## - MAEMOR LEAGUE BASEBALL THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017

## ROSTER FRENZY

Below is a look at how each of the 30 teams ranks in total players used, pitchers used and starting pitchers used during the 2017 season.

| TEAM | PLAYERS USED |
| :---: | :---: |
| SEA | 50 |
| TB | 49 |
| NYY | 48 |
| LAA | 47 |
| OAK | 47 |
| SD | 46 |
| SF | 46 |
| TOR | 46 |
| WSH | 46 |
| BOS | 45 |
| BAL | 44 |
| MIL | 44 |
| NYM | 44 |
| ATL | 43 |
| KC | 43 |
| MIN | 43 |
| CWS | 42 |
| PIT | 42 |
| CHI | 41 |
| LAD | 41 |
| PHI | 41 |
| STL | 41 |
| CIN | 40 |
| MIA | 40 |
| HOU | 40 |
| TEX | 40 |
| ARI | 39 |
| DET | 39 |
| COL | 38 |
| CLE | 37 |
|  |  |


| TEAM | PITCHERS USED |
| :---: | :---: |
| SEA | 33 |
| MIN | 29 |
| TB | 29 |
| SD | 28 |
| MIL | 27 |
| LAA | 26 |
| NYM | 26 |
| OAK | 26 |
| CHI | 25 |
| CIN | 25 |
| PHI | 25 |
| BAL | 24 |
| BOS | 24 |
| KC | 24 |
| TEX | 24 |
| TOR | 24 |
| WSH | 24 |
| CWS | 23 |
| HOU | 23 |
| NYY | 23 |
| ATL | 22 |
| DET | 22 |
| MIA | 22 |
| LAD | 21 |
| ARI | 20 |
| COL | 20 |
| PIT | 20 |
| SF | 20 |
| STL | 20 |
| CLE | 19 |
|  |  |


| TEAM | SP USED |
| :---: | :---: |
| CIN | 14 |
| SEA | 14 |
| KC | 12 |
| MIN | 12 |
| NYM | 12 |
| OAK | 12 |
| SD | 12 |
| MIA | 11 |
| LAA | 10 |
| BOS | 10 |
| HOU | 10 |
| MIL | 10 |
| PHI | 10 |
| TEX | 10 |
| TOR | 10 |
| WSH | 10 |
| ARI | 9 |
| ATL | 9 |
| BAL | 9 |
| CWS | 9 |
| NYY | 9 |
| CHI | 8 |
| LAD | 8 |
| TB | 8 |
| CLE | 7 |
| COL | 7 |
| DET | 7 |
| SF | 7 |
| STL | 7 |
| PIT | 6 |
|  |  |

## TRADE DEADLINE WRAP-UP

The 30 Major League teams combined to make 50 trades between June and July, marking the most in MLB's 30 -team configuration that began in 1998. In addition, 15 deadline-day trades were made on Monday, tied with 2010 and 2015 for the second-most since at least 1995, only trailing the 2016 mark of 18 . Following is a list of trades that were made in July this season. For a full listing of July trades dating back to 1995, please refer to last week's edition of the Weekly Notes.

