



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

### **OPENING DAY ROSTERS FEATURE RECORD 259 PLAYERS BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S.**

A record total of 259 players on 2017 Opening Day 25-man rosters and inactive lists were born outside the 50 United States, Major League Baseball announced on Monday.

The 259 players born outside the U.S. (29.8 percent) came from the pool of 868 players (749 active 25-man roster players and 119 disabled, suspended or restricted Major League players) on April 2nd rosters and represent a record-high 19 countries and territories outside the U.S. Previously, there were 18 countries and territories represented on Opening Day rosters in 1998 and 2016. The 259 foreign-born players and the percentage of 29.8 are both the highest figures in history, eclipsing the previous record totals of 246 players on 2007 Opening Day rosters and 29.2 percent of players on 2005 Opening Day rosters.

As it has each year since MLB began releasing this annual data in 1995, the Dominican Republic again led the Major Leagues with 93 players born outside the United States. Venezuela ranked second with 76 players, the country's highest total in history, far eclipsing its previous high of 66 (2012). Cuba placed third with 23 players, matching the record total set in 2016. Rounding out the totals are Puerto Rico (16); Mexico (9); Japan (8); Canada (6); South Korea (5); Curaçao (4); Nicaragua (4, surpassing previous high of three in 2012 and 2014); Panama (4); Australia (2); Brazil (2); Colombia (2); Aruba (1); Germany (1); Netherlands (1); Taiwan (1); and the U.S. Virgin Islands (1).

Minnesota's Max Kepler, a native of Berlin, Germany, is the first German-born product of MLB's European Elite Camp to appear on an Opening Day roster in Major League history. Didi Gregorius of the New York Yankees is the first player from the Netherlands to appear on three consecutive Opening Day rosters.

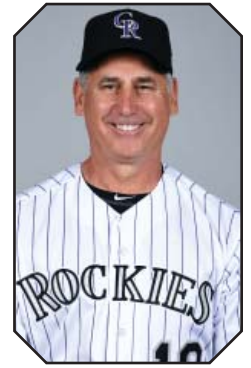
The Texas Rangers have the most foreign-born players with a total of 14 on a roster that spans six different countries and territories outside the U.S. Texas is followed by the San Diego Padres (12), Seattle Mariners (12), Chicago White Sox (11), Cleveland Indians (11), Los Angeles Angels (11) and Philadelphia Phillies (11). The Kansas City Royals and Seattle Mariners have players from eight different countries and territories outside the U.S., marking the most in the Majors. They are followed by the Los Angeles Dodgers (7). The Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and Rangers each have six players from the Dominican Republic, while the Colorado Rockies, Detroit Tigers, Phillies and Padres each have six players hailing from Venezuela.

### **ANNUAL OPENING DAY FOREIGN-BORN PLAYER PERCENTAGE (1995-PRESENT)**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
1995	16.9% (141 of 830)	2003	27.7% (229 of 827)	2011	27.7% (234 of 846)
1996	17.0% (132 of 773)	2004	27.3% (227 of 830)	2012	28.4% (243 of 856)
1997	18.9% (147 of 774)	2005	29.2% (242 of 829)	2013	28.2% (241 of 856)
1998	20.3% (174 of 841)	2006	27.4% (223 of 813)	2014	26.3% (224 of 853)
1999	21.2% (178 of 841)	2007	29.0% (249 of 849)	2015	26.5% (230 of 868)
2000	23.6% (198 of 839)	2008	28.0% (239 of 855)	2016	27.5% (238 of 864)
2001	25.2% (215 of 854)	2009	28.0% (229 of 818)	2017	29.8% (259 of 868)
2002	26.1% (222 of 849)	2010	27.7% (231 of 833)		

## FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE

Twenty-five of the current 30 Major League managers previously played in the Majors. The five managers to not appear in a Major League game include Terry Collins, Joe Maddon, Bryan Price, Buck Showalter and Brian Snitker. Fourteen of the managers were primarily catchers during their professional careers (Brad Ausmus, Jeff Banister, Bruce Bochy, Kevin Cash, John Gibbons, Joe Girardi, A.J. Hinch, Maddon, Mike Matheny, Bob Melvin, Mike Scioscia, Scott Servais, Snitker and Ned Yost); four were outfielders (Dusty Baker, Clint Hurdle, Dave Roberts and Showalter); five were second basemen (Craig Counsell, Andy Green, Torey Lovullo, Pete Mackanin and Rick Renteria); two were pitchers (John Farrell and Price); two were first basemen (Terry Francona and Don Mattingly); one was a third baseman (Paul Molitor); and one was a shortstop (Collins). Other notes about baseball's current managerial crop:



