



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

## EXTRA-BASE HIT HISTORY

On Tuesday night against the Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park, Atlanta Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and his 14<sup>th</sup> home run of the season. The multi-hit effort was his 19<sup>th</sup> on the season, and are the most by a player younger than 22 years old within their Club's first 50 games of a season since Manny Machado of the Baltimore Orioles, who logged 22 multi-hit games during his All-Star 2013 campaign. Additionally, his 19 multi-hit outings are the most by a second baseman under the age of 22 in the team's first 50 games of a season, besting the previous mark of 17 set by Hall of Famer Roberto Alomar (1989).

Moreover, the round-tripper was Ozzie's 31<sup>st</sup> extra-base hit of the season. Since 1908, the Curaçao native is just the sixth player, and first second baseman, younger than 22 years old to register at least 30 extra-base hits in his team's first 50 games of a season. Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda and Vada Pinson were the last to accomplish the feat, doing so during the 1959 season. Below is a table depicting each young player's hot start to their respective seasons.

Player, Club	Year	Age	R	H	2B	3B	HR	XBH
Vada Pinson, CIN	1959	20	26	44	18	6	8	32
Hal Trosky, CLE	1934	21	26	44	16	4	11	31
<b>Ozzie Albies, ATL</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>
Eddie Mathews, MIL	1953	21	29	40	8	4	19	31
Ken Keltner, CLE	1938	21	22	43	14	5	11	30
Orlando Cepeda, SF	1959	21	24	42	15	3	12	30

Entering play today, Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder Mookie Betts has logged 36 extra-base hits to pace all Major League hitters (Albies ranks second). Across Boston's first 50 games of the season, the 25-year-old is the 21<sup>st</sup> player since 1908 to tally that many extra-base hits in his team's first 50 games, and the first since his former teammate David Ortiz (37) during his 2016 season. As seen in the table below, Mookie is just the fifth player younger than 26 years old to accomplish the feat, and the first since Hall of Famer Hank Aaron recorded 38 extra-base hits during the 1959 campaign. The Nashville, Tennessee native is also the first player since 1908 to post four games (April 10<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>) with at least three extra-base hits within his Club's first 50 games.

Player, Club	Year	Age	R	H	2B	3B	HR	XBH
Lou Gehrig, NYY	1927	24	40	58	19	7	14	40
Chuck Klein, PHI	1930	25	43	62	16	3	19	38
Hank Aaron, MIL	1959	25	31	62	20	3	15	38
Vic Saier, CHI	1915	24	31	45	22	8	6	36
<b>Mookie Betts, BOS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>
Joe Medwick, STL	1937	25	32	52	20	3	12	35

## AMERICAN LEAGUE PICKS BY CLUB

### BALTIMORE ORIOLES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#11 Overall - First Round  
#37 Overall - CB Round A  
#87 Overall - Third Round  
#115 Overall - Fourth Round  
#145 Overall - Fifth Round



### BOSTON RED SOX

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#26 Overall - First Round  
#64 Overall - Second Round  
#100 Overall - Third Round  
#130 Overall - Fourth Round  
#160 Overall - Fifth Round



### CHICAGO WHITE SOX

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#4 Overall - First Round  
#46 Overall - Second Round  
#81 Overall - Third Round  
#108 Overall - Fourth Round  
#138 Overall - Fifth Round



### CLEVELAND INDIANS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 7

#29 Overall - First Round  
#35 Overall - First Round (Comp)  
#41 Overall - CB Round A  
#67 Overall - Second Round  
#103 Overall - Third Round  
#133 Overall - Fourth Round  
#163 Overall - Fifth Round



### DETROIT TIGERS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#1 Overall - First Round  
#44 Overall - Second Round  
#79 Overall - Third Round  
#105 Overall - Fourth Round  
#135 Overall - Fifth Round



### HOUSTON ASTROS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#28 Overall - First Round  
#66 Overall - Second Round  
#102 Overall - Third Round  
#132 Overall - Fourth Round  
#162 Overall - Fifth Round



### KANSAS CITY ROYALS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 8

#18 Overall - First Round  
#33 Overall - First Round (Comp)  
#34 Overall - First Round (Comp)  
#40 Overall - CB Round A  
#58 Overall - Second Round  
#94 Overall - Third Round  
#122 Overall - Fourth Round  
#152 Overall - Fifth Round



