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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - October 2020

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Crabs Break Through Traffic Jam!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Chesapeake Steaming Crabs** went 11-5 this final month and held off **Gehrig Division** rival **Traffic** (9-7 this month) to capture the pennant by 3 games! An impressive 8-0 sweep of **Toxic Waste** was the difference for **Chesapeake**. **Vanderlyle** (9-7) paced **Madison** (9-7) to win the **Robinson** by 6 games and secure **Conference** best record. **Madison** locked up the **Conference Wild Card**. **Santa Ana** (11-5) held off a resurgent **Murderous** (13-3) to win the **Gatto** by 4 games.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, **Perth** went a league-best 15-1 this month, wrapping up the **Conference Wild Card**, but finishing a distant 24 games behind **Kentucky** (13-3) in the **Ruth**. **Walla Walla** (12-4) took the **Steinmetz** pennant by 14 games and **California** (12-4) grabbed the **Williams** pennant by 16 games.

Kentucky (123-37) became only the 7th TML team to win 120+ games and now ranks 4th all time.

The batting champion is **Marco Island's Ketel Marte** at .347, finishing only 3 points ahead of **Perth's Michael Brantley**. **Marte** also led in EXBH (96), OBP (.421), SLG (.667) and RC (165). The HR Champ is **Chesapeake's Jorge Soler** with 55 HR, 3 ahead of **Albany's Mike Trout**. **Soler** is also the RBI leader with 140. The SB leader was **Kentucky's Mookie Betts** (65/20).

The ERA Champ is **Walla Walla's Mike Minor** at 2.16, nearly a run ahead of the pack! **Minor** (23-4) also led in victories, joined by 20-game winners **Kentucky's Yu Darvish** (20-3) and **Walla Walla's Lance Lynn** (20-7). The Strikeout leader was **Danny Way's Gerrit Cole** with 331 K. The "**Fireman of the Year**" is **Walla Walla's Hansel Robles** (46/47 in 63 GR; 1.36 ERA).

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

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



(MX) Josh Bell

.456, 26-57, 4-2-6, 52 TB
21 R, 20 RBI, 17 W, 1 HBP
OPS 1.491, 33 RC
3 GW-RBI

Honorable Mentions:

Anthony Rendon(WW) .390, 6 HR, 12 R, 19 RBI, 24 RC
Brett Garner(PC) .375, 7 HR, 17 R, 20 RBI, 23 RC
Alex Bregman(GL) .350, 6 HR, 10 R, 17 RBI, 21 RC
Ronald Acuna(CX) .375, 9 HR, 15 R, 17 RBI, 20 RC
Fernando Tatis(NP) .357, 5 HR, 13 R, 13 RBI, 20 RC

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



(CX) Homer Bailey

4-0, 1.38, 4 GS, 3 QS, 0 CG
26.0 IP, 16 H, 6 W, 23 K
.172 OAVG, 0.85 WHIP

Honorable Mentions:

Lance Lynn(WW) 4-0, 2.22, 4 QS, 1.09 WHIP
Walker Buehler(VC) 2-1, 1.30, 4 QS, 1.19 WHIP
Anibal Sanchez(CX) 2-0, 1.61, 3 QS, 0.67 WHIP
German Marquez(KY) 3-0, 1.71, 3 QS, 0.84 WHIP
Stephen Strasburg(PC) 3-0, 2.54, 3 QS, 0.74 WHIP
Mike Minor(WW) 3-1, 2.40, 3 QS, 0.93 WHIP
Kyle Hendricks(WW) 2-1, 2.76, 3 QS, 0.95 WHIP
Mike Soroka(TR) 2-0, 0.55, 2 QS, 1.10 WHIP
Yu Darvish(KY) 3-0, 1.45, 2 QS, 1.23 WHIP

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



Perth's **Zack Greinke** tossed a 2-hit shutout on the road at host **Danny Way**. **Greinke** did not walk a batter and fanned 7. Any hopes of a no-hitter were dashed in the 1st inning when **Robinson Cano** singled and was doubled up. The only other runner was **Jason Heyward** who singled in the 4th. In the end, **Greinke** faced only one batter over the minimum.

9/28/2019, PC19-DW19, Rogers Centre

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

Diamond Cats	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
Z.Greinke (W 17-9)	9	2	0	0	0	7	108/77	3.27

Honorable Mention:

9/21: L.Giolito(SA) 9IP, 2H, 0R, 1W, 9K, Won 14-0

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



Duluth's **Freddy Galvis** led his team to a 10-9 squeaker over host **Glenmont**. **Galvis** sparked rallies throughout the game, going a perfect 5-for-5, with a solo HR in the 4th and a 2-run HR in the 7th, scoring 4 runs and tallying 4 RBI.

9/14/2019, DT19-GL19, Oriole Park at Camden Yards

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Duluth	0	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	-	10	15	0
Glenmont	0	1	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	-	9	10	1

Thundercats	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
F.Galvis dh	5	4	5	2	4	0	.269

2:RBI 1B; 4:HR; 6:1B; 7:2-RBI HR; 9:2B

Honorable Mentions:

9/13: K.Marte (MG) 4-6, 3 R, 5 RBI: 2RHR, 2R2B, 1R2B, 3B
 9/28: K.Calhoun (RM) 3-5, 3 R, 7 RBI, 3RHR, 2R3B, 2R1B
 9/29: M.Betts (KY) 5-5, 2 R, 2 RBI: 1R2B, 1R1B, 3 1B

**** "Beating a Dead Horse" Game of the Month ****



Chesapeake was trying to hold off a charging **Traffic** squad for the **Gehrig Division** pennant. They poured it on a fatigued **Toxic Waste** team by taking the first seven (7) games! Then, trailing 9-1 in the final 8th game of the series, the **Steaming Crabs** put together a "rally for the ages" and scored **NINE (9) runs** in the bottom of the 9th to win 10-9, giving them an 8-0 series sweep! The game-winner and "hero" was **Adam Eaton** who delivered the 2-out, 2-run, walk-off single. **Eaton** had ripped a 3-run HR earlier in the same inning, in which **Chesapeake** sent 13 men to the plate!

9/20/2019, TX19-CH19, Nationals Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Toxic Waste	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	-	9	11	0
Chesapeake	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	-	10	13	0

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

The longest game of the Month was a 14-inning game between **Walla Walla** and host **'Skayuna**. After throwing out a runner at the plate in the top of the 14th, the **Squires** manufactured the winning run in the bottom half. **Eduardo Escobar** led off with a single, stole 2nd and was sacrificed to 3rd before scoring on a walk-off RBI single by **Tucker Barnhart**! The **Squires** exhausted their entire bullpen, using 7 relievers.

9/29/2019, WW19-SS19, Busch Stadium

	123	456	789	012	34	R	H	E	LOB
Walla Walla	100	020	010	000	00	4	16	0	15
'Skayuna	002	002	000	000	01	5	10	1	8

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