

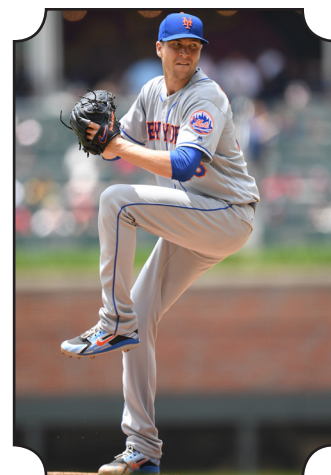


# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

## THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

### EVERYTHING BUT THE WIN

On Monday night against the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field, New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom earned his fifth win of the season after allowing one earned run across 8.0 innings of work. deGrom, who is expected to make his next start tomorrow against the Los Angeles Dodgers, enters play today in the midst of a seven-start streak in which he has tossed at least 7.0 innings without permitting more than two earned runs. The 30-year-old deGrom, who also posted a streak of seven such starts during his All-Star 2015 campaign, is one of just four hurlers in franchise history to log such a streak in a single season, joining Hall of Famer Tom Seaver (1969, 71, 72, 73), Dwight Gooden (1985) and Jerry Koosman (1968-69).



Jacob's victory in Colorado on Monday night snapped a streak in which the right-hander did not earn a win despite tossing at least 7.0 innings and not allowing more than two earned runs in five straight starts. The Stetson University product became just the 10<sup>th</sup> pitcher since 1912 to log a stretch of five such starts in the same season, and the first since Jeff Samardzija in 2014. Joe Magrane holds the innocuous record with a streak of seven such starts in 1988, the season in which he won the NL ERA title with a 2.18 mark on the season. Below is a table detailing each starter's tough-luck stretch.

In addition, deGrom has logged seven starts this season in which he allowed one-or-fewer runs and the Mets lost the game. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his seven such outings are tied for the most in an entire season since 1893, joined by Samardzija (2014), Roger Clemens (2005), Hall of Famers Tom Glavine (2003) and Don Drysdale (1964), and Roger Craig (1963).

Pitcher, Club	Streak Dates	G	W-L	IP	SO	BB	ERA
Joe Magrane, STL	June 27 - August 2, 1988	7	0-3	51.1	33	16	1.58
<b>Jacob deGrom, NYM</b>	<b>May 23 - June 13, 2018</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.25</b>
Jeff Samardzija, CHI	March 31 - April 23, 2014	5	0-2	35.1	27	9	1.53
Carlos Silva, MIN	July 10 - August 3, 2005	5	0-2	38.0	16	2	2.13
Randy Johnson, ARI	June 25 - July 15, 1999	5	0-4	40.0	62	12	1.13
Don Drysdale, LAD	July 19 - August 9, 1967	5	0-1	35.0	22	6	2.31
Jim Merritt, MIN	July 8 - 26, 1967	5	0-3	44.0	34	3	1.84
Ed Hanyzewski, CHI	August 29 - September 18, 1943	5	0-4	39.2	19	11	0.91
Bob Harmon, PIT	May 30 - June 19, 1918	5	0-4	42.1	4	5	1.70
Doc Watson, CHI	July 17, 1914 - August 12, 1914	5	0-4	43.0	9	13	1.47

## 1,500 GAMES IN

On Monday against the Pittsburgh Pirates, All-Star first baseman Joey Votto played in the 1,500<sup>th</sup> game of his storied career. Entering play today, Votto, who made his debut for the Cincinnati Reds in 2007, owns a career slash line of .313/.428/.536 across 1,502 career games. The Toronto, Canada native is just the sixth player since 1871 to post a slash line of at least .310/.425/.530 across 1,500-or-more games played, joining Hall of Famers Jimmie Foxx, Lou Gehrig, Rogers Hornsby, Babe Ruth and Ted Williams. The 2010 NL MVP, who has played every game of his career in Cincinnati, would join Gehrig (New York Yankees) and Williams (Boston Red Sox) as the only players to accomplish the feat with one team. Below is a table depicting each player's cumulative stat lines, sorted by batting average.