## 2017

July 2 - Rangers acquired RHP Jason Grilli from the Blue Jays for OF Eduard Pinto
July 2 - Blue Jays acquired C Miguel Montero from the Cubs for a player to be named later
July 13 - Cubs acquired LHP José Quintana from the White Sox for RHP Dylan Cease, SS Bryant Flete, OF Eloy Jiménez and 3B Matt Rose
July 13 - Yankees acquired 1B Garrett Cooper from the Brewers for LHP Tyler Webb
July 16 - Nationals acquired LHP Sean Doolittle and RHP Ryan Madson from the Athletics for LHP Jesus Luzardo, 3B Sheldon Neuse and RHP Blake Treinen
July 18 - Yankees acquired 3B Todd Frazier, RHP Tommy Kahnle and RHP David Robertson from the White Sox for LHP Ian Clarkin, RHP Tyler Clippard, OF Tito Polo and OF Blake Rutherford
July 18 - Diamondbacks acquired OF J.D. Martinez from the Tigers for SS Sergio Alcantara, SS Jose King and SS Dawel Lugo
July 20 - Mariners acquired RHP David Phelps from the Marlins for OF Brayan Hernandez, RHP Pablo Lopez, RHP Brandon Miller and RHP Lukas Schiraldi
July 21 - Mariners acquired LHP Marco Gonzales from the Cardinals for OF Tyler O'Neill
July 22 - Rays acquired RHP Sergio Romo from the Dodgers for cash considerations or a player to be named later July 23 - Royals acquired LHP Ryan Buchter, RHP Trevor Cahill and RHP Brandon Maurer from the Padres for INF Esteury Ruiz, LHP Matt Strahm and LHP Travis Wood
July 23 - Blue Jays acquired INF/OF Rob Refsnyder from the Yankees for 1B Ryan McBroom
July 24 - Twins acquired LHP Jaime García and C Anthony Recker from the Braves for RHP Huascar Ynoa
July 25 - Red Sox acquired INF Eduardo Nuñez from the Giants for RHP Shaun Anderson and RHP Gregory Santos
July 26 - Brewers acquired RHP Anthony Swarzak from the White Sox for OF Ryan Cordell
July 26 - Rockies acquired RHP Pat Neshek from the Phillies for SS Jose Gomez, RHP J.D. Hammer and RHP Alejandro Requena
July 27 - Rays acquired LHP Dan Jennings from the White Sox for 1B Casey Gillaspie
July 27 - Diamondbacks acquired C John Ryan Murphy from the Twins for LHP Gabriel Moya
July 27 - Rays acquired 1B Lucas Duda from the Mets for RHP Drew Smith
July 28 - Orioles acquired RHP Jeremy Hellickson from the Phillies for LHP Garrett Cleavinger and OF Hyun-Soo Kim
July 28 - Dodgers acquired RHP Luke Farrell from the Royals for cash considerations
July 28 - Rays acquired RHP Steve Cishek from the Mariners for RHP Erasmo Ramirez
July 28 - Mets acquired RHP AJ Ramos from the Marlins for OF Ricardo Cespedes and RHP Merandy Gonzalez
July 28 - Nationals acquired INF/OF Howie Kendrick from the Phillies for LHP McKenzie Mills
July 29 - Dodgers acquired LHP Luis Ysla from the Red Sox for cash considerations
July 29 - Yankees acquired LHP Jaime García from the Twins for LHP Deitrich Enns and RHP Zack Littell
July 30 - Royals acquired OF Melky Cabrera from the White Sox for LHP Byron Davis and RHP A.J. Puckett
July 30 - Rockies acquired C Jonathan Lucroy from the Rangers for a player to be named later
July 31 - Orioles acquired SS Tim Beckham from the Rays for RHP Tobias Myers
July 31 - Orioles acquired RHP Yefry Ramirez from the Yankees for international signing bonus pool money
July 31 - Red Sox acquired RHP Addison Reed from the Mets for RHP Gerson Bautista, RHP Jamie Callahan and RHP Steve Nogosek
July 31 - Indians acquired RHP Joe Smith from the Blue Jays for LHPThomas Pannone and SS Samad Taylor
July 31 - Cubs acquired C Alex Avila and LHP Justin Wilson from the Tigers for 3B Jeimer Candelario and SS Isaac Paredes
July 31 - Astros acquired LHP Francisco Liriano from the Blue Jays for OF Nori Aoki and OF Teoscar Hernandez
July 31 - Diamondbacks acquired RHP David Hernandez from the Angels for RHP Luis Madero
July 31 - Nationals acquired RHP Brandon Kintzler from the Twins for LHP Tyler Watson
July 31 - Yankees acquired RHP Sonny Gray from the Athletics for OF Dustin Fowler, RHP James Kaprielian and SS Jorge Mateo
July 31 - Diamondbacks acquired INF Adam Rosales from the Athletics for RHP Jeferson Mejia
July 31 - Dodgers acquired RHP Yu Darvish from the Rangers for RHP A.J. Alexy, 3B Willie Calhoun and SS Brendon Davis
July 31 - Brewers acquired RHP Jeremy Jeffress from the Rangers for RHP Tayler Scott
July 31 - Dodgers acquired LHP Tony Cingrani from the Reds for C Hendrik Clementina and OF Scott Van Slyke
July 31 - Dodgers acquired LHP Tony Watson from the Pirates for SS Oneil Cruz and RHP Angel German
July 31 - Pirates acquired RHP Joaquin Benoit from the Phillies for RHP Seth McGarry

JULY TRADE ACTIVITY BY CLUB, 2000-2017

| CLUB | \# OF TRADES | CLUB | \# OF TRADES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boston | 53 | Arizona | 33 |
| Pittsburgh | 51 | Milwaukee | 33 |
| San Diego | 49 | San Francisco | 33 |
| Chicago Cubs | 48 | Seattle | 33 |
| Los Angeles Dodgers | 48 | Colorado | 32 |
| New York Yankees | 48 | Philadelphia | 32 |
| Cleveland | 40 | Cincinnati | 31 |
| Kansas City | 38 | Miami | 31 |
| Chicago White Sox | 37 | Atlanta | 30 |
| Seattle | 37 | St. Louis | 28 |
| Texas | 37 | Tampa Bay | 28 |
| Baltimore | 35 | Washington/Montreal | 26 |
| New York Mets | 34 | Los Angeles Angels | 25 |
| Oakland | 34 | Minnesota | 25 |
| Toronto | 34 | Detroit | 24 |

ANNUAL NUMBER OF TRADES, June $^{\text {st }} \underline{\text { July }}$ 31 $^{\text {st }}$

| YEAR | TOTAL TRADES (6/1-7/31) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2017 | 50 |
| 2016 | $48^{*}$ (Includes August ${ }^{\text {st }}$ ) |
| 2015 | 43 |
| 2014 | 37 |
| 2013 | 38 |
| 2012 | 37 |
| 2011 | 33 |
| 2010 | 40 |
| 2009 | 36 |
| 2008 | 25 |
| 2007 | 33 |
| 2006 | 42 |
| 2005 | 30 |
| 2004 | 41 |
| 2003 | 34 |
| 2002 | 32 |
| 2001 | 41 |
| 2000 | 42 |
| 1999 | 28 |
| 1998 | 40 |
| 1997 | 23 |