### LOS ANGELES ANGELS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#17 Overall - First Round  
#57 Overall - Second Round  
#93 Overall - Third Round  
#121 Overall - Fourth Round  
#151 Overall - Fifth Round



### MINNESOTA TWINS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#20 Overall - First Round  
#59 Overall - Second Round  
#74 Overall - CB Round B  
#124 Overall - Fourth Round  
#154 Overall - Fifth Round



### NEW YORK YANKEES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#23 Overall - First Round  
#61 Overall - Second Round  
#97 Overall - Third Round  
#127 Overall - Fourth Round  
#157 Overall - Fifth Round



### OAKLAND ATHLETICS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#9 Overall - First Round  
#50 Overall - Second Round  
#70 Overall - CB Round B  
#85 Overall - Third Round  
#113 Overall - Fourth Round  
#143 Overall - Fifth Round



### SEATTLE MARINERS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#14 Overall - First Round  
#54 Overall - Second Round  
#90 Overall - Third Round  
#118 Overall - Fourth Round  
#148 Overall - Fifth Round



### TAMPA BAY RAYS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 8

#16 Overall - First Round  
#31 Overall - First Round (Comp)  
#32 Overall - First Round (Comp)  
#56 Overall - Second Round  
#71 Overall - CB Round B  
#92 Overall - Third Round  
#120 Overall - Fourth Round  
#150 Overall - Fifth Round



### TEXAS RANGERS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#15 Overall - First Round  
#55 Overall - Second Round  
#91 Overall - Third Round  
#119 Overall - Fourth Round  
#149 Overall - Fifth Round



### TORONTO BLUE JAYS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#12 Overall - First Round  
#52 Overall - Second Round  
#88 Overall - Third Round  
#116 Overall - Fourth Round  
#146 Overall - Fifth Round

## NATIONAL LEAGUE PICKS BY CLUB

### ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#25 Overall – First Round  
#39 Overall – CB Round A  
#63 Overall – Second Round  
#99 Overall – Third Round  
#129 Overall – Fourth Round  
#159 Overall – Fifth Round



### ATLANTA BRAVES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 4

#8 Overall – First Round  
#49 Overall – Second Round  
#112 Overall – Fourth Round  
#142 Overall – Fifth Round



### CHICAGO CUBS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 7

#24 Overall – First Round  
#62 Overall – Second Round  
#77 Overall – Second Round (Comp)  
#78 Overall – Second Round (Comp)  
#98 Overall – Third Round  
#128 Overall – Fourth Round  
#158 Overall – Fifth Round



### CINCINNATI REDS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#5 Overall – First Round  
#47 Overall – Second Round  
#72 Overall – CB Round B  
#82 Overall – Third Round  
#109 Overall – Fourth Round  
#139 Overall – Fifth Round



### COLORADO ROCKIES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#22 Overall – First Round  
#42 Overall – CB Round A  
#76 Overall – Second Round (Comp)  
#96 Overall – Third Round  
#126 Overall – Fourth Round  
#156 Overall – Fifth Round



### LOS ANGELES DODGERS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#30 Overall – First Round  
#68 Overall – Second Round  
#104 Overall – Third Round  
#134 Overall – Fourth Round  
#164 Overall – Fifth Round



### MIAMI MARLINS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#13 Overall – First Round  
#53 Overall – Second Round  
#69 Overall – CB Round B  
#89 Overall – Third Round  
#117 Overall – Fourth Round  
#147 Overall – Fifth Round



### MILWAUKEE BREWERS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#21 Overall – First Round  
#60 Overall – Second Round  
#73 Overall – CB Round B  
#125 Overall – Fourth Round  
#155 Overall – Fifth Round



### NEW YORK METS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#6 Overall – First Round  
#48 Overall – Second Round  
#83 Overall – Third Round  
#110 Overall – Fourth Round  
#140 Overall – Fifth Round



### PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 3

#3 Overall – First Round  
#107 Overall – Fourth Round  
#137 Overall – Fifth Round



