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Biff Barnes TML Highlight Reel - April 2012

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## Wombats Devour Competition!

The **Walla Walla Wombats** put up a 19-7 record for the opening month of the season for the best record in the TML, winning all four series. They have opened up an early 7-game lead in the **Steinmetz Division** over **'Skayuna**. The **Wombat** pitching was strong, as they posted a team ERA of 3.33, led by **Erik Bedard** (3-0, 1.23 ERA) and **Vance Worley** (3-0, 2.79). Their offense was led by **Paul Konerko** (.324, 12 R, 15 RBI) and **Marco Scutaro** (.370, 10 R, 9 RBI). **Andruw Jones** (6 HR) and **A-Rod** (4 HR, 10 BB) also contributed.

Elsewhere in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Ruth Division** finds only 3 games separating all four teams, all of which are .500 or better. **Danny Way** (16-10 for the month) is the early **Ruth** leader. In the **Williams**, **Lake Wobegone** (14-12) leads both **Brandon** and **Rocky Mountain** by 2 games.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Gehrig** is already setting up to be the expected two-team battle between **Traffic** (18-8) and **Chesapeake** (16-10). **Beverly** (18-8) has jumped out to a 5-game lead in the **Gatto** over **Carolina** and **Valparaiso**. In the **Robinson**, revamped **Vanderlyle** (17-9) bawled their way to a 2-game lead over **Madison**, followed by **Duluth** at 4 games back.

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**"Player of the Month"** Duluth's **Miguel Cabrera** has a share of the batting lead (.383) with **Danny Way's Michael Young**. **Cabrera** also leads in OBP (.491) and RC (35). **Marco Island's** young rookie **Mike Stanton** leads in HR with 13, two ahead of **Amsterdam's Jose Bautista**. **Traffic's Shane Victorino** legged out 5 3B. **Chesapeake's Emilio Bonifacio** is the SB leader with 15.

**"Pitcher of the Month"** **Traffic's Jeff Karstens** started 6 games, won them all, and posted a miniscule, league-leading 1.08 ERA and 0.82 WHIP, while holding opposing batters under .200 OAVG.

Also going 6-0 was **Beverly's Roy Halladay** (1.62). **Chesapeake's James Shields** leads in Ks (53), three ahead of **Beverly's Justin Verlander**. The early saves leader is **Madison's Mike Adams** (10 SV, 0.00).

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

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



**(DT) Miguel Cabrera**

.383, 36-94, 8-0-7, 65 TB  
24 R, 21 RBI, 20 W, 35 RC

**Honorable Mention:**

**Alex Gordon (MG)** .379, 7 HR, 20 RBI, 33 RC

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



**(TR) Jeff Karstens**

6-0, 1.08, 6 GS, 6 QS, 2 Sho  
50 IP, 36 H, 5 W, 33 K, .197 OAVG

**Honorable Mention:**

**Roy Halladay (BV)** 6-0, 1.62, 6 GS, 2 Sho

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



**Walla Walla's Vance Worley** tossed a **one-hitter** against **Mudville**! There was never the excitement of a no-hitter, because the second batter for **Mudville**, **Coco Crisp**, had hit a 1-out single in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. **Worley** walked 3 and fanned 8 in completing his pitching gem.

4/13/2012, M911-WW11, Wrigley Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mudville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1 0
Walla Walla	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	x	-	4	6 0

Wombats IP H R ER BB K ERA  
 V.Worley(W 2-0) 9.0 1 0 0 3 8 2.25

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



In the second game of the season, **Albany's Matt Kemp** did his best to bring his team back into the game. After hitting a solo HR in the 4<sup>th</sup>, he drove in another with a 2B in the 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by a **Grand Slam** in the 9<sup>th</sup>. His 6 RBI still left Albany one run short in a 9-8 loss to **Amsterdam**.

2/2/2012, AV11-AY11, Yankee Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Albany	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	-	8	10	0
Amsterdam	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	x	-	9	12	0

Avalanche		AB	R	H	HR	BI	AVG
<b>M.Kemp</b>	cf	5	3	4	2	6	.600

1:2B; 4:HR; 6:K; 8:RBI-2B; 9:GS-HR

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**\*\* The Dogfight Game of the Month \*\***

In a battle of division rivals, the **Glenmont Haymakers** lost leads of 6-2 and 9-6, to go on to lose 11-9. The **Madison Danes** final rally in their half of the 8<sup>th</sup> was sparked by a 2-out, 3-run blast by **Prince Fielder** to tie the game at 9-9. A fielding error opened the door for two unearned runs that dearly cost the **Haymakers**. **Dane Mike Adams** retired the **Haymakers** in order in the 9<sup>th</sup> to earn the save.

4/24/2012, GL11-MN11, PNC Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Glenmont	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	3	0	-	9	8	1
Madison	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	5	x	-	11	16	0

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

The month's longest game was a classic 17-inning affair between division rivals **Beverly Hillbillies** and the **Carolina Crawfish**. The game remained deadlocked at 0-0 until the 17<sup>th</sup>, when the **Hillbillies** loaded the bases and **Mike Morse** socked a **GW Grand Slam!** **Huston Street** ended the game by striking out the side in order in the **Crawfish** 17<sup>th</sup>.

4/19/2012, BV11-CA11, PETCO Park

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Beverly	000	000	000	000	000	04	-	4	12	1	13
Carolina	000	000	000	000	000	00	-	0	13	2	17

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Before closing, it is worth pointing out a text call during G-2 of the **Vanderlyle** at **Toxic Waste** series. **Julio Teheran** attempted to pick **Brian McCann** off first base, and this is what happened:

**and now Mark Trumbo steps in  
a sac fly scoring Boesch last time**

**Teheran goes to first  
McCann is safe  
able to walk back in, easily**

**let me tell you something...  
there are eighth grade boys  
in the dark balconies of movie theatres  
who have better moves than Julio Teheran  
if you get my drift**

Never a dull moment at a Toxin game!

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Up next ... May highlights!

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