## ALL-STARS ON THE MOVE

| YEAR | ALL-STARS TRADED IN JUNE/JULY (\# of All-Star Appearances at Time of Trade) | Combined All-Star Appearances |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2017 | 23 - Yu Darvish (4); Tyler Clippard (2); Todd Frazier (2); Jonathan Lucroy (2); Pat Neshek (2); Miguel Montero (2); <br> Alex Avila (1); Melky Cabrera (1);Trevor Cahill (1); Sean Doolittle (1); Sonny Gray (1); Jason Grilli (1); Howie Kendrick (1); Brandon Kintzler (1); Francisco Liriano (1); J.D. Martinez (1); Eduardo Nuñez (1); Jose Quintana (1); AJ Ramos (1); David Robertson (1); Sergio Romo (1);Tony Watson (1);Travis Wood (1) | 31 |
| 2016 | 17 - Carlos Beltrán (9); Aroldis Chapman (4); Jay Bruce (3); Mark Melancon (3); Tyler Clippard (2); Jonathan Lucroy (2); Fernando Rodney (2); Zach Duke (1); Aaron Hill (1); Francisco Liriano (1); Wade Miley (1); Andrew Miller (1); Matt Moore (1); Eduardo Nuñez (1); Drew Pomeranz (1); Hector Santiago (1); James Shields (1) | 37 |
| 2015 | 17 — Jonathan Papelbon (6); David Price (5); Troy Tulowitzki (5); Jose Reyes (4); Cole Hamels (3); Scott Kazmir (3); Aramis Ramirez (3); Jonathan Broxton (2); Tyler Clippard (2); Carlos Gomez (2); Joakim Soria (2); Shane Victorino (2); Ben Zobrist (2); Bronson Arroyo (1); Johnny Cueto (1); Jim Johnson (1); Mark Trumbo (1) | 49 |
| 2014 | 12 - David Price (4); Jon Lester (3); Jake Peavy (3); Asdrúbal Cabrera (2); Joakim Soria (2); Huston Street (2); Yoenis Céspedes (1); Allen Craig (1); Jason Grilli (1); John Lackey (1); Justin Masterson (1); Martin Prado (1) | 22 |
| 2013 | 6 - Alfonso Soriano (7); Francisco Rodríguez (4); Jake Peavy (3); Jesse Crain (1); Carlos Marmol (1); Matt Thornton (1) | 17 |
| 2012 | 15 - Ichiro Suzuki (10); Jim Thome (5); Francisco Cordero (3); Carlos Lee (3); Hanley Ramirez (3); Kevin Youkilis (3); Jonathan Broxton (2); Ryan Dempster (2); Hunter Pence (2); Shane Victorino (2); Zack Greinke (1); Brandon League <br> (1); Francisco Liriano (1); Gaby Sanchez (1); Geovany Soto (1) | 40 |
| 2011 | 13 - Carlos Beltrán (6); Francisco Rodríguez (4); Rafael Furcal (2); Derrek Lee (2); Hunter Pence (2); Michael Bourn <br> (1); Mike Cameron (1); Kosuke Fukudome (1); Edwin Jackson (1); Ubaldo Jiménez (1); Felipe Lopez (1); Ryan Ludwick (1); Jason Marquis (1) | 24 |
| 2010 | 16 - Miguel Tejada (6); Lance Berkman (5); Dan Haren (3); Roy Oswalt (3); Cristian Guzman (2); Cliff Lee (2); Ted Lilly (2); Dontrelle Willis (2); Kerry Wood (2); Matt Capps (1); Alex Gonzalez (1); Edwin Jackson (1); Ryan Ludwick (1); Scott Podsednik (1); Joe Saunders (1); Jake Westbrook (1) | 34 |
| 2009 | 8 — Matt Holliday (3); Victor Martinez (3); Freddy Sanchez (3); Jake Peavy (2); Cliff Lee (1); Nate McLouth (1); George Sherrill (1); Jack Wilson (1) | 15 |
| 2008 | $\begin{gathered} \hline 8 \text { — Iván Rodríguez (14); Ken Griffey Jr. (13); Manny Ramirez (11); CC Sabathia (3); Jason Bay (2); Ray Durham (2); } \\ \text { Mark Teixeira (1); Randy Wolf (1) } \end{gathered}$ | 47 |
| 2007 | ```7 - Kenny Lofton (6); Luis Castillo (3); Eric Gagne (3); Jason Kendall (3); Matt Morris (2); Morgan Ensberg (1); Mark Teixeira (1)``` | 19 |
| 2006 | 12 - Greg Maddux (8); Sandy Alomar Jr. (6); Sean Casey (3); Bobby Abreu (2); Eddie Guardado (2); Roberto Hernandez (2); Carlos Lee (2); Bob Wickman (2); Shawn Chacon (1); Francisco Cordero (1); Mike MacDougal (1); Mike Stanton (1) | 31 |
| 2005 | 9 - Bret Boone (3); Matt Lawton (2); Al Leiter (2); Ugueth Urbina (2); Shawn Chacon (1); Chan Ho Park (1); Paul Quantrill (1); Paul Wilson (1); Randy Winn (1) | 14 |
| 2004 | 10 — Nomar Garciaparra (5); Carl Everett (2); Steve Finley (2); Freddy Garcia (2); Esteban Loaiza (2); Paul Lo Duca (2); Rich Aurilia (1); Scott Erickson (1); Alex Gonzalez (1);Todd Jones (1) | 19 |
| 2003 | 10 — Roberto Alomar (12); Ruben Sierra (4); Robin Ventura (2): Mike Williams (2); <br> Armando Benitez (1); Jeromy Burnitz (1); Carl Everett (1); Jose Hernandez (1); Raul Mondesi (1);Tony Womack ( 1) | 26 |
| 2002 | 7 - Sandy Alomar Jr. (6); Kenny Lofton (6); Bartolo Colon (1); Ryan Dempster (1); Cliff Floyd (1); Terry Mulholland (1); Scott Rolen (1) | 17 |
| 2001 | 13 - Andres Galarraga (5); Fred McGriff (5); Ron Gant (2); Rick Reed (2); James Baldwin (1); Paul Byrd (1); Jermaine Dye (1);Todd Jones (1); Matt Lawton (1); Jose Lima (1); Terry Mulholland (1); Ugueth Urbina (1); Mark Wohlers (1) | 23 |
| 2000 | 16 — Harold Baines (6); Will Clark (6); Kevin Brown (5); Curt Schilling (3); Andy Ashby (2); Ron Gant (2); Denny Neagle <br> (2); Mike Bordick (1); Kent Bottenfield (1); Wil Cordero (1); Charles Johnson (1); Henry Rodriguez (1); Heathcliff Slocumb (1); B.J. Surhoff (1); Steve Trachsel (1); Bob Wickman (1) | 35 |
| 1999 | 4 - Kevin Appier (1); Juan Guzman (1); Terry Mulholland (1); Kenny Rogers (1) | 4 |

