

# WEEKLY NOTES THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017

### **2017 MLB DRAFT SUMMARY**

On Wednesday, Major League Baseball completed the 2017 MLB Draft. A total of 1,215 players were chosen in the 40 rounds and two Competitve Balance rounds.

- Pitchers were the most frequently chosen players, with 660 being selected (472 RHP, 188 LHP). The rest of the 2017 pool was comprised of 246 infielders (including 100 shortstops, 61 third basemen, 42 second basemen, 37 first basemen and six utility infielders), 205 outfielders, 99 catchers and five utility players.
- Four schools Chipola College, Stanford University, the University of Michigan and the University of Texas at Austin had 11 players selected, tied for the most in the Draft. Clemson University and Florida State University each had nine players selected, while nine schools produced eight different players, including Cal State Long Beach, Fresno State University, Louisiana State University, North Carolina State University, the University of Florida, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, the University of California at Santa Barbara and Wake Forest University.
- Players were selected from 46 states, with Idaho, Maine, North Dakota and Vermont being the states to not produce a draft selection. The states that had the most players selected were California (192), Florida (135), Texas (123), Georgia (56), Illinois (55), North Carolina (44), New York (40), Arizona (35), Pennsylvania (34) and Washington (33).
- Fifty draft-eligible foreign-born players were selected in the 40 rounds, including 28 players from Puerto Rico; 19 players from Canada; and one player each from Australia, Panama and the Virgin Islands.
- Four players who were in attendance at Studio 42 on Monday night were selected in the opening round, including Notre Dame High School (CA) right-handed pitcher Hunter Greene, who was selected second overall by the Cincinnati Reds; Ballard High School (KY) outfielder Jordon Adell, who was taken 10<sup>th</sup> overall by the Los Angeles Angels; Carlsbad High School (NM) left-handed pitcher Trevor Rogers, who was drafted 13<sup>th</sup> overall by the Miami Marlins; and McGill-Toolen High School (AL) outfielder Bubba Thompson, who was the 26<sup>th</sup> overall selection by the Texas Rangers.
- Eight of the top 26 selections in the Draft (30.8%) were African-American or Latino, including Lewis; Greene; Adell; Alex Faedo (18<sup>th</sup> overall, DET); Heliot Ramos (19<sup>th</sup> overall, SF), who is an alumnus of MLB's Elite Development Program in Puerto Rico; Jeren Kendall (23<sup>rd</sup> overall, LAD); Seth Romero (25<sup>th</sup> overall, WSH); and Thompson. With shortstop Jeter Downs selected 32<sup>nd</sup> overall, six of the top 32 selections (18.8%) were African-American. The 2017 Draft marked just the third time in the last 30 years that African-American players were selected with the first two picks of the Draft, joining 1991 (Brien Taylor 1, Mike Kelly 2) and 2003 (Delmon Young 1, Rickie Weeks 2). Additionally, it was the first time three African-American players have been selected in the top 10 since 1992, when Jeffrey Hammonds (4<sup>th</sup> overall), Derek Jeter (6<sup>th</sup> overall), Calvin Murray (7<sup>th</sup> overall), Preston Wilson (9<sup>th</sup> overall) and Michael Tucker (10<sup>th</sup> overall) were drafted.

