

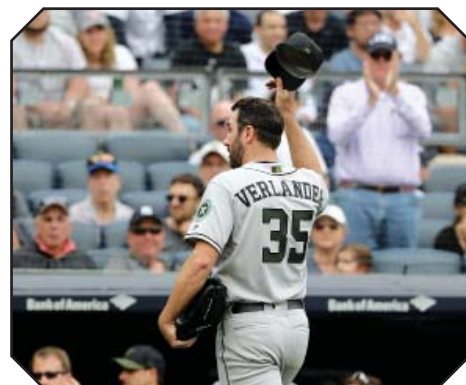


# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

## THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018

### HOUSTON'S DOMINANCE ON THE MOUND

On Memorial Day against the New York Yankees, All-Star starting pitcher Justin Verlander delivered 6.2 innings of one-run ball to lead Houston to a 5-1 victory. Monday's team pitching performance was the 36<sup>th</sup> outing this season in which the Astros limited the opposition to two earned runs-or-fewer, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> contest that Houston surrendered one earned run-or-fewer. Playing in their 57<sup>th</sup> game of the season last night, this year's Astros Club is just the 10<sup>th</sup> team in Baseball to limit opposing Clubs to two earned runs-or-fewer in at least 35 of its team's first 57 games, since 1930. The Club is the first to accomplish the feat since the 1972 Baltimore Orioles, who were led by Hall of Famer Jim Palmer. As seen from the detailed chart below, the 2018 Astros logged the most strikeouts (363) of any Club, while also limiting the opposition to the fewest hits (192).



Having limited opponents to one earned run-or-fewer in 23 contests thus far this season, this year's Astros Club is the 20<sup>th</sup> in the Majors since 1940, and the first since the 1989 San Francisco Giants, to post at least 23 such games in its first 57 contests. The 1968 Cleveland Indians hold the Major League record since 1940, logging 28 such outings.

Entering play today, three Astros starting pitchers rank in the top-four in ERA among qualified AL hurlers. Verlander paces the Majors with his miniscule 1.11 mark, while in the AL, Gerrit Cole (2.05) ranks third and Charlie Morton (2.26) occupies the fourth spot. As a Club, the Astros pitching staff holds the lowest team ERA in the Majors (2.68), while its starters also pace the Majors with a 2.54 mark. Lastly, Houston's bullpen leads the AL with a 3.02 ERA on the season.

Club	Year	Games	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO
Cleveland Indians	1968	39	29-9	351.1	193	100	294
Los Angeles Dodgers	1968	37	27-10	351.0	240	97	239
Chicago White Sox	1966	37	22-14	338.0	226	96	198
Baltimore Orioles	1972	37	31-6	329.0	226	65	186
Los Angeles Dodgers	1966	36	29-7	323.2	238	63	259
<b>Houston Astros</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31-5</b>	<b>322.0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>363</b>
St. Louis Cardinals	1943	35	21-12	311.1	211	102	124
New York Mets	1968	35	23-12	323.1	213	88	235
Detroit Tigers	1945	35	30-5	317.0	214	101	142
Chicago White Sox	1967	35	28-7	327.0	209	89	223

## **SIX AMATEUR PLAYERS TO ATTEND 2018 MLB DRAFT ON MONDAY**

Six amateur players are scheduled to attend Major League Baseball's 2018 Draft, which will be held on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at MLB Network's Studio 42 in Secaucus, New Jersey, it was announced today. The six scheduled attendees include third baseman Alec Bohm; first baseman Triston Casas; shortstop Xavier Edwards; catcher Anthony Siegler; right-handed pitcher Carter Stewart; and outfielder Travis Swaggerty.



