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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - October 2024

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Toxic Waste & 'Skayuna Make Big Moves!

Acuna opens "50/110 Club"

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Toxic Waste River Rats** (12-4 in October) caught division rival **Chesapeake** (6-10) to gain home field in the **Wild Card Round**. **California** (11-5) nailed down the **Pertierra Division Pennant**. The other division winners are **Beverly** (11-5) in the **Gatto** and **Madison** (12-4) in the **Robinson**.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **'Skayuna Squires** (13-3 in October) secured the final **Wild Card** spot and will face **Danny Way** (10-6) in the **Wild Card Round**. The division winners were **Kentucky** (10-6) in the **Ruth**, **Albany** (9-7) in the **Steinmetz** and **Rocky Mountain** (9-7) in the **Williams**.

The Batting Champion is **Lake Wobegon's "Player of the Month" Corey Seager** (.418 in October) who caught and passed **Luis Arraez** (.276 in October) at .340 to .338. **Toxic Waste's Ronald Acuna** led the TML in HR (50) and SB (110) and is the first member of the **"50/110 Club!"** **Acuna** is the first to steal 100+ bases since **Vince Coleman** stole 106 in 1990! The RBI leader is **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** who edged out **Albany's Matt Olson**, 116 to 115. **Olson** is the leader in EXBH (84) and RC (154).

The ERA Champion is **California's Zack Wheeler** (2.18), followed by his teammates **Mike Clevinger** (2.25), **Sonny Gray** (2.51) and **Justin Verlander** (2.53). **Gray** is the Victories leader at 21-4. **Wheeler** (20-5) and **Kentucky's Logan Webb** (20-4) were the only other 20-game winners. **Toxic Waste's Spencer Strider** is the Strikeout leader with 276 K. The **"Fireman of the Year"** is **Kentucky's David Bednar** (41/45 SVO in 66 GR, 1.73 ERA).

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

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



(LW) Corey Seager

.418, 28-67, 5-0-6, 51 TB
17 R, 13 RBI, 12 W, 1 HBP
OPS 1.273, 27 RC

Honorable Mention:

Juan Soto (GL)	.339, 7 HR, 14 R, 12 RBI, 19 RC
Francisco Lindor (KY)	.309, 5 HR, 10 R, 17 RBI, 18 RC
Corbin Carroll (WW)	.329, 6 HR, 14 R, 26 RBI, 18 RC
Steven Kwan (CH)	.387, 1 HR, 16 R, 11 RBI, 18 RC
Freddie Freeman (AV)	.365, 2 HR, 14 R, 8 RBI, 17 RC
Ronald Acuna (TX)	.371, 4 HR, 11 R, 11 RBI, 17 RC



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



(MN) Zac Gallen

2-1, 1.76, 4 GS, 4 QS, 1 CG
30.2 IP, 26 H, 3 W, 38 K
.232 OAVG, 0.95 WHIP
1 shutout

Honorable Mention:

Sonny Gray (CX)	3-1, 2.54, 4 QS, 22 K, 1.09 WHIP
Zack Wheeler (CX)	3-0, 1.66, 3 QS, 23 K, 0.74 WHIP
Tanner Houck (SS)	3-1, 1.42, 3 QS, 30 K, 0.83 WHIP
Kyle Bradish (NP)	2-0, 0.40, 3 QS, 19 K, 1.06 WHIP
Dean Kremer (M9)	2-1, 1.88, 3 QS, 26 K, 1.29 WHIP
Jose Berrios (MG)	2-0, 2.49, 3 QS, 27 K, 0.91 WHIP
Cole Ragans (NP)	2-0, 1.10, 2 QS, 16 K, 0.73 WHIP
Matt Manning (TX)	2-0, 1.50, 2 QS, 13 K, 0.56 WHIP
Luis Castillo (CH)	2-1, 2.13, 2 QS, 31 K, 1.14 WHIP
Jacob deGrom (KY)	2-0, 0.71, 1 QS, 20 K, 0.95 WHIP
Emmet Sheehan (MN)	2-0, 2.42, 1 QS, 28 K, 0.94 WHIP

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



On the final day of the regular season, **Beverly** nearly no-hit host **Santa Ana!** **Beverly** starter **Reid Detmers** tossed 7 no-hit innings, walking 4 and fanning 11. **Andres Munoz**

followed with a hitless 8th. **Hillbilly** closer **Emmanuel Clase** fanned the first two in the 9th, only to see **Seiya Suzuki** line a single to shallow left to break up the no-hit bid. **Clase** then fanned **Pete Alonso** to nail down the **1-hit gem**.

9/29/2023, BV23-SA23, Wrigley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Beverly	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7	0
Santa Ana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	0

Hillbillies	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
R. Detmers (W 12-3)	9	0	0	0	4	11	115/73	3.25
A. Munoz	1	0	0	0	0	0	10/6	2.12
E. Clase (S 34)	1	1	0	0	0	3	18/12	1.79

Honorable Mention:

9/25: F.Peralta(SS) 8 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 W, **16 K**, **Won** 2-1

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



Chesapeake's Trea Turner led sparked a home blowout win over division rival **Toxic Waste!** **Turner "Hit for the Cycle"** going 4/5 with 5 RBI. His first AB was a solo HR, but the big blow was a bases loaded 3B in the 2nd! **Turner** legged out a 2B in the 6th and capped his day with an RBI-single in the 8th!

9/12/2023, TX23-CH23, Nationals Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Toxic Waste	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	7	1
Chesapeake	6	4	0	1	0	2	0	4	x	-	17	16	0

Steaming Crabs	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG	
T. Turner	ss	5	2	4	1	5	0	.246
1:HR; 2:3-RBI	3B ;	4:K;	6:2B;	8:RBI	1B			

Honorable Mentions:

9/12: J.Soto (GL) 4-5, 3RHR, 2 1RHR, 1B, 5 RBI
9/20: M.Harris (RM) 4-6, 3R2B, 3 1R1B, 6 RBI
9/29: C.Carroll (WW) 3-4, 3RHR, 2 2RHR, 7 RBI

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

The longest game of the month was a 15-inning game between division rivals Toxic Waste and host Chesapeake! The Toxins took the lead in the 15th on clutch RBI-hits by Jordan Westburg and Jazz Chisholm! J.P. France in a rare relief appearance, in his 3 IP in relief, got out of trouble when he got Cedric Mullens to bounce into a game-ending 463/GDP. Chesapeake had tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the 9th when Andrew McCutchen greeted Toxin closer Ryan Borucki with a lead-off HR.

9/20/2023, TX23-CH23, Nationals Park

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Chesapeake	001	200	001	000	000	-	4	12	1	8

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