



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WEEKLY NOTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

## ROAD SLUGGERS

With their streak snapping last night against the Detroit Tigers, the Oakland Athletics homered in 27 consecutive road contests from April 29<sup>th</sup>-June 27<sup>th</sup>. The impressive streak is the longest of its kind since 1908, and only the 13<sup>th</sup> over the last 100 years to be longer than 18 games. This year's Houston Astros posted a streak of 18 straight road games with a home run from May 16<sup>th</sup>-June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Athletics compiled a 16-11 record across the 27 road games during their streak.



Led by their slugging outfielder Khris Davis and second baseman Jed Lowrie, who have each clubbed 11 round-trippers away from home this season, the A's entered play today as the only Club in the Majors with three players with more than 10 home runs. Davis and Lowrie are followed by first baseman Matt Olson, who has registered 10 homers on the road. Among AL leaders, Davis and Lowrie are tied for fourth, while Olson is tied for eighth in road home runs. All-Star Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels paces the Majors with 14 long balls on the road. In addition, Oakland paces all of Baseball with 72 total homers on the season as the visiting Club. The A's are trailed by the New York Yankees (60), the Boston Red Sox (57), the St. Louis Cardinals (57), the Los Angeles Angels (56) and the Astros (55).

The table below depicts the cumulative stats of the aforementioned 13 Clubs who posted streaks of at least 18 road games with a home run.

Club	Games	Streak Dates	W-L	HR	R
<b>Oakland Athletics</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16-11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>157</b>
Baltimore Orioles	24	August 3 - September 15, 1996	16-8	60	187
Milwaukee Brewers	22	September 13 - May 1, 2017	14-8	44	116
Washington Nationals	22	August 8 - September 17, 2014	13-9	41	93
Oakland Athletics	21	July 21 - September 13, 2013	13-8	36	137
Houston Astros	20	April 30 - June 10, 2000	4-16	28	99
Brooklyn Dodgers	20	June 18 - July 29, 1953	12-8	35	133
Pittsburgh Pirates	19	June 16 - July 29, 2012	12-7	40	119
New York Yankees	19	May 19 - June 22, 1961	10-9	40	115
Houston Astros	18	May 16 - June 17, 2018	14-4	33	123
Houston Astros	18	May 29 - July 4, 2017	15-3	41	146
San Diego Padres	18	July 4 - August 9, 2016	6-12	29	90
Oakland Athletics	18	June 12 - July 28, 2012	13-5	38	116

## DOMINATION

Seattle Mariners closer Edwin Díaz recorded his Major League-leading 30<sup>th</sup> save last night against the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards. The hard-throwing right-hander is off to one of the most productive starts by a reliever in Major League history. With his save last night in Seattle's 81<sup>st</sup> game of the season, the Puerto Rico native is just the 10<sup>th</sup> pitcher since saves became an official statistic in 1969 to register at least 29 saves across his Club's first 81 contests. Behind only Francisco Rodríguez (2008) and Danny Graves (2004), who each logged 31 saves during their dominant first halves of their respective seasons, Edwin's total ranks third.



In addition, Díaz, who converted from a starting pitcher to a reliever in 2015, is the first pitcher in history to record at least 30 saves and tally at least 50 strikeouts in those appearances. Below is a table illustrating the 10 relievers who have recorded at least 29 saves at the halfway point of a Major League season, and their statistics in those appearances.

Still a few weeks away from the Midsummer Classic, Díaz has already eclipsed the franchise record for the most saves prior to the All-Star break, previously set by Kazuhiro Sasaki (29) in 2001. Díaz, Seattle's third round selection in the 2012 MLB Draft, is the 13<sup>th</sup> pitcher in Major League history to notch at least 30 saves prior to the All-Star Game. At the exact midway point of the 2018 season, the 24-year-old is on pace to become the second reliever in MLB history to reach the 60-save milestone. Only Rodríguez has reached the mark, converting 69 save opportunities during his historic 2008 season. The Mariners enter play today with a perfect 38-0 record when Edwin enters the game with a lead, including a 21-0 mark when he pitches with just a one-run lead. Following their 8-7 victory last night, the Mariners are now 25-11 (.694) in one-run games this season to pace the Majors. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Seattle's 25 one-run wins are a Major League record in a Club's first 81 games. Fueled in large part by their clutch tendencies, the Mariners are 50-31 (.617) entering action today, their fourth-best record in the first half (81 games) of a season in Club history.

