



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

LITTLE LEAGUERS TO BIG LEAGUERS

The 71st Little League World Series (LLWS) begins today in Williamsport, PA. The 16-team tournament features eight International teams (Asia-Pacific, Australia, Canada, Caribbean, Europe-Africa, Japan, Latin America and Mexico) and eight U.S. teams (Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New England, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest and West).

The teams that will represent each region include: Seoul, South Korea (Asia-Pacific); Sydney, Australia (Australia); White Rock, British Columbia (Canada); Santiago, Dominican Republic (Caribbean); Emilia, Italy (Europe-Africa); Tokyo, Japan (Japan); Maracaibo, Venezuela (Latin America); Reynoso, Mexico (Mexico); Grosse Pointe, Michigan (Great Lakes); Jackson, New Jersey (Mid-Atlantic); Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Midwest); Fairfield, Connecticut (New England); Walla Walla, Washington (Northwest); Greenville, North Carolina (Southeast); Lufkin, Texas (Southwest); and Rancho Santa Margarita, California (West).

The World Series Championship game will be played on Sunday, August 27th at 3:00 p.m. (ET) between the U.S. and International Champion.

Little League Baseball estimates that it has nearly 2.4 million participants across the world. Several current and former players in Major League Baseball have participated in the Little League World Series:

- New York Yankees third baseman Todd Frazier was a member of the 1998 Toms River, New Jersey team that defeated Kashima, Japan in the Championship game. His older brother, Jeff Frazier, an outfielder who made it to the Majors with the Detroit Tigers in 2010, was also part of the 1995 Toms River club that made it to Williamsport.
- Los Angeles Dodgers rookie outfielder Cody Bellinger played on the 2007 Chandler, Arizona team that advanced to the U.S. semifinals.
- New York Mets outfielder Michael Conforto was a member of the 2004 Schenectady, New York team that competed in the Little League World Series. Michael went on to play college ball at Oregon State, where he appeared in the College World Series in 2013. With his appearance in the Fall Classic with the Mets in 2015, he became the third player ever to appear in the Little League World Series, College World Series and MLB World Series, joining Ed Vosberg and Jason Varitek.
- St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Lance Lynn played on the 1999 Brownsburg, Indiana team that participated in the tournament.
- Toronto Blue Jays second baseman Devon Travis played on the 2003 Boynton Beach, Florida team that participated in the tournament.
- St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Randal Grichuk played on the 2003 and 2004 Richmond, Texas teams that appeared in consecutive tournaments.
- Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Michael Saunders was on the 1999 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada team that advanced to the Little League World Series.