- The average age of a Major League manager as of Opening Day was 54.4, nearly two years older than last year's Opening Day average of 52.8. New York Mets manager Terry Collins is the oldest at 67 years of age (Dusty Baker is also 67), while the youngest is Tampa Bay Rays manager Kevin Cash at 39 years old (Andy Green is also 39).
- The longest tenured managers with their current clubs are Mike Scioscia of the Los Angeles Angels (2000); San Francisco's Bruce Bochy (2007); Joe Girardi of the Yankees (2008); Baltimore's Buck Showalter (2010); and Kansas City's Ned Yost (2010).
- Twenty-seven of the 30 Major League managers (90.0 percent) began managing their current club in 2010 or later.
- Three managers (Black, Lovullo, Renteria) are in their first year with their current team, including one (Lovullo) that is making his Major League managing debut (full-time). Note: Atlanta's Brian Snitker began managing the Braves in May 2016.
- Ten of the 30 Major League managers at one time played in the organizations for which they now manage (Ausmus – DET; Cash – TB; Francona – CLE; Girardi – NYY; Matheny – STL; Molitor – MIN; Mackanin – PHI; Roberts – LAD; and Snitker – ATL). In addition, nine of the 10 (except Snitker) played a game in the Major Leagues with the team they now manage.
- Thirteen of the 30 skippers are managing a Major League club for the first time; the other 17 held a Major League managerial post prior to joining their current team, including Gibbons, who previously managed his current Club, the Toronto Blue Jays, from 2004-2008.
- Fifteen managed in the Minor Leagues prior to becoming a Major League skipper. The 15 exceptions include: Ausmus, Baker, Black, Cash, Counsell, Farrell, Girardi, Hinch, Matheny, Mattingly, Melvin, Molitor, Price, Roberts and Servais.
- Six managers made the All-Star team at least once as a player (Ausmus, Baker, Girardi, Mattingly, Molitor and Scioscia).



## 2017 ROOKIE OUTLOOK

Ninety-eight (98) rookies were featured among the 868 players (11.3 percent) on Opening Day active rosters, disabled lists, suspended lists and restricted lists. Last season, 93 of the 864 players (10.8 percent) on Opening Day rosters were rookies. The Cincinnati Reds feature a Major League-high of 10 rookies on their 2017 Opening Day roster, followed by the San Diego Padres (7), Seattle Mariners (7) and Colorado Rockies (6). The Chicago Cubs and Miami Marlins are the only Major League Clubs to not feature any rookies on their Opening Day roster.

**Arizona (2)** – Sócrates Brito, OF (DL); Steven Hathaway, LHP (DL)

**Atlanta (5)** – Micah Johnson, 2B (DL); Jacob Lindgren, LHP (DL); Armando Rivero, RHP (DL); Dansby Swanson, SS; Daniel Winkler, RHP (DL)

**Baltimore (4)** – Oliver Drake, RHP; Donnie Hart, LHP; Trey Mancini, 1B; Anthony Santander, OF (DL)

**Boston (1)** – Andrew Benintendi (OF)

**Chicago Cubs (0)**

**Chicago White Sox (5)** – Dylan Covey, RHP; Matt Davidson, 3B; Jacob May, OF; Juan Minaya, RHP (DL); Charles Tilson, OF (DL)

**Cincinnati (10)** – Barrett Astin, RHP; Austin Brice, RHP (DL); Rookie Davis, RHP; Amir Garrett, LHP; Pat Kivlehan, OF; Nefi Ogando, RHP (DL); Wandy Peralta, LHP; Robert Stephenson, RHP; Nick Travieso, RHP (DL); Randy Turner, C

**Cleveland (2)** – Shawn Armstrong, RHP; Yandy Díaz, SS

**Colorado (6)** – Stephen Cardullo, SS; Jairo Díaz, RHP (DL); Kyle Freeland, LHP; German Márquez, RHP; Tom Murphy, C (DL); Antonio Senzatela, RHP.

