



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

KINGS OF K'S

On Tuesday night against the Toronto Blue Jays, six-time All-Star Chris Sale registered the 1,500th strikeout of his Major League career. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Sale reached the milestone in his 1,290th career inning, the fewest numbers of innings needed for any pitcher in Major League history. Kerry Wood was the next fastest, accomplishing the feat over 1,303 innings of work, followed by Hall of Famers Pedro Martinez (1,337 IP), Randy Johnson (1,365.2 IP) and Nolan Ryan (1,384.2 IP).

In addition, the dominant left-hander has logged 264 punchouts across 27 starts in his first season with the Red Sox. Per Elias, only four other pitchers in MLB history have logged that many strikeouts in their first season with a Club. Johnson holds the record, having recorded 364 strikeouts in his premier season with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 1999, trailed by Ryan (301), Roger Clemens (292), and Max Scherzer (276). The table below details each ace's historical season with his new Club.



Washington's Scherzer made history Monday night after tallying 10 punchouts across 7.0 innings pitched against the Miami Marlins. With the outing, Scherzer joined Sale as the eighth hurler in MLB history to log at least 230 strikeouts over his first 25 starts of a season. Sale, who accomplished the feat following his start on August 19th, notched 250 punchouts over his first 25 outings. Across MLB history, six other pitchers have tallied that many strikeouts though their first 25 outings of a season: Hall of Famers Sandy Koufax (1965) and Ryan (1973, 77, 89); Clemens (1988), Hall of Famers Johnson (1995, 97-2001) and Martinez (1997, 99, 2000), as well as Curt Schilling (2002).

MLB Starting Pitchers to Log at least 264 SO in First Season with Club, Since 1913

Pitcher, Club	Year	W-L	IP	ERA	BB	SO
Randy Johnson, ARI	1999	17-9	271.2	2.48	70	364
Nolan Ryan, TEX	1989	16-10	239.1	3.20	98	301
Roger Clemens, TOR	1997	21-7	264.0	2.05	68	292
Max Scherzer, WSH	2015	14-12	228.2	2.79	34	276
Chris Sale, BOS	2017	15-6	185.1	2.77	35	264

ORIOLES REPEAT 2016 FEAT

On Friday night against the Boston Red Sox, outfielder/designated hitter Mark Trumbo clubbed his 20th home run of the season, giving the Orioles six different players with at least 20 home runs (also Manny Machado, Jonathan Schoop, Adam Jones, Trey Mancini and Chris Davis).

The Orioles became the 20th Club in Major League history to accomplish the feat. It marks the second-straight season, and the third time in Orioles history (since 1954) that the O's had at least six players reach the milestone.

