



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

WHERE HAVE THE SAVES GONE?

Entering play today, 672 saves have been converted across 1,415 games played. On pace for 1,154 saves this season, the 2017 campaign is poised to post the lowest percentage of games played with a save since 1987. During the 1987 season, only 971 saves (46.1%) were recorded in 2,105 Major League games. Just two seasons ago, in 2015, 53.2% of games played included a save, the second-highest percentage in MLB history.

Year	Games	Saves	SV/G
1991	2,104	1,132	53.8%
2015	2,429	1,292	53.2%
1990	2,105	1,113	52.9%
1992	2,106	1,109	52.7%
2016	2,428	1,276	52.6%
1993	2,269	1,192	52.5%
2013	2,431	1,266	52.1%
2014	2,430	1,264	52.0%
1998	2,432	1,265	52.0%
2012	2,430	1,261	51.9%
2005	2,431	1,254	51.6%
2011	2,429	1,243	51.2%
1989	2,106	1,069	50.8%
2004	2,428	1,230	50.7%
2002	2,426	1,224	50.5%
1997	2,266	1,139	50.3%
1999	2,428	1,217	50.1%
1988	2,100	1,049	50.0%
1995	2,017	1,006	49.9%
2001	2,429	1,210	49.8%
2010	2,430	1,204	49.5%
2009	2,430	1,202	49.5%
2006	2,429	1,201	49.4%
2003	2,430	1,198	49.3%
2007	2,431	1,198	49.3%
1996	2,267	1,116	49.2%
2008	2,428	1,184	48.8%
1994	1,600	777	48.6%
2000	2,429	1,178	48.5%
2017	2,430	1,154	47.5%
1987	2,105	971	46.1%

HOW THINGS STAND A YEAR LATER

Morning of July 20, 2016

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
BAL	53	39	.576	-
BOS	52	39	.571	0.5
TOR	53	42	.558	1.5
NYY	47	46	.505	6.5
TB	36	57	.387	17.5

<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CLE	55	38	.591	-
DET	49	45	.521	6.5
KC	47	46	.505	8.0
CWS	46	47	.495	9.0
MIN	34	59	.366	21.0

<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
TEX	55	40	.579	-
HOU	50	44	.532	4.5
SEA	47	47	.500	7.5
LAA	42	52	.447	12.5
OAK	42	52	.447	12.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
WSH	56	38	.596	-
MIA	51	42	.548	4.5
NYM	50	43	.538	5.5
PHI	43	52	.453	13.5
ATL	33	61	.351	23.0

<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CHI	56	37	.602	-
STL	48	44	.522	7.5
PIT	48	45	.516	8.0
MIL	39	52	.429	16.0
CIN	35	59	.372	21.5

<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
SF	57	37	.606	-
LAD	53	42	.558	4.5
COL	43	50	.462	13.5
SD	41	52	.441	15.5
ARI	40	54	.426	17.0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
BOS	54	42	.563	-
TB	51	45	.531	3.0
NYY	48	45	.516	4.5
BAL	45	49	.479	8.0
TOR	43	51	.457	10.0

<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
CLE	48	45	.516	-
MIN	48	46	.511	0.5
KC	46	47	.495	2.0
DET	43	50	.462	5.0
CWS	38	54	.413	9.5

<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
HOU	63	32	.663	-
SEA	48	48	.500	15.5
LAA	47	50	.485	17.0
TEX	45	49	.479	17.5
OAK	43	52	.453	20.0

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
<u>EAST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
WSH	57	37	.606	-
ATL	45	48	.484	11.5
NYM	42	50	.457	14.0
MIA	42	51	.452	14.5
PHI	32	61	.344	24.5

<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
MIL	52	45	.536	-
CHI	49	45	.521	1.5
PIT	47	48	.495	4.0
STL	46	48	.489	4.5
CIN	40	54	.426	10.5

