



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

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REED SETS RECORD STRAIGHT

New York Mets reliever Addison Reed has yet to allow a walk in 19 appearances this season. His 19 appearances are tied for second-most in the Majors, only trailing fellow Mets reliever Jerry Blevins, who has pitched in 20 games this season.

The 19 contests without a walk, spanning 18.0 innings pitched, is a new Mets franchise record for consecutive games pitched without a walk to begin a season. LaTroy Hawkins held the previous mark of 17, doing so at the outset of the 2013 campaign.



Only 12 pitchers in the Majors dating back to at least 1913 have opened a season with a longer stretch than that of Reed this year, including Mark Eichhorn, who tops the list with 30 straight appearances without issuing a walk to begin the 1991 season for the California Angels.

Consecutive Games Without Allowing a Walk to Begin a Season, 1913-Present

Pitcher, Team	Games	Season	IP	Strikeouts
Mark Eichhorn, CAL	30	1991	40.1	21
Pat Neshek, HOU	24	2015	20.2	19
John Smoltz, ATL	23	2004	24.2	28
Dennis Eckersley, OAK	23	1990	27.1	29
Peter Moylan, ATL	22	2015	10.1	8
Jamie Walker, BAL	22	2009	12.1	9
Seth Maness, STL	21	2015	17.1	10
Dennis Eckersley, OAK	21	1991	24.0	25
Ian Krol, DET	20	2014	14.2	9
Sean Doolittle, OAK	20	2014	21.0	28
Wilton Lopez, HOU	20	2012	21.2	16
Harry Eisenstat, CLE	20	1942	32.0	11
Addison Reed, NYM	19	2017	18.0	22
6 other pitchers	19			

2017 MLB DRAFT DETAILS ANNOUNCED

Major League Baseball will hold day one of the 2017 MLB Draft on Monday, June 12th at MLB Network's Studio 42 in Secaucus, New Jersey. This year's Draft will begin live on MLB Network and MLB.com at 7:00 p.m. (ET). Prior to the start of the Draft, MLB Network will air a Draft preview show, also simulcast on MLB.com, at 6:00 p.m. (ET).



The selection order of the Draft is determined by the reverse order of finish at the close of the previous championship season. For the third time in team history, the Minnesota Twins will have the first overall selection of the Draft. In 2001, Minnesota drafted six-time All-Star, three-time American League batting champion and 2009 AL Most Valuable Player Joe Mauer with the top overall selection. The Twins also held the first overall pick in 1983, when they selected pitcher Tim Belcher, though he did not sign.

The Toronto Blue Jays (22nd and 28th), the Texas Rangers (26th and 29th) and the Chicago Cubs (27th and 30th) each have two selections in the first round. The Houston Astros (15th, 53rd, 56th and 75th) and the Pittsburgh Pirates (12th, 42nd, 50th and 72nd) each have a Major League-best four selections within the first 75 picks during the first day of the Draft.

The Draft will once again feature Competitive Balance Rounds, which were originally agreed upon as a part of the 2012-2016 Basic Agreement between MLB and the Major League Baseball Players Association, and restructured as part of the 2017-2021 Basic Agreement. The Competitive Balance Rounds give Clubs with the lowest revenues and in the smallest markets an additional draft pick each year. Six teams were awarded CB Round A picks, and eight teams were given CB Round B picks. The groups of teams in each of the CB Rounds will alternate each year through 2021.

The Draft will have 40 rounds, and a Club may pass on its selection in any round and not forfeit its right to participate in other rounds. The 2017 Draft will span three days as it has since 2009. For day one on June 12th, Round 1 and Competitive Balance Round A will air exclusively on MLB Network and MLB.com. Beginning with the first pick in Round 2 and continuing through Competitive Balance Round B, the Draft will air live exclusively on MLB.com.

The intervals between selections during round one will last four minutes, followed by one-minute intervals between selections during Competitive Balance Round A, the second round and Competitive Balance Round B. The Draft will resume at 1:00 p.m. (ET) on Tuesday, June 13th, when selections will be made for rounds 3-10, with one minute intervals between selections. Day three of the Draft on Wednesday, June 14th will begin at 12:00 p.m. (ET), featuring picks in rounds 11-40, with no time delay between selections.

