



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

WEEKLY NOTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

2017 POSTSEASON OUTLOOK



Series
 MIN @ NYY/BOS
 COL/MIL @ ARI

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)
 8:00 p.m.
 8:00 p.m.



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

Series

ALDS A Game 1
 ALDS B Game 1
 ALDS A Game 2
 ALDS B Game 2
 TBD @ LAD (G1)
 CHI @ WSH (G1)
 TBD @ LAD (G2)
 CHI @ WSH (G2)
 ALDS A Game 3
 ALDS B Game 3
 ALDS A Game 4
 ALDS B Game 4
 LAD @ TBD (G3)
 WSH @ CHI (G3)
 LAD @ TBD (G4)
 WSH @ CHI (G4)
 ALDS A Game 5
 ALDS B Game 5
 TBD @ LAD (G5)
 CHI @ WSH (G5)

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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	Sunday, October 29	at Lower Record	FOX	TBA
Game 6	Tuesday, October 31	at Better Record	FOX	TBA
Game 7	Wednesday, November 1	at Better Record	FOX	TBA

Italics above indicate if necessary.

2017 AMERICAN LEAGUE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK
(Through Games of Thursday, September 28th)

Division Races

EAST	W-L	Pct.	GB	CENTRAL	W-L	Pct.	GB	WEST	W-L	Pct.	GB
BOS	92-67	.579	---	CLE	100-59	.629	---	HOU	99-60	.623	---
NYY	89-70	.560	3.0								

CLE = AL Central Champions

HOU = AL West Champions

AL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
NYY	89-70	.560	---
MIN	83-76	.522	---

Teams Eliminated from the Division Races:

Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Minnesota Twins, Oakland Athletics, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Rays, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays

Teams Eliminated from Postseason Contention:

Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Oakland Athletics, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Rays, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays

Magic Numbers for AL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

East: Boston Red Sox – 1 (*Clinched Postseason Berth*)

Central: **Cleveland Indians – AL Central Champions**

West: **Houston Astros – AL West Champions**

Wild Card: **New York Yankees – Clinched Postseason Berth**

Minnesota Twins – Clinched Second AL Wild Card

(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 Boston Red Sox can clinch the AL East **tonight** if either of the following occur:
 - o Red Sox beat Astros tonight (7:10 p.m. ET) **OR** Blue Jays beat Yankees this afternoon (1:05 p.m. ET).
- The Cleveland Indians can clinch the top seed in the American League **tonight** if both of the following occur:
 - o Indians beat White Sox tonight (7:10 p.m. ET) **AND** Red Sox beat Astros tonight (7:10 p.m. ET)

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

*CLE won season series vs. HOU, 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 presented by Doosan

- 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 presented by Camping World

- 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 **(AL East runner-up will host MIN in AL Wild Card Game)*

DIVISION SERIES

Games 1, 2 and 5*: MIN/NYY @ CLE **(CLE & HOU are guaranteed to host Games 1-2 of ALDS)*

Games 3 and 4*: CLE @ MIN/NYY

Games 1, 2 and 5*: BOS @ HOU **(CLE & HOU are guaranteed to host Games 1-2 of ALDS)*

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

2017 NATIONAL LEAGUE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK
(Through Games of Thursday, September 28th)

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	96-63	.604	---	CHI	90-69	.566	---	LAD	102-57	.642	---

WSH = NL East Champions

CHI = NL Central Champions

LAD = NL West Champions

NL WILD CARD RACE

Club	W-L	Pct.	GB*
ARI	92-67	.579	---
COL	86-73	.541	---
MIL	84-75	.528	2.0

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

Teams Eliminated from the Division Races:

Arizona Diamondbacks, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Colorado Rockies, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals

Teams Eliminated from Postseason Contention:

Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals

Magic Numbers for NL Division Leaders and Wild Card:

East: **Washington Nationals – NL East Champions**
Central: **Chicago Cubs – NL Central Champions**
West: **Los Angeles Dodgers – NL West Champions**
Wild Card: **Arizona Diamondbacks – Clinched First NL Wild Card**
 Colorado Rockies – 2 (*Actual – 2)

(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 Colorado Rockies can clinch a Wild Card berth **tonight** if both of the following occur:
 - Rockies beat Dodgers tonight (8:10 p.m. ET) **AND** Cardinals beat Brewers tonight (8:15 p.m. ET).
- If the Los Angeles Dodgers reach the World Series, they would be assured home field advantage if the Dodgers beat the Rockies tonight (8:10 p.m. ET), **OR** the White Sox beat the Indians tonight (7:10 p.m. ET) **AND** the Red Sox beat the Astros tonight (7:10 p.m. ET).

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*COL won season series vs. MIL, 4-3

National League Wild Card Game

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

National League Division Series presented by T-Mobile

- 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).
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National League Championship Series presented by Camping World

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

WILD CARD GAME

Wild Card Game: COL @ ARI ****(ARI will host NL Wild Card Game regardless of their opponent)***

DIVISION SERIES

Games 1, 2 and 5*: COL/ARI @ LAD ****(LAD is guaranteed to host Games 1-2 of NLDS vs. Wild Card)***
Games 3 and 4*: LAD @ COL/ARI

Games 1, 2 and 5*: CHI @ WSH ****(WSH-CHI is guaranteed with WSH hosting Games 1-2)***
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

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

Home Run Heaven



We are now concluding the most prolific season for home runs in all baseball history—even if we are not crowning a new home run king. Arguments were made that if Giancarlo Stanton surpassed Babe Ruth's 60, or Roger Maris's 61, we could toss aside arithmetic, logic, and history while declaring him the new record holder. Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire all hit more than whatever Stanton will have hit by the time you read this, but but but, some will cluck. At least Aaron Judge inarguably surpassed McGwire's rookie record of 49 homers.

Context is all when it comes to baseball statistics. In his big-league career Ruth never faced a black pitcher, played at night, or faced the demon relievers of the modern period; only rarely did a pitcher throw a pitch his way at 95 miles per hour. Maris had eight more games in his season, played against two expansion pitching staffs, etc. The arguments are familiar.

They were familiar even before the advent of the lively ball in 1920. When Ruth hit his 26th homer in 1919 he was widely believed to have set a new record, surpassing the mark set by Washington's Buck Freeman in 1899. Then, some figure filbert dusted off Ned Williamson's home-run total of 1884: 27, though Freeman's mark was termed the "modern record." Ruth blasted by this ancient worthy, clouting 29 homers by year's end. Next year he would be sold to the Yankees, and the rest you know.

But what about Williamson? How did a third baseman who hit 2 homers in 1883 and 3 in 1885 hit 27 in the year in between? It was his home grounds, Chicago's new Lakefront Park, pictured above and, more revealingly of its dimensions, below (reminds one of the Polo Grounds, doesn't it?).

In 1883 Williamson may have hit only 2 homers but he also led the league with 49 doubles, as balls hit over the left-field fence (186 feet in 1883, 180 in 1884—the shortest distance ever in a major-league park) were ruled ground-rule doubles. In 1884 these same hits were ruled home runs! For 1885 Chicago opened a new ballpark.

In the article accompanying the Harper's Weekly image above, it was noted that: "Surmounting the grand stand is a row of eighteen private boxes, cozily draped with curtains to keep out wind and sun, and furnished with comfort able arm-chairs. By the use of the telephone and gong President [Albert Goodwill] Spalding can conduct all the preliminary details of the game without leaving his private box."



LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

I-90: The Red Sox have won at least 90 games in 13 of the past 20 seasons (1998-2017), tied with the Yankees for the most 90-win seasons in that time. Boston won 71 games in 2014, 78 in 2015, and 93 in 2016; the Sox have not increased their win total in three straight years since 2001-04 (82, 93, 95, 98).