<u>WEST</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
LAD	66	29	.695	-
COL	56	41	.577	11.0
ARI	54	40	.574	11.5
SD	40	54	.426	25.5
SF	37	59	.385	29.5

NOTES ON THE STANDINGS

- Three of the six division leaders have no more than a 3.0-game lead.
- Four of the six division leaders were not in first place at this time last season. Only the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Nationals were in first place at this time last season. The Boston Red Sox were in second place in the AL East; the Houston Astros were in second place in the AL West; the Milwaukee Brewers were in fourth place in the NL Central; and the Los Angeles Dodgers were in second place in the NL West.
- Twenty-two teams, including 14 of the 15 American League teams, are within 6.0 games of a Postseason berth (either division lead or Wild Card).
- Six of the 10 teams currently in position for the Postseason were not in the Postseason last year (Astros, Rays, Yankees, Brewers, Rockies and Diamondbacks), and four of those teams (Rays, Brewers, Rockies and Diamondbacks) had a record under .500 at this time last season, including two teams (Rays and Diamondbacks) that were in last place in their division.
- Twenty-five of the 30 Clubs have a winning percentage between .400 and .600.
- The biggest improvements from this time last year are the Diamondbacks (+.148); Twins (+.145); Rays (+.144); Dodgers (+.137); Braves (+.133); Astros (+.131); Rockies (+.115); and Brewers (+.107).
- The largest decreases from this time last year are the Giants (-.221); Phillies (-.109); Blue Jays (-.101); Rangers (-.100); Orioles (-.097); Marlins (-.096); White Sox (-.082); and Cubs (-.081).
- The combined winning percentage of the six last-place Clubs is .413, which is .022 points higher than that of the six last-place teams at this time last year (.391).

PLAYING FOR THE LONG BALL

Entering play today, there have been 3,559 home runs hit in the Majors over 1,415 games played. Dating back to the 2000 season, the 2.52 home runs hit per game this season ranks first.

Home Runs Per Game, 2000-2017

Year	Games	Home Runs	Home Runs Per Game
2017	1,415	3,559	2.52
2000	2,429	5,693	2.34
2016	2,427	5,610	2.31
2001	2,429	5,458	2.25
2004	2,428	5,451	2.25
2006	2,429	5,386	2.22
2003	2,430	5,207	2.14
2002	2,426	5,059	2.09
2009	2,430	5,042	2.07
2005	2,431	5,017	2.06
2007	2,431	4,957	2.04
2012	2,430	4,934	2.03
2015	2,429	4,909	2.02
2008	2,428	4,878	2.01
2013	2,431	4,661	1.92
2010	2,430	4,613	1.90
2011	2,429	4,552	1.87
2014	2,430	4,186	1.72

The Toronto Blue Jays have relied on the home run this season more than any team in the Majors, with 52.1% of the team's run production coming as a result of home runs. The Blue Jays are the only team in the Majors with more than 50% of the team's runs coming as a result of home runs.

Interestingly, the Houston Astros, who lead the Majors with 558 runs scored, rank 15th in this category, with 43.2% of their runs coming via the longball. Below is a look at each of the 30 teams' 2017 run production and the percentage of runs coming by home run.

Percentage of Runs via Home Run, 2017 Season

Team	Total Runs	Home Runs	Runs Coming from HR	% of Runs from HR
TOR	388	123	202	52.1%
TEX	457	141	227	49.7%
OAK	411	134	202	49.1%
NYY	497	136	240	48.3%
MIL	472	145	228	48.3%
BAL	428	132	205	47.9%
SD	345	112	163	47.2%
TB	448	140	211	47.1%
CHI	443	133	207	46.7%
LAD	489	137	225	46.0%
WSH	525	141	235	44.8%
CIN	442	129	194	43.9%
NYM	443	138	194	43.8%
KC	378	110	164	43.4%
HOU	558	155	241	43.2%
SEA	461	112	193	41.9%
DET	450	114	186	41.3%
LAA	395	102	160	40.5%
PHI	365	94	147	40.3%
CWS	409	104	162	39.6%
MIA	428	110	169	39.5%
ARI	469	117	184	39.2%
STL	425	111	165	38.8%
CLE	437	106	165	37.8%
MIN	428	106	160	37.4%
COL	515	115	185	35.9%
ATL	430	96	151	35.1%
PIT	398	91	139	34.9%
BOS	453	97	150	33.1%
SF	373	78	102	27.3%

