

Thundercats Making Noise!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Duluth Thundercats** posted a **Summer Stretch** tying best **22-10** record to surge past previous **Robinson Division** leader **Madison** (15-17 in the Stretch)! **Duluth** now has a 3-game lead! In the **Pertierra**, **Toxic Waste** also went **22-10** and now has increased their lead to 5 games over **Chesapeake** (20-12). In the **Gatto**, **New York** (17-15) lost some ground to **Beverly** (19-13) and **Santa Ana** (20-12), but still has a 2-game lead over **Beverly** and 7 over **Santa Ana**. Any team not mentioned in the **Conference** is pretty much out of contention for a **Wild Card**.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Kentucky WildCats** posted a **20-12** record in the Summer Stretch and have lengthened their lead to 12 games in the **Ruth Division** over **Arkansas** (18-14 in the Stretch). In the **Steinmetz**, **'Skayuna** (18-14) regained the lead, now 2 games over **Albany** (18-14) and 3 games over **Vegas** (15-17). In the **Williams**, leader **Marco Island** (11-21) stumbled badly, allowing **Rocky Mountain** (14-18) and **Walla Walla** (12-20) to pull to within 4 games of the lead. Last place **Lake Wobegon** (17-15) had the best Stretch in the **Division** and trails by only 6 games!

The batting leader is still **Toxic Waste's Aaron Judge** with **.342** AVG, followed by **Madison's Xavier Edwards** at **.330**. **Judge** leads in OBP (**.429**), SLG (**.674**), Runs (107) and RC (121). However, a **1/17** slump at **'Skayuna** cost **Judge** any chance at the **Triple Crown**! The HR leader is still **Murderous's Eugenio Suarez** with 45 HR, one HR ahead of **Duluth's Junior Caminero**, who is one RBI ahead of **Suarez**, 104 to 103. The SB leader is still **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** (46 SB, 8 CS).

The ERA leader is still **Chesapeake's Ryne Nelson** at **2.11**, ahead of **'Skayuna's Nick Pivetta** at **2.32**. The victories leader is still **Kentucky's Logan Webb** (15-3). **Marco Island's Michael Wacha** is next at **13-5**. The Strikeout leader is **Beverly's Jesus Luzardo**, with 208 K. The Saves leaders is **Kentucky's David Bednar** (**32/38** SVO, 46 GR, 2.44).



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



(MG) Bryce Harper

.405, 49-121, 17-0-10, 96 TB
28 R, 24 RBI, 17 W, 2 HBP
OPS 1.279, 48 RC
17.6 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Rafael Devers(VS) .289, 14 HR, 21 R, 32 RBI, 33 RC
Shohei Ohtani(SA) .274, 11 HR, 27 R, 22 RBI, 30 RC
Pete Alonso(SA) .296, 15 HR, 23 R, 33 RBI, 30 RC



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



(NP) Trevor Rogers

5-0, 1.05, 7 GS, 6 QS, 0 CG
51.2 IP, 35 H, 9 W, 48 K
.194 OAVG, 0.85 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Nick Pivetta(SS) 5-1, 0.85, 4 QS, 47 K, 0.89 WHIP

**** Pitching Performance of the Stretch ****



'Skayuna's runner-up for "**Pitcher of the Stretch**" **Nick Pivetta** tossed a CG, 2-hit shutout on the road at **Murderous!** **Pivetta** gave up a 1-out single in the 4th to **Bo Bichette**, who was doubled off on an L5/LDP. The only other hit he allowed was a 1-out double in the 7th also by **Bichette**, who was left stranded. **Pivetta** walked only 2 and fanned 7.

8/1/2025, SS25-MX25, Oriole Park at Camden Yards

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
`Skayuna	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	14	0
Murderous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2

Squires	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
N.Pivetta (W 11-2)	9	2	0	0	2	7	106/68	2.50

Honorable Mentions:

8/ 1: Colin Rea (VC) CG, 2-hit shutout, 1W, 7K, Won 5-0
8/ 8: Nathan Eovaldi (HG) CG, 2-hit shutout, 2W, 4K, Won 15-0

Offensive Performance of the Stretch



Walla Walla's **Trent Grisham** powered his team to a dog fight road victory at **Berkshire County**! **Grisham**, who had belted a 3-run HR in the 3rd and a lead-off HR in the 5th, came through with a **Grand Slam** in the top of the 9th, taking his team from a 1-run lead to an 18-13 lead. **Berkshire County** fought back for 2 runs in the bottom of the 9th, but **Walla Walla** closer **Kyle Finnegan** fanned 2 of the final 3 batters!

8/8/2025, WW25-BC25, Citizen's Bank Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Walla Walla	0	0	5	1	3	4	1	0	4	-	18	14	1
Berkshire Co.	2	4	1	0	0	0	2	4	2	-	15	20	0

Wombats	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
T.Grisham dh	6	3	3	3	8	0	.238
1:43; 3:3-RBI HR ; 5: HR ; 6:P3; 7: K ; 9: GS-HR							

Honorable Mentions:

7/ 8: Kyle Teel (VS) 3-5, 2**RHR**, 2**R3B**, 2**R2B**, 7 RBI
"Hit for the Cycle"
7/17: Ben Rice (DT) 4-5, 3**RHR**, 1**R3B**, 1**R2B**, 1**B**, 6 RBI
7/24: Wilyer Abreu (DT) 4-4, **GS****HR**, 2**R2B**, 2 **1B**, 6 RBI

** Overtime Game of the Month **

The longest game of the month was a 14-inning game between **Murderous** and host **Kentucky**. It was the wildest extra inning game of the season! **Eugenio Suarez** hit a 2-run HR off **Kentucky** closer **David Bednar** in the top of the 9th to tie the game at 3-3. Both teams scored a run in the 10th and held each other

scoreless into the 13th when **Suarez** connected for his 2nd 2-run HR of the game to cap a 3-run rally! **Kentucky** scratched up 3 of their own to re-tie the game at 7-7. However, **Murderous** struck for 4 more runs in the 14th on 5 singles! **Kentucky** did score the AR in the bottom of the 14th, but ran out of gas! As a reward for his clutch hitting, the TML HR leader **Suarez** was traded to 1st place **Toxic Waste**!

7/28/2025, MX25-KY25, The Wildcats Lair

	123	456	789	012	34		R	H	E	LOB
Murderous	000	000	012	100	34	-	11	14	1	12
Kentucky	100	020	000	100	31	-	8	11	1	12

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