Team	# of Players With 20 Home Runs	Players (Totals)
2010 Toronto Blue Jays	7	Jose Bautista (54), Vernon Wells (31), Aaron Hill (26), Adam Lind (23), Edwin Encarnacion (21), John Buck (20), Lyle Overbay (20)
2009 New York Yankees	7	Mark Teixeira (39), Alex Rodriguez (30), Nick Swisher (29), Hideki Matsui (28), Robinson Cano (25), Johnny Damon (24), Jorge Posada (22)
2005 Texas Rangers	7	Mark Teixeira (43), Alfonso Soriano (36), David Dellucci (29), Hank Blalock (25), Kevin Mench (25), Michael Young (24), Rod Barajas (21)
2000 Toronto Blue Jays	7	Carlos Delgado (41), Tony Batista (41), Brad Fullmer (32), Jose Cruz (31), Raul Mondesi (24), Shannon Stewart (21), Darrin Fletcher (20)
1996 Baltimore Orioles	7	Brady Anderson (50), Rafael Palmeiro (39), Bobby Bonilla (28), Cal Ripken Jr. (26), Chris Hoiles (25), Roberto Alomar (22), B.J. Surhoff (21)
2017 Baltimore Orioles	6	Manny Machado (30), Jonathan Schoop (30), Adam Jones (25), Trey Mancini (23), Chris Davis (21), Mark Trumbo (20)
2016 Baltimore Orioles	6	Mark Trumbo (41), Chris Davis (35), Manny Machado (34), Adam Jones (26), Jonathan Schoop (21), Pedro Alvarez (20)
2009 Texas Rangers	6	Nelson Cruz (33), Ian Kinsler (31), Hank Blalock (25), Michael Young (22), Chris Davis (21), Marlon Byrd (20)
2008 Chicago White Sox	6	Carlos Quentin (36), Jermaine Dye (34), Jim Thome (34), Nick Swisher (24), Paul Konerko (22), Alexei Ramirez (21)
2004 Chicago White Sox	6	Paul Konerko (41), Carlos Lee (31), Jose Valentin (30), Aaron Rowand (24), Juan Uribe (23), Joe Crede (21)
2004 New York Yankees	6	Alex Rodriguez (36), Gary Sheffield (36), Hideki Matsui (31), Derek Jeter (23), Bernie Williams (22), Jorge Posada (21)
2003 Atlanta Braves	6	Javy Lopez (43), Gary Sheffield (39), Andruw Jones (36), Chipper Jones (27), Vinny Castilla (22), Marcus Giles (21)
2003 Boston Red Sox	6	Manny Ramirez (37), David Ortiz (31), Nomar Garciaparra (28), Trot Nixon (28), Jason Varitek (25), Kevin Millar (25)
2001 Cleveland Indians	6	Jim Thome (49), Juan Gonzalez (35), Ellis Burks (28), Roberto Alomar (20), Marty Cordova (20), Russell Branyan (20)
1999 Texas Rangers	6	Rafael Palmeiro (47), Juan Gonzalez (39), Ivan Rodriguez (35), Lee Stevens (24), Todd Zeile (24), Rusty Greer (20)
1997 Seattle Mariners	6	Ken Griffey Jr. (56), Jay Buhner (40), Paul Sorrento (31), Edgar Martinez (28), Alex Rodriguez (23), Russ Davis (20)
1986 Detroit Tigers	6	Darrell Evans (29), Kirk Gibson (28), Lance Parrish (22), Alan Trammell (21), Lou Whitaker (20), Darnell Coles (20)
1965 Milwaukee Braves	6	Eddie Mathews (32), Hank Aaron (32), Mack Jones (31), Joe Torre (27), Felipe Alou (23), Gene Oliver (21)
1964 Minnesota Twins	6	Harmon Killebrew (49), Bob Allison (32), Tony Oliva (32), Jimmie Hall (25), Don Mincher (23), Zoilo Versalles (20)
1961 New York Yankees	6	Roger Maris (61), Mickey Mantle (54), Bill Skowron (28), Yogi Berra (22), Elston Howard (21), Johnny Blanchard (21)

POWER SURGE

Entering play today, 1,101 home runs have been hit in August, matching the all-time record for homers in a single month set earlier this season in June. The 1,101 homers hit this month established a new MLB record for the month of August, eclipsing the previous mark of 1,053 home runs set last year. With August's historic output, there have been 5,061 home runs recorded in 2017, which marks the first time in MLB history in which at least 5,000 homers were hit by the end of August. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the previous all-time record for home runs before September 1st was 4,774, set in 2000.

Additionally, August 2017 is the ninth month in Major League history in which at least 1,000 home runs have been recorded, a feat accomplished three times during this season (also May & June). Five of the nine months have occurred since the beginning of the 2016 season.

Month, Year	Home Runs
June, 2017	1,101
August, 2017	1,101
May, 2000	1,069
May, 2017	1,060
August, 2016	1,053

Month, Year	Home Runs
September/October, 2015	1,034
August, 2004	1,033
September/October 1999	1,018
June 2016	1,012

ENDER THE GREAT

On Wednesday afternoon against the Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park, All-Star outfielder Ender Inciarte went 5-for-5 with a triple and four RBI. The Venezuela native produced such a stat line for the second time this season, also going 5-for-5 with five RBI on June 4th against the Cincinnati Reds. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, since RBI became an official statistic in 1920, only three other players have posted two games in a single season in which they went 5-for-5 with at least four RBI: Joe Carter, Jeff Kent and Kris Bryant.