KNEBEL'S K-STREAK COMES TO AN END

With his two-strikeout performance on Saturday against the Philadelphia Phillies, Milwaukee Brewers closer Corey Knebel concluded a streak of 45 consecutive appearances with at least one strikeout. His 79 punchouts over 45.1 innings of work lead all Major League relievers.



Corey's streak, which ended on Wednesday after he did not record a strikeout in 1.0 inning at Pittsburgh, established a new MLB record for relief pitchers to begin a season in the Modern Era (since 1900), originally held by Aroldis Chapman, who recorded 37 straight contests with a strikeout to begin the 2014 season.

In his appearance on June 30th, the 25-year-old Knebel eclipsed the Major League record for consecutive appearances with a strikeout by a reliever in a single season (40), besting Hall of Famer Bruce Sutter's streak of 39 appearances (June 1 - October, 1977).

Relief Pitchers with at least One Strikeout in Consecutive Appearances to Begin a Season, 1900-Present

Reliever, Team	Streak Date	Games
Corey Knebel, MIL	April 3 - July 15, 2017	45
Aroldis Chapman, CIN	May 11 - August 13, 2014	37
Aroldis Chapman, CIN	April 5 - June 16, 2012	29

Dating back to his final appearance of the 2016 season on October 2nd, Knebel's overall streak spanned 46 games, which is the second-most consecutive games with a strikeout as a reliever over any time period. Chapman leads the way with a streak of 49 games.

Relief Pitchers with at least One Strikeout in Consecutive Appearances, 1900-Present

Reliever, Team	Streak Date	Games
Aroldis Chapman, CIN	August 21, 2013 - August 13, 2014	49
Corey Knebel, MIL	October 2, 2016 - July 15, 2017	46
Bruce Sutter, CHI	June 1 - October 2, 1977	39
Eric Gagne, LAD	July 18, 2003 - April 10, 2004	35

Across the Majors this season, no other relief pitcher has recorded a streak of more than 30 appearances. Newly acquired Tommy Kahnle of the New York Yankees is currently in the midst of the second-longest streak this season, having recorded a strikeout in each of his previous 27 games.

Relief Pitchers with at least One Strikeout in Consecutive Appearances, 2017

Reliever, Team	Streak Date	Games
Corey Knebel, MIL	April 3, 2017- July 15, 2017	45
Tommy Kahnle, CWS-NYY	May 6 th - Present	27
Jose Leclerc, TEX	April 4 th - June 20 th	18
Frankie Montas, OAK	April 9 th - May 30 th	17
Craig Kimbrel, BOS	May 30 th - July 16 th	17
Edwin Díaz, SEA	June 9 th - Present	17

FILLING UP THE STATSHEET

On Wednesday, Colorado Rockies All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado went 5-for-6 with three home runs and seven RBI in an 18-4 Colorado victory over the San Diego Padres. Arenado's homers came in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. According to Elias, the only other active player to hit a home run in three consecutive innings in a game is Manny Machado, who went deep in the first, second and third innings against the White Sox on August 7, 2016. The only other player in Rockies history to accomplish that feat is Andres Galarraga, who homered in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings against the Padres on June 25, 1995.

In addition, Arenado is the fourth player in the past 25 years to have a three-homer game and hit for the cycle in the same season, joining Miguel Tejada (2001), José Reyes (2006) and Adrian Beltre (2012). Elias also reports that Arenado is the 17th player to have a three-homer game and hit for the cycle in the same season (Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio did so in two seasons).