200 HITS AND COUNTING: Braves outfielder Ender Inciarte singled once on Wednesday, extending his career-high hit total to 201. Inciarte has the seventh 200-hit season in Atlanta franchise history and the first since Marquis Grissom had 207 in 1996. Before Inciarte and Grissom, only two Atlanta players reached the 200-hit milestone in a season: Ralph Garr and Felipe Alou. Garr holds the Atlanta single-season franchise hits record, with 219 in 1971.

MULTIHOMER MAGIC: White Sox first baseman José Abreu on Tuesday night connected for the 11th multi-homer game of his career, and fifth this season. The five efforts this season are tied for the fourth-most in the American League. His five multi-homer games are tied for the second-most in a season in White Sox history behind Paul Konerko (six in 2006). The other players with five in a season are Roy Sievers (1961), Magglio Ordoñez (2002), Konerko (2004), Ron Kittle (1985) and Albert Belle (1998).

JUST WIN, BABY: Entering play today, the Cubs have 290 regular season victories since the start of the 2015 season, marking the winningest three-season span for the franchise in over 100 years. The franchise last won more games in a three-season span from 1909-1911 (300 victories). In addition, the Cubs have secured their third straight winning campaign dating to 2015. This is just the third stretch of at least three straight winning campaigns for Chicago in the last 78 seasons starting in 1940. That includes a six-year run from 1967-72 and 2007-09.

30, 30, 30: Reds outfielder Scott Schebler on Tuesday at Miller Park became the third Reds player this season to reach the 30-homer mark, tying a franchise record for number of batters in a season with at least 30 home runs (1956, 1970, 2007, 2017). Joey Votto (36) and Adam Duvall (31) also reached the 30-homer milestone for Cincinnati this season.

EXCLUSIVE COMPANY: Houston second baseman Jose Altuve's single in Wednesday's game at Texas was his 200th hit of the season. Altuve became just the fourth right-handed hitter in Major League history to reach 200 hits in four straight seasons. With one more double, he will become the first player in Major League history with four separate 200-hit, 40-double, 30-steal seasons, marks he would reach in each of the last four seasons. No other player in Major League history has had even three seasons like this, with only five players recording multiple seasons with these numbers: Kiki Cuyler, George Sisler, Tris Speaker, Shoeless Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb.

MOOSE MATCHES CERV: Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas extended his team home run record to 38 with a seventh-inning blast on Monday at Yankee Stadium. The home run also tied the all-time Kansas City Major League record set by slugger Bob Cerv in 1958 with the Kansas City A's. Moose broke the Royals' record last Wednesday night with his 37th in Toronto, surpassing Steve Balboni's long-standing mark of 36 set back in 1985. Monday's shot was also his 24th road homer this year, passing John Mayberry's previous team record of 23 in 1975.

FAB FIVE: With Monday's home run, Angels All-Star center fielder Mike Trout joined Alex Rodriguez, Jimmie Foxx, Jose Canseco and Joe DiMaggio as the only AL players with at least 30 home runs in four-or-more seasons before his age-26 season.

THREE QUARTERS: With his 25th home run Saturday night in Arizona, Marlins first baseman Justin Bour joined Giancarlo Stanton (59) and Marcell Ozuna (36) as the first trio of Marlins teammates to record at least 25 home runs in the same season since 2008. It is the fourth time in franchise history that three-or-more teammates have recorded at least 25 home runs. Dan Uggla (27), Miguel Cabrera (26) and Josh Willingham (26) were the first to do so in 2006, followed by Cabrera (34), Uggla (31) and Hanley Ramirez (29) in 2007. In 2008, Ramirez (33), Mike Jacobs (32), Uggla (32) and Jorge Cantu (29) all reached the 25-homer mark.

THREE'S COMPANY: Brewers outfielder Domingo Santana belted his 29th home run of the season on Tuesday. He looks to join Travis Shaw (31) and Eric Thames (31) as just the second trio in franchise history to produce at least 30 home runs in a season. The feat was accomplished in 1982 with the trio of Gorman Thomas (39), Ben Oglivie (34) and Cecil Cooper (32).

