

(BPI-Van Schaick Island, New York)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - May 2026

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Danes Kicking Up a Storm!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Madison Danes** posted a TML best **22-8** record in May and took over 1st place in the **Robinson Division** by 2 games over **Duluth** (14-16 in May). **Vanderlyle** (17-13) is only 5 games behind now at .500. **Madison** had thought of rebuilding, but may have to change course now! In the **Gatto, New York** (18-12) maintained a 9-game lead over both **Santa Ana** (18-12) and **Beverly** (16-14). In the **Pertierra, Toxic Waste** (17-13) has pulled to 1 game behind leader **Chesapeake** (16-14). Those two do not meet until September!

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **'Skayuna Squires** posted a **19-11** record in May, but **Vegas** (19-11) paced them and remain 3 back in the **Steinmetz Division**. **Albany** (18-12) slipped to 5 games behind. **Marco Island** (18-12) has a 6-game lead in the **Williams** over **Walla Walla** (18-12) who improved to .500. In the **Ruth, Kentucky** (18-12) took over the lead, now 4 games ahead of **Arkansas** (14-16) who had a losing month.

The batting leader is still **Toxic Waste's Aaron Judge** with **.358** AVG, now only 2 points ahead of **Chestertown's Trea Turner!** **Judge** leads in OBP (.448), SLG (.679) and RC (59). **Turner** leads in Hits (85). The HR leader is still **Murderous's Eugenio Suarez** now with 23. **Suarez** is tied with **Marco Island's Giancarlo Stanton** for the RBI lead with 51. The SB leader is **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** (24 SB, 5 CS).

The new ERA leader is **Chestertown's Ryne Nelson** at **1.83**, well ahead of **Arkansas's Paul Skenes** (2.31). There are 11 qualified pitchers with an ERA under 3. The victories leader is **Kentucky's Logan Webb** (8-2). The Strikeout leader is still **Glenmont's Tarik Skubal** with 120 K. The Saves leader is still **Arkansas's Brad Keller** (16/17 SVO, 25 GR, 1.15).

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



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



(WW) Trent Grisham

.333, 36-108, 0-0-17, 87 TB
25 R, 36 RBI, 23 W, 2 SB
OPS 1.261, 41 RC
15.1 RC/27

Honorable Mention:

Trea Turner(CH) .411, 6 HR, 20 R, 24 RBI, 38 RC
Corbin Carroll(WW) .325, 6 HR, 38 R, 20 RBI, 37 RC
Aaron Judge(TX) .331, 8 HR, 26 R, 29 RBI, 32 RC
Byron Buxton(KY) .345, 12 HR, 24 R, 33 RBI, 31 RC
Kyle Schwarber(BC) .318, 10 HR, 19 R, 27 RBI, 31 RC
Geraldo Perdomo(RM) .342, 5 HR, 21 R, 19 RBI, 31 RC



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



(GL) Tarik Skubal

4-1, 1.52, 6 GS, 6 QS, 2 CG
47.1 IP, 32 H, 4 W, 62 K
.189 OAVG, 0.76 WHIP
2 shutouts

Honorable Mention:

Chris Sanchez(BC) 5-1, 1.94, 6 QS, 48 K, 0.97 WHIP
Max Fried(SA) 4-0, 1.13, 5 QS, 38 K, 1.15 WHIP
Yoshi Yamamoto(NP) 2-1, 1.40, 5 QS, 44 K, 0.91 WHIP
Quinn Priester(HG) 3-0, 1.67, 5 QS, 43 K, 0.79 WHIP
Ryne Nelson(CH) 2-1, 1.88, 5 QS, 32 K, 0.94 WHIP
Shane Smith(AV) 4-1, 1.91, 5 QS, 34 K, 0.94 WHIP
Zack Littell(VS) 4-2, 2.38, 5 QS, 23 K, 0.86 WHIP
Ryan Feltner(MG) 4-0, 2.47, 5 QS, 35 K, 1.10 WHIP
Seth Lugo(VS) 5-0, 1.22, 4 QS, 34 K, 0.85 WHIP

