

(BPI-Van Schaick Island, New York)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - April 2022

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## No Black Sox Scandal This Time!

After making a large series of trades in the off season aiming for the TML Championship, the **California Black Sox** made good on the hype putting up a league best **20-6** start! This gave them an early 6-game lead over **Chesapeake** in the **Pertierra Division!** Elsewhere in the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Vanderlyle** (17-9 in April) has a 3-game lead in the **Robinson** over **Madison** and a 4-game lead over **Duluth**. In the **Gatto**, **Santa Ana** opened up 16-10, good enough for an early 3-game lead over **New York** and 4 games over **Murderous**.

Over in the **Williams Division** of the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Marco Island Gators** (19-7 in April) jumped out to an 8-game lead over **Walla Walla**. In the **Ruth**, **Kentucky** (18-8) and **Perth** (15-11) are at it again, but **Danny Way** (14-12) is not far off the pace. In the **Steinmetz**, a resurgent **'Skayuna** (17-9) leads **Albany** by a slim 1-game margin, with **Mudville** and **Traffic** not far behind.

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The early batting leader is **New York's Tim Anderson** with a lofty **.410** average, but right behind him is **Camarillo's Alex Verdugo** at **.405**. **New York's Fernando Tatis** is the HR and RBI leader, with 14 and 35, respectively. **Glenmont's Juan Soto** leads in OBP (.535) and Walks (33), while **Vanderlyle's Tyler O'Neill** leads in SLG (.865). The SB leader is **Marco Island's Tommy Edman** (12 SB/4 CS).

The early ERA leader is **Madison's Madison Bumgarner** at a miniscule **1.16**. Following closely behind are **Lake Wobegon** teammates **Casey Mize** (1.26) and **Steven Matz** (1.33). Eight pitchers are tied in victories with 4 wins. The Strikeout leader is **Madison's "Picher of the Month" Max Scherzer** with 61 K. The early Saves leader is **California's Kenley Jansen** (9/9 in 11 GR, 0.77 ERA).

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

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



**(DW) Nick Castellanos**

.388, 40-103, 6-0-9, 73 TB  
26 R, 28 RBI, 12 W, 3 HBP  
OPS 1.171, 34 RC  
13.6 RC/27

**Honorable Mention:**

Fernando Tatis (NP) .295, 14 HR, 22 R, 35 RBI, 31 RC  
Giancarlo Stanton (MG) .371, 8 HR, 25 R, 23 RBI, 31 RC  
Paul Goldschmidt (KY) .324, 12 HR, 21 R, 26 RBI, 31 RC  
Juan Soto (GL) .350, 7 HR, 23 R, 14 RBI, 29 RC  
Josh Donaldson (PC) .320, 10 HR, 25 R, 29 RBI, 29 RC

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



**(MN) Max Scherzer**

4-0, 1.91, 6 GS, 5 QS, 2 CG  
47.0 IP, 27 H, 4 W, 61 K  
.164 OAVG, 0.66 WHIP  
**Perfect Game**

**Honorable Mention:**

Lucas Giolito (SA) 4-0, 1.80, 6 QS, 0.85 WHIP  
Kevin Gausman (SS) 2-2, 1.64, 6 QS, 1.00 WHIP  
Kyle Gibson (MG) 4-1, 2.09, 5 QS, 0.93 WHIP  
Adam Wainwright (CX) 4-0, 1.80, 4 QS, 0.88 WHIP  
Casey Mize (LW) 2-1, 1.26, 4 QS, 0.77 WHIP  
Steven Matz (LW) 0-0, 1.33, 4 QS, 0.74 WHIP  
Zack Greinke (PC) 3-1, 1.72, 4 QS, 0.89 WHIP  
Trevor Bauer (KY) 3-1, 2.29, 4 QS, 0.99 WHIP  
Merrill Kelly (SA) 1-1, 1.93, 4 QS, 1.04 WHIP  
Madison Bumgarner (MN) 3-1, 1.16, 3 QS, 0.74 WHIP  
Tyler Glasnow (VC) 4-0, 1.44, 3 QS, 0.92 WHIP  
Brett Anderson (TX) 3-0, 1.88, 3 QS, 0.96 WHIP  
Luis Castillo (CH) 4-0, 2.45, 3 QS, 1.34 WHIP

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



On opening day, **Madison's Max Scherzer** tossed a **PERFECT GAME** on the road at **Santa Ana**! It is the **11<sup>th</sup> Perfect Game** in **TML History** and the first since 2018. **Scherzer** fanned 12 on the way to his gem, including 3 of the final 4 batters! The only question was ... after the **Danes's** 6-run 9<sup>th</sup> inning ... would **Scherzer** have tightened up during the long wait? We got the answer. Over 70% of Scherzer's pitches were strikes!!

