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California & Chesapeake Win Big! Glenmont Stays Strong!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **California Black Sox** (a league-tying best **25-7** in the Stretch) regained first place over the **Chesapeake Steaming Crabs** (23-9) in the **Pertierra Division**, but are separated by only 1 game. This race will likely come down to the wire! In the **Robinson**, the **Glenmont Haymakers** (25-7 in the Stretch) now have a 10-game lead over **Vanderlyle** (21-11) and are the front runner for **Conference** best record! In the **Gatto**, **Santa Ana** still leads by only 1 game over **New York** (both 18-14), with **Beverly** (19-13) now only 3 games off the pace! On a side note, **Madison** went **2-2** in each of their eight 4-game series!

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Vegas Space Cowboys** (13-19 in the Stretch) stumbled but still have a solid double-digit lead in the **Steinmetz Division** over **'Skayuna** and **Albany** (both 16-16). **Arkansas** (17-15) gained a few games over Kentucky (14-18) in the **Ruth** and now leads by 13 games. In the **Williams**, **Rocky Mountain** (13-19) continues their free fall and now trails leader **Marco Island** (17-15) by 4 games.

The new batting leader is **Chesapeake's Luis Arraez** at **.333** followed by **Arkansas's Tyler Fitzgerald** at **.322**. **California's Aaron Judge** has dropped to 3rd at **.319**. **Judge** still leads in SLG (**.672**), OBP (**.446**) and RC (**131**)! **Santa Ana's Shohei Ohtani** has taken over the lead in HRs (48) and Runs (105). **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** is still the RBI leader (97). **Lindor** is also still the SB leader (47 SB, 2 CS).

The new ERA leader is **'Skayuna's Tanner Houck** at **1.77**, followed by **Arkansas's Ronel Blanco** (**1.83**) and **Glenmont's Framer Valdez** (**1.88**). The new victories leader is **Santa Ana's Max Fried** (15-4). There are four others with 14 wins and 5 others with 13. The new Strikeout leader is **Albany's Garrett Crochet** with 196 K. The new Saves leader is **Glenmont's Ryan Helsley** (**33/35 SVO in 45 GR, 1.07 ERA**).

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



**** Player of the Stretch ****



(NP) Anthony Santander

.295, 38-129, 5-1-17, 96 TB
26 R, 33 RBI, 15 W, 1 HBP
OPS 1.114, 35 RC
4 GW-RBI

Honorable Mentions:

Jose Ramirez (VC)	.297, 12 HR, 27 R, 30 RBI, 32 RC
Shohei Ohtani (SA)	.285, 13 HR, 32 R, 28 RBI, 32 RC
Bryce Harper (MG)	.308, 12 HR, 26 R, 30 RBI, 31 RC
Brent Rooker (CH)	.301, 11 HR, 18 R, 27 RBI, 29 RC



**** Pitcher of the Stretch ****



(CX) Zack Wheeler

6-0, 1.29, 7 GS, 7 QS, 2 CG
55.2 IP, 30 H, 17 W, 63 K
.160 OAVG, 0.84 WHIP
2 Shutouts

Honorable Mentions:

Jose Berrios (MG)	5-1, 2.76, 8 QS, 41 K, 0.89 WHIP
Brandon Pfaadt (TX)	4-1, 2.63, 8 QS, 44 K, 0.97 WHIP
Max Fried (SA)	6-1, 1.40, 6 QS, 51 K, 0.95 WHIP
Tanner Houck (SS)	5-1, 1.41, 6 QS, 52 K, 0.90 WHIP
Hunter Greene (DT)	6-0, 2.58, 6 QS, 46 K, 1.03 WHIP
Chris Sale (AV)	4-0, 2.17, 6 QS, 53 K, 1.20 WHIP
Pablo Lopez (CH)	4-1, 3.10, 6 QS, 60 K, 0.92 WHIP
MacKenzie Gore (TX)	3-1, 2.51, 5 QS, 47 K, 1.16 WHIP
Sonny Gray (CX)	2-0, 1.20, 4 QS, 27 K, 0.73 WHIP
Lance Lynn (CX)	4-1, 1.56, 4 QS, 23 K, 0.72 WHIP

** Pitching Performance of the Stretch **



Kentucky's **Jose Quintana** nearly no-hit **Toxic Waste** on the road! **Quintana** carried the no-hit bid into the bottom of the 9th. After getting pinch-hitter **Jake McCarthy** on an F9, pinch-hitter **Christian Yelich** grounded a **single** between 3rd and short! After **Yelich** was out at 2nd on a 46/FC by **Ronald Acuna**, **Quintana** walked **Jurickson Profar** to bring the tying run to the plate! **Quintana** having thrown over 100 pitches, **Kentucky** brought in **Jeff Hoffman**, who threw a wild pitch to **Julio Rodriguez** on his 2nd pitch, to move the runners to 2nd & 3rd! **Rodriguez** got caught looking and **Hoffman** earned his 19th Save!

8/9/2024, KY24-TX24, T-Mobile Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	3	9	0
Toxic Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	1

WildCats		IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
J.Quintana (W 12-5)		8.2	1	0	0	2	3	103/68	2.66
J.Hoffman (S 19)		0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4/ 3	3.38

** Offensive Performance of the Stretch **



Arkansas's **Marcell Ozuna** was a run-scoring machine in a blowout road victory at **Toxic Waste**! **Ozuna** tallied **9 RBI**, with a pair of **Grand Slams**, one in the 4th and the other in the 8th. He had picked up the 9th RBI on a bases loaded walk in the 3rd. (Perhaps they should have walked him in the 4th & 8th!)

8/2/2024, AR24-TX24, T-Mobile Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Arkansas	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	5	0	-	13	9	2
Toxic Waste	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	2	7	0

Travelers		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
M.Ozuna	dh	4	2	2	2	9	1	.283
2:F9; 3:RBI BB ; 4:GS-HR; 7:43; 8:GS-HR								

Honorable Mentions:

7/21: B.Buxton (KY) 3-5, 3RHR, 2 2RHR, 7 RBI
 7/24: W.Contreras (CH) 3-4, GSHR, 2RHR, 1R1B, BB, 7 RBI
 8/ 7: R.Gonzalez (CH) 3-4, GSHR, 3RHR, 1B, BB, 7 RBI

**** Overtime Game of the Stretch ****

The longest game of the Summer Stretch was a 16-inning game between the **Duluth Tundercats** and host **Homestead Grays**. The **Grays** put the game to bed in the 16th when **Kevin Newman** drew a 1-out walk, advanced to 3rd on a single by **Alex Verdugo** and scored on a Sac Fly by **Wilmer Flores**! Down 1-0 in the 9th, the **Grays** had tied the game when **Luisangel Acuna** delivered a 2-out clutch single!

7/18/2024, DT24-HG24, PNC Park

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Duluth	000	001	000	000	000	0	1	12	0	17
Homestead	000	000	001	000	000	1	2	13	2	13

Next up ... September highlights!

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