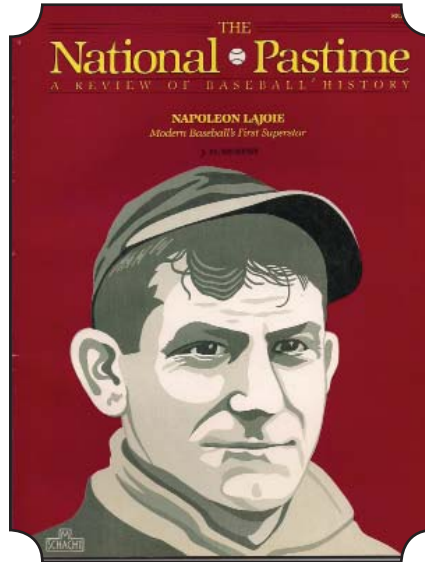
Arenado's performance marked the 20th such game since 1913 in which a player recorded at least five hits, three home runs and seven RBI, and it was the first statline of its kind in Rockies history. Of the 20 individual performances, three have come during the 2017 season. No other season since 1913 has ever had more than one such game. On April 30th, Washington's Anthony Rendon tallied six hits with three homers and 10 RBI in the Nationals' 23-5 win over the New York Mets, and on June 6th, Cincinnati's Scooter Gennett collected five hits with four home runs and 10 RBI in the Reds' 13-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Five of the 20 games (25.0%) have come in the last four seasons. In addition to the three this season, Yoenis Céspedes accomplished the feat for the New York Mets in 2015, and Lonnie Chisenhall did so for the Cleveland Indians in 2014. Below is a look at each of the 20 historic performances.

Games with at Least Five Hits, Three Home Runs and Seven RBI, 1913-Present

Player, Team	Date	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Carl Reynolds, CWS	July 2, 1930	6	4	5	3	8
Jimmie Foxx, PHA	July 10, 1932	9	4	6	3	8
Walker Cooper, CIN	July 6, 1949	7	5	6	3	10
Gil Hodges, BRK	August 31, 1950	6	5	5	4	9
Joe Adcock, MIL	July 31, 1954	5	5	5	4	7
Gus Bell, CIN	May 29, 1956	5	3	5	3	7
Willie Stargell, PIT	May 22, 1968	5	4	5	3	7
Fred Lynn, BOS	June 18, 1975	6	4	5	3	10
Mike Schmidt, PHI	April 17, 1976	6	4	5	4	8
Mickey Brantley, SEA	September 14, 1987	6	3	5	3	7
Jose Canseco, TEX	June 13, 1994	6	3	5	3	8
Shawn Green, LAD	May 23, 2002	6	6	6	4	7
Shea Hillenbrand, ARI	July 7, 2003	5	4	5	3	7
Victor Martinez, CLE	July 16, 2004	5	3	5	3	7
Josh Hamilton, TEX	May 8, 2012	5	4	5	4	8
Lonnie Chisenhall, CLE	June 9, 2014	5	3	5	3	9
Yoenis Céspedes, NYM	August 21, 2015	6	5	5	3	7
Anthony Rendon, WSH	April 30, 2017	6	5	6	3	10
Scooter Gennett, CIN	June 6, 2017	5	4	5	4	10
Nolan Arenado, COL	July 19, 2017	6	4	5	3	7

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



***The National Pastime* cover, 1988, Nap Lajoie, by Mike Schacht**

My dear departed friend Mike Schacht, a graphic artist by day and a painter by night, combined his two passions brilliantly to produce an unmatched portfolio of striking posters, graphics, and paintings. Apart from his baseball art, Schacht was also the publisher and editor of "Fan," a quirky literary and art quarterly with an elite subscription list. At the time of his death in 2001, he and I were collaborating on a book with a working title of PLAY: The Art of Mike Schacht. Though unrealized, the book gave rise to a recent exhibition employing the same title.



