

(BPI-Waikiki Beach, Hawaii)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - May 2024

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**Avalanche Buries Competition!**

The **Albany Avalanche** put up a league best **23-7** record this month and now own an early 9-game lead over **Mudville** (17-13 in May) in the **Steinmetz Division**. **Albany** is doing it with the league's top offense at .291, 358 Runs and 111 HRs. Elsewhere in the **Oceanic Conference, Kentucky** (17-13) now has a 5-game lead over **Danny Way** (15-15) in the **Ruth**. In the **Williams**, we find a **3-way tie** between **Walla Walla** (17-13), **Rocky Mountain** (16-14) and **Marco Island** (13-17).

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Beverly Hillbillies** put up a **Conference** best **21-9** record and now have a 6-game lead in the **Gatto Division** over **New York** (16-14 in May) and a 7-game lead over **Santa Ana** (15-15). **California** (18-12) has a shrinking 4-game lead over **Toxic Waste** (19-11) in the **Pertierra**. **Madison** (17-13) has built a commanding 8-game lead in the **Robinson** over **Vanderlyle** (13-17) and **Duluth** (11-19). **Glenmont** (8-22) fell off a cliff!

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The new batting leader is **Albany's** repeat **"Player of the Month"** **Matt Olson** now at **.374**. Not too far behind is **Walla Walla's Ke'Bryan Hayes** at **.363**. **Olson** also leads in OBP (.484), SLG (.829), Hits (79), Runs (51), RBI (52), 2B (21), HR (23), EXBH (47) and RC (89)!! The SB leader is **Toxic Waste's Ronald Acuna** (36 SB, 7 CS).

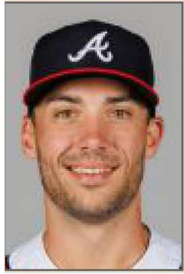
**Danny Way's "Pitcher of the Month"** **Miles Mikolas** is tied in ERA with **California's Wade Miley** at **2.08**. **Homestead's Aaron Nola** is still the victories leader at **9-2**. **Toxic Waste's Spencer Strider** still leads in Strikeouts with 106 K. The Saves leader is still **Kentucky's David Bednar** (16/17 SVO in 23 GR, 1.23 ERA).

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

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



**(AV) Matt Olson**

.371, 39-105, 13-2-11, 89 TB  
31 R, 23 RBI, 29 W, 4 IW  
OPS 1.352, 48 RC  
1 GW-RBI

**Honorable Mention:**

Ronald Acuna (TX)	.358, 9 HR, 31 R, 18 RBI, 35 RC
Nolan Jones (BC)	.378, 6 HR, 21 R, 25 RBI, 31 RC
Corey Seager (LW)	.392, 7 HR, 19 R, 15 RBI, 31 RC
Wander Franco (BV)	.333, 8 HR, 25 R, 22 RBI, 30 RC
Kyle Tucker (MX)	.288, 10 HR, 23 R, 22 RBI, 26 RC
Josh Naylor (BV)	.370, 5 HR, 17 R, 23 RBI, 26 RC
Freddie Freeman (AV)	.308, 7 HR, 25 R, 18 RBI, 26 RC

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



**(DW) Miles Mikolas**

5-1, 1.26, 6 GS, 5 QS, 0 CG  
43.0 IP, 28 H, 6 W, 24 K  
.184 OAVG, 0.79 WHIP

**Honorable Mention:**

Logan Gilbert (MN)	2-2, 1.34, 5 QS, 41 K, 1.12 WHIP
Gerrit Cole (BC)	2-1, 1.84, 5 QS, 44 K, 1.02 WHIP
Zack Wheeler (CX)	4-1, 2.03, 5 QS, 41 K, 0.83 WHIP
Wade Miley (CX)	4-1, 2.85, 5 QS, 23 K, 1.12 WHIP
Reese Olson (WW)	4-1, 2.50, 5 QS, 34 K, 1.08 WHIP
J.P. France (TX)	5-1, 2.56, 5 QS, 34 K, 1.11 WHIP
Ranger Suarez (VS)	4-2, 2.50, 5 QS, 39 K, 1.16 WHIP
Matt Boyd (M9)	2-1, 2.61, 5 QS, 42 K, 1.00 WHIP
Jesus Luzardo (BV)	4-1, 3.12, 5 QS, 43 K, 0.94 WHIP
Bobby Miller (CH)	4-0, 1.99, 4 QS, 37 K, 0.89 WHIP
Lucas Giolito (SA)	2-1, 1.82, 4 QS, 42 K, 1.10 WHIP

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



Vegas's **Dylan Cease** tossed a crafty 1-hit shutout against visiting **Arkansas**! The only hit **Cease** allowed was a 1-out single in the 4<sup>th</sup> by **Daulton Varsho**. **Cease's** only walk preceded **Varsho's** hit. After getting out of that jam, **Cease** completed his best GS of the season by retiring the final 17 batters to preserve his hard fought 1-0 victory!

**5/6/2023, AR23-VS23, T-Mobile Park**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0
Vegas	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	1	7	0

Space Cowboys	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
<b>D.Cease</b> (W 4-3)	9	1	0	0	1	9	106/67	5.80

**Honorable Mention:**

5/16: B.Miller(CH) CG, 1-hit shutout, 2 W, 5 K, **Won**

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



Mudville's **Vladimir Guerrero** was the spark that led his team to a victory over visiting **Marco Island**. Waking up from his early season slump, **Guerrero** socked a 3-run HR in the 6<sup>th</sup> to give his team the lead and added some "insurance" in the 7<sup>th</sup> with another 3-run blast! His RBI single in the 3<sup>rd</sup> gave him 7 RBI on the day.

**5/2/2023, MG23-M923, Progressive Field**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Marco Island	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	-	6	11	1
Mudville	0	0	3	0	0	4	3	0	x	-	10	16	0

Nine	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
<b>V.Guerrero</b> 1b	5	2	3	2	7	0	.174

1:31; 3:RBI **1B**; 4:43; 6:3-RBI **HR**; 7:3-RBI **HR**

**Honorable Mentions:**

5/ 5: D.Swanson(BV) 2-3, **GS-HR**, 2**RHR**, 2 **BB**, 6 RBI  
 5/13: J.Naylor(BV) 6-8, **HR**, 5 **1B**, **IW**, 1 RBI  
 5/27: K.Carpenter(MN) 3-4, 2**RHR**, 2**R2B**, 2**R1B**, 1**RHBP**, 7 RBI

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

The longest game of the month was a 21-inning marathon between **Duluth** and host **New York**. The game remained tied at 3-3 into the 21<sup>st</sup> inning! **New York** finally put the game away when **Brett Sullivan** lined a 2-out, game-winning double to left center, scoring **Fernando Tatis** who had singled and stolen 2<sup>nd</sup> base! There were 51 K's in the game, 28 by the **Duluth** pitchers!

**5/2/2023, DT23-NP23, PNC Park**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	R	H	E	LOB
<b>Duluth</b>	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	0	12
<b>New York</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	2	15

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