### PITTSBURGH PIRATES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#10 Overall – First Round  
#36 Overall – CB Round A  
#51 Overall – Second Round  
#86 Overall – Third Round  
#114 Overall – Fourth Round  
#144 Overall – Fifth Round



### ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 6

#19 Overall – First Round  
#43 Overall – CB Round A  
#75 Overall – Second Round (Comp)  
#95 Overall – Third Round  
#123 Overall – Fourth Round  
#153 Overall – Fifth Round



### SAN DIEGO PADRES

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#7 Overall – First Round  
#38 Overall – CB Round A  
#84 Overall – Third Round  
#111 Overall – Fourth Round  
#141 Overall – Fifth Round



### SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#2 Overall – First Round  
#45 Overall – Second Round  
#80 Overall – Third Round  
#106 Overall – Fourth Round  
#136 Overall – Fifth Round



### WASHINGTON NATIONALS

#### TOTAL PICKS IN FIRST 5 ROUNDS: 5

#27 Overall – First Round  
#65 Overall – Second Round  
#101 Overall – Third Round  
#131 Overall – Fourth Round  
#161 Overall – Fifth Round

## LUCKY SEVENS

In his lone start of the week on Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer fired 7.0 innings of two-run ball with 13 strikeouts. The three-time Cy Young Award winner logged his seventh outing with at least 10 punchouts, and has recorded at least seven punchouts in each of his first 10 starts.



The five-time All-Star is just the second pitcher since 1908 to begin a season with at least seven strikeouts in each of his first ten starts. Hall of Famer Randy Johnson posted streaks of 15 such outings during each of his Cy Young Award-winning seasons in 1999 and 2000. Arizona Diamondbacks starter Patrick Corbin posted the second-longest streak of the 2018 campaign, tossing six such starts with his streak concluding on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Scherzer, who is expected to make his next start tomorrow night against the Miami Marlins, eclipsed his previous personal record of eight starts with at least seven punchouts, which he posted last year during his Cy Young Award-winning campaign. Scherzer and Johnson are the only two hurlers to post a pair of streaks with at least eight starts to begin a campaign. Below is a table depicting the nine streaks of at least eight starts with seven strikeouts-or-more since 1908.

Pitcher, Club	Dates	Games	W-L	ERA	SO
Randy Johnson, ARI	April 4 - June 19, 2000	15	11-1	1.47	158
Randy Johnson, ARI	April 5 - June 14, 1999	15	9-2	2.96	151
<b>Max Scherzer, WSH</b>	<b>March 30 - May 19, 2018</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7-1</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>104</b>
Chris Sale, BOS	April 5 - May 19, 2017	9	4-2	2.19	95
Pedro Martínez, BOS	April 5 - May 18, 1999	9	8-1	1.89	102
Bob Feller, CLE	April 16 - May 21, 1946	9	6-3	2.03	93
Max Scherzer, WSH	April 7 - May 14, 2017	8	4-2	2.80	70
Curt Schilling, PHI	March 31 - May 7, 1998	8	4-3	1.74	90
Sam McDowell, CLE	April 11 - May 17, 1966	8	4-0	1.52	74



## INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

League	2018 Record	Batting Average	ERA
American League	27-40	.251 (578-for-2,307)	4.21
National League	40-27	.252 (579-for-2,297)	3.96

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



In the heading to last week's sheaf of player quotes, I referenced Yogi Berra's saying, "It's tough to hit and think at the same." I didn't know then that I was signaling what I would present this week but I suppose an all-Yogi entry was inevitable—even if, as he noted, "I really didn't say everything I said."

**YOGI BERRA:** "Branch Rickey, when he was general manager of the Cardinals, told me that I'd never be a ballplayer. I'd be a Triple A ballplayer, that's about it. When I signed with the Yankees [before the 1943 season], I get a telegram from Branch Rickey. "Report at Bear Mountain for spring training with the Dodgers." He knew he was going to the Dodgers; that's why he didn't want me to sign with the Cardinals. It was too late, though." Larry Berra (he was not yet known as Yogi) had been signed by the Yankees in 1943 and shipped out to the Piedmont League.

