

# WEEKLY NOTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017

#### **NATIONAL TREASURE**

With a victory on Sunday at San Diego, Washington Nationals starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez improved to 12-5 on the season with a 2.39 ERA. The 31-year-old left-hander has won each of his last four starts, permitting just one earned run over 27.2 innings pitched (0.33 ERA).

According to Elias, the only other pitchers in Expos/Nationals history to post an ERA below 0.50 over four straight starts within one season (all wins), are Charlie Lea (0.28 in 1981), Hall of Famer Pedro Martinez (0.30 in 1997) and Javier Vazquez (0.28 in 2001).

With his next start, Gio will attempt to become the fourth pitcher in Montreal/Washington franchise history to pick up a victory while tossing at least 6.0 innings and allowing one earned run or less in five consecutive starts, and just the second to do so in a single season. Jordan Zimmermann accomplished the feat in six consecutive starts in 2012, while Martinez did so in six straight starts across the 1996-97 seasons. Gonzalez' teammate Joe Ross compiled a streak of five such starts between 2015-16.

The two-time All-Star has now pitched into the sixth inning in 19 consecutive starts, and he has lasted at least 5.0 innings in 25 straight outings. Steve Rogers holds the all-time



franchise mark of 62 straight starts of at least 5.0 innings pitched from May 22, 1977 - April 15, 1979. The only Nationals-era pitchers to post a streak longer than Gio's current run are Max Scherzer (33 and 30); Tanner Roark (30); Doug Fister (30); and Zimmermann (27 and 26).

#### Consecutive Starts Earning a Victory with at Least 6.0 IP and One Earned Run or Less, MON/WSH History

Pitcher	Starts	Dates	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO
Jordan Zimmermann	6	June 27-August 9, 2012	0.73	37.0	31	4	3	5	35
Pedro Martinez	6	September 13, 1996-May 6, 1997	0.63	43.0	22	5	3	13	49
Joe Ross	5	August 22, 2015-April 30, 2016	0.80	33.2	21	4	3	8	25
Gio Gonzalez	4	July 31, 2017-Present	0.33	27.2	15	2	1	7	23
Max Scherzer	4	June 27-July 27, 2017	0.72	25.0	10	2	2	9	37
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#### **GETTING OFFENSIVE**

Entering play on Thursday, Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos has recorded multiple hits in a career-best five straight contests, and six consecutive starts, both of which are Rays records for a catcher.

Over his last eight games (seven starts), Ramos is hitting .571 (16-for-28) with a double and two home runs while compiling a .613 on-base percentage and an .821 slugging percentage. Ramos, who is in his first season with the Rays, made his season debut on June 24<sup>th</sup> after returning from the disabled list. His productive eight-game stretch has raised his season batting average from .170 to .258.

His five straight multi-hit games tied the longest streak by a Ray this season, joining teammate Corey Dickerson, who accomplished the same feat from May 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. The last Rays player with a longer streak was Asdrúbal Cabrera, who had six straight multi-hit games from August 2-8, 2015. The Rays record is eight such games, set by Carl Crawford from August 4-11, 2007. The longest streak in the Majors this season is nine, set by José Ramírez from June 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

His six straight starts with multiple hits is the longest streak by any catcher in the Majors since San Francisco's Buster Posey had multiple hits in six consecutive games from August 21-29, 2014. The last catcher to post a longer streak was San Francisco's Bengie Molina (7, May 20-28, 2008).