- Outfielder Colby Rasmus played as a pitcher and first baseman for Phenix City, Alabama during the 1999 LLWS. Phenix City won the U.S. championship game before losing in the finals to Osaka, Japan. Rasmus finished the World Series batting .500 (5-for-10) with a home run, three runs scored and three RBI. Colby's brother, Cory, a free agent pitcher most recently with the Los Angeles Angels' organization, was also on the 1999 Phenix City squad.
- Texas Rangers infielder Jurickson Profar and Baltimore Orioles second baseman Jonathan Schoop were both members of the Pabao Little League team from Willemstad, Curaçao that won the 2004 Little League World Series.
- Baltimore Orioles infielder Rubén Tejada was a member of the 2001 Santiago de Veraguas, Venezuela team that advanced to the LLWS.
- Former MLB right-handed pitcher Jason Marquis was a member of the Staten Island, NY 1991 LLWS team.
- Former Major League outfielder Jason Bay played in the 1990 LLWS for Canada, which upset Monterrey, Mexico in the opening round, but lost to Team Taiwan the next day.
- Los Angeles Angels pitcher Yusmeiro Petit was a member of the 1994 Maracaibo, Venezuela team that won the Little League World Series. Petit's catcher on the team was former Giants teammate Guillermo Quiróz. Maracaibo defeated Northridge, California in the Championship game, which featured Tennessee Titans quarterback Matt Cassel.
- Sean Burroughs, who was the ninth overall pick in the 1998 Draft, was a member of both the 1992 and 1993 Long Beach, California teams that won back-to-back Little League World Series titles.
- Former Major League infielder Jeff Clement played on the 1996 Marshalltown, Iowa team that advanced to the Little League World Series.
- Former Major League outfielder Clete Thomas was a member of the 1996 Panama City, Florida club that advanced to United States final before losing to Cranston, Rhode Island.
- Nine-time All-Star Gary Sheffield was a pitcher for the Belmont Heights (FL) Little League team in the 1980 LLWS as they won it all in the year after losing in the championship game to Taiwan. He also played and won the 1997 Major League World Series with the Florida Marlins.
- Former Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek participated in all three World Series: Little League World Series in 1984, College World Series with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in 1994, and the World Series in 2004 and 2007.
- Tampa Bay Rays manager and former big league catcher Kevin Cash played on the 1989 LLWS team from Tampa, Florida.
- Other former Major Leaguers who appeared in the LLWS include: Wilson Alvarez (1982 – Maracaibo, Venezuela); Jim Barbieri (1954 – Schenectady, New York); Derek Bell (1980-81 – Tampa, Florida); Larvell Blanks (1962 – Del Rio, Texas); Chin-Feng Chen (1990 – Tainan County, Taiwan); Billy Connors (1954 – Schenectady, New York); Dwight Gooden (1979 – Tampa, Florida); Charlie Hayes (1977 – Hattiesburg, Mississippi); Ken Hubbs (1954 – Colton, California); Erik Johnson (1978 – San Ramon, California); Keith Lampard (1958 – Portland, Oregon); Carney Lansford (1969 – Santa Clara, California); Adam Loewen (1996 – Surrey, British Columbia, Canada); Vance Lovelace (1975 – Tampa, Florida); Lloyd McClendon (1971 – Gary, Indiana); Lastings Milledge (1997 – Bradenton, Florida); Bobby Mitchell (1967 – Northridge, California); Jim Pankovits (1968 – Richmond, Virginia); Marc Pisciotta (1983 – Marietta, Georgia); Boog Powell (1954 – Lakeland, Florida); Carl Taylor (1954 – Lakeland, Florida); Hector Torres (1958 – Monterrey, Mexico); Dave Veres (1978 – Torrejon Air Force Base, Europe); Ed Vosberg (1973 – Tucson, Arizona); Dan Wilson (1981 – Barrington, Illinois); and Rick Wise (1958 – Portland, Oregon).

GOLDSCHMIDT HAVING A SEASON FOR THE AGES

Entering play on Thursday, Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman Paul Goldschmidt is on pace for 184 hits, 38 doubles, 39 home runs, 128 RBI, 124 runs scored and 107 walks.

Since 1913, only four players (six seasons overall) have put up these numbers in a single season: Hall of Famers Babe Ruth (1921 and 1923), Lou Gehrig (1927 and 1934) and Ted Williams (1949), as well as Albert Pujols (2009).

When also taking into account Goldschmidt's 16 stolen bases this season (on pace for 22), the five-time All-Star is on pace for the first season of its kind in that time span.

Goldschmidt is on pace for his third consecutive 20-homer/20-steal season, which would tie him with Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell for the most all-time among first basemen.

Single Season Totals of at Least 184 Hits, 38 Doubles, 39 Home Runs, 128 RBI, 124 Runs & 107 Walks, Since 1913

| Player, Team | Season | Hits | 2B | HR | RBI | R | BB | SB |
|--|--------|------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Babe Ruth, NYY | 1921 | 204 | 44 | 59 | 168 | 177 | 145 | 17 |
| Babe Ruth, NYY | 1923 | 205 | 45 | 41 | 130 | 151 | 170 | 17 |
| Lou Gehrig, NYY | 1927 | 218 | 52 | 47 | 173 | 149 | 109 | 10 |
| Lou Gehrig, NYY | 1934 | 210 | 40 | 49 | 166 | 128 | 109 | 9 |
| Ted Williams, BOS | 1949 | 194 | 39 | 43 | 159 | 150 | 162 | 1 |
| Albert Pujols, STL | 2009 | 186 | 45 | 47 | 135 | 124 | 115 | 16 |
| Paul Goldschmidt, ARI (**Projected**) | 2017 | 184 | 38 | 39 | 128 | 124 | 107 | 22 |

AUGUST TRADE & WAIVER TRACKER

Following is a list of trades and waiver claims made during the August waiver trading period:

August 4 - Rockies claimed C Dustin Garneau off waivers from the Athletics

August 4 - Dodgers claimed RHP Dylan Floro off waivers from the Cubs

August 5 - Pirates claimed RHP George Kontos off waivers from the Giants

August 5 - Pirates acquired INF Sean Rodriguez from the Braves for C Connor Joe

August 6 - Mariners acquired 1B Yonder Alonso from the Athletics for OF Boog Powell

August 6 - Mariners acquired RHP Ryan Garton and C Michael Marjama from the Rays for LHP Anthony Misiewicz and INF Luis Rengifo

August 6 - White Sox claimed 3B D.J. Peterson off waivers from the Mariners

August 9 - Indians acquired OF Jay Bruce from the Mets for RHP Ryder Ryan

August 9 - Reds claimed RHP Luke Farrell off waivers from the Dodgers

August 10 - Rangers claimed RHP Jhan Mariñez off waivers from the Pirates

August 12 - Rangers claimed 2B Phil Gosselin off waivers from the Pirates

August 12 - Brewers acquired 2B Neil Walker from the Mets for a player to be named later

August 13 - Astros acquired RHP Tyler Clippard from the White Sox for a player to be named later or cash considerations

August 15 - Athletics acquired RHP Chris Hatcher from the Dodgers for international bonus money

August 16 - Athletics acquired LHP Sam Moll from the Rockies for a player to be named later or cash considerations

LEAN ON ME

Seattle Mariners designated hitter Nelson Cruz ranks second in the Majors with 96 RBI on the season, which account for a league-leading 16.8 percent of the Mariners' run production this season. By comparison, the 2016 Mariners scored 768 runs on the season and were led by Cruz' 105 RBI, which accounted for 13.7 percent of the team's production.

Seven of the 10 teams currently holding position for a Postseason berth rank in the bottom half of the league in terms of leaning on their top run-producer, including the Houston Astros, who rank 30th. The Astros, who rank first in the Majors with 691 runs scored this season, are led by outfielder George Springer, whose 70 RBI are responsible for a league-low 10.1 percent of Houston's run output.

To date, seven teams have received at least 15.0 percent of their run production from their RBI leader, matching the total from 2016.

| Team | Total Runs | RBI Leader | RBI | % OF PRODUCTION |
|------|------------|------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| SEA | 572 | Nelson Cruz | 96 | 16.8% |
| MIA | 561 | Giancarlo Stanton | 94 | 16.8% |
| COL | 629 | Nolan Arenado | 103 | 16.4% |
| ARI | 590 | Paul Goldschmidt | 95 | 16.1% |
| OAK | 537 | Khris Davis | 86 | 16.0% |
| TOR | 512 | Justin Smoak | 77 | 15.0% |
| BAL | 575 | Jonathan Schoop | 86 | 15.0% |
| CIN | 565 | Adam Duvall/Joey Votto | 83 | 14.7% |
| DET | 579 | Justin Upton | 85 | 14.7% |
| PIT | 502 | Andrew McCutchen | 72 | 14.3% |
| CWS | 504 | José Abreu | 72 | 14.3% |
| KC | 541 | Mike Moustakas | 77 | 14.2% |
| CHI | 570 | Anthony Rizzo | 80 | 14.0% |
| MIL | 565 | Travis Shaw | 79 | 14.0% |
| LAA | 515 | Albert Pujols | 72 | 14.0% |
| WSH | 633 | Bryce Harper | 87 | 13.7% |
| TB | 525 | Steven Souza Jr. | 72 | 13.7% |
| NYM | 551 | Jay Bruce | 75 | 13.6% |
| MIN | 544 | Miguel Sanó | 74 | 13.6% |
| NYG | 612 | Aaron Judge | 80 | 13.1% |
| BOS | 578 | Mookie Betts | 75 | 13.0% |
| LAD | 609 | Cody Bellinger | 79 | 13.0% |
| TEX | 597 | Nomar Mazara | 77 | 12.9% |
| PHI | 464 | Maikel Franco | 59 | 12.7% |
| SD | 465 | Wil Myers | 59 | 12.7% |
| CLE | 564 | Edwin Encarnacion | 71 | 12.6% |
| SF | 485 | Brandon Crawford | 57 | 11.8% |
| ATL | 530 | Nick Markakis | 58 | 10.9% |
| STL | 558 | Matt Carpenter | 57 | 10.2% |
| HOU | 691 | George Springer | 70 | 10.1% |