Ptcher, Club	Year	Saves	ERA	SO	BB	H	IP
Francisco Rodríguez, LAA	2008	31	0.61	30	16	12	29.2
Danny Graves, CIN	2004	31	1.48	14	1	21	30.1
<b>Edwin Díaz, SEA</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30.2</b>
John Smoltz, ATL	2003	29	0.27	37	6	20	33.0
Lee Smith, STL	1993	29	2.28	24	4	21	27.2
Kazuhiro Sasaki, SEA	2001	29	0.96	28	4	10	28.0
Mariano Rivera, NYY	2004	29	0.63	26	7	21	28.2
Eric Gagne, LAD	2002	29	1.16	47	3	19	31.0
Eric Gagne, LAD	2003	29	0.63	51	5	10	28.2
Dennis Eckersley, OAK	1992	29	1.44	36	2	28	31.1
Chad Cordero, WSH	2005	29	0.94	25	6	21	28.2

## CARP'S BIG NIGHT

On Tuesday night against the Cleveland Indians at Busch Stadium, infielder Matt Carpenter batted a perfect 5-for-5 with five runs scored, a double, two home runs and three RBI to lead the Cardinals to an 11-2 victory. The three-time NL All-Star became just the third player in franchise history to record five hits and five runs scored in a single contest, joining All-Star Wally Moon (May 12, 1954) and Hall of Famer Stan Musial (May 19, 1948) in Cardinals lore.

The multi-homer output was Matt's first in 2018, and the sixth by a Cardinals player this season, following All-Star backstop Yadier Molina (June 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 20<sup>th</sup>), first baseman José Martínez (June 8<sup>th</sup>), infielder Greg Garcia (April 14<sup>th</sup>) and shortstop Paul DeJong (April 1<sup>st</sup>).



In addition, Carpenter, who has played his entire career with the Cardinals since being drafted in 2009, became the 14<sup>th</sup> player since 1908 to log at least five hits, five runs scored, a double and two homers in a single contest, and the first since Washington's Anthony Rendon during his memorable game last season on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The TCU product is the first player in Club history, and the fifth third baseman in Baseball history to accomplish the feat, joining Rendon, Alex Rodriguez, Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and Larry Parrish. Below is a look at each of the 14 player's memorable outings.

Player, Club	Date	H	R	2B	HR	RBI
<b>Matt Carpenter, STL</b>	<b>June 26, 2018</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Anthony Rendon, WSH	April 30, 2017	6	5	1	3	10
C.J. Cron, LAA	July 2, 2016	6	5	1	2	5
Yoenis Cespedes, NYM	August 21, 2015	5	5	1	3	7
Jackie Bradley Jr., BOS	August 15, 2015	5	5	3	2	7
Alex Rodriguez, NYY	April 18, 2005	5	5	2	2	6
Shawn Green, LAD	May 23, 2002	6	6	1	4	7
Edgardo Alfonzo, NYM	August 30, 1999	6	6	1	3	5
Cal Ripken Jr., BAL	June 13, 1999	6	5	1	2	6
Joe Carter, CLE	September 6, 1986	5	5	2	2	4
Steve Garvey, LAD	August 28, 1977	5	5	3	2	5
Willie Stargell, PIT	August 1, 1970	5	5	3	2	6
Joe Adcock, MIL	July 31, 1954	5	5	1	4	7
Al Simmons, PHI	June 23, 1930	5	5	1	2	5

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

Last week in this space I offered a bouquet of baseball quotations about Brooklyn—notably my adored Dodgers team of 1947-1957 and especially Jackie Robinson. Short shrift was given to the other two clubs in New York at that time, so let's turn our attention now to things folks said about the New York Giants of those years. Like the Dodgers they headed west after 1957 but in the preceding decade they went to the World Series twice, including a four-game sweep of the mighty Cleveland Indians in 1954. Dusty Rhodes may have been the hero with his home runs, but it is Willie Mays, and "The Catch," (right) that sticks in memory.