Player	BA	OBP	SLG	G	R	H	2B	HR	RBI
Rogers Hornsby	.358	.434	.577	2,259	1,579	2,930	541	301	1,584
Ted Williams	.344	.482	.634	2,292	1,798	2,654	525	521	1,839
Babe Ruth	.342	.474	.690	2,503	2,174	2,873	506	714	2,214
Lou Gehrig	.340	.447	.632	2,164	1,888	2,721	534	493	1,995
Jimmie Foxx	.325	.428	.609	2,317	1,751	2,646	458	534	1,922
<b>Joey Votto</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>.428</b>	<b>.536</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>866</b>

In addition to his outstanding career batting ratios, the left-handed slugger enters play today with 264 home runs, 358 doubles and 1,049 walks to go along with his .313 career batting average. Since 1871, only 16 other players have reached those totals while maintaining at least a .300 batting average, 11 of which are currently in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The table below details each of the 17 player's stats.

Player	BA	HR	2B	BB
Ted Williams	.344	521	525	2,021
Babe Ruth	.342	714	506	2,062
Lou Gehrig	.340	493	534	1,508
Stan Musial	.331	475	725	1,599
Jimmie Foxx	.325	534	458	1,452
Miguel Cabrera	.316	465	556	1,087
Todd Helton	.316	369	592	1,335
<b>Joey Votto</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,048</b>
Manny Ramirez	.312	555	547	1,329
Edgar Martinez	.312	309	514	1,283
Hank Aaron	.305	755	624	1,402
George Brett	.305	317	665	1,096
Mel Ott	.304	511	488	1,708
Albert Pujols	.303	626	629	1,264
Chipper Jones	.303	468	549	1,512
Willie Mays	.302	660	523	1,464
Frank Thomas	.301	521	495	1,667

## YOUNG SLUGGERS

Second baseman Gleyber Torres of the New York Yankees and outfielder Juan Soto of the Washington Nationals are both off to historic starts to their respective careers. On Tuesday night against the Seattle Mariners at Yankee Stadium, Torres, who was acquired in the trade for Aroldis Chapman in 2016, recorded his 14<sup>th</sup> home run in his 50<sup>th</sup> career game. Only in June, the Venezuelan native is on pace to break the Yankees record for the most home runs in a season at age 21-or-younger, currently held by Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio, who clubbed 29 round-trippers during his rookie All-Star 1936 season. Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle currently ranks second in Yankees lore, logging 23 home runs in 1952 and 21 homers in 1953.

In addition, the right-handed-swinging infielder became just the 10<sup>th</sup> player since 1908 to register at least 13 home runs in the first 50 games of his career while younger than 22 years old. All-Star first baseman Cody Bellinger of the Los Angeles Dodgers holds the Major League record, clubbing 19 home runs in the first 50 games of his NL Rookie of the Year-winning 2017 season. The table below depicts the 10 players' stat lines through their first 50 career games, ranked by home runs.

Player, Club	Year	HR	BA	OBP	SLG	RBI
Cody Bellinger, LAD	2017	19	.410	.455	1.377	34
Albert Pujols, STL	2001	16	.471	.548	1.431	29
<b>Gleyber Torres, NYY</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>.412</b>	<b>1.250</b>	<b>26</b>
Frank Robinson, CIN	1956	13	.481	.509	1.296	22
Adam Dunn, CIN	2001	13	.489	.607	1.447	22
Ron Swoboda, NYM	1965	13	.439	.465	1.439	21
Willie McCovey, SF	1959	13	.412	.423	1.196	21
Carlos Correa, HOU	2015	13	.482	.500	1.232	25
Orlando Cepeda, SF	1958	13	.520	.547	1.340	20
Tom Brunansky, CAL-MIN	1981	13	.415	.478	1.366	20

In June 18<sup>th</sup>'s makeup game against the New York Yankees at Nationals Park, Soto, who signed with Washington as a free agent in 2015, logged his eighth multi-hit game in his 25<sup>th</sup> career outing. Since 1908, the Dominican Republic native became the 10<sup>th</sup> player since 1908 to record eight multi-hit game in the first 25 games of his career while younger than 20 years old. Soto matched Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. and Tony Conigliaro for the eighth-most in history, while trailing Whitey Lockman (12), Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle (11), Harry Chiti (11), Phil Cavarretta (10), Claudell Washington (9), Aurelio Rodriguez (9) and Del Crandall (9).

