

(BPI-Van Schaick Island, New York)

Biff Barnes Jr. TML Highlight Reel - October 2026

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River Rats Reawaken!

In the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **New York Pigeons Toxic Waste River Rats** posted a league best **12-4** record in October after a lackluster September, and held off **Chesapeake** (9-7) to win the **Pertierra Division** by 6 games. In the **Gatto, New York** (10-6) held off **Beverly** (11-5) and won the Division by 4 games. In the **Robinson, Madison** (4-12) collapsed out of the playoffs, allowing **Duluth** (9-7) to capture the Division by 5 games. The **Wild Card** playoff will be between **Beverly** and **Chesapeake**.

Over in the **Oceanic Conference**, the **'Skayuna Squires** posted a Conference best **11-5** record in October and held off **Vegas** (7-9) and **Albany** (8-8) to win the **Steinmetz Division** by 6 games. In the **Ruth, Kentucky** (10-6) coasted to the pennant, a solid 15 games over **Arkansas** (9-7). In the **Williams, Marco Island** (10-6) paced **Rocky Mountain** (10-6) to win the Division by 5 games. The **Wild Card** playoff will be between **Arkansas** and **Vegas** (who edged out **Albany** by 1 game).

The batting champion is **Madison's Xavier Edwards**, who edged out **Toxic Waste's "Player of the Month" Aaron Judge** .3280 to .3279! **Judge** also led in OBP (.413), SLG (.652), Runs (142) and RC (160)! **Judge** tied **Santa Ana's Pete Alonso** for the HR title with 53. **Judge** missed out on becoming only the 2nd **TML Triple Crown winner** (**Eddie Murray - TML 1985**) by only 1 hit and 2 RBI. The RBI leader was **Vegas's Rafael Devers** with 140. The SB champ is **Kentucky's Francisco Lindor** (54 SB, 11 CS).

The ERA champion is **'Skayuna's Nick Pivetta** at 1.90. Second in ERA was **Arkansas's Paul Skenes** at 2.18. The victories leader and only 20-game winner is **Kentucky's Logan Webb** at 20-5. The Strikeout champ is **Beverly's Jesus Luzardo**, with 255 K. The **"Fireman of the Year"** is **Arkansas's Brad Keller** (41/45, 50 RP, 65 GR, 1.33).

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



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



(TX) Aaron Judge

.348, 23-66, 3-1-7, 49 TB
18 R, 20 RBI, 13 W, 1 SF
OPS 1.192, 22 RC
13.1 RC/27

Honorable Mentions:

Manny Machado (TX) .400, 6 HR, 14 R, 17 RBI, 22 RC
Shohei Ohtani (SA) .313, 8 HR, 16 R, 13 RBI, 20 RC



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



(NP) Yoshinobu Yamamoto

3-0, 1.29, 4 GS, 4 QS, 0 CG
28.0 IP, 12 H, 8 W, 26 K
.128 OAVG, 0.71 WHIP

Honorable Mention:

Carlo Rodon (BV) 3-1, 1.92, 4 QS, 32 K, 0.93 WHIP

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



Kentucky's **Jacob deGrom** tossed a **Perfect Game** on the road at division rival **Arkansas**! **deGrom** fanned 10, including 5 of the final 9 batters! Only 5 outs were recorded out of the infield! The only run **deGrom** needed came as a result of 3 walks to load the bases by **Arkansas** starter **David Peterson**, followed by a Sac Fly by pinch-hitter **Tyler Heineman**!

9/23/2025, KY25-AR25, Busch Stadium

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

Travelers	-----A-----	-----B-----	-----C-----
Crawford	ss 1> K	4>3/g	7>13
Lopez, O	2b 6	53	K
Ramos, H	1f 63	K	
Johnson, B	ph		K
Pasquantino	1b 2>53	5>6/L	8>4
Jackson, J	3b 7	K	63
Varsho	cf K	43	K
Gurriel, L	dh 3> K	6>7	9> K
Lile	rf 8	7	43
Moreno	c 7	53	K

WildCats	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
J.deGrom (W 14-8)	9	0	0	0	0	10	108/73	2.68

Offensive Performance of the Month



Arkansas's **Vinnie Pasquantino** led his team to a road blowout victory at **Danny Way**! **Pasquantino** sparked both 1st & 3rd inning 6-run outbursts, driving in 5 with a 2-run 2B and 3-run HR. He added an RBI 1B in the 4th and a 2-run HR in the 6th, giving him **8 RBI**. **Pasquantino** was pinch-hit for by Eric **Wagaman** in the 9th. **Wagaman** hit a lead-off HR!

9/14/2025, AR25-DW25, Rogers Centre

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Arkansas	6	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	-	19	22	0
Danny Way	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	5	0

Travelers	AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
V.Pasquantino	1b 5	3	4	2	8	0	.224
1:2-RBI 2B ; 2: K ; 3:3-RBI HR ; 4:RBI 1B ; 6:2-RBI HR							

** Overtime Games of the Month **

The longest games of the month were a pair of 12-inning games. The first was won by **Mudville** over visiting **Albany**, when **Jonathan India** drew a bases loaded walk! In the second one, visiting **Walla Walla** scored 3 runs in the top of the 12th, only to see **Lake**

Wobegon rally for 4 runs in the bottom half to win it! The big hits were a 2-run HR by **Isaac Paredes**, a triple by pinch-hitter **Zach McKinstry**, an RBI double by pinch-hitter **Jose Tena** and a game-winning Sac Fly by **Victor Scott**!

9/23/2025, AV25-M925, Progressive Field

	123	456	789	012		R	H	E	LOB
Albany	000	100	000	010	-	2	6	0	8
Mudville	100	000	000	011	-	3	10	0	14

9/29/2025, WW25-LW25, Target Field

	123	456	789	012		R	H	E	LOB
Walla Walla	002	030	001	013	-	10	13	2	8
Lake Wobegon	210	000	201	014	-	11	14	1	11

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