- Among the alumni of MLB's Youth Academy network who were drafted were Greene and Ernie De La Trinidad (19<sup>th</sup> round, ARI), each of whom attended the Compton, California Youth Academy. R.J. Barnes, who was selected by the Reds in the 34<sup>th</sup> round, became the first alumnus of the P&G Cincinnati MLB Youth Academy to be drafted.
- Among the alumni of MLB's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Program selected in the Draft were Greene (Venice Boys & Girls Club RBI); Gio Arriera (Miami Marlins RBI, 4<sup>th</sup> round, DET); Joseph Jarneski (Nobu Yamauchi RBI, 12<sup>th</sup> round, TEX), who was the first player ever drafted out of Hawaii's RBI Program; Isaiah Henry (Houston Astros RBI, 14<sup>th</sup> round, KC); Donivan Williams (Chicago White Sox RBI, 14<sup>th</sup> round, STL); Barnes (Cincinnati Reds RBI), who was the first player ever drafted out of Cincinnati's RBI Program; Ronell Coleman (Chicago White Sox RBI, 34<sup>th</sup> round, DET); David Vazquez (Miami Marlins RBI, 37<sup>th</sup> round, ARI); and Angelo Smith (Chicago White Sox RBI, 40<sup>th</sup> round, CWS).
- The following drafted players participated in either an Elite Development Invitational (EDI), a Breakthrough Series (BTS) or the "Dream Series," all joint initiatives of MLB and USA Baseball: Greene (2015 EDI and Dream Series); Thompson (2016 BTS); Cal Mitchell (2016 BTS, 2<sup>nd</sup> round, PIT); Canaan Smith (2016 BTS, 4<sup>th</sup> round, NYY); Je'von Ward (2015 EDI, 12<sup>th</sup> round, MIL); Henry (2016 BTS); Antoine Mistico (2016 EDI, 14<sup>th</sup> round, DET); Christian Santana (2016 BTS, 15<sup>th</sup> round, MIL); Marlin Willis (2015 EDI, 18<sup>th</sup> round, KC); Cordell Dunn (2016 EDI, 19<sup>th</sup> round, TOR); Myles McKisic (Dream Series, 23<sup>rd</sup> round, TEX); Barnes (2016 BTS and 2016 EDI); Darren Baker (2015 BTS, 27<sup>th</sup> round, WSH); Andres Santana (2016 BTS, 29<sup>th</sup> round, HOU); Vazquez (2016 BTS); Jose Garcia (2016 EDI, 38<sup>th</sup> round, BOS); Jordan Anderson (2015 and 2016 BTS, 40<sup>th</sup> round, TEX); and Smith (2016 BTS).
- Sixty-seven players who participated in 2017 events for the joint Prospect Development Pipeline (PDP) program by MLB and USA Baseball were selected during the 2017 Draft. The 67 players represent 54% of all draft-eligible PDP participants in 2017.
- Twelve right-handed pitchers were selected in the first round of the Draft, marking the ninth consecutive year (2009-17) that at least 10 right-handed pitchers were taken in the first round. Other players taken in the first round included six left-handed pitchers, six outfielders, four first basemen, three shortstops, one second baseman and one third baseman. The four first basemen represented the most selected in the first round since six were drafted in the first round in 2008. No catchers were selected in the opening round for the first time since 2002. Overall, it was the sixth such occurrence, also joining 1998, 1996, 1991 and 1988.
- A total of 18 players in the first round were chosen from college, while 12 were selected from the high school ranks. The state of Florida produced six players in the first round, followed by California (4), Alabama (2), Georgia (2), Missouri (2), North Carolina (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Texas (2).
- For the 15<sup>th</sup> time in the last 16 years, at least one pair of teammates (college or high school) were selected in the first round when first baseman Pavin Smith (7<sup>th</sup> overall, ARI) and outfielder Adam Haseley (8<sup>th</sup> overall, PHI) were drafted out of the University of Virginia; right-handed pitcher J.B. Bukauskas (15<sup>th</sup> overall, HOU) and shortstop Logan Warmoth (22<sup>nd</sup> overall, TOR) were drafted out of the University of North Carolina; and right-handed pitcher Kyle Wright (5<sup>th</sup> overall, ATL) and outfielder Jeren Kendall (23<sup>rd</sup> overall, LAD) were selected out of Vanderbilt University.
- Sixteen USA Baseball alumni were drafted in the first round of the Draft, including number one overall pick Royce Lewis. USA Baseball has had 298 total alumni drafted in the first round since 2000, and 2017 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> time since 2001 that the first overall pick played for the red, white and blue.
- The Minnesota Twins selected JSerra Catholic High School shortstop Royce Lewis with the first overall pick in the Draft. Lewis was the second shortstop taken with the first overall selection in the last three years, joining Dansby Swanson, who was the top selection in 2015.

- Following Lewis, the Cincinnati Reds selected Notre Dame High School (CA) right-handed pitcher Hunter Greene second overall, and the San Diego Padres chose Whiteville High School (NC) left-handed pitcher Mackenzie Gore with the third overall selection. It marked the first time that each of the three top selections came from the high school ranks since 1990, when Chipper Jones, Tony Clark and Mike Lieberthal were all selected out of high school.
- The San Francisco Giants selected third baseman Jacob Gonzalez, the son of five-time All-Star outfielder Luis Gonzalez, in the second round out of Chaparral High School in Arizona.
- The Toronto Blue Jays drafted first baseman Kacy Clemens, the son of seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, in the eighth round out of the University of Texas at Austin.
- The San Diego Padres chose right-handed pitcher Cole Bellinger, the brother of Los Angeles Dodgers rookie Cody Bellinger and the son of former Major Leaguer Clay Bellinger, in the 15<sup>th</sup> round out of Hamilton High School in Arizona.
- The Washington Nationals selected Darren Baker, the son of their manager Dusty Baker, in the 27<sup>th</sup> round out of Jesuit High School in California.
- The Los Angeles Angels drafted Peyton Glavine, the son of Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Glavine, in the 37<sup>th</sup> round out of Blessed Trinity High School in Georgia.
- The Chicago Cubs selected Charleston Southern University outfielder Chris Singleton in the 19<sup>th</sup> round. Chris was honored by the New York Yankees during the team's annual HOPE Week in 2015, following his courageous response to the tragic shooting inside a Charleston, South Carolina church that claimed the life of his mother.
- Other notable selections included:
  - \*Joe Dunand (2<sup>nd</sup> round, MIA), nephew of 14-time All-Star and 1993 number one overall selection Alex Rodriguez;
  - \*Gavin Sheets (2<sup>nd</sup> round, CWS), son of former Major League outfielder Larry Sheets;
  - \*Daulton Varsho (Competitive Balance Round B, ARI), son of former Major League outfielder Gary Varsho;
  - \*Mac Sceroler (5<sup>th</sup> round, CIN), nephew of former Major League pitcher and 1989 top overall pick Ben McDonald;
  - \*Buddy Kennedy (5<sup>th</sup> round, ARI), grandson of four-time All-Star Don Money:
  - \*Dalton Guthrie (6<sup>th</sup> round, PHI), son of former Major League pitcher Mark Guthrie;
  - \*Chase Pinder (7th round, STL), brother of Oakland Athletics infielder Chad Pinder;
  - \*Jordan Wren (10<sup>th</sup> round, BOS), son of former MLB general manager and current Boston Red Sox executive Frank Wren;
  - \*Colby Bortles (22<sup>nd</sup> round, DET), brother of Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles;
  - \*Gunner Halter (22<sup>nd</sup> round, TOR), son of former Major League infielder Shane Halter;
  - \*Jamori Blash (23<sup>rd</sup> round, WSH), brother of Padres Minor League outfielder Jabari Blash;
  - \*Zach Jarrett (28th round, BAL), son of NASCAR Hall of Famer Dale Jarrett;
  - \*Cole Percival (31st round, ARI), son of four-time All-Star pitcher Troy Percival;
  - \*Riley Crean (35<sup>th</sup> round, CWS), son of former Indiana and Marguette basketball coach Tom Crean;
  - \*Daniel Alfonzo (38th round, NYM), son of All-Star infielder Edgardo Alfonzo;
  - \*Jake Boone (38th round, WSH), son of three-time All-Star second baseman Bret Boone.