Beginning with the Draft preview show at 6:00 p.m. ET, MLB Network's live coverage will feature news, analysis, interviews with Club front office personnel and representatives, footage from Club draft rooms, and features and interviews with prospects and newly drafted players. MLB Network's Greg Amsinger, Peter Gammons, Dan O'Dowd, Harold Reynolds and MLB.com's Jonathan Mayo will anchor the live coverage with contributions from MLB Network's Scott Braun, Eric Byrnes, Cliff Floyd, Mike Lowell and Kelly Nash, as well as Jim Callis of MLB.com and John Manuel of Baseball America.

MLB.com will continue its exclusive live programming of the Draft's final two days with a live draft show from its New York studios at 12:30 p.m. (ET) on June 13th, followed by a live pick-by-pick stream and draft and scouting expert commentary from Mayo and Callis. It also will provide Draft Tracker, a live interactive application that includes a searchable database of more than 1,500 draft-eligible players with statistics, scouting reports and video highlights. On Twitter, the official Draft Twitter account, @MLBDraft, will provide up-to-the-moment updates and commentary using the official Draft hashtag, #MLBDraft, while @MLBDraftTracker will tweet all picks as they are made.

Each of the 30 Major League Clubs will be represented at the Draft by one of its former players and/or a member of its front office. Last year's representatives included 2017 Hall of Fame electee Ivan Rodriguez; Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda; Hall of Fame broadcaster Dick Enberg; and former All-Stars Jason Bay, Andy Pettitte, Luis Tiant and Alan Trammell, amongst others. The Club representatives who will attend the 2017 Draft will be announced in the weeks ahead, as well as information on MLB's annual Draft Luncheon for media members. In addition to the Club representatives, two players chosen in the first round of the Draft last year were in attendance. Amateur players will again be invited to this year's festivities.

Please see the following pages for the complete order of the 2017 MLB Draft (order remains unofficial until June 12th), as well as a list of the selections of each of the 30 Major League Clubs through Round 5, spanning the first 165 picks.

Baltimore Orioles

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#21 Overall - First Round
#60 Overall - Second Round
#74 Overall - CB Round B
#98 Overall - Third Round
#128 Overall - Fourth Round
#158 Overall - Fifth Round

Boston Red Sox

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#24 Overall - First Round
#63 Overall - Second Round
#101 Overall - Third Round
#131 Overall - Fourth Round
#161 Overall - Fifth Round

Chicago White Sox

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#11 Overall - First Round
#49 Overall - Second Round
#87 Overall - Third Round
#117 Overall - Fourth Round
#147 Overall - Fifth Round

Cleveland Indians

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#64 Overall - Second Round
#71 Overall - CB Round B
#102 Overall - Third Round
#132 Overall - Fourth Round
#162 Overall - Fifth Round

Detroit Tigers

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#18 Overall - First Round
#57 Overall - Second Round
#95 Overall - Third Round
#125 Overall - Fourth Round
#155 Overall - Fifth Round

Houston Astros

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 7
#15 Overall - First Round
#53 Overall - Second Round
#56 Overall - Second Round (From Cardinals)
#75 Overall - CB Round B (From Cardinals)
#91 Overall - Third Round
#121 Overall - Fourth Round
#151 Overall - Fifth Round

Kansas City Royals

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#14 Overall - First Round
#52 Overall - Second Round
#73 Overall - CB Round B
#90 Overall - Third Round
#120 Overall - Fourth Round
#150 Overall - Fifth Round

Los Angeles Angels

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#10 Overall - First Round
#47 Overall - Second Round
#85 Overall - Third Round
#115 Overall - Fourth Round
#145 Overall - Fifth Round

Minnesota Twins

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#1 Overall - First Round
#35 Overall - CB Round A
#37 Overall - Second Round
#76 Overall - Third Round
#106 Overall - Fourth Round
#136 Overall - Fifth Round

New York Yankees

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#16 Overall - First Round
#54 Overall - Second Round
#92 Overall - Third Round
#122 Overall - Fourth Round
#152 Overall - Fifth Round

Oakland Athletics

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#6 Overall - First Round
#33 Overall - CB Round A
#43 Overall - Second Round
#81 Overall - Third Round
#111 Overall - Fourth Round
#141 Overall - Fifth Round

Seattle Mariners

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5
#17 Overall - First Round
#55 Overall - Second Round
#93 Overall - Third Round
#123 Overall - Fourth Round
#153 Overall - Fifth Round

Tampa Bay Rays

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#4 Overall - First Round
#31 Overall - CB Round A
#40 Overall - Second Round
#79 Overall - Third Round
#109 Overall - Fourth Round
#139 Overall - Fifth Round

