



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

2017 POSTSEASON OUTLOOK



Series
AL Wild Card Game
NL Wild Card Game

2017 WILD CARD GAMES (AL GAMES IN RED, NL GAMES IN GREEN)

Date
Tuesday, October 3
Wednesday, October 4

Network
ESPN
TBS



Air Time (ET)
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2017 DIVISION SERIES (AL GAMES IN RED, NL GAMES IN GREEN)



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A = Involves club with best record vs. Wild Card Game Winner; B = Non-Wild Card Series

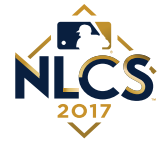
NOTE: One Division Series will feature a Division Winner vs. the winner of the Wild Card Game. The other DS will feature the two remaining Division Winners. The Division Series will follow a 2-2-1 format and the Wild Card Club will not hold home-field advantage regardless of record.

TBS will air all NLDS games, while FS1 and MLB Network will combine to air all ALDS games.

Italics above indicate if necessary.



2017 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(AL GAMES IN RED, NL GAMES IN GREEN)



Series	Date	Network	Air Time (ET)
ALCS Game 1	Friday, October 13	FOX or FS1	TBA
ALCS Game 2	Saturday, October 14	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 1	Saturday, October 14	TBS	TBA
NLCS Game 2	Sunday, October 15	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 3	Monday, October 16	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 3	Tuesday, October 17	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 4	Tuesday, October 17	FOX or FS1	TBA
ALCS Game 5	Wednesday, October 18	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 4	Wednesday, October 18	TBS	TBA
NLCS Game 5	Thursday, October 19	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 6	Friday, October 20	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 6	Saturday, October 21	TBS	TBA
ALCS Game 7	Saturday, October 21	FOX or FS1	TBA
NLCS Game 7	Sunday, October 22	TBS	TBA



2017 WORLD SERIES



Game	Date	Site	Network	Air Time (ET)
Game 1	Tuesday, October 24	at Better Record	FOX	TBA
Game 2	Wednesday, October 25	at Better Record	FOX	TBA
Game 3	Friday, October 27	at Lower Record	FOX	TBA
Game 4	Saturday, October 28	at Lower Record	FOX	TBA
Game 5	<i>Sunday, October 29</i>	<i>at Lower Record</i>	<i>FOX</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Game 6	<i>Tuesday, October 31</i>	<i>at Better Record</i>	<i>FOX</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Game 7	<i>Wednesday, November 1</i>	<i>at Better Record</i>	<i>FOX</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Italics above indicate if necessary.

2017 AMERICAN LEAGUE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK
(Through Games of Wednesday, September 13th)

Division Races *(including teams within 10.0 games of first place)*

EAST	W-L	Pct.	GB	CENTRAL	W-L	Pct.	GB	WEST	W-L	Pct.	GB
BOS	82-63	.566	---	CLE	90-56	.616	---	HOU	87-58	.600	---
NYY	79-66	.545	3.0								

AL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
NYY	79-66	.545	---
MIN	76-69	.524	--- (3.0 behind NYY)
LAA	74-71	.510	2.0
SEA	73-73	.500	3.5
KC	72-73	.497	4.0
TEX	72-73	.497	4.0
BAL	72-74	.493	4.5
TB	72-75	.490	5.0
TOR	68-78	.466	8.5

*The "games behind" column in the Wild Card standings reflects games behind the second Wild Card team.

Teams Eliminated from the Division Races:

Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals Oakland Athletics

Teams Eliminated from Postseason Contention:

Chicago White Sox

Magic Numbers for AL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

East: Boston Red Sox – 15 (*Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 10; *Actual – 10*)
Central: Cleveland Indians – 4 (*Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 2; *Actual – 2*)
West: Houston Astros – 5 (*Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 5; *Actual – 5*)
Wild Card: New York Yankees – 13 (**Actual – 13*)
 Minnesota Twins – 16 (**Actual – 16*)

(To calculate a mathematical Magic Number, first determine the number of games yet to be played, add one, then subtract the number of games ahead in the loss column of the standings from the closest opponent.

*Actual magic numbers take into consideration the remaining matchups during the 2017 regular season.)

