(DW) 9IP, 1H, 0R, 2W, 7K, Won
 6/ 6: Y.Darvish(KY) 9IP, 1H, 2R, 2W, 12K, Won
 6/23: C.Paddack(CH) 9IP, 1H, 0R, 1W, 6K, Won
 6/30: L.Lynn(WW) 8IP, 3H, 0R, 1W, 16K, Won
 7/ 1: T.Glasnow(VC) 9IP, 1H, 0R, 1W, 11K, Won
 (Lost no-hitter with 2 outs in 8th inning!)

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



Lake Wobegone's **Justin Upton** had his best game of the season thus far at host **Perth**. **Upton** was 4-for-5, with two 3-run HRs and **8** **RBI** on the day, sparking his team to a 14-6 blowout! **Upton** was 3-for-4, with a solo HR the day before in a losing cause.

6/28/2019, LW19-PC19, Fenway Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Lake Wobegone	6	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	-	14	10
Perth	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	-	6	12

Staring Rabbits		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
J.Upton	1f	5	3	4	2	8	0	.168
1:2-RBI	1B ;	2:3-RBI	HR ;	5:43;	6:3-RBI	HR ;	9:1B	

Honorable Mentions:

6/ 7: H.Dozier(DT) 4-6, 4 R, 7 RBI, **GS-HR**, 3 RBI-1B
 6/ 7: D.Swanson(BV) 2-5, 2 R, 7 RBI, **GS-HR**, 3 RBI-HR

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

The longest game of the month was a 19-inning marathon between **Albany** and host **Lake Wobegone**. The game ended when **Andrelton Simmons** (who had replaced **Andrew Benintendi** in the 12th having been ejected for arguing a called 3rd strike) socked a 2-out, 2-run HR for **Albany** in the top of the 19th, after which reliever **Blaine Hardy** got out of a 0-out, 1st & 2nd jam in the bottom of the inning! **Jarrod Dyson** had also been ejected in the bottom of the 11th for arguing a called 3rd strike. Tough day for the home plate umpire! The 26 hits and 17 walks led to 40 LOB in this low-scoring affair.

6/8/2019, AV19-LW19, Target Field

	123	456	789	012	345	678	9	R	H	E	LOB
Albany	010	000	000	000	000	000	2	3	15	0	22
Lake Wobegone	000	010	000	000	000	000	0	1	11	1	18

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