MLB Players to go 5-for-5 with at least Four RBI, since 1920

Player, Club	Date	H-AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Ender Inciarte, ATL	August 30, 2017	5-5	0	1	0	4
	June 4, 2017	5-5	0	0	1	5
Kris Bryant, CHI	August, 18, 2016	5-5	1	0	2	5
	June 27, 2016	5-5	2	0	3	6
Jeff Kent	June 12, 1999	5-5	2	0	1	4
	May 3, 1999	5-5	1	1	1	5
Joe Carter	August 29, 1986	5-5	0	0	3	4
	June 10, 1986	5-5	2	0	0	4

ONE-HIT DYLAN

In Baltimore's home tilt against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night, right-hander Dylan Bundy earned his 13th win of the season after tossing a complete-game one-hit shutout. Bundy's excellent outing was the 33rd individual no-hitter in Orioles history, and the first since Jason Hammel on June 16, 2012 at Atlanta. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the 24-year-old joined Mike Mussina as the only pitchers in Orioles history (since 1954) to log a one-hit shutout with 12-or-more strikeouts. Additionally, across franchise history, Bobo Newsom accomplished the feat in 1938 while playing for the St. Louis Browns.



The fourth overall selection in the 2011 MLB Draft became the first pitcher in 2017 to log such a game, and the first since Madison Bumgarner, who accomplished the feat last season against the Arizona Diamondbacks on July 10, 2016. The last AL hurler to do so was Carlos Carrasco on September 25, 2015. Overall, the outing has been replicated on 20 occasions in the last decade (since 2008).

Starting Pitchers to Log a One-Hit Complete-Game Shutout with at least 12 Strikeouts, Orioles Franchise History

Pitcher	Date	IP	ER	H	BB	SO
<i>Dylan Bundy</i>	<i>August 29, 2017</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>12</i>
Mike Mussina	August 1, 2000	9.0	0	1	2	15
Bobo Newsom	August 14, 1938	9.0	0	1	6	12



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2017 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	143-133	.260 (2,454-for-9,429)	4.27
National League	133-143	.252 (2,357-for-9,370)	4.38

MLB AND CLUBS TO WEAR “GOLD” ON SEPTEMBER 1ST IN SPECIAL DEDICATION TO CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Major League Baseball announced on Wednesday that for the second consecutive year MLB Clubs will dedicate a special “Childhood Cancer Awareness Day” at all ballparks on Friday, September 1st in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In partnership with Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), MLB and MLB Clubs will raise awareness for the fight against childhood cancer by having all Major League players, coaches, umpires and grounds crew members wear gold ribbon decals and wristbands. Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children aged 15 and under in the United States. Every year, an estimated 300,000 new cases of cancer affect children under the age of 20 worldwide.

Through this effort, Clubs may choose to partner with local nonprofits, including hospital partners or organizations focused on childhood cancer. Clubs and players may also donate tickets, ballpark suites and funds to Stand Up To Cancer and local partner organizations. Club activations may also include pregame ceremonies, first pitches, check presentations to nonprofits and hospitals, online campaigns and special childhood cancer awareness batting practice t-shirts.



Additionally, in collaboration with Major League Baseball and Starlight Children’s Foundation, five Clubs (Atlanta Braves, Chicago White Sox, Houston Astros, Miami Marlins and Tampa Bay Rays) will present local pediatric cancer hospitals or individual pediatric cancer care units with Starlight Fun Centers – mobile entertainment units equipped with the latest Nintendo WiiU game system to provide bedside entertainment to pediatric patients. Hospitals selected by the Clubs will also receive a donation of Starlight Brave Gowns, the newest program from Starlight that is revolutionizing children’s hospital gowns by transforming them into high quality, comfortable and brightly colored gowns.

Clubs on the road on September 1st may select another home game to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Below are a few examples of unique Club activations:

Chicago White Sox: On Friday, September 1st, White Sox players along with mascot Southpaw will visit patients and their families at the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital, signing autographs and delivering White Sox gifts in the Family Life Center and play area of the Infusion Center. Later that day, young patients from hospital will don special gold White Sox capes, while participating in pregame activities, including the “Kids Take the Field” event and announcing “Play ball.” The White Sox also will team up with Love Your Melon, an organization that provides hats to children battling cancer, to hold “Love Your Melon Night” on Tuesday, September 5th, offering the first 500 ticket purchasers a special package that includes a game ticket and a White Sox beanie. A portion of each ticket sold will be donated to Love Your Melon’s nonprofit partners, supporting the field of pediatric oncology, cancer research and immediate support for families of children battling cancer.