Additionally, the teenage phenom has clubbed six home runs over the first 25 games of his rookie season, establishing a new record for the most homers by a teenager through his first 25 Major League contests. Below is a table listing teenagers who have hit at least three homers in their first 25 games.

Player, Club	Year	HR	BA	OBP	SLG	RBI
<b>Juan Soto, WSH</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>.526</b>	<b>1.500</b>	<b>12</b>
Lou Klimchok, KC	1958-59	5	.350	.350	1.100	8
Tony Conigliaro, BOS	1964	5	.368	.400	1.158	6
Andruw Jones, ATL	1996	5	.471	.526	1.529	7
Gary Sheffield, MIL	1988	4	.529	.529	1.235	11
Aramis Ramirez, PIT	1988	3	.400	.500	1.300	5
Mickey Mantle, NYY	1951	3	.357	.400	1.000	7
Ken Griffey Jr., SEA	1989	3	.700	.769	1.700	5
Harry Chiti, CHI	1952	3	.500	.500	1.333	6

## **LEGENDS LEAD THE FUTURES**

Ten-time All-Star David Ortiz and five-time All-Star Torii Hunter will lead the World Team and the U.S. Team, respectively, during the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Nationals Park, it was announced earlier today on MLB Network. The remainder of the coaching staffs, as well as rosters and umpires for the 2018 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game will be announced in the coming weeks.

The SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game, which is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, features the top Minor League prospects competing in a nine-inning contest as part of All-Star Sunday. The U.S. Team leads the all-time series, 12-7. Last year in Miami, the U.S. Team defeated the World, 7-6, for its seventh victory in the last eight years.



Ortiz, a native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, played 20 seasons in the Majors as a designated hitter/first baseman for the Minnesota Twins (1997-2002) and the Boston Red Sox (2003-16). In 2,408 games played, "Big Papi" hit .286 and collected 2,472 hits, 541 home runs, 1,768 RBI and 632 doubles. One of the most feared hitters of his generation, Ortiz led the Red Sox to three World Series titles in 2004, 2007 and 2013. Ortiz finished in the top five in American League Most Valuable Player voting in each of his first five seasons in Boston from 2003-07, including in 2006, when he finished with an AL-best 54 home runs, which is a Red Sox single-season franchise record. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the 2004 American League Championship Series after helping lift Boston out of a 3-0 series deficit against the archrival New York Yankees. Highlighted by his Game 4 walk-off home run, Ortiz hit .387 in the series with three home runs and 11 RBI as Boston became the first team to ever win a seven-game series after losing each of the first three contests. In 2013, the seven-time Silver Slugger Award winner hit .688 in the Fall Classic with two home runs and six RBI en route to the World Series Most Valuable Player Award presented by Chevrolet. Ortiz, who was originally signed by the Seattle Mariners in 1992, won the 2010 Home Run Derby at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, was honored with the 2011 Roberto Clemente Award, and is an eight-time recipient of the Edgar Martinez Outstanding DH Award. He currently sits 17<sup>th</sup> on Major League Baseball's all-time home runs list and ranks fourth all-time among Dominican-born players.

Hunter, who was selected by Minnesota with the 20<sup>th</sup> overall selection in the 1993 Draft, played 19 seasons as an outfielder in the Majors for the Twins (1997-07, 2015), Los Angeles Angels (2008-12) and Detroit Tigers (2013-14). In 2,372 games, the Pine Bluff, Arkansas native hit .277 with 2,452 hits, 353 home runs, 1,391 RBI, 498 doubles and 195 stolen bases. Known for his defensive prowess, Hunter claimed nine consecutive AL Gold Glove Awards from 2001-09. In 2002, Hunter was selected by the fans to start in his first All-Star Game at Miller Park in Milwaukee, becoming the first Twins outfielder to draw a Midsummer Classic start since Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett in 1995. Hunter delivered the highlight of the game in the bottom of the first inning, soaring high over the outfield wall to rob Barry Bonds of a home run. Torii, who was inducted into the Twins Hall of Fame in July 2016, led Minnesota to AL Central Division titles four times in five years from 2002-06, and was also part of two AL West-winning Angels teams (2008-09) and two AL Central-winning Tigers teams (2013-14). Hunter's son, Torii Jr., is currently an outfielder in the Angels organization after being drafted in the 23<sup>rd</sup> round of the 2016 Draft.

