



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

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HOT START TO 2018

Entering play today, the New York Mets (10-1) and Boston Red Sox (9-2) own the best records in the National and American League, respectively. Rookie manager Mickey Callaway of the Mets is off to the best managerial start in franchise history. Previously for New York, Hall of Fame manager Joe Torre started 7-1 as a skipper after taking over in May 1977. In addition, this is the first Mets Club to start a season 10-1 or better in Club history. For Boston, Alex Cora is the second skipper to win at least nine of his first 10 games at the helm. Joe Morgan began his Red Sox managerial career 12-0 after taking over midway through the 1988 season.

Since 1900, there have only been four managers to start their managerial careers 9-1 or better: Callaway, Cora, Morgan and Pat Moran of the 1915 Philadelphia Phillies, who began the season 11-1.

Team	Season Outcome
2018 Boston Red Sox	???
2018 New York Mets	???
1988 Boston Red Sox	46-31 (93-69 overall); Finished 1 st in AL East; Lost in ALCS
1915 Philadelphia Phillies	90-62; Finished 1 st in NL; Lost in World Series

Since 2000, there have been 10 Clubs to begin a season 9-1 or better: the 2016 Washington Nationals, the 2015 Detroit Tigers; the 2013 Atlanta Braves; the 2012 Los Angeles Dodgers; the 2011 Texas Rangers; the 2009 Florida Marlins; the 2003 Kansas City Royals; the 2003 New York Yankees; the 2003 San Francisco Giants; and the 2002 Cleveland Indians. This is the first year since 2003 that multiple Clubs have gotten off to such a hot start. Like the Mets this season, the Braves, Marlins, Royals, Giants and Indians also began their respective seasons 10-1. Below is a table illustrating how each Club fared the rest of the season.

Team	Season Outcome
2018 Boston Red Sox	???
2018 New York Mets	???
2016 Washington Nationals	97-65; Finished 1 st in NL East; Lost in NLDS
2015 Detroit Tigers	74-87; Finished 5 th in AL Central; Did not make Postseason
2013 Atlanta Braves	96-66; Finished 1 st in NL East; Lost in NLDS
2012 Los Angeles Dodgers	86-76; Finished 2 nd in NL West; Did not make Postseason
2011 Texas Rangers	96-66; Finished 1 st in AL West; Lost in World Series
2009 Florida Marlins	87-75; Finished 2 nd in NL East; Did not make Postseason
2003 Kansas City Royals	83-79; Finished 3 rd in AL Central; Did not make Postseason
2003 New York Yankees	101-61; Finished 1 st in AL East; Lost in World Series
2003 San Francisco Giants	100-61; Finished 1 st in NL West; Lost in NLDS
2002 Cleveland Indians	74-88; Finished 3 rd in AL Central; Did not make Postseason

DEBUT DOINGS

On Tuesday night at AT&T Park, 24-year-old Tyler Beede made his Major League debut in a start for the San Francisco Giants against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Beede was just the fifth pitcher to make his MLB debut in a start for the Giants over the last 10 seasons (2009-18), joining Ryan Sadowski (June 28, 2009), Madison Bumgarner (September 8, 2009), Eric Surkamp (August 27, 2011) and Mike Kickham (May 28, 2013).

In total, five rookie hurlers have made their debut in a start this season. Beede is joined by Joey Lucchesi of the San Diego Padres, Ryan Carpenter of the Detroit Tigers, Trevor Richards of the Miami Marlins and Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Angels, who also played his first game at designated hitter on March 29th.

Across Baseball, only the Kansas City Royals have had as few pitchers make their Major League debut in a start during the same span. Overall, 12 Major League Clubs have used less than 10. The Cincinnati Reds have had the most since 2009, sending 17 pitchers to the hill in a start during their big league debut.

Below is a team-by-team breakdown of MLB pitching debuts in a start over the last 10 years (2009-18). Of the 312 pitchers overall, 34 have become MLB All-Stars (denoted in red):

Cincinnati (17): Matt Maloney (6/6/09); Mike Leake (4/11/10); Sam LeCure (5/28/10); Travis Wood (7/1/10); Todd Redmond (8/18/12); Raisel Iglesias (4/12/15); Michael Lorenzen (4/29/15); Jon Moscot (6/5/15); Josh Smith (6/23/15); John Lamb (8/14/15); Robert Stephenson (4/7/16); Tim Melville (4/10/16); Tim Adleman (5/1/16); Daniel Wright (5/24/16); Cody Reed (6/18/16); Rookie Davis (4/6/17); Amir Garrett (4/7/17).