Miami Marlins: The Marlins and UMPS CARE Charities, an organization founded by MLB Umpires to provide financial and emotional support for youth and families in need, will partner to host a Build-A-Bear™ workshop at Alex’s Place at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Pittsburgh Pirates: The Pirates will collaborate with local nonprofit organizations that focus on pediatric cancer to host 25 children and their families at PNC Park on Friday, September 1st. The Club will host a special pregame ceremony that will see players, coaches and wives provide the children with special Pirates capes. The Pirates will donate proceeds from an in-game 50/50 raffle to participating organizations.

San Francisco Giants: On Saturday, September 2nd, the Giants will partner with Buster Posey, his wife Kristen, Esurance and the V Foundation for a series of activations. Activities will include a home plate ceremony with childhood cancer patients and their families, a special meet and greet for the patients and their families with the Poseys, a check presentation from Esurance's "Quotes for a Cure" campaign, and Giants players donning the Buster Posey Pediatric Cancer Awareness Cap during batting practice. The Giants will also offer a special ticketing package that includes a game ticket and a Posey bobble head presented by Esurance, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Buster & Kristen Posey Fund at the V Foundation – an organization founded by ESPN and legendary basketball coach Jim Valvano with the mission of beating cancer.

Atlanta Braves: As part of their activation on September 10th, the Braves will host a group of children affected by cancer for pregame ceremonies. Special guests will be treated to an on-field parade prior to the game, and one special guest will have the opportunity to deliver the rosin bag to the pitcher's mound. The Braves will also award four pediatric cancer survivors with the Diamond of Courage Award, which recognizes those who have made a difference in the cancer outreach community. Each participating nonprofit will select a child to present their organization for this award (Cure, Curing Kids Cancer, Camp Sunshine and Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research). Braves pitcher Jason Motte will provide gold "Strikeout Cancer" T-shirts for all players to wear to and from the ballpark.

Tampa Bay Rays: The Rays will partner with CureSearch, a national nonprofit organization focused on accelerating the search for cures in pediatric cancer, and the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (JHACH) to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. As part of the Club's support of CureSearch, the Rays will sponsor the organization's marquee event "Superheroes Unite!," a fundraising walk benefitting cancer research and treatment. The Rays mascot, Raymond, will lead an inpatient walk on Friday, September 15th, for those who cannot participate in "Superheroes Unite!" due to their medical condition. In addition, the Rays will donate a catered suite for the organization to use as a fundraising prize. On September 17th, the Club will host patients from JHACH at Tropicana Field to participate in a series of activities, including the "Kids Take the Field" event, Honorary Bat Kid and Play Ball Kid ceremonies, radio interviews, and the 7th inning stretch.

Cincinnati Reds: On Sunday, September 24th, the Reds will partner with The Cure Starts Now, a local organization committed to finding a cure for cancer, to hold a group fundraiser. The Reds will also collaborate with Love Your Melon, an organization that provides hats to children battling cancer, to offer fans a special ticketing package including a game ticket and a beanie. A portion of each ticket sold will be donated to a pediatric cancer charity. The package will be available for games on September 15th, 17th and 21st.

Recent childhood cancer awareness activations by Clubs have included special pediatric cancer awareness batting practice t-shirts, online campaigns to empower fans to become fundraisers for pediatric cancer research and donations to local children's hospitals. Previous league-wide efforts included a \$1 million donation to the CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation. MLB and Clubs have supported the fight against cancer through a variety of initiatives for many years. As Stand Up To Cancer's founding donor, Major League Baseball has provided both financial support (more than \$40 million) and opportunities to raise awareness for Stand Up To Cancer's efforts by encouraging fans around the world to get involved. MLB has recognized SU2C at its jewel events since the 2009 World Series.

MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK
(All Times ET)

Thursday, August 31st:	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
Friday, September 1st:	Cleveland Indians at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Cleveland Indians at Detroit Tigers	7:10 p.m.
Saturday, September 2nd:	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners	9:10 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres	10:10 p.m.
Monday, September 4th:	Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
	Arizona D-backs at Los Angeles Dodgers	8:10 p.m.
Tuesday, September 5th:	New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
	Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6th:	Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds	12:35 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at Tampa Bay Rays	1:10 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at Oakland Athletics	3:35 p.m.
	Arizona D-backs at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.



Saturday, September 2nd: St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco Giants (FS1) 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles Angels at Texas Rangers (FS1) 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6th: Kansas City Royals at Detroit Tigers (FS1) 7:10 p.m.

Sunday, September 3rd:	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	7:35 p.m.
Monday, September 4th:	Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds	1:10 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates	4:05 p.m.



Sunday, September 3rd: Arizona Diamondbacks at Colorado Rockies 3:10 p.m.

UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,853 games played this season (through Sunday), Major League Baseball has had 1,145 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-nine seconds.

- *1,145 Replay Reviews
- *257 Confirmed (22.4%)
- *341 Stands (29.8%)
- *531 Overturned (46.4%)
- *11 Rules Check (1.0%)
- *5 Record Keeping (0.4%)
- *1:29 Average Time



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

CARPENTER'S TIES TO HOME: Texas native Matt Carpenter pledged on Monday to donate \$10,000 for every home run he hit the remainder of the season to help those in the Houston area affected by the hurricane and flooding. He started the fund with his 18th home run on the season in Tuesday night's game, blasting a two-run shot in the fifth. Teammate Adam Wainwright matched Carpenter's pledge and team owner Bill DeWitt Jr. announced the team matched yesterday as well.

ELVIS IS T.C.B.: Elvis Andrus recorded his 18th three-hit game last night, second-most in the AL (Altuve-21), and he is batting .565 (13-23) in his last five games to raise his season batting average to .306, fifth-best in the AL. He now has 99 career games with at least three hits, all while playing shortstops, third-most among actives (163-Jose Reyes, 116-Hanley Ramirez), per the Elias Sports Bureau. Andrus has an MLB-high 13 doubles in August, tied for second most in a month in club history, and the most since Mark DeRosa (13) in May 2006.

MR. 2K: Braves infielder Brandon Phillips recorded the 2,000th hit of his career on Wednesday afternoon, ranking 12th in hits among Major League active players.

STANTON OF SWAT: Giancarlo Stanton hit his 51st home run of the season Tuesday night, increasing his MLB lead to 14 homers over Aaron Judge. Only two other players led the Majors by as many as 14 home runs at any point in any season since 1876. Babe Ruth did it in seven different seasons (1919-21, 1924, and 1926-28). His lead of 36 homers over runner-up George Sisler late in the 1920 season was the largest such margin ever. The other player to hold a lead of 14 homers was Jimmie Foxx, who finished the 1932 and 1933 seasons with leads of 17 and 14, respectively.

10 SPOT: The Nationals scored at least 10 runs in a game for the 20th time this season on Monday night. That's the most such games in a season in franchise (Nationals/Expos) history. The previous record of 14 games was set by the 2016 Nationals.

WADER REACHES 27: Cubs closer Wade Davis set a franchise record on Tuesday night, as he converted his 27th consecutive save opportunity to remain perfect in save chances this season. He surpassed Ryan Dempster, who converted 26-straight opportunities from August 2, 2005-May 1, 2006.

COAT OF ARMS: Following the first game of yesterday's double-header against the Cleveland Indians, Yankees starting pitchers finished a streak in which the allowed three earned runs-or-fewer in 16 straight starts dating back to August 13th. This marked the club's longest streak of such starts with three earned runs-or-fewer since June 29-July 18, 1988.

RINGING THAT BELL: Josh Bell connected for his 22nd home run of the season on Friday night in Cincinnati. He is the fourth rookie in team history to hit at least 22 home runs, joining Jason Bay (26 in 2004), Ralph Kiner (23 in 1946) and Johnny Rizzo (23 in 1938). He is also the third different switch-hitter in team history to hit at least 20 home runs in a season, joining Bobby Bonilla (1988, 1989 and 1990) and Neil Walker (2014). The Major League record for most home runs by a switchhitting rookie is 27, held by Eddie Murray (with Baltimore in 1977) and Tony Clark (with Detroit in 1996).