As part of its live All-Star Week programming, MLB Network will exclusively televise and MLB.com will live stream the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game at 4:00 p.m. (ET), with Greg Amsinger, Harold Reynolds, Lauren Shehadi and MLB.com prospect expert Jim Callis on the call live from Nationals Park.

SiriusXM, the Official Satellite Radio Partner of Major League Baseball, will provide live play-by-play coverage of the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game on MLB Network Radio (XM channel 89; Sirius channel 209) in addition to SiriusXM's other comprehensive live coverage from Washington, DC. The game will also be available to SiriusXM subscribers on the SiriusXM app for smart phones and mobile devices and online at SiriusXM.com.

Tickets are available for purchase for the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game and the All-Star Legends and Celebrity Softball Game by visiting [www.allstargame.com](http://www.allstargame.com) or visiting the box office at Nationals Park.



## **MLB COMING TO OMAHA IN 2019**

Major League Baseball announced today that the Kansas City Royals and the Detroit Tigers will play a regular season game in Omaha, Nebraska on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Honoring Omaha's baseball tradition, the first Major League game ever held in Nebraska will be televised nationally by ESPN and will be played at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha – one day before the Opening Celebration Day of the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Men's College World Series and two days before the event's first game. GEICO will be the presenting sponsor of the event as part of the new GEICO Summer Series. The game resulted from an agreement between MLB, the NCAA, Minor League Baseball, the Triple-A Omaha Storm Chasers and Omaha's Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA).

Today's announcement was made at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha and featured Commissioner of Baseball Robert D. Manfred, Jr.; the Royals' Dayton Moore, Senior Vice President and General Manager, and Kevin Uhlich, Senior Vice President, Business Operations; the Tigers' Al Avila, Executive Vice President and General Manager, and Duane McLean, Executive Vice President, Business Operations; the Mayor of the City of Omaha, Jean Stothert; Gary Green, Principal Owner and Chief Executive Officer of the Omaha Storm Chasers; Roger Dixon, President/CEO of MECA; and ESPN's Karl Ravech, one of the network's signature baseball voices at multiple levels of the game.

The 2019 game will follow other recent special events that have brought regular season play to non-traditional locales and have been telecast by ESPN. On July 3, 2016, the Atlanta Braves and the Miami Marlins played at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, a celebration of the servicemembers at the post and the first Major League game ever held in the state. On August 20, 2017, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals participated in the inaugural Little League Classic, which took place at Historic Bowman Field in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the home of the Little League World Series. The second Little League Classic presented by GEICO will be played this August 19th between the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Mets.

The Royals and the Storm Chasers, who helped make this event possible, share the game's longest relationship between a Major League Club and its Triple-A affiliate, spanning the careers of Hall of Famer George Brett and other Kansas City greats since its franchise inception in 1969. Thirty-two Major League players all-time were born in Omaha, including Hall of Famers Bob Gibson and Wade Boggs, and more than 100 all-time were born in Nebraska, including Hall of Famer Richie Ashburn and Royals' three-time All-Star Alex Gordon, a Lincoln native and a product of the University of Nebraska. Gibson pitched for Triple-A Omaha when it was a Cardinals' affiliate. As a member of the New York Giants' Minneapolis farm club in 1951, Hall of Famer Willie Mays was in Omaha when he was called up to the Majors. In 1889, Hall of Fame pitcher Kid Nichols was the ace of the Omaha Omahogs of the Western Association. The state of Nebraska has a long and distinguished tradition of Native Americans playing the game.

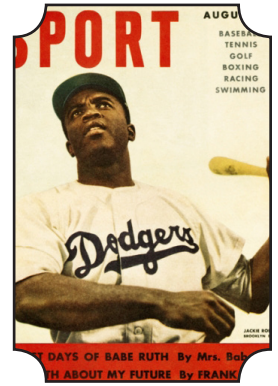
Commissioner Manfred said: "As fans enjoy the excitement of the College World Series, I am pleased to announce that we will be playing a Major League game in Omaha next season. We look forward to partnering with the NCAA and all the various parties who have worked hard to put this game together. This represents another significant step in our efforts to showcase the solidarity that links each level of our great game."