STEEL BELL

Entering play on Thursday, Pittsburgh Pirates rookie Josh Bell has gone 9-for-19 (.474) with two doubles, two triples, a home run and six RBI over his last seven games. Bell leads the Pirates with six triples, marking the most by a Pirates rookie since teammate Andrew McCutchen had nine in 2009. Among National League rookies, Bell ranks first in hits (105), triples, walks (47) and games played (118), while ranking second in RBI (65), doubles (21), extra-base hits (47) and total bases (198).

With 20 homers, Bell is the fifth rookie in team history to reach that plateau, joining Garrett Jones (21 in 2009), Jason Bay (26 in 2004), Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner (23 in 1946) and Johnny Rizzo (23 in 1938).

In addition, Josh is the third different switch-hitter, and first rookie, in team history to hit at least 20 home runs in a season, joining Bobby Bonilla (1988-1990) and Neil Walker (2014). Overall, only 10 switch-hitting rookies in Major League history have hit more than 20 home runs in a season. Ironically, only two of those 10 went on to win their league's Rookie of the Year honor (Hall of Famer Eddie Murray in 1977 and Carlos Beltrán in 1999).



Switch-Hitting Rookies with 20 Homers in a Season, MLB History

| Player, Team | Season | HR | Rookie of the Year Finish |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Tony Clark, DET | 1996 | 27 | 3 rd |
| Eddie Murray, BAL | 1977 | 27 | 1 st |
| Mark Teixeira, TEX | 2003 | 26 | 5 th |
| Jose Cruz Jr, SEA/TOR | 1997 | 26 | 2 nd |
| Devon White, CAL | 1987 | 24 | 5 th |
| Chipper Jones, ATL | 1995 | 23 | 2 nd |
| Carlos Beltrán, KC | 1999 | 22 | 1 st |
| Danny Espinosa, WSH | 2011 | 21 | 6 th |
| Nick Swisher, OAK | 2005 | 21 | 6 th |
| Lance Berkman, HOU | 2000 | 21 | 6 th |
| Josh Bell, PIT | 2017 | 20 | ??? |
| Orestes Destrade, FLA | 1993 | 20 | N/A |
| Tom Tresh, NYY | 1962 | 20 | 1 st |

CLEVELAND STAFF SETS MAJOR LEAGUE MARK

In Tuesday night's away tilt against the Minnesota Twins at Target Field, Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Danny Salazar tossed 7.0 innings of one-run ball to go along with 10 punchouts. Finishing the contest with 12 strikeouts, Tuesday marked the 12th consecutive game, dating back to August 3rd, in which the Indians recorded at least 10 strikeouts, extending their Major League record. As seen in the chart below, five of the eight longest single-season streaks have occurred this season, while 10 of the 25 longest such streaks also took place in 2017.

Included in this historic streak is Corey Kluber's personal streak of starts in which he has posted at least eight strikeouts. Dating back to his start on June 1st, Kluber has posted 14 consecutive starts with at least eight strikeouts, matching Hall of Famer Randy Johnson for the fourth-longest streak in MLB history. Johnson also compiled streaks of 15 and 17 starts, while fellow Hall of Famer Pedro Martinez posted a 16-start streak in 1997-98.

Entering play today, the Indians pitching staff ranks first among American League clubs in ERA (3.63), WHIP (1.19) and shutouts (11), and second in strikeouts (1,176) and opponents' batting average (.237).