Texas Rangers

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#26 Overall - First Round
#29 Overall - First Round (Ian Desmond)
#66 Overall - Second Round
#104 Overall - Third Round
#134 Overall - Fourth Round
#164 Overall - Fifth Round

Toronto Blue Jays

Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6
#22 Overall - First Round
#28 Overall - First Round (Edwin Encarnacion)
#61 Overall - Second Round
#99 Overall - Third Round
#129 Overall - Fourth Round
#159 Overall - Fifth Round

Arizona Diamondbacks*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6*

#7 Overall - First Round
 #44 Overall - Second Round
 #68 Overall - CB Round B
 #82 Overall - Third Round
 #112 Overall - Fourth Round
 #142 Overall - Fifth Round

Atlanta Braves*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#5 Overall - First Round
 #41 Overall - Second Round
 #80 Overall - Third Round
 #110 Overall - Fourth Round
 #140 Overall - Fifth Round

Chicago Cubs*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6*

#27 Overall - First Round
 #30 Overall - First Round (Dexter Fowler)
 #67 Overall - Second Round
 #105 Overall - Third Round
 #135 Overall - Fourth Round
 #165 Overall - Fifth Round

Cincinnati Reds*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6*

#2 Overall - First Round
 #32 Overall - CB Round A
 #38 Overall - Second Round
 #77 Overall - Third Round
 #107 Overall - Fourth Round
 #137 Overall - Fifth Round

Colorado Rockies*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#48 Overall - Second Round
 #70 Overall - CB Round B
 #86 Overall - Third Round
 #116 Overall - Fourth Round
 #146 Overall - Fifth Round

Los Angeles Dodgers*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#23 Overall - First Round
 #62 Overall - Second Round
 #100 Overall - Third Round
 #130 Overall - Fourth Round
 #160 Overall - Fifth Round

Miami Marlins*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6*

#13 Overall - First Round
 #36 Overall - CB Round A
 #51 Overall - Second Round
 #89 Overall - Third Round
 #119 Overall - Fourth Round
 #149 Overall - Fifth Round

Milwaukee Brewers*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6*

#9 Overall - First Round
 #34 Overall - CB Round A
 #46 Overall - Second Round
 #84 Overall - Third Round
 #114 Overall - Fourth Round
 #144 Overall - Fifth Round

New York Mets*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#20 Overall - First Round
 #59 Overall - Second Round
 #97 Overall - Third Round
 #127 Overall - Fourth Round
 #157 Overall - Fifth Round

Philadelphia Phillies*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#8 Overall - First Round
 #45 Overall - Second Round
 #83 Overall - Third Round
 #113 Overall - Fourth Round
 #143 Overall - Fifth Round

Pittsburgh Pirates*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 7*

#12 Overall - First Round
 #42 Overall - Second Round (Nick Lodolo)
 #50 Overall - Second Round
 #72 Overall - CB Round B
 #88 Overall - Third Round
 #118 Overall - Fourth Round
 #148 Overall - Fifth Round

St. Louis Cardinals*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 3*

#94 Overall - Third Round
 #124 Overall - Fourth Round
 #154 Overall - Fifth Round

San Diego Padres*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 6*

#3 Overall - First Round
 #39 Overall - Second Round
 #69 Overall - CB Round B
 #78 Overall - Third Round
 #108 Overall - Fourth Round
 #138 Overall - Fifth Round

San Francisco Giants*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#19 Overall - First Round
 #58 Overall - Second Round
 #96 Overall - Third Round
 #126 Overall - Fourth Round
 #156 Overall - Fifth Round

Washington Nationals*Total Picks in First 5 Rounds: 5*

#25 Overall - First Round
 #65 Overall - Second Round
 #103 Overall - Third Round
 #133 Overall - Fourth Round
 #163 Overall - Fifth Round

FIRST TO 20 WINS

Last Friday night, the Washington Nationals and Houston Astros became the first teams in the Majors to reach 20 wins. Over the last 12 seasons, 14 different teams have been the first to reach the 20-win mark with no teams doing so twice (two teams reached mark on same date in 2006 and 2017). Entering play today, the Nationals own the National League's best mark at 22-12 (.647), while the Astros lead the AL in wins with a record of 23-11 (.676).