#### Consecutive Starts with Multiple Hits by a Catcher, Since 1913

Catcher	Starts	Dates	AVG	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Tony Pena	8	June 23-July 2, 1982	.563	32	8	18	2	1	3	10
Johnny Bench	8	June 13-20, 1969	.594	32	10	19	1	1	0	2
Earl Grace	8	June 14-21, 1933	.548	31	1	17	6	1	0	6
Bengie Molina	7	May 20-28, 2008	.655	29	8	19	6	0	2	14
Brian McCann	7	July 8-18, 2006	.424	33	6	14	1	0	4	15
Ivan Rodriguez	7	June 24-July 1, 2003	.586	29	9	17	6	1	2	13
Brian Harper	7	June 7-16, 1990	.583	24	3	14	3	1	0	4
Bob Brenly	7	August 22-29, 1984	.500	30	8	15	3	0	5	14
Butch Wynegar	7	May 8-19, 1976	.652	23	6	15	1	1	2	9
Joe Torre	7	September 22-29, 1964	.548	31	7	17	0	2	3	10
Sherm Lollar	7	May 12-18, 1959	.516	31	6	16	5	0	1	8
Joe Astroth	7	August 26-September 6, 1953	.680	25	7	17	4	0	0	3
Ernie Lombardi	7	September 2-11, 1943	.517	29	3	15	0	0	2	6
Willard Hershberger	7	August 20-September 14, 1939	.469	32	3	15	2	0	0	4
Al Todd	7	May 7-14, 1937	.500	30	3	15	3	0	0	8
Ernie Lombardi	7	July 26-August 3, 1934	.467	30	3	14	1	0	0	6
Spud Davis	7	July 15-22, 1932	.552	29	4	16	3	1	2	6
Hank Severeid	7	May 4-10, 1922	.630	27	4	17	0	2	0	6
Wilson Ramos	6	August 15, 2017-Present	.625	24	4	15	1	0	1	3
Many others	6									

#### MLB TEAMS WITH ESPN ON BULLYING PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Major League Baseball announced on Monday that it will be working with ESPN on its bullying prevention initiative called *Shred Hate*, an innovative program created to put an end to bullying in schools and help youth choose kindness. No Bully, a nonprofit that trains schools how to activate student compassion to eradicate bullying and cyberbullying, will work directly with local school districts through this program. *Shred Hate* was launched in January at X Games Aspen, Colo. The program was able to reduce 94% of bullying cases in the Colorado schools that implemented the No Bully System®.

Shred Hate will be active during the 2017-2018 academic year in schools within three MLB markets – Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Minneapolis, home of the 2018 X Games – and will expand to additional cities following the initial launch year. MLB and ESPN will collaborate with No Bully on its curriculum and will support the initiative through various multimedia platforms and other promotional activities.



Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr. said: "Young people should be able to enjoy a positive and formative time in school and in sports. Students who are experiencing anything less deserve our support. Major League Baseball and our Clubs believe in creating respectful, non-discriminatory and anti-harassment environments in our ballparks, clubhouses and front offices. We are proud to extend that approach through *Shred Hate* as we work with our partners at ESPN and No Bully to make a meaningful impact on the development of our society's future leaders."

"Bullying has become an epidemic across our country and the timing couldn't be more critical to take action," said John Skipper, President of ESPN. "We're thrilled that MLB has joined ESPN and X Games to eradicate bullying through Shred Hate. With our combined resources and reach, our impact will be tangible."

"Schools trained in the No Bully System are solving over 90% of bullying incidents," said Nicholas Carlisle, founder, No Bully. "This initiative will prevent students from suffering from what so many of us endured when we were in school."

Through *Shred Hate*, cooperating schools will utilize the "No Bully System®," a non-disciplinary, innovative model that guides K-12 school leaders and teachers through an integrated series of leadership coaching sessions, teacher trainings and parent workshops to create and sustain a bully-free culture for the long term. The No Bully System provides schools with an alternative to suspension and promotes an environment revolving around cooperation and respect to ensure compliance with state and federal anti-bullying laws. A No Bully facilitator, who will be assigned to each participating school, will travel to administer trainings around the No Bully Coaching Leadership Team Guide and be available throughout the program for support.

Program monitoring and evaluation will play a central role in *Shred Hate*. Key performance indicators will include, but are not limited to, the following: reduced solution of incidents of bullying, reduction of severity and incidents of bullying, active student engagement in solutions, active parent/guardian and community engagement in bullying resolution, and additional positive shifts in behavior.

Major League Baseball will apply best practices and share key learnings from *Shred Hate* through its various youth initiatives. Additionally, No Bully will work with both MLB and ESPN to integrate baseball themed-components into curricula after the initial launch year.

In a study by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Department of Education, nearly one in four students – more than 10 million total students – report being bullied each year in the United States.

