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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - October 2023

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It was a Wild Finish!

There was some late season excitement with the extra **Wild Card** added for this season! In the **Oceanic Conference**, **Traffic** went 11-6 in October and caught **'Skayuna** (8-9). In a 1-game tie-breaker playoff, **Traffic** beat **'Skayuna** 1-0 on a solo HR by **George Story!** **Traffic** will meet **Danny Way** in the **Wild Card Round**. In the **Atmospheric Conference**, **Santa Ana** went 11-5 to capture the **Gatto Division** and **Beverly** (9-7) hung onto the **Wild Card**, as **Murderous** (8-8) stalled. **Beverly** will meet **Madison** in the **Wild Card Round**.

In the **Oceanic**, **Kentucky** (15-1) went out with a bang to win the **Ruth** by 25 games, putting up a league best **117-43** record! **Albany** (8-8) was on cruise control and won the **Steinmetz** by 19½ games. In the **Williams**, **Rocky Mountain** beat **Marco Island** 5-3 head-to-head to win the pennant by 2 games. In the **Atmospheric**, **California** (12-4) won the **Pertierra** by 26 games and **Vanderlyle** (13-3) ran away with the **Robinson**, as **Madison** (4-12) stumbled badly down the stretch.

Madison's Jeff McNeil easily took the batting title at **.348**, well ahead of **Kentucky's Paul Goldschmidt** (.317). **Goldschmidt** also led in OBP (.411) and RC (152). **California's Aaron Judge** led in HR (63), EXBH (88), SLG (.633), OPS (1.019), RBI (155) and Walks (98), while finishing 2nd in RC (151). **Albany's Freddie Freeman** led in Hits (210) and 2B (57). The SB Champ is **Toxic Waste's Andrew Velazquez** (43 SB/18 CS).

In one of the closest battles for the ERA Title, it went to **Kentucky's Yu Darvish** at a **1.82 ERA!** Next in ERA were **Santa Ana's Max Fried** (1.84) and **Murderous's Shane McClanahan** (1.88). The victories lead was shared between **Kentucky's Jose Quintana** (23-2) and **German Marquez** (23-4), with a 3rd 20-game winner in **Darvish** (20-6)! The Strikeout crown went to **Berkshire County's Gerrit Cole** with **315 K**. The **"Fireman of the Year"** is **Madison's Felix Bautista** (37/40 SVO in 52 GR, 3.11 ERA).

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



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



(CX) Manny Machado

.369, 24-65, 3-0-7, 48 TB
13 R, 22 RBI, 5 W, 4 SB
OPS 1.146, 21 RC
1 GW-RBI

Honorable Mention:

Mike Trout (AV) .347, 10 HR, 24 R, 20 RBI, 21 RC
Francisco Lindor (KY) .317, 7 HR, 19 R, 18 RBI, 17 RC
Corey Seager (LW) .274, 8 HR, 14 R, 13 RBI, 17 RC
Carlos Correa (VC) .390, 4 HR, 10 R, 12 RBI, 17 RC
Matt Carpenter (CX) .310, 6 HR, 13 R, 17 RBI, 16 RC
Matt Olson (AV) .316, 9 HR, 12 R, 20 RBI, 16 RC



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



(VC) Sandy Alcantara

3-1, 1.59, 4 GS, 4 QS, 3 CG
34.0 IP, 22 H, 4 W, 32 K
.179 OAVG, 0.76 WHIP
1 shutout

Honorable Mention:

Max Fried (SA) 3-1, 1.29, 4 QS, 24 K, 0.96 WHIP
Adrian Sampson (TR) 4-0, 1.61, 4 QS, 20 K, 0.82 WHIP
Hunter Greene (DT) 1-1, 1.44, 4 QS, 35 K, 0.96 WHIP
Jakob Junis (TR) 1-0, 0.98, 3 QS, 24 K, 0.87 WHIP
Shohei Ohtani (SA) 4-1, 1.69, 3 QS, 44 K, 1.09 WHIP
Corbin Burnes (VC) 3-0, 2.05, 3 QS, 30 K, 1.10 WHIP
Merrill Kelly (SA) 2-1, 2.10, 3 QS, 30 K, 0.90 WHIP
Max Scherzer (MN) 1-2, 2.32, 3 QS, 39 K, 0.74 WHIP
Cristian Javier (HG) 2-1, 0.87, 2 QS, 35 K, 0.58 WHIP
Luis Severino (MN) 2-2, 1.37, 2 QS, 25 K, 0.99 WHIP