**Detroit (2)** – JaCoby Jones, SS; Dixon Machado, SS

**Houston (3)** – Yulieski Gurriel, 3B; Jandel Gustave, RHP; David Paulino, RHP (DL)

**Kansas City (3)** – Hunter Dozier, 3B (DL); Terrance Gore, OF; Matt Strahm, LHP

**L.A. Angels (1)** – Vicente Campos, RHP (DL)

**L.A. Dodgers (4)** – Grant Dayton, LHP; Josh Ravin, RHP (DL); Brock Stewart, RHP (DL); Andrew Toles, OF

**Miami (0)**

**Milwaukee (2)** – Jesús Aguilar, 2B; Manny Piña, C

**Minnesota (2)** – Justin Haley, RHP; Adalberto Mejía, LHP

**New York Mets (5)** – Robert Gsellman, RHP; Ty Kelly, 2B; Brandon Nimmo, OF (DL); T.J. Rivera, SS; Josh Smoker, LHP

**New York Yankees (3)** – Tyler Austin, OF (DL); Jonathan Holder, RHP; Aaron Judge, OF

**Oakland Athletics (4)** – Raul Alcántara, RHP; Jharel Cotton, RHP; Frankie Montas; Joey Wendle, 2B (DL)

**Philadelphia (3)** – Andrew Knapp, C; Joely Rodríguez, LHP; Brock Stassi, 1B

**Pittsburgh (3)** – Josh Bell, 1B; Tyler Glasnow, RHP; Alen Hanson, SS

**San Diego (7)** – Buddy Baumann, LHP (DL); Allen Cordoba, SS; Miguel Diaz, RHP; Manny Margot, OF; Hunter Renfroe, OF; Luis Torrens, C; Jose Torres, LHP

**San Francisco (2)** – Tyson Blach, LHP; Chris Marrero, 1B

**Seattle (7)** – Dan Altavilla, RHP; Mitch Haniger, OF; Guillermo Heredia, OF; Dillon Overton, LHP; James Pazos, LHP; Robert Whalen, RHP (DL); Tony Zych, RHP (DL)

**St. Louis (2)** – José Martínez, OF; Alex Reyes, RHP (DL)

**Tampa Bay (3)** – Kevin Gadea, RHP (DL); Austin Pruitt, RHP; Daniel Robertson, SS

**Texas (4)** – Michael Hauschild, RHP; Jose Leclerc, RHP; Brett Nicholas, C (DL); Drew Robinson, SS

**Toronto (1)** – Glenn Sparkman, RHP (DL)

**Washington (2)** – Koda Glover, RHP; Jose Marmolejos, 1B (DL)

## AGING GRACEFULLY

During the Opening Week of the season, the average age of Major League players was recorded at 29.13 years old, slightly up from last year's Opening Week average of 29.04.

The Toronto Blue Jays are the oldest club in the Majors with an average age of 31.19, while the Atlanta Braves pace the National League at 30.73. The Cincinnati Reds are the youngest team in baseball with an average age of 26.98, and the Tampa Bay Rays field the youngest squad in the American League at 28.26 years old.

For the second consecutive season, Atlanta Braves right-hander Bartolo Colón is the oldest player in the Majors at 43 years old, while Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Jason Grilli is the oldest player in the American League at 40 years old. San Diego's Luis Torrens is the youngest player in the Majors at 20 years old, while Kansas City Royals infielder Raúl Mondesi is the youngest in the American League at 21 years old.

### *Youngest Players on Opening Day Rosters*

Player, Team	Date of Birth
Luis Torrens, SD	5/2/96
Allen Cordoba, SD	12/6/95
Raúl Mondesi, KC	7/27/95
Nomar Mazara, TEX	4/26/95
Geman Márquez, COL	2/22/95
Roberto Osuna, TOR	2/7/95
Antonio Senzatela, COL	1/21/95
Kevin Gadea, TB	12/6/94
Anthony Santander, BAL	1/21/95
Miguel Diaz, SD	9/28/94