Omaha has hosted the College World Series since 1950, at Rosenblatt Stadium through 2010 and at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha since 2011.

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

What was it like, to be alive then? When New York City was the capital of baseball, with three of its five boroughs hosting big-league clubs and the World Series seeming to be municipal property? When the city hosted the greatest game, the greatest pennant race, the greatest teams, the greatest center fielders? When everything seemed bigger but somehow personal?

Those were the days when I learned about America, and baseball, and came to love each, separately and together. Though I lived in the Bronx for my first few years I quickly sensed that my baseball allegiance must be not to the privileged Yankees of that borough, nor to the Giants, just across the river in Manhattan. The Brooklyn Dodgers had been first to welcome an outsider—Jackie Robinson—so that was the team for me.



Today I'd like to offer a bouquet of quotations honoring Brooklyn baseball, particularly from those "glory days" of my youth, which began with the arrival in Brooklyn of Jack Roosevelt Robinson.

**ALAN LELCHUK:** "After a great victory in war, there was a feeling that merit would be recognized. It was like coming into a bright light. The feeling that not only had we made it through, we, children of immigrants, were on the way up."

**MARNIE BERNSTEIN:** "Many of us were first-generation Americans, and we were given strong doses of patriotic indoctrination. Assemblies began with a color guard procession, with a huge American flag. We were dressed all alike: girls in white middie blouses with red ties and navy pleated skirts, boys in white shirts, red ties, and navy pants. We sang a lot of hymns and all the Christmas carols, even though at least half of the children were Jewish. But no one seemed to mind."

**RED BARBER:** "Part of the modern tumult at Ebbets Field on nights, Sundays and the big games is not difficult to locate. It stems from Section 17, behind the Brooklyn bench on the first-base side, and the perpetrators are now known as the Dodger Sym-phoney. My claim to fame is that I named them. MacPhail thought in terms of the customer who paid for his seat in the ball park. What else could he do to please the fan in the stands? Why not music? Miss Gladys Gooding was brought into Ebbets Field to preside at the console of an electric organ. She is one of the few woman in the public eye (or ear) with a full-time job in baseball."



**RACHEL ROBINSON:** "People have a need to think of Rickey, and this is what racism is all about, as being the dominant person and having manipulated Jack as though he were some kind of puppet. To this business of Mr. Rickey's saying after two years, 'Okay, Jack, now the wraps are off, you can be yourself,' well, that didn't happen. Jack knew when things were settled down enough. Rickey was never the arrogant white man nor paternalistic. He made himself a partner in 'our' enterprise."

**BRANCH RICKEY:** "Possibly the very next generation will look back with incredulity upon everything that was a problem to us today in this country, and wonder what the issue was all about. I know that America is more interested in the grace of a man's swing, in the dexterity of his cutting a base and his speed afoot, in his scientific body control, in his excellence as a competitor on the field than they are in the pigmentation of a man's skin, or indeed in the last syllable of his name. God hasten the day when Governors of our States will become sufficiently educated that they will respond to those views."



**BUCK O'NEIL:** "We were elated [after Robinson got signed] but it was the death knell for our baseball. But who cared?"

**LYLE SPATZ,** on Game 3 of NL playoff, October 1951: "The class ended during the Giants ninth, and so several of us moved to the hall near the staircase to hear the end. Of course we were hoping to celebrate, so when Thomson hit the home run we were all in shock. Bobby Siegel took the radio, it was a little red Emerson, held it over his head and then heaved it down the stairway."

**CARL ERSKINE:** "No more perfect a place existed than Brooklyn for the type of social transformation that Robinson would lead. I don't think [the fans] realized at the time just how much they meant to the civil rights movement."

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

**(All Times ET)**

<b>Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds	7:10 p.m.
	Toronto Blue Jays at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets	7:10 p.m.
<b>Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Texas Rangers at Minnesota Twins	2:10 p.m.
<b>Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Seattle Mariners at Boston Red Sox	1:05 p.m.
<b>Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Los Angeles Angels at Kansas City Royals	4:15 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Philadelphia Phillies	7:05 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Washington Nationals at Tampa Bay Rays	12:10 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Toronto Blue Jays at Houston Astros	2:10 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at Boston Red Sox	7:10 p.m.