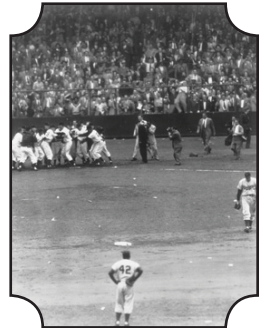


Between 1947 and 1957 the National League entries in the World Series were the Dodgers (six times), the Giants and Braves (twice each), and the Phillies, once. The Yankees topped the American League nine times, with only the Cleveland Indians interrupting what would have been an eleven-year skein. In New York these were the Glory Days, but for ten of the sixteen big-league clubs, not so much.

**ROGER ANGELL:** "Like the team itself, the Polo Grounds is an absurd and lovely thing. It is the only ball park built against a cliff—Coogan's Bluff—so that a patron could walk downhill to his seat. It had a crazy name and crazy dimensions. In shape it was closer to a bowling alley than a ball field. Straightaway sluggers loathed the field because a really noble smash to center, good for a homer in any other park, only amounted to a loud and discouraging out."

**MONTE IRVIN:** "Hank Thompson and I were the first black players on the New York Giants—July 1949. I was very grateful that I cracked the color line on the team that was in the capital of the world. In my first major league at-bat, my knees started to tremble. I was thirty-one years old, and I had been a star in the Negro Leagues for ten years. I ended up walking, but I was just glad to get on base."

**BOBBY THOMSON,** October 4, 1951: "Get in there, you so-and-so, and bear down. I guess my anger was a way of disciplining my anxiety, forcing me to concentrate on the pitch, making me be selective. I let Branca's first pitch go by, then swung at the second, a high fastball, it was up where I could see it and I pulled it into the left field stands, about 30 feet fair. I wasn't mad anymore. I was floating on a cloud. I didn't run around the bases—I rode around 'em on a cloud. . . I hope this cloud I'm riding on never gets to a landing field."



**RUSS HODGES,** after Thomson hit the home run: "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! I don't believe it—the Giants win the pennant!"

**RED SMITH,** after Thomson's home run: "The art of fiction is dead. Reality has strangled invention. Only the utterly impossible, the inexpressibly fantastic, can ever be plausible again."

**LEO DUROCHER** on Willie Mays: "He could do the five things you have to do to be a superstar: hit, hit with power, run, throw, and field. And he had that other magic ingredient that turns a superstar into a super superstar. He lit up the room when he came in. He was a joy to be around."

**DIXIE WALKER** on Leo Durocher: "I don't know how he did it, but he could make you play better than you thought you could."

**JACK McCORMACK:** "As far as my father was concerned, the greatest betrayal since Judas' kiss took place in mid-season, 1948. The Giants fired the idol of all Giant fans, Mel Ott, and replaced him with the most hated Dodger of all time, Leo 'the Lip' Durocher."

**ALVIN REED:** "We went to the Polo Grounds often, but we never paid. I mean, we'd climb the rocks outside and just wait. On the other side was a ramp the people walked across after they paid their admission. We'd wait till the coast was clear, hop over onto the ramp, and just start walking like everybody else."

**LARAINÉ DAY,** actress, wife of Leo Durocher: "The people in the streets and shops are often cruel. I can't remember a stranger ever congratulating me when the Giants won a game. But if we lose, a driver is sure to lean out the window of his car and yell across at us: 'Wassa matter, you guys?'"