Current Clinching Scenarios

- The Cleveland Indians can clinch a Postseason berth tonight with a win over Kansas City (7:10 p.m. ET) and a Houston Astros win over the Los Angeles Angels (10:07 p.m. ET)
- The Cleveland Indians can clinch the AL Central tomorrow -- Friday, September 15th -- if the following occurs:
 - *Indians beat Royals tonight (7:10 p.m. ET) AND tomorrow (7:10 p.m. ET)
 - *Blue Jays beat Twins tonight (8:10 p.m. ET) AND tomorrow (8:10 p.m. ET)
- The Houston Astros can clinch the AL West as early as Saturday, September 16th with any combination of Astros wins and Angels losses totaling five.

Season Series Records for Tie-Breakers

Following are several notable season-series records for potential one-game tie-breakers or to determine Postseason seeding (other possibilities will be added as they become necessary); potential one-game tie-breakers, if necessary, would be scheduled for Monday, October 2nd:

*NYY won season series vs. BOS, 11-8
 *MIN leads NYY, 2-1 (3 games left)
 *BOS won season series vs. CLE, 4-3
 *CLE won season series vs. HOU, 5-1
 *LAA won season series vs. NYY, 4-2
 *NYY leads BAL, 9-6 (4 games left)
 *NYY-TEX tied, 3-3
 *NYY won season series vs. KC, 4-2
 *NYY won season series vs. SEA, 5-2
 *NYY leads TB, 10-6 (3 games left)
 *MIN won season series vs. LAA, 5-2

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 *MIN won season series vs. TEX, 4-3
 *MIN won season series vs. KC, 11-8
 *SEA won season series vs. MIN, 4-3
 *TB won season series vs. MIN, 4-2
 *LAA won season series vs. BAL, 4-2
 *TEX leads LAA, 10-6 (3 games left)
 *KC won season series vs. LAA, 6-1
 *LAA leads SEA, 10-6 (3 games left)
 *TB won season series vs. LAA, 4-3
 *BAL won season series vs. TEX, 6-1

*BAL-KC tied season series, 3-3
 *BAL won season series vs. SEA, 4-2
 *BAL-TB tied, 6-6 (7 games left)
 *TEX won season series vs. KC, 6-1
 *SEA leads TEX, 10-5 (4 games left)
 *TEX won season series vs. TB, 4-2
 *KC won season series vs. SEA, 5-2
 *KC won season series vs. TB, 4-3
 *SEA won season series vs. TB, 5-1

American League Wild Card Game

- Home-field advantage will go to the Wild Card winner who had the higher winning percentage during the regular season.

American League Division Series

- Home-field advantage will go to the two Division winners who had the highest winning percentage during the regular season (Games 1-2 and 5).
- The Wild Card team that wins the Wild Card Game can NEVER have home-field advantage, but CAN play a team from its own division in the Division Series.

American League Championship Series

- The Division Series winner with the higher regular season winning percentage (but NEVER the Wild Card) will have the home-field advantage (Games 1-2 and 6-7).

World Series

- Home-field advantage in the World Series (Games 1-2 and 6-7) will go to the team with the higher regular season winning percentage, regardless of whether team is a Wild Card winner or Division winner.

If the Postseason began *today*, the American League match-ups would be:

WILD CARD GAME

Wild Card Game: MIN @ NYY

DIVISION SERIES

Games 1, 2 and 5*: MIN/NYY @ CLE
 Games 3 and 4*: CLE @ MIN/NYY

Games 1, 2 and 5*: BOS @ HOU
 Games 3 and 4*: HOU @ BOS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Possibility #1 – If the Cleveland Indians advance to the ALCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: BOS/HOU @ CLE
 Games 3, 4 and 5*: CLE @ BOS/HOU

Possibility #2 – If the New York Yankees or Minnesota Twins, as a Wild Card, advance to the ALCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: MIN/NYY @ BOS/HOU
 Games 3, 4 and 5*: BOS/HOU @ MIN/NYY

* - If necessary

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Division Races (including teams within 10.0 games of first place)

EAST	W-L	Pct.	GB	CENTRAL	W-L	Pct.	GB	WEST	W-L	Pct.	GB
WSH	88-57	.607	---	CHI	79-66	.545	---	LAD	94-52	.644	---
				MIL	77-69	.527	2.5	ARI	84-62	.575	10.0
				STL	76-69	.524	3.0				