## MLB FIGHTS ALS

Last week, Major League Baseball announced its support of The ALS Association's new ALS Home Health Initiative by launching the MLB Fights ALS campaign, a league-wide fundraising effort that began on Monday and wraps up on Friday, August $5^{\text {th }}$. The campaign has been promoted in ballparks and by MLB's media assets, including MLB.com, the Club websites and MLB Network, as well as via YouCaring.com. Beginning with an initial $\$ 50,000$ contribution from Major League Baseball, the effort seeks to generate additional funds for the Home Health Initiative's mission of providing in-home care to individuals and families affected by Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The ALS Home Health Initiative and the MLB Fights ALS campaign (\#MLBFightsALS) were inspired by Pete Frates, a standout Boston College baseball player diagnosed with ALS in 2012 and the driving force behind the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. The campaign, which has an initial goal to raise $\$ 1$ million, is in honor of Pete, fellow members of the baseball family and fans who are battling the disease.

Since 2014, August has become a signature month for increasing ALS awareness and fundraising devoted to finding a cure. A wave of fundraising spurred by the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014 led to new discoveries that have advanced the search for treatments and a cure. Now, The ALS Association is addressing the issue of the high costs of home health care for people living with ALS. After walking away from baseball because of his ALS, Gehrig spent the last two years of his life in his home. The ALS Home Health Initiative will augment caregiver support through financial grants, which may cover skilled nursing and/ or custodial care to enable a person living with ALS to continue to reside in their home while having their care needs met.

Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr. said: "Because of Lou Gehrig, Baseball has long had a connection to the fight against ALS. In his memory, we are proud to assist ALS patients and families in carrying the enormous financial burden of living with the disease that bears his name. We encourage our fans to join us in helping ALS patients receive the best care possible."

This effort marks the league's first endeavor of its kind with YouCaring. com, the leader in free online fundraising for personal and medical causes and a Certified B Corporation, which was recently named the Preferred Crowdfunding Platform of Major League Baseball. Fans can support MLB Fights ALS by visiting MLB.com/ForPetesSake. Donors who make a gift of $\$ 50$ or more to the cause will be entered to win two tickets to a 2017 World Series game.


## ANOTHER NIGHT, ANOTHER MILESTONE

On Wednesday night against the Atlanta Braves, Cody Bellinger connected for his second home run in as many days, and his $30^{\text {th }}$ on the season. With the long ball, the 2017 All-Star became the second rookie in team history to reach the 30-home run mark, joining Hall of Famer Mike Piazza, who tallied 35 round-trippers during his NL Rookie of the Year Award-winning 1993 season.

Earlier this season, Bellinger became the fastest player in MLB history to reach 21 career home runs, doing so in 51 games. Following his cycle on July 15 th, the Scottsdale, Arizona native became the first rookie in franchise history to accomplish the feat.
 According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Bellinger is the only rookie in Major League history to club as many as 20 home runs, while also hitting for the cycle in the same season.

Bellinger, who enters play today with a $.272 / .353 / .616$ slash line, is on pace to become the seventh player in MLB history to record an on-base percentage above .350, and a slugging percentage above . 600 , while playing the season at age 21-or-younger. According to baseball-reference.com, Cody would join Hall of Famers Eddie Mathews, Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx, as well as Albert Pujols and Alex Rodriguez as the only players to accomplish the feat.

In addition, with his home run last night, Bellinger and fellow 2017 All-Star Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees became just the eighth rookie duo in MLB history to reach the 30-homer mark in the same season. Milwaukee's Ryan Braun (34) and Arizona's Chris Young (32) were the last pair to accomplish the feat, doing so during the 2007 campaign.

MLB Players to Post OBP above . 350 and SLG above .600, 1876-Present

| Player, Team | Year | HR | RBI | OBP | SLG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cody Bellinger, LAD | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 1}$ | .353 | .616 |
| Albert Pujols, STL | 2001 | 37 | 130 | .403 | .610 |
| Alex Rodriguez, SEA | 1996 | 36 | 123 | .414 | .631 |
| Eddie Mathews, MLN | 1953 | 47 | 135 | .406 | .627 |
| Ted Williams, BOS | 1939 | 31 | 145 | .436 | .609 |
| Mel Ott, NYG | 1929 | 42 | 151 | .449 | .635 |
| Jimmie Foxx, PHA | 1929 | 33 | 118 | .463 | .625 |