#### **HOMEGROWN PITCHING**

On the heels of this week's annual MLB Draft, here is a team-by-team look at how homegrown pitchers have fared thus far in 2017. For the purposes of this note, homegrown pitchers includes pitchers drafted by their current Club (including one player who left the organization and returned - Houston's Dayan Diaz), as well as pitchers who were originally signed as free agents by their current Club. All stats reflect the pitcher's stats when pitching as a starter. Among the highlights:

- In 2017, 243 different pitchers have started at least one game to date. Of that group, 80 of the pitchers (32.9%) have made starts for the team that originally drafted or signed them (including Diaz).
- The New York Mets have featured a league-high seven homegrown starting pitchers in 2017. That group is followed by five teams (Colorado, Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay and Texas) that have had four homegrown starters this season.
- In addition, 11 teams (Baltimore, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles Angels, Miami, Milwaukee, New York Yankees, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis and Toronto) have used three homegrown starters; eight teams (Boston, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Minnesota, Oakland and Washington) have used two homegrown starters; four Clubs have used just one homegrown starter (Arizona, Atlanta, Philadelphia and San Diego); and the Chicago Cubs have not used any homegrown starting pitchers this season.
- Of the 80 homegrown pitchers to make a start this season, 60 have come through the Major League Baseball Draft, while the remaining 20 were either signed as free agents or purchased from other leagues and signed.
- Fifty-three of the 80 homegrown pitchers are 27-years-old or younger.
- Of the players that came through the Draft, 21 were selected in the first round, including: Tyler Anderson (COL), Madison Bumgarner (SF), Dylan Bundy (BAL), Matt Cain (SF), Gerrit Cole (PIT), Kyle Freeland (COL), Kevin Gausman (BAL), Kyle Gibson (MIN), Marco Gonzales (STL), Jon Gray (COL), Sonny Gray (OAK), Matt Harvey (NYM), Brian Johnson (BOS), Clayton Kershaw (LAD), Aaron Nola (PHI), Braden Shipley (ARI), Stephen Strasburg (WSH), Marcus Stroman (TOR), Jameson Taillon (PIT), Justin Verlander (DET) and Michael Wacha (STL).
- The Pirates have had the most games started by a homegrown pitcher, with 46 such games. They are followed by the New York Mets (43), Colorado (40) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (39).
- The Houston Astros trio of Dayan Diaz (1 start), Dallas Keuchel (11 starts) and Lance McCullers Jr. (13 starts) has been exceptional this season, combining to go 15-2 (.882) with a 2.26 ERA over 25 combined starts.
- Colorado's quartet of Anderson, Freeland, Gray and Antonio Senzatela have won a league-best 18 contests (18-11 in 40 starts).
- Overall, the 80 pitchers have combined to go 222-194 with a 4.39 ERA over 619 combined starts, permitting 1,690 earned runs over 3,467.0 innings pitched with 1,227 walks and 2,905 strikeouts.