WSH = NL East Champions

NL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
ARI	84-61	.575	---
COL	80-66	.548	--- (4.0 behind Arizona)
MIL	77-69	.527	3.0
STL	76-69	.524	3.5

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Teams Eliminated from the Division Races:

Atlanta Braves, Miami Marlins, New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants

Teams Eliminated from Postseason Contention:

Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, San Francisco Giants

Magic Numbers for NL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

- East:** **Washington Nationals – NL East Champions**
- Central:** Chicago Cubs – 15 (Mathematical Magic Number for Postseason Berth – 15; *Actual – 14)
- West:** Los Angeles Dodgers – 7 (Clinched Postseason Berth)
- Wild Card:** Arizona Diamondbacks – 10 (*Actual – 9)
Colorado Rockies – 14 (*Actual – 13)

(To calculate a mathematical Magic Number, first determine the number of games yet to be played, add one, then subtract the number of games ahead in the loss column of the standings from the closest opponent.)

*Actual magic numbers take into consideration the remaining matchups during the 2017 regular season.)

Current Clinching Scenarios

- The Los Angeles Dodgers can clinch the NL West as early as Sunday, September 17th with any combination of Dodgers wins and Diamondbacks losses totaling seven.

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- *MIL leads CHI, 8-7 (4 games left)
- *CHI leads STL, 8-4 (7 games left)
- *ARI leads COL, 10-8 (1 game left)
- *COL won season series vs. MIL, 4-3
- *STL won season series vs. COL, 4-2
- *MIA leads COL, 3-0 (3 games left)
- *MIL leads STL, 9-7 (3 games left)
- *WSH leads LAD, 2-1 (3 games left)

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WILD CARD GAME

Wild Card Game: COL @ ARI

DIVISION SERIES

Games 1, 2 and 5*: COL/ARI @ LAD

Games 3 and 4*: LAD @ COL/ARI

Games 1, 2 and 5*: CHI @ WSH

Games 3 and 4*: WSH @ CHI

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Possibility #1 – If the Los Angeles Dodgers advance to the NLCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: CHI/WSH @ LAD

Games 3, 4 and 5*: LAD @ CHI/WSH

Possibility #2 – If the Arizona Diamondbacks or the Colorado Rockies, as a Wild Card, advance to the NLCS:

Games 1, 2, 6* and 7*: ARI/COL @ CHI/WSH

Games 3, 4 and 5*: CHI/WSH @ ARI/COL

* - If necessary

ALMORA PROVIDES SPARK OFF THE BENCH

In the Chicago Cubs' 17-5 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday night, outfielder Albert Almora entered the game as a pinch-hitter for the Cubs in the bottom of the seventh inning and hit a three-run home run. After remaining in the game, Almora came to bat once again in the bottom of the eighth inning and collected a bases-clearing triple to plate three more runs.

Almora became just the 12th player since RBI became an official statistic in 1920 to collect six RBI in a game that he did not start, and just the first since 2005, when Toronto's Reed Johnson accomplished the feat in a 15-2 win over Boston (full list below).

In addition, Elias notes that there have been over 2,000 six-RBI games produced in the Major Leagues since 1920, but there have been only two other instances of a player driving in six runs while only having two plate appearances in the game — Detroit's Babe Birrer against Baltimore on July 19, 1955 and San Diego's Archi Cianfrocco against Atlanta on July 21, 1995.

With a triple and a homer in last night's contest, Almora joined Chris Taylor of the Los Angeles Dodgers as the second player this season to collect a triple and a home run in a game off the bench. This season is just the third time since at least 1913 in which two different players accomplished this feat in a single game. In 2011, Toronto's Dewayne Wise and San Diego's Cameron Maybin turned the trick, while Montreal's Adolfo Phillips and Philadelphia's Dave Watkins accomplished the feat in 1969.



