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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - April 2025

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Lucky "21" in Vegas!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Vegas Space Cowboys** hit **"Blackjack"** with a **21-5** record for the best start in the TML! They already have a 7-game lead in the **Steinmetz Division**. **Vegas** did it with superior pitching, posting a 2.47 ERA, 5 shutouts and 15 Saves! In the **Williams**, **Rocky Mountain** opened up 18-8 and they too have a 7-game lead over the pack! In the **Ruth**, **Arkansas** and **Kentucky** are tied at 19-7 and are already 9 games in front!

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the races are much closer. The largest lead is just 2 games in the **Pertierra Division**, where **Chesapeake** (16-10) leads **California** (14-12). In the **Gatto**, **New York** (14-12) leads **Santa Ana** by 1, **Murderous** by 2 and **Beverly** by 3 games! In the **Robinson**, **Glenmont** and **Vanderlyle** are tied at 16-10, with **Duluth** only 1 game off the pace!

The early batting leader is **New York's "Player of the Month" Bobby Witt Jr.** with a .372 average, 4 points ahead of **Glenmont's Wyatt Langford!** **Witt** also leads in Hits (42), Runs (32) and EXBH (22). The HR leader is **Beverly's Josh Naylor** with 14. **Naylor** also leads in SLG (.849) and is tied in RBI (30) with **Witt**. The early SB leader is **Walla Walla's Elly de la Cruz** (13SB, 1 CS).

The early ERA leader is **Toxic Waste's Graham Ashcraft** at **1.11**, a little ahead of **Vegas's "Pitcher of the Month" Tanner Bibee** at 1.29. Five other pitchers have an ERA under 2. The victories leaders are **Vegas's Seth Lugo** and **Vanderlyle's Colin Rea**, both 5-0. The early Strikeout leader is **Madison's Logan Gilbert**, with 50 K. The early Saves leader is **Vegas's Joe Jimenez** (10/10 SVO in 13 GR, 1.10 ERA).

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

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



(NP) Bobby Witt Jr.

.372, 42-113, 6-5-11, 81 TB
32 R, 30 RBI, 7 W, 4 SB
OPS 1.222, 38 RC
3 GW-RBI

Honorable Mentions:

Josh Naylor (BV) .344, 14 HR, 23 R, 30 RBI, 31 RC
Francisco Lindor (KY) .347, 9 HR, 19 R, 26 RBI, 31 RC
Brent Rooker (CH) .356, 8 HR, 24 R, 20 RBI, 29 RC
William Contreras (CH) .345, 8 HR, 21 R, 26 RBI, 27 RC
Wyatt Langford (GL) .368, 4 HR, 21 R, 16 RBI, 26 RC



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



(VS) Tanner Bibee

4-0, 1.29, 6 GS, 6 QS, 0 CG
42.0 IP, 20 H, 8 W, 37 K
.138 OAVG, 0.67 WHIP

Honorable Mentions:

Graham Ashcraft (TX) 3-1, 1.11, 6 QS, 26 K, 1.11 WHIP
Seth Lugo (VS) 5-0, 1.45, 5 QS, 27 K, 1.02 WHIP
Framber Valdez (GL) 4-1, 1.75, 5 QS, 33 K, 0.92 WHIP
Hunter Greene (DT) 2-1, 1.89, 5 QS, 44 K, 1.00 WHIP
Colin Rea (VC) 5-0, 3.21, 5 QS, 35 K, 1.05 WHIP
Erick Fedde (KY) 4-0, 1.37, 4 QS, 30 K, 1.06 WHIP
Nick Martinez (DT) 2-0, 1.69, 4 QS, 18 K, 0.90 WHIP
Michael King (SS) 3-1, 2.18, 4 QS, 42 K, 1.15 WHIP
David Peterson (AR) 4-0, 2.20, 4 QS, 14 K, 1.15 WHIP
George Kirby (LW) 3-1, 2.22, 4 QS, 23 K, 0.85 WHIP
Albert Suarez (CH) 4-0, 2.33, 4 QS, 22 K, 0.93 WHIP
Sean Manaea (RM) 4-1, 2.35, 4 QS, 37 K, 1.38 WHIP
Dylan Cease (VS) 4-1, 2.75, 4 QS, 40 K, 0.97 WHIP
Jack Flaherty (RM) 2-2, 2.84, 4 QS, 37 K, 1.01 WHIP
Logan Webb (KY) 4-1, 2.88, 4 QS, 24 K, 1.25 WHIP
Sonny Gray (CX) 3-1, 2.94, 4 QS, 31 K, 0.80 WHIP

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



Santa Ana suffered a heartbreaking loss on the road at **Beverly!** **Santa Ana's Frankie Montas** carried a no-hitter in the bottom of the 8th with the score at 0-0. Firstbaseman **Pete Alonso** booted a ground ball by lead-off batter **Michael Massey**. Seemingly unfazed, **Montas** fanned the next two batters. Then, the "roof caved in" on **Montas** as he walked the next three batters before losing his no-hitter on a **Grand Slam** by **Josh Naylor!** All 5 runs were unearned! **Tim Mayza** got the final out. **Emmanuel Clase** closed out the bizarre victory for **Beverly**.

4/13/2024, SA24-BV24, Comerica Park

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

Winds	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
F.Montas (L 1-2)	7.2	1	5	0	5	6	111/63	2.37
T.Mayza	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	3/ 2	16.20

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



New York's Nick Yorke was the sparkplug that led his team to a 10-0 blowout of visiting **Berkshire County!** **Yorke** blasted a 2-run HR in the 1st inning and then connected on a **Grand Slam** in the 2nd to give his team an early 8-0 lead! **Yorke** added a solo HR in the 8th to give him 7 RBI on the day!

4/4/2024, BC24-NP24, PNC Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Berkshire Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	8	0
New York	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	x	-	10	12	0

Pigeons	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
Nick Yorke	1f	5	3	4	3	7	.727

1:2-RBI **HR**; 2:**GS-HR**; 4:63; 6:**1B**; 8:**HR**

Honorable Mentions:

4/ 5: B.Witt Jr. (NP) 3-5, **GS-HR**, 2**RHR**, **1B**, **SF**, **HBP**, 7 RBI
 4/14: W.Contreras (CH) 4-5, 3**RHR**, 2**RHR**, 2**R2B**, **1B**, 7 RBI

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

The longest game of the month was a 16-inning marathon between the **Murderous Crows** and host **Berkshire County Corndogs**. In the top of the 16th, with the score knotted at 4-4, the **Crows** strung together three straight singles, a walk, a HBP and another single to plate 4 runs! The **Corndogs** loaded the bases in the home half of the inning but did not score.

4/6/2024, MX24-BC24, Fenway Park

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Murderous	110	000	110	000	000	4	8	21	0	14
Berkshire Co.	200	001	100	000	000	0	4	13	0	10

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