**YOGI BERRA:** "They let me finish out the season, playing with Norfolk, Virginia. Then I joined the Navy. We went in on the invasion. Normandy. We stayed on the water for ten days. We were lucky. Eighteen-year-old kid. It looked like the Fourth of July. I've never seen so many planes in my life."

**YOGI BERRA:** "Bobby Hoffman, who played with the Giants, gave me the nickname, "Yogi." We didn't have no dugouts. And I was sitting on the ground with my legs crossed and my arms crossed. And he says, 'You look like a Yogi.' And that stuck." Yogi's recollection in 2005 differed from the story told for decades before, that his friend from American Legion ball, Jack Maguire, said, after seeing a newsreel about India, said that Berra resembled a Hindu yogi whenever he sat around with arms and legs crossed waiting to bat.

**YOGI BERRA:** "I was a lousy catcher 'til they got Bill Dickey there. Dickey worked me hard. I liked it, though. And then it came easy." Yogi wore numbers 38 and 35 in his first years with the Yankees, then was awarded Dickey's old No. 8 in 1948. Today both catchers have the same retired number.

**YOGI BERRA,** honored with a night in his honor by the St. Louis Browns in 1947: "I want to thank all you fans for making this night necessary."

**YOGI BERRA,** on why he chose baseball for his career: "Where could you go and work three hours and make that kind of money?"

**YOGI BERRA,** speaking of a formerly favorite restaurant: "Nobody goes there anymore; it's too crowded."

**YOGI BERRA:** "Ninety percent of this game is half-mental."

**YOGI BERRA:** "You can observe a lot just by watching."

**YOGI BERRA:** "Always go to other people's funerals, or they won't go to yours."

**YOGI BERRA:** "The game's not over until it's over."

**YOGI BERRA:** "The future ain't what it used to be."



## **MLB ON-AIR THIS WEEK**

**(All Times ET)**

<b>Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics	3:35 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Cleveland Indians	6:10 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays	7:10 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Cleveland Indians	7:10 p.m.
<b>Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox	1:05 p.m.
	San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
<b>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Cleveland Indians	1:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Houston Astros at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	Washington Nationals at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox	1:05 p.m.
	Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians	1:10 p.m.



<b>Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers (FS1)	4:05 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees	7:15 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs	7:15 p.m.
	Houston Astros at Cleveland Indians	7:15 p.m.



<b>Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers	1:10 p.m.
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<b>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs	8:08 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Houston Astros at New York Yankees	1:05 p.m.
	Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians	4:10 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Colorado Rockies	7:10 p.m.



## **UPON FURTHER REVIEW**

Through 725 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 442 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-three seconds.

- \*442 Replay Reviews
- \*87 Confirmed (19.7%)
- \*142 Stands (32.1%)
- \*209 Overturned (47.3%)
- \*3 Rules Check (0.7%)
- \*1:23 Average Time



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

**THE GLEY-HEY KID:** Second baseman Gleyber Torres collected his first career multi-homer game on Monday at Texas. At 21 years, 159 days old, he became the second-youngest player in Yankees history with a multi-HR game. Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle hit two homers on August 11, 1952 vs. Boston at 20 years, 296 days. Both round-trippers came off Bartolo Colon (44.362), who is 23 years and 203 days older than Torres. This marks the third-largest age difference between an older pitcher and younger batter on a home run in Yankees history, behind Mantle/Hall of Famer Satchel Paige (25 years, 105 days difference) in 1951 and Bobby Murcer/Hoyt Wilhelm (23 years, 298 days difference) in 1969.

**COMMITTING ACTS OF THIEVERY:** Arizona had a season-high four stolen bases on Saturday against the Mets, the most since also swiping four bases on May 2, 2017 at the Nationals. Chris Owings and Jarrod Dyson each recorded two stolen bases, the sixth time in franchise history that the D-backs have had teammates with two-plus stolen bases, and the first time since June 24, 2016 at the Rockies (Michael Bourn and Jean Segura each with two).

**WHAT A START:** On Sunday, outfielder Tyler O'Neill became the eighth Cardinal in franchise history to homer in consecutive games within his first career nine games, joining Jeremy Hazelbaker (2016), Keith McDonald (2000), Andy Van Slyke (1983), Hal Smith (1956), Joe Cunningham (1954), Tom Alston (1954), and George Puccinelli (1930).