Six RBI in a Single Game Off the Bench, 1920-Present

Player, Team	Date	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Albert Almora, CHI	9/13/2017	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	6
Reed Johnson, TOR	7/1/2005	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	6
Matt Lawton, MIN	4/17/1999	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	6
Archi Cianfrocco, SD	7/21/1995	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	6
Candy Maldonado, SF	9/27/1987	4	4	2	2	0	0	1	6
John Mayberry, TOR	6/26/1978	5	5	3	3	1	0	2	7
Frank Baker, BAL	9/28/1973	5	5	2	2	0	0	1	6
John Ellis, CLE	9/15/1973	3	3	1	2	1	0	1	6
Kurt Bevacqua, KC	7/9/1973	4	4	1	2	0	0	1	6
Roy Sievers, CWS	6/21/1961	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	7
Babe Birrer, DET	7/19/1955	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	6
Mandy Brooks, CHI	8/25/1925	5	5	2	2	0	0	1	6

20-HOMER CLUB

Entering play today, the Baltimore Orioles have logged 220 home runs this season, second-most in the Majors to only the Texas Rangers (221). Led by three-time All-Star third baseman Manny Machado (32), Baltimore boasts six players so far this season with at least 20 home runs – Jonathan Schoop, Adam Jones, Trey Mancini, Chris Davis and Mark Trumbo – matching the record for the second-most players on a team with at least 20 homers.

Backstop Wellington Castillo enters action today with 19 round-trippers on the season. With his next home run, this year's Orioles will become the sixth Club in Major League history with seven players reaching the 20-homer milestone, joining the 2010 Blue Jays, 2009 Yankees, 2005 Rangers, 2000 Blue Jays and 1996 O's.

Team	# of Players With 20 Home Runs	Players (Totals)
2010 Toronto Blue Jays	7	José 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 Canó (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	<i>Manny Machado (32), Jonathan Schoop (31), Adam Jones (26), Chris Davis (24), Trey Mancini (23), Mark Trumbo (23)</i>

In 2016, four teams had six players reach the 20-homer mark – the Orioles, St. Louis Cardinals, Blue Jays and Washington Nationals – to establish a Major League record. This season, in addition to the Orioles, the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds have each seen six players club at least 20 home runs this season. Entering play today, both the Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers each have six players with at least 18 home runs on the season. Should each player reach the 20-homer threshold before the 2017 campaign concludes, this season will set a new MLB record with five teams seeing six players reach 20 round-trippers.

Additionally, the Cubs have set a Major League record with five 20-homer seasons by players in their age 25-or-younger season (Javier Báez, Kris Bryant, Willson Contreras, Ian Happ, Kyle Schwarber), surpassing the 2007 Milwaukee Brewers and 1979 Montreal Expos, both of which had four.

Lastly, Robinson Chirinos of the Rangers enters play today with 17 round-trippers on the season. If he, Nomar Mazara and Shin-Soo Choo each reach the 20-homer mark, this year's Rangers would establish a new Major League record with eight players reaching the milestone.

Team	# of Players With 18 Home Runs	Players (Totals)
Chicago Cubs	6	Anthony Rizzo (31), Kris Bryant (26), Kyle Schwarber (26), Javier Báez (22), Ian Happ (22), Willson Contreras (21)
Cincinnati Reds	6	Joey Votto (34), Adam Duvall (31), Scott Schebler (26), Eugenio Suárez (25), Scooter Gennett (24), Zack Cozart (20)
Baltimore Orioles	6	Manny Machado (32), Jonathan Schoop (31), Adam Jones (26), Chris Davis (24), Trey Mancini (23), Mark Trumbo (23)
Los Angeles Dodgers	6	Cody Bellinger (37), Yasiel Puig (25), Corey Seager (19), Chris Taylor (19), Justin Turner (19), Yasmani Grandal (19)
Texas Rangers	6	Joey Gallo (37), Mike Napoli (29), Rougned Odor (28), Elvis Andrus (20), Nomar Mazara (19), Shin-Soo Choo (18)

10/10 VISION

On Tuesday night against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Miller Park, Milwaukee Brewers third baseman Travis Shaw stole his 10th base on the season. During his breakout campaign, Shaw enters play today slashing .272/.349/.523 with 31 doubles, 29 home runs and 90 RBI to go along with his 10 stolen bases. Joined by Orlando Arcia, Ryan Braun, Keon Broxton, Hernán Pérez, Domingo Santana and Jonathan Villar, the 2017 Brewers became the first team in Major League history with seven players posting at least 10 home runs and 10 stolen bases. The Texas Rangers have seen the second-most players reach the 10/10 mark this season with four players accomplishing the feat (Elvis Andrus, Shin-Soo Choo, Carlos Gomez and Rougned Odor).

