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Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - June 2026

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WildCats on the Prowl!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the **Kentucky WildCats** posted a league best **24-6** record in June, opening up a 10-game lead in the **Ruth Division** over **Arkansas** (18-12 in June). In the **Steinmetz**, **'Skayuna** (13-17) stumbled and allowed **Vegas** (16-14) to tie them for the lead, with **Albany** (16-14) just 2 games behind! In the **Williams**, **Marco Island** (15-15) still has a solid 5-game lead over **Walla Walla** (16-14). **Rocky Mountain** (17-13; 14-1 at home) surged from last to 3rd, 7 games behind the leaders.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Toxic Waste River Rats** posted a Conference best **21-9** record to take over the lead in the **Pertierra Division**, 3 games ahead of **Chesapeake** (17-13 in June). In the **Gatto**, **Beverly** (20-10) pulled to only 4 games behind **New York** (15-15). **Santa Ana** (14-16) dropped to 10 back. In the **Robinson**, **Madison** (17-13) has opened up a 4-game lead over **Duluth** and 7 over **Vanderlyle**, both 15-15.

The batting leader is still **Toxic Waste's "Player of the Month" Aaron Judge** with **.353** AVG, followed by **Rocky Mountain's Cody Bellinger** at **.344**. **Judge** still leads in OBP (**.438**), SLG (**.718**) and RC (**96**), while taking over the RBI lead with **83**. **Judge** is within **Triple Crown** range as he is (oddly enough) **6** HRs behind **Eugenio Suarez** of **Murderous**, who has **36** HR. The SB leader is still **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** (**34** SB, **6** CS). **Walla Walla's James Wood** saw an end to his **29** game hitting streak on June 21.

The ERA leader is still **Chesapeake's Ryne Nelson** at **1.85**, well ahead of **Marco Island's "Pitcher of the Month" Michael Wacha** at **2.40**. The victories leader is still **Kentucky's Logan Webb** (**12-3**). **Wacha** is **11-2**. The Strikeout leaders are **Glenmont's Tarik Skubal** and **Beverly's Jesus Luzardo**, both with **148** K. The Saves leaders are **Arkansas's Brad Keller** (**24/25** SVO, **36** GR, **0.98**) and **Kentucky's David Bednar** (**24/27** SVO, **32** GR, **2.38**).

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



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



(TX) Aaron Judge

.344, 42-122, 8-0-15, 95 TB
35 R, 34 RBI, 14 W, 3 HBP
OPS 1.200, 36 RC
11.0 RC/27

Honorable Mention:

Pete Alonso (SA) .336, 11 HR, 17 R, 22 RBI, 32 RC
Brice Turang (MX) .364, 5 HR, 24 R, 16 RBI, 32 RC
Cal Raleigh (LW) .287, 11 HR, 20 R, 26 RBI, 31 RC
Francisco Lindor (KY) .297, 10 HR, 36 R, 29 RBI, 29 RC
Cody Bellinger (RM) .347, 5 HR, 16 R, 20 RBI, 27 RC



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



(MG) Michael Wacha

5-0, 1.48, 6 GS, 6 QS, 1 CG
42.2 IP, 38 H, 6 W, 32 K
.233 OAVG, 1.03 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Cal Quantrill (MX) 4-0, 1.62, 6 QS, 30 K, 0.87 WHIP
Hunter Brown (GL) 5-1, 2.01, 6 QS, 39 K, 0.92 WHIP
Jacob deGrom (KY) 4-0, 2.33, 5 QS, 54 K, 0.88 WHIP
Zack Wheeler (TX) 5-1, 2.43, 5 QS, 48 K, 0.89 WHIP
Paul Skenes (AR) 2-0, 2.77, 5 QS, 49 K, 1.03 WHIP
Zack Littell (VS) 2-1, 2.82, 5 QS, 31 K, 0.67 WHIP
Logan Webb (KY) 4-1, 1.51, 4 QS, 39 K, 0.82 WHIP
Jesus Luzardo (BV) 4-0, 1.64, 4 QS, 50 K, 1.17 WHIP
Jack Flaherty (RM) 3-1, 2.56, 4 QS, 49 K, 1.06 WHIP
Gavin Williams (KY) 4-1, 2.58, 4 QS, 41 K, 1.04 WHIP
Adrian Houser (AV) 3-2, 2.81, 4 QS, 31 K, 1.09 WHIP
Drew Rasmussen (AV) 3-0, 1.04, 3 QS, 28 K, 0.72 WHIP
Michael Soroka (NP) 4-1, 2.61, 3 QS, 49 K, 0.68 WHIP