### <u>Team-By-Team Percentage of Games Started by Homegrown Pitchers</u>

Team	Total Games Played	Games Started by Homegrown Pitchers	% of Games Started by Homegrown Pitchers
Pittsburgh	66	46	69.7
New York Mets	64	43	67.2
Los Angeles Dodgers	66	39	59.1
Colorado	68	40	58.8
New York Yankees	63	36	57.1
Texas	65	37	56.9
Baltimore	64	29	45.3
San Francisco	67	27	40.3
St. Louis	64	25	39.1
Houston	67	25	37.3
Cleveland	62	22	35.5
Tampa Bay	68	24	35.3
Miami	64	22	34.4
Milwaukee	67	22	32.8
Toronto	65	20	30.8
Seattle	67	20	29.9
Los Angeles Angels	69	20	29.0
Minnesota	62	17	27.4
Kansas City	64	17	26.6
Detroit	64	16	25.0
Atlanta	65	14	21.5
Washington	65	14	21.5
Cincinnati	65	12	18.5
Oakland	65	9	13.8
Philadelphia	64	8	12.5
Boston	65	5	7.7
Chicago White Sox	64	4	6.3
San Dlego	67	4	6.0
Arizona	67	2	3.0
Chicago Cubs	65	0	0.0



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Dylan Bundy	24	14	7-5	3.29	87.2	77	33	32	26	63	Drafted in 1st round in 2011
Kevin Gausman	26	14	3-5	6.49	69.1	98	51	50	34	47	Drafted in 1st round in 2012
Tyler Wilson	27	1	1-0	4.50	6.0	6	3	3	0	1	Drafted in 10 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
TOTALS	25.7	29	11-10	4.69	163.0	181	87	85	60	111	

### BOSTON RED SOX...

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Brian Johnson	26	4	2-0	4.29	21.0	24	10	10	5	17	Drafted in 1st round in 2012
Hector Velazquez	28	1	0-1	10.80	5.0	9	6	6	2	4	Signed as a free agent in 2017
TOTALS	27	5	2-1	5.54	26.0	33	16	16	7	21	

### CHICAGO WHITE SOX,

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Tyler Danish	22	1	1-0	0.00	5.0	3	0	0	6	6	Drafted in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2013
David Holmberg	25	3	1-0	4.26	12.2	8	6	6	6	7	Drafted in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2009
TOTALS	23.5	4	2-0	3.06	17.2	11	6	6	12	13	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Danny Salazar	27	10	3-5	5.50	52.1	55	34	32	28	73	Signed as a free agent in 2006
Josh Tomlin	32	12	3-8	5.73	66.0	85	44	42	4	44	Drafted in 19 <sup>th</sup> round in 2006
TOTALS	29.5	22	6-13	5.63	118.1	140	78	74	32	117	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	Drafted / Signed
Buck Farmer	26	3	2-0	3.52	15.1	15	6	6	3	20	Drafted in 5 <sup>th</sup> round in 2013
Justin Verlander	34	13	4-4	4.68	75.0	74	41	39	37	69	Drafted in 1st round in 2004
TOTALS	30	16	6-4	4.48	90.1	89	47	45	40	89	

# HOUSTON ASTROS...

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Dayan Diaz	28	1	0-1	10.12	2.2	4	3	3	0	3	Signed as a free agent in 20051
Dallas Keuchel	29	11	9-0	1.67	75.2	48	15	14	18	69	Drafted in 7 <sup>th</sup> round in 2009
Lance McCullers Jr.	23	13	6-1	2.58	76.2	58	25	22	23	89	Drafted in Comp. A in 2012
TOTALS	26.7	25	15-2	2.26	155.0	112	43	39	41	161	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Danny Duffy	28	11	4-4	3.54	68.2	69	27	27	25	54	Drafted in 3 <sup>rd</sup> round in 2007
Jake Junis	24	3	1-0	5.28	15.1	19	12	9	7	11	Drafted in 24 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
Eric Skoglund	24	3	1-1	5.59	9.2	13	6	6	5	8	Drafted in 3 <sup>rd</sup> round in 2014
TOTALS	25.3	17	6-5	4.04	93.2	101	45	42	37	73	

# ANGELS.

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Garrett Richards	29	1	0-0	0.00	4.2	3	0	0	1	4	Drafted in Comp. A in 2009
Matt Shoemaker	30	14	6-3	4.52	77.2	73	41	39	28	69	Signed as a free agent in 2008
Tyler Skaggs	25	5	1-1	3.99	29.1	28	13	13	9	29	Drafted in Comp. A in 2009
TOTALS	28	20	7-4	4.19	111.2	104	54	52	38	102	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Jose Berrios	23	6	5-1	2.84	38.0	25	12	12	13	39	Drafted in Comp. A in 2012
Kyle Gibson	29	11	4-4	6.79	54.1	74	43	41	26	39	Drafted in 1st round in 2009
TOTALS	26	17	9-5	5.17	92.1	99	55	53	39	78	

# New York Yankees

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Jordan Montgomery	24	11	4-4	3.55	63.1	55	29	25	23	61	Drafted in 4 <sup>th</sup> round in 2014
Masahiro Tanaka	28	13	5-6	6.07	72.2	85	52	49	20	66	Signed as a free agent in 2014
Luis Severino	23	12	5-2	2.75	75.1	59	24	23	18	84	Signed as a free agent in 2011
TOTALS	25	36	14-12	4.13	211.1	199	105	97	61	211	

# OAKLAND ATHLETICS...

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Daniel Gossett	24	1	0-1	16.20	3.1	6	7	6	1	1	Drafted in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2014
Sonny Gray	27	8	2-2	4.37	47.1	46	29	23	14	47	Drafted in 1st round in 2011
TOTALS	25.5	9	2-3	5.15	50.2	52	36	29	15	48	