The previous record of six players was accomplished three times in MLB history by the 1999 Cincinnati Reds, 1998 New York Yankees and 1991 Reds.

Team	# of Players With 10 HR/10 SB	Player Totals (HR/SB)
2017 Milwaukee Brewers	7	Orlando Arcia (14/13), Ryan Braun (15/11), Keon Broxton (20/19), Hernán Pérez (14/13), Domingo Santana (24/13), Travis Shaw (29/10), Jonathan Villar (11/23)
1999 Cincinnati Reds	6	Aaron Boone (14/17), Mike Cameron (21/38), Barry Larkin (12/30), Pokey Reese (10/38), Michael Tucker (11/11), Greg Vaughn (45/15)
1998 New York Yankees	6	Scott Brosius (19/11), Chad Curtis (10/21), Derek Jeter (19/30), Chuck Knoblauch (17/31), Paul O'Neill (24/15), Bernie Williams (26/15)
1991 Cincinnati Reds	6	Glenn Braggs (11/11), Eric Davis (11/14), Barry Larkin (20/24), Hal Morris (14/10), Paul O'Neill (28/12), Chris Sabo (26/19)



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2017 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	151-135	.263 (2,577-for-9,790)	4.25
National League	135-151	.251 (2,434-for-9,708)	4.53



GARCÍA POSTS FIVE-HIT, SEVEN-RBI AFTERNOON

Earlier this afternoon, Chicago White Sox outfielder Avisail García went 5-for-5 with seven RBI in a 17-7 win over the Detroit Tigers. The performance marked the fourth instance this season in which a player has posted five hits and seven RBI in a single contest. The others included Washington's Anthony Rendon (six hits, 10 RBI), Cincinnati's Scooter Gennett (five hits, 10 RBI) and Colorado's Nolan Arenado (five hits, seven RBI). This marks the first season in MLB history to have four such performances, eclipsing the previous best of three, done in 1987 when Kevin Seitzer (six hits, seven RBI), Mickey Brantley (five hits, seven RBI) and Dave Parker (five hits, eight RBI) each accomplished the feat.

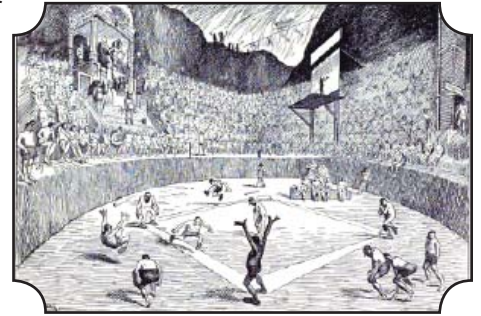
EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

(by MLB Official Historian John Thorn)

Baseball in Hell

My friend Rob Edelman wrote this in the 2015 number of *Base Ball: A Journal of the Early Game*:

"In 1901, political cartoonist, writer, and Republican-turned-socialist Arthur Young (1866–1943) published a book with a drawn-out title: *Through Hell with Hiprah Hunt: A Series of Pictures and Notes of Travel Illustrating the Adventures of a Modern Dante in the Infernal Regions; Also Other Pictures of the Same Subterranean World*. As for its content, the title tells all; the drawings (which come under such descriptions as "Bribe-taking aldermen," "The quack doctors," "Having fun with a brutal policeman," "A case of selfishness," "He walked over others," and "He ate like a pig") were previously printed in a range of publications from *Cosmopolitan* to the *New York Evening Journal*.



"One has a more generic title: 'A great event.' In it, Young depicts a baseball game in hell, in which those destined to spend eternity down under are privy to a raucous ballgame while crowded into a ballpark that looks more like an ancient coliseum."



When the illustration was first published, as I found at the New York Public Library's Picture Collection, it bore a different title—"A Ball Game"—and a reading line of "Never, until this time, had the sinners known a single hour's respite from torture."

Where did this line originate? It is not to be found in *Through Hell with Hiprah Hunt*, etc.