### **ALEC BOHM, 3B** Wichita State University

**HT:** 6-5  
**Born:** 8/3/96

**WT:** 220  
**Hometown:** Omaha, NE

**B/T:** R/R

In 57 games played this season, Alec hit .339 (76-for-224) with 16 home runs, 55 RBI, 14 doubles, 57 runs scored, nine stolen bases, a .436 on-base percentage and a .625 slugging percentage. He played for the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod League last summer and was named an All-Star after batting .351 with five homers, 28 RBI and 10 doubles. Bohm started in 58 games during his sophomore season in 2017, batting .305 with 11 home runs, 40 RBI, 44 runs scored, 71 hits, 13 doubles, two triples and five stolen bases. He was selected First Team All-Missouri Valley following the season one year after being named Second Team All-Missouri Valley in 2016 following his freshman season. In 2016, Alec was also named a Collegiate Baseball First Team Freshman All-American after hitting .303 with six home runs, 30 RBI, 20 runs scored, 54 hits, 13 doubles and one triple.

### **TRISTON CASAS, 1B** American Heritage School (Florida)

**HT:** 6-4  
**Born:** 1/15/00

**WT:** 238  
**Hometown:** Pembroke Pines, FL

**B/T:** L/R

Prior to the 2018 season, Triston was named First Team All-American and Florida All-Region First Team by Rawlings-Perfect Game. In addition, he was selected 2017 Underclass First Team and 2016 Underclass Third Team by Rawlings-Perfect Game. Through 28 games played this season, he was batting .387 (29-for-75) with seven home runs, 34 RBI, six doubles, five triples and 30 runs scored. On the mound, he had made seven appearances without surrendering an earned run to go along with two saves and 19 strikeouts over 9.0 innings pitched. As a junior, he slashed .446/.559/.702 with four home runs, 18 RBI, five doubles, 33 hits and 22 runs scored. Following the season, he was selected to play in the Under Armour All-American Game for a second consecutive year. At 16 years old, Triston was the youngest player on the Team USA 18U National Team. He hit .333 with a pair of home runs and 11 RBI, while also pitching 3.0 innings in the tournament. During the summer of 2015, Casas hit .429 with two home runs and 10 RBI to lead USA Baseball's 15U team to a championship.

### **XAVIER EDWARDS, SS** North Broward Prep H.S. (Florida)

**HT:** 5-10  
**Born:** 8/9/99

**WT:** 195  
**Hometown:** Wellington, FL

**B/T:** S/R

Xavier joins Triston as a 2018 Rawlings-Perfect Game First Team All-American and Florida All-Region First Team. Additionally, he was selected 2017 Underclass First Team, 2016 Underclass Third Team and 2015 Underclass High Honorable Mention. Through 80 at-bats this season, he had slashed .434/.550/.658 with a home run, 14 RBI, 33 hits, four doubles, five triples, 35 runs scored and 20 stolen bases. As a junior, Edwards batted .425 (34-for-80) with a home run, 10 RBI, four doubles, two triples, 34 runs scored and 14 stolen bases. Xavier also participated in the 2017 Area Code Games and the Perfect Game All-American Classic.

**ANTHONY SEIGLER, C**  
Cartersville H.S. (Georgia)

**HT:** 6-0  
**Born:** 6/20/99

**WT:** 190  
**Hometown:** Cartersville, GA

**B/T:** S/S

Anthony has been named 2018 First Team All-American and Southeast All-Region First Team; 2017 Underclass First Team; and 2016 Underclass High Honorable Mention by Rawlings-Perfect Game. Seigler hit .421 this season with 16 stolen bases and 16 extra-base hits, including 13 home runs, to lead Cartersville to the Georgia AAAA State Championship. As an ambidextrous pitcher, he compiled a 1.09 ERA and 29 strikeouts over 25.2 innings pitched. Behind the plate, he threw out 12 of 21 baserunners attempting to steal. In 2017, he helped his team to the state semifinals, finishing with a 9-3 record and a 2.12 ERA over 62.2 innings pitched. In addition, he hit .283 with a .437 on-base percentage, 27 runs scored and 19 RBI at the plate. Anthony was selected to USA Baseball's 18U National Team Trials roster and was chosen by Perfect Game for the East roster of the 2017 All-American Classic.