Rookie Duos to Record 30 Home Runs, 1901-Present

| Player, Team | HR | Player, Team | HR | Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aaron Judge, NYY | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | Cody Bellinger, LAD | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ |
| Ryan Braun, MIL | 34 | Chris Young, ARI | 32 | 2007 |
| Mike Piazza, LAD | 35 | Tim Salmon, CAL | 31 | 1992 |
| Mark McGwire, OAK | 49 | Matt Nokes, DET | 32 | 1987 |
| Jose Canseco, OAK | 33 | Pete Incaviglia, TEX | 30 | 1986 |
| Earl Williams, ATL | 33 | Willie Montanez, PHI | 30 | 1971 |
| Tony Oliva, MIN | 32 | Jim Ray Hart | 31 | 1964 |
| AI Rosen, CLE | 37 | Walt Dropo | 34 | 1950 |

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

Rachel Robinson, Winner of 2017 Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award


Left to right: Sharon Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Marty Lurie, David Robinson, yours truly; Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, July 29, 2017. Photo by Barry Bloom.

This was, for me at least, the highlight of the recently concluded Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Weekend. The three Robinsons-Sharon, Rachel, and David-had just arrived at the Otesaga Hotel and were checking in when friends Marty Lurie and Barry Bloom, with whom I had been chatting in the lobby, persuaded them to take a quick photo. Tomorrow Rachel would receive the triannual Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award in a ceremony at Doubleday Field.

I had spoken with Sharon not so long ago, shortly after the public-television airing of the documentary by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns, and David McMahon, in which we both had been featured-with the starring role reserved, of course, for her mother. The last time I had spoken with Rachel Robinson had been nearly thirty years ago, when my since departed friend Jules Tygiel and I had collaborated on a story for SPORT Magazine, "Jackie Robinson's Signing:The Real, Untold Story." Our research had revealed that Branch Rickey had never intended for Jackie to be the lone pioneer of the integration saga, and that several others-including future major leaguers Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella, and Sam Jethroe-were slated to become his teammates in Brooklyn.

I interviewed Rachel for that story in 1988, and she was utterly surprised to learn how circumstance, particularly New York City politics, had driven Rickey to act quickly, settling upon a solitary signing. On October 7, 1945 Rickey had written to Arthur Mann, the Brooklyn club secretary who was secretly preparing an article for LOOK Magazine:

We just can't go now with the article. The thing isn't dead,_-not at all. It is more alive than ever and that is the reason we can't go with any publicity at this time. There is more involved in the situation than I had contemplated. Other players are in it and it may be that I can't clear these players until after the December meetings, possibly not until after the first of the year. You must simply sit in the boat. . . .

There is a November 1 deadline on Robinson, -you know that. I am undertaking to extend that date until January 1st so as to give me time to sign plenty of players and make one break on the complete story. Also, quite obviously it might not be good to sign Robinson with other and possibly better players unsigned.


Rickey "was such a deliberate man," Rachel recalled in our conversation, "and this letter is so urgent. He must have been very nervous as he neared his goal. Maybe he was nervous that the owners would turn him down and having five people at the door instead of just one would have been more powerful."

Rickey and Mann had arranged for LOOK Magazine photographer Maurice Terrell to take photos at San Diego's Lane Stadium of Jackie and two teammates on Chet Brewer's barnstorming team, the Kansas City Royals (thus the " R " on the cap above). The full story is told in three parts, commencing with: https://ourgame.mlblogs.com/ jackie-robinsons-signing-the-real-story-6e685f8e42de.

I showed Rachel some of the photographs that Terrell had taken, including one portrait that she had never seen and wished me to copy for her, because "Jack seemed so young, so vital." This is that photo.

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



## UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,603 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 937 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and thirty seconds.


> *937 Replay Reviews
> *217 Confirmed (23.2\%)
> *273 Stands (29.1\%)
> *435 Overturned (46.4\%)
> *11 Rules Check (1.2\%)
> *1 Record Keeping (0.1\%)
> *1:30 Average Time

## LINE DRIVES (Compiled from Club Game Notes)

DEVERS' ENDEAVORS: Rafael Devers went 4-for-4 with a double and an RBI on Monday night. According to Elias, the only other Red Sox player to record at least four hits in a game before turning 21 are Hall of Famers Babe Ruth and Ted Williams (three times), as well as Dalton Jones (twice) and Tony Conigliaro (twice).

DAVIDSON DRAMATICS: Matt Davidson recorded his second straight game-ending hit, an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning on Monday night. Davidson became the first White Sox player to record a game-ending RBI in back-to-back games since Tony Graffanino on September 21-22, 2001 vs. Kansas City (sac fly and single), and the first to record consecutive walk-off hits since Dave Martinez on May 9-10, 1997 vs. Oakland (single and single).

DOUBLE TEAM: On Sunday, the Astros failed to record a double in a game for the first time since May 20. Between those games, from May $21^{\text {th }}$-July 29th, the Astros doubled in 60 consecutive games, which ranks as the second-longest streak by any MLB club since 1913, trailing only 1996 Cleveland Indians (75).

MO0000000SE!!!: After hitting his $30^{\text {th }}$ longball of the season on Friday, Mike Moustakas became the fastest Royals batter ever to 30 blasts, well ahead of Gary Gaetti's pace from 1995, when he clubbed his $30^{\text {th }}$ in the $117^{\text {th }}$ game and $410^{\text {th }}$ at bat. Friday night was KC's $101^{\text {st }}$ game and Moose's $364^{\text {th }}$ at-bat.