MLB Club Pitching Streaks with at least 10 Strikeouts, 1913-Present

| Team | Dates | Games | SO | ERA |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Cleveland Indians</i> | <i>August 3, 2017 - Present</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>147</i> | <i>2.29</i> |
| New York Yankees | June 20 - 28, 2017 | 9 | 100 | 4.74 |
| Arizona Diamondbacks | April 24 - May 3, 2017 | 9 | 114 | 3.54 |
| Cleveland Indians | September 16 - 23, 2014 | 8 | 106 | 2.59 |
| Milwaukee Brewers | August 20 - 28, 2012 | 8 | 97 | 2.03 |
| Houston Astros | July 14 - 21, 2017 | 7 | 80 | 4.50 |
| Houston Astros | April 28 - May 4, 2017 | 7 | 85 | 3.86 |
| Detroit Tigers | April 26 - May 2, 2013 | 7 | 88 | 2.65 |
| New York Yankees | July 26 - 31, 2017 | 6 | 81 | 3.38 |
| Houston Astros | June 24 - 30, 2017 | 6 | 73 | 5.17 |
| Cleveland Indians | May 14 - 20, 2017 | 6 | 73 | 4.33 |
| Los Angeles Dodgers | May 2 - 9, 2017 | 6 | 76 | 2.21 |
| Chicago Cubs | April 6 - 12, 2017 | 6 | 71 | 2.77 |
| Washington Nationals | September 21 - 27, 2016 | 6 | 64 | 5.17 |
| New York Mets | August 9 - 14, 2016 | 6 | 72 | 4.27 |
| Chicago Cubs | June 14 - 20, 2016 | 6 | 67 | 3.02 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | April 13 - 18, 2016 | 6 | 71 | 3.93 |
| Tampa Bay Rays | August 8 - 13, 2014 | 6 | 78 | 1.16 |
| Tampa Bay Rays | June 1 - 6, 2014 | 6 | 69 | 3.53 |
| Cleveland Indians | April 8 - 12, 2012 | 6 | 69 | 4.50 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | September 6 - 12, 2013 | 6 | 64 | 3.67 |
| Cincinnati Reds | April 18 - 23, 2013 | 6 | 77 | 2.43 |
| Chicago Cubs | July 26 - 31, 2008 | 6 | 74 | 3.16 |
| Chicago Cubs | September 18 - 24, 2006 | 6 | 61 | 4.75 |
| New York Mets | April 15 - 20, 1990 | 6 | 64 | 2.84 |

ROLLIN' NOLA

On Saturday against the New York Mets at Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Aaron Nola fired 7.0 innings of two-hit ball with eight strikeouts, and one earned run allowed. The winning start was the 10th consecutive outing in which Nola logged at least 6.0 innings and allowed two runs-or-fewer, marking the longest streak in the Majors this season. During his impressive stretch, Nola has compiled a 6-2 record to go along with a 1.71 ERA and 78 strikeouts (19 walks) over 68.1 innings of work.



Since 1913, the young right-hander's streak is tied with Hall of Famer Pete Alexander for second-longest in Phillies franchise history. Four-time All-Star Cliff Lee holds the Club record, posting a streak of 10 such outings during the 2011 season, as well as his first start in the 2012 campaign. Nola and Lee each hold the mark for consecutive starts with at least 6.0 innings and two earned runs-or-fewer in a single season.

Six-time All-Star Felix Hernandez holds the Major League record for such starts, recording a streak of 16 starts from May 18-August 11, 2014. Overall's Nola's streak is tied for 40th in Major League history since 1913, and tied for 16th since the 2000 season.

Phillies Pitchers with Consecutive Starts of at least 6.0 IP and 2 ER-or-Fewer, 1913-Present

| Pitcher | Dates | Games | W-L | ERA | SO |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cliff Lee | August 4, 2011 - April 7, 2012 | 11 | 7-1 | 0.97 | 83 |
| Aaron Nola | June 22, 2017 - Present | 10 | 6-2 | 1.71 | 78 |
| Cliff Lee | August 21 - September 28, 2012 | 8 | 4-1 | 1.26 | 58 |
| Kyle Kendrick | April 10 - May 12, 2013 | 7 | 4-0 | 1.84 | 36 |
| Robert Person | August 17 - September 22, 2001 | 7 | 5-0 | 1.55 | 52 |

DEVERS MAKES A SPLASH



Entering play today, Boston Red Sox third baseman Rafael Devers is in the midst of a six-game hitting streak dating back to August 11th. During his torrid stretch, the 20-year-old has slashed .409/.458/.909 with five runs scored, nine hits, two doubles, three home runs and six RBI. On Monday night against the Cleveland Indians, the young slugger became the third player in Red Sox history to club two homers in a game before turning 21 years old, joining Hall of Famer Ted Williams (1939) and Tony Conigliaro (1964).