# MARINERS...

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Felix Hernandez	31	5	2-2	4.72	26.2	39	14	14	3	22	Signed as a free agent in 2002
James Paxton	28	9	5-1	2.25	52.0	42	14	13	17	58	Drafted in 4 <sup>th</sup> round in 2010
Hisashi Iwakuma	36	6	0-2	4.35	31.0	27	16	15	12	16	Signed as a free agent in 2012
TOTALS	31.7	20	7-5	3.45	109.2	108	46	42	32	96	

# TAMPA BAY RAYS

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Alex Cobb	29	13	5-5	4.29	79.2	87	41	38	23	57	Drafted in 4 <sup>th</sup> round in 2006
Jacob Faria	23	2	2-0	1.42	12.2	9	2	2	3	13	Drafted in 10 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
Austin Pruitt	27	1	0-0	0.00	3.0	1	0	0	1	3	Drafted in 9 <sup>th</sup> round in 2013
Blake Snell	24	8	0-4	4.71	42.0	43	28	22	25	34	Drafted in Comp A. in 2011
TOTALS	25.8	24	7-9	4.06	137.1	140	71	62	52	107	

### TEXAS RANGERS...

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Alex Claudio	25	1	0-0	6.75	4.0	4	3	3	0	1	Drafted in 27 <sup>th</sup> round in 2010
Yu Darvish	30	14	6-4	3.03	89.0	62	30	30	35	93	Purchased from NPB in 2012
Nick Martinez	26	9	1-3	4.97	50.2	55	30	28	11	27	Drafted in 18 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
Martin Perez	26	13	2-6	4.56	71.0	88	38	36	28	53	Signed as a free agent in 2007
TOTALS	26.8	37	9-13	4.07	214.2	209	101	97	74	174	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Casey Lawrence	29	2	0-2	7.94	11.1	18	11	10	6	5	Signed as a free agent in 2010
Aaron Sanchez	24	5	0-1	3.33	24.1	22	10	9	9	18	Drafted in Comp. A in 2010
Marcus Stroman	26	13	7-2	3.09	81.2	84	30	28	20	66	Drafted in 1st round in 2012
TOTALS	26.3	20	7-5	3.61	117.1	124	51	47	35	89	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Braden Shipley	25	2	0-1	7.00	9.0	12	8	7	9	5	Drafted in 1st round in 2013



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Julio Teheran	26	14	6-4	4.86	79.2	83	48	43	32	57	Signed as a free agent in 2007

## CINCINNATI REDS...

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Amir Garrett	25	11	3-5	6.91	54.2	57	44	42	25	46	Drafted in 22 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2011
Sal Romano	23	1	0-1	6.00	3.0	3	3	2	4	2	Drafted in 23 <sup>rd</sup> round in 2011
TOTALS	24	12	3-6	6.87	57.2	60	47	44	29	48	

# COLORADO ROCKIES™

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Tyler Anderson	27	11	3-5	5.85	60.0	69	41	39	20	59	Drafted in 1st round in 2011
Kyle Freeland	24	13	7-4	3.57	75.2	75	33	30	30	47	Drafted in 1st round in 2014
Jon Gray	25	3	0-0	4.38	12.1	11	6	6	7	9	Drafted in 1st round in 2003
Antonio Senzatela	22	13	8-2	3.84	77.1	71	34	33	23	54	Signed as a free agent in 2011
TOTALS	24.5	40	18-11	4.31	225.1	226	114	108	80	169	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Clayton Kershaw	29	14	9-2	2.23	97.0	73	26	24	16	105	Drafted in the 1st round in 2006
Kenta Maeda	29	10	4-3	5.16	52.1	50	31	30	17	53	Signed as a free agent in 2016
Hyun-Jin Ryu	30	10	2-6	4.75	53.0	58	33	28	16	49	Purchased from KBO in 2012
Julio Urias	20	5	0-2	5.40	23.1	23	15	14	14	11	Signed as a free agent in 2012
TOTALS	27	39	15-13	3.83	225.2	204	105	96	63	218	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Adam Conley	27	6	2-2	7.48	27.2	27	26	23	16	22	Drafted in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2011
Tom Koehler	30	8	1-2	7.04	38.1	44	30	30	19	31	Drafted in 18 <sup>th</sup> round in 2008
Jose Urena	25	8	5-2	4.19	43.0	35	22	20	19	29	Signed as a free agent in 2008
TOTALS	27.3	22	8-6	6.03	109.0	106	78	73	54	82	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Jimmy Nelson	28	13	4-3	3.67	76.0	81	33	31	19	75	Drafted in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2010
Wily Peralta	28	8	4-2	6.08	40.0	45	28	27	17	32	Signed as a free agent in 2005
Brent Suter	27	1	0-1	5.79	4.2	5	3	3	1	2	Drafted in 31st round in 2012
TOTALS	27.7	22	8-6	4.55	120.2	131	64	61	37	108	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Jacob deGrom	29	13	5-3	4.33	81.0	79	39	39	34	100	Drafted in 9 <sup>th</sup> round in 2010
Robert Gsellman	23	11	5-3	5.13	59.2	68	41	34	20	44	Drafted in 13 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
Matt Harvey	28	13	4-3	5.25	70.1	67	42	41	35	54	Drafted in 1st round in 2010
Seth Lugo	27	1	1-0	1.29	7.0	6	1	1	2	6	Drafted in 34 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
Steven Matz	26	1	1-0	1.29	7.0	5	1	1	1	2	Drafted in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in 2009
Rafael Montero	26	2	0-1	10.80	6.2	12	8	8	6	8	Signed as a free agent in 2011
Tyler Pill	27	2	0-1	3.48	10.1	14	6	4	3	8	Drafted in 4 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
TOTALS	26.6	43	16-11	4.76	242.0	251	138	128	101	222	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Aaron Nola	24	8	3-4	4.40	45.0	44	22	22	14	41	Drafted in 1st round in 2014