<b>Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays (FS1)	4:10 p.m.
	Seattle Mariners at Boston Red Sox	7:15 p.m.
	Kansas City Royals at Houston Astros	7:15 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets	7:15 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Arizona Diamondbacks at Miami Marlins (FS1)	7:10 p.m.



<b>Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Kansas City Royals at Milwaukee Brewers	2:10 p.m.
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<b>Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Philadelphia Phillies at Washington Nationals	8:05 p.m.
<b>Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.



## **UPON FURTHER REVIEW**

Through 1,100 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 632 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-four seconds.

- \*632 Replay Reviews
- \*128 Confirmed (20.3%)
- \*201 Stands (31.8%)
- \*297 Overturned (47.0%)
- \*5 Rules Check (0.8%)
- \*1 Record Keeping (0.2%)
- \*1:24 Average Time



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

**BROTHERS GOTTA HUG:** Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph and infielder Corban Joseph are the first set of brothers as teammates since Melvin Upton, Jr. and Justin Upton appeared on the roster together for the 2015 San Diego Padres. The Josephs are the 28<sup>th</sup> set of brothers as teammates in the majors since 1980. Cal Ripken, Jr. and Billy Ripken are the only other set of brothers as teammates in Orioles history (since 1954).

**DOUBLE VISION:** White Sox first baseman José Abreu ranks second in the Major Leagues with 26 doubles, and is on pace to hit 60 this season, which would be the most in the Majors since Colorado's Todd Helton doubled 59 times in 2000.

**FRANKIE KEEPS HITTING:** Indians shortstop Francisco Lindor powered the Tribe offense Tuesday night, going 2-for-4 with a pair of singles and two RBI. This marked Lindor's 29<sup>th</sup> multi-hit effort, second-most in the American League behind Seattle shortstop Jean Segura.

**GETTIN' IGGY WITH IT:** Tigers shortstop José Iglesias stole his 12<sup>th</sup> base of the season last night, establishing a new single season career high. Iglesias' 12 stolen bases rank tied for 17<sup>th</sup> in the American League.

**HOUSTON TRAFFIC:** Astros third baseman Alex Bregman has reached base safely in 30 consecutive games, second in the Major Leagues only behind Rangers outfielder Shin-Soo Choo, who has reached base safely in 34 consecutive games.

**MIKE MOUSTAKAS:** The Royals slugger crushed a solo home run in the ninth inning, his 14<sup>th</sup> of the season and first since June 8<sup>th</sup> in Oakland. It was just his third homer against a left-handed pitcher this season and first since May 25<sup>th</sup> at Texas.

**MILESTONE MAN:** In Tuesday's win against Washington, Yankees left-handed starting pitcher CC Sabathia collected his 1,500<sup>th</sup> strikeout as a Yankee in the fourth inning. Sabathia became the fifth player in franchise history to reach the mark.

**IAN KENNEDY:** The Kansas City pitcher dealt 8.0 shutout innings on Tuesday for the first time since April 16, 2017 against the Angels (40 starts in between). However, he remains winless in his last 12 starts since his win on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland, one shy of the longest active streak in the Majors (min. 1 start in 2018), trailing Chris Bassitt and Joe Biagini.

**BACK-TO-BACK:** Angels veterans Albert Pujols and Justin Upton's back-to-back home runs in the fourth frame of Monday night's game against the Diamondbacks marked first time Halos have done so in 2018.

**DUTCH TREAT:** Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius played in his 700<sup>th</sup> career game on Tuesday vs. Seattle, surpassing Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven (699) for the most games played by a Netherlands-born player.

**ROAD POP:** The A's have homered in 21 consecutive road games (39 home runs total), tying the longest streak in Athletics history.

**THE LEFTY FROM LADNER:** Over his last 10 starts, dating back to April 26<sup>th</sup>, Mariners starting pitcher James Paxton is 5-0 with a 2.73 ERA (20 ER, 66.0 IP) with 81 strikeouts and 14 walks. In this same stretch, he has posted a 0.92 WHIP (14 BB, 47 H, 66.0 IP) while limiting opponents to a .197 (47-for-239) average against.