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



Santa Ana's **Shota Imanaga** tossed the season's first **no-hitter** against visiting **California**! **Imanaga** lost his bid for a **Perfect Game** in the 9th inning with 2 outs, when he walked **Marcus Semien**, the 9th batter in the **California** lineup, on a 3-2 pitch! The **Black Sox** starter **Brandon Pfaadt** was also superb, only allowing 2 hits over 7 IP, but one of the hits was a solo HR to **Seiya Suzuki**! (On May 7th, **Semien** broke up a no-hitter in the 8th inning with 1 out single against **Beverly's Joe Boyle**!)

5/1/2025, CX25-SA25, Wrigley Field

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H | E |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| California | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 |
| Santa Ana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | - | 1 | 2 |

| Winds | IP | H | R | ER | BB | K | PCH/STR | ERA |
|---------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|---------|------|
| S. Imanaga (W 3-1) | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 102/73 | 4.82 |

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



The **Murderous** duo of **Slade Cecconi** and **Tyler Gilbert** combined to **no-hit** visiting **Duluth**. **Cecconi** turned in 8 innings of no-hit ball, but after throwing 126 pitches, needed relief help. **Gilbert** came out of the pen and retired the side in

order in the 9th, throwing only 8 pitches, 7 for strikes!

5/26/2025, DT25-MX25, Oriole Park at Camden Yards

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

| Crows | IP | H | R | ER | BB | K | PCH/STR | ERA |
|---------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|---------|------|
| S. Cecconi (W 3-4) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 126/72 | 4.56 |
| T. Gilbert | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8/7 | 2.13 |

Honorable Mention:

5/7 & 5/8: **Beverly** 1-hit **California** on the road on Back-to-back days!

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



Albany's Mike Trout played a big part in winning a dog fight with visiting **Homestead!** **Trout** got the scoring going in the 1st with a solo HR. He had two singles in his team's 7-run 3rd, to put **Albany** in front 9-3. **Trout** socked a 2-run HR in the 5th to put **Albany** up 12-5. **Homestead** stormed back to close the score to 12-11 **Albany** heading into the bottom of the 7th. **Trout** led off the bottom of the 7th with his 3rd HR of the game, a solo shot, which proved to be the game winner, as **Albany** hung on for a 13-12 victory!

5/21/2025, HG25-AV25, Fenway Park

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | R | H | E |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Homestead | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | - | 12 | 14 | 0 |
| Albany | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | - | 13 | 17 | 2 |

| | | AB | R | H | HR | BI | BB | AVG |
|------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Avalanche | | | | | | | | |
| M. Trout | rf | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | .225 |

1:HR; 3:1B & RBI 1B; 5:2-RBI HR; 7:HR

Honorable Mentions:

5/13:Shohei Ohtani(SA) 4-5, **GSHR**, 2**RHR**,2 **1B**, 6 RBI
 5/18:Cal Raleigh(LW) 5-6, 2**RHR**, 2 **1R2B**, **2B**, **1B**, 4 RBI
 5/30:Junior Caminero(DT)5-6, 3**RHR**, 2**RHR**,2 **1B**, 5 RBI

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

The longest game of the month was a 15-inning game between **'Skayuna** and host **Arkansas**. After **Arkansas** had rallied to tie the game in the 4th, 9th and 11th innings, they fell short in the 15th. **'Skayuna** had scored 3 runs in the top of the 15th, including one runner thrown out at home, to take a 9-6 lead. **Arkansas** nearly took advantage of a 4th **'Skayuna** error to re-tie the game but left runners on 1st & 3rd when **Blaze Alexander** whiffed on a 2-2 pitch!

5/24/2025, SS25-AR25, Busch Stadium

| | 123 | 456 | 789 | 012 | 345 | R | H | E | LOB |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|----|---|-----|
| 'Skayuna | 210 | 020 | 000 | 010 | 003 | 9 | 17 | 4 | 22 |
| Arkansas | 000 | 301 | 001 | 010 | 002 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 22 |

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