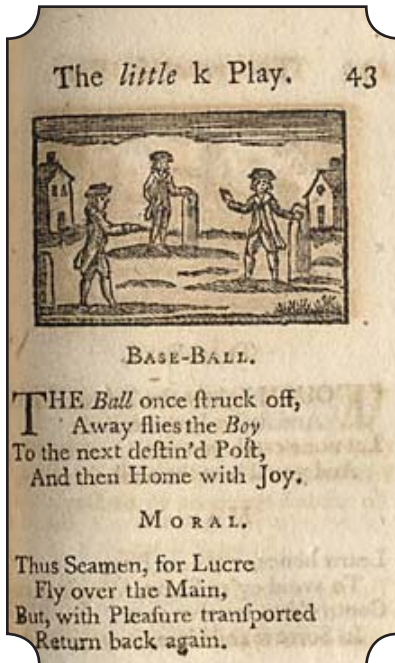
### *Oldest Players on Opening Day Rosters*

Player, Team	Date of Birth
Bartolo Colón, ATL	5/24/73
Ichiro Suzuki, MIA	10/22/73
R.A. Dickey, ATL	10/29/74
Koji Uehara, CHI	4/3/75
Jason Grilli, TOR	11/11/76
Fernando Rodney, ARI	3/18/77
Carlos Beltrán, HOU	4/24/77
Joaquín Benoit, PHI	7/26/77
Chad Qualls, COL	8/17/78
John Lackey, CHI	10/23/78





## **EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY** **(by MLB Official Historian John Thorn)**



When we think of great baseball images we think of photographs; but baseball has provided a fertile field for artist and illustrators from the very beginning of the game. So let's proceed, each week of the 2017 season, to discuss fine art in two dimensions or three; caricature; and, especially, art designed for mass distribution that illustrates a book, newspaper, or magazine; posters designed to promote the game or sell merchandise linked with it. To a smaller extent, we will examine art pitched to lovers of the game who might purchase it for their collections, but this art is fraught with queasy "limited editions" and indifferent art.

So, we'll look at Thomas Eakins and William Morris Hunt as well as Willard Mullin and Tad Dorgan. Some fine painters also dabbled in commercial art, or at least fine art with a baseball theme produced in multiple numbered prints: George Bellows, Fletcher Martin, to name just a couple. Maybe we'll look at caricature (cartoons, comics) and graphics (logos, typography), too. Some images selected may possess little evident artistic merit but command our attention for their historic importance (such as John Newbery's 1744 image of English base ball, a game played without a bat).

We'll have to start somewhere, so why not begin at the beginning: the Newbery image of "Base Ball," first published in England in 1744 and thus the first known; and the first known depictions of the American game: a woodcut from 1820 of children playing ball, and an 1844 depiction of the Magnolia Ball Club playing ball at the Elysian Fields of Hoboken, New Jersey (above).

The image shown here is from the first surviving American Edition of John Newbery's *Little Pretty Pocket-Book*, published for children in England in 1744 and reprinted many times. The first American edition to survive is Isaiah Thomas's 1787 publication. Note this game of "base ball" is played without a bat; the ball, offered by the pitcher and struck by the hand, is not visible in the 1787 edition, though it is present in the English edition.

For more on this monumental book, see David Block's essay at: <https://ourgame.mlblogs.com/a-peek-into-the-pocket-book-30eef37a1d72>

The first American illustration of a pitcher serving a ball to a batter is by Arthur Anderson, published in Samuel Wood's *Children's Amusements* (New York and Baltimore), 1820 (right).



Finally for this first week's installment is an illustration of grown men playing baseball--the first known instance--as part of an engraved invitation to the First Annual Ball of the Magnolia Ball Club, a New York baseball club that preceded the celebrated Knickerbockers in taking up playing grounds at the Elysian Fields of Hoboken (left).

For more, see: <https://ourgame.mlblogs.com/magnolia-ball-club-pre-dates-knickerbocker-af50771cd24b>