A little digging led me to *Hell-Up-to-Date: The Reckless Journey of R. Palasco Drant, Special Correspondent, Through the Infernal Regions, as Recorded by Himself; with special illustrations by Art Young*. It was published by the Schulte

Publishing Company of Chicago in 1894. The jocularly named author may be assumed to be Young himself, as the only copyrights in the volume attach to the publisher (Francis J. Schulte) and to the illustrator ("Arthur H. Young").

"I was fortunate in arriving in Hell at a time when I might witness a scene that had never occurred before in the history of the place. Never, until this time, had the sinners known a single hour's respite from torture. [Aha!] In this one brief holiday, Mr. Satan permitted the holding of a base-ball contest between picked nines from Boston and Chicago sinners. A scrap torn from the *Daily Groan*, Satan's official organ, and reproduced on page 52, gives a fair report of the more interesting events of the game."

The "scrap" reads thus:

THE DAILY GROAN, OCTOBER

(Continued from First Page.)

<p>DALS ST LIST -RATS senas avid B sit and body obition the sen- which -rty of There nduct -xited f of the -scene -which trial at has poli- in a</p>	<p>Mr. Satan himself came down on the elevator from his private office above, with Cerberus and a crowd of employees and valets. He took his seat in the gorgeously canopied grand stand, built for the occasion, and the vast multitude of the amphitheater rose as one man, shouting: "Kah for the old man! He's all right." A demon pressed an electric button at the right of Satan, and the whistles of the brimstone factories immediately began to blow, cannons boomed, and all Hell shook with the roar. It was the signal for the game to commence. Mr. Satan chose himself umpire. This was a disappointment to those who had come well armed with things to throw. Mr. James B. a Chicago real-estate man, was catcher for the Chicago. Jonas R. a member of the Board of Education of Boston, stood behind the bat for the Boston. A cab driver pitched for Chicago, and did some very effective twirling. The game was exciting. Chicago won after two hours of work. The twenty thousand or more sinners who made up the audience went back to their respective punishments, and Hell once more assumed its business-like aspect.</p>	<p>Two, and a healthy, great a change soon at. On a by the wide in loss of heard once for A v their r week a earnest but who that's man-wi cerely' is a big W. J. Scott stop</p>
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When Young revamped the work for publication in 1901 as *Through Hell with Hiprah Hunt*, he added this bit of text, as Canto XXXIII:

This Canto Mr. Hunt describes the meeting with that hisonage, Farinata. He relates a conversation he had with Dante which interests the explorer. Farinata tells him also of the burning hardships and similarity in the temperature which he has endured for several hundred years. He remembers but one holiday in all that time, the occasion being a ball game gotten up by a picked nine of American sinners again world.

MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK
(All Times ET)

Thursday, September 14th:	Colorado Rockies at Arizona D-backs	3:40 p.m.
	Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
	Toronto Blue Jays at Minnesota Twins	8:10 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
Friday, September 15th:	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Washington Nationals	7:05 p.m.
	Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
Saturday, September 16th:	Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays	6:10 p.m.
	Toronto Blue Jays at Minnesota Twins	7:10 p.m.
	Arizona D-backs at San Francisco Giants	9:05 p.m.
	Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels	9:07 p.m.
Monday, September 18th:	Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20th:	Oakland Athletics at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Colorado Rockies at San Francisco Giants	3:45 p.m.



Saturday, September 16th:	Los Angeles Dodgers at Washington Nationals	1:05 p.m.
	Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros	1:05 p.m.
	Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians (FS1)	4:10 p.m.

Sunday, September 17th:	Los Angeles Dodgers at Washington Nationals	8:08 p.m.
Tuesday, September 19th:	Cleveland Indians at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
Wednesday, September 20th:	Cleveland Indians at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.



Sunday, September 17th:	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
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UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 2,183 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,263 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-eight seconds.

- *1,263 Replay Reviews
- *282 Confirmed (22.3%)
- *373 Stands (29.5%)
- *592 Overturned (46.9%)
- *11 Rules Check (0.9%)
- *5 Record Keeping (0.4%)
- *1:28 Average Time



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

JOSÉ! JOSÉ! JOSÉ! JOSÉ!: On Saturday night against the San Francisco Giants, White Sox first baseman José Abreu became just the sixth player in Sox history to hit for the cycle, and the first since José Valentin on April 27, 2000 vs. Baltimore. According to Elias, he is the first Cuban-born player in Major League history to record a cycle. Abreu joined San Diego's Wil Myers, Washington's Trea Turner, Texas' Carlos Gomez, Colorado's Nolan Arenado, the Dodgers' Cody Bellinger and Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria as players to hit for the cycle in 2017.