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



Beverly's Jesus Luzardo tossed the season's 4th **no-hitter** against visiting **New York**. It was one of the most dominant no-hitters in TML History, as **Luzardo** fanned **18** batters! He did issue 2 walks, but no runner even reached 2nd base.

9/24/2022, NP22-BV22, Comerica Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
Beverly	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	x	-	5	10

Hillbillies	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
J.Luzardo (W 8-6)	9	0	0	0	2	18	140/89	3.57

Honorable Mentions:

- 9/18: S.Ohtani (SA) CG 5-hit Sho, 0 W, 15 K, **Won** 3-0
- 9/23: C.Javier (HG) CG 1-hit Sho, 0 W, 14 K, **Won** 2-0
- 9/25: R.Garcia (VC) CG 1-hit Sho, 0 W, 15 K, **Won** 3-0

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



Mudville's duo of **Riley Greene** and **Vladimir Guerrero** put a big hurt on 1st place **Albany**! The blowout road victory was sparked by both **Greene**, who was 4-for-6, with 5 RBI (and reached base a 5th time on an **E4**) and **Guerrero** who was 5-for-6.

Despite a 9-2 lead heading into the bottom of the 5th, **Mudville** starting pitcher **Jake Odorizzi** did not make it out of the 5th and took an ND.

9/16/2022, M922-AV22, Fenway Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mudville	0	0	8	0	1	6	0	1	2	-	18	21
Albany	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	-	6	11

Nine	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
R.Greene cf	6	4	4	1	5	0	.297
1:K; 2:2-RBI 1B ; 4: E4 ; 6:3-RBI HR ; 7: 1B ; 9: 1B							

Nine	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
V.Guerrero 1b	6	3	5	0	1	0	.284
2:63; 3:RBI 1B ; 5: 1B ; 6: 2B ; 7: 2B ; 9: 1B							

Honorable Mentions:

9/13: T.Casas (HG) 4-5, 3R, 5RBI: 2 2RHR, HR, 1B

9/29: M.Olson (AV) 3-5, 3R, 7RBI: 3RHR, 2 2RHR

9/29: A.Pujols (MG) 5-5, 3R, 2RBI: 2 HR, 3 1B

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

The longest games of the month were a pair of 19-inning marathons. The first was between **Duluth** and host **Glenmont**. After **Glenmont** rallied for 2 runs in the bottom of the 9th on a 2-run HR by **Kyle Lewis** to tie the game at 3-3, neither team scored again until the 19th. In the top half of the 19th, **Duluth** strung together three singles and an FC to plate a pair of runs. In the bottom half, **Glenmont's Luke Voit** hit a 1-out solo HR, but **Duluth** reliever **Michael Rucker** came in and fanned the final 2 batters to earn the Save! The second marathon proved to be an extended pitching duel between **Beverly** and host **Murderous**. **Beverly** finally ended it by taking a 2-1 lead in the top of the 19th on a 2-out single by **Austin Riley** and then setting the **Crows** down in order in the bottom half. **Murderous** blew quite a few opportunities, as they left 20 men on base!

9/1/2022, RM22-LW22, Target Field

	123	456	789	012	345	678	9	R	H	E	LOB	
Duluth	000	010	020	000	000	000	2	-	5	13	0	16
Glenmont	000	010	002	000	000	000	1	-	4	9	2	10

9/14/2022, BV22-MX22, Oriole Park at Camden Yards

	123	456	789	012	345	678	9	R	H	E	LOB	
Beverly	010	000	000	000	000	000	1	-	2	7	0	9
Murderous	000	001	000	000	000	000	0	-	1	14	1	20

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