**CARTER STEWART, RHP**  
Eau Gallie H.S. (Florida)

**HT:** 6-6  
**Born:** 11/2/99

**WT:** 200  
**Hometown:** Melbourne, FL

**B/T:** R/R

Carter was named First Team All-American and Florida All-Region First Team by Rawlings-Perfect Game prior to the 2018 season, following his Underclass First Team selection in 2017. Through 11 appearances on the mound this season, he was 6-4 with 128 strikeouts and a 0.91 ERA over 62.1 innings of work. At the plate, he was batting .313 with seven home runs and 22 RBI through 64 at-bats. During his junior season, Carter compiled an 11-2 record with a 0.81 ERA and 104 strikeouts over 69.1 innings pitched. Additionally, he slashed .313/.357/.563 at the plate with four home runs, 22 RBI, 20 hits and four doubles. Stewart was selected to play in the 2017 Tournament of Stars, as well as the Perfect Game All-American Classic.

**TRAVIS SWAGGERTY, OF**  
University of South Alabama

**HT:** 5-11  
**Born:** 8/19/97

**WT:** 180  
**Hometown:** Mandeville, LA

**B/T:** L/L

Prior to his junior season this year, Travis was named a First Team All-American by Baseball America, D1Baseball, NCBWA and Perfect Game. Additionally, he was selected Sun Belt Preseason Player of the Year, All-Sun Belt Conference and was named to the Preseason Golden Spikes Award Watch List. In 57 games played this season, Swaggerty hit .296 (63-for-213) with 13 home runs, 38 RBI, 10 doubles, 57 runs scored, nine stolen bases, a .455 on-base percentage and a .526 slugging percentage. As a sophomore in 2017, he led the Sun Belt in on-base percentage (.484), runs scored (55) and RBI (60), while ranking second in batting average (.356). He appeared in 19 games for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team, ranking second on the team in hits (21) and on-base percentage (.449) and helping the team to a 15-5 mark. During his freshman season in 2016, he posted a .422 slugging percentage and a .432 on-base percentage en route to being named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American. In addition, he led South Alabama with a .303 batting average, while also recording four home runs, 27 RBI, 12 doubles, one triple, 47 runs scored and 20 stolen bases in 59 games.

## **MLB TO HOST MEDIA LUNCHEON FOR 2018 MLB DRAFT ON MONDAY**

### **Amateur Players and Representatives of All 30 Clubs Among Invitees**

**WHAT:** Major League Baseball will host a media luncheon with the amateur players attending the 2018 Draft, as well as the representatives of all 30 Clubs. Each player and Club Representative has been invited to attend the media luncheon and many will be in attendance. A complete list of Club Representatives scheduled to attend the 2018 Draft accompanies this advisory. The amateur players scheduled to attend the 2018 Draft will be announced on Thursday.

**WHERE:** MLB, Office of the Commissioner  
245 Park Avenue (between 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Streets)  
29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10167

**WHEN:** Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>; 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET

**MEDIA:** Media members who wish to attend the luncheon should contact Lydia Devlin via e-mail at [lydia.devlin@mlb.com](mailto:lydia.devlin@mlb.com) no later than Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. (ET).

Media members may contact the MLB Communications Department at (212) 931-7878 for more information.