The death of our book coincided with that of the artist, but he left behind a singular body of work—often minimalist, always memorable. A great deal more about Mike may be read and seen here: <http://mikeschacht.com/>

Mike grew up in the 1950s, as I did, and the heroes of that age supplied him with some awesome subjects: Willie Mays, Duke Snider, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams. Let the pictures speak.



MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK
(All Times ET)

Thursday, July 20th:	Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
Friday, July 21st:	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
Monday, June 24th:	Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25th:	Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Colorado Rockies at St. Louis Cardinals	8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26th:	Baltimore Orioles at Tampa Bay Rays	12:10 p.m.
	Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.



Saturday, July 22nd:	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Texas Rangers at Tampa Bay Rays (FS1)	7:10 p.m.

Sunday, July 23rd:	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs	8:05 p.m.
Monday, July 24th:	Colorado Rockies at St. Louis Cardinals	8:08 p.m.
Wednesday, July 26th:	Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox	8:10 p.m.



Sunday, July 23rd:	Houston Astros at Baltimore Orioles	1:35 p.m.
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UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,415 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 831 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and thirty seconds.

- *831 Replay Reviews
- *187 Confirmed (22.5%)
- *243 Stands (29.2%)
- *390 Overturned (46.9%)
- *10 Rules Check (1.2%)
- *1 Record Keeping (0.1%)
- *1:30 Average Time



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

deNOTES: Jacob deGrom has won seven straight starts, going 7-0 with a 1.51 ERA. The seven-start winning streak is tied for the fifth-longest in team history, and is the first since Steven Matz (April 17-May 25, 2016). Last night was the eighth time this year that deGrom has allowed one run-or-less. In his first 95 career starts, he's allowed one run-or-less 43 times, tied with Dwight Gooden for the most such starts in the Majors since 1900.

ONE MORE ON MAX: Max Moroff scored the tying run in the ninth inning last night after entering the game as a pinch runner, and also delivered the game-winning hit in the 10th. According to Elias, the last player to score the tying run of a game as a pinch runner in the ninth inning and deliver a game-ending hit in extra innings was San Diego's Will Venable on May 29, 2013 against the Mariners.

BARNES STORMING: Milwaukee's Jacob Barnes has not allowed a run over his last nine outings, logging 9.0 innings pitched with 14 strikeouts, three walks and three hits. Opponents are hitless in their last 21 at-bats against him, and his last hit allowed (single by Gregory Polanco) came on June 22nd vs. Pittsburgh.

EXTRA, EXTRA: The Red Sox have played 67 innings in the last five days: 16 on Saturday, 18 on Sunday, 9 on Monday, 15 on Tuesday, and 9 on Wednesday. This is the first time in the last 100 years that the Sox have played multiple games of at least 15 innings in a single homestand. In fact, this is only the fifth time in the last 40 years that the Sox have played multiple games of 15-or-more innings in an entire season (also 2014, '01, 1992, '81).

YO ADRIAN: Beltre hit career double number 602 last night, breaking a tie with Barry Bonds for sole possession of 16th place on that all-time list, one behind Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. (603). Of the 15 players ahead of Beltre on the doubles list, 12 are in the Hall of Fame, and the others are Pete Rose, David Ortiz, and Albert Pujols. Beltre's 2,983 career hits are just two shy of matching Hall of Famer Sam Rice (2,985) and 17 short of becoming the 31st player in MLB history to reach the 3,000-hit milestone.

QUALITY CONTROL: In just his second Major League season, All-Star right-hander Michael Fulmer has thrown a quality start in 16 of his 18 outings (89%) this year. Since 1913, only Dwight Gooden (94%) and Steve Rodgers (94%) have posted a better quality start percentage in either their first or second season in the Majors.