FORTUNE 500: CC Sabathia made the $500^{\text {th }}$ regular season start of his career on Tuesday night ( 246 with Yankees; 237 with Cleveland; 17 with Milwaukee). He became the second pitcher in Major League history to make his first 500 career appearances as a starter, joining Hall of Famer Tom Glavine, who made 682 starts and zero relief appearances during his 22-season career. Including Sabathia, four of the last six Major League pitchers to make at least 500 career starts eclipsed the milestone in a Yankees uniform (also: Andy Pettitte, Mike Mussina and Hall of Famer Randy Johnson). Only Jamie Moyer (Seattle) and Bartolo Colón (New York Mets) made theirs with other teams.

20 SAVES: Edwin Díaz pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning on Monday night to notch his $20^{\text {th }}$ save. He is just the $13^{\text {th }}$ Seattle pitcher to tally 20 saves in a season. It's been done 20 times in Seattle's 41-year history. Kazuhiro Sasaki accomplished the feat three times; David Aardsma, Bill Caudill, J.J. Putz and Mike Schooler each did so twice; and eight other Seattle pitchers (including Díaz) have done it once. Edwin had 18 saves last year after taking over as closer on August $2^{\text {nd }}$.

SOUZA-PALOOZA: Steven Souza Jr. recorded his $22^{\text {nd }}$ homer of the season on Saturday. Each of his 22 homers came against right-handed pitchers, which, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, makes him the first right-handed batter to hit his first 22 round-trippers of a season off a righty since Sammy Sosa in 2004.

MR. 3,000: With a double on Sunday against Baltimore, Adrian Beltre became the $31^{\text {st }}$ player in MLB history, and the first Dominican-born player to reach 3,000 hits. He also recorded his 3,001 st hit on Monday, breaking a tie with Roberto Clemente for sole possession of $30^{\text {th }}$ on the all-time hit list.

STRO-SHOW: On Monday, Marcus Stroman became the Jays'first 10-game winner. His 7.0 inning-outing gave him 500.0 innings for his career, becoming the $33^{\text {rd }}$ player to throw 500 innings in a Blue Jays uniform.

LEST IS MORE: On Tuesday, Jon Lester recorded his $2,000^{\text {th }}$ strikeout and became just the $25^{\text {th }}$ left-handed pitcher in Major League history to reach the 2,000-strikeout milestone. In addition, Lester connected for his first career home run, while his counterpart Max Scherzer of the Nationals achieved the same feat. According to Elias, it was the first day in Major League history on which two pitchers with at least 100 wins under their belt both hit their first big-league homer.

ON THE MARQ: German Márquez retired the first 16 batters faced Saturday before allowing a one-out single in the bottom of the sixth inning. Márquez became just the seventh Colorado pitcher to throw five-or-more perfect innings to begin a game, and the first Rockies pitcher to do so since Chad Bettis (6.0 IP) on May 29, 2015 at Philadelphia.

STILL BUZZING: With a walk-off two-run double in his first Major League at-bat Sunday night, Kyle Farmer became the first Dodger since at least 1920 (when RBI were first tracked) to hit a walk-off in his very first plate appearance. The last big leaguer to collect a walk-off RBI in his big league debut was Paul Janish on May 14, 2008, however, Janish's run-scoring single came in his second at-bat. According to Elias, the last player to deliver a walk-off RBI in his first big league plate appearance was the Blue Jays'Tomas Perez on May 3, 1995 vs. the Chicago White Sox.

GOOD FOR THREE: The Marlins had a streak of 11 consecutive games with at least three runs snapped on Monday night. The hot stretch matched the second-longest such streak by the Club since 2010 (fifth time), behind only a 12-game run from July 21-August 1, 2010.

LEADOFF CONFORTO: Mets All-Star outfielder Michael Conforto cracked a pair of homers on Friday in his native Seattle for his fourth multi-homer game of the season, and his regular-season career (also had one multi-homer game in Game 4 of the 2015 World Series). Conforto became the first Met in team history to record four multi-homer games in a single season from the leadoff spot.

MAKING THEM COUNT: The Cardinals won two games of a four-game series against Arizona this past weekend, marking the first time since the Seattle Mariners in 2012 (June $28^{\text {th }}$-July $1^{\text {st }}$ ) in which a team had scored five runs-or-less in a four-game series and split. It was also the first time that the Cardinals pulled off the feat since 1992 (July $2^{\text {nd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ ), when they scored exactly one run in each contest of a four-game series at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. St. Louis won 1-0 in each game.

A NEW KING IS CROWNED: With his first home run in Sunday's matinee game, first baseman Ryan Zimmerman became Washington, D.C.'s all-time home run leader, passing Frank Howard with his $238^{\text {th }}$ career longball. Zimmerman, who homered again in the seventh inning, posted the $20^{\text {th }}$ multi-homer game of his career, his fourth of the season, and his second in the Nats previous four games. Per Elias, Zimmerman is one of four active players who are their franchise's all-time home run leader: Ryan Braun (MIL), Evan Longoria (TB) and Giancarlo Stanton (MIA). In addition, Zimmerman is one of five players in history to be selected in the topfive overall in their respective MLB draft and lead the team that drafted them in home runs: Darryl Strawberry (NYM), Ken Griffey Jr. (SEA), Ryan Braun (MIL), and Evan Longoria (TB).

A FRANKIE'S DOZEN: After recording a hit in Cleveland's contest in Boston on Tuesday, Francisco Lindor extended his hitting streak to 12 consecutive games, and became the only player in the Majors this season with three separate hit streaks of at least 12 games.

## INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League<br>American League National League

2017 Record<br>110-104<br>104-110

Batting Average<br>ERA<br>. 260 (1,904-for-7,327)<br>4.43<br>. 254 (1,859-for-7,311)<br>4.40

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

| Week Ending | American League | National League |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April ${ }^{\text {9 }}$ | Nomar Mazara, TEX (.417, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 6 R, 22 B, . 750 SLG) | J.T. Realmuto, MIA (.500, $2 \mathrm{HR}, 6 \mathrm{RBI}, 6 \mathrm{R}, 2 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{~B}, .909 \mathrm{SLG}$ ) |
| April 16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ | James Paxton, SEA (2-0, 0.00 ERA, $15.0 \mathrm{IP}, 17 \mathrm{SO}, 3 \mathrm{BB}, 6 \mathrm{H})$ | Marcell Ozuna, MIA (. $435,4 \mathrm{HR}, 12 \mathrm{RBI}, 12 \mathrm{BB}, 4 \mathrm{R}, 1.000 \mathrm{SLG}$ ) |
| April $23{ }^{\text {rd }}$ | Steven Souza Jr., TB (. 414,2 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 5 R, 22 TB) | Bryce Harper, WSH (.550, 3 HR, 7 RB1, $42 \mathrm{~B}, 10$ R, 1.200 SLG) |
| April 30 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ | Miguel Sanó, MIN (.524, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 4 R, 1 2B, . 545 OBP) | Ryan Zimmerman, WSH (. $500,5 \mathrm{HR}, 13 \mathrm{RBI}, 22 \mathrm{~B}, 11 \mathrm{R}$ ) |
| May $7^{\text {th }}$ | Yonder Alonso, OAK (. $409,5 \mathrm{HR}, 10 \mathrm{RBI}, 5 \mathrm{R}, 12 \mathrm{~B}, 25 \mathrm{~TB}$ ) | Cody Bellinger, LAD (.429, 3 HR, $12 \mathrm{RBl}, 8 \mathrm{R}, 12 \mathrm{~B}, 1$ 3B) |
| May $14^{\text {th }}$ | Mookie Betts, BOS (.375, 8 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, . 917 SLG) | Alex Wood, LAD (2-0, 0.00 ERA, $11.0 \mathrm{IP}, 21 \mathrm{SO}, 2 \mathrm{BB}$ ) |
| May $21{ }^{\text {st }}$ | 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 $28{ }^{\text {th }}$ | José Abreu, CWS (. $452,14 \mathrm{H}, 7 \mathrm{R}, 3$ 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 23 TB) | Charlie Blackmon, COL (. $400,3 \mathrm{HR}, 12 \mathrm{RBl}, 6 \mathrm{R}, 1$ 2B, 1 3B) |
| June $4^{\text {th }}$ | George Springer, HOU (.500, 11 R, $5 \mathrm{HR}, 9 \mathrm{RBI}, 1.033 \mathrm{SLG}$ ) | Edinson Volquez, MIA (2-0, 0.60 ERA 14 SO, 1 no-hitter) |
| June $11^{\text {th }}$ | Aaron Judge, NYY (.500/.600/.1.000, 10 R, $32 \mathrm{~B}, 3$ HR, 6 RBI) | Scooter Gennett, CIN (Hit17 ${ }^{\text {th }} 4$ HR game in MLB history) |
| June $188^{\text {th }}$ | José Ramírez, CLE (.516/.545/1.065, 9 R, $82 \mathrm{2B}, 3$ HR, 33 TB) | Jacob deGrom, NYM (2-0, 0.53 ERA, 17.0 IP, $12 \mathrm{SO}, 1 \mathrm{CG}$ ) |
| June $25^{\text {th }}$ | Corey Kluber, CLE (1-0, 0.00 ERA, $16.0 \mathrm{IP}, 24 \mathrm{SO}, 2 \mathrm{BB}$ ) | Cody Bellinger, LAD (.370/400/1.037,7R,5 HR, 12 RBI ) |
| July $2^{\text {nd }}$ | 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 $9^{\text {th }}$ | Jose Altuve, $\mathrm{HOU}(.625,9 \mathrm{R}, 22 \mathrm{~B}, 2 \mathrm{HR}, 10 \mathrm{RBI}, .667 \mathrm{OBP})$ | Clayton Kershaw, LAD (2-0, 1.13 ERA, 24 SO, 2 BB, 16.0 IP ) |
| July $16^{\text {th }}$ | J.D. Martinez, DET (.455, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 12 TB, 1.091 SLG) | Anthony Rendon, WSH (.636/.714/1.545, $4 \mathrm{R}, 3 \mathrm{HR}, 9 \mathrm{RBI})$ |
| July $23{ }^{\text {rd }}$ | Jonathan Schoop, BAL (.433, 8 R, $22 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{HR}, 16 \mathrm{RBI}, 24 \mathrm{~TB}$ ) | Nolan Arenado, COL (.458/.480/1.000, 9 R, 4 HR, 13 RBI ) |
| July $30^{\text {th }}$ | Adrian Beltre, TEX (.478, 5 R, 4 XBH, Recorded $3,000^{\text {th }}$ hit) James Paxton, SEA (2-0, 0.00 ERA, 18 SO, 0 BB, 13.0 IP) | Manuel Margot, SD (.500, 6 R, $22 \mathrm{~B}, 13 \mathrm{BB}, 3$ HR, 6 RBI, 1 SB) |