Colorado (16): Esmil Rogers (9/12/09); Alan Johnson (4/17/11); Juan Nicasio (5/28/11); **Drew Pomeranz (9/11/11)**; Christian Friedrich (5/9/12); Edwar Cabrera (6/27/12); Chad Bettis (8/1/13); Eddie Butler (6/6/14); Christian Bergman (6/9/14); Tyler Matzek (6/11/14); Yohan Flande (6/25/14); Jon Gray (8/4/15); Tyler Anderson (6/12/16); Jeff Hoffman (8/20/16); Antonio Senzatela (4/6/17); Kyle Freeland (4/7/17).

San Diego (14): Walter Silva (4/8/09); Mat Latos (7/19/09); Cesar Carrillo (8/13/09); Cory Luebke (9/3/10); Anthony Bass (6/13/11); Joe Wieland (4/14/12); Andrew Werner (8/22/12); Casey Kelly (8/27/12); Burch Smith (5/11/13); Jesse Hahn (6/3/14); Odrisamer Despaigne (6/23/14); Colin Rea (8/11/15); Cesar Vargas (4/23/16); Joey Lucchesi (3/30/18).

Atlanta (14): Kenshin Kawakami (4/11/09); Kris Medlen (5/21/09); Tommy Hanson (6/7/09); Mike Minor (8/9/10); Brandon Beachy (9/20/10); **Julio Teheran (5/7/11)**; Randall Delgado (6/17/11); David Hale (9/13/13); Matt Wisler (6/19/15); Manny Bañuelos (7/2/15); Ryan Weber (9/8/15); Aaron Blair (4/24/16); Joel De La Cruz (6/29/16); Robert Whalen (8/3/16).

Detroit (14): Rick Porcello (4/9/09); Alfredo Figaro (6/20/09); Andy Oliver (6/25/10); Duane Below (7/20/11); Jacob Turner (7/30/11); Drew Smyly (4/12/12); Casey Crosby (6/1/12); José Álvarez (6/9/13); **Robbie Ray (5/6/14)**; Drew VerHagen (7/19/14); Buck Farmer (8/13/14); Kyle Ryan (8/30/14); **Michael Fulmer (4/29/16)**; Ryan Carpenter (4/1/18).

Arizona (14): Bryan Augenstein (5/13/09); Cesar Valdez (5/3/10); Barry Enright (6/30/10); **Wade Miley (8/20/11)**; Jarrod Parker (9/27/11); **Patrick Corbin (4/30/12)**; Trevor Bauer (6/28/12); Tyler Skaggs (8/22/12); David Holmberg (8/27/13); Chase Anderson (5/11/14); Andrew Chafin (8/13/14); Archie Bradley (4/11/15); Zack Godley (7/23/15); Braden Shipley (7/25/16).

Washington (13): **Jordan Zimmermann (4/20/09)**; Craig Stammen (5/21/09); J.D. Martin (7/20/09); Luis Atilano (4/23/10); **Stephen Strasburg (6/8/10)**; Yunesky Maya (9/7/10); Tommy Milone (9/3/11); Nate Karns (5/28/13); Taylor Jordan (6/29/13); A.J. Cole (4/28/15); Joe Ross (6/6/15); Lucas Giolito (6/28/16); Reynaldo Lopez (7/19/16).

L.A. Dodgers (12): John Ely (4/28/10); Nathan Eovaldi (8/6/11); Stephen Fife (7/17/12); Hyun-Jin Ryu (4/2/13); Matt Magill (4/27/13); Red Patterson (5/1/14); Zach Lee (7/25/15); Kenta Maeda (4/6/16); Ross Stripling (4/8/16); Julio Urías (5/27/16); Brock Stewart (6/29/16); José De León (9/4/16).

Miami (12): Graham Taylor (4/26/09); Sean West (5/23/09); Adalberto Mendez (9/6/10); **Brad Hand (6/7/11)**; Elih Villanueva (6/15/11); **Jose Fernandez (4/7/13)**; Brian Flynn (9/4/13); Anthony DeSclafani (5/14/14); Andrew Heaney (6/19/14); Justin Nicolino (6/20/15); Jake Esch (8/31/16); Trevor Richards (4/2/18).

Minnesota (12): Anthony Swarzak (5/23/09); Armando Gabino (8/25/09); Matt Fox (9/3/10); Scott Diamond (7/18/11); Liam Hendriks (9/6/11); Cole De Vries (5/24/12); Kyle Gibson (6/29/13); Andrew Albers (8/6/13); Yohan Pino (6/19/14); Trevor May (8/9/14); Tyler Duffey (8/5/15); José Berríos (4/27/16).

Oakland (12): **Trevor Cahill (4/7/09)**; Brett Anderson (4/10/09); Vin Mazzaro (6/2/09); Bobby Cramer (9/13/10); Graham Godfrey (6/10/11); A.J. Griffin (6/24/12); Dan Straily (8/3/12); Sean Manaea (4/29/16); Daniel Mengden (6/11/16); Dillon Overton (6/25/16); Raul Alcántara (9/5/16); Jharel Cotton (9/7/16).