ZACH ATTACK: Zach Britton is currently 5-for-5 in save opportunities this season, and is tied for second all-time (since 1969, when saves became an official statistic) with 54 consecutive save opportunities converted. His next successful save converted will mark the American League record, trailing only Eric Gagne, who converted 84 consecutive save opportunities for the Los Angeles Dodgers from 2002-04.

DOUBLE TEAM: Houston has doubled in a franchise-record 52 consecutive games, besting the previous record of 38 games set from July 27-September 6, 1977. The streak is the second-longest in MLB history (since 1913), trailing only a 75-game run by the 1996 Cleveland Indians.

IN THE BIG INNING: Tuesday's five-run fifth inning was the Yankees' 14th frame with at least five runs scored this season. Each of their last four such frames have come on the road (7/1 at Houston, 6/30 at Houston, 6/28 at Chicago-AL, all in the sixth). In 2016, New York had just 11 frames with at least five runs.

CONSISTENT POP: Nelson Cruz clubbed his 20th home run of the season on Monday, marking his ninth consecutive season with at least 20 homers. He's the only player with at least 20 home runs in every season since 2009. The only player who has a chance to join him is Houston's Brian McCann (has 11 this season).

20 X 5: Anthony Rizzo has already become just the fourth Cubs left-handed batter to reach the 20-homer mark at least five times, joining Hall of Famer Billy Williams (13 times), Bill Nicholson (six times) and Leon Durham (five times). Additionally, Rizzo is just the third Cub to rack up five 20-homer seasons prior to his age-28 campaign, joining Hall of Famers Ron Santo and Williams.

DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A PERFECT 10: Antonio Senzatela, who leads Major League rookies in wins, is 10-3 in 16 starts (19 games) this season. According to Elias, only four other pitchers in Rockies history won at least 10 of their first 16 starts in one season: Ubaldo Jiménez in 2010 (14-1), Shawn Chacon in 2003 (11-3), Aaron Cook in 2008 (10-4) and Jason Marquis in 2009 (10-5).

BROTHERLY LOVE: Nick Williams of the Philadelphia Phillies has logged multiple hits and RBI in each of his last four contests, joining Greg Luzinski (1977), Chuck Klein (1932) and Lefty O'Doul (1929) as the only Phillies players since 1913 to accomplish the feat.

IN A CLASS WITH STAN THE MAN: Magneuris Sierra has 20 hits in his first 12 MLB games, tied for third-most in Cardinals history in his first 12 Major League games with Hall of Famer Stan Musial (1941) and Ken Reitz (1972), trailing only Terry Pendleton (23, 1984) and Bo Hart (22, 2003). Sierra holds the mark for any MLB rookie in 2017 with the 20 hits in first 12 games, ahead of Austin Slater (SF, 17) and Cody Bellinger (15, LAD).

LOMO, SOUZA SEEING 20/20: On Tuesday night, Steven Souza Jr. launched his 20th home run of the season, extending his career high. Along with Logan Morrison (26), this marks only the second time in Rays history that two teammates have had 20 homers apiece after 95 games, joining Jose Canseco (31) and Fred McGriff (20) in 1999.

DODGERS SET MARK: The Dodgers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning against the White Sox and coasted to a 9-1 rain-shortened victory on Wednesday that set an all-time Major League record. Los Angeles has won 44 consecutive games in which they held a lead of any size at any time. According to Elias, that broke a record held by the Cubs for 111 years. During the 1906 season, Chicago's North Siders had a streak of 43 consecutive conversions of a lead into a win. The Cubs' roster included four Hall of Famers: the renowned trio of Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers, and Frank Chance, and pitcher Mordecai Brown, who was credited with 10 of those 43 wins. Chance was also the team's manager.