**** Pitching Performance of the Month ****



Duluth's duo of **Hunter Greene** and **Robert Suarez** nearly no-hit visiting **California!** **Greene** turned in 7.1 innings of no-hit ball, but his pitch count was high, due to 3 walks and 12 K. After he walked **Matt McLain** with 1 out in the 8th, **Suarez** was summoned from the bullpen and got out of the inning. In the 9th, **Suarez** walked the lead-off batter **Oneil Cruz** and fanned **Jurickson Profar**. **Ronald Acuna** spoiled the no-hit bid with a ground ball single between 1st and 2nd! **Suarez** then brought the heat and fanned the next two batters to secure the **Save** and the **1-hit** gem!

6/8/2025, CX25-DT25, Petco Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
California	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	2
Duluth	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	x	-	3	12	0

Thundercats	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
H.Greene (W 4-0)	7.1	0	0	0	3	12	114/69	1.03
Ro.Suarez (S 9)	1.2	1	0	0	1	3	27/18	5.85

**** Offensive Performance of the Month ****



Berkshire County's **Nick Kurtz** led his team to a blowout victory over visiting **Santa Ana**. **Kurtz** socked HRs in each of the first 3 innings of the game, tallying **8 RBI!** He added a single in the 8th to make him 4-for-6 in the game!

7/1/2025, SA25-BC25, Citizen's Bank Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
Santa Ana	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	-	8	14	2
Berkshire Co.	5	2	5	1	0	0	3	0	x	-	16	16	0

Corndogs	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG	
N.Kurtz	1b	6	3	4	3	8	0	.327

1:3-RBI **HR**; 2:2-RBI **HR**; 3:3-RBI **HR**; 5:16/FC 7:**K**; 8:**1B**

Honorable Mentions:

6/12:Aaron Judge (TX) 3-5, **GSHR**, **HR**, 1R2B, 6 RBI
 6/16:Erik Soderstrom(WW) 4-6, 2RHR, 2R2B, 1R1B, 1B, 5 RBI
 6/17:Ramon Laureano (VS) 1-3, **GSHR**, 2 **SF**; 1RBB, 7 RBI
 6/21:Jose Caballero (DT) 4-5, 3RHR, **HR**, 1R1B, 1B, 5 RBI
 6/29:Ozzie Albies (KY) 5-5, 1R2B, 4 1B, 1 RBI
 7/ 4:Brice Turang (MX) 4-5, 3RHR, 2R1B, 2 1B, 5 RBI
 7/ 4:Christian Moore (HG) 3-5, 2 3RHR, **HR**, 7 RBI

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

The longest game of the month was a 14-inning game between **Duluth** and host **New York**. After **Freddie Freeman** had put **Duluth** up 4-3 in the 14th with a Sac Fly, **New York** rallied back for 2 to win 5-4. **New York** had loaded the bases on a single and HBP. **Patrick Bailey** drew a walk to tie the game, setting up **Sal Frelick's** game-winning single! Both teams had scored a run in the 11th to extend the game.

6/26/2025, DT25-NP25, PNC Park

	123	456	789	012	34		R	H	E	LOB
Duluth	020	000	000	010	01	-	4	9	0	11
New York	100	100	000	010	02	-	5	8	0	15

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