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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - May 2022

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WildCats Furious to Defend Title!

After the TML taking a year off for the **TML Franchise All Star League**, the **Kentucky WildCats** are back to defend their **TML Championship!** The **WildCats** put up an **Oceanic Conference** best 21-9 record in May. **Perth** went 19-11 to remain 5 games behind **Kentucky** in the **Ruth Division**. In the **Steinmetz**, **'Skayuna** went 20-10 and have opened up a 5-game lead over **Albany**. In the **Williams**, **Marco Island** stalled at 14-16, but no other team in the **Division** played better and they even lengthened their lead to 9 games over the pack.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **California Black Sox** put up a **Conference** best 21-9 record and now have a commanding 11-game lead over **Chesapeake** in the **Pertierra Division**. In the **Gatto**, **Santa Ana** went 18-12 and have a 6-game lead over **New York** with **Murderous** one game farther back. In the **Robinson**, **Vanderlyle** went 20-10 and now has a 6-game lead over **Madison**.

The new batting leader is **California's "Player of the Month" Aaron Judge** at .359. Not far behind is **New York's Tim Anderson** at .351. **Judge** also leads in Hits (85) and Runs (49). The HR leaders are **'Skayuna's Brandon Belt** and **Mudville's Vladimir Guerrero**, both with 21 HRs. The RBI leader is **New York's Fernando Tatis** with 56. The SB leader is still **Marco Island's Tommy Edman** (19 SB/5 CS).

The new ERA leader is **Madison's** repeat **"Pitcher of the Month" Max Scherzer** at 1.86. Following closely behind is **Marco Island's Kyle Gibson** at 2.01. **Scherzer** also leads in Strikeouts (120), IP (92), CG (4) and has upped his record to 8-0. The victory leaders at 9-1 are the **California** duo of **Adam Wainwright** and **Zack Wheeler**. The Saves leader is still **California's Kenley Jansen** (16/17 in 22 GR, 0.39 ERA).

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



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



(CX) Aaron Judge

.357, 46-129, 6-0-11, 85 TB
27 R, 24 RBI, 9 W, 3 GW-RBI
OPS 1.058, 31 RC
9.4 RC/27

Honorable Mention:

Nelson Cruz(PC) .325, 12 HR, 21 R, 28 RBI, 30 RC
Brandon Belt(SS) .333, 13 HR, 18 R, 27 RBI, 29 RC
Cedric Mullins(CH) .328, 5 HR, 23 R, 17 RBI, 28 RC
Rhys Hoskins(SS) .357, 8 HR, 21 R, 22 RBI, 28 RC



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



(MN) Max Scherzer

4-0, 1.80, 6 GS, 5 QS, 2 CG
45.0 IP, 32 H, 5 W, 59 K
.193 OAVG, 0.82 WHIP
1 Shutout

Honorable Mention:

Joe Musgrove(CH) 5-1, 1.93, 6 QS, 0.83 WHIP
Anthony DeSclafani(KY) 1-1, 2.38, 6 QS, 1.03 WHIP
Zack Greinke(PC) 4-1, 2.79, 6 QS, 1.17 WHIP
Zack Wheeler(CX) 5-0, 2.27, 5 QS, 1.42 WHIP
Freddy Peralta(SS) 4-1, 2.06, 5 QS, 0.94 WHIP
Dallas Keuchel(TX) 3-0, 2.55, 5 QS, 1.27 WHIP
Trevor Rogers(NP) 3-2, 1.46, 4 QS, 0.95 WHIP
Robbie Ray(SS) 4-1, 2.06, 4 QS, 0.78 WHIP
Alex Wood(M9) 3-2, 2.45, 4 QS, 0.76 WHIP
Gerrit Cole(DW) 5-0, 2.01, 4 QS, 1.02 WHIP
Austin Gomber(NP) 4-1, 2.19, 4 QS, 1.05 WHIP
Zach Eflin(NP) 3-2, 2.88, 4 QS, 1.06 WHIP
Marcus Stroman(RM) 4-2, 2.77, 4 QS, 1.26 WHIP

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



For the second consecutive month, **Santa Ana** fans got to witness a **PERFECT GAME**, this time by **Santa Ana's** own **Lucas Gioloto**! It is the **12th Perfect Game** in **TML History** and the first time two had been tossed in the same season! The unfortunate victim was visiting **Glenmont**! **Gioloto** used fewer than 100 pitches, fanning 11, including striking out the side in the 9th! **Pete Alonso** drove in 5 with a pair of HRs in support.

5/24/2021, GL21-SA21, Wrigley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Glenmont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
Santa Ana	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	x	-	10	16

Winds	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
L.Gioloto (W 8-1)	9	0	0	0	0	11	96/67	2.95

Haymakers	A	B	C
Myers	1f 1>K	4>53	7>4/L
Bregman	3b 43	53	2/f1
Soto, J	rf K	K	7
Polanco, J	2b 2>9	5>4/L	8>3/g
Voit	1b K	63	K
Diaz, Ya	dh 7	43	13
Gregorius	ss 3>K	6>K	
Marsh	ph		9>K
Murphy, T	c K	8	
Haniger	ph		K
Robles, V	cf 6/L	43	K

Honorable Mention:

5/26: Logan Gilbert (MN) 8IP, 0 BB , 16 K, Won 5-2

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



Glenmont's Jorge Polanco led his to a solid road victory at **Chesapeake**! **Polanco** was 4-for-5 on the day, with 3 HRs and a double, tallying **8 RBI**. He had 14 TBs. **Polanco's** 3-run HR in the 5th was the game-changer and his 3-run HR in the 9th put it away!

5/12/2021, GL21-CH21, Nationals Park

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

Haymakers		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
J.Polanco	2b	5	3	4	3	8	0	.245
1:HR; 4:K; 5:3-RBI HR; 7:RBI 2B; 9:3-RBI HR								

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

The longest game of the month was a 23-inning marathon between **Madison** and **California**. It ties for the 6th longest game in **TML History**. The **TML Record** is 25 innings, which has happened four times. This game was a pitching gem as both staffs were outstanding! **California** finally ended the game when **California's Jared Walsh** led off with a walk-off HR on the first pitch he saw in the bottom of the 23rd! There were 35 hits, 11 walks and a HBP in the game. Most surprising was **Madison's Jose Altuve** taking an 0-10 collar!

5/23/2021, MN21-CX21, Citizens Bank Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	R	H	E	LOB
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1	20
California	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15	1	17

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