# **FAMILIAR FACES IN DIFFERENT PLACES**

Here is a look at how some of the notable players traded since June have performed for their new teams through Wednesday's games:

Player	Old Team	New Team	Stats
Adeiny Hechavarria	Marlins	Rays	.228 (36-for-158), 13 R, 5 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI
Sam Dyson	Rangers	Giants	27 G, 1-1, 2.22 ERA, 12 SV, 28.1 IP, 22 SO
Jason Grilli	Blue Jays	Rangers	14 G, 1-0, 4.50 ERA, 14.0 IP, 19 SO
Miguel Montero	Cubs	Blue Jays	18 G, 8 R, 7 H, 2 HR, 5 RBI
José Quintana	White Sox	Cubs	7 GS, 4-2, 3.73 ERA, 41.0 IP, 46 SO
Sean Doolittle	Athletics	Nationals	16 G, 2.25 ERA, 12 SV, 16.0 IP, 17 SO
Ryan Madson	Athletics	Nationals	9 G, 2-0, 0.00 ERA, 9.0 IP, 13 SO, 1 BB
Todd Frazier	White Sox	Yankees	.231/.352/.404, 18 R, 5 HR, 15 RBI
Tommy Kahnle	White Sox	Yankees	17 G, 1-1, 4.73 ERA, 13.1 IP, 16 SO
David Robertson	White Sox	Yankees	14 G, 2-0, 1.13 ERA, 1 SV, 16.0 IP, 24 SO, 3 BB
J.D. Martinez	Tigers	D-backs	.234/.317/.570, 14 R, 25 H, 4 2B, 10 HR, 26 RBI
David Phelps	Marlins	Mariners	8 G, 2-1, 2.35 ERA, 7.2 IP, 11 SO
Marco Gonzales	Cardinals	Mariners	4 GS, 0-1, 6.23 ERA, 17.1 IP
Sergio Romo	Dodgers	Rays	12 G, 2.40 ERA, 15.0 IP, 12 SO, 1 BB
Eduardo Nuñez	Giants	Red Sox	.337/.368/.584, 14 R, 7 2B, 6 HR, 20 RBI, 3 SB
Pat Neshek	Phillies	Rockies	13 G, 0-1, 3.86 ERA, 9.1 IP, 11 SO, 0 BB
Lucas Duda	Mets	Rays	.211 (16-for-76), 3 2B, 6 HR, 10 RBI, .487 SLG
Jeremy Hellickson	Phillies	Orioles	4 GS, 1-2, 6.35 ERA, 22.2 IP, 18 SO
Steve Cishek	Mariners	Rays	11 G, 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 11.0 IP, 12 SO, 3 BB
A.J. Ramos	Marlins	Mets	9 G, 3 SV, 4.00 ERA, 9.0 IP, 14 SO
Howie Kendrick	Phillies	Nationals	.348/.384/.667, 10 R, 11 XBH, 16 RBI, 2 SB
Jaime García	Braves/Twins	Yankees	3 GS, 0-1, 6.32 ERA, 15.2 IP, 13 SO
Melky Cabrera	White Sox	Royals	.295/.337/.489, 10 R, 9 XBH, 15 RBI
Jonathan Lucroy	Rangers	Rockies	.294 (15-for-51), 4 R, 6 XBH, 3 RBI
Tim Beckham	Rays	Orioles	.421/439/.716, 22 R, 40 H, 9 2B, 5 HR, 12 RBI
Addison Reed	Mets	Red Sox	10 G, 1-1, 5.79 ERA, 9.1 IP, 10 SO
Joe Smith	Blue Jays	Indians	7 G, 3.52 ERA, 7.2 IP, 9 SO, 0 BB
Alex Avila	Tigers	Cubs	.268 (11-for-41), 6 R, 3 HR, 11 RBI, .512 SLG
Justin Wilson	Tigers	Cubs	9 G, 1-0, 5.40 ERA, 6.2 IP, 6 SO
Francisco Liriano	Blue Jays	Astros	8 G, 0-2, 2.45 ERA, 7.1 IP, 6 SO
Brandon Kintzler	Twins	Nationals	11 G, 2-0, 0.82 ERA, 11.0 IP
Sonny Gray	Athletics	Yankees	4 GS, 1-3, 3.13 ERA, 23.0 IP, 17 SO
Yu Darvish	Rangers	Dodgers	3 GS, 2-0, 2.50 ERA, 18.0 IP, 22 SO, 4 BB
Jeremy Jeffress	Rangers	Brewers	8 G, 1-0, 4.50 ERA, 8.0 IP, 6 SO
Tony Cingrani	Reds	Dodgers	6 G, 7.50 ERA, 6.0 IP, 9 SO
Tony Watson	Pirates	Dodgers	8 G, 2-1, 7.11 ERA, 6.1 IP, 5 SO