Philadelphia (12): Antonio Bastardo (6/2/09); Tyler Cloyd (8/29/12); Jonathan Pettibone (4/22/13); Ethan Martin (8/2/13); David Buchanan (5/24/14); Severino González (4/28/15); Adam Morgan (6/21/15); Aaron Nola (7/21/15); Jerad Eickhoff (8/21/15); Alec Asher (8/30/15); Zack Eflin (6/14/16); Jake Thompson (8/6/16).

Baltimore (11): **Koji Uehara (4/8/09)**; Brad Bergesen (4/21/09); Jason Berken (5/26/09); David Hernandez (5/28/09); **Chris Tillman (7/29/09)**; Brian Matusz (8/4/09); **Jake Arrieta (6/10/10)**; **Zach Britton (4/3/11)**; Wei-Yin Chen (4/10/12); Kevin Gausman (5/23/13); Mike Wright (5/17/15).

Houston (11): Jordan Lyles (5/31/11); Henry Sosa (8/10/11); **Dallas Keuchel (6/17/12)**; Jarred Cosart (7/12/13); Rudy Owens (5/23/14); Jake Buchanan (6/21/14); Nick Tropeano (9/10/14); Asher Wojciechowski (4/9/15); **Lance McCullers Jr. (5/18/15)**; Vince Velasquez (6/10/15); David Paulino (9/8/16).

Pittsburgh (11): Daniel McCutchen (8/31/09); Brad Lincoln (6/9/10); Aaron Thompson (8/24/11); **Jeff Locke (9/10/11)**; Phil Irwin (4/14/13); **Gerrit Cole (6/11/13)**; Brandon Cumpton (6/15/13); Jameson Taillon (6/8/16); Chad Kuhl (6/26/16); Steven Brault (7/5/16); Tyler Glasnow (7/7/16).

St. Louis (11): P.J. Walters (4/17/09); Adam Ottavino (5/29/10); **Lance Lynn (6/2/11)**; Joe Kelly (6/10/12); John Gast (5/14/13); Tyler Lyons (5/22/13); **Michael Wacha (5/30/13)**; Marco Gonzales (6/25/14); Tim Cooney (4/30/15); Mike Mayers (7/24/16); Luke Weaver (8/13/16).

Toronto (11): **Ricky Romero (4/9/09)**; Robert Ray (5/2/09); **Brett Cecil (5/5/09)**; Brad Mills (6/18/09); Marc Rzepczynski (7/7/09); Kyle Drabek (9/15/10); Zach Stewart (6/16/11); **Henderson Alvarez (8/10/11)**; Drew Hutchison (4/21/12); Sean Nolin (5/24/13); Matt Boyd (6/27/15).

Cleveland (10): David Huff (5/17/09); Carlos Carrasco (9/1/09); Jeanmar Gómez (7/18/10); Josh Tomlin (7/27/10); Alex White (4/30/11); Zach McAllister (7/7/11); **Danny Salazar (7/11/13)**; Cody Anderson (6/21/15); Toru Murata (6/28/15); Mike Clevinger (5/18/16).

Chicago White Sox (9): Carlos Torres (7/22/09); Lucas Harrell (7/30/10); Pedro Hernandez (7/18/12); Andre Rienzo (7/30/13); Charles Leesman (8/9/13); Erik Johnson (9/4/13); Scott Carroll (4/27/14); Chris Bassitt (8/30/14); Chris Beck (5/28/15).

New York Mets (9): Dillon Gee (9/7/10); Chris Schwinden (9/8/11); **Matt Harvey (7/26/12)**; Collin McHugh (8/23/12); Zack Wheeler (6/18/13); Rafael Montero (5/14/14); **Jacob deGrom (5/15/14)**; **Noah Syndergaard (5/12/15)**; Steven Matz (6/28/15).

Milwaukee (9): Tyler Thornburg (6/19/12); Hiram Burgos (4/20/13); Johnny Hellweg (6/28/13); Tyler Wagner (5/31/15); Tyler Cravy (6/2/15); Taylor Jungmann (6/9/15); Zach Davies (9/2/15); Jorge López (9/29/15); Brent Suter (8/19/16).

Seattle (9): Michael Pineda (4/5/11); Blake Beavan (7/3/11); Anthony Vasquez (8/23/11); Brandon Maurer (4/4/13); Taijuan Walker (8/30/13); James Paxton (9/7/13); Roenis Elias (4/3/14); Mike Montgomery (6/2/15); Adrian Sampson (6/18/16).

Boston (7): Felix Doubront (6/18/10); Kyle Weiland (7/10/11); Allen Webster (4/21/13); Anthony Ranaudo (8/11/14); Eduardo Rodriguez (5/28/15); Brian Johnson (7/21/15); Henry Owens (8/4/15).