**HIT IT FAR, DRIVE THEM IN:** In his 50<sup>th</sup> career game on Saturday vs. Pittsburgh, third baseman Christian Villanueva became the fifth-fastest NL hitter (by games) to reach 15 career home runs and 30 career RBI (tied with Milwaukee's Ryan Braun and behind just Philadelphia's Rhys Hoskins, who did so in 32 games).

**1,100 AND COUNTING:** The winningest manager in Royals franchise history, Ned Yost recorded his 1,100<sup>th</sup> career win with Friday night's victory, good for sixth among active managers. He has a 645-665 regular season record at the helm for the Royals, surpassing Whitey Herzog's previous team mark of 410 wins (1975-79).

**STARTING STRONG:** The Tribe have received 23 starts of seven-or-more innings from its starters this season, second-most in MLB (Houston - 24). The Indians currently claim three pitchers in the American's League top 10 in ERA: Trevor Bauer (2.35, T-5<sup>th</sup>), Corey Kluber (2.36, 7<sup>th</sup>) and Mike Clevinger (2.87, 9<sup>th</sup>).

**RAGING BULL:** Phillies outfielder Odúbel Herrera saw his career-best 45-game on-base streak, and the fourth-longest streak in Phillies franchise history, snapped in Sunday's game at St. Louis. He posted a .355/.418/.552 slash line over 194 plate appearances during the streak, which ranged from September 27, 2017 to May 19, 2018. Herrera had also reached base safely in each of his 41 games to begin the season which is tied for the ninth-longest streak to begin a season in Major League history with Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig and Luke Appling, as well as Toby Harrah.

**WHAT'S MY AGE AGAIN?:** The star of Washington's Monday night 10-2 win was 19-year-old Juan Soto, who clubbed the first pitch he saw into San Diego's bullpen to give the Nationals an early 3-0 lead. With the homer, he became the first teenager to hit a home run in a Major League game since his teammate Bryce Harper accomplished the feat on September 30, 2012 at St. Louis. At 19 years, 208 days, Soto became the youngest player to homer in a game since Jurickson Profar (19 years, 195 days) on September 2, 2012 at Cleveland.

**HEY, HEY HAPPY!** With solo homers in both ends of Saturday's twin bill, Ian Happ became the first Cub to homer in both games of a doubleheader since Chris Coghlan did so July 8, 2014 in Cincinnati. In the early game, Happ had three hits, recording a double, a triple and a home run. He's the first Cub to collect exactly one double, one triple and one home run in a game since Aramis Ramirez did so on July 1, 2006, vs. the White Sox.

**SHO-KKKKKKKK:** With nine strikeouts on Sunday, Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Shohei Ohtani extended his Club record for most strikeouts through his first seven games (52). He became the fourth Japanese pitcher with at least 50 strikeouts through his first seven games, joining Masahiro Tanaka (58), Hideo Nomo (55) and Yu Darvish (51). He became the first AL player ever to log at least 11 strikeouts in two of first six career games.

**ON THE DEFENSIVE:** Astros shortstop Carlos Correa has not made an error in 48 games this year and has gone errorless in 58 consecutive games dating back to September 20, 2017. Correa is now one errorless game shy of the club record for a shortstop (59 games), set by Roger Metzger from June 8 - August 14, 1976.

**SECOND BEST:** Second baseman Jonathan Schoop hit a seventh-inning home run in Friday's 7-4 win. It marked the 93<sup>rd</sup> home run of his career, passing Brian Roberts for the most home runs by a second baseman (primary position) in Orioles history (since 1954).

**FREE WILLY:** On Tuesday night, Willy Adames (22 years, 262 days) became the youngest positional player to make his Major League debut for the Rays since outfielder Wil Myers on June 18, 2013 at Boston, and the youngest infielder since Reid Brignac on July 4, 2008 vs. Kansas City. He homered off Chris Sale in his second career at-bat and became the fifth Ray to homer in his Major League debut, following Brandon Guyer on May 6, 2011; Elijah Dukes on April 2, 2007; Delmon Young on August 29, 2006; and Brent Abernathy on June 25, 2001.