# **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR RACES**

Here is a look at the American League and National League Rookie of the Year races as the final month of the season approaches:

# **American League Hitters**

Player, Team	Stats
Aaron Judge, NYY	121 G, .286/.418/.595, 94 R, 16 2B, 37 HR, 82 RBI, 93 BB, 7 SB
Andrew Benintendi, BOS	117 G, .279 (122-for-438), 65 R, 18 2B, 18 HR, 71 RBI, 15 SB
Trey Mancini, BAL	112 G, .285/.339/.508, 50 R, 19 2B, 2 3B, 22 HR, 65 RBI
Bradley Zimmer, CLE	86 G, .244 (63-for-258), 34 R, 12 2B, 8 HR, 38 RBI, 15 SB
Yuli Gurriel, HOU	111 G, .293/.320/.477, 56 R, 33 2B, 15 HR, 61 RBI

# **American League Pitchers**

Player, Team	Stats
Parker Bridwell, LAA	13 G/12 GS, 7-1, 2.92 ERA, 77.0 IP, 47 SO, 18 BB
Jordan Montgomery, NYY	23 GS, 7-6, 4.00 ERA, 126.0 IP, 118 SO, 114 H
Jacob Faria, TB	13 GS, 5-4, 3.32 ERA, 78.2 IP, 77 SO, 8 HR
Danny Barnes, TOR	46 G, 2-4, 3.02 ERA, 53.2 IP, 55 SO, 18 BB
Alex Meyer, LAA	13 GS, 4-5, 3.74 ERA, 67.1 IP, 75 SO, 48 H
James Pazos, SEA	48 G, 3-4, 3.42 ERA, 47.1 IP, 56 SO, 4 HR

# **National League Hitters**

Player, Team	Stats
Cody Bellinger, LAD	101 G, .274/.356/.612, 70 R, 19 2B, 34 HR, 79 RBI, 9 SB
Jesus Augilar, MIL	111 G, .264/.331/.510, 35 R, 13 2B, 14 HR, 44 RBI, 21 BB
Josh Bell, PIT	125 G, .263 (112-for-426), 64 R, 22 2B, 6 3B, 21 HR, 73 RBI
Manuel Margot, SD	92 G, .268 (99-for-370), 40 R, 14 2B, 5 3B, 12 HR, 31 RBI, 12 SB
Paul DeJong, STL	73 G, .294/.327/.567, 35 R, 17 2B, 20 HR, 48 RBI
lan Happ, CHI	82 G, .247 (67-for-271), 42 R, 13 2B, 2 3B, 18 HR, 45 RBI, 7 SB

# **National League Pitchers**

Player, Team	Stats
Kyle Freeland, COL	24 G/23 GS, 11-8, 3.71 ERA, 133.1 IP, 89 SO
Jarlin García, MIA	52 G, 0-2, 3.35 ERA, 40.1 IP, 31 SO, 30 H
German Márquez, COL	21 GS, 10-5, 4.24 ERA, 119.0 IP, 113 SO, 38 BB
Trevor Williams, PIT	26 G/20 GS, 5-6, 4.40 ERA, 122.2 IP, 91 SO, 41 BB
Antonio Senzatela, COL	26 G/19 GS, 10-4, 4.52 ERA, 121.1 IP, 91 SO

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

#### **Baseball Cards**

The Goodwin Round Album, a spectacular chromolithographed tobacco premium from 1888, featured the most popular players of the day in eight circular pages with anywhere from one to four stars per: Cap Anson, King Kelly, and Charlie Comiskey each occupies a page of his own. The page shown on the right has some of the New York National League team, such as manager Jim Mutrie, third baseman Art Whitney, and pitcher Ledell Titcomb, who was graced with the splendid alias of "Cannonball."