### **2018 MLB DRAFT CLUB REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> \* 7:00 P.M. (ET) \* DRAFT PREVIEW SHOW AT 6:00 P.M. (ET)**

*List of club representatives is tentative and subject to change.*

<b>AL CLUB</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S)</b>	<b>NL CLUB</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S)</b>
BAL	Gregg Olson, Tripp Norton	ARI	Junior Spivey, Joe Robinson
BOS	Fred Lynn, Edgar Perez	ATL	Dale Murphy, Ralph Garr
CWS	A.J. Pierzynski, Aaron Rowand	CHI	HOF Andre Dawson, Keronn Walker
CLE	John McDonald	CIN	Adam Dunn, John Ceperini
DET	Kirk Gibson, Murray Cook	COL	Brian Fuentes, Jesse Stender
HOU	Art Howe, Don Sanders	LAD	HOF Tommy Lasorda, Bobby Darwin
KC	Bo Jackson, Colin Gonzales	MIA	Juan Pierre, Geoff DeGroot
LAA	Tim Salmon	MIL	Geoff Jenkins, Mark Mueller
MIN	Joe Nathan, John Wilson	NYM	Mookie Wilson, Ray Corbett
NYY	Nick Swisher, Victor Roldan	PHI	Larry Bowa, Mickey Morandini
OAK	HOF Rollie Fingers	PIT	Rennie Stennett
SEA	Mike Moore, Dan Rovetto	SD	Tony Gwynn Jr., John Martin
TB	Sandy Dengler, Lou Wieben	SF	Ryan Vogelsong, Mike Murphy
TEX	Darren Oliver, Jeff Williams	STL	Bernard Gilkey, Jaelen Gilkey
TOR	Duane Ward, Matt O'Brien	WSH	Bob Boone, Johnny DiPuglia

## **TROUT'S NIGHT AT THE DISH**

On Saturday against the New York Yankees, All-Star outfielder Mike Trout went 5-for-5 with three runs scored, three doubles, a home run and four RBI. The two-time AL MVP established career highs in hits, doubles, extra-base hits (4) and total bases (11), and matched the Angels franchise record for extra-base hits, shared by 10 other players in team history.



Trout became just the second AL center fielder in MLB history to bat 5-for-5 with a homer, three doubles and four RBI in a single contest, joining Hall of Famer Ty Cobb, who accomplished the feat against the Chicago White Sox on May 7, 1922. In addition, only eight other players in Baseball history have logged at least three runs scored, three doubles, one home run and four RBI in a game, and Trout is the first to do so since Boston Red Sox outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. on August 15, 2015. Below is the full list of players who have recorded such games:

<b>Player, Club</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>
<b>Mike Trout, LAA</b>	<b>May 26, 2018</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Jackie Bradley Jr., BOS	August 15, 2015	5	5	3	2	7
Charlie Blackmon, COL	April 4, 2015	6	4	3	1	5
Ivan Rodríguez, DET	April 5, 2006	5	3	3	1	5
Steve Garvey, LAD	August 28, 1977	5	5	3	2	5
Willie Stargell, PIT	August 1, 1970	5	5	3	2	6
Lou Boudreau, CLE	July 14, 1946	5	3	4	1	4
Jimmie Foxx, PHI	April 24, 1933	5	3	3	1	7
Jimmy O'Connell, NYG	June 1, 1923	5	3	3	1	7

## **STILL PERFECT**

Entering Thursday's slate of games, six starting pitchers have started the 2018 campaign with a perfect record of 3-0 or better. Houston Astros ace Charlie Morton, who is expected to make his next start on Sunday against the Boston Red Sox, paces the group with seven victories. Below is a look at the complete list:

<b>Player, Team</b>	<b>W-L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>Next Scheduled Start</b>
Charlie Morton, HOU	7-0	2.26	67.2	47	17	22	85	Sunday vs. Boston
Miles Mikolas, STL	6-0	2.58	66.1	58	19	7	51	Friday vs. Pittsburgh
Jacob deGrom, NYM	4-0	1.52	65.1	47	11	19	85	Saturday vs. Chicago (NL)
Johnny Cueto, SF	3-0	0.84	32.0	16	3	6	26	Currently on 10-day DL
Adam Plutko, CLE	3-0	3.93	18.1	14	8	5	12	TBD
Hyun-Jin Ryu, LAD	3-0	2.12	29.2	16	7	10	36	Currently on 10-day DL



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



So far this season we have devoted entire weekly entries to baseball's greatest wordsmiths, Casey Stengel and Yogi Berra but none yet to baseball's greatest player and mythic hero, Babe Ruth. One page is not enough, so Ruth, like Berra and Stengel, will find themselves sprinkled into succeeding columns. But today, front and center, the Bambino, the Sultan of Swat, the one and only George Herman Ruth.