The 22-12 start for Washington is the club's best through the first 34 games of a season in Nationals history (2005-present), and the second-best mark in franchise history (Nationals/Expos), behind the 1996 Expos (23-11).

At 23-11, the Astros are off to their best 34-game start in franchise history, one game better than their previous club record of 22-12, set in 1999, 1973 and 1972. The best 35-game start in Astros history is a 23-12 record, set in 1972 and 1999.

In the Wild Card era, reaching the 20-win mark first has not necessarily equated to long-term success over the length of the season. Of the previous 26 teams to reach or tie for 20 wins first in a season since 1995, only three (2005 Chicago White Sox; 2013 Boston Red Sox; and 2016 Chicago Cubs) have gone on to win the World Series that season (11.5%).

In addition, nine have missed the Postseason (34.6%); two have lost in the World Series (7.7%); four have lost during the LCS (15.4%); seven have lost during the Division Series (26.9%); and one has lost in a Wild Card Game (3.8%).

Below is a look at the first teams to reach 20 wins in each season since 1995:

Year	First Team to 20 Wins	End Result
1995	Philadelphia Phillies	69-75; Third Place NL East; Missed Postseason
1996	Montreal Expos	88-74; Second Place NL East; Missed Postseason
	Cleveland Indians	99-62; First Place AL Central; Lost in ALDS
	Texas Rangers	90-72; First Place AL West; Lost in ALDS
1997	Atlanta Braves	101-61; First Place NL East; Lost in NLCS
1998	Atlanta Braves	106-56; First Place NL East; Lost in NLCS
	San Diego Padres	98-64; First Place NL West; Lost in WS
1999	Cleveland Indians	97-65; First Place AL Central; Lost in ALDS
2000	Atlanta Braves	95-67; First Place NL East; Lost in NLDS
2001	Seattle Mariners	116-46; First Place AL West; Lost in ALCS
2002	Seattle Mariners	93-69; Third Place AL West; Missed Postseason
2003	New York Yankees	101-61; First Place AL East; Lost in WS
2004	Anaheim Angels	92-70; First Place AL West; Lost in ALDS
2005	Chicago White Sox	99-63; First Place AL Central; Won WS
2006	Cincinnati Reds	80-82; Third Place NL Central; Missed Postseason
	Chicago White Sox	90-72; Third Place AL Central; Missed Postseason
2007	Milwaukee Brewers	83-79; Second Place NL Central; Missed Postseason
2008	Arizona Diamondbacks	82-80; Second Place NL West; Missed Postseason
2009	Los Angeles Dodgers	95-67; First Place NL West; Lost in NLCS
2010	Tampa Bay Rays	96-66; First Place AL East; Lost in ALDS
2011	Cleveland Indians	80-82; Second Place AL Central; Missed Postseason
2012	Texas Rangers	93-69; Second Place in AL West; Lost in AL Wild Card Game
2013	Boston Red Sox	97-65; First Place AL East; Won WS
2014	Milwaukee Brewers	82-80; Third Place NL Central; Missed Postseason
2015	St. Louis Cardinals	100-62; First Place NL Central; Lost in NLDS
2016	Chicago Cubs	103-58; First Place NL Central; Won WS
2017	Washington Nationals Houston Astros	????

PHILLIPS SET TO JOIN 200/200 CLUB

Atlanta Braves second baseman Brandon Phillips is currently one home run shy of becoming the 48th player in Major League history to record at least 200 home runs and 200 stolen bases. The three-time All-Star, who is in his first season with Atlanta following 11 seasons in Cincinnati, picked up his 200th career stolen base earlier this season, and now has 203 for his career.

Of the 47 players currently in the 200/200 club, only six spent the majority or a large portion of their careers at second base, including four who are in the Hall of Fame — Roberto Alomar (210 home runs, 474 stolen bases); Craig Biggio (291 home runs, 414 stolen bases); Joe Morgan (268 home runs, 689 stolen bases); and Ryne Sandberg (282 home runs, 344 stolen bases). Ian Kinsler (215 home runs, 212 stolen bases) and Alfonso Soriano (412 home runs, 289 stolen bases) are the other two players as part of that group.

With his next homer, Phillips will join Kinsler, Carlos Beltrán (424 home runs, 312 stolen bases) and Hanley Ramirez (245 home runs, 276 stolen bases) as the only active players in the 200/200 club.