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Gerrit Cole	26	14	4-6	4.54	83.1	88	44	42	20	69	Drafted in 1st round in 2011
Tyler Glasnow	23	12	2-6	7.45	54.1	75	53	45	29	50	Drafted in 5 <sup>th</sup> round in 2011
Chad Kuhl	24	13	1-6	5.61	59.1	66	39	37	25	47	Drafted in 9 <sup>th</sup> round in 2013
Jameson Taillon	25	7	3-1	2.90	40.1	39	14	13	15	35	Drafted in 1st round in 2010
TOTALS	24.5	46	10-19	2.01	237.1	268	150	137	89	201	

### St. Louis Cardinals

Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Marco Gonzales	25	1	0-0	13.50	3.1	6	5	5	0	2	Drafted in 1st round in 2013
Lance Lynn	30	13	5-3	2.69	73.2	50	26	22	30	71	Drafted in Comp. A in 2008
Michael Wacha	25	11	3-3	4.50	60.0	60	32	30	23	55	Drafted in 1st round in 2012
TOTALS	26.7	25	8-6	3.74	137.0	116	63	57	53	128	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	so	Drafted / Signed
Dinelson Lamet	24	4	2-2	8.50	18.0	19	19	17	9	25	Signed as a free agent in 2014



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
Ty Blach	26	10	4-4	4.20	64.1	68	32	30	11	28	Drafted in the 5 <sup>th</sup> round in 2012
Madison Bumgarner	27	4	0-3	3.00	27.0	25	9	9	4	28	Drafted in the 1st round in 2007
Matt Cain	32	13	3-5	5.22	69.0	84	42	40	30	43	Drafted in the 1st round in 2002
TOTALS	28.3	27	7-12	4.43	160.1	177	83	79	55	99	



Pitcher	Age	GS	W-L	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	Drafted / Signed
A.J. Cole	25	1	1-0	1.50	6.0	6	1	1	4	2	Drafted in 4 <sup>th</sup> round in 2010
Stephen Strasburg	28	13	7-2	3.27	85.1	67	32	31	23	99	Drafted in 1st round in 2009
TOTALS	26.5	14	8-2	3.15	91.1	73	33	32	27	101	

#### **KNEBEL'S K-STREAK**

Entering play today, Milwaukee Brewers closer Corey Knebel has recorded at least one strikeout in each of his 34 appearances this season. His 59 punchouts over 33.2 innings of work lead all Major League relievers.

Corey's streak is the second-longest of its kind for relief pitchers to begin a season in the Modern Era (since 1900), following Aroldis Chapman's record of 37 straight contests with a strikeout to begin the 2014 season.



In his appearance on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the 25-year-old Knebel eclipsed the franchise record for consecutive appearances with a strikeout by a reliever, held jointly by John Axford (August 3, 2010 - March 31, 2011) and Chris Bosio (September 5, 1986 - June 7, 1987).

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

Reliever, Team	Streak Date	Games
Aroldis Chapman, CIN	May 11 - August 13, 2014	37
Corey Knebel, MIL	April 3, 2017- Present	34
Aroldis Chapman, CIN	April 5 - June 16, 2012	29

Dating back to his final appearance of the 2016 season on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Knebel's overall streak spans 35 games and matches Eric Gagne for the third-most consecutive games with a strikeout as a reliever over any time period. Chapman leads the way with a streak of 49 games, followed by Bruce Sutter's streak of 39 appearances.