Tampa Bay (7): Wade Davis (9/6/09); Jeremy Hellickson (8/2/10); Alex Cobb (5/1/11); Chris Archer (6/20/12); Alex Colomé (5/30/13); Enny Romero (9/22/13); Blake Snell (4/23/16).

L.A. Angels (7): Anthony Ortega (4/25/09); Sean O'Sullivan (6/16/09); Trevor Bell (8/12/09); Tyler Chatwood (4/11/11); Garrett Richards (8/10/11); Matt Shoemaker (9/20/13); Shohei Ohtani (4/1/18)*.

Chicago Cubs (6): Thomas Diamond (8/3/10); Brooks Raley (8/7/12); Chris Rusin (8/21/12); Dallas Beeler (6/28/14); Tsuyoshi Wada (7/8/14); Kyle Hendricks (7/10/14).

New York Yankees (6): Adam Warren (6/29/12); Masahiro Tanaka (4/4/14); Chase Whitley (5/15/14); Luis Severino (8/5/15); Chad Green (5/16/16); Jordan Montgomery (4/12/17).

Texas (6): Omar Beltre (6/30/10); Yu Darvish (4/9/12); Justin Grimm (6/16/12); Nick Tepesch (4/9/13); Nick Martinez (4/5/14); Chi Chi Gonzalez (5/30/15).

Kansas City (5): Danny Duffy (5/18/11); Will Smith (5/23/12); Ryan Verdugo (7/17/12); Jake Odorizzi (9/23/12); Yordano Ventura (9/17/13).

San Francisco (5): Ryan Sadowski (6/28/09); Madison Bumgarner (9/8/09); Eric Surkamp (8/27/11); Mike Kickham (5/28/13); Tyler Beede (4/10/18).



INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2017 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	7-7	.258 (132-for-512)	4.02
National League	7-7	.263 (132-for-501)	4.51

CRAZY 8'S

Entering play today, the Washington Nationals and New York Yankees pitching staffs have recorded at least eight strikeouts in each contest since Opening Day. The shared record of 12 consecutive games to begin a season with at least eight punchouts is the longest streak in the Majors since at least 1908. Led by All-Star starting pitcher Luis Severino's 20 strikeouts, the Yankees have tallied 137 punchouts by 15 pitchers. Three-time Cy Young Award-winner Max Scherzer paces a group of 13 Nationals hurlers with 27 strikeouts, culminating with a team total of 135. Below is a table depicting the longest such streaks since 1908 to begin a season.

Consecutive Games with at least Eight Strikeouts to Begin a Season, since 1908

Team	Games	W-L	IP	ERA	SO
2018 New York Yankees	12	6-6	113.0	4.54	137
2018 Washington Nationals	12	6-6	112.0	4.02	135
2016 Kansas City Royals	9	7-2	81.0	2.78	97
2017 Chicago Cubs	8	5-3	73.0	2.59	87
2016 New York Yankees	8	4-4	69.0	4.30	80
2018 New York Mets	7	6-1	63.0	2.14	82
2018 Los Angeles Angels	7	5-2	68.1	3.03	70
2013 Kansas City Royals	7	4-3	60.2	3.56	71
2017 New York Mets	6	3-3	57.0	3.32	61
2014 Los Angeles Dodgers	6	4-2	53.0	2.72	57

Across Major League Baseball, the Yankees and Nationals rank second and third in strikeouts, respectively. The Houston Astros lead the Majors with 141 team strikeouts on the season. Washington ace Scherzer is tied for second in the Majors (also Corey Kluber of the Cleveland Indians) in punchouts behind Patrick Corbin of the Arizona Diamondbacks (29). On Monday night against the Atlanta Braves, Scherzer tossed his ninth career complete game and fifth shutout. For the second time this season, the 33-year-old veteran notched 10 strikeouts. It was the 66th start of his storied career in which he logged at least 10 strikeouts. Since making his Major League debut in 2008, Scherzer paces all Major League hurlers in games with at least 10 strikeouts. Seven-time All-Star Clayton Kershaw ranks second after Mad Max with 58 such outings. Below is a table detailing the 10 pitchers that have tossed the most games with at least 10 punchouts since 2008.



Games with at least 10 Strikeouts, since 2008

Player, Team	Games	W-L	ERA	SO
Max Scherzer, WSH	66	40-11	1.97	736
Clayton Kershaw, LAD	58	39-8	1.52	655
Chris Sale, BOS	53	28-14	1.79	618
Corey Kluber, CLE	40	24-2	1.53	458
Justin Verlander, HOU	39	29-4	1.92	432
Stephen Strasburg, WSH	36	25-3	2.21	401
David Price, BOS	36	23-9	2.11	399
Tim Lincecum, SF	34	22-2	1.44	384
Yu Darvish, CHI	34	20-9	1.82	381
Félix Hernández, SEA	33	17-3	1.25	365

MLB AWARDS 2020 ASG TO THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr. announced Wednesday that Major League Baseball has awarded the 2020 All-Star Game Presented by Mastercard and accompanying All-Star Week festivities to the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 2020 Midsummer Classic will be the 91st edition in the event's history, which dates back to 1933.