**HARRY FRAZEE**, owner of the Boston Red Sox: "I believe the sale of Babe Ruth will ultimately strengthen the team."

**JOE DUGAN**, teammate of Babe Ruth: "Born? Hell, Babe Ruth wasn't born. The sonofabitch fell from a tree."

**WAITE HOYT**, teammate of Babe Ruth: "Wives of ballplayers, when they teach their children their prayers, should instruct them to say: 'God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Babe Ruth!' Babe has upped daddy's paycheck by fifteen to forty percent."

**PHIL RIZZUTO**: "There was only one Babe Ruth. He went on the ball field like he was playing in a cow pasture, with cows for an audience. He never knew what fear or nervousness was. He played by instinct, sheer instinct. He wasn't smart, he didn't have any education, but he never made a wrong move on a baseball field."

"One of the greatest pitchers of all time, and then he became a great judge of a fly ball, never threw to the wrong base when he was playing the outfield, terrific arm, good base runner, could hit the ball twice as far as any other human being. He was like a damn animal. He had that instinct. They know when it's going to rain, things like that."

**CARL ERSKINE**, Brooklyn Dodger: "Many of my teammates and I were born in the 1920s, so we grew up when our national heroes were Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, two awesome players on some great Yankee teams. So when we played the first game of the 1949 World Series, it was the first time many of us had been in Yankee Stadium, 'The House that Ruth Built.' The Yankees had just remodeled the clubhouses and had moved the visitors' clubhouse to the third base side and relocated the Yankees behind first base. I will always believe the Yankees deliberately intimidated a young Dodger team in a very calculated way. When we entered the visitors' locker room, we were not only confronted with the atmosphere of being in a national baseball shrine, but we also noticed that, still in place and not yet moved to the Yankees' side, were the lockers and uniforms of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Yes, we lost the series, four games to one."



**JOHN KIERAN**, New York Times:

He's the Prince of Ash and the King of Crash, and that's not an idle jest.  
He can hit that ball o'er the garden wall, high up and far away,  
Beyond the aftermost picket lines where the fleet-foot fielders stray.  
He's the Bogey Man of the pitching clan and he clubs 'em soon and late;  
He has manned his guns and hit home runs from here to the Golden Gate;  
With vim and verve he has walloped the curve from Texas to Duluth,  
Which is no small task, and I beg to ask: Was there ever a guy like Ruth?

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

<b>Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Tampa Bay Rays at Oakland Athletics	3:35 p.m.
	Philadelphia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers	7:35 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros	8:10 p.m.
	Cleveland Indians at Minnesota Twins	8:10 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros	8:10 p.m.
<b>Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies	8:40 p.m.
	Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago White Sox	2:10 p.m.
	Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals	2:15 p.m.
	Philadelphia Phillies at San Francisco Giants	10:05 p.m.
<b>Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Miami Marlins at Arizona Diamondbacks	10:10 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at New York Mets	1:10 p.m.
	Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves	1:35 p.m.
<b>Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers	1:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Houston Astros at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Washington Nationals at Baltimore Orioles	7:05 p.m.
	Baltimore Orioles at New York Mets	1:10 p.m.
	New York Yankees at Toronto Blue Jays	7:07 p.m.
	Kansas City Royals at Los Angeles Angels	10:07 p.m.