Through his first 17 Major League games, Devers batted .348 (23-for-66) with six homers. His 23 hits were the most tallied by a Red Sox player in his first 17 games since Johnny Pesky (23) in 1942. Sam Horn, who accomplished the feat during the 1987 season, is the only other Boston player in the last 100 years to post at least three home runs and 20 hits in his first 17 Major League contests.

In addition, during his aforementioned six-game hitting streak, Devers recorded at least one RBI in four consecutive games from August 12th-15th. Since RBI became an official statistic in 1920, the Dominican Republic native became the fourth player in Red Sox history to log an RBI in four straight games before turning 21 years old, joining Hall of Famers Bobby Doerr and Williams, as well as Conigliaro.

MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK
(All Times ET)

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| Thursday, August 17th: | Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies | 3:10 p.m. |
| | Tampa Bay Rays at Toronto Blue Jays | 4:07 p.m. |
| | St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates | 7:05 p.m. |
| Friday, August 18th: | New York Yankees at New York Mets | 7:10 p.m. |
| | Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago Cubs | 2:20 p.m. |
| | New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox | 7:10 p.m. |
| Saturday, August 19th: | Seattle Mariners at Tampa Bay Rays | 7:10 p.m. |
| | Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago Cubs | 2:20 p.m. |
| | New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox | 7:10 p.m. |
| | Cleveland Indians at Kansas City Royals | 7:15 p.m. |
| Monday, August 21st: | Milwaukee Brewers at Colorado Rockies | 8:10 p.m. |
| | Washington Nationals at San Diego Padres | 8:40 p.m. |
| | Arizona D-backs at New York Mets | 7:10 p.m. |
| Tuesday, August 22nd: | Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians | 7:10 p.m. |
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| Wednesday, August 23rd: | New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers | 7:10 p.m. |
| | Oakland Athletics at Baltimore Orioles | 3:05 p.m. |
| | Milwaukee Brewers at San Francisco Giants | 3:45 p.m. |
| | Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians | 7:10 p.m. |
| | Toronto Blue Jays at Tampa Bay Rays | 7:10 p.m. |



Saturday, August 19th: Los Angeles Dodgers at Detroit Tigers (FS1) 4:05 p.m.

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| Sunday, August 20th: | St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, August 22nd: | Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Dodgers | 10:07 p.m. |
| Wednesday, August 23rd: | Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels | 10:07 p.m. |



Sunday, August 20th: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox 1:35 p.m.

UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,795 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,051 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-nine.

- *1,051 Replay Reviews
- *244 Confirmed (23.2%)
 - *310 Stands (29.5%)
- *484 Overturned (46.1%)
 - *11 Rules Check (1.0%)
- *2 Record Keeping (0.2%)
 - *1:29 Average Time



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

STREAKED: Cincinnati's Joey Votto reached base once last night to snap a streak of 20 consecutive games in which he had reached safely twice. The streak was a franchise record since 1900 and finished just one game shy of Hall of Famer Ted Williams' Major League record (21). During the 20-game streak, Votto reached base safely 55 times, slashing .435/.611/.742 with four doubles, five home runs, 14 RBI and 26 walks.

HOMER HAPPY: Nationals second baseman Daniel Murphy clubbed his 20th home run of the season on Sunday night, breaking a scoreless tie and marking his second consecutive season with 20-or-more homers. With Murphy joining the crew, the Nationals now have four players with at least 20 home runs this season: Bryce Harper (29), Ryan Zimmerman (28) and Anthony Rendon (22), joining Murphy. The Nationals are tied for the second-most 20-homer players in the Major Leagues with the Baltimore Orioles, who both trail the Cincinnati Reds (5).

HELPING HIS OWN CAUSE: Madison Bumgarner got the win and drove in a run in the Giants' win over the Marlins on Tuesday night. It's the first time that Bumgarner had gotten an RBI and a win in the same game this season, although he's done that 25 times in his Major League career, tied for the second-highest total among active pitchers. Adam Wainwright has 37 games with a win and an RBI, and Yovani Gallardo has done it 25 times (Elias).