## REGULAR GUYS...

- Yadier Molina made his 13th straight Opening Day start at catcher (2005-17), the most ever by a Cardinals backstop. The 13 consecutive starts matches Lou Brock for the most consecutive starts at a single position in Cardinals history. The Hall of Famer made 13 straight starts in left field on Opening Day from 1967-79. According to Elias, Yadier's 13 consecutive Opening Day starts is third-most in franchise history overall, behind Hall of Famers Stan Musial (18, 1946-63) and Brock (15, 1965-79).
- Dustin Pedroia made his 11th straight Opening Day start, all at second base (since 2007). The only other Red Sox player with an Opening Day streak that long at any single position is Carl Yastrzemski, who started 12 straight years in left field from 1961-72. Only Bobby Doerr (13) has made more Opening Day starts at second base for the Red Sox than Pedroia has.
- Dustin Pedroia and Xander Bogaerts have started for the Red Sox on Opening Day at second base and shortstop, respectively, in each of the last four years (2014-17). According to Elias, the only other Red Sox to start as many as four consecutive Opening Day games as a 2B/SS tandem are second baseman Bobby Doerr and shortstop Joe Cronin (5 years, 1937-41), and second baseman Hobe Ferris and shortstop Freddy Parent (5 years, 1901-05). Prior to Pedroia and Bogaerts, no Red Sox 2B/SS tandem had started as many as three consecutive Opening Day games together since second baseman Jerry Remy and shortstop Rick Burleson (1978-80).
- Joe Mauer made his 13th career Opening Day start for the Twins (2004-08, 10-17), tying Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew (1961-72, 74) for the franchise record.
- Felix Hernandez made his 10th career Opening Day start for the Mariners and his ninth straight, extending his club record.
- Adam Jones started his 10th consecutive Opening Day in center field for the Orioles. His 10 center field Opening Day starts rank second all-time in team history behind only Paul Blair's 12.
- Evan Longoria made his ninth consecutive Opening Day start, all at third base, which is now the longest active streak of any third baseman in the game, as Texas' Adrian Beltre and David Wright of the Mets both had their streaks of 15 and 12 openers, respectively, snapped due to injury. Evan's nine total Opening Day starts also surpassed Carl Crawford (eight from 2003-10) for the most in franchise history.
- José Bautista made his eighth Opening Day start in a Toronto uniform, each as the starting right fielder. He is now tied with Jesse Barfield (1982-1989) for the most Opening Day starts at that position. Bautista (2010-current) joins Vernon Wells (CF: 2002-2010; nine seasons) and Barfield (RF: 1982-1989; eight seasons) as the only Blue Jays to make at least eight consecutive opening day starts at the same position.
- Carlos Santana made his seventh straight Opening Day start for Cleveland (2011-17), the longest such active streak by any Indians player and longest overall since former Tribe shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera started seven straight openers from 2008-14.
- Freddie Freeman started his seventh consecutive Opening Day for the Braves on Monday, extending his Atlanta franchise record for a first baseman.
- Mike Trout (2013-17) became the first player in Angels history to make five Opening Day starts in center field. Gary Pettis (1984-87), Jim Edmonds (1995-98) and Darin Erstad (2001-03, 06) each had four Opening Day starts in center.
- Julio Teheran started Atlanta's opener for the fourth consecutive season, becoming only the third Braves hurler in the Atlanta era (since 1966) to start four consecutive Opening Days. The others were Greg Maddux (1993-96) and Rick Mahler (1985-88). Only two Major League pitchers have a longer active Opening Day start streak with his current team than Teheran: Seattle's Felix Hernandez (nine) and Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers (seven).
- Masahiro Tanaka made his third consecutive and third career Major League Opening Day start, tying Hideo Nomo (2000 w/ Detroit, '03-04 w/ Los Angeles-NL) for the most Opening Day starts by a Japan-born pitcher. He became the 13th Yankee in franchise history with three-or-more Opening Day starts. Prior to Tanaka, only two Yankees Opening Day contests were started by foreign-born pitchers: RHP Chien-Ming Wang (Taiwan) in 2008 and RHP Orlando Hernandez (Cuba) in 2000.
- Ryan Braun became the fourth player in Brewers franchise history to start at least 10 games on Opening Day, joining Robin Yount (19), Paul Molitor (12) and Jim Gantner (11).
- Yoenis Céspedes was the first player to start in left field for the Mets on Opening Day in consecutive years since Cliff Floyd did so in four straight openers from 2003-06.