20-20: Four Twins sluggers have reached the 20-homer mark (Brian Dozier - 33, Miguel Sanó - 28, Eddie Rosario - 27 and Eduardo Escobar - 20) this season. Max Kepler needs one home run to join, which would mark the third time in club history for five players to reach 20 in a season (also 1964 and 1986).

KEEPIN' IT 100: Yankees reliever Dellin Betances on Wednesday became the fifth pitcher ever to reach 100 strikeouts as a reliever in four straight seasons, joining Boston's Dick Radatz (four times, 1962-65); Toronto's Duane Ward (four times, 1989-92); Cincinnati's Rob Dibble (1989-92); and teammate Aroldis Chapman (2012-15), who accomplished the feat with Cincinnati.

THE NEWEST HR KING: Dodgers rookie sensation Cody Bellinger stroked his 39th home run of the season on Friday night, surpassing Wally Berger (1930) and Frank Robinson (1956) for the most home runs in a single season by a National League rookie. The only rookies in history who have hit more homers than Bellinger are Aaron Judge (51, 2017) and Mark McGwire (49, 1987).

AMONG THE GREATEST: Pirates outfielder Andrew McCutchen ranks 10th on Pittsburgh's all-time list with 290 doubles (Arky Vaughan is ninth with 291). His 537 career extra-base hits rank seventh behind Hall of Famers Willie Stargell (953), Honus Wagner (865), Paul Waner (852), Roberto Clemente (846), Pie Traynor (593) and Max Carey (590). McCutchen's 685 walks rank seventh all-time and his 1,461 career hits rank 14th on the club's list (Dave Parker is 13th with 1,479).

BACKSTOP POP: Mariners catcher Mike Zunino has hit 24 home runs this season and is looking to become the seventh American League catcher (second this season) since 2000 to hit at least 25 home runs as a catcher in a single season, joining Charles Johnson (31 in 2000), Jorge Posada (30 in 2003 and 27 in 2000), Gary Sánchez (27 in 2017), A.J. Pierzynski (26 in 2012) and Brian McCann (25 in 2015).

TEOSCAR TIME: Blue Jays outfielder Teoscar Hernandez hit a two-run home run in the ninth inning on Wednesday, extending his club record for rookie homers in September to eight. Hernandez also set the team rookie record for RBI in September with 20 (Josh Phelps-19 in 2002). In addition, he has a six-game RBI streak (11-total), the longest by a Blue Jay since Edwin Encarnacion's club-record-tying eight-game stretch from August 22-30, 2015.

RODNEY APPROACHES 40 SAVES: Arizona Diamondbacks closer Fernando Rodney needs just one save to become the second pitcher in MLB history with at least 40 saves in a season at age 40-or-older (also: Mariano Rivera — 44 in 2013 at 43 years old, and 44 in 2011 at 41 years old).

UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 2,385 games played this season (through Thursday), Major League Baseball has had 1,366 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-eight seconds.

- *1,366 Replay Reviews
- *313 Confirmed (22.9%)
 - *395 Stands (28.9%)
- *642 Overturned (47.0%)
 - *11 Rules Check (0.8%)
 - *5 Record Keeping (0.4%)
 - *1:28 Average Time



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)
September 17 th	Corey Kluber, CLE (2-0, 0.00 ERA, 16.0 IP, 17 SO, 1 CG SHO)	J.D. Martinez, ARI (.435, 8 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, .957 SLG)
September 24 th	Aaron Judge, NYY (.429, 6 R, 2 2B, 5 HR, 9 RBI, 26 TB)	Marcell Ozuna, MIA (.500/.615/1.000, 6 R, 3 HR, 7 RBI) Giancarlo Stanton, MIA (.348, 6 R, 3 HR, 13 RBI, .484 OBP)

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)



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2017 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	158-139	.261 (2,648-for-10,143)	4.21
National League	139-158	.249 (2,509-for-10,058)	4.51