A few notes on the All-Star Game announcement:

- Previous Midsummer Classics hosted by the Dodgers include 1949 at Ebbets Field; 1959 (the second All-Star Game of 1959) at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum; and 1980 at Dodger Stadium.
- The Dodgers have had a total of 295 All-Star player selections in franchise history by 122 different players.
- The Dodgers have produced four different All-Star Game Most Valuable Players (five times overall).
 1. Shortstop Maury Wills was selected as the first All-Star Game MVP in history at the first of two Games played in 1962.
 2. First baseman Steve Garvey was selected the winner at the 1974 All-Star Game in Pittsburgh, and was given the honor a second time in 1978 in San Diego, becoming the second of five players to win the award twice.
 3. Hall of Fame pitcher Don Sutton was the recipient of the MVP award in 1977 at Yankee Stadium, one of just seven times that a pitcher has been selected.
 4. In 1996 at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza was named the winner, one of just six occasions in which a backstop has been on the receiving end of the All-Star Game MVP award.
- The Dodgers have had five different managers lead the National All-Star squad a total of 17 times, including Hall of Famer Walter Alston (1954, 1956-57, 1960-1, 1960-2, 1964, 1966-67, 1975), Charlie Dressen (1953), Hall of Famer Leo Durocher (1942, 1948), Hall of Famer Tommy Lasorda (1978-79, 1982, 1989) and Burt Shotton (1950). Current Dodgers manager Dave Roberts will manage the NL All-Star team at the 2018 Midsummer Classic at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. after leading Los Angeles to the NL pennant in 2017.
- The Dodgers have had 11 different pitchers start the Midsummer Classic on a total of 15 occasions, including Whit Wyatt (1941), Ralph Branca (1948), Hall of Famer Don Drysdale (1959-1, 1959-2, 1962-1, 1964, 1968), Johnny Podres (1962-2), Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax (1966), Andy Messersmith (1974), Hall of Famer Don Sutton (1977), Fernando Valenzuela (1981), Hideo Nomo (1995), Brad Penny (2006) and Zack Greinke (2015).
- The Dodgers have had eight rookies named to the National League All-Star Team, including one in each of the last three years. The rookies include Bill Grabarkewitz (1970), Valenzuela (1981), Steve Sax (1982), Piazza (1993), Nomo (1995) and current Dodgers Joc Pederson (2015), Corey Seager (2016) and Cody Bellinger (2017). In addition to Valenzuela's and Nomo's starting assignments, Pederson was selected to start in place of injured fan-elected starter Matt Holliday in 2015.
- Hall of Famer Pee Wee Reese owns the most All-Star selections in Dodgers history with 10 (1942, 1946-54).



JACKIE ROBINSON CELEBRATION

Major League Baseball announced Tuesday the details and activities to commemorate the annual, league-wide 'Jackie Robinson Day' on Sunday, April 15th. Most notably, new '42'-logoed batting practice attire and other uniform elements were added as a complementary feature to the unique and special tradition of Major League players and all on-field personnel (managers, coaches and umpires) wearing Jackie's Number '42'. Additional elements include home clubs hosting pregame ceremonies, special coverage via MLB Network and MLB.com, background and data on diversity throughout Baseball, and more.



NUMBER '42'

As has been tradition each April 15th since 2009, MLB will celebrate Jackie Robinson Day with all players and on-field personnel wearing Jackie's iconic Number '42'. For 2018, there will be additional on-field uniform elements, including a commemorative patch on all team caps and jersey sleeves, socks emblazoned with '42', and a brand new lightweight hooded fleece for batting practice and dugout wear, also featuring the '42' logo.

NOTE: MLB will donate its licensed royalties from the sales of such items to the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

DIVERSITY IN MLB – OPENING DAY & MLB DRAFT NUMBERS

On 2018 Opening Day active, 25-man rosters, 8.4% of Major League players are African-American/African-Canadian/Black, which is the highest percentage on Opening Day active rosters over the last six seasons. Of this group, 70% of players are aged 30 or younger, a 5% increase since 2015. Overall, 41% of players on 2018 active, Opening Day rosters are of a diverse background (African-American/African-Canadian/Black, Latino, Asian or Pacific Islander).