<b>Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Cleveland Indians at Minnesota Twins (FS1)	4:10 p.m.
	Chicago Cubs at New York Mets	7:15 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros	7:15 p.m.
	Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies	7:15 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Miami Marlins at St. Louis Cardinals (FS1)	8:15 p.m.



<b>Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Arizona D-backs at San Francisco Giants	3:45 p.m.
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**UPON FURTHER REVIEW**

Through 824 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 485 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-two seconds.

- \*485 Replay Reviews
- \*95 Confirmed (19.6%)
- \*153 Stands (31.5%)
- \*231 Overturned (47.6%)
- \*5 Rules Check (1.0%)
- \*1 Record Keeping (0.2%)
- \*1:22 Average Time



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

**FAB FIVE:** After shortstop Francisco Lindor secured his 30<sup>th</sup> RBI on Tuesday night, the Indians now boast five players with 30-or-more RBI this season. Lindor joined José Ramírez (39 RBI), Michael Brantley (36), Yonder Alonso (32) and Edwin Encarnacion (31). This marks the fastest (53 team games) the Tribe have had five such batters since the 2001 campaign, when Juan González, Ellis Burks, Russell Branyan, Marty Cordova and Jim Thome achieved the feat in 50 team games.

**BARLOW IN ELITE COMPANY:** On Tuesday night, right-handed pitcher Scott Barlow joined fellow rookie Brad Keller as the only two hurlers this year to earn their first big league win in a Royals' uniform. Barlow's came via four nearly perfect innings of relief allowing no hits and one walk, while fanning five, all coming consecutively in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> frames. The last Royals reliever to work at least 4.0 hitless innings with five strikeouts was team Hall of Famer and current broadcaster Jeff Montgomery on May 7, 1990 at Cleveland.

**GAME-ENDING HOME RUN:** Pinch-hitter Charlie Culberson drove a 1-2 pitch from Seth Lugo on Monday over the wall in right center field with a runner aboard for his third career game-ending home run, and his first since September 25, 2015 vs. Colorado. Prior to Culberson, the last Braves player to hit a pinch-hit game-ending home run was Brooks Conrad on May 20, 2010 vs. Cincinnati's Francisco Cordero. The drive was Culberson's first home run with the Braves.

**YOU OTTO KNOW BY NOW:** With his 312<sup>th</sup> appearance as a member of the Rockies Friday, reliever Adam Ottavino passed Manny Corpas for fifth all-time in games pitched in franchise history. That is the most for an active Rockies pitcher. The next milestone would be surpassing Curtis Leskanic's 356 games played, which ranks fourth.

**ROLLING MEADOWS:** In his first 11 big league games, Pirates outfielder Austin Meadows batted 18-for-41 (.439) with three doubles, a triple, four home runs, seven RBI and three stolen bases. He also produced seven multi-hit games and a 1.249 OPS in his 10 starts. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Meadows is just the fifth player to debut in the Expansion Era (since 1961) and hit .400 with at least four home runs in his first 40 at-bats. He joined Albert Pujols, Jeff Francoeur, Brian Giles and Yasiel Puig in this select group.

**IF IT AIN'T RIGHT...:** Before facing left-handed pitcher Brent Suter on Monday, the Cardinals had 333 straight plate appearances against right-handed pitchers. The streak began when Matt Carpenter faced Phillies south-paw Adam Morgan on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning and concluded with Harrison Bader's pinch-hit at-bat against Felipe Vázquez on Sunday. This was the longest streak in MLB since the Colorado Rockies had 355 straight plate appearances against a right-hander in 2005. It's the longest by the Cardinals since 1968, when they took 330 straight plate appearances against a righty from August 5-14, 1968 (Courtesy of the Elias Sports Bureau).

**THE GLEY-HEY KID:** Yankees second baseman Gleyber Torres collected his second career walk-off hit with a 10<sup>th</sup>-inning RBI single on Tuesday at 21 years, 167 days old (also a three-run walk-off HR on May 6 vs. Oakland, age: 21y, 144d). Torres is the youngest player in franchise history with two walk-off RBI in the same season.