BALLS & STRIKES: Tuesday night marked the 10th time this season that Red Sox pitchers recorded at least 15 strikeouts, the most such games in a season in franchise history. Only the Indians (11) have had as many or more 15-strikeout games this season.

JUNIS TOUGH IN AUGUST: Royals rookie right-hander Jakob Junis appears to be getting more comfortable with the big league lights with every outing as he delivered 5.2 strong innings on Tuesday night against the Rays in a 6-2 win, a score that also matches his season record. The former 29th round pick from 2011 finished up his month of August with a 3-0 record and 2.96 ERA, spanning five outings (four starts) giving up nine earned runs in 27.1 innings.

30 FOR 3: Rockies All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado clubbed his 30th home run of the season on Tuesday night. This is his third consecutive season with at least 30 home runs (42 in 2015, 41 in 2016). He becomes the sixth Rockies player to have three-or-more seasons in which he hit at least 30 home runs, and he is the first to hit the plateau in three consecutive seasons since Todd Helton had six consecutive seasons of 30-or-more home runs from 1999-2004.

PERFECT 10: Brewers shortstop Jonathan Villar belted his 10th homer of 2017 yesterday, giving the team a franchise-record nine players with at least 10 home runs (Eric Thames-28, Travis Shaw-27, Domingo Santana-22, Keon Broxton-20, Jesus Aguilar-14, Orlando Arcia-13, Ryan Braun-13, Hernan Perez-13, Villar-10).

ELIAS SAYS: Rookie Rhys Hoskins failed to extend his home run streak, but he did drive in a run, his 25th RBI in just his 19th career game, in a 2-for-4 performance in Philadelphia's 6-1 win over the Braves on Monday. Those are the second-fewest games needed to reach 25 RBI among players who made their Major League debut since RBI became an official statistic in 1920, behind only the Cubs' Mandy Brooks (17 games) in 1925.

TRIPLE THREAT: Nicholas Castellanos recorded his American League leading 10th triple of the season on Monday. Castellanos is just the second Tigers third baseman since 1915 to have 10-or-more triples in a season, joining Ossie Vitt, who had 13 triples in 1915 and 12 triples in 1916. Castellanos is looking to become the first Tiger to lead the American League in triples since Austin Jackson in 2012. As a team, the Tigers have 29 triples this season, which matches the Chicago White Sox for the AL lead.

NOBODY DOES IT BETTER: Cleveland Indians infielder Jose Ramírez (24 years, 346 days) became the fourth different player to have at least 40 doubles & 20 home runs in a season prior to turning 25-years-old, joining Hal Trosky (1934, 1936), Manny Ramirez (1996) and Grady Sizemore (2006).

CLUTCH ROSARIO: Mets rookie shortstop Amed Rosario has logged two game-winning home runs in late-inning pressure situations this year (game one on Sunday at Washington and August 11 at Philadelphia). According to Elias, Rosario and the Dodgers' Cody Bellinger are the only two 21-year-olds to have two such home runs this season.

20, 20, 20, 20, 20: The Reds have five players with at least 20 home runs this season (Joey Votto-33, Adam Duvall-31, Scott Schebler-26, Eugenio Suarez-24, Scooter Gennett-22), matching the single-season club record for number of batters in a season with at least 20 home runs each (2008, 1956). The Reds and Cubs are the only teams in the National League with five players with at least 20 homers (Orioles, 6).

HOME REMODEL: Entering play today, the Twins have won a season-long six straight games at home. They are 9-2 in their last 11 at Target Field and 19-11 here since June 20th after starting the season 14-24 at home. The Twins' last seven-game winning streak at home came June 11-19, 2011.

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)
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)
August 20 th	Manny Machado, BAL (.385, 4 HR, 12 RBI, 23 TB, .885 SLG)	Anthony Rizzo, CHI (.429, 12 H, 3 2B, 2 HR, 13 RBI, 21 TB)
August 27 th	Byron Buxton, MIN (.333, 9 R, 5 HR, 10 RBI, 2 SB, 27 TB)	Giancarlo Stanton, MIA (.448/.500/1.069, 8 R, 5 HR, 11 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)
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
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
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
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)