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| Month | American League | National League |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April | Mike Trout, LAA $(.364,7 \mathrm{HR}, 18 \mathrm{RBI}, 92 \mathrm{~B}, 23 \mathrm{~B}, 18 \mathrm{R}, 5 \mathrm{SB})$ | Ryan Zimmerman, WSH (.420, $11 \mathrm{HR}, 29 \mathrm{RBI}, 82 \mathrm{~B}, 22 \mathrm{R})$ |
| May | Carlos Correa, $\mathrm{HOU}(.386,24 \mathrm{R}, 82 \mathrm{~B}, 7 \mathrm{HR}, 26 \mathrm{RBI})$ | Charlie Blackmon, COL (.359, $24 \mathrm{R}, 62 \mathrm{~B}, 53 \mathrm{~B}, 6 \mathrm{HR}, 29 \mathrm{RBI})$ |
| June | Aaron Judge, NYY $(.324,30 \mathrm{R}, 52 \mathrm{~B}, 10 \mathrm{HR}, 25 \mathrm{RBI}, 2 \mathrm{SB})$ | Andrew McCutchen, PIT (.411, 22 R, $52 \mathrm{~B}, 6 \mathrm{HR}, 23 \mathrm{RBI})$ |
| July | Jose Altuve, HOU $(.485 / .523 / .727,22 \mathrm{R}, 48 \mathrm{H}, 21 \mathrm{RBI})$ | Nolan Arenado, COL (.389, $18 \mathrm{R}, 62 \mathrm{~B}, 13 \mathrm{~B}, 8 \mathrm{HR}, 30 \mathrm{RBI})$ |

## 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, $1 \mathrm{BB}, 1 \mathrm{SHO})$ |
| 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, $7 \mathrm{BB}, 28.1 \mathrm{IP})$ |
| June | Corey Kluber, CLE (4-0, 1.26 ERA, $64 \mathrm{SO}, 43.0 \mathrm{IP}, 1 \mathrm{SHO})$ | Max Scherzer, WSH (3-2, $0.99 \mathrm{ERA}, 51 \mathrm{SO}, 6 \mathrm{BB}, 36.1 \mathrm{IP)}$ |
| July | James Paxton, SEA (6-0, 1.37 ERA, 46 SO, $6 \mathrm{BB}, 39.1 \mathrm{IP})$ | Rich Hill, LAD (4-0, $1.45 \mathrm{ERA}, 40 \mathrm{SO}, 5 \mathrm{BB}, 19 \mathrm{H}, 31.0 \mathrm{IP})$ |


| Month | American League | National League |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April | Aaron Judge, NYY (.303, $10 \mathrm{HR}, 20 \mathrm{RBI}, 22 \mathrm{~B}, 13 \mathrm{~B}, 23 \mathrm{R})$ | Antonio Senzatela, COL (3-1, 2.81 ERA, 32.0 IP, 18 SO) |
| May | Aaron Judge, NYY (.347, $17 \mathrm{R}, 52 \mathrm{~B}, 7 \mathrm{HR}, 17 \mathrm{RBI}, 3 \mathrm{SB})$ | Cody Bellinger, LAD (22 R, $52 \mathrm{~B}, 9 \mathrm{HR}, 27 \mathrm{RBI}, .556 \mathrm{SLG})$ |
| June | Aaron Judge, NYY (.324, $30 \mathrm{R}, 52 \mathrm{~B}, 10 \mathrm{HR}, 25 \mathrm{RBI}, 2 \mathrm{SB})$ | Cody Bellinger, LAD (22 R, $92 \mathrm{~B}, 13 \mathrm{HR}, 27 \mathrm{RBI}, .743 \mathrm{SLG})$ |
| July | Yuli Gurriel, HOU (.304, $15 \mathrm{R}, 92 \mathrm{~B}, 5 \mathrm{HR}, 20 \mathrm{RBI}, 2 \mathrm{SB})$ | Paul DeJong, STL (.298, $14 \mathrm{R}, 82 \mathrm{~B}, 8 \mathrm{HR}, 16 \mathrm{RBI}, .638 \mathrm{SLG})$ |

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

| Month | American League | National League |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April | Cody Allen, CLE (0-0, $6 \mathrm{SV}, 0.90$ ERA, $10.0 \mathrm{IP}, 20 \mathrm{SO}, 1 \mathrm{BB})$ | Greg Holland, COL (0-0, $11 \mathrm{SV}, 1.50 \mathrm{ERA}, 12.0 \mathrm{IP}, 13 \mathrm{SO})$ |
| May | Craig Kimbrel, BOS (12.2 IP, $7 \mathrm{SV}, 0.00 \mathrm{ERA}, 25 \mathrm{SO}, 1 \mathrm{BB})$ | Greg Holland, COL (9 G, $8 \mathrm{SV}, 1.17 \mathrm{ERA}, 15 \mathrm{SO}, 1 \mathrm{BB})$ |
| June | Roberto Osuna, TOR (11.1 IP, $8 \mathrm{SV}, 0.79 \mathrm{ERA}, 19 \mathrm{SO}, 1 \mathrm{BB})$ | Kenley Jansen, LAD (2-0, $0.00 \mathrm{ERA}, 10 \mathrm{SV}, 18 \mathrm{SO}, 1 \mathrm{BB})$ |
| July | Edwin Díaz, SEA (13 G, $8 \mathrm{SV}, 1.98 \mathrm{ERA}, 21 \mathrm{SO}, 13.2 \mathrm{IP})$ | Brad Hand, SD (11 G, 1-0, 4, SV, $0.00 \mathrm{ERA}, 19 \mathrm{SO}, 2 \mathrm{BB})$ |