**WHAT ZILLA DID:** On Tuesday night, Rays starting pitcher Blake Snell earned the victory despite a career-high 7 BB in 7 IP. He became the first pitcher to record at least 7 BB and 7 IP in a game since Diamondbacks pitcher Edwin Jackson in his no-hitter at Tropicana Field on June 25, 2010 (9-IP, 8-BB, 149-pitches).

**MORE ZEROS:** Diamondbacks reliever Yoshihisa Hirano (0.2 IP) set a franchise rookie record with his 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive scoreless appearance on Monday night.

**REDS & TIGERS:** Reds infielder Scooter Gennett and Tigers outfielder Nicholas Castellanos are two of only five players in the Major Leagues this season with at least 89 hits, 16 doubles and 41 RBI.

**TEAM WORK:** Miami, led by third baseman Brian Anderson (36) and first baseman Justin Bour (33), have seven players with over 25 RBI this season.

**MEN OF STEAL:** The Brewers currently rank second in the National League in stolen bases (55), trailing only Washington (59). The team leads the NL in stolen base percentage (55-for-68, 80.9%), including eight straight successful attempts.

**MATZ SINCE MAY:** Mets starting pitcher Steven Matz is 2-2 with a 2.47 ERA (12 earned runs/43.2 innings) in eight starts since the beginning of May. His 2.47 ERA since May 1<sup>st</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup>-lowest in the NL (min. 40.0 innings).

**A WHIFF OF RELIEF:** The Pittsburgh bullpen is averaging 9.72 strikeouts/per 9.0 innings pitched this season, the second-best ratio among National League pens behind Milwaukee (10.67). The Bucco relievers have whiffed 32 batters in their last 23.2 innings of work and have recorded at least one strikeout in 70 of the 72 games in which they have appeared this season.

**KEEP IT GOING:** With the Giants win against the Marlins on Wednesday, they avoided losing their first home series since dropping two of three games to Arizona from April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Since then, the Giants have gone 6-0-1 (win-lost-split) in their past seven home series.

**TAYLOR TIME:** On Wednesday, Nationals outfielder Michael Taylor extended his hitting streak to 11 games. During the streak, Taylor is 16-for-34 (.457) with three doubles, one homer, six RBI, four walks, eight stolen bases and six runs scored.



## INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2018 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	54-64	.244 (960-for-3,933)	4.15
National League	64-54	.248 (994-for-4,015)	3.88

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

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>
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)
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gleyber Torres, NYY (.368, 5 R, 5 HR, 9 RBI, 1.158 SLG)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (.500, 6 R, 2 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 23 TB)
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edwin Encarnacion, CLE (.407, 9 R, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 28 TB)	Matt Kemp, LAD (.429, 6 R, 3 HR, 8 RBI, .952 SLG)
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eduardo Escobar, MIN (.462, 9 XBH, 8 RBI, 26 TB, 1.000 SLG)	Paul Goldschmidt, ARI (.640, 10 R, 11 XBH, 11 RBI, 36 TB)
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Gattis, HOU (.417, 6 R, 2 2B, 4 HR, 15 RBI, 1.000 SLG)	Marcell Ozuna, STL (.455, 4 HR, 8 RBI, 22 TB, 1.000 SLG)

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

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>
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)
May	Francisco Lindor, CLE (27 R, 44 H, 13 2B, 10 HR, 23 RBI)	Scooter Gennett, CIN (.398, 6 2B, 8 HR, 24 RBI, .720 SLG)

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

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>
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)
May	Justin Verlander, HOU (3-2, 0.86 ERA, 41.2 IP, 50 SO, 7 BB)	Max Scherzer, WSH (4-0, 2.21 ERA, 40.2 IP, 63 SO, 10 BB)

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

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>
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)
May	Gleyber Torres, NYY (.317, 13 R, 26 H, 9 HR, 24 RBI)	Austin Meadows, PIT (.409, 9 R, 3 2B, 4 HR, 7 RBI, 3 SB)

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

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>
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)
May	Blake Treinen, OAK (14 G, 1-0, 10 SV, 0.59 ERA, 19 SO)	Brad Hand, SD (13 G, 11 SV, 0.61 ERA, 22 SO, 6 H)