**4/1/2021, MN21-SA21, Wrigley Field**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
<b>Madison</b>	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	-	10	17 0
<b>Santa Ana</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0 0

<b>Danes</b>		<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>PCH/STR</b>	<b>ERA</b>
<b>M. Scherzer (W)</b>	1-0)	9	0	0	0	0	12	102/73	0.00

<b>Winds</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Grossman</b>	1f	1>K	4>8	7>7
<b>Yastrzemski</b>	rf	8	9	9
<b>Candelario</b>	3b	53	K	63
<b>Ohtani</b>	dh	2>K	5>K	8>K
<b>Alonso</b>	1b	8	63	9
<b>Cronenworth</b>	2b	K	7	K
<b>Herrera</b>	cf	3>K	6>K	9>K
<b>Rosario, A</b>	ss	53	7	K
<b>Severino, P</b>	c	K	4	1/L

**\*\* Next Best Pitching Performance of the Month \*\***



A little over 2 weeks later, **Kentucky's Trevor Bauer** just missed out on a no-hitter against visiting **Arkansas**! With **2 outs** in the **top of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning**, **J.P. Crawford** lined a single to right-center to break up the no-hitter! **Bauer** ended up with a **CG, 1-hit (136 pitch) shutout**, walking just 2 and fanning 12. The game itself was a 17-0 blowout!

**4/16/2021, AR21-KY21, Progressive Field**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
<b>Arkansas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1 0
<b>Kentucky</b>	0	7	3	0	3	0	4	0	x	-	17	16 0

<b>WildCats</b>		<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>PCH/STR</b>	<b>ERA</b>
<b>T. Bauer (W)</b>	3-0)	9	1	0	0	2	12	136/82	1.44

**Honorable Mentions:**

4/11: Kevin Gausman(SS) CG, 3-hit Sho, 0 BB, 14 K

4/27: Max Scherzer(MN) 8.1 IP, 6 H, 0 BB, 15 K

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

Vanderlyle's **Tyler O'Neill** led his team to a blowout road victory at **Madison**. **O'Neill** got his team going in the 1<sup>st</sup> with a 3-run HR. He added an RBI single in the 4<sup>th</sup> and a 2-run HR in the 6<sup>th</sup>. **O'Neill** drew a bases loaded walk in the 7<sup>th</sup> to give him **7 RBI** on the day. He walked again in his final PA in the 9<sup>th</sup>. (It is worth noting that **O'Neill** had 5 more RBI at **Madison** the next day with HRs in each of his first 2 PAs!)

**4/15/2021, VC21-MN21, PNC Park**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
<b>Vanderlyle</b>	5	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	-	10	14	2
<b>Madison</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	2	6	2

**Crybaby Geeks**

	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>BI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>AVG</b>
<b>T.O'Neill</b>	1f	4	2	3	2	7	.486

1:3-RBI **HR**; 2:**K**; 4:RBI **1B**; 6:2-RBI **HR**; 7:RBI **BB**; 9:**BB****Honorable Mentions:**

4/13: Willy Adames(DT) 4-6, 2R2B, 2R1B, 2 1R1B, 6 RBI

4/16: Tyler O'Neill(VC) 2-4, 2RHR, 3RHR, 5 RBI

**\*\* Overtime Games of the Month \*\***

The longest games of the month were a pair of 16-inning games, both involving **Arkansas** on the road! The first was **Arkansas** visiting **Mudville**. The **Travs** had tied the game at 2-2 in the 8<sup>th</sup> on a **pinch-hit** 2-run HR by **Franmil Reyes**. Then, in the 16<sup>th</sup>, **Enrique Hernandez** launched a **pinch-hit** 2-run HR, which proved to be the game-winner! The second on saw **Arkansas** visiting **Kentucky**. This time, **Kentucky** tied the game in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> when **Jose Rondon** hit a **pinch-hit** 2-run HR! (Notice the theme here?) Guess how **Kentucky** won the game in the 16<sup>th</sup>? Yep, a lead-off, **pinch-hit** HR by **Anthony DeSclafani** being called out of the bullpen to bat!

**4/9/2021, AR21-M921, Progressive Field**

	123	456	789	012	345	6	R	H	E	LOB
<b>Arkansas</b>	000	000	020	000	000	2	4	9	0	4
<b>Mudville</b>	001	001	000	000	000	0	2	10	0	11

4/13/2021, AR21-KY21, Progressive Field

	123	456	789	012	345	6	R	H	E	LOB
<b>Arkansas</b>	200	020	000	000	000	0	4	10	1	12
<b>Kentucky</b>	100	010	002	000	000	1	5	16	1	14

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