CLUTCH GENE: Nolan Arenado recorded his 100th RBI of the season last Friday with a two-run home run. In each of the last three seasons, he has been the first player in the NL to reach the 100-RBI plateau, becoming the first player to reach 100 RBI first in the NL for three straight seasons since Hall of Famer Willie Stargell (1971-73), according to Elias. Nolan also became the first Major Leaguer to reach 100 RBI by August 11th since Miguel Cabrera and Chris Davis in 2013, and the first NL player to do so since Albert Pujols in 2009.

CLUTCH DAVIS: Oakland outfielder Khris Davis hit his 16th go-ahead home run of the season Tuesday night, which is tied for second in the Majors and is the most by an Athletic since Hall of Famer Frank Thomas had 19 in 2006.

JAKE CAN RAKE: Outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury collected the 500th RBI of his career with a two-run homer in the fourth inning on Tuesday night. Ellsbury became the eighth Oregon-born player to reach the milestone. With 500 RBI and 336 stolen bases, Jacoby is one of four active players with at least 500 RBI and 300 stolen bases, joining Ichiro Suzuki (771 RBI/508 SB), Carlos Beltrán (1,582 RBI/312 SB) and José Reyes (684 RBI/502 SB).

THIRTY SOMETHING: Orioles infielder Tim Beckham went 1-for-4 on Tuesday, giving him 30 hits in 15 games since joining the Orioles. According to Elias, his 30 hits mark the most hits in a player's first 15 games for a team since Kenny Lofton had 31 through 15 games for Atlanta in 1997. Before Lofton, the last player with 30 hits in his first 15 games for a team was Hall of Famer Nap Lajoie, who did so in consecutive years, for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1901 (36 hits), and for the Cleveland Indians in 1902 (30 hits).

ROOKIE SENSATIONS: Before Xander Bogaerts' home run last night against the St. Louis Cardinals, each of Boston's previous seven homers had been hit by either Andrew Benintendi (4) or Rafael Devers (3). According to Elias, it marked the first time in franchise history that seven consecutive round-trippers by Boston sluggers were hit by rookies.

NICKY MAKES HIS MARK: With his 3-for-4 game last night, including his second home run, rookie Nicky Delmonico is the first player in White Sox history to reach base safely in 13 consecutive games to start his career. His 16 hits through his first 12 games were the most by a White Sox hitter since Craig Wilson in 1998 (21).

NO LOVE FOR LEFTIES: Pittsburgh's Felipe Rivero has not allowed a hit to a left-handed hitter in 36 straight at-bats. According to Elias, that is the longest such streak in the Major Leagues since Tampa Bay's Brad Boxberger, a right-handed pitcher, held lefty batters hitless over 43 straight at bats in 2014.

GALLO POWER: Joey Gallo of the Rangers delivered his ninth home run of August on Tuesday night against Detroit. According to Elias, Gallo became the third player in Major League history to homer nine times within the first 15 days of a month at age 23-or-younger, joining Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio (June 1937) and Harmon Killebrew (May 1959).

SELECT COMPANY: Second baseman Jose Altuve is hitting .305 (70-for-227) in 58 home games, which leads the Astros, but it pales in comparison to his .418 (97-for-232) road batting average to go with a .487 on-base percentage and a 1.172 OPS. Among all Major Leaguers since 1913 with at least 250 road plate appearances in a single season, Altuve ranks third in hitting behind only Hall of Famers Harry Heilmann (.456, 1925) and Rogers Hornsby (.419, 1921).

WHAT A DUO: Dominic Smith (22 years, 61 days) and Amed Rosario (21 years, 268 days) each hit two-run homers Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium. The last time the Mets had a pair of teammates under the age of 23 homer in the same game was August 24, 2005 when David Wright (22 years, 247 days) and José Reyes (22 years, 074 days) both homered in the Mets 18-4 win at Arizona.

DEJONG DELIVERING: Rookie shortstop Paul DeJong collected multiple hits and RBI in five consecutive games from August 10th-15th, becoming the only Major League player to do so this year. Matt Holliday (2010) was last Cardinal to accomplish the feat and Willie McGee (1988) was the last with six straight.

