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Franchise All Stars - October 2021

It's Tournament Time!

All Conference Division leaders held on to their leads after the final October series. In the **Oceanic Conference**, the 1 seed is **Walla Walla** (with their league best 102-58 record), followed by the 2 seed **Kentucky** and 3 seed **Albany**. The 2nd place teams were seeded as **Skayuna** (4), **Perth** (5) and **Marco Island** (6). Rounding out the field were the two remaining best records, **Arkansas** (7) and **Mudville** (8).

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the 1 seed is **Madison**, followed by **Beverly** (2) and **Chesapeake** (3). The 2nd place teams were seeded **Duluth** (4), **Camarillo** (5) and **New York** (6). The two remaining best record teams were **Toxic Waste** (7) and **Vanderlyle** (8).

The batting champion was not decided until the final day of the season, with four players ending up fewer than 2 points apart! **Danny Way's Josh Hamilton** (.3165) edged out **Walla Walla's Paul Konerko** (.3159), **Chesapeake's Yoan Moncada** (.3156) and **Camarillo's Avasail Garcia** (.3147). The HR crown went to **Kentucky's Chris Davis** with 60 HR, beating **Chesapeake's Jorge Soler** by 1 HR! The RBI leader, by far, was **Marco Island's Giancarlo Stanton** with 153 RBI. **Moncada** was the Hits leader (208), with **Kentucky's Mookie Betts** second (200). **Betts** remained the SB leader (58 SB/23 CS).

The ERA Champ was **Duluth's Stephen Strasburg** at 2.25, well ahead of **Madison's Max Scherzer** at 2.79. Surprisingly, there were no 20-game winners! The victories leaders were **Scherzer** (19-5) and **Kentucky's German Marquez** (19-9). **Perth's Zack Greinke** (18-12) was next. **Camarillo's Corey Kluber** was still the Strikeout leader with 312 K. The **"Fireman of the Year"** was **Albany's Koji Uehara** (40/44 SVO in 63 GR, 46 RP, 2.38 ERA). Second by 1 RP was **Perth's Craig Kimbrel** (42/44 SVO in 54 GR, 45 RP, 1.93 ERA).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from October in the TML Franchise All Stars League.



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



(CX) David Ortiz

.418, 28-67, 6-0-7, 55 TB
17 R, 21 RBI, 5 W
OPS 1.2973, 25 RC
2 GW-RBI

Honorable Mention:

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|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| Nolan Arenado (RM) | .344, | 9 HR, | 15 R, | 25 RBI, | 22 RC |
| Starling Marte (WW) | .435, | 3 HR, | 12 R, | 13 RBI, | 21 RC |
| Mookie Betts (KY) | .328, | 7 HR, | 15 R, | 13 RBI, | 18 RC |
| Travis d'Arnaud (WW) | .440, | 5 HR, | 11 R, | 10 RBI, | 17 RC |
| A.J. Pollock (TX) | .369, | 2 HR, | 12 R, | 9 RBI, | 17 RC |
| Jose Altuve (MN) | .353, | 4 HR, | 9 R, | 14 RBI, | 17 RC |



*** Pitcher of the Month ***



(MX) Hyun-Jin Ryu

2-0, 1.88, 4 GS, 4 QS, 1 CG
28.2 IP, 18 H, 5 W, 30 K
.175 OAVG, 0.80 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

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|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Max Scherzer (MN) | 2-2, | 2.25, | 4 QS, | 0.96 WHIP |
| Anibal Sanchez (MG) | 1-0, | 1.82, | 3 QS, | 0.89 WHIP |
| R.A. Dickey (DT) | 3-0, | 2.25, | 3 QS, | 1.11 WHIP |
| Mat Latos (DT) | 0-2, | 2.35, | 3 QS, | 0.83 WHIP |
| Gerrit Cole (DW) | 0-1, | 2.45, | 3 QS, | 1.09 WHIP |
| Johnny Cueto (VC) | 2-1, | 2.89, | 3 QS, | 0.96 WHIP |

**** Pitching Performance #1 of the Month ****



Danny Way's **Mike Clevinger** hurled the season's 4th **no-hitter** against visitor and Division leader **Kentucky**! **Clevinger** worked around 4 walks, but fanned 12 on way to his gem. It was a "nail-biter" as **Kentucky's John Danks** turned in a CG 4-hitter, allowing the only run in the game during the 7th inning when **Nick Castellanos** launched a 2-out solo HR.

9/20/2020, KY20-DW20, Rogers Centre

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

| Diamonds | IP | H | R | ER | BB | K | PCH/STR | ERA |
|-----------------------------|----|----------|---|----|----|----|---------|------|
| M.Clevinger (W 9-16) | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 122/74 | 5.09 |

**** Pitching Performance #2 of the Month ****



Glenmont's duo of **Eduardo Rodriguez** and **Wade Davis** combined on the season's 5th **no-hitter** against visiting Division leader **Madison**. After only his 3rd walk leading off the 8th inning, **Rodriguez** gave way to **Davis** who retired the final 6 batters to secure the no-no!

9/18/2020, MN20-GL20, Oriole Park at Camden Yards

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|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H | E |
| Madison | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 |
| Glenmont | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | x | - | 3 | 4 |

| Haymakers | IP | H | R | ER | BB | K | PCH/STR | ERA |
|------------------------------|----|----------|---|----|----|---|---------|------|
| E.Rodriguez (W 10-14) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 105/57 | 5.12 |
| W.Davis (S 11) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 26/16 | 2.22 |

Honorable Mention:

9/20: A.Sanchez(SA) CG 1-hit shutout, 2 W, 9 K, **Won** 8-0

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



Toxic Waste's Carl Crawford accounted for nearly all his team's runs in a victory over visiting Division leader **Chesapeake**. **Crawford** blasted a **Grand Slam** in the 2nd and added a pair of 2-run doubles in each the 7th and 8th innings, giving him 8 RBI on the day!

9/18/2020, CH20-TX20, T-Mobile Park

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

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| River Rats | | AB | R | H | HR | BI | BB | AVG |
| C. Crawford | 1f | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .282 |
| | 1:F9; | 2:GS-HR; | 5:53; | 7:2-RBI | 2B; | 8::2-RBI | 2B | |

Honorable Mentions:

- 9/16: J. Upton (MX) 4-5, 3R, 5RBI: 2RHR, 3B, 2R1B, 1R1B
- 9/23: D. Ortiz (CX) 3-5, 3R, 6RBI: GS-HR, 2 1RHR
- 9/23: J. Altuve (MN) 3-4, 3R, 6RBI: GS-HR, 1RHR, 1R1B



*** Overtime Game of the Month ***

The longest game of the month was a 17-inning affair between **Murderous** and host **New York**. With both bullpens putting up "zeroes" in the extra innings, **New York** finally ended the game in the 17th when **Dee Gordon** legged out a lead-off triple, followed by a game-winning RBI single by **Luke Scott**.

9/18/2020, MX20-NP20, PNC Park

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| | 123 | 456 | 789 | 012 | 345 | 67 | | R | H | E | LOB | DP |
| Murderous | 200 | 003 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 00 | | 5 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 1 |
| New York | 400 | 000 | 010 | 000 | 000 | 01 | | 6 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 0 |

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