GLOVE LOVE: Chicago Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo enters tonight with a career-high 123-game errorless streak at first base dating to April 25th. That's the longest errorless streak by a Cubs first baseman since Hall of Famer Ernie Banks had a 126-game errorless run at first base spanning the final 114 games of the 1969 season and the first 12 games of 1970.

THE DEBUT: Texas Rangers second baseman Willie Calhoun made his Major League debut Tuesday night and had an RBI single in his first plate appearance. Calhoun became the first Rangers rookie to collect a hit and RBI in his first career plate appearance since his teammate Joey Gallo logged an RBI single on June 20, 2015 against the Chicago White Sox. The rookie also recorded his first outfield assist in the eighth inning.

THE DUDE ABIDES: After his double Tuesday night, Tampa Bay Rays first baseman Lucas Duda's previous 13 hits had all gone for extra bases (9-HR, 4-2B), establishing a Club record. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, this was the longest streak by any player since San Diego's Jim Edmonds (13), July 25–August 25, 2008. Duda leads the Rays with 12 home runs and 23 RBI since being added to their active roster on July 28th.

100-100 CLUB: Mets infielder Jose Reyes became the 13th player in team history to reach 100 home runs on September 8th. Reyes became the fifth player in Club history to record 100 home runs and 100 stolen bases, joining Darryl Strawberry, Howard Johnson, Carlos Beltrán and David Wright.

MILESTONE: Seattle Mariners third baseman Kyle Seager belted his 150th career home run Tuesday night, becoming the third player in Mariners club history to reach the 150-home run plateau prior to turning 30 years of age. Seager joined Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (398) and Alex Rodriguez (189) in Mariners lore.

THE LONG BALL: The Oakland A's have hit 40 home runs in the last 21 games and have 209 for the season, which is tied for fourth in the American League. It is the fourth-highest total in Athletics history and is the most since 2000 (243 in 1996, 239 in 2000, 235 in 1999). A's players have 18 individual multi-homer games, which is second-most in Oakland history (20 in 1996). Home runs have accounted for 321 of the A's 665 runs (48.3%), and the Oakland record for highest percentage of runs scoring on home runs is 46.3% in 1996.

WALK YEAR: New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge has scored runs in eight of his last nine games (10 R total), and has walked in four straight and seven of eight (11 BB total). His Major League rookie record 110 walks lead the AL and rank second in the Majors to Cincinnati's Joey Votto (121). Judge is only the fourth Yankee since 1963 to reach 110 free passes in a single season, joining Jason Giambi (129 BB in 2003, 110 BB in 2006), Jack Clark (113 BB in 1988) and Willie Randolph (119 BB in 1980). Aaron leads the AL with 109 runs scored, the most by a rookie since Mike Trout (129) in 2012, and the third-most in a season by a Yankees rookie in team history (Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio - 132 in 1936; Earle Combs - 117 in 1925).

SHORT HOPS: Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Jordy Mercer has established a single-season career high with 14 home runs. The last Pittsburgh shortstop to hit 14-or-more home runs in one season was Jay Bell, who smacked 16 in 1991. The club record for a shortstop is 19, hit by Arky Vaughan in 1935. Mercer's 46 career home runs as a shortstop give him the fifth-most in team history at that position (Glenn Wright is fourth with 50).

BRING A BROOM: Last night's win gave the Minnesota Twins their 10th sweep of an opponent this season (3 games vs. KC April 3rd-6th; 2 games at KC April 28th-30th; 2 games at CWS May 9th-11th; 3 games at BAL May 22nd-24th; 3 games at CLE June 23rd-25th; 2 games vs. MIL August 7th-8th; 2 games at MIL August 9th-10th; 3 games vs. ARI August 18th-20th; and 3 games vs. CWS August 29th-31st). The Twins had only four sweeps last season, while their last season with nine sweeps came in 2010, and their last season with 10 sweeps was in 2006 when they won the AL Central.