TWO-BAGGER MASTER: Shortstop Corey Seager went 2-for-5 with his 30th double of the season and two RBI in Tuesday night's win over the Chicago White Sox. Seager became the first Dodger since Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson in 1947 and 1948 to notch at least 30 doubles in each of his first two seasons. Robinson stroked 31 doubles in his rookie year and 38 in his sophomore season. Seager, who hit 40 doubles last season, is vying to become just the second Dodger in franchise history to record at least 40 doubles in his first two seasons, joining Johnny Frederick (1929-30), who hit 52 and 44, respectively.

THAT WAS QUICK: Last night, Anthony Rizzo hit a grand slam as the Cubs' fourth batter of the game. It marked just the third time in franchise history that the Cubs cleanup hitter hit a grand slam in the first inning with no outs, joining Hank Lieber, September 12, 1939 vs. Boston and Bob O'Farrell, June 14, 1923 vs. Brooklyn. It was Rizzo's third career grand slam and first since September 4, 2015, all of which have come at Wrigley Field. The Cubs have five grand slams this season, matching their total from each of the last two seasons and tied for their most in a season since 2008 (seven).

OFF THE BENCH: Atlanta's 35 pinch-hit RBI this season lead the Majors and are the club's most since 2010, when they finished with 42. The Atlanta franchise record is 53, set in 1986.

ON WIL WATCH: With his next home run, Wil Myers will become the fifth Padre in club history with multiple seasons of at least 25 home runs and 10 stolen bases. Last season, Myers logged 28 homers and 28 stolen bases. Ken Caminiti owns the franchise lead, having accomplished the feat in three separate seasons (1995, 1996 and 1997).



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

| League | 2017 Record | Batting Average | ERA |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|------|
| American League | 129-121 | .259 (2,210-for-8,521) | 4.33 |
| National League | 121-129 | .252 (2,145-for-8,500) | 4.36 |

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

| WEEK ENDING | AMERICAN LEAGUE | NATIONAL LEAGUE |
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| 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) |
| July 23 rd | Jonathan Schoop, BAL (.433, 8 R, 2 2B, 3 HR, 16 RBI, 24 TB) | Nolan Arenado, COL (.458/.480/1.000, 9 R, 4 HR, 13 RBI) |
| July 30 th | Adrian Beltre, TEX (.478, 5 R, 4 XBH, Recorded 3,000 th hit) James Paxton, SEA (2-0, 0.00 ERA, 18 SO, 0 BB, 13.0 IP) | Manuel Margot, SD (.500, 6 R, 2 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, 1 SB) |
| August 6 th | Tim Beckham, BAL (.583/.600/1.167, 6 R, 6 RBI, 28 TB) | Willson Contreras, CHI (.455, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 26 TB, 1.182 SLG) |
| August 13 th | Eddie Rosario, MIN (.444, 10 R, 3 2B, 4 HR, 9 RBI, 27 TB) | Giancarlo Stanton, MIA (.333/.379/1.037, 8 R, 6 HR, 11 RBI) |

BUDWEISER PRESENTS THE AL & NL PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

| MONTH | AMERICAN LEAGUE | NATIONAL LEAGUE |
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| 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) |
| July | Jose Altuve, HOU (.485/.523/.727, 22 R, 48 H, 21 RBI) | Nolan Arenado, COL (.389, 18 R, 6 2B, 1 3B, 8 HR, 30 RBI) |

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

| MONTH | AMERICAN LEAGUE | NATIONAL LEAGUE |
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| 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) |
| July | James Paxton, SEA (6-0, 1.37 ERA, 46 SO, 6 BB, 39.1 IP) | Rich Hill, LAD (4-0, 1.45 ERA, 40 SO, 5 BB, 19 H, 31.0 IP) |

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

| MONTH | AMERICAN LEAGUE | NATIONAL LEAGUE |
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| 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) |
| July | Yuli Gurriel, HOU (.304, 15 R, 9 2B, 5 HR, 20 RBI, 2 SB) | Paul DeJong, STL (.298, 14 R, 8 2B, 8 HR, 16 RBI, .638 SLG) |

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

| MONTH | AMERICAN LEAGUE | NATIONAL LEAGUE |
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| 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) |
| July | Edwin Díaz, SEA (13 G, 8 SV, 1.98 ERA, 21 SO, 13.2 IP) | Brad Hand, SD (11 G, 1-0, 4, SV, 0.00 ERA, 19 SO, 2 BB) |