MULTI-HOMER GAMES

Entering play on Thursday, the Minnesota Twins had played a total of 30 games, the fewest among Major League Clubs. Through each Club's first 30 games of the 2017 season, there have been 70 individual multi-home run games, involving 55 different players. That mark matches the 2000 MLB season for the most individual multi-homer games through teams' first 30 games in a season in MLB history.

Giancarlo Stanton of the Miami Marlins and Jay Bruce of the New York Mets have logged three multi-homer games, while 11 players have recorded a pair of multi-homer outings. Those 11 players include Milwaukee's Eric Thames; Baltimore's Trey Mancini; Atlanta's Freddie Freeman and Matt Kemp; Brett Gardner and Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees; Washington's Bryce Harper; Oakland's Khris Davis; Yoenis Céspedes of the New York Mets; Cody Bellinger of the Los Angeles Dodgers; and Tampa Bay's Tim Beckham.

Stanton's two-homer output on May 7th was the 21st of his young career. Miami's slugger tied Hall of Famers Roger Maris, Joe DiMaggio and Hank Aaron, as well as Sammy Sosa and Andruw Jones for the 17th-most multi-home run games through their age-27 season. Albert Pujols of the Los Angeles Angels is the only other active player to have had 20 multi-homer games through their age-27 season.

Multi-Homer Games in a Season Through 30 Team Games

Season Rank	Year	Number of Multi-Home Run Games
1	2017	70
	2000	70
3	2001	68
4	1994	66
5	1999	65
6	2006	61
7	1996	60
8	2004	56
9	2010	55
	1998	55

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



The second great match game for the championship, between the Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia and the Atlantics of Brooklyn, on the grounds of the Athletics, Fifteenth & Columbia Avenue, Phila., Oct. 22nd, 1866. / Drawn & published by J.L. Magee, S.E. cor. 3rd & Dock Sts. Philada.

This 1867 depiction of a baseball game played in the previous year is less well known than the Currier & Ives image of 1866, featured last week, but if one were to come to market today it would probably bring about the same figure, (upwards of \$300,000). Both are exceedingly scarce, but the Magee has more brilliantly crisp detail. It gives us a real flavor of being right there, right then. Note the figures in the foreground especially.

A previous attempt to pit these teams against each other had proved disastrous. The proprietors of the Athletic grounds had sold 8,000 seats at twenty-five cents each, but a near stampede to see the game resulted in a crowd of 30,000, who surrounded and constricted the playing area to such an extent that midway in the bottom of the first inning, the game was halted. A return match at Brooklyn's Capitoline Grounds proceeded without disruption, and the Atlantics won, 27-17.

For the "second great match game" (not counting the abortive first attempt), Philadelphia's policemen were out in force and the proprietors of the park charged one-dollar admission, the most ever to that time and still a high price half a century later. The Athletics delighted their fans by winning, 31-12, as the game was halted by thundershowers in the eighth inning. For the A's, Al Reach scored six runs, Wes Fislser five. Lipman Pike, the first Jewish professional ballplayer, made four outs that day, but he had slugged seven homers in a game earlier in the season. A potentially thrilling rubber match between the clubs was canceled because of a dispute over the division of the gate receipts; the Atlantics thus retained their championship.

Above each player is a small number that corresponds to his position in the key printed below the image. So we have McBride batting and Kleinfelder taking off from first (is there a hit-and-run play going on?), with Mills catching and Pratt on the mound. On deck is Reach. The handsome Pike is seated at the far right. Standing next to him (left to right) are Wilkins and Fislser. Dockney is sitting between them. Sensesenderfer is seated by the scorer's table, where Gaskill is standing. Could they be asking that the scorer change a ruling? Unlikely—keeping score is the "father of baseball" himself, Henry Chadwick.

MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK
(All Times ET)

Thursday, May 11th:	Baltimore Orioles at Washington Nationals	7:05 p.m.
	Houston Astros at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
Friday, May 12th:	Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals	8:15 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies	8:40 p.m.
Saturday, May 13th:	Houston Astros at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays	1:07 p.m.
	Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
	Baltimore Orioles at Kansas City Royals	7:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 14th:	Baltimore Orioles at Kansas City Royals	2:15 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals	2:15 p.m.
Monday, May 15th:	Milwaukee Brewers at San Diego Padres	10:10 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants	10:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16th:	Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals	8:15 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals	8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17th:	Tampa Bay Rays at Cleveland Indians	12:10 p.m.
	New York Mets at Arizona Diamondbacks	3:40 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants	3:45 p.m.