The largest card set ever issued—numbering over 2,300 separate images—was a photographic series produced by that same Goodwin Company for insertion into packages of its Old Judge brand cigarettes in the late 1880s. True photographs—not photomechanical halftones—were pasted on the small cards just as they would be onto the larger cabinet cards that fans might obtain from the company by redeeming their purchases through the mail.



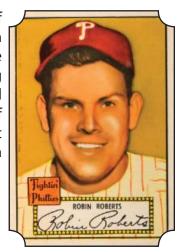


By the 1920s the popularity of the cards among youngsters prompted the tobacco companies to back out of the baseball-card business, and candy and ice-cream manufacturers had the field to themselves, issuing such shabby yet appealing issues as the garishly colored strip cards and Frojoy's grainy photo reproductions. The 1930s marked the end of the candy-caramel period and the beginning of the bubblegum phase, which lasted into the 1980s.

It is the Topps cards of the 1950s that forever linked my generation with its baseball idols. Even today, on the dark side of midlife, I cannot hold a 1952 Topps card—like the Robin Roberts card shown here—without feeling, in a sensual way, the heat of a Bronx sidewalk, the thrill of fanning the cards to see "who I got," the taste of a Mission orange soda, the smell and peculiar feel of the pink slab of bubblegum, and the thrill of flipping my hard-earned prizes toward the wall of our apartment house, hoping to win my pal's Jackie Robinson card.



Baseball cards were not only a ticket of admission into a neighborhood of kids of different ethnicities and creeds, but also to the world of one's own imagination. Whatamarvelof compactness these cards were—the visage of a hero, the chronicle of his heroics, perhaps a tidbit of odd information or an amusing cartoon, a team logo, an autograph—and all on a piece of cardboard you could hold in your hand! I have sometimes thought that the curriculum vitae of millions of American men, the trail of their occupational records, might start not with that first job out of high school or college, but here, in a loving gaze at a baseball card on a sidewalk on a hot summer afternoon.



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

Thursday, August 24th:	Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds	7:10 p.m.
Friday, August 25th:	Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
Saturday, August 26th:	Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at Toronto Blue Jays	1:07 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Arizona D-backs	8:10 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Los Angeles Angels	9:07 p.m.
Sunday, August 27th:	Milwaukee Brewers at Los Angeles Dodgers	4:10 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Arizona D-backs	4:10 p.m.
Tuesday, August 29th:	Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
, ,	Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays	7:07 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona D-backs	9:40 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at San Diego Padres	10:10 p.m
Wednesday, August 30th:	Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers	2:10 p.m.
	Detroit Tigers at Colorado Rockies	3:10 p.m.
	Miami Marlins at Washington Nationals	4:05 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at San Diego Padres	9:10 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona D-backs	9:40 p.m.
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Saturday, August 26th: New York Mets at Washington Nationals (FS1) 4:05 p.m.

Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Indians (FS1) 7:15 p.m.

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>:** New York Mets at Washington Nationals 8:08 p.m. **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>:** Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees 7:05 p.m. **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:** Texas Rangers at Houston Astros 8:10 p.m.





**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees 1:05 p.m.

#### **UPON FURTHER REVIEW**

Through 1,795 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 1,111 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-nine seconds.

\*1,111 Replay Reviews

\*250 Confirmed (22.5%)

\*331 Stands (29.8%)

\*514 Overturned (46.3%)

\*11 Rules Check (1.0%)

\*5 Record Keeping (0.5%)

\*1:29 Average Time



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

**WHAT. JUST. HAPPENED:** Despite the loss, congratulations are in order to Rich Hill on his masterful pitching performance last night, taking his bid for a perfect game into the ninth inning, and completing 9.0 hitless frames before surrendering a home run in the 10<sup>th</sup>. According to Elias, this marked the first time in Major League history that a walk-off home run broke up a no-hitter. Elias also notes that Hill became the first pitcher to lose a no-hit bid in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning-or-later since Montreal's Pedro Martinez took his bid for a perfect game into the 10<sup>th</sup> inning on June 3, 1995 vs. San Diego before being pulled after a leadoff double.