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

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

Across the Majors this season, no other relief pitcher has recorded a streak of more than 20 appearances. Frankie Montas of the Oakland Athletics has posted the second-longest streak this season, registering a strikeout in 17 consecutive games from April 9<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Reliever, Team	Streak Date	Games
Corey Knebel, MIL	April 3, 2017- Present	34
Frankie Montas, OAK	April 9 <sup>th</sup> - May 30 <sup>th</sup>	17
Tommy Kahnle, CWS	May 6 <sup>th</sup> - Present	15
Yusmeiro Petit, LAA	April 26 <sup>th</sup> - June 7 <sup>th</sup>	15
Jake McGee, COL	April 25 <sup>th</sup> - June 1 <sup>st</sup>	15
Blake Parker, LAA	April 21 <sup>th</sup> - May 24 <sup>th</sup>	15

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

Writing in 1949, James Daugherty (1887–1974) declared that modern art was nothing less than "liberating and expansive, rousing and freeing human consciousness from materialism to infinite possibilities of living, creating universal harmony, energy and renewal." In 1913, his eyes were opened to a world of new possibilities by the landmark Armory Show and, as he later described it, Daugherty "went modern with a vengeance." The Futurist movement in painting was born in Italy in the years the Great War, and Joseph Stella was its most important American pioneer. [Futurist Picture of the Opening Game (inset), James Daugherty, Detroit Free Press, April 12, 1914]



In Daugherty's Futurist-inspired works, swirling and intersecting figures were abstracted and fragmented in the nonstop movement of baseball and dancing. The painting on which the newspaper cartoon above is based—"Three Base Hit," in pen and ink and opaque watercolor on paper—resides in the collection of the Whitney Museum, which also purchased this now scarce newspaper print, which resides on my wall as I scribble these notes. See: <a href="http://collection.whitney.org/object/849

New York Times art critic Hilton Kramer wrote, in 1971, that "he was one of those painters who somehow gleaned the essence of modernist principle at the trans-Atlantic distance" yet "got sidetracked in a career of illustration...." Daugherty had a long, notable career as a writer and illustrator of children's books, but he returned to his earlier manner of abstract painting--flat planes and brilliant color--with a final flourish that would last from 1953 until his death in 1974 at the age of 87.

While he seems not to have published any other baseball art, Daugherty did leave behind a sketchbook of nine pencil drawings on lined notebook paper of baseball-playing rats and frogs, which I have not seen.



# MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK (All Times ET)

Thursday, June 15th: Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies 7:05 p.m. Washington Nationals at New York Mets 7:10 p.m. Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: New York Yankees at Oakland Athletics 9:35 p.m. Kansas City Royals at Los Angeles Angels 10:07 p.m. Saturday, June 17th: Chicago White Sox at Toronto Blue Jays 1:07 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday, June 18th: 1:35 p.m. St. Louis Cardinals at Baltimore Orioles 1:35 p.m. Monday, June 19th: Cleveland Indians at Baltimore Orioles 7:05 p.m. 7:10 p.m. Cincinnati Reds at Tampa Bay Rays Tuesday, June 20th: Cleveland Indians at Baltimore Orioles 7:05 p.m. Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, June 21st: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals 2:15 p.m. San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs 2:20 p.m. Cleveland Indians at Baltimore Orioles 7:05 p.m. Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees 7:05 p.m.





Saturday, June 17th:

Tampa Bay Rays at Detroit Tigers (FS1)4:10 p.m.Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates8:15 p.m.Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros8:15 p.m.Kansas City Royals at Los Angeles Angels8:15 p.m.

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>: Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: Washington Nationals at New York Mets Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners 7:10 p.m. 8:05 p.m. 10:10 p.m.



### **UPON FURTHER REVIEW**

Through 979 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 575 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and thirty-two seconds.

\*575 Replay Reviews
\*121 Confirmed (21.0%)
\*171 Stands (29.7%)
\*275 Overturned (47.8%)
\*8 Rules Check (1.4%)
\*1:31 Average Time



#### **LINE DRIVES** (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

**GRADE A BEEF:** Orioles catcher Welington Castillo hit his first career grand slam on Wednesday. The homer was his fifth home run of the year and the second grand slam for the Orioles. The fifth-inning blast gave the O's the lead and help end a six-game losing streak. Four of Castillo's five home runs this season have either tied the game or given the Orioles the lead.

**LONG WAIT ENDS FOR HUFFMAN:** Chad Huffman of the Cardinals, who collected his first Major League extra-base hit with a fifth-inning triple in Tuesday's win, had gone 2,543 days since collecting his last Major League hit on June 27, 2010 as a member of the New York Yankees. According to Elias, the last position player to end a streak of at least that many days between hits while in a Cardinals uniform was Don Lang (3,533 days) in 1948.

**MIGGY TIES MR. TIGER ON MLB ALL-TIME RBI LIST:** With his RBI double in the sixth inning of Tuesday night's game, Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera recorded his 1,582<sup>nd</sup> career RBI, tying Mr. Tiger Al Kaline for 36<sup>th</sup> place in Major League history. Cabrera needs just two RBI to pass Harmon Killebrew for 35<sup>th</sup> place in Major League history.

**FOWL STUFF:** Astros right-hander Brad Peacock, who carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning on Tuesday night, became the first pitcher in club history to strike out 10 batters in less than 5.0 innings pitched in a game. On the season, he's recorded 58 strikeouts in 39.0 innings pitched, which gives him a 13.38 strikeout per 9.0 innings ratio, which ranks fifth in the American League (minimum 25.0 innings pitched).

