

WildCats on the Prowl!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Kentucky WildCats** posted a TML best **18-8** record in September and now have a 14-game lead in the **Ruth Division** over **Arkansas** (16-10 in the month), with just 16 to go! In the **Steinmetz**, **Vegas** (16-10) gained a game on leader **'Skayuna** (15-11) and trails by only 2 games. **Albany** (13-13) dropped to 4 GB. In the **Williams**, **Marco Island** (13-13) played well enough to open up a 5-game lead over both **Walla Walla** (12-14) and **Rocky Mountain** (12-14). Both **Wild Cards** are "up for grabs!"

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **New York Pigeons** played 17-9 ball in the month and now have a 5-game lead over **Beverly** in the **Gatto Division**. In the **Pertierra**, **Chesapeake** (15-11) moved to 3 games behind leader **Toxic Waste** (13-13). In the **Robinson**, **Madison** (15-11) has pulled into a tie with **Duluth** (12-14). Both **Wild Cards** are "up for grabs!"

The new batting leader is **Beverly's Nico Hoerner** at .334, only 5 points ahead of **Rocky Mountain's Cody Bellinger**. Previous batting leader **Toxic Waste's Aaron Judge** slipped to 3rd at .325, but still leads in OBP (.408), SLG (.642), Runs (124) and RC (137). The new HR leader is **Duluth's Junior Caminero** with 50 dingers. **Caminero** is tied in RBI with **Vegas's Rafael Devers**, both with 125. The SB leader is still **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** (54 SB, 10 CS).

The new ERA leader is **'Skayuna's "Pitcher of the Month" Nick Pivetta** at 2.01, but he is barely ahead of **Chesapeake's Ryne Nelson** at 2.04. The victories leader is still **Kentucky's Logan Webb** (18-4). **Pivetta** is next at 16-4. The Strikeout leader is still **Beverly's Jesus Luzardo**, with 238 K. The Saves leaders are **Arkansas's Brad Keller** (39/42, 59 GR, 1.32) and **Kentucky's David Bednar** (39/46 SVO, 56 GR, 2.40).

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



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



(SA) Shohei Ohtani

.323, 31-96, 4-2-12, 75 TB
24 R, 21 RBI, 21 W, 2 SB
OPS 1.231, 37 RC
15.1 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Bo Bichette(MX) .387, 6 HR, 23 R, 22 RBI, 30 RC
Byron Buxton(KY) .316, 11 HR, 20 R, 22 RBI, 26 RC
Jonathan Aranda(NP) .402, 4 HR, 13 R, 17 RBI, 25 RC



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



(SS) Nick Pivetta

4-1, 0.73, 6 GS, 5 QS, 0 CG
37.0 IP, 16 H, 12 W, 46 K
.125 OAVG, 0.76 WHIP

Honorable Mentions:

Ryan Pepiot(VC) 5-0, 1.91, 4 QS, 52 K, 0.83 WHIP
Jacob deGrom(KY) 5-0, 1.16, 3 QS, 47 K, 0.87 WHIP
Carlos Rodon(BV) 4-1, 1.80, 5 QS, 42 K, 1.13 WHIP

**** Pitching Performance #1 of the Month ****



Toxic Waste's **Edward Cabrera** tossed a gem on the road at Vanderlyle. **Cabrera** served up a lead-off single in the 3rd to **Jose Ramirez** and then retired the final 21 consecutive batters! **Cabrera** had walked **Bo Naylor** in the 1st and **Nathan Church** was HBP in the 2nd. Otherwise, **Cabrera** was outstanding in completing his **1-hit shutout**! He fanned 9 in his best start of the season!

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**** Pitching Performance #2 of the Month ****



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Vanderlyle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—	2	5	0
Duluth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0

Offensive Performance of the Month



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Chesapeake	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	–	20	21	0
Toxic Waste	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	–	7	8	1

Steaming Crabs	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
R.Gonzalez 3b	6	4	5	3	8	0	.307
1:3-RBI HR; 3:P4; 5:HR; 7:HR; 9:2-RBI 2B & RBI 3B							

Honorable Mentions:

8/22: Kyle Stowers (SS) 5-5, GSHR, 1R2B, 1R1B, 2 1B, 6 RBI

8/28: Colton Cowser (HG) 4-5, GSHR, 2 2RHR, 2B, 8 RBI

9/ 9: Brandon Lowe (AV) 4-6, 2 GSHR, 2 1B, 8 RBI

** Overtime Game of the Month **

The longest game of the month was a 13-inning game between **Toxic Waste** and host **Chesapeake**. **Carlos Correa** greeted reliever **Jalen Beeks** by socking a game-tying **Grand Slam** with 2 outs in the top of the 9th! The game remained deadlocked at 6-6 into the 13th, as each team squandered many opportunities to score the AR from 2nd. After **Toxic Waste** finally plated a run in the top of the 13th, **Trea Turner**, in typical fashion, hit the first pitch from **Kade Strowd** for a walk-off 2-run HR to give **Chesapeake** a 4-4 split in their road series!

9/1/2025, TX25-CH25, Nationals Park

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Toxic Waste	000	101	004	000	1	-	7	12	0	10
Chesapeake	010	040	010	000	2	-	8	10	0	8

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