**ROLLING SOLO:** Tigers second baseman Ian Kinsler slugged his 13<sup>th</sup> home run of the season last night, a leadoff shot in the sixth inning. Strangely, all of Kinsler's home runs this season have been of the solo variety, making him the first Major League player to begin a season with 13-or-more solo home runs since Cincinnati's Shin-Soo Choo in 2013 (first 14).

**CONSISTENT WILMER:** Mets infielder Wilmer Flores has 15 homers this season, one shy of his career high. Flores has three seasons with 15-or-more homers at age 25-or-younger. Only Darryl Strawberry (five) and David Wright (four) have more in Mets history. Lee Mazzilli and John Milner also had three such seasons.

**ONLY ONE:** New York Yankees right-hander Luis Severino has allowed one or zero earned runs in seven of his eight starts since the All-Star break, going 6-1 with a 2.16 ERA (50.0 IP, 12 ER). Severino became the second Yankees pitcher in the last 100 years to win four consecutive road starts while allowing one run-or-fewer in each (within the same season), joining Spud Chandler, who did it in four straight starts from July 7-August 13, 1943.

**TWO DOZEN:** Giancarlo Stanton hit his 13<sup>th</sup> home run of August in the first game of a double-header on Tuesday, setting a new Club record for any month. This is the second consecutive month that Stanton has set a new Club record for home runs, as he hit 12 in July. He is the first player in the Majors to hit at least 12 home runs in back-to-back months in 15 years, and just the 15<sup>th</sup> player (17<sup>th</sup> time) to ever accomplish that feat. The last player to do so before Stanton was Alex Rodriguez in 2002 (12 each in July and August), when he finished with 57 home runs. Only three players have ever homered at least 12 times in three consecutive months: Hall of Famers Babe Ruth in 1920 (May-12, June-12, July-13; finished with 54) and Jimmie Foxx in 1932 (May-13, June-12, July-12; 58); and Mark McGwire in 1999 (July-16, Aug.-12, Sept.-12; 65).

**STILL SMOAKING:** Justin Smoak hit his 34<sup>th</sup> home run last night, tying a club record for homers by a switch-hitter (Jose Cruz Jr. - 2001). Entering play today, Smoak is now tied for fifth in the Majors in home runs. Among AL hitters, he ranks second in slugging percentage (.571), third in OPS (.934) and isolated power (.281), tied for fourth in home runs and fifth in total bases (254).

**RHYS LIGHTNING:** According to Elias, Rhys Hoskins became the first Phillies player to record at least seven home runs within his first 14 Major League games. Two other active players homered at least seven times before playing in his 15<sup>th</sup> game – Trevor Story (eight homers through 14 games) and Trey Mancini (seven homers through 14 games). Hoskins is also one of three active players to produce at least 16 RBI in his first 14 Major League games, along with Cody Bellinger (17) and Jason Heyward (16).

**THIS ONE COUNSE:** Craig Counsell notched his 200<sup>th</sup> managerial win on Tuesday night. He is the seventh Brewers manager to reach 200 wins, joining Phil Garner (563), Ned Yost (457), Tom Trebelhorn (422), George Bamberger (377), Ron Roenicke (342) and Del Crandall (271).

**OUTLAW ON THE LOOSE:** Rays outfielder Kevin Kiermaier recorded his second career multi-homer game last night (also September 8, 2016 at New York-AL). Since returning from the disabled list at the beginning of this homestand, he is batting .476/.522/1.048 (10-for-21) with six runs scored, a double, triple, stolen base, three home runs and six RBI. This has already raised his season avgerage from .258 to .276. Kiermaier enters play today in the midst of a six-game hitting streak dating back to the game he was injured, and has a career-long four straight multi-hit games.

**10 X 19:** The Nationals have scored at least 10 runs in a game 19 times this season. That's the most such games in a season in franchise (Nationals/Expos) history. The previous record of 14 games of at least 10 runs was set by the 2016 Nationals. The Nationals' 19 games with at least 10 runs scored are the most in Major League Baseball, ahead of the Houston Astros (18) and Colorado Rockies (18).