Saturday, May 13th: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (FS1) 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, May 14th:	Houston Astros at New York Yankees	7:35 p.m.
Monday, May 15th:	Houston Astros at Miami Marlins	7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17th:	Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals	8:15 p.m.



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 502 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 309 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and thirty-four seconds.

- *309 Replay Reviews
- *61 Confirmed (19.7%)
- *102 Stands (33.0%)
- *141 Overturned (45.6%)
- *5 Rules Check (1.6%)
- *1:34 Average Time



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

IF YOU AIN'T FIRST, YOU'RE LAST: Joey Rickard, Mark Trumbo and Trey Mancini of the Orioles each homered in Baltimore's four-run first inning on Monday. According to Elias, Monday marked the third time the Orioles hit at least three first-inning home runs in a game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards since the park opened in 1992. The Orioles also did so on May 10, 2012 against the Texas Rangers (Ryan Flaherty, J.J. Hardy and Nick Markakis) and on August 19, 2016 (four: Adam Jones, Manny Machado, Mark Trumbo and Chris Davis).

SENZATIONAL: Rockies starting pitcher Antonio Senzatela improved to 5-1 on Tuesday with a 2.86 ERA (44.0 innings pitched, 14 earned runs). His five wins are tied for first in the National League with Clayton Kershaw, while his 2.86 ERA ranks ninth in the NL. Senzatela is one of six active pitchers in the Majors to go 5-1 or better with an ERA under 3.00 in their first seven career starts (also: Jered Weaver, Lance Lynn, James Paxton, Masahiro Tanaka, Kyle Hendricks and Yu Darvish).

OLD MEETS NEW: On Wednesday night, Astros shortstop Carlos Correa (22) and designated hitter Carlos Beltran (40) hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning, marking the first time in team history that the Astros had one player age 22-or-younger and another player over the age of 40 both homer in the same game. The last time any pair of teammates age 22-or-younger and 40-or-over homered in the same game was on September 15, 2015 when Greg Bird and Alex Rodriguez did so for the Yankees.

ESKY STREAKING TOWARD CLUB IRONMAN MARK: The durable Alcides Escobar made his 204th consecutive start at shortstop Wednesday night and is now just eight straight starts shy of matching former third baseman Paul Schaal's team record of 212 set from April 6, 1971-June 15, 1972. Schaal's streak was halted on June 16, 1972, when Ron Hansen made the start at third base for Kansas City.

READY, WILLING, KNEBEL: Milwaukee's Corey Knebel has at least one strikeout in each of his 18 appearances this season (16.2 innings pitched, 26 strikeouts). He is the only reliever in the Majors with at least one strikeout in every appearance (minimum 15 games). Knebel is holding opponents to a .145 batting average (8-for-55, no home runs).

HE McCANN DO IT!: Tigers catcher James McCann hit his seventh home run of the season Tuesday night, tied for most in the Majors among catchers with Kansas City's Salvador Perez and San Diego's Austin Hedges. McCann's homer was his 11th hit of the season, making him the first American League player to have at least seven home runs in his first 11 hits of a season since the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez in 2009 (also seven home runs in first 11 hits). The last Major League player to do so was Colorado's Trevor Story in 2016 (seven home runs in first 11 hits).

PITCHER PRODUCTION: Carlos Martínez on Monday joined Adam Wainwright (April 21st at Milwaukee) with a four-RBI game this season, only the fourth time (also 1932, 1973, 1986) the Cardinals have had two-or-more pitchers contribute four-RBI games in the same season. They had three pitchers (Tim Conroy, Ray Burris and Bob Forsch) turn the trick in 1986. The only other team to have two such games in their first 31 games of the season was Cleveland in 1921 when George Uhle did it twice (six-RBI and four-RBI games) for the Tribe.

ONE-MAN ARMY: The Rockies blanked the Cubs on Wednesday, 3–0, with German Márquez throwing 8.0 innings and knocking in two runs with a seventh-inning single. According to Elias, Marquez is the second rookie ever to throw at least 8.0 scoreless innings and drive in two-or-more runs against the defending champions. Harry Taylor did that for the Brooklyn Dodgers against the Cardinals in 1947. It was only the second time that the Rockies have shut out the defending World Series winner in Denver. They had a 5–0 win over the Giants on May 19, 2013.