**ALL RISE:** Yankees rookie Aaron Judge reached base a career-high five times on Sunday, going 4-for-4 with four runs scored, a double, two home runs, three RBI and one walk. He set a career high in hits and tied a career best in runs. According to Elias, he is the first rookie in Major League history to be the first player to reach 20 home runs in a season, and he is the first Yankees batter to accomplish the feat since Alex Rodriguez in 2007.

**FEATS OF FARIA:** On Tuesday night, Rays right-hander Jake Faria made his second career start and again earned the win, matching his first outing with 6.1 innings pitched and one run allowed. He became the third Ray all-time to win his first two career games, both as a starter, joining right-hander Jeremy Hellickson (three in 2010) and left-hander Joe Kennedy (two in 2001). In addition, Faria became the first Major League pitcher to earn the win, pitch at least 6.0 innings and allow one run-or-less in each of his first two career outings since Boston's Eduardo Rodríguez (May 28 – June 3, 2015).

**GETTING RIDICULOUS:** With two homers on Tuesday, Dodgers rookie Cody Bellinger tied Wally Berger for the second-most homers in the first 45 games of their Major League career (17). Current Yankee Gary Sanchez has the most all time, homering 19 times in the first 45 games of his career.

**K FOR KLUBER:** Corey Kluber's 10 strikeouts on Wednesday night increased his career total to 1,005 in 148 games. According to Elias, six pitchers in Major League history reached 1,000 strikeouts in fewer games than Kluber: Kerry Wood (134), Tim Lincecum (136), Roger Clemens (143), Stephen Strasburg (144), Dwight Gooden (145) and Hideo Nomo (147).

**AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE:** With a homer on Wednesday against Oakland, Ichiro Suzuki became the all-time hits leader in Interleague games with 365 knocks in just 301 games. He surpassed Derek Jeter, who compiled 364 hits in 276 career Interleague games.

**SOX SLUGGER REACHES DOUBLE DIGITS:** The Red Sox entered Wednesday night's game, their 65<sup>th</sup> game of the season, as the only Major League team without a player who had hit at least 10 homers this year. Mookie Betts connected for two homers on the night, his 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of 2017, to help Boston defeat the Phillies. According to Elias, this was the furthest into a season that the Red Sox went without a player hitting 10 homers since 1993, when Mo Vaughn went deep for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in the team's 76<sup>th</sup> game.

**TOP POWER:** Anthony Rizzo, Ian Happ, Kris Bryant and Jason Heyward, the Cubs' top four batters in the starting lineup on Tuesday, each homered in Chicago's victory over the Mets at Citi Field. It marked the first time in Cubs history that each of the first four hitters in the batting order homered in a road game. The last time the Cubs did so in any game was on June 24, 2003 against the Brewers, when Mark Grudzielanek, Alex Gonzalez, Corey Patterson and Sammy Sosa did so at Wrigley Field.

**TWINS BREAK OUT:** The Twins scored 20 runs on a franchise-record 28 hits in a win over the Mariners at Target Field on Tuesday. Eddie Rosario, who was batting ninth in the order, led the Twins with three home runs and five RBI. According to Elias, since runs batted in were first tracked in the 1920 season, only two other players had that many home runs and RBI starting out of the ninth slot in the order: Dale Sveum of the Brewers in 1987 vs. the Angels (three home runs and six RBI) and Trot Nixon of the Red Sox in 1999 at Detroit (three home runs and five RBI).

**SOUTH BEACH POWER:** Marcell Ozuna and Giancarlo Stanton each homered in Miami's 8-1 win over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday. That is the 10<sup>th</sup> game since the start of the 2016 season in which Ozuna and Stanton both homered, and Miami is 6-4 in those games. According to Elias, the only pair of National League teammates to homer in the same game more times than Ozuna and Stanton over that span are the Reds' Adam Duvall and Joey Votto (12 games).

**HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM:** Yu Darvish of the Rangers held the Astros to one hit over 7.0 innings in a victory in Houston on Monday. It was the fourth start of Darvish's career in which he allowed only one hit, and all four of them have come against the Astros. In one of those games, he had a perfect game broken up with two outs in the ninth inning and in another, he took a no-hitter to the eighth inning. Elias notes that Darvish is the only pitcher in the modern era (since 1900) whose first four starts allowing one-or-fewer hits all came against the same opponent.



#### **INTERLEAGUE TRACKER**

<u>League</u>	2017 Record	<b>Batting Average</b>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	76-54	.262 (1,182-for-4,519)	4.30
National League	54-76	.255 (1,146-for-4,497)	4.64

### **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

WEEK ENDING	American League	National League
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven Souza Jr., TB (.414, 22B, 13B, 2HR, 9RBI, 5R, 22TB)	Bryce Harper, WSH (.550, 3 HR, 7 RBI, 4 2B, 10 R, 1.200 SLG)
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 21st	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Judge, NYY (.500/.600/.1.000, 10 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (Hit17 <sup>th</sup> 4 HR game in MLB history)

### **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)

### 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)

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

Монтн	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)

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

Монтн	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)