**CONGRATS, MÁQUINA:** Albert Pujols connected for career home run no. 610 on Tuesday night, breaking a tie with Sammy Sosa (609) for eighth on Major League Baseball's all-time home run list. Pujols also surpassed Sosa for most home runs by a foreign-born player. With two more homers, Pujols will match Jim Thome for seventh all-time with 612 home runs.

**J.D. GOES YARD ON ALL 30 TEAMS:** J.D. Martinez's homer against the Mets on Tuesday made him one of 16 active players to homer against all 30 teams, joining José Bautista, Carlos Beltrán, Adrian Beltre, Miguel Cabrera, Stephen Drew, Edwin Encarnacion, Adrián González, Curtis Granderson, Russell Martin, Brian McCann, Brandon Moss, Albert Pujols, Mark Reynolds, Troy Tulowitzki and Justin Upton.

**A SEASON OF THREE-HIT GAMES:** On Monday, Braves outfielder Nick Markakis went 3-for-4, marking the 162<sup>nd</sup> game of his career with three-or-more hits. That total ranks second in all of Baseball since he made his Major League debut in 2006, behind only Miguel Cabrera (178). On Sunday, he hit a two-run double, giving him the eighth 30-double season of his career. Markakis ranks 10<sup>th</sup> among all active players in hits (2,020) and eighth in doubles (422). His 605 extra-base hits since 2006 rank 21<sup>st</sup> in the Majors.

**HAVE WE BENINTRODUCED?:** In 18 August games, Andrew Benintendi has posted a .361/.427/.667 batting line with six home runs, 17 RBI, and six steals. He has hit safely in 16 of 18 games, recording at least two hits in eight of those contests. Prior to Benintendi, the last Sox rookies with at least 15 home runs and 15 stolen bases in a season were Nomar Garciaparra (1997), Ellis Burks (1987), and Reggie Smith (1967). The last rookies to do that for any team were Mike Trout, Bryce Harper, and Yoenis Céspedes, all in 2012.

**PITO POWER:** First baseman José Abreu is the first player in White Sox history to begin his Major League career with four consecutive 25-homer seasons and the 10<sup>th</sup> in Major League history to accomplish the feat. Abreu needs 23 RBI to become the third player in Major League history to begin his career with four straight seasons of at least 25 homers and 100 RBI. He would join Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio (1936-39) and Albert Pujols (2001-12).

**LEGEN ... WADE FOR IT ... DARY:** Cubs closer Wade Davis on Saturday converted his franchise-record-tying 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive save opportunity. He and Ryan Dempster (26 straight from August 2, 2005-May 1, 2006) now share the all-time Cubs record.

**HE'LL BITE YOU:** Charlie Blackmon is the first National League leadoff hitter to reach 30 home runs since Hanley Ramirez in 2008. He hit his career-high 30<sup>th</sup> homer Wednesday at Kansas City. Blackmon leads all MLB leadoff hitters in home runs and RBI (79) this season. The All-Star outfielder also leads the Majors in runs (116), triples (14), multi-hit games (54) and total bases (316).



## **INTERLEAGUE TRACKER**

<u>League</u> American League National League 2017 Record 139-129 129-139 **Batting Average ERA** .260 (2,379-for-9,144) 4.29 .252 (2,287-for-9,091) 4.39

## 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 (Hit 17 <sup>th</sup> 4 HR game in MLB history)
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian Beltre, TEX (.478, 5 R, 4 XBH, Recorded 3,000 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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)

### **BUDWEISER PRESENTS THE AL & NL PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

Month	American League	National League
April	Mike Trout, LAA (.364, 7 HR, 18 RBI, 9 2B, 2 3B, 18 R, 5 SB)	Ryan Zimmerman, WSH (.420, 11 HR, 29 RBI, 8 2B, 22 R)
May	Carlos Correa, HOU (.386, 24 R, 8 2B, 7 HR, 26 RBI)	Charlie Blackmon, COL (.359, 24 R, 6 2B, 5 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI)
June	Aaron Judge, NYY (.324, 30 R, 5 2B, 10 HR, 25 RBI, 2 SB)	Andrew McCutchen, PIT (.411, 22 R, 5 2B, 6 HR, 23 RBI)
July	Jose Altuve, HOU (.485/.523/.727, 22 R, 48 H, 21 RBI)	Nolan Arenado, COL (.389, 18 R, 6 2B, 1 3B, 8 HR, 30 RBI)