**WILLIE MAYS:** "I never became a cleaner or a presser in a laundry. That was the job they trained me for at the Fairfield Industrial High School in Alabama. There just weren't that many other opportunities for a young black kid living in the Deep South almost twenty years before the coming of the civil rights movement. . . . No, they wound up writing a song about me instead, about me and some other guys you may know of: 'Willie, Mickey, and the Duke.'"



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

<b>Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers	3:10 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
<b>Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Minnesota Twins at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	San Francisco Giants at Arizona D-backs	10:10 p.m.
<b>Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Washington Nationals at Philadelphia Phillies	1:35 p.m.
	Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals	2:15 p.m.
<b>Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Detroit Tigers at Toronto Blue Jays	1:07 p.m.
	Pittsburgh Pirates at Los Angeles Dodgers	10:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Detroit Tigers at Chicago Cubs	2:20 p.m.
	Boston Red Sox at Washington Nationals	6:05 p.m.
	Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees	7:05 p.m.
	St. Louis Cardinals at Arizona D-backs	9:40 p.m.
	Los Angeles Angels at Seattle Mariners	10:10 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at Washington Nationals	11:05 a.m.



<b>Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	7:15 p.m.
	Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers	7:15 p.m.
	Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals	7:15 p.m.

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<b>Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees	8:05 p.m.
<b>Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Boston Red Sox at Washington Nationals	7:05 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Baltimore Orioles at Philadelphia Phillies	4:05 p.m.



## UPON FURTHER REVIEW

Through 1,196 games played this season (through Wednesday), Major League Baseball has had 680 replay reviews, which have taken an average of one minute and twenty-three seconds.

- \*680 Replay Reviews
- \*136 Confirmed (20.0%)
- \*217 Stands (31.9%)
- \*321 Overturned (47.2%)
- \*5 Rules Check (0.7%)
- \*1 Record Keeping (0.1%)
- \*1:23 Average Time



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

**BREGMAN'S BIG NIGHT:** Astros third baseman Alex Bregman hit three doubles and a two-run homer last night, becoming the fourth player in Club history with four extra-base hits in a single game, joining his teammate Jose Altuve, Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell, and Kevin Bass.

**MORE ABOUT THOSE CLUTCH HITS:** A's infielder Jed Lowrie has collected the game-winning hit in three straight games for Oakland (all vs. Detroit). He is the first A's player to do so since Yoenis Cespedes (May 19-21, 2013).

**A NIFTY FIFTY+:** Cubs infielder Javier Báez has upped his season total to 56 RBI, fifth most in the Majors and third-most in the NL behind only Colorado's Trevor Story and Cincinnati's Eugenio Suárez. With 2.5 weeks to go until the All-Star Break, Báez is the first Cubs middle infielder to reach 56 RBI prior to the break since Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg (57 RBI in 1990).

**PA, PA, POWER:** The Dodgers launched three more home runs in last night's contest courtesy of a solo home run by first baseman Max Muncy in the first inning, a two-run shot by outfielder Joc Pederson in the second and a solo bomb by outfielder Cody Bellinger in the eighth. With the three homers, the Boys in Blue upped their Major League-leading home run total in the month of June to 51, which surpasses the 1953 Club (July and August, 49) for the second-most homers in any month in franchise history, and needs just two more round trippers to tie the franchise record, which was established last June.

**A STEALING PIRATE:** Pirates outfielder Starling Marte is two stolen bases shy of 200 for his career. Since 1900, only seven other Pirates have swiped 200-or-more bases. Barry Bonds was the last to do it, and he ended up with 251 in his career with the Bucs which is sixth on the list. Marte is eight steals shy of tying Frank Taveras (206) for seventh place on the list.

**GIBBY'S 1,500th:** Tuesday afternoon's ballgame marked Blue Jays manager John Gibbons' 1,500<sup>th</sup> game as manager, second most in team history behind only Cito Gaston's 1,764 games.