SURPRISE OUTCOME: The San Francisco Giants came from behind in the ninth inning against Jeury's Familia to defeat the New York Mets on Wednesday, 6–5. According to Elias, San Francisco had lost its last 72 games when trailing in the ninth inning-or-later, which had been the second-longest current streak of that kind entering the day, behind the Twins' 135-game streak. Ironically, the Mets had won the last 50 games in which they led in the ninth inning-or-later, which had been the longest current winning streak of that kind.

NOBODY ALIVE HAS SEEN THIS BEFORE: Six teams scored four-or-more first-inning runs on Tuesday night: Astros (5), Brewers (5), Rangers (5), Phillies (4), Mets (4) and Rays (4). According to Elias, it was only the third time in Major League history that six different teams all scored at least four runs in the opening frame and the other two times it happened were both in 1890 — April 22nd and September 1st.

ROAD WARRIOR: Cleveland's Carlos Carrasco improved to 4-0 with a 1.35 ERA in four road starts this season following his outing in Toronto on Tuesday. The right-hander tossed 7.0 scoreless innings to pick up the victory. Only three other Indians pitchers since 1913 won each of their first four road starts of a season with an ERA that low: Guy Morton in 1916 (4-0, 1.25 ERA); Bert Blyleven in 1981 (4-0, 1.25 ERA); and Cliff Lee in 2008 (4-0, 0.00 ERA).

COMEBACK KIDS: The Astros lead the Major Leagues with 15 comeback victories, including three five-run comebacks. According to Elias, the franchise record for five-run comebacks in a single season is four, set in 1995.

STAR SEARCH: Second baseman Starlin Castro has hit safely in 26 of 31 games this season, batting .354 (45-for-127) with 23 runs scored, six doubles, six home runs and 21 RBI. He is the first Yankee to record a hit in 26 of the team's first 31 games since 2007, when Derek Jeter (27) and Alex Rodriguez (26) both did it. Castro leads the American League in hits and is tied for second in the Majors, trailing only Washington's Ryan Zimmerman (48), and he ranks third in the AL in batting average behind Seattle's Jean Segura (.364) and Mike Trout (.355) of the Angels. In addition, he has scored a run in 10 of his last 11 games and in 19 of 31 games this season.



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2017 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	31-20	.253 (447-for-1,769)	3.87
National League	20-31	.248 (445-for-1,796)	4.24

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April 9 th	Nomar Mazara, TEX (.417, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 6 R, 2 2B, .750 SLG)	J.T. Realmuto, MIA (.500, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 6 R, 2B, 3B, .909 SLG)
April 16 th	James Paxton, SEA (2-0, 0.00 ERA, 15.0 IP, 17 SO, 3 BB, 6 H)	Marcell Ozuna, MIA (.435, 4 HR, 12 RBI, 1 2B, 4 R, 1.000 SLG)
April 23 rd	Steven Souza Jr., TB (.414, 2 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 5 R, 22 TB)	Bryce Harper, WSH (.550, 3 HR, 7 RBI, 4 2B, 10 R, 1.200 SLG)
April 30 th	Miguel Sanó, MIN (.524, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 4 R, 1 2B, .545 OBP)	Ryan Zimmerman, WSH (.500, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 2 2B, 11 R)
May 7 th	Yonder Alonso, OAK (.409, 5 HR, 10 RBI, 5 R, 1 2B, 25 TB)	Cody Bellinger, LAD (.429, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 8 R, 1 2B, 1 3B)

BUDWEISER PRESENTS THE AL & NL PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Mike Trout, LAA (.364, 7 HR, 18 RBI, 9 2B, 2 3B, 18 R, 5 SB)	Ryan Zimmerman, WSH (.420, 11 HR, 29 RBI, 8 2B, 22 R)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Dallas Keuchel, HOU (5-0, 1.21 ERA, 44.2 IP, 36 SO)	Ivan Nova, PIT (3-2, 1.50 ERA, 36.0 IP, 22 SO, 1 BB, 1 SHO)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Aaron Judge, NYY (.303, 10 HR, 20 RBI, 2 2B, 1 3B, 23 R)	Antonio Senzatela, COL (3-1, 2.81 ERA, 32.0 IP, 18 SO)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S RELIEVERS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY THE HARTFORD

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Cody Allen, CLE (0-0, 6 SV, 0.90 ERA, 10.0 IP, 20 SO, 1 BB)	Greg Holland, COL (0-0, 11 SV, 1.50 ERA, 12.0 IP, 13 SO)