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

Монтн	American League	National League
April	Dallas Keuchel, HOU (5-0, 1.21 ERA, 44.2 IP, 36 SO)	Ivan Nova, PIT (3-2, 1.50 ERA, 36.0 IP, 22 SO, 1 BB, 1 SHO)
May	Lance McCullers Jr., HOU (4-0, 0.99 ERA, 37 SO, 36.1 IP)	Alex Wood, LAD (5-0, 1.27 ERA, 41 SO, 7 BB, 28.1 IP)
June	Corey Kluber, CLE (4-0, 1.26 ERA, 64 SO, 43.0 IP, 1 SHO)	Max Scherzer, WSH (3-2, 0.99 ERA, 51 SO, 6 BB, 36.1 IP)
July	James Paxton, SEA (6-0, 1.37 ERA, 46 SO, 6 BB, 39.1 IP)	Rich Hill, LAD (4-0, 1.45 ERA, 40 SO, 5 BB, 19 H, 31.0 IP)

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

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)
June	Aaron Judge, NYY (.324, 30 R, 5 2B, 10 HR, 25 RBI, 2 SB)	Cody Bellinger, LAD (22 R, 9 2B, 13 HR, 27 RBI, .743 SLG)
July	Yuli Gurriel, HOU (.304, 15 R, 9 2B, 5 HR, 20 RBI, 2 SB)	Paul DeJong, STL (.298, 14 R, 8 2B, 8 HR, 16 RBI, .638 SLG)

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

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)
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 TRADE & WAIVER TRACKER**

Following is a list of trades and waiver claims made during the August waiver trading period:

- **August 4** Rockies claimed C Dustin Garneau off waivers from the Athletics
- **August 4** Dodgers claimed RHP Dylan Floro off waivers from the Cubs
- **August 5** Pirates claimed RHP George Kontos off waivers from the Giants
- **August 5** Pirates acquired INF Sean Rodriguez from the Braves for C Connor Joe
- **August 6** Mariners acquired 1B Yonder Alonso from the Athletics for OF Boog Powell
- **August 6** Mariners acquired RHP Ryan Garton and C Michael Marjama from the Rays for LHP Anthony Misiewicz and INF Luis Rengifo
- August 6 White Sox claimed 3B D.J. Peterson off waivers from the Mariners
- **August 9** Indians acquired OF Jay Bruce from the Mets for RHP Ryder Ryan
- August 9 Reds claimed RHP Luké Farrell off waivers from the Dodgers
- **August 10** Rangers claimed RHP Jhan Mariñez off waivers from the Pirates
- **August 12** Rangers claimed 2B Phil Gosselin off waivers from the Pirates
- August 12 Brewers acquired 2B Neil Walker from the Mets for a player to be named later
- **August 13** Astros acquired RHP Tyler Clippard from the White Sox for a player to be named later or cash considerations
- **August 15** Athletics acquired RHP Chris Hatcher from the Dodgers for international bonus money
- **August 16** Athletics acquired LHP Sam Moll from the Rockies for a player to be named later or cash considerations
- August 18 Angels claimed RHP Noe Ramirez off waivers from the Red Sox
- **August 18** Dodgers acquired OF Curtis Granderson from the Mets for a player to be named later
- **August 19** Rays claimed OF Cesar Puello off waivers from the Angels
- August 19 Cubs claimed C Rene Rivera off waivers from the Mets
- **August 19** Blue Jays acquired RHP Tom Koehler from the Marlins for RHP Osman Gutierrez
- August 20 Dodgers claimed RHP Jordan Jankowski off waivers from the Astros
- **August 20** Mets claimed RHP Jacob Rhame off waivers from the Dodgers
- **August 22** Brewers claimed RHP Aaron Brooks off waivers from the Cubs
- August 23 Red Sox acquired OF Rajai Davis from the Athletics for OF Rafael Rincones