**ONE IS ALL IT TAKES:** The Mariners have won three 1-0 games this season: April 24<sup>th</sup> at Chicago, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Minnesota and May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Oakland. Through 48 games, the 2018 Mariners are tied for the third-most 1-0 wins in Club history (also: 2010, 2002 and 1979). Only the Mariners clubs of 2012 (six) and 2009 (four) have won more games by a final score of 1-0. Seattle's three 1-0 wins are tied with Pittsburgh for the Major League-lead this season.

**NEVER QUIT WITH SNIT:** The Braves rallied from a five-run ninth-inning deficit on Sunday to beat Miami 10-9 for their biggest ninth-inning comeback in exactly eight years, when Brooks Conrad capped a seven-run rally with a game-ending grand slam on May 20, 2010 vs. Cincinnati.

**FROM THE NINTH SPOT:** Infielder Amed Rosario became the fourth Met to register a multi-homer game from the ninth spot in the batting order in team history. The others are Curtis Granderson (August 30, 2016 vs. Miami), Noah Syndergaard (May 11, 2016 at Los Angeles-NL) and Walt Terrell (August 6, 1983 at Chicago-NL).

**YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR FIRST:** In just his third big league game, outfielder Austin Meadows connected off San Diego's Jordan Lyles on Sunday for his first Major League home run, while going 3-for-4 in the contest. The 23-year-old Meadows made his debut on Friday and went 2-for-4, singling off San Diego's Tyson Ross for his first hit.

**ONE-TWO PUNCH:** Mookie Betts (16 HR) and J.D. Martinez (15 HR) are the first pair of Red Sox teammates to ever hit at least 15 home runs apiece within the team's first 50 games of a season.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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)
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Verlander, HOU (1-0, 0.60 ERA, 15.0 IP, 20 SO, 2 BB)	Max Scherzer, WSH (2-0, 1.13 ERA, 1 CG SHO, 21 SO)
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Manny Machado, BAL (.500, 7 R, 11 H, 2 2B, 5 HR, 8 RBI) Sean Manaea, OAK (1-0, No-Hitter, 10 SO, 2 BB)	Patrick Corbin, ARI (2-0, 15.0 IP, 2 ER, 19 SO, 2 BB)
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Didi Gregorius, NYY (.357/.419/.821, 7 R, 4 HR, 10 RBI)	Joey Votto, CIN (.360, 7 R, 1 2B, 4 HR, 8 RBI, .543 OBP)
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Francisco Lindor, CLE (.425, 17 H, 4 HR, 4 2B, 10 RBI, 23 TB)	A.J. Pollock, ARI (.423, 5 R, 4 HR, 1 2B, 1 3B, 8 RBI, 2 SB)
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	James Paxton, SEA (1-0, No-Hitter, 11 SO, 3 BB, 15.0 IP) Francisco Lindor, CLE (.600/.652/1.400, 8 R, 4 2B, 4 HR)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (.591, 7 R, 2 2B, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 27 TB)
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	J.D. Martinez, BOS (.346, 7 R, 2 2B, 5 HR, 8 RBI, 26 TB)	Brandon Belt, SF (.444/.500/1.074, 12 H, 5 HR, 11 RBI, 29 TB)

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

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Didi Gregorius, NYY (.327, 24 R, 32 H, 8 2B, 10 HR, 30 RBI)	A.J. Pollock, ARI (.291, 20 R, 8 2B, 9 HR, 24 RBI, 6 SB)

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Sean Manaea, OAK (4-2, 1.03 ERA, 37 SO, 1 no-hitter)	Max Scherzer, WSH (5-1, 1.62 ERA, 57 SO, 9 BB, 39.0 IP)

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Shohei Ohtani, LAA (.341, 4 HR, 12 RBI; 2-1, 4.43 ERA)	Christian Villanueva, SD (.321, 15 R, 25 H, 8 HR, 19 RBI)

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

MONTH	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
April	Edwin Díaz, SEA (14 G, 11 SV, 0.63 ERA, 27 SO, 2 H)	Josh Hader, MIL (4 SV, 1.00 ERA, 39 SO, 5 BB, 18.0 IP)