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2017 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	95-90	.257 (1,635-for-6,358)	4.43
National League	90-95	.253 (1,603-for-6,324)	4.37

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)
May 14 th	Mookie Betts, BOS (.375, 8 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, .917 SLG)	Alex Wood, LAD (2-0, 0.00 ERA, 11.0 IP, 21 SO, 2 BB)
May 21 st	J.D. Martinez, DET (.389, 7 R, 4 HR, 9 RBI, 10 BB, 1.056 SLG)	Jake Lamb, ARI (.412, 7 R, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 1.176 SLG, 20 TB)
May 28 th	José Abreu, CWS (.452, 14 H, 7 R, 3 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 23 TB)	Charlie Blackmon, COL (.400, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 6 R, 1 2B, 1 3B)
June 4 th	George Springer, HOU (.500, 11 R, 5 HR, 9 RBI, 1.033 SLG)	Edinson Volquez, MIA (2-0, 0.60 ERA, 14 SO, 1 no-hitter)
June 11 th	Aaron Judge, NYY (.500/.600/1.000, 10 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (Hit 17 th 4 HR game in MLB history)
June 18 th	José Ramírez, CLE (.516/.545/1.065, 9 R, 8 2B, 3 HR, 33 TB)	Jacob deGrom, NYM (2-0, 0.53 ERA, 17.0 IP, 12 SO, 1 CG)
June 25 th	Corey Kluber, CLE (1-0, 0.00 ERA, 16.0 IP, 24 SO, 2 BB)	Cody Bellinger, LAD (.370/.400/1.037, 7 R, 5 HR, 12 RBI)
July 2 nd	Mookie Betts, BOS (.483, 10 R, 2 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 3 SB)	Joey Votto, CIN (.524/.630/1.095, 6 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI)
July 9 th	Jose Altuve, HOU (.625, 9 R, 2 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, .667 OBP)	Clayton Kershaw, LAD (2-0, 1.13 ERA, 24 SO, 2 BB, 16.0 IP)
July 16 th	J.D. Martinez, DET (.455, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 12 TB, 1.091 SLG)	Anthony Rendon, WSH (.636/.714/1.545, 4 R, 3 HR, 9 RBI)

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)
May	Carlos Correa, HOU (.386, 24 R, 8 2B, 7 HR, 26 RBI)	Charlie Blackmon, COL (.359, 24 R, 6 2B, 5 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI)
June	Aaron Judge, NYY (.324, 30 R, 5 2B, 10 HR, 25 RBI, 2 SB)	Andrew McCutchen, PIT (.411, 22 R, 5 2B, 6 HR, 23 RBI)

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)
May	Lance McCullers Jr., HOU (4-0, 0.99 ERA, 37 SO, 36.1 IP)	Alex Wood, LAD (5-0, 1.27 ERA, 41 SO, 7 BB, 28.1 IP)
June	Corey Kluber, CLE (4-0, 1.26 ERA, 64 SO, 43.0 IP, 1 SHO)	Max Scherzer, WSH (3-2, 0.99 ERA, 51 SO, 6 BB, 36.1 IP)

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)
May	Aaron Judge, NYY (.347, 17 R, 5 2B, 7 HR, 17 RBI, 3 SB)	Cody Bellinger, LAD (22 R, 5 2B, 9 HR, 27 RBI, .556 SLG)
June	Aaron Judge, NYY (.324, 30 R, 5 2B, 10 HR, 25 RBI, 2 SB)	Cody Bellinger, LAD (22 R, 9 2B, 13 HR, 27 RBI, .743 SLG)

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)
May	Craig Kimbrel, BOS (12.2 IP, 7 SV, 0.00 ERA, 25 SO, 1 BB)	Greg Holland, COL (9 G, 8 SV, 1.17 ERA, 15 SO, 1 BB)
June	Roberto Osuna, TOR (11.1 IP, 8 SV, 0.79 ERA, 19 SO, 1 BB)	Kenley Jansen, LAD (2-0, 0.00 ERA, 10 SV, 18 SO, 1 BB)