**FINISH STRONG:** The Indians avoided a three-game sweep on Wednesday night, improving the club to a 19-8 record in series finales this season. Cleveland has been swept just once in a series of two-or-more games (May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Yankees), thanks to a 6-1 record when facing a sweep in series finales.

**HOME SWEET HOME:** Orioles shortstop Manny Machado has hit safely in 29-of-36 games at Camden Yards this season, batting .351 (47-for-134). Machado entered today's game with the fifth-highest home batting average in the Majors.

**THEY CALL ME THE FIERMAN:** Tigers starting right-hander Mike Fiers turned in a quality start last night vs. Oakland, tossing 7.0 innings and giving up a run on five hits with one walk and five strikeouts. Fiers has allowed three runs-or-less in five of his last six starts this season, compiling a 3.03 ERA along with 31 strikeouts over that stretch.

**DANNY DUFFY:** The left-hander made his team-leading 17<sup>th</sup> start of the season and 147<sup>th</sup> of his career (175<sup>th</sup> appearance). It was his first career start vs. Milwaukee, leaving just four clubs in the Majors that he's yet to face: Cincinnati, Miami, Pittsburgh and San Diego.

**COMEBACK KIDS:** The Mariners recorded their 23<sup>rd</sup> comeback win of the season on Wednesday. Seattle's 23 comeback wins are tied with the New York Yankees and the Houston Astros for the most in the Majors this season.

**OZZIE HITS:** Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies finished 2-for-4 with his National League-leading 26<sup>th</sup> double last night, and has now hit in a season high-tying eight consecutive games. He is hitting .459 (17-for-37) during the streak that dates to back to June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PEACEFUL EASY FEELING:** Rockies shortstop Trevor Story is tied for third in MLB, and tied for first in the NL, with 58 RBI and is tied for sixth in the National League with 16 home runs. Story leads the NL with 13 home runs and 41 RBI at home.

**BY ALL ACCOUNTS:** Marlins rookie infielder-turned-outfielder Brian Anderson leads Miami's offense with 92 hits, accounting for 13.9% of the Marlins 661 total hits this season. He has the third-highest percentage of team hits in the National League, behind Philadelphia's Odúbel Herrera (14.3) and Atlanta's Nick Markakis (14.1).

**NICE HOMESTAND:** With Wednesday's win, the Giants improved to 7-2 on this 10 game homestand with one game remaining. The Giants will try to complete their winningest homestand since their 2012 championship season when they had an eight-win homestand in September 2012 (8-2).

**GOLDSCHMIDT IS HAPPENING:** First baseman and potential All-Star Paul Goldschmidt is batting .395 (32-for-81)/.490/.840 with six doubles, one triple, nine home runs and 21 RBI in his last 20 games. He has reached base safely in 26 of his previous 27 games.

**LEADING OFF:** Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts homered on the first pitch in the bottom of the first inning Tuesday, extending his Red Sox Club record of 15 career leadoff home runs (4 in 2018).

**TRIPLE THE FUN:** The White Sox are tied for second in the Major leagues this season with 22 triples. The Sox led the AL with 37 triples last season, their most since 1999 which was also 37.

**FRIEND OF FENWAY:** After Wednesday night's game in Boston, Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons continued his success at Fenway Park by going 3-for-5. He is now 21-for-51 (.412) in his career at Boston's home field.



### INTERLEAGUE TRACKER

<u>League</u>	<u>2018 Record</u>	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>ERA</u>
American League	64-71	.242 (1,093-for-4,512)	4.07
National League	71-64	.247 (1,131-for-4,587)	3.88

## 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)
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)
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nelson Cruz, SEA (.500, 8 R, 3 HR, 8 RBI, 25 TB, 1.042 SLG)	Nolan Arenado, COL (.379, 7 R, 11 H, 5 HR, 13 RBI, 28 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)
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

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)
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

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)
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

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)
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)