## ...AND NOT SO REGULAR

- The 2017 season marked the sixth consecutive year that the Angels had a new Opening Day starting left fielder as Cameron Maybin drew the nod for the Halos. The others include Daniel Nava (2016), Matt Joyce (2015), Josh Hamilton (2014), Mark Trumbo (2013) and Vernon Wells (2012). The last player to start consecutive Opening Days in left for the Angels was Wells in 2011-12.
- Noah Syndergaard took the hill for the Mets on Monday afternoon, becoming the Mets' seventh different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last seven years, joining Bartolo Colon, Dillon Gee, Jonathon Niese, Johan Santana, Mike Pelfrey and Matt Harvey.
- Kendall Graveman became Oakland's 11th different Opening Day starting pitcher in the last 12 years (Barry Zito, Dan Haren, Joe Blanton, Dallas Braden, Ben Sheets, Trevor Cahill, Brandon McCarthy, Brett Anderson, Sonny Gray, Rich Hill).
- Josh Bell became the ninth straight different starting first baseman for the Pirates on Opening Day. The others include John Jaso (2016), Sean Rodriguez (2015), Travis Ishikawa (2014), Gaby Sanchez (2013), Garrett Jones (2012), Lyle Overbay (2011), Jeff Clement (2010) and Adam LaRoche (2009). The last Bucco to start at first base on Opening Day in consecutive years was LaRoche, who did so three straight seasons between 2007 and 2009.

## MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK (All Times ET)

<b>Friday, April 7th:</b>	Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh Pirates	1:05 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Washington Nationals at Philadelphia Phillies	3:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies	4:10 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at San Diego Padres	6:40 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
	Cleveland Indians at Arizona D-backs	9:40 p.m.
<b>Saturday, April 8th:</b>	Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Miami Marlins at New York Mets	7:10 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 9th:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers	7:10 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 10th:</b>	New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles	1:35 p.m.
	Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 11th:</b>	Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Oakland Athletics at Kansas City Royals	4:15 p.m.
	Arizona D-backs at San Francisco Giants	4:35 p.m.
	Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians	4:10 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 12th:</b>	Arizona D-backs at San Francisco Giants	10:15 p.m.
	Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs	8:05 p.m.
<b>Thursday, April 13th:</b>	Oakland Athletics at Kansas City Royals	8:15 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Pittsburgh Pirates at Boston Red Sox	2:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels	3:37 p.m.
	Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Baltimore Orioles at Toronto Blue Jays	7:07 p.m.



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**Tuesday, April 11th:** St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals 7:05 p.m.





## **LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)**

**TAKE A BOW:** Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw ran his Opening Day record to 5-0 on Monday, and according to Elias, he became just the ninth pitcher in Major League history to start at least 5-0 in openers. Of the others, three are enshrined in Cooperstown: Greg Maddux (6-0), Tom Seaver (6-0) and Randy Johnson (5-0). Kershaw also tied Hall of Famer Don Drysdale for the most Opening Day victories in franchise history.

**ALLEN SETS MLB RECORD:** Cody Allen closed out each of Cleveland's first two victories of the season, and in the process became the first pitcher in MLB history to record a save and at least three strikeouts in each of his team's first two games of a season. In fact, Allen is the first pitcher in MLB history to do so in his own first two appearances of a given season, let alone his team's first two games.

**MORE ELITE COMPANY:** On Tuesday night, Mike Trout became the sixth player in AL history to log 500 RBI and score 600 runs before his age-26 season, joining Ty Cobb, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Mantle and Alex Rodriguez.

**100/100 CLUB:** On Wednesday, Paul Goldschmidt collected his 100th career stolen base to join the 100 home run/100 stolen base club. Only four other first basemen in baseball history have accomplished the feat (Jeff Bagwell, Andres Galarraga, Dan Dreissen and Derrek Lee). Chris Young (2006-12) is the only other D-back in the 100/100 club (132 HR/112 SB).

**WHO'S ON SECOND:** Wednesday night marked the first time in at least the last 100 years Red Sox pitchers did not allow an opponent to reach second base in an extra-inning game. Since at least 1950, no other team has prevented an opponent from reaching second base in a game of at least 12 innings.

**YOUTH MOVEMENT:** The Yankees' Opening Day lineup on Sunday included catcher Gary Sánchez, first baseman Greg Bird, shortstop Ronald Torreyes and right fielder Aaron Judge, all 24 years old. It marked just the third time in Yankees franchise history the club's Opening Day starting lineup featured four players under the age of 25: also April 12, 1932 at Philadelphia-AL (LHP Lefty Gomez, C Bill Dickey, 3B Frankie Crosetti, RF Ben Chapman) and April 14, 1914 vs. Philadelphia-AL (1B Harry Williams, 3B Fritz Maisel, SS Roger Peckinpaugh, CF Bill Holden). It had been 46 years since the club's Opening Day lineup featured three players under age 25, when CF Bobby Murcer, RF Jim Lyttle and C Thurman Munson started on April 6, 1971 at Boston. At 28 years, 334 days, on Opening Day, the average age of the Yankees' Opening Day active roster in 2017 was its youngest in the last 25 years. It marked the second consecutive year that the Yankees' average age on Opening Day is under 30 years old (29.099 in 2016). Every Opening Day roster from 1997-2015 averaged over 30 years old.

