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Ravagers Power Their Way to Big Lead!

In the **Oceanic Conference**, the defending **TML Champs Oakdale Ravagers** did not let up on the gas, posting a Period 2 best **34-8** record, and now own a commanding 21 game lead! **Albany** (19-23 in Period 2) slipped a bit and allowed a fast charging **Duluth** (25-17) to pull into a tie for the **Wild Card**! **Albany** will host **Duluth** in Period 3.

Over in the **Atmospheric Conference**, the **Walla Walla Wombats** put up a **Conference** best 25-17 Period 2 record and increased their lead to 8 games over **North Adams**, who had a rough Period, going 18-24. **Chestertown** (22-20 in Period 2), **Bloomington** (19-23) and **Sioux Falls** (19-23) are all tied, but trail **North Adams** by 8 games for the **Wild Card**. Barring a complete collapse, **North Adams** should win the **Wild Card** in Period 3.

The batting leader is **Albany's Lou Gehrig** still at a **TML Record .463** after Period 2! **Gehrig** also still leads in OBP (.537), SLG (.864), Hits (222), RBI (169), EXBH (98) and RC (224)! **Albany's Goose Goslin** is now batting **.424** followed by **Oakdale's** power duo of **Rogers Hornsby (.416)** and **Babe Ruth (.397)**. **Ruth** is also the leader in Runs (157) and HR (51). **Gehrig** is 2nd in HR with 39. The SB leader is **Seattle's Max Carey** (13 SB, 1 CS).

The new ERA leader is **Sioux Falls's Garland Braxton** at **1.90**, quite a bit ahead of **Walla Walla's Jack Quinn** at **2.66**. **Quinn** has tossed 5 shutouts! The victories leaders are **Oakdale's** duo of **Burleigh Grimes** and **Lefty Grove**, both with **17 wins**! **Grove** is also the Strikeout leader with 124 K. The Saves leader is still **Duluth's Art Delaney** (**15/17** SVO, 32 GR, 4.34).

Below are some awards and tid-bits from Period 2 in the 1928 TML American Retro.

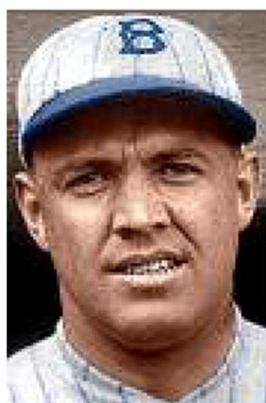
**** Player of the Period ****



(AV) Goose Goslin

.497, 89-179, 19-8-17, 175 TB
50 R, 58 RBI, 18 W
OPS 1.517, 93 RC

**** Pitcher of the Period ****



(OK) Burleigh Grimes

8-0, 3.28, 9 GS, 6 QS, 4 CG
74.0 IP, 65 H, 21 W, 16 K
.230 OAVG, 1.16 WHIP

**** Top Pitching Performance of the Period ****



Bloomington's **Red Faber** served up a gritty gem at visiting **Duluth**! **Faber** allowed a 1-out single to **Hughie Critz** and then masterfully pitched around 4 walks and 2 fielding errors to hold down a slim 1-0 victory! **Duluth** had runners on base in 5 different innings! The lone run came in the 4th when **Carl Lind** doubled and immediately scored on **Taylor Douthit's** RBI single!

7/5/1928, DT28-BY28, Griffith Stadium

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

Burning Bunyans	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH/STR	ERA
R.Faber (W 7-4)	9	1	0	0	4	2	117/69	3.11

**** Top Offensive Performance of the Period ****



Oakdale's **Mark Koenig** led an offensive outburst against division rival **Albany**. **Koenig** started out slow with a pair of singles and an RBI groundout. Then, he unloaded in the 5th with a 3-run HR and followed that in the 6th with a bases loaded triple! **Koenig** added an RBI single in the 7th to give him **8 RBI** in the blowout!

7/9/1928, AV28-OK28, Sportsman's Park (A)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		R	H	E
Albany	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	-	4	9	2
Oakdale	3	5	0	2	4	4	3	0	x	-	21	22	1

Ravagers		AB	R	H	HR	BI	BB	AVG
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M.Koenig	ss	6	4	5	1	8	0	.373
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1:**1B**; 2:RBI Go; 4:**1B**; 5:3-RBI **HR**; 6:3-RBI **3B**; 7:RBI **1B**

Honorable Mentions:

6/27:M.Bishop (AV) 3-5, 7RBI:GS-HR, 3RHR, 2B, BB

5/11:P.Traynor (VC) 4-6, 7RBI:GS-HR, 2R2B, 1R1B, 1B

**** Overtime Game of the Period ****

The longest game of Period 2 was a 14-inning game between **Duluth** and host **Bronx**. Pinch-hitter **Chick Autry** delivered a game-tying double in the bottom of the 9th to send the game into overtime. **Duluth** grabbed the lead back in the 12th when **Joe Judge** legged out a lead-off triple and scored on a single by **Hughie Critz**. Reliever **Art Delaney** closed out the game for the Save.

7/11/1928, DT28-BX28, Yankee Stadium

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Duluth	000	021	000	000	01	-	4	11	1	13	2
Bronx	200	000	001	000	00	-	3	10	0	8	0

Up next ... Period 3 highlights!

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