Over the last six years (2012-17), the first round of the MLB Draft has featured 41 African-American players out of 204 total selections (20.1%). In 2017, eight of the top 26 selections (30.8%) were African-American or Latino. 2017 also marked just the fourth time ever in the history of the MLB Draft that the first two picks were African-American players (1-Royce Lewis, 2-Hunter Greene). Last year was also the third consecutive that an alumnus of the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program was selected within the top five picks (2017, Green - #2; 2016, Corey Ray - #5; 2015, Dillon Tate - #4). In 2016, 10 of the top 41 selections (24.4%) and 17 of the first night's 77 selections (22.1%) were African-American or Latino. The first round of the 2015 MLB Draft featured the selection of nine African-American players (25%, 9-of-36). On a percentage basis, this represented the most African-American players in the first round since 1992, eclipsing the recent previous high of 22.6% (7-of-31) in 2012. Twenty African-American players were selected in the first rounds of the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Drafts.

JACKIE ROBINSON DAY BALLPARK ACTIVITY

Clubs playing at home on Sunday, April 15th will commemorate Jackie Robinson Day with special on-field, pregame ceremonies in their ballparks, some of which will include Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars, as well as activities in their respective communities. Jeweled bases and lineup cards also will be featured.

Jackie's wife, Rachel Robinson, who is the Founder of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, and their daughter and son, Sharon and David Robinson, will attend Jackie Robinson Day ceremonies at Citi Field, the home of the New York Mets.

SECOND ANNUAL 'TRAILBLAZER SERIES'

In conjunction with Jackie Robinson Day weekend, MLB will host the second annual 'Trailblazer Series' at the MLB Youth Academy in Compton, Calif. Approximately 100 girls, ages 13 and under, representing 21 states across the country as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Canada will participate in the three-day tournament held from Thursday, April 12th through Sunday, April 15th. Some of the nation's top female baseball coaches and players, including those from USA Baseball's Women's National Team, will coach the girls who are from programs affiliated with AAU, Babe Ruth & Cal Ripken Baseball, Little League International, Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities, PONY and USSSA, among others.

JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION

With support from donors like Major League Baseball and MLB Clubs, the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program provides four years of financial assistance and direct program services annually to 225 highly motivated students attending 100 colleges and universities across the country, and has developed a mentoring curriculum to reach a broad range of college students beyond its core "JRF Scholars".

The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) is a public, non-profit organization that perpetuates the memory of Jackie Robinson by giving a four-year scholarship in his name and providing leadership development for minority college students as well as through building the Jackie Robinson Museum. The museum, will commemorate the life of Jackie Robinson as an athlete, activist and icon, illuminating his long-lasting impact across society through state-of-the-art exhibits, precious artifacts, film and other media. The National Jackie Robinson Museum Legacy Campaign has raised over \$25 million and the museum is set to open in 2019.

MOST VALUABLE DIVERSE BUSINESS PARTNER AWARD

MLB will once again recognize and acknowledge diverse companies as recipients of the 12th Annual Jackie Robinson Most Valuable Diverse Business Partner Award, "MVD BP". The award recognizes those Diverse Business Partners (diverse-owned businesses) who exhibit and continue the legacy of Jackie Robinson. Diverse suppliers were nominated and awarded based on their performance above and beyond the norm to exhibit quality, class and professionalism in all aspects of their business. This year MVD BP Awards were given by the Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers (awarding three suppliers), and the Office of the Commissioner.

MLB NETWORK & MLB.COM

MLB Network & MLB.com will have complete coverage of the day's events from each Major League ballpark with video highlights, interviews, stories from its Club beat and national reporters and photographs. Leading up to April 15th, MLB Network will look back at the legacy of Jackie Robinson on "MLB Tonight," and on its kids-focused show "Play Ball" on Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. ET. Additionally, Jackie Robinson Day events will be supported across MLB At Bat app, Cut4.com, and through official MLB and Club accounts on social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. Jackie Robinson Day will be supported across social media again with its official hashtag - #Jackie42.

They Said It, and How!
(by MLB Official Historian John Thorn)



Casey Stengel and Ed Kranepool

Another season! In the Garment Center, where my father toiled when I was a boy, that delightful development might give rise to a cry like, "Max: Cut felt!" In baseball, where I have toiled happily for more decades than I care to remember, the cry is, with equal parts reassurance and delight, "Play Ball!"

Baseball is the most literate of our sports and the longest lived and so, unsurprisingly, the one with the best quotes. Each week this season (my 64th of watching the game and thinking about just where I might fit into it) I will share a bouquet of my favorites.

CASEY STENGEL: Asked about the prospects for two of his 20-year-old players, Ed Kranepool and Greg Goosen: "In 10 years, this guy has a chance to be a star. In 10 years the other guy has a chance to be 30."

WARREN BROWN: Asked which of the two contestants for Game 7 of the 1945 World Series would win, the Tigers or the Cubs: "I don't think either of them can."

RALPH KINER: "The earth is two-thirds covered by water. The other third is covered by Garry Maddox."