**QUITE THE DUO:** Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright and catcher Yadier Molina entered this season with 217 career starts as battery mates, the most in Cardinals franchise history and the most for any tandem since Tom Glavine and Javy Lopez had 248 games together for Atlanta from 1994-2002 (Elias). Last season, Wainwright and Molina surpassed the previous St. Louis record of 198 established by Bob Gibson and Tim McCarver.

**HAVE WE BENINTRODUCED:** At 22 years and 271 days old, Andrew Benintendi became the Red Sox' youngest Opening Day starter in left field since Carl Yastrzemski in 1962 (22 years, 231 days).



**SLUGGING WAY INTO RECORD BOOKS:** Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner went 2-for-2 with a pair of home runs and retired the first 16 batters he faced in Sunday's opener. Bumgarner was the first pitcher in Major League history to hit two home runs in his team's first game of a season. He also became the first pitcher to hit two home runs and strike out at least 10 batters in a game since Rick Wise of the 1971 Phillies (who also had 11 strikeouts against the Giants). Bumgarner's 11 strikeouts were the most by a Giants pitcher on Opening Day since the mound moved to its current distance from home plate in 1893.

**JACOBY JACK:** JaCoby Jones belted the first home run of his Major League career on Tuesday, hitting a three-run shot in the second inning to become the first Tigers rookie to homer on Opening Day since Kirk Gibson in 1980 at Kansas City, and the first Tiger to hit his first Major League home run on Opening Day since John Sullivan in 1965 at the Kansas City Athletics. Jones also added his first Major League stolen base in Tuesday's game, and according to Elias, he became the third Tigers player to record his first Major League homer and stolen base in the same game, joining Frank Walker in June 1918 and Juan Encarnacion in September 1997. The last Major League player to notch his first career homer and stolen base in a season-opening game was Boston's Ben Steiner in 1945.

**OPENING WITH A BLAST:** Bryce Harper connected for his fifth career Opening Day homer on Monday. According to Elias, Harper's five home runs on Opening Day tied the MLB record for home runs by any player in his first five career Opening Day games. Herman Long hit five home runs in his first four career Opening Day games for the Braves from 1890-95, and Xavier Nady hit five homers in his first five season openers for the Padres and Pirates from 2003-08.

**HAIL CESAR:** Cesar Hernandez led off Opening Day with a home run and the Phillies held on to win their season opener over the Reds on Monday. Hernandez was the first Major League player to hit a leadoff homer on Opening Day since Ian Kinsler did it for the Rangers on April 1, 2011. The last Phillies player to hit a leadoff homer in the season opener was Emmett Mueller on April 19, 1938 against the Dodgers.

**CHASING 1,000:** Cubs manager Joe Maddon owns a 983-853 (.535) managerial record in his time guiding the Angels (twice in an interim role), Tampa Bay and the Cubs. He aims to become the eighth active manager to reach the 1,000-win milestone, joining Bruce Bochy, Dusty Baker, Mike Scioscia, Buck Showalter, Terry Francona, Clint Hurdle and Ned Yost.

**WINDY CITY MAN:** Geovany Soto homered twice as the White Sox defeated the Tigers on Thursday. Soto had three multi-homer games as a member of the Cubs, with all three coming against the Brewers (in April 2008, June 2010, and September 2011). According to Elias, he is the seventh player in MLB history with a multi-homer game for both the Cubs and White Sox, joining Ron Santo (25 such games for the Cubs, one with the White Sox), Jay Johnstone (one with Cubs, two with White Sox), Vance Law (two and one), George Bell (one and two), Darrin Jackson (one and one), and Sammy Sosa (65 and one).

**SPRINGING TO LIFE:** George Springer led off the bottom of the first with a homer in Houston's loss to the Mariners on Thursday, just a day after hitting a walk-off homer. Springer is the first player to hit a walk-off homer followed by a leadoff home run in the following game since Scott Hairston did so for the Padres on August 3 and 4, 2007 against the Giants. In addition, Springer is the first player in Major League history to do this in back-to-back games in the month of April.