LIVING DANGEROUSLY: The Angels' 43 comeback wins this season pace the Majors (Club record is 47 comebacks in 2009), while they have also set a Club record with 10 comeback victories when trailing by four-or-more runs (most in MLB). The Angels have 25 one-run wins in 2017 and boast nine wins when trailing after 7 frames. Los Angeles has notched 19 wins in their last at-bat.

ALL HE DOES IS WIN: The 2017 season marks the ninth Postseason appearance as a manager for Dusty Baker of the Washington Nationals. According to Elias, only six other managers have led teams to nine Postseasons, and all of them are in the Hall of Fame: Bobby Cox (16), Joe Torre (15), Tony La Russa (14), Casey Stengel (10), John McGraw (9), and Joe McCarthy (9). The NL East crown is the seventh division title Baker has led his clubs to, joining the 1997 & 2000 San Francisco Giants, 2003 Chicago Cubs, 2010 & 2012 Cincinnati Reds and the 2016 Washington Nationals.

SELECT COMPANY: If Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve finishes the season leading the league in hits, he will become the first player in MLB history to lead the AL or NL in hits in four straight years. Altuve, who is 10 hits shy of 200 and two doubles shy of 40, could also become the second player in MLB history to post four straight 200-hit, 40-double seasons, joining Wade Boggs (1985-89).

DOUBLES: The Braves doubled seven times Tuesday night, their most two-base hits in a single game since the club posted eight on August 25, 2010 at Colorado. The Atlanta franchise record is nine, done three times and last on July 29, 2007 at Arizona.

300: Entering play today, Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto has reached base 288 times, the most in the Major Leagues (Charlie Blackmon 2nd, 263). Votto is on pace to lead the Majors in times reaching base for the third time (2013, 2015), and on pace to lead the National League for the fifth time (2011, 2013, 2015, 2016).

EXTRA, EXTRA: Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado is the second player in franchise history to have three seasons with 80-or-more extra-base hits (also Todd Helton, who had four). Outfielder Charlie Blackmon is the sixth Major League leadoff hitter since 1914 to collect 80-or-more extra base hits, and he is the first Major Leaguer since 2007 (Curtis Granderson, 81; Jimmy Rollins 80) to accomplish the feat.

DYNAMIC DUO: Marlins outfielder Marcell Ozuna recorded his 110th RBI on Tuesday night with a solo home run (#33) in the 10th inning. He joined Giancarlo Stanton (53 HR, 113 RBI) to become the first pair of outfield teammates to record at least 30 home runs and 110 RBI in a season since Atlanta's Gary Sheffield (39 HR, 132 RBI) and Andruw Jones (36 HR, 116 RBI) in 2003. Ozuna is currently fourth in the Majors with a career-high 110 RBI, trailing Nolan Arenado (123), Giancarlo Stanton (113) and Paul Goldschmidt (112). His 110 RBI are the 10th-highest single-season total in Marlins history, while Stanton's 113 are eighth-most.

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)
September 3 rd	José Ramírez, CLE (.538, 7 R, 14 H, 6 2B, 4 HR, 1.308 SLG)	Jeff Samardzija (1-0, 0.56 ERA, 16.0 IP, 14 SO, 1 CG SHO)
September 10 th	Eric Hosmer, KC (.538, 14 H, 6 R, 5 XBH, 8 RBI, 23 TB)	J.D. Martinez, ARI (.429, 8 R, 7 HR, 34 TB, 1.214 SLG)

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)
August	Manny Machado, BAL (.341, 23 R, 6 2B, 12 HR, 35 RBI)	Giancarlo Stanton, MIA (.349, 28 R, 6 2B, 18 HR, 37 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)
August	Corey Kluber, CLE (5-1, 1.96 ERA, 54 SO, 6 BB, 46.0 IP)	Jake Arrieta, CHI (4-1, 1.21 ERA, 37 SO, 27 H, 37.1 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)
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)
August	Andrew Benintendi, BOS (.333, 18 R, 5 2B, 6 HR, 19 RBI)	Rhys Hoskins, PHI (.304, 19 R, 24 H, 11 HR, 12 BB, 25 RBI)

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)
August	Alex Colomé, TB (12 G, 10 SV, 0.75 ERA, 13 SO, 1 BB)	Corey Knebel, MIL (15 G, 13 SV, 0.00 ERA, 21 SO, 9 H)