**SOMEBODY SAVE ME:** Edwin Díaz has recorded 19 saves this seasons (one in March, 10 in April and eight in May). His 19 saves through the end of May are the second-most in franchise history, trailing only Kazuhiro Sasaki's 21 saves through May in 2001. Díaz's 19 saves prior to the All-Star break are already tied for 11<sup>th</sup>-most in Club history (Sasaki, 29 in 2001).

**1,000 HITS:** With a first inning single on Sunday, infielder Pablo Sandoval reached 1,000 career hits in a Giants uniform. Sandoval became the 39<sup>th</sup> player in franchise history to notch 1,000 hits with the team.



**THE HARDY BOY:** Detroit's Blaine Hardy earned his first Major League win as a starting pitcher on Sunday, throwing a career-long seven innings, and allowing one run on three hits with one walk and a career-best six strikeouts. Hardy finished the outing by retiring the final 14 White Sox batters he faced. Hardy has now allowed two runs-or-less in each of his three starts this season.

**WELCOME TO THE SHOW:** Infielder Matt Skole went 2-3 with a home run and RBI in his MLB debut on Monday at Cleveland. He became just the sixth White Sox player in franchise history to homer in his first career game.

**DISHING THEM OUT:** In Saturday's game, right fielder Joey Rickard recorded three outfield assists; Wilson Ramos at third base, Ramos at first base, and Carlos Gomez at home. It was the first time an Orioles outfielder had three assists in a game since Joe Orsulak on September 12, 1991 vs. Cleveland. This was the third time in Orioles history (since 1954) that an outfielder recorded three assists in a game (also John Shelby on September 11, 1983 at NYY).

**PICK YOUR POISON:** Mookie Betts (17) and J.D. Martinez (17) became the first Red Sox teammates to hit at least 17 home runs apiece in the first 54 games of a season. The last AL teammates to do that were Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (18) and Alex Rodriguez (20) for the 1998 Mariners. The last NL teammates to do it were Larry Walker (17) and Todd Helton (17) for the 2001 Rockies.

**WHAT A COMEBACK:** With Monday's game-ending strikeout of Matt Olson in the 13<sup>th</sup> inning, Jonny Venters recorded his first save since August 22, 2011 against the Chicago Cubs (with Atlanta), going 2,470 days in between. During that stretch between saves, 469 other pitchers earned a save in the Majors with Boston's Craig Kimbrel leading the way over that span with 267 saves.

**TRIPLE THREAT:** Devon Travis and Teoscar Hernández hit back-to-back triples in the seventh inning on Monday, becoming the first Blue Jays duo to do so since Brett Lawrie and Omar Vizquel on July 27, 2012 at Detroit. It marked the team's first inning with multiple triples since June 8, 2016 at Detroit (Josh Donaldson and Kevin Pillar), which was also the last time the Jays had multiple triples in a game.

**MESORACO MASHING:** Catcher Devin Mesoraco became the ninth Met in franchise history to hit five home runs-or-more in his first 15 games with the team, and the first since Neil Walker in 2016. Thus far, Mesoraco has recorded 10 RBI, 11 runs scored and a .580 slugging percentage in 16 games since joining the Mets on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**JT WITH THE ITPHR:** On Tuesday night, JT Riddle recorded the Marlins first inside-the-park home run since J.T. Realmuto on August 24, 2017 at Philadelphia. Realmuto had the last two, with the first of his career coming on September 8, 2015 vs. Milwaukee. Riddle's inside the park home run was the 19<sup>th</sup> in Club history, and the first by a Marlins shortstop since Hanley Ramirez on September 27, 2006 vs. Cincinnati.



## INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2018 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	33-46	.245 (658-for-2,683)	4.12
National League	46-33	.248 (671-for-2,702)	3.78

## 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)
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)

## 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)