MARTY SPRINGSTEAD, umpire: "The best way to test a Timex watch would be to tie it to Earl Weaver's tongue."

TIM MCCARVER: "Bob Gibson is the luckiest pitcher in baseball. He always seems to pitch on the day the other team doesn't score any runs."

SACHEL PAIGE: "How fast was 'Cool Papa' Bell? He was so fast that when he flipped the wall switch in a hotel room, he'd be in bed before the light went out."



Abilene, Kansas High School Team, 1908; Ike at top, second from right

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER: "When I was a boy growing up in Kansas, a friend of mine and I went fishing and as we sat there in the warmth of a summer afternoon on a river bank we talked about what we wanted to do when we grew up. I told him I wanted to be a real major league baseball player, a genuine professional like Honus Wagner. My friend said that he'd like to be President of the United States. Neither of us got our wish."

MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK
(All Times ET)

Thursday, April 12th:	Colorado Rockies at Washington Nationals	7:05 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.
Friday, April 13th:	Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds	6:40 p.m.
	Colorado Rockies at Washington Nationals	7:05 p.m.
	Pittsburgh Pirates at Miami Marlins	7:10 p.m.
Saturday, April 14th:	Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox	1:05 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
	Arizona D-backs at Los Angeles Dodgers	9:10 p.m.
Sunday, April 15th:	Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox	1:05 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
Monday, April 16th:	Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox	11:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres	10:10 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17th:	Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18th:	Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers	1:40 p.m.
	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.



Saturday, April 7th:	Texas Rangers at Houston Astros (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at Kansas City Royals (FS1)	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17th:	Cleveland Indians at Minnesota Twins (FS1)	7:10 p.m.



Wednesday, April 18th:	Kansas City Royals at Toronto Blue Jays	4:07 p.m.
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Sunday, April 15th:	Texas Rangers at Houston Astros	8:08 p.m.
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UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 177 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 106 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and thirty seconds.

- *106 Replay Reviews
- *26 Confirmed (24.5%)
 - *26 Stands (24.5%)
- *52 Overturned (49.1%)
 - *2 Rules Check (1.9%)
- *1:30 Average Time



LINE DRIVES *(Compiled from Club Game Notes)*

TOUGH LUCK LOSER: Right-handed pitcher Reynaldo López matched his career high with 7.0 IP on Sunday vs. Tampa Bay, allowing one unearned run. López became the first White Sox starting pitcher since at least 1908 to lose a game in which he threw at least 7.0 IP while allowing two-or-less hits and one run, which was unearned.

IMPRESSIVE DEBUT FOR FIERS: Mike Fiers made his Tigers debut Sunday afternoon, throwing 6.0 shutout innings and allowing three hits with one walk and six strikeouts. Fiers finished the outing by retiring 11 straight batters. Fiers is the third pitcher in Club history to throw 6.0-or-more innings, allow zero runs and strike out six-or-more batters in his Tigers debut, joining Alex Main and Joe Niekro.

1,000 HIT CLUB: Kyle Seager collected his 1,000th career hit with a single to right field in the 8th inning on Saturday. Seager is the ninth player in club history to reach that milestone joining Ichiro Suzuki, Edgar Martinez, Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr., Jay Buhner, Alvin Davis, Raul Ibañez, Dan Wilson and Harold Reynolds.

THE YOUNGEST EVER TO 100: Roberto Osuna pitched a perfect 1-2-3 ninth inning last night for his 100th career save. At 23 years and 62 days old, he became the youngest pitcher in MLB history to reach 100 saves, and he tied Billy Koch for third on Toronto's all-time saves list (2nd: Duane Ward-121). The youngest Blue Jay to reach the milestone before last night was Koch at 26 years and 293 days old.

BROOKLYN, 1914: In Sunday's 5-0 loss at PNC Park, Pittsburgh's Jameson Taillon pitched his first career Major League shutout when he blanked the Reds on one hit. The Reds' only hit came from pitcher Tyler Mahle. Sunday's game marked the first time since September 19, 2014 that the Reds have been shut out on one hit with the lone hit produced by their pitcher. The Brooklyn Robins' Jeff Pfeffer shut out the Reds and earned the 6-0 victory on 9/19/14 at Ebbets Field. The Reds' only hit of the game that day came from Earl Yingling who pinch hit in the sixth inning and remained in the game as Cincinnati's pitcher. Yingling went 1-for-2, with his hit coming in his second at-bat in the eighth inning while he was Reds' pitcher (Courtesy of Elias Sports Bureau).

APRIL POWERS: Eric Thames has 15 home runs in the month of April over the last two seasons (11 in 2017; 4 in 2018), which is tied for the Major League lead with the Nationals' Bryce Harper (9/6).

