

Arkansas First to "Clinch!"

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Arkansas Travelers** posted a **17-9** record in September to virtually clinch the **Ruth Division** pennant. They lead **Kentucky** (15-11 in September) by 15 games with 16 to go! In the **Steinmetz**, **'Skayuna** (17-9) made a move on leader **Vegas** (14-12) but still trails by 11 games. In the **Williams**, **Marco Island** (13-13) played .500 ball, but maintained their lead over **Rocky Mountain** at 4 games. **Albany** (12-14) still has a shot at a **Wild Card**. The remaining teams in the **Conference** are below .500.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **California Black Sox** posted a league best **19-7** record in September and now have an 8-game lead in the **Pertierra Division** over **Chesapeake** (12-14 in September). In the **Robinson**, **Glenmont** (16-10) has a commanding 12-game lead over **Vanderlyle** (14-12). In the **Gatto**, **Beverly** (15-11) gained a game on leader **Santa Ana** (14-12) and now is only 2 games behind. **New York** (11-15) had a tough month, but are only 4 games off the pace. The **Wild Card** battle will be a hot one in October!

The batting leader is still **Chesapeake's Luis Arraez** at **.343** now well ahead of **Albany's Yordan Alvarez** at **.313**. **Santa Ana's "Player of the Month" Shohei Ohtani** is still the HR and Runs leader with 57 HR and 128 Runs. **Ohtani** is the new leader in SLG (**.662**), RBI (**117**), EXBH (**87**) and RC (**154**)! **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** is still the SB leader (50 SB, 3 CS).

The ERA leader is still **'Skayuna's Tanner Houck** at **1.88**, followed closely by **Arkansas's Ronel Blanco** (**1.92**) and **California's Zack Wheeler** (**1.99**). The victories leaders are **Blanco** (**18-2**) and **Wheeler** (**18-6**). The Strikeout leader is still **Albany's Garrett Crochet** with 227 K, one K ahead of Wheeler. The Saves leaders are **Rocky Mountain's Mason Miller** (**37/38 SVO** in 50 GR, **1.03**) and **Glenmont's Ryan Helsley** (**37/39 SVO** in 54 GR, **1.01** ERA).

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



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



(SA) Shohei Ohtani

.333, 30-90, 6-0-9, 63 TB
23 R, 16 RBI, 19 W, 6 SB
OPS 1.145, 29 RC
4 GW-RBI

Honorable Mentions:

Brendan Donovan (VS)	.367, 3 HR, 18 R, 13 RBI, 26 RC
Ketel Marte (MG)	.280, 12 HR, 21 R, 25 RBI, 25 RC
Jose E. Ramirez (VC)	.330, 8 HR, 24 R, 23 RBI, 25 RC
Seiya Suzuki (SA)	.326, 5 HR, 11 R, 13 RBI, 24 RC



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



(SS) Spencer Schwellenbach

3-0, 1.15, 6 GS, 6 QS, 1 CG
47.0 IP, 27 H, 5 W, 55 K
.164 OAVG, 0.68 WHIP
1 Shutout

Honorable Mentions:

Corbin Burnes (VC)	4-0, 1.77, 6 QS, 39 K, 1.06 WHIP
George Kirby (LW)	3-2, 2.55, 6 QS, 50 K, 1.04 WHIP
Hunter Greene (DT)	1-0, 1.65, 5 QS, 37 K, 0.80 WHIP
Mitchell Parker (SA)	3-1, 1.85, 5 QS, 29 K, 0.88 WHIP
Seth Lugo (VS)	3-1, 2.21, 5 QS, 44 K, 0.93 WHIP
Chris Sale (AV)	3-2, 2.41, 5 QS, 41 K, 1.19 WHIP
Trevor Williams (CX)	3-0, 1.35, 4 QS, 31 K, 0.95 WHIP
Zack Wheeler (CX)	4-1, 1.64, 4 QS, 41 K, 0.82 WHIP
Jack Flaherty (RM)	4-0, 2.10, 4 QS, 37 K, 0.90 WHIP
Ronel Blanco (AR)	4-2, 2.23, 4 QS, 48 K, 0.94 WHIP
Jared Jones (MN)	1-1, 2.15, 4 QS, 27 K, 0.92 WHIP
Sean Manaea (RM)	2-1, 2.61, 4 QS, 42 K, 0.87 WHIP
Joe Musgrove (CH)	3-1, 2.67, 4 QS, 24 K, 0.93 WHIP

** Pitching Performance of the Month **



New York's **Kyle Bradish** nearly completed a **1-hit** shutout against visiting **Santa Ana!** **Bradish** gave up a ground ball single to **Pete Alonso** leading off the 5th. Otherwise, **Bradish** was outstanding, fanning **18** batters, including 9 of the last 11 he faced. After walking **Shohei Ohtani** with 2 out in the 9th, **Bradish** gave way to **Jojo Romero** who fanned pinch-hitter **Connor Wong** to complete the 1-hit shutout!

8/24/2024, SA24-NP24, PNC 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	1	0
New York	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	x	-	2	4	0

Pigeons		IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
K.Bradish (W 1-0)		8.2	1	0	0	1	18	116/79	0.55
J.Romero (S 3)		0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4/ 3	3.06

** Offensive Performance of the Stretch **



Madison's **Jarren Duran** was the spark that led to a road blowout at **New York!** **Duran** socked a 2-run HR in the 1st and a 3-run shot in the 2nd, staking his team to a 7-0 lead after just 2 innings! **Duran** tallied 2 more RBI with a double in the 8th, giving him **7 RBI!**

8/14/2024, MN24-NP24, PNC Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Madison	2	5	1	1	0	3	3	3	0	-	18	19	1
New York	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	-	3	7	1

Danes		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
Ja.Duran	cf	6	4	4	2	7	0	.255
1:2-RBI HR ; 2:3-RBI HR ; 3:3U; 5:P6; 7: 1B ; 8:2-RBI 2B								

Honorable Mention:

9/ 5: M.Betts (KY) 2-4, **GSHR**, **2RHR**, **1RGo**, **7 RBI**

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

The longest games of the month were a pair of 15-inning games. The first saw **New York** get a road win at **Santa Ana** when **Bobby Witt Jr.** doubled in a pair of runs in the top of the 15th. The second one had **Beverly** beat host **Murderous** when **Brandon Nimmo** delivered an RBI double in the top of the 15th.

9/2/2024, NP24-SA24, Wrigley Field

	123	456	789	012	345	R	H	E	LOB
New York	100	020	000	000	002	5	14	1	11
Santa Ana	100	000	020	000	000	3	6	1	11

9/3/2024, BV24-MX24, Oriole Park at Camden Yards

	123	456	789	012	345	R	H	E	LOB
Beverly	000	100	010	000	001	3	11	1	12
Murderous	000	101	000	000	000	2	9	1	11

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Next up ... October highlights!

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