FROM ELIAS: Jacob Rhame became the fifth Mets rookie to earn a save in one of the team's first 10 games of a season on Sunday. The four others: Bob Apodaca (1974), Rick Baldwin (1975), Mardie Cornejo (1978) and Orber Moreno (2004).

MOUNTAIN WINS: Starting pitcher Joey Lucchesi received his first career Major League win, pitching 6.0 innings of two-hit ball, allowing two runs (unearned) while fanning eight. He became just the seventh pitcher in Padres history to not allow a single earned run in at least 6.0 IP at Coors Field (last: Christian Friedrich, June 12, 2016).

CARDIAC CARDS: On Tuesday night, the Cardinals became the first team to tie a game in the bottom of the ninth, then again in the 10th before winning in the bottom of the 11th in nearly four years. The last to do so were the Diamondbacks, against the Braves, June 7, 2014 (MLB.com).

MY COUSIN VINNY: With two hits last Monday, Carlos González passed Vinny Castilla to move into fourth place all-time in Rockies history with 1,207 hits. González is now 66 hits from passing Dante Bichette (1,278) for third-most in franchise history.

WATCH THE THRONE: After a change to a scoring decision on March 30th at Atlanta, Scott Kingery has been credited with a stolen base off right-hander Mike Foltyniewicz. At the time, Kingery reached second base on a wild pitch and advanced to third on a throwing error by Braves catcher, Kurt Suzuki. Kingery, who went 2-for-4 at the plate that night, joins Jimmy Rollins as the only two Phillies since 1900 with two-or-more hits and a stolen base in a Major League debut. The last Major League player before Kingery to do so was Miguel Andújar of the New York Yankees on June 28, 20017 against the Chicago White Sox.

NO HOME RUNS: The Braves bullpen opened the season without allowing a home run through their first 11 games. The last time the Braves' relievers opened with a longer streak was in 2013, when the bullpen set an Atlanta-era franchise record by going 21 straight games at the start of the year without allowing a home run. The 1994 bullpen holds the Atlanta record for fewest home runs in a season with 15.

THE MALLEX EFFECT: Outfielder Mallex Smith matched a career-high with four hits in Monday night's 5-4 win. Smith became the third Ray in franchise history with at least four hits and two stolen bases, joining Carl Crawford (7x-last June 29, 2010 at BOS) and Julio Lugo (July 7, 2005 vs. DET). Mallex was the first Ray with four hits, a double and one triple in the same game since Evan Longoria hit for the cycle last August 1st at Houston. His seven total bases were the second-most of his career behind May 17, 2016 at Pittsburgh (8, with ATL).

MINNESOTA'S GREATEST HITS: With another hit Wednesday night, Joe Mauer now needs two hits to reach 2,000 for his career, which would join Hall of Famers Kirby Puckett and Rod Carew as the only players in Club history to reach the mark. Eleven active players have reached the 2,000 hit plateau, most recently Adrián González in August of 2017.

JAKOB JUNIS: Right-hander Jakob Junis has started the season with back-to-back scoreless starts of 7.0 IP, becoming the sixth Royal to begin the season with at least two scoreless starts. The group includes Zack Greinke, who had three straight to begin his 2009 Cy Young Award winning season. Junis is the second Royal to start with back-to-back scoreless starts of at least 7.0 innings, joining Danny Jackson, who started the 1985 season with back-to-back complete game shutouts. He joins David Price as the only pitchers to begin 2018 with 7.0 scoreless innings in back-to-back starts. The longest scoreless streak by a Royal in 2017 was 15.2 IP (Jason Vargas).

THE COLE TRAIN: Starting pitcher Gerrit Cole has posted a 0.64 ERA (1ER/14IP) with 22 strikeouts in his two starts with the Astros. Cole became the first pitcher in Astros history to post at least 11 strikeouts in his first two starts with the club. The right-hander also set a franchise record with 22 combined strikeouts through a players first two starts, besting the previous record of 20, reached by Turk Farrell (1962), Tom Griffin (1969), J.R. Richard (1971) and Hall of Famer Randy Johnson (1998).

LEADING OFF: On Tuesday night, Mookie Betts reached base in all five plate appearances, scored a career-high five runs, hit his third career grand slam, and doubled twice. Since RBI became an official stat in 1920, Betts is the only Red Sox player with four hits, runs scored and RBI in a game against the Yankees. Through 10 games, Betts recorded 13 runs scored, tied for the most by a Red Sox player in the team's first 10 games of any season since at least 1908 (also Dom DiMaggio in 1942).

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April 1 st	Justin Smoak, TOR (.467/.529/1.00, 2 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI)	Adam Eaton, WSH (.615, 7 R, 8 H, 2 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI)
April 8 th	Shohei Ohtani, LAA (3 HR, 7 RBI; 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 12 SO)	Jameson Taillon, PIT